

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 9th
8:30 AM	Monica Kearney
5:00 PM	Luigi Sauro
Sunday	September 10th
8:30 AM	Patti Ansboro
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Dorothy Huber
5:00 PM	Giuseppa Pizzo
Monday	September 11th
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua & BiFalco & DiCapua Families
10:00 AM	In Memory of 9/11
12:00 PM	Larry Leeder
Tuesday	September 12th
8:30 AM	In Honor of The Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother
12:00 PM	Joan Sauro
Wednesday	September 13th
8:30 AM	Matteo Rosio
10:00 AM	OLMCA Mass
12:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Golden Age Club
Thursday	September 14th
8:30 AM	Bolivar & Robert Almeida
12:00 PM	Felipe Meyer
Friday	September 15th
8:30 AM	Michael Minischetti
12:00 PM	Vincent & Elaine Koo & Family (Living Intention)
Saturday	September 16th
8:30 AM	Leonard Quigley & William Kirby
5:00 PM	Angelo & Rose Mary Sauro
Sunday	September 17th
8:30 AM	William Striffler Sr.
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Maria Peiliker
5:00 PM	Silvestro Tosi (Van Nostrand)

**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., 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

Domonio Okoro
Veronica Lui
Deacon Marcus Mordan
Margaret Fermeglia
Juana Mitre Barrera

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – September 10th**

Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – September 11th

Weekday

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

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

TUESDAY - September 12th

Weekday

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – September 13th

Saint John Chrysostom

-No Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am

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

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – September 14th

The Exaltation of the Cross

-OLMCA Back to School Night-School at 6:30pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

-Baptism Meeting- Rectory at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

-Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

SATURDAY – September 16th

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

-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.

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.

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.

Dear Parishioners;

One constant in our Lord's public ministry was forgiveness. He even offered it to those who crucified Him. In today's Gospel, once again drawn from St. Matthew, Jesus offers a process by which forgiveness is offered in the early community of believers. In this process, Jesus relies on roots found in the Torah (first five Books of the Old Testament – considered by the Jewish community as the fundamentals of The Law). In this three-step process, personal relationships are stressed. Reproving a fellow Israelite was a sign of love and was meant to prevent the resentment from growing between the offender and the aggrieved. If that correction was unsuccessful then two or three witnesses could be introduced into the process. Though this has the ring of legality, the aim was still to keep the matter as private as possible. Respect was shown to the erring sister or brother and the offense was hopefully kept from spreading throughout the community. If this also fails then the community may become involved and the recalcitrant brother or sister would be treated as an outsider, represented by the traditional categories of tax collectors and Gentiles. But it is wise to remember that Jesus received members of both groups when they expressed repentance and faith in Him.

Matthew himself was originally a tax collector, who worked for the either the Roman authorities directly or their local Herod puppet kings. Two weeks ago, we read Matthew's account of Jesus granting the "power of the keys" to Peter; however, in today's Gospel that power is extended to the entire community. Peter speaks on behalf of the community in which Christ continues to reside. The closing lines remind us that "when two or here are gathered together in my Name, there I am in them midst of them." Not only is Jesus present in the community of believers but because of that He shares with the community His power of "binding and loosening". Because He is present, the community of His followers must be distinguished by the forgiveness that characterized Jesus' own life. It is wise to mention that forgiveness does not of itself require forgetfulness. In the Our Father, we ask for God's forgiveness, not His forgetfulness! God cannot forget anything; nonetheless, we ask that He push aside our offenses (debts, trespasses or sins) so that we can resume our relationship with Him. Then we promise to do the same for those who may have offended us.

Granted the Church community of St. Mathew was miniscule compared to our modern church. In our diverse, partially secularized society, we may be obliged to have recourse to the civil law to adjudicate some serious problems between citizens. But it cannot be denied that we have become an extremely litigious society. Suing has become the answer to all problems even those that were the result of mistakes or misjudgments. It is not a wonder why insurance rates are so high!

The Matthean community did not live in the United States of 2017, but can we learn something from this Gospel? The Gospels put an emphasis on individual choices and responsibilities. Matthew's narration of this event in Jesus' life, is telling us that personal relations come first. Every personal avenue of resolving differences should be exhausted before recourse is had to the law. Unfortunately, we seem to have turned things around. If, as we say during the Eucharist, we are brothers and sisters gathered at the sacrificial meal in which Jesus Himself is intimately present, then a family ambiance must prevail. If we are members of the same family, then as far as possible, disagreements should be handled privately, respectfully and personally. Only when all personal areas of adjudication are futile should access to the outside authorities be sought.

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

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.

RELICS OF PADRE PIO

The reputation of the late Padre Pio is worldwide. Several years ago he was canonized primarily in recognition of his compassion in the confessional as well as his miraculous interventions on behalf of many of those who sought his intercession. In order to celebrate what would have been Padre Pio's 130th birthday and the fifteenth anniversary of his canonization, the Archdiocese of New York has arranged for the visitation of some of his relics to St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, September 17th and Monday, September 18th from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. I believe that this is the first time our City has been so honored. If a group is large enough the Cathedral will try to arrange a special time for viewing. But we must know this week; otherwise if you wish to go,, you may go privately.

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). In previous years, concerned folks in both parishes have tried without much success to establish an imaginative teen program. Where others have failed, Mr. David James, the area Youth Minister, has succeeded. Part of his success rests on the dedicated services of his assistants, most of whom are college students from Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish.

Nonetheless, 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.

Father Passenant, the administrator of Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish, has requested that our parish provide at least three of four adult volunteers. Certainly this is not a large number yet only one gentleman came forward last weekend! If more than Fathers' quota volunteered then no one person would be overburdened.

The complaint is commonly made that the Church should provide more and better programs for our teenagers. In Forest Hills the Catholic parishes have responded to that challenge; however, one adult cannot safely manage a large number of teenagers. On occasion, as many as seventy-five to a hundred young people have attended the Teen Meetings. 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 this week! If I am not readily available, please leave your name and a telephone number at which you can be reached.

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.

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

September 13, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
September 20, 2017	Divine Mercy Chaplet	7:00pm
	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:30pm
	& Benediction	8:00pm
September 27, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm

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.

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!

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.**

PARTY COMING SOON!

On October 7th, 2017 Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a **White/Red Polish Party**. The party will take place in the Parish Hall and will start at 7:00pm. There will be music by the group WINDSTAR, and tickets are \$50. Tickets are available at the Rectory.

SAVE THE DATE

- 1) On Friday, October 6, 2017, at 1:00pm, Our Lady of Mercy Church and Catholic Academy will celebrate 100 Years of Fatima with a **LIVING ROSARY**. Hospitality will follow in the Parish Hall. Contact Helen Golden, 917-952-5142 to help. More details in coming weeks.
- 2) On October 23, 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. **Watch for details in the coming weeks!**

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

(Lectors, Choir Members, Eucharistic Ministers, Consolation Group, Ushers)

We are pleased to announce that our Diocese and our parish are inviting all Liturgical and Music Ministers to a Pastoral Convocation Day on Saturday, October 21, 2017 between 9:00 AM and 3:45 PM.

This day is open to all current lay ministers who serve in parishes of the Diocese. The day will include workshops and guest speakers as well as breakfast and lunch.

As a special thank you for your continued service to our own parish, Our Lady of Mercy will assume the cost of the day's activities

If you did not receive an application for the convocation in the mail, they are available at the doors of the Church. Please return completed application to the Rectory by Sunday, September 24th.

THE DEANERY CORNER

- **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 **Saturday, October 21, 2017** from 1-4 pm. The school's address is 915 Hutchinson River Pkwy, Bronx, NY 10465.
- There will be a **Holy Land Pilgrimage**, November 6-15 with Our Lady of the Angelus' Fr. John Mendonca and Fr. Roberto Minsel, SVD. Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem. \$3299 from New York. Call OLA at 718-897-4444 for information
- **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.



The Bulletin Board

- **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1424 will be hosting a Barbecue** on September 24th, at 2:00pm, at The Continental Post (107-15 Metropolitan Avenue, Forest Hills). Unit 1424 will be marking 50 years of service to Veterans as well as Community, and would like everyone to join them in celebrating at this "End of Summer BBQ". There will be food, fun and raffles and the cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP to the Post at 718-520-8623 or Sandy Luongo at 917-837-4743.
- **FREE RECYCLING EVENT** will be held on Sunday, September 24th, from 10:00am-2:00pm, at the George Seuffert, Sr. Bandshell Parking lot in Forest Park on Forest Park Drive (1 block west of Woodhaven Boulevard in Woodhaven). For info please call Senator Addabbo's office at 718-738-1111.
- **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.
- **Home-Delivered Meals** are available if you are **age 60+** and living in NE Queens. Kosher, non-Kosher, Korean and Chinese meals are offered. To see if you or someone you know might qualify, call Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services Northeast Queens at 718-357-4903. This home-delivered meals program is funded by the NYC Department of Aging.
- **Tryouts for new swimmers, ages 5-14 years old, for the TRI-M Girls' Swim Team** will be held on Thurs. Sept. 14, 5-6pm at the Community House Pool, 15 Borage Pl., Forest Hills. Also, 2nd call for tryouts for TRI-M Boys' Swim Team for new swimmers ages 5-14 years old, who have not been training with the team during the summer, will be held on Mon. Sept. 11, 6-7pm. Bring your swimsuit, goggle & towel. For further questions, contact Head Coach, Mary Leong at 718-793-4082.

