

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	October 7th
8:30 AM	Alex McCambridge
5:00 PM	John Mazzaccoli
Sunday	October 8th
8:30 AM	Gloria Gonzalez
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Joan Sauro
5:00 PM	Wanda Radecka (Living Intention)
Monday	October 9th
8:30 AM	Angelina Martini
12:00 PM	Peter Luteerek
Tuesday	October 10th
8:30 AM	Anne Sweeney
12:00 PM	Terri Hall
Wednesday	October 11th
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua & BiFalco & DiCapua Families
12:00 PM	Luke Sorrentino
Thursday	October 12th
8:30 AM	Robert & Catherine Frank
12:00 PM	Joan Sauro
Friday	October 13th
8:30 AM	Katie Lelin Walla
12:00 PM	Millie Medina
Saturday	October 14th
8:30 AM	Melguides Viados
5:00 PM	Mary & Idolo Russomanno
Sunday	October 15th
8:30 AM	Herman, Joanne & Katherine Holzknicht
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Pauline DiGraci
5:00 PM	Theresa Sevcik

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

James Leung, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Antoinette Wagner, Richard Kelly, Rose Jonsson, Evelyn McMullan, 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

Msgr. Conrad Dietz
Msgr. Joseph P. Granata

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – October 8th**

Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

-Blessing of the Animals-Juno St. Lawn at 1:30pm

MONDAY – October 9th

Weekday

Columbus Day

All Offices & Buildings Closed

TUESDAY - October 10th

Weekday

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-RCIA-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – October 11th

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 6:30pm

THURSDAY – October 12th

Weekday

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

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – October 13th

Weekday

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

SATURDAY – October 14th

Weekday

-Mass In Honor of St. John Paul II-Church at 7:00pm

Relic available for veneration

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:**

Frances de Biase

by

Carolyn de Biase Negron

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please remember to **mark the amount of your offering on the front of the envelope.** Since the envelopes are used **to record your offering** after the donation is removed, **it is necessary that the amount be written on the envelope.** Thank you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Parish Pay is transitioning over to "WeShare". If you use Parish Pay presently, the transition time **should be seamless.** The transition will take place on October 9th. As time draws closer, we will be providing more information. We ask for your patience during this transition.

Dear Parishioners:

There is nothing like a good story to make a point. Jesus relied on His stories (parables) to teach His listeners. He could have simply declared a teaching but when He taught by way of parables, the lesson stuck. Today's Gospel is no different. Again Jesus is speaking to the leaders of the people. He tells them a story about a landowner who has rented his vineyard to tenant farmers. The story is reminiscent of the first reading from the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah lived many centuries before Jesus but he too compared God's care of His people to a farmer's (God) care of a vineyard. Yet the vineyard (Israel) proved unresponsive to God's care. The result is disaster.

Using a similar motif, Jesus describes how the landlord sends his agents to collect his share of the harvest. Some of his servants are beaten and maltreated by the tenants. Others are killed. Finally the landlord sends his own son, thinking that the tenants will respect the young man. Illogically the tenants believe that if they kill the son, they will inherit the vineyard. Often Our Lord used hyperbole (exaggeration) to make a point. What father, after seeing the mistreatment of his servants, would expose his son to the same danger? Like modern inheritance laws, the death of the son, would in no way guarantee that the tenants acquire the vineyard. Similar to today's inheritance laws, the land would go to the next of kin or to someone designated by the owner. Of course Jesus knew this too but He exaggerates the story to boldly illuminate its message.

The vineyard owner is God the Father. Periodically God sent His messengers, the prophets, in order to teach, cajole or warn His people. Most of the prophets faced mistreatment or even death. Finally the Father sends His Son, Who is of course Jesus Himself. The Son too is ignored, mistreated and ultimately killed. The question arises: What will the owner of the vineyard do? The temple priests and elders answer the question: there will be dire consequences. They have indicted themselves by rejecting the Son. Jesus concludes His remarks with a quote from Psalm #118 with regard to a cornerstone. Jesus connects the murdered son with the cornerstone. The stone that was rejected (the murdered son) becomes the cornerstone (the essential foundation stone) of a new edifice! That edifice will contain many people who will bear good fruit.

Though not included in today's Gospel excerpt, immediately after these remarks, the leaders realize that the parable has been directed at them and they resolve to arrest Jesus but do not do so for fear of the crowds, who believed Jesus to be a prophet. It is these common ordinary folk, often disdained by the leadership, who will constitute the initial Christian community.

The whole point of the parable seems to be that the most important aspect of this new edifice or vineyard (the kingdom) founded by the Son, is that it bear fruit. That fruit must be modeled on the life of Jesus, Who lived for others. In so far as our words and actions are modeled on His then we are bearing fruit for the kingdom and we will enjoy its harvest.

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

RELIC COMING TO OLM

Most Reverend Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki, the Archbishop of the Metropolitan Diocese of Lwowski, Poland, will celebrate a Mass here at **Our Lady of Mercy on October 14th** at 7:00pm in honor of Saint John Paul II. Archbishop Mokrzycki was one of the former secretaries to the late Saint John II, and will bring with him, for veneration, a relic of Saint John Paul II.

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.

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

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.

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

ATTENTION FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

There will be a **Food Pantry meeting** on October 10th at 7:30pm in the Rectory. **All volunteers** should attend, and **any parishioners that want to volunteer** are most welcome.

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

1 st Prize: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Marino	\$258.00
2 nd Prize: Maria Aunon Concado	\$129.00
3 rd Prize: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Tobin	\$129.00
4 th Prize: Juliana Almeida	\$64.00
5 th Prize: Ralph & Kathleen Nocera	\$64.00

CENTERING PRAYER

Looking for quiet, inner peace, a deeper union with God? Centering Prayer will resume this Fall, starting Tuesday October 3, 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.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

October 11, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
October 18, 2017	Divine Mercy Chaplet	7:00pm
	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	7:30pm 8:00pm
October 25, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm

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!

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.

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.

MUSIC 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.



- **St. Francis Preparatory School** (Fresh Meadows, NY) will hold their annual open House on October 14th from 12:00 to 4:00pm.
- **Dominican Academy** (NYC) invites 7th & 8th grade girls to attend their Open House on October 14th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.
- **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
- **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

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

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**

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.



*PRAY THE ROSARY
FOR PEACE ON EARTH*