

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 2nd</b>
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Szabados Family
5:00 PM	Frank & Ida Messino
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 3rd</b>
8:30 AM	Thomas O'Connor
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Eleanor & James Mara
5:00 PM	Magda de Laehne
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 4th</b>
8:30 AM	In Honor of The Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother
12:00 PM	No Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 5th</b>
8:30 AM	Monica Kearney
12:00 PM	Joseph & Ruth Lieber
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 6th</b>
8:30 AM	Kevin & Jane Quinlan
12:00 PM	Anna Santacroce
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 7th</b>
8:30 AM	Frances Kaufmann
12:00 PM	Nabil Kassir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 8th</b>
8:30 AM	In Honor of The Blessed Mother
12:00 PM	Rosa Elena Auden & Cecelio Frias
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 9th</b>
8:30 AM	Monica Kearney
5:00 PM	Luigi Sauro
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 10th</b>
8:30 AM	Patti Ansboro
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Dorothy Huber
5:00 PM	Giuseppa Pizzo

**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, Veronica Lui, Maureen Kelly, Manuel Juan Perez, 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**

Rev. Michael A. Vendetti  
Richard J. Parker  
Rev. Charles Kehoe

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – September 3rd**

*Twenty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time*

**MONDAY – September 4th**

*Weekday*

Labor Day-All Offices & Buildings Closed

**TUESDAY - September 5th**

*Weekday*

-CCD Gr.K-7 New Registration-Rel. Ed. Office from 2pm - 6pm

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY – September 6th**

*Weekday*

-OLMCA First Day of School for Grades K thru 8

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am

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

-CCD Gr.K-7 New Registration-Rel. Ed. Office from 2pm - 6pm

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

**THURSDAY – September 7th**

*Weekday*

-OLMCA First Day of School for Pre-K

-CCD Gr.K-7 New Registration-Rel. Ed. Office from 2pm - 6pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

**FRIDAY – September 8th**

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

-OLMCA First Day of School for Nursery

**SATURDAY – September 9th**

*Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

**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 Savarese**

by

His Loving Wife, Elsie

**MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND**

Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund

**given in memory of:**

**Mary McTighe**

by

Barbara Hunt

Dear Parishioners;

Usually in this space I publish a reflection on the Sunday Gospel but with your permission, this week I am going to use this space to speak about several items of mutual interest.

On Saturday, September 9th, the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens is celebrating "Catholic Day" at Citifield in Flushing Meadows/Corona Park. The day begins with a Mass concelebrated by our Bishop, Nicholas DiMarzio, our auxiliary Bishops, priests from throughout our Diocese assisted by many of our deacons. Admission to the Mass is free; however, you must have an entrance pass to attend. The parish will have thirty (30) tickets for the Mass and they are available to any parishioner who wishes to attend. After Mass there will be fun, food and games provided free by DeSales Media Group (our Diocesan Communications Office). Mass begins at 9:30 A.M.; entertainment commences at 11:15 A.M. and continues until about 4:30 P.M.

The New York Mets are providing relatively inexpensive baseball tickets for their game the same evening at 7:10 P.M. against the Cincinnati Reds. The Mets' tickets will cost \$15 each. If you also wish to attend the ball game the parish will have thirty tickets. First come, first serve! Please do not wait until the last minute to make a decision about attending the Mass, the entertainment, the Baseball Game or all of those events.

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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. Presently we have heard from four individuals who like to go as a group to St. Patrick's Cathedral. Obviously this is too small a number to rent a bus. If we had more people we could rent a bus as a way of honoring Padre Pio. We cannot hope to rent a bus at the last minute therefore I must know this week with certainty, if there are a sufficient number of parishioners, who would like to take advantage of the visitation of Padre Pio's relics to our City. 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.

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Finally, last week, I mentioned that 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.

Yours in Christ,  
Monsignor McGuirl

**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.

**K-8 RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION**

Registration for K-8 Religious Education classes will take place on **Tuesday, Sept. 5, Wednesday Sept. 6, and Thursday Sept. 8 from 2:00pm – 6:00pm** at the Religious Ed office. The entrance is on the side of the school next to the church. Please bring a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate and be prepared to make a check for the appropriate fee.

**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.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL GIVES BACK**

Our Lady of Mercy will share in the profits. For each **donated car, truck or van, running or not**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back **to our parish \$75/\$200 per vehicle**. Maybe you don’t have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Our Lady of Mercy Parish received several hundred dollars last year because of the kindness of those who contributed their old car to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and mentioned our Church. Please continue to spread the word, and thank you for your support. Call the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718-491-2525**.

**DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

September 06, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
September 13, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
September 20, 2017	Divine Mercy Chaplet	7:00pm
	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	7:30pm 8:00pm
September 27, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm

**NEW MASS BOOK FOR 2017**

The new Mass book for 2017 will be open for requests on September 5th. 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.

**FOOD PANTRY**



The Food Pantry Community at Our Lady of Mercy Church is a part of our Ministry that seeks to create a hunger free community by sharing our abundant blessings with God’s people that are in need. The Food Pantry Ministry operates on every Saturday from 10:00am to 11:00am. The purpose of the Food Pantry is to assist those living within the community of Forest Hills and the surrounding areas in Queens who are in need of basic food and sanitary supplies during times of hardship. However, no one presenting a genuine need will be turned away. **Since** your donations help us keep the shelves stocked, we are asking for your help in dropping off food, monetary donations or gift cards. If giving a **monetary donation**, please make all checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy Church (in the memo section please state Food Pantry or Human Services) and forward all cash or checks to the Rectory, 70 01 Kessel Street.

**Food 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”, canned fruits, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies, toothpaste, soaps, shampoos, and any other personal hygiene and non-perishable food items.

**Food Pantry Hours are:10:00am–11:00am every Saturday**



The Human Services element of the parish pastoral care program is for those who require human services that go beyond those offered by our weekly food pantry. I will be available on Tuesdays evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. If you require this assistance please leave your name and number at the Rectory so that an appointment may be made.

**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

**.50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS**

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize: Horst Fisch	\$258.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize: Philip & Lisa Roy	\$129.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize: Frank Kenna	\$129.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize: Mr. & Mrs. A. DeStefanis	\$64.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize: Lewandowski & Pullano Family	\$64.00

**SAVE THE DATE**

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!**



- The **Diocese of Brooklyn's own NET TV** is a cable network featuring news and information with a Catholic point of view, and is provided by most cable companies in our area. You can also watch the programming live on NET TV's website at [www.netny.tv/](http://www.netny.tv/)
- **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.
- **St. John's Preparatory School** is offering a **2017 TACHS Prep Course**, which will take place in September. For further information, call the admissions office -718-721-7200, ext. 699.
- **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.
- **St. Francis Preparatory School** will offer a **TACHS test preparation course** for students sitting for the TACHS exam on November 4th. The course will consist of 5 consecutive classes on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:45pm beginning September 27th. For more info, call Mrs. Nancy Williams, 718-423-8810 ext.214 or email [nwilliams@sfponline.org](mailto:nwilliams@sfponline.org).
- **Pray for me, Diocese of Brooklyn** is a new initiative where you can submit your prayer requests and pray for each others' intentions, in partnership with the Sister Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara in Borough Park, Brooklyn. To submit your prayer requests, go to [www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/prayforme](http://www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/prayforme).
- **Are you a Woman or man of prayer? Are you comfortable working with small groups?** On September 9th, the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York City will host a facilitator Training Retreat for the "Lord Teach Me To Pray" prayer series. It will be conducted in a retreat setting and discernment atmosphere. Come & discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator, or simply to find out more about the prayer series. For info & registration, call Carol Weiler at 504-439-5933.

**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 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 Mirsel, 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](mailto:ymizelle@nyc.rr.com).

**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.

