

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 28th
 8:30 AM Vincent 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 & Orsolo Perricone
 and Deceased Family Members

Monday October 30th
 8:30 AM James Golden
 12:00 PM William Kirby (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday October 31st
 8:30 AM Leo Gillespie
 12:00 PM In Honor of the Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother
 7:30 PM Reynoldo Sayaman & Aaron Legaspi

Wednesday November 1st
 8:30 AM Bernadette Boyle
 10:00 AM OLMCA Student Mass
 12:00 PM Letizia Anzalone

Thursday November 2nd
 8:30 AM Sacred Heart
 12:00 PM Theresa & Ignatius Sevcik
 7:30 PM Special All Souls Mass

Friday November 3rd
 8:30 AM Stephen & Anna Butler
 12:00 PM Jack Petti

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



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

Deacon Abdon Mejia
 Mrs. Agnes Sweeney
 Sr. Rita Meaney
 Deacon Joseph Campisi

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – October 29th
Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – October 30th
Weekday
 -Rich In Mercy Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm
 -Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - October 31st
Weekday

WEDNESDAY – November 1st
All Saints Day **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**
 -Divine Mercy-Church at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – November 2nd
All Souls Day
 -ARISE-Rectory Meeting Room at 2:15pm
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – November 3rd
Weekday
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 6:00pm

SATURDAY – November 4th
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

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



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

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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

Dear Parishioners:

The Sunday Gospel finds Jesus in a discussion with the Pharisees. Previously He had confounded the Sadducees, who neither believed in a spiritual dimension nor an afterlife. Jesus and the Pharisees believed in both. This group of Pharisees are probably very well disposed toward Jesus. They certainly approved of His teachings, but they may have pondered: "Who gave Him the authority to teach like this?" Possibly with this in mind, one of the Pharisees decided to prove Jesus' authority by testing Him.

At our Lord's time Jewish scholars acknowledged over 600 hundred laws or rules which attempted to govern every aspect of Jewish life. These "commandments" had their origin in the Ten Commandments so the observant Jewish man or woman was expected to fulfill them. There were regular debates about which Laws were the most important. The question of the Pharisee in today's Gospel may have been a sincere attempt to discover Jesus' thinking on the matter.

Cleverly Jesus combines two mandates from the Torah. The first is from the "Shema", the prayer still said twice daily by observant Jews. The prayer reads: "Sh'ma Yisra'eil, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad." "Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone." It continues: "...and you shall love the Lord, with all your soul and with all you might...". Jesus adds: "...and with all your mind." To this the Lord also combines a command from the Book of Leviticus (19:18): "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The Pharisaic scholar had asked which commandment was the greatest. In response Jesus has combined two and connected them intimately. These two encompass the Law and the prophets, a short hand expression indicating the totality of the Old Testament. Many of the teachings of the New Testament will expand upon the notion of who is the "neighbor". The neighbor is not simply the proximate person or member of the same group but includes all those who require our help or assistance.

Several words in the New Testament are commonly translated into English as "love". To complicate matters further, the word "love" is often misused in English. "I love your new shirt" is incorrect since a shirt is an inanimate object. Love implies reciprocity. It should be: "I like your new shirt". The type of love to which Jesus refers is an active concern for all other people - a desire to bring about the good for each person. Depending on circumstances, this may or may not involve my emotions. For example many of our Sunday second collections are taken for various charitable organizations. We may never know the recipients of our generosity but we desire or will the best for them. Of course we also want the best for our families and friends and normally that would also involve an emotional attachment to them. We cannot possibly love on the same emotional level the six billion other occupants of this planet. But, we certainly can desire to bring about the best for them and, when possible, work toward that end.

In the two greatest commandments, Jesus summed up all the others. For example, the first reading from the Book of Exodus, the second book of the Bible, is a good illustration of what the Law of Love includes - business considerations must never take precedence over people's survival.

By fulfilling the two greatest commandments we fulfill the mandates of the Law.

In Christ,
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 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 have been 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!

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.

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!

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.

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.



- **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.
- **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.
- **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

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.



*PRAY THE ROSARY
FOR PEACE ON EARTH*