

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday October 23rd
 8:30 AM Leonor Yengle
 12:00 PM Krystyna Michalak

Tuesday October 24th
 8:30 AM Vera Farrell
 12:00 PM Florence Prisco

Wednesday October 25th
 8:30 AM Bernadette Boyle
 12:00 PM Anne Restaino (Living Intention)

Thursday October 26th
 8:30 AM Thomas Rooney (51st Anniversary)
 12:00 PM Mario Gunaratna

Friday October 27th
 8:30 AM Salvatore Guadagnino
 12:00 PM Michael, Caroline, Michael Sassi Jr.
 and Roland Pugliese

Saturday October 28th
 8:30 AM Vicente Bruzola
 5:00 PM Anne Daly

Sunday October 29th
 8:30 AM Mary Koeppen
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Donna Daroqui
 5:00 PM Michele & Orsola Perricone
 and Deceased Family Members



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, 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

Rose Bruno

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – October 22nd
Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time
 -OLMCA Alumni Mass-Church at 12:00pm

MONDAY – October 23rd
Weekday
 -Confirmation Practice (Students Only)-Church at 7:30pm
 -Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - October 24th
Weekday
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm
 -Confirmation Practice (Students & Sponsors)-Church at 7:30pm
 -RCIA & ARISE-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – October 25th
Weekday
 -Lifeline Screening-Parish Hall from 8:30am to 5:30pm
 -CCD K thru 5th Gr.-Church at 3:00pm
 -Divine Mercy-Church at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – October 26th
Weekday
 -ARISE-Rectory Meeting Room at 2:15pm
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – October 27th
Weekday
 -Confirmation-Church at 4:00pm

SATURDAY – October 28th
Saints Simon and Jude
 -Opera Concert-Church at 7:30pm

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:**
Jim Beam
 by
 Bernadette Beam



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.

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying: "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion? Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said: "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them: "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied: "Caesar's." At that he said to them: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

In the first reading today, from the Prophet Isaiah, we see God's use of Cyrus, king of the Persians. The Prophet is clear: Cyrus did not know God yet he was used by God in God's plans. So, we need not think for even a moment that we must know the Lord before He can use us. Rather, God is present in all of creation with His own plans. All we know of God's plans is that they are plans of love and salvation.

In Matthew's Gospel we encounter Jesus telling Peter to pay the taxes that are required in civil society. We can find so many ways to make God an incredible block in our lives rather than the very source and fount of all that is good within us. Religion can often be misused to make others do what we want them to do, rather than all of us looking together to see what God is asking of us.

The Pharisees are just other human beings. They were angry with Jesus and wanted to get Him out of the way. In our own lives we must always be so careful of our anger, our jealousy, or hatred, our rejection of others. Jesus invites us to live as He lived, which is a life of love and acceptance of others.

May the readings today inspire us to be more faithful to this God who loves us. May we recognize that God is present in our lives and uses us for His own purposes. God's purposes are always love and compassion, unlike our own purposes which can be so complicated and even negative. May we give thanks to God for this love and compassion and may our lives be transformed to become like His.

In Christ,
Deacon Dean

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 is then given a lit candle in remembrance. All names are inscribed in the "Book of Remembrance" which is 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 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!

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

October 25, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
November 01, 2016	Divine Mercy Devotion	7:00pm
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

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**

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.



- **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 25th** from 1-4pm. The school's address is 915 Hutchinson River Pkwy, Bronx, NY 10465.
- **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.
- **The Church of the Resurrection in Richmond Hill/Kew Gardens (85-09 118th Street)** is having its Annual Parish Fair "**Harvest Festival**" on Saturday, November 4th from 10 am to 8 pm.
- **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

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

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.

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 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.
3. **Catholic Volunteer Network** — If you would like to make a difference in your community, the country, or the world, serve those in need, and work for social justice, check out RESPONSE 2018. This is a free guide listing nearly 200 faith based volunteer programs and thousands of opportunities. Volunteers serve full time for periods of 1 week to 1 year or more across the U.S. and over 100 countries worldwide, come from all walks of life, and range in age from high school to senior citizens. For info, call 800-543-5046 or search RESPONSE 2018 online at www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org



*PRAY THE ROSARY
FOR PEACE ON EARTH*