

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 25th</b>
8:30 AM	Jorge Bonilla
5:00 PM	Nancy Palmese
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 26th</b>
8:30 AM	Yolanda Tolosa
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Victor Lamarque
5:00 PM	Raphael LeCrann
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 27th</b>
8:30 AM	Michael, Caroline, Michael Sassi Jr. And Roland Pugliese
12:00 PM	Wilbur Davis & Dolores Nafis
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 28th</b>
8:30 AM	Nellie and Maurice Rooney
12:00 PM	In Honor of Saint Anthony
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 29th</b>
8:30 AM	Agnes Cloos
12:00 PM	David and Mary Morison
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 30th</b>
8:30 AM	Alan King
12:00 PM	Douglas Smith & Andrew Carlson
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 1st</b>
8:30 AM	Eleanor & James Mara
12:00 PM	Frank Vukel
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 2nd</b>
8:30 AM	Katie LeLinwalla
5:00 PM	Joan Sauro
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 3rd</b>
8:30 AM	Enzo DiGraci
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Eugene Caracciolo (100th Birthday Remembrance)
5:00 PM	Connie Hickey & Stephen Hickey

**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, Ervin Dudas, Rev. Joseph Gurdak, OFM, Cap., Patricia Matecki, Patricia Riddick, 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, Sgt. 1st Class James Walsh, 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**

Martin Birley  
Kathleen Palumbo  
Anne Lonergan

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – November 26th**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

**MONDAY – November 27th**

*Weekday*

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

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

**TUESDAY - November 28th**

*Weekday*

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm

-RCIA & ARISE-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY – November 29th**

*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-Church at 7:00pm

**THURSDAY – November 30th**

*Saint Andrew, Apostle*

-ARISE-Rectory Meeting Room at 2:15pm

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

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

**FRIDAY – December 1st**

*Weekday*

-Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 6:00pm

**SATURDAY – December 2nd**

*Weekday*

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

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in loving memory of:

**Bill Luongo**

and

**Sarah & Andrew Kissel**

by

Sandy Luongo

**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.

Dear Parishioners;

The last Sunday of the liturgical year is always the feast of Christ the King. Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent. The feast of Christ the King might seem a little odd for Americans to be celebrating. Despite our continued affection for members of the British royal family, the founders of this nation rebelled against King George III, the great, great, great, great, great, great, great grandfather of Prince William. Even in my own life time the number of ruling royal families has decreased; nonetheless, those that remain are generally symbolic heads of state with few formal political duties. More so they are recognized as unelected representatives of their nation. Not dependent on elections they remain above the political fray and represent all of their people without regard to parties.

The modern royals, not just in Great Britain, but in many other countries, though usually with little political power, do embody the hopes, aspirations, loyalties, sensibilities, cultural traditions and patriotism of their people. Because royalty usually springs from one family with a history that extends back several centuries, royalty gives a country a degree of permanence and stability. This modern royal roll gives us a sense of the meaning of the feast of Christ the King.

Our first reading from the prophet Ezekiel presents the ancient Hebrew kings in their best light - they were to be shepherds of their people. The concerns of a shepherd are the feeding and protection of his flock. So too a king must provide for the nourishment and protection of his people.

The death and Resurrection of Jesus are at the core and heart of St. Paul's faith. He bases his confidence on what God will do on the basis of what God has done. Jesus is the first fruits and like a good shepherd, He leads His flock. "So too in Christ shall all be brought to life but each one in proper order: Christ (is) the first fruits; then, at His coming, those who belong to Christ (His flock)".

Finally in the Gospel the theme of the shepherd appears again. This reading from St. Matthew is the only detailed New Testament narrative of the final judgment. Our Lord lived much closer to nature than we do, so naturally enough the judgment scene is couched in rural terms. The sheep (the saved) are separated from the condemned (the goats). Those welcomed into the kingdom "prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (this expresses God's will for us) for when I was hungry you fed me.. thirsty you gave me a drink ...naked you clothed me, away from home you welcomed me, in the prison or ill, you visited me. The listeners are flabbergasted! "Lord when did we see you in any of those situations? You didn't but "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brethren you did for me." The other group oddly enough asks the same question: Lord when did we see you in any of those situations but fail to assist you? Again: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did not do for one of these least one, you did not do for Me."

In St. Matthew's view what counts first and foremost is that we serve the Lord by serving those in need. To do so means to follow the Shepherd into the "kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world". Not to do so can lead to eternal punishment. The Shepherd guides His people in right paths. This then is Jesus' kingship. It does what a king or queen was meant to do - shepherd the people! Following our good Shepherd we shall not want ... we will be led to green pastures ... we will be led to restful waters ... our souls will find rest as are we guided in right paths. The table is spread before us ... our heads anointed and our cups flowing over even in the sight of our foes. (Paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm). Subjects of this King will dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

In Christ,  
Monsignor McGuirl

**'TIS THE SEASON**

Our **Giving Tree** and ornaments will be in place in the Church vestibule next weekend for the first Sunday of Advent. This year, as in the past, we will be collecting gifts for Catholic Charities, and **our own homebound parishioners**. Please hang an ornament on the tree and drop off your gift for the charity noted on your ornament in the box provided in the vestibule or at the Rectory no later than December 15th. Your thoughtfulness always makes Christmas bright for many less fortunate than ourselves, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

Please join us for our Annual Tree Lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 9th after the 5 P.M. Mass. Join in the Blessing and sing a few carols around the tree. Afterwards, come down to the Parish Hall for refreshments, purchasing of holiday greenery, and comradery.

As usual, you will be able to take a chance on winning some **GREAT PRIZES**: \$25 can win you \$1000 in cash, or take some chances on 4 tickets to "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on Broadway and \$50 of lottery scratch offs. Santa himself will be joining in the festivities. Bring those wish lists!

**We could use some help** in decorating the wreaths that will be sold, as well as our Parish Hall, for the festivities. Decorating will be on Friday, Dec.8th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Hall.

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH DÉCOR**

Since it is so nice to see fresh flowers at weekend Masses as part of our memorial donation, we would like to add to our **Christmas décor** by offering **the opportunity for 15 Memorials in honor of a loved one**. Each memorial will cover the expense of one fresh Christmas wreath and several poinsettias used to decorate the church. **These will remain in place for the three weeks of the Christmas season**. The cost remains \$150.00. Memorials will be published. If you would like to memorialize a loved one in this way please contact the Rectory Office at 718-268-6143 by December 15th. Once the Christmas Season ends, we will return to our weekly floral offerings.

**GATHER TOGETHER**

California Pizza Kitchen in cooperation with Our Lady of Mercy Church is participating in a "GroupRaise Meal" to benefit Our Lady of Mercy and its community.

We need at least 20 people to RSVP to come to the restaurant on December 13<sup>th</sup> between 11AM and 10PM and have dinner. Our Lady of Mercy receives 20% of every meal. Deadline for RSVP is December 11<sup>th</sup>. Look at <https://groupraise.com/events/44421-our-lady-of-mercy-church-at-california-pizza-kitchen> for details. This is a great way to come together with friends and family catch up and relax during the holiday season.

**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**

November 29, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00pm
December 06, 2017	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
December 13, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
December 20, 2017	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet-7:30pm & Benediction - 8:00pm	
December 27, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm

**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.

**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!

**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 \$50/\$100 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**.

### 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**



- The **Parkside Players**, at Grace Lutheran Church (103-15 Union Tnpk., Forest Hills), will present the musical comedy *She Loves Me* thru the 26th and Dec.1st & 2nd. For more info, tickets, and reservations call 718-353-7388 or 516-520-9474.
- **St. John's Preparatory School** announces the **Peter Vallone Scholarship Examination** to be given on December 2nd. The application is on the website: [www.stjohnsprepschool.org](http://www.stjohnsprepschool.org), or call the Admissions Office: 718-721-7200, ext.699.
- The **Sacred Music Chorale of Richmond Hill** will present Weber's Mass in E Flat and A Musical Christmas Card with orchestra and soloists on December 3rd at 3:00pm at St. John's Lutheran Church (86-20 114th St, Richmond Hill).
- **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.

### CYO GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Girls who attend school at Our Lady of Mercy, Saint Margaret (Middle Village), and Resurrection Ascension (Rego Park) or live within the boundaries of those parishes are invited to participate in CYO Girls Volleyball. Teams will be formed with players in the 3rd thru 8th grades. Practice & games will be held at St Margaret. More info at [stmsports.org](http://stmsports.org).

### THE DEANERY CORNER

- 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).
- **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.
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus in Glendale** will be holding two, 1 hour Advent prayer services, with a closing Mass on the third evening, on November 28th, 29th, & 30th. There will be guest speakers and the theme will be "Put God First". Light refreshments will follow the **Advent Mission**.
- The **Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** will present their **Annual Christmas Concert on December 10th** at 4:00pm in the Church. Tickets (\$30;\$10-children 12 & under) are available in the Rectory.(718-268-6251)

### 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

### 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.

