

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	October 14th
8:30 AM	Melguides Viados
5:00 PM	Mary & Idolo Russomanno
Sunday	October 15th
8:30 AM	Herman, Joanne & Katherine Holzknacht
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Pauline DiGraci
5:00 PM	Theresa Sevcik
Monday	October 16th
8:30 AM	Lynn Hoenig
12:00 PM	In Honor of the Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother
Tuesday	October 17th
8:30 AM	Jim Villa
12:00 PM	Ramon Medrano
Wednesday	October 18th
8:30 AM	Bolivar & Robert Almeida
12:00 PM	Paul Duome
Thursday	October 19th
8:30 AM	Henri-Robert Lamarque
12:00 PM	William Polis
Friday	October 20th
8:30 AM	Thomas G. Sommero
12:00 PM	Maria DiGraci
Saturday	October 21st
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
5:00 PM	William Walters
Sunday	October 22nd
8:30 AM	William Hoogsteden (3rd Anniversary)
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Angela Tosi (Van Nostrand)
5:00 PM	Carolyn Ryan

**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, 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, 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

Michael O'Keefe
Rev. Lucien Charlot
Patricia Palumbo
Evelyn McMullan

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – October 15th**

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – October 16th

Weekday

-Rich In Mercy Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

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

TUESDAY - October 17th

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-RCIA-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – October 18th

Saint Luke, Evangelist

-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-Church at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – October 19th

Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests

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

-Baptism Meeting- Rectory at 7:30pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – October 20th

Weekday

-Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 6:00pm

SATURDAY – October 21st

Weekday

-Baptism-Church at 1:00pm

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

**BREAD AND WINE**

Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given in **loving memory of:**

Arthur E. Lass

by

Art & Chris Lass

**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.

Dear Parishioners;

Again this week, in St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is addressing the Jerusalem leaders of the Jewish people. For the last two weeks we heard readings in which Jesus addressed parables to the same leaders. We heard about the son, who actually fulfilled his Father's wishes even though at first he was reluctant to do so. Then Jesus narrated a parable about a landowner, whose tenants mistreat his servants and even his son, only to find that they are replaced by others who do bring in an appropriate crop. In the same discourse Jesus speaks about the apparently inconsequential and rejected cornerstone that becomes the foundation of the whole building. The references to "the son" and to "the cornerstone" are to Himself.

This week we hear one more parable that Jesus narrates to the leaders of the people. This one presents us with a king, who holds a great party to celebrate his son's wedding. Many people are invited but surprisingly they refuse to come. He sends a second invitation and the response is even more inconceivable. The guests ignore the invitation in favor of doing ordinary things. Some of the king's messengers are even beaten and killed.

Doesn't this seem preposterous? If King Felipe IV of Spain or Queen Elizabeth of Britain or even President Trump asked you or me to dinner, no matter our political affiliations, we would probably make every effort to be there. Our Lord recognized this but he deliberately ups the ante. The details of the parable are exaggerated deliberately.

In place of those originally invited, the servants are told to scour the byroads and hedgerows and ask anyone they find. When the newly invited hodgepodge of guests arrive, a peculiar event occurs. The king enters the banqueting hall and discovers someone not dressed appropriately for the wedding. But logically the man has just been invited - how would he have had time to purchase the proper wedding garment? What are we to make of this?

A good story teller, in order to make an important point, often exaggerates. In fact parents trying to make an important point often exaggerate! How many children have heard the words: "I told you a million times to clean your room!". A million times? The smart child who hears that command knows better than to correct their frustrated parent's mathematical calculations. The parent has used hyperbole - exaggeration to make a strong point. Most of us do this regularly. A friend moves to upstate New York and we describe them "as living a million miles away". Not really! But they are an inconvenient number of miles from our home.

Remember that Jesus is speaking to the leaders of the people. The leaders, for the most part, have not been receptive to His message but the poor, the supposedly unimportant, the public sinners, they have responded as eventually do many of the Gentiles (non-Jews).

The leaders have been invited to the kingdom, symbolized by the wedding banquet, but for some unfathomable reason they have for the most part rejected the messengers (the prophets) who faced persecution and death. A new leadership is summoned forth, symbolized by the mixed crowd from the byroads and hedgerows. But even among them there are some who are unworthy (the man without the wedding garment) and will be unceremoniously ejected. The final line of this Gospel is familiar: "Many are called but few are chosen."

God unfathomably wishes to share His life with the creatures made in His image and likeness. That's all of humanity, so everyone is invited. But every invitation requires a response. The guest who arrives without the wedding garment is the person who accepts the invitation but whose response is muted. That person does not realize that accepting the invitation requires the proper disposition. To accept God's invitation to the kingdom means to live in a manner appropriate to accepting the invitation. It requires in fact, living as Jesus taught. Disciples imitate the Master. We have entered the mystery of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection through Baptism (acceptance of the invitation) but then in the manner of our lives (wearing the proper dispositions of the Kingdom) we live out the invitation.

God bless you,
Monsignor McGuirl

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE MASS

Each year on All Souls Day we celebrate a special candlelight Liturgy in which we remember all those parishioner who have died in this past year. Each person's name is mentioned and the family then given a lit candle in remembrance. All names are inscribed in the "Book of Remembrance" which is then placed in a prominent place near the Altar.

Letters of invitation to the Mass will be sent to all families who have had a family member or loved one buried from our parish this past year. Should there be others who were not buried from our parish and passed away this year and you wish them to be remembered as well, please notify the Rectory prior to October 31st.

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 in need of the sacraments of 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!

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

October 18, 2017	Divine Mercy Chaplet	7:00pm
	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	7:30pm
October 25, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	8:00pm
		6:30pm

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.

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish and Our Lady of Mercy Parish have been involved for almost three years in a highly successful Teen Program (Mayo Teen Group).

It has become apparent that if we wish to continue a successful teen program, which combines fun and prayerful reflection, we must have the volunteer services of some adults.

The Youth Minister, Dave James, needs our help and we cannot afford to let a successful program die for lack of adult supervision. A special challenge is issued to the parents of our teens. These are our children and they need us. Let us not fail in our commitment to them. If you are interested please call me at the rectory. If I am not readily available, please leave your name and a telephone number at which you can be reached.

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.

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**

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

THE POWER OF PREVENTION

Life Line Screening (a look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up) will be at **Our Lady of Mercy** on **October 25th**. **Getting Screened is Simple!** It is **painless, non-invasive**, and you **keep your clothes on**. For more info and to register for a **special pricing on 5 valuable screenings** call 1-866-229-0469 or go online to www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.

OPERA AT MERCY

Golden Rose Opera (OLM's resident opera company) will present "LOVE, LOST AND FOUND" - a Young Artists Opera. Concert Gala and Wine and Cheese Reception - **ALL for 20 BUCKS** right here at **Our Lady of Mercy** on **Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 7:30PM** For reservations & information call 718-793-2033 or Email hvtgmezzo@gmail.com. Order by credit card on www.eventbrite.com [Search for Golden Rose Opera]; or use tear-off form flyers in the church and also in the upcoming Mercy Mirror October 2017 issue.



- **Archbishop Molloy High School** (Briarwood, NY) will host their Open House on October 15th from 11:00am to 4:00pm
- **The Mary Louis Academy** (Jamaica Estates, NY) announces their annual **Open House**, for 7th & 8th Gr. students and their parents/guardians, on October 15th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Please register at TMLA.ORG.
- **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. Open Houses at Monsignor Scanlan High School are scheduled for **October 21st**, from 1-4 pm & **October 25th** from 1-4pm The school's address is 915 Hutchinson River Pkwy, Bronx, NY 10465.
- **Xavier High School** (NYC) will be hosting an **Open House** on **October 21st**, from 11:30am to 4:00pm, for 6th thru 8th Gr. Boys and their families
- **Notre Dame High School** of Manhattan will host its annual **Open House** on Sunday, **October 29th** from 2:00 to 5:00pm, for 7th & 8th grade girls and their parents. For further Info call 212-620-5575.
- **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.
- **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.
- The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville will Celebrate their **Annual Gala** on October 26th, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, to benefit their ministries. For further Information, contact Mary F. Fuchs at 631-842-6000 ext. 241

OLMCA NEWS**SEATS AVAILABLE -PRE-K FOR ALL**

We still have seats available for Pre-K for All. If you know a family that might be interested in our program, please contact Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy directly. If your child will be 4 years old on or before December 31, they will be eligible for our enriching and fun full day program! We are more than happy to answer or questions or schedule a tour.

GALA

On October 21, 2017, from 6-11PM, **Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy** will be having a **50th Anniversary Gala** at the West Side Tennis Club, in Forest Hills. Ticket price is \$125 per person For more info, email alums@olmercya.com.

THE DEANERY CORNER

1. **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** will be holding **Thursday Prayer Nights for Vocations through November 9th**. Each prayer night starts at 7:30pm, includes Benediction, and features a guest speaker sharing their faith story. For more info, call Deacon Kendra at 718-268-6251.
2. **Our Lady of Hope (Middle Village)** is beginning an outreach service called Witness 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.



*PRAY THE ROSARY
FOR PEACE ON EARTH*