

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 27th</b>
8:30 AM	Caroline, Michael, & Michael Sassi Jr. And Roland Pugliese
5:00 PM	Louis A. Sauro
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 28th</b>
8:30 AM	Rose Bruno
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	William De Grey Simonton
5:00 PM	Giuseppe Giordano
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 29th</b>
8:30 AM	Regina Schuyler
12:00 PM	Felix L. Brito
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 30th</b>
8:30 AM	Lorraine Larsen
12:00 PM	Tom DiNucci
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 31st</b>
8:30 AM	
12:00 PM	John Cassis
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 1st</b>
8:30 AM	Mary & Louis Minardi
12:00 PM	John Cassis
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 2nd</b>
8:30 AM	Michael Minischetti (8th Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Deceased Members of Brady & Mara Families
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 3rd</b>
8:30 AM	Maja Jedrak
5:00 PM	Andrzej Woloszynowski
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 4th</b>
8:30 AM	Martin Birley
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Tom DiNucci
5:00 PM	Marija Babic

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

James Leung, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Richard Kelly, Rose Jonsson, Mary Ann Matecki, Vincent Lucanie, Patrick Norton, Diane Kitson, Peggy Racanelli, Maureen Medina, Jeanne Woods, 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, Salvatore Tuminello, Daniella Salcau, Joe Catanzaro, Joel Rivera, James Jagiello, Felipe Vallejo, 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**

Regina Schuyler

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – January 28th***Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time***MONDAY – January 29th***Weekday*

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

-Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - January 30th***Weekday*

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY – January 31st***Saint John Bosco, Priest*

-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 – February 1st***Weekday*

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm &amp; 7:30pm

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

-RCIA-Rectory at 7:30pm

-Boy Scouts-School at 7:30pm

**FRIDAY – February 2nd***The Presentation of the Lord***SATURDAY – February 3rd***Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr*

-First Communion Retreat Day-Parish Hall &amp; 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.**

**MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND**

Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund

given in memory of:

**Audrey Busch**

by

Marianne Albert &amp; Family

**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

**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 to arrange your memorial.

Dear Parishioners;

Our first reading this Sunday is from the Book of Deuteronomy, one of the first five Books of the Old Testament. These books comprise the Torah (The Law). They are also called the Pentateuch, meaning "five books" in Greek. Basically Deuteronomy is a retelling of the narratives of the two first books, Genesis and Exodus.

Today we encounter Moses, the great lawgiver. Moses is telling the Hebrew people that a time will come when God will raise up another prophet "from among your kin" and that prophet will speak God's words and bring God's commandments to them. A prophet is not dependent on human choice, elections or dynastic considerations. On the contrary, a prophet is God's instrument. Consequently prophets are often a lonely voice, challenging accepted practices and ways of thinking. He or she speaks God's word.

Christians find the fulfillment of Moses' prediction in Jesus. St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians, a community that he had converted to the faith, speaks of this moment as "kairos", a time in which the divine and the human intersect. Jesus is the very Word of God. His entire life is infused with the divine so that each word and every action are those of Almighty God transmitted through the vehicle of our humanity. This is "the prophet raised up from among your kin", who is like Moses, but Who in fact is greater than Moses. While Moses spoke God's words, Jesus is God's Word!

In the synagogue at Capernaum, the people are astonished at Jesus' teaching. Why? Because He taught as one having authority, not as did the scribes, who in their teachings and decisions depended on past precedents. Ironically on the occasion narrated in today's Gospel, the most unlikely person recognized Who Jesus really is. The possessed man shouts: "I know Who you are - the Holy One of God!" "Have you come to destroy us?" Yes, He has, but in the sense that He has come to overwhelm the powers of evil but certainly not to destroy this poor possessed soul. Jesus' response is indirect: "Quiet, come out of him!" The crowd is further amazed: "A new teaching with authority ...even the unclean spirits obey Him".

In our Lord's time, a person seemingly possessed by a demon, was thought unclean and certainly would not be welcome in the synagogue. The day of this cure is also a Sabbath, on which even the act of curing was seen as "work" therefore prohibited. Jesus' authority exceeds that of the Sabbath and He does not expel the man from the synagogue, rather He expels the demon from the man.

Paul in the second reading, heralds the beginning of a new age. The new age demands a new way of thinking and acting. Paul and many of his contemporaries thought the Second Coming was immediate so he recommends that people be prepared. Live in the world as if not living in the world. His recommendation that people remain celibate is a significant pointer to the fulfillment of that new age in which the usual human practices and presumptions will not prevail. Paul's timing was off; however, his demand that we act and speak in a new way always has relevance.

Something new is afoot! Indeed, a prophet has been raised up who is not only going to speak God's word with authority but Who is God's Word!

In Christ,  
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT OLM**

Please join us in the Parish Hall this weekend for our annual Scholastic Book Fair. We will be open from 5:30 to 6:30 pm this Saturday evening and from 8:30 am to 2 pm this Sunday. Please join us for hospitality and bookmark-making after our 10 am Mass. Buy great books at great prices and support our school!

**OPEN HOUSE**

Our **Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy** will host **Open House** on January 28th, 2018 from 11:00am to 1:00pm and on February 1st, 2018 from 9:30am to 11:00am. Spread the word!

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**

The Feast of Saint Blaise, the Patron Saint of throat ailments, will be celebrated on Saturday, February 3rd. Therefore, the traditional blessing of throats will take place at the 9:00am and 5:00pm Masses on that day.

**SCOUTS SUNDAY**

On Sunday, February 4th, at the 10:00am Mass Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 349 of OLM will be commemorating the 107th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America. Please join us for the Mass as well as a Continental Breakfast which will follow in the Parish Hall. Come! Celebrate with us!

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS COMING**

It's that time of year again. We will be burning Palm from last year for the Ashes on Ash Wednesday. There will be containers in the church vestibule for you to leave your Palm, if you wish. Please burn Palm no later than **February 9th**.

**OLM CONSOLATION MINISTRY  
NEEDS HELP**

At present, there are not many active members in our Consolation Ministry. The "precious few" that we have, work tirelessly to make sure that no parishioner finds it necessary to deal with the loss of a loved one alone. By helping families through the difficult process of handling final arrangements for services for a deceased family member, the Consolation Minister actually makes an unpleasant experience a bit easier to bear while, at the same time, offering much needed support. Please consider joining those who are already performing this valuable ministry. Call or stop by the Rectory if you are interested in helping, or if you would like to know more about this ministry.

**SAVE THE DATE**

OLM will be holding our **annual Blood Drive** on Sunday, February 25th, 2018 from 8:45am to 2:45pm. Please mark your calendars!

**IS IT SPRING YET?**

There are approximately 70 days until Spring. Are you ready? It's time to think "**Spring Fling**"! If you are interested in being a vendor, call the Rectory at 718-268-6143 for more information.

**ST. PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH DAY PARTY**

Last year was so much fun that we are doing it again. Come celebrate two great saints with food, drink, music and dancing on March 17th, from 6:00 to 10:00pm at OLM's Parish Hall. DJ Dave Brennan of Afino Entertainment will bring his magnificent sound system, light and dancing show to lead the jigs, reels, conga lines, and singalongs. Tickets are \$50/person and include Irish and Italian Cuisine, soft drinks, coffee, tea, and desert. BYOB if you desire. Ticket purchase flyers will be available in the bulletin and the Church. To make your song and dance requests or to get more information, please contact **Helen or Jimmy at 718-793-2033**.

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to one and all for the support that you gave to our food pantry during the holiday season.** Because of your generosity many families, less fortunate than many of us, were able to enjoy special a Holiday.

**Unfortunately, hunger knows no season,** and the need continues. Due to the large number of people looking for help during the holidays, **The Pantry shelves are literally bare!**

**Food items needed:** cereal, cereal bars, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits/meats/soups, tuna fish, pasta sauces, Chef Boyardee pastas, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, Parmalat/powdered milk, paper towels, bathroom tissue, toothpaste, soaps, and other personal hygiene items. **Please Help!**

**OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
CHANGE DRIVE**

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy is having its annual Change Drive. There are two collection containers at the back of the church. Please consider donating some spare change. The money we collect will be added to the profits of our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair, which will be held in the Parish Hall from Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be used to purchase resources for our Academy Library and will be matched by Scholastic, who will distribute an equivalent value of books to underprivileged children through organizations such as the *Kids In Need Foundation*, *Reader to Reader, Inc.*, and the *National Center for Families Learning*. A small donation from you can really make a huge difference in the lives of our students and children in need. Every little bit helps!

**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 Bulletin Board

- **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 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.
- **Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette** for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2018 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes region of NH, offer 2 week overnight sessions for children ages 6-15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. For more information, or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851 or email [brendan@bfcamp.com](mailto:brendan@bfcamp.com).
- "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God." Let us learn to comfort each other better by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The next Weekends are July 14-15, 2018 in Bayside, NY and Sept. 14-16, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Richard & Pinky Arteca at 877-697-9963 or visit at <https://bqwwme.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).
- **Part-time Social Worker Position Open** for a small Long Term Care Facility (under 100 employees) in Queens Village. Geriatric experience needed. Please fax Resume to 718-464-4308 or email to [qphr@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:qphr@littlesistersofthepoor.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**

## SPECIAL BALANCE & FALL PREVENTION CLASS

Gerard McNiff, the instructor of the regular Wednesday classes here at OLM, will present this special class on **January 31st, 2018 at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall**. He will be giving tips on improving your balance, mobility, and posture, and teaching ways to prevent falls as well as things to do to improve flexibility and focus. Remember! Life is all about balance.

Please leave your name at the Rectory(718-2686143) if you would like to attend.

## DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

January 31, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
February 7, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
February 14, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
February 21, 2018	Divine Mercy Chaplet Benediction	7:00pm 8:00pm
February 28, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm

## 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. 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.

## 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. The next scheduled meetings are February 5, March 5 and March 19, from 7-9 p.m., in the rectory, and facilitated by Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader, Yorke Mizelle. Call the OLMQ 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.

## 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!

## 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 front**. Thank you