

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	November 4th
8:30 AM	Charles Urgola
5:00 PM	Joan Sauro
Sunday	November 5th
8:30 AM	Richard Hunt & Susan Stewart
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Johannah Van Nostrand
5:00 PM	Jane & Thomas Ryan
Monday	November 6th
8:30 AM	Robert Casaccio
12:00 PM	Judith Diaz
Tuesday	November 7th
8:30 AM	All Souls
12:00 PM	In Honor of the Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother
Wednesday	November 8th
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
12:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Golden Age Club
Thursday	November 9th
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua and BiFalco & DiCapua Families
12:00 PM	Dominick Palmieri
Friday	November 10th
8:30 AM	Beulah George & Family
12:00 PM	Sr. Teresa Clare McAuliffe
Saturday	November 11th
8:30 AM	Ed Chocko
5:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Mara & Brady Families
Sunday	November 12th
8:30 AM	Remedios & Luis del Mundo
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Joan Sauro
5:00 PM	Josephine Lozano

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

James Leung, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Antoinette Wagner, Richard Kelly, Rose Jonsson, Mary Ann Matecki, Vincent Lucanie, Patrick Norton, Diane Kitson, Peggy Racanelli, Maureen Medina, Jeanne Woods, Mary Honan, Ron Areas, Bonnie Nison, Gerry Holmes, Peter Ruelius, Pat Reilly, Dottie Phillips, Marilyn Jagiello, Vera Garofalo, Carolyn Kalnberg, Frank Kalnberg, Faith Fedechko, Margaret Hefferon, Josie Bellina, Ann Restaino, Maureen Kelly, Manuel Juan Perez, Dianne Nudelman, Manuel Calidonio Sr., Inez Arastia, Sofia Robello, Ethel Timmerman, Lorraine Kohlmann, Samuel Mantilla, Marianne Albert, Caroline Pugliese, Ervin Dudas, and for **all of our parishioners who are currently hospitalized or homebound.**

**PRAY FOR THE ARMED SERVICES**

Capt. Peter Sulewski, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. Patrick Davis, U.S. Army (JAG); Sgt. Beau Parham, U.S. Army; Capt. Paul Lentz, USAF; Sgt. Larry Saume, U.S. Army; Capt. Travis Swiatocha, USMC, Pvt. Tim Richardson, U.S. Army, Sgt. 1st Class James Walsh, U.S. Army, and **all parishioners currently in the Military**

Pray for all of our police, fire, and corrections officers, who risk their lives daily to insure our safety.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Margaret Hock
Fr. Vartan Garabedian
Fr. Joachim B. Fernando

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – November 5th

Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – November 6th

Weekday

-Meeting for Parents of the Communion Class-Church at 7:30pm

-Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - November 7th

Weekday

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm

-RCIA & ARISE-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – November 8th

Weekday

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am

-Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**

-CCD K thru 5th Gr.-Church at 3:00pm

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – November 9th

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

-ARISE-Rectory Meeting Room at 2:15pm

-CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – November 10th

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

-Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm and 6:00pm

SATURDAY – November 11th

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

-C4 Concert-Church at 8:00pm

If you are not yet registered in the Parish, please stop into the Rectory for a Census Form Mon. thru Sat. 9am-4pm.

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into our faith community all those who were recently baptized in our Parish:

Noah Scott Bingaman
Sophia Miranda DiDonato
Julian Luis Lopez
Jakob Manuel Lopez
Mateo Rafael Morales
Vanessa Kesar Joseph
Mateo Rafael Centeno
Ryan Anthony Funaro
Oscar John Espinosa

**MARRIAGES**

Congratulations to the couples recently married in our Parish:

Nicodemo Fazzolari & Danielle Alicia Manzella

Slawek Tadeusz Guzierowicz & Paulina Rys

Gregory Daniel Modelewski & Jennifer Elizabeth Kalar

Dear Parishioners,

Once again our Sunday Gospel reading is taken from Saint Matthew. Before we look at it, it might be beneficial to recall that earlier in this same Gospel, Jesus had told His listeners: "take My yoke upon your shoulders for My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Matthew 11:30). In ancient times, beasts of burden, often oxen or mules, were yoked together by a large wooden collar, when they were pulling a plow or performing other heavy tasks. The yoke would have been attached to the guidelines of the plow or the mechanism of the grinding stone in a mill. The yoke guaranteed that the work was evenly divided between the two animals. Jesus is saying that, though people may have a heavy burden, He also bears the yoke of that burden. Jesus is yoked to us!

In contrast, today's Gospel presents the Pharisees as authentic teachers of the people "they have taken their seat on the chair of Moses (the premier teacher) ...observe all things whatsoever they tell you but do not follow their example". Why not? Because they do not lift a finger to alleviate the burdens they place on others. Jesus theologically often agreed with the Pharisees and here He acknowledges their authority to teach but they failed to "yoke" themselves to those they are teaching. Perceiving themselves as authentic teachers, they expect places of honor at banquets or in the synagogue and even in the marketplace. They widen the traditional prayer boxes (phylacteries) worn on the forehead and left arm when orthodox Jewish men are at prayer. The boxes are meant to hold the prayers close to the mind and heart. Some of the Pharisees used the practice to advertise their devotion by exaggerating the size of the phylacteries or the tassels on the traditional prayer shawl. In this way, no one could avoid seeing how pious they were! They expected respectful titles which often carried a degree of status or power. Obviously we call our natural fathers, "father", or by extension our spiritual "fathers" and we call a professor "teacher" but the titles should convey a personal mutual relationship not one of power.

In the Gospel reading Jesus does not condemn the teachings of the Pharisee, with which He often agreed. He does not deny them their teaching authority but he takes exception with the extreme positions held by some of the Pharisees. He expects them to be at service to others and consequently to help those whom they teach bear their burdens.

A similar sentiment is expressed in both of the other readings. In the first, the Old Testament prophet Malachi admonishes the priests of the Jerusalem temple. He warns them emphatically that they will be subject to punishment should they "not keep My ways". In fact they have turned from their covenant relationship with God and consequently have led others astray. In contrast, St. Paul in the second reading from his letter to the Thessalonian church, which he founded, states that he saw the people of the church in the same affectionate way that a nursing mother sees her child. So much is this true that he was "determined to share with you the Gospel of God but our very selves as well,..." and while doing so he imposed no burden upon them. He and his companions supported themselves as they introduced the people to Christ's message. The Gospel flourished among the Thessalonians not only because Paul preached the message of Jesus to them but also because of his affectionate regard for them.

Paul's message to the Thessalonians contrasts with the other two readings which are warnings to those who possess religious authority. The Gospel message must not only be preached but also lived. We are not disembodied spirits, our bodies are to a great degree us. Therefore what we do externally should correspond to our internal dispositions. Paul's affectionate words and the corrective messages of the other two readings bear a particular immediacy to Church leaders. The clergy must be sure that compassion marks their teachings and that their words and actions match that teaching. While this should be true of all of us, it pertains especially to those who dare to accept the responsibility of preaching the Gospel and celebrating the Sacraments.

In Christ,
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Consider the possibility of a donation of the **Bread & Wine, Flowers for the Altar, Tabernacle Light, or the Memorial Worship Fund** in memory of a special person. Names of all those memorialized will be published in the bulletin. Call or stop by the Rectory for more info.

POOR BOX

We continue to receive requests for assistance so we ask you to please remember the poor and make a donation to the Poor Boxes at the entries of the Church. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated

OLM MUSICALNOTES**CHOIR NEWS**

Our choir season has begun and we look forward to welcoming new members, as well as our returning ones. You do not need to be able to read music and there are no formal auditions. Our choir welcomes everyone, (Adult and Youth from 7th Gr. Up). We meet in the Parish Hall on Sundays at 9:30am to warm up for the 10:00am Mass and rehearse after the Mass from 11:00am to 12:00 Noon. At this point, for your convenience, there are no evening rehearsals during the week. Soon we will be preparing Christmas music. So, if you are interested in this valuable ministry, please join our choir by contacting Jane Lawson (Director of Music) at the rectory or after Mass on the weekends in Church.

SAVE THE DATE

The Choral Composer/Conductor Collective, C4, will present **Love and Other Stories**, on **Saturday, November 11th @ 8:00pm in the Church**. Jane Lawson, our Director of Music, is performing with C4 and would love to invite everyone to this fascinating concert which promises to be like no other. C4 with its trademark eclecticism, presents an evening of songs about love -- both for and against. **Tickets are available in advance for \$15 for OLM parishioners at the website below using the code C4OLM**, or \$25 the day of performance at the door, with ten \$4 "Rush" admissions (30 minutes advance at the door), \$5 for ages 11 to 17 and free admission for ages 10 and under. Tickets can be ordered at <http://www.c4ensemble.org/november-2017-concerts.html>. Follow prompts to add discount code after choosing concert date. **A Wine And Cheese Reception will follow in the Parish Hall.**

RCIA INVITATION

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or desires to become a Catholic, the RCIA is a program of welcome, prayer, and reflection that can help you take the next step. This program is also for baptized Catholics who are need of the sacraments First Communion or Confirmation. It is our privilege and joy to help you be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please contact David or Carol Powell at 718-261-6285.

THE ARISE PROGRAM

The Arise program will begin Tuesday evening, Oct. 24th, at 7:30p.m. and Thursday afternoon, Oct. 26th, at 2:15 p.m. Both meet in the rectory There is still room in both groups (so far there are about 4 people in each)...please call the Religious Ed office at 718-261-6285 if you have not yet signed up. ALL are welcome!

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING

Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy as we are approaching Thanksgiving let us take the time to remember those who are less fortunate, and support the following.

OLM THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thanksgiving
Food Drive

On **Saturday November 18, 2017 from 11:00am-12:00pm** there will be a Food Drive and all items can be **dropped off at the food pantry**. Items needed: powdered or Parmalat milk, jelly, rice, canned or packaged soups, tuna fish, canned stews, hash, or Spam, Chef Boyardee, packets of pasta & rice "Sides", coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies, personal hygiene items, canned fruits, non-perishable food items.

WE NEED TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING PLEASE!

If you can help us, turkeys can be dropped off any Saturday at the Pantry (bet. 10am & 11am) or weekdays at the Rectory (bet. 9am & 3pm) **prior to 11/18**.

PLEASE HELP US HELP THOSE IN NEED!

Monetary donations will be accepted, and appreciated, as well.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CLOTHES DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul truck will be in front of the Church **Sunday November 12th from 8:00am-1:30pm**. Do you have extra clothes in your closet at home? Do you feel like you need to do some Fall cleaning? Please bring the clothes you no longer wear, that are "gently" used and clean, to help those in need

Clothing Drive



What's in your closet?

Thank you all in advance for your continued support!

In Christ,

Deacon Dean Dobbins

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Please **do not bring clothing** to, or **leave it on the steps of**, the Rectory. We no longer have the space to store it or the ability to distribute it. Thank you for your understanding.

As you are leaving Mass, please remember to take all of your personal belongings, to return all hymnals, bulletins and newspapers to their proper place, and to dispose of all refuse in the receptacles provided at the Church doors. Please take pride in our Church, and leave the pews clean. Thank You!

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the October Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:

1 st Prize: Lou Gazda	\$258.00
2 nd Prize: Nilda Janacek	\$129.00
3 rd Prize: Mr. & Mrs. Brian Gerdts, Jr.	\$129.00
4 th Prize: Mr. Henry Steincke	\$64.00
5 th Prize: Denise Camilleri	\$64.00

CENTERING PRAYER

Looking for quiet, inner peace, a deeper union with God? Centering Prayer has resumed this Fall, on Tuesdays, from 2:30-3:45pm in the Rectory Basement. Come and join us. All are welcome! Any questions, please call Carol Powell at 718-261-6285.

FEEL GREAT & LOOK GREAT

Feel and look great at our exercise class every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. The class focuses on gentle movements for your muscles and joints. There is a nominal fee of \$2 per session. Please come and enjoy the fitness fun. **All ages are welcome**

NEW MASS BOOK FOR 2018

The new Mass book for 2018 is now open for requests. We ask that anyone requesting more than 5 Masses submit a list, including the names, dates, and Mass times you would like, to the Rectory office. We will do our best to accommodate you.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

November 08, 2016	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00pm
November 15, 2016	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet-7:30pm & Benediction - 8:00pm	
November 22, 2016	No Activity	
November 29, 2016	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00pm

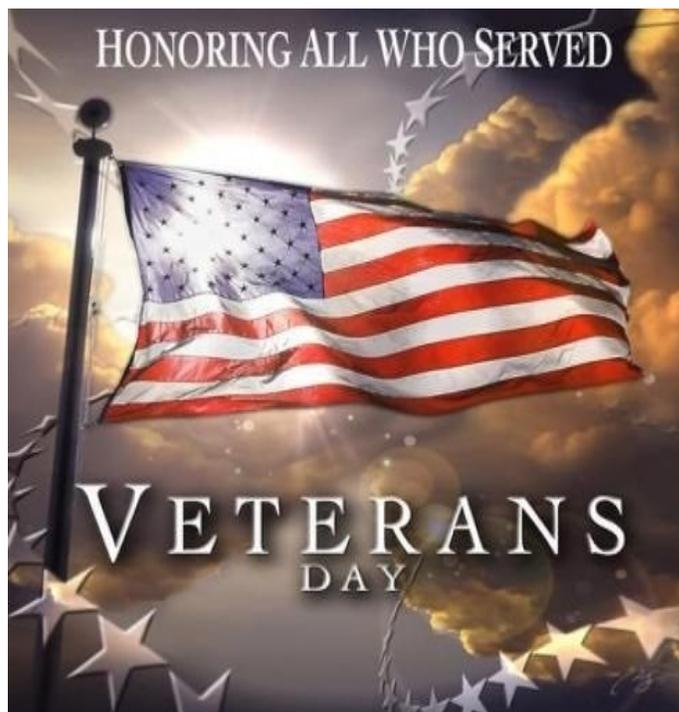


The Bulletin Board

- **Monsignor Scanlan High School Offers Courage Merit Scholarship to a Queens Resident**. The scholarship is not income based and is guaranteed for four years with a consistent academic average of 85% or above. Students who are interested in applying for the Queens Scholarship can contact Chris Florentino (718-430-0100 ext. 57). Proof of residency is required.
- **Molloy College** (Rockville Centre, NY) will host a **Fall Open House** for prospective students and their guests on Sunday, **November 12th** at 1:00pm. For more info call 516-323-4000.
- **St. John's Preparatory School** announces the **Peter Vallone Scholarship** Examination to be given on December 2nd. The application is on the website: www.stjohnsprepschool.org, or call the Admissions Office: 718-721-7200, ext.699.
- **Helpers of God's Precious Infants** at the All Women's Pavilion, 120-34 Queens Blvd., on Saturdays between 7:00 AM and 11:30 AM in a peaceful, prayerful witness to life. Lives are saved and the way to conversion is opened. Join us for any amount of time.
- **Rachel's Helpers**, a post-abortion ministry for women, is sponsoring a program entitled **Forgiven and Set Free** for women who have had an abortion and are seeking spiritual healing. There will be sessions every Monday evenings thru 12/11/17 and from 2/12/18 thru 4/23/18, from 7:30 to 9:30pm. Please call 347-702-2352 for more info. There is no fee and all calls are confidential.

THE DEANERY CORNER

- **A Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience will take place at Sacred Heart Parish** (83-17 78th Ave., Glendale, NY) on November 8th at 7:30pm. Lourdes Water and Grotto Rock will be present, and there will be a Eucharistic Blessing as well as a Candlelight Rosary. In addition, those attending will be granted a Plenary Indulgence by Papal Decree. For information, contact Tom Stalzer at 347-432-6242 or the Parish Office at 718-821-6452.
- **The Bereavement Support Group at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** offers understanding, compassion, and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Meetings are the **first and third Mondays** of each month, from 7-9 p.m., in the rectory, and facilitated by Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader, Yorke Mizelle. Call the OLQM rectory at 718-268-6251 if interested in attending or more info, email ymizelle@nyc.rr.com.
- **Our Lady of Hope (Middle Village)** is beginning an outreach service called Witnesses of Mercy. It's purpose is to provide visitation and companionship to seniors living alone and homebound of all ages and faiths. If you are interested in a visit or in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Mario @347-642-3117.
- There will be a **Retreat Day for Seniors** at Our Lady of Hope (Middle Village) on Saturday, November 18th from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Presentation by Brother Wayne Fitzpatrick, MM, and light refreshments, in the OLH School cafeteria (enter through the parking lot). www.ourladyofhopeparish.org
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus in Glendale** will be holding two, 1 hour Advent prayer services, with a closing Mass on the third evening, on November 28th, 29th, & 30th. There will be guest speakers and the theme will be "Put God First". Light refreshments will follow the **Advent Mission**.



*MAY GOD BLESS
OUR VETERANS!*