

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 31st
 10:00 AM Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food
 8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday April 1st
 8:30 AM Easter Sunday
 10:00 AM of the
 12:00 PM Resurrection of the Lord

Monday April 2nd
 8:30 AM Arnold Davis
 12:00 PM Rose & Ralph Illuminato

Tuesday April 3rd
 8:30 AM Jean Santamaria
 12:00 PM Carol Pusano

Wednesday April 4th
 8:30 AM Arnold Davis
 12:00 PM Diane Torto

Thursday April 5th
 8:30 AM Vera Farrell
 12:00 PM Fred Parham

Friday April 6th
 8:30 AM Stephen & Anna Butler
 12:00 PM Luis Fernandez Mendez

Saturday April 7th
 8:30 AM Hugh & Mary McGovern
 5:00 PM Dottie Phillips

Sunday April 8th
 8:30 AM Joseph Corbo
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Ernst Walter
 5:00 PM James Conroy

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, Marilyn Jagiello, Vera Garofalo, Carolyn Kalnberg, Frank Kalnberg, Faith

Fedechko, Margaret Hefferon, Josie Bellina, Ann Restaino, Manuel Juan Perez, Dianne Nudelman, Inez Arastia, Sofia Robello, Lorraine Kohlmann, Samuel Mantilla, Marianne Albert, Caroline Pugliese, Ervin Dudas, Rev. Joseph Gurdak, OFM, Cap., Patricia Matecki, Patricia Riddick, Salvatore Tuminello, Daniella Salcau, Joel Rivera, Felipe Vallejo, Agatha Tardi, Adam Martini, Christine Smolenski, Louis Barberi, Dcn. Ed Smolenski, Frances Galson, Mary Wiley, Norman Zuniga, Ann Fallon, 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; Major 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

Firefighter Michael Davidson
 French Police Officer Arnaud Beltrame
 Dorothy Palumbo

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – April 1st
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 -Easter Egg Hunt-After 10:00am Masson Juno Street Lawn

MONDAY – April 2nd
Monday Within the Octave of Easter

TUESDAY - April 3rd
Tuesday Within the Octave of Easter

WEDNESDAY – April 4th
Wednesday Within the Octave of Easter
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**
 -Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – April 5th
Thursday Within the Octave of Easter

FRIDAY – April 6th
Friday Within the Octave of Easter

SATURDAY – April 7th
Saturday Within the Octave of Easter

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:**
Dottie Phillips
 by
 Barbara Hunt & Terence Stewart

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**
Joseph Arcecchia
 by
 Joseph M. & Judy Arcecchia



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of February & March, 2018:
 Domenic Joseph Biondo
 Lily Debra Connolly
 Oliver Mauricio Paredes
 Eshan Francisco Nishi Patel
 Adelyn Rose Ortizo

Dear Parishioners,

Easter Sunday is the Sunday of Sundays! It is the day on which all are other Sundays are modeled. On Easter, Jesus overcame death and the powers of darkness. Two days ago it might have seemed otherwise. On Friday we remembered Christ's passion and death. Now death and darkness have been dispelled!

The Resurrection is the bedrock of the Faith. It is our central belief. If Christ did not rise from the dead, then our faith is in vain and we have been the greatest of fools. The Resurrection of Jesus is the great assurance of God the Father that our lives are meaningful and have a supreme purpose and destiny with Him. Through Baptism, we are grafted onto Jesus. We are identified with Him and He with us. He was fully human so He shared every aspect of human existence including pain and suffering. Like Him we too carry crosses that may maim and scar us but they do not have the last word. The God of Life, Who made every human being in His image and likeness, intends that we enjoy the fullness of life with Him.

If there was no Resurrection, who would follow an itinerant rabbi with an apparently failed mission? Who would follow a man who received the death sentence reserved for rebels or the most base criminals in the Roman Empire? And yet the stellar figures of that Empire are long gone and forgotten. Are there any modern day adherents of Pontius Pilate, or the emperor Tiberius or even the great Augustus? Some Romans thought the emperor was a divine figure yet no lasting cults or followings have developed around those men. A man like Pilate would be basically unknown except for his part in the story of Jesus' Passion and death. Yet it is the itinerant Rabbi, Who preached publically for about three years; Who has a following of over a billion men and women two thousand years later! What did He have that the important people of His time did not have? Aside from being the iconic witness of God's compassionate love, Jesus overcame the two great enemies of humankind: death and sin. Neither the worthies of Christ's time nor ours could not do that!

Hope has been restored. The English language utilizes the word "Easter" for the feast of the Resurrection. Other languages use more Biblically based terms. In Old English "easter" probably meant "springtime" or even the goddess of springtime. Springtime heralds the annual renewal of nature. In the springtime we celebrate the ultimate renewal of life in the Resurrection of Jesus. Each Gospel grapples with this new reality for which words did not exist. The apostles and their companions had experienced Jesus' death but now they knew that He lived. The powerful experience of the Risen One transformed these failed, fearful disciples into a powerhouse that changed the world. So convinced were the Apostles and millions of Christians since them, that they were quite willing to face persecution and martyrdom for this belief. They firmly believed what St. Paul would later write: "the eye has not seen, nor the ear heard, nor has the heart felt what God has prepared for those who love Him". Death is not the end. Life is changed but it is not ended!

With hearts brimming over with joy and hope, we can shout "Jesus Christ, the Lord, has risen today. Alleluia!"

With hearts filled with Easter joy, Father Greg, Deacons Ed. Smolinski and Dean Dobbins, the staffs of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy, the Religious Education Program, and the parish workers as well as the Marist Brothers Provincial Team (who reside in the parish convent) join me in wishing all of you and your families, friends and neighbors a glorious, and joyful Easter.

In the Risen Christ,
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

CONGRATULATIONS

The Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis of the Diocese of Brooklyn has announced the following:

In the recent Regional Religion Bee the following were winners.

In Queens Catholic Schools & Academies - Grades 3 to 5

2nd Place - Miss Violet Dutton - Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy

Honorable Mention - Naomi Goya - Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy

In Queens Catholic Schools & Academies - Grades 6 to 8

1st Place - Miss Ann Torres - Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy

We are very proud of these three young women. The regional finalists in each category will compete at the Diocesan Bee at Immaculate Conception Centre Douglaston on May 8th. Anne Torres will compete from this Parish and Academy. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.



**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS
GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Francis Morison
by
Ann & Children
With Love & Thanks

Florence & John Romano and Veronica & Vincent Mauro
by
Amelia & Frank Romano

Henry Jagiello
by
Marilyn & Family

Jack Bernardone
by
Mary Bernardone & Family

John Cassis
by
His Brother George Cassis

Maria & John P. Calbo and Leo, Lillian & Renee Lobel
by
Elizabeth & Arthur Lobel

Larry and Pauline Catalano
by
The Allen Family

Charles A. Markey on His 100th Birthday
by
The Gorman & Diskin Families

The Merolla and Roy Families
by
Lisa & Philip Roy

IN LOVING MEMORY



**The Paschal Candle
burns this year
in Loving Memory of:
Helen and Frank Dubiel
and
Helen and James Freeley**

Given by
The Dubiel and Freeley Families

BIBLE PROGRAMS

- Tuesday Evenings Beginning February 27:
Bible Study at 7:30-8:45 p.m.
- Thursday Afternoons/Evenings Beginning March 1:
Scripture Sharing and Prayer at 2:30 – 4:00 pm (repeated at 7:30 -9:00 pm)

BOTH PROGRAMS MEET IN THE RECTORY BASEMENT and are conducted by David and Carol Powell respectively in the Rectory Basement.

Any questions, reach us at the Religious Ed Office at 718-261-6285 or olmercyreligion@gmail.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 to arrange your memorial.

THIS IS SPRING?????



Mother Nature tried to pull a fast one on us with this last winter storm. But...we won't let a little snow stop us. We are well under way in our endeavors for the Spring Fling on the evening of May 11th and all day May 12th. There is one hiccup that we have encountered. It has made Grannie quite nervous... We have no one to help with Grannie's Attic treasures. If no one (even a group of people) steps forward to set up and organize the treasures that come in, we may not be able to help poor Grannie out. Grannie's Attic would not be a part of the Spring Fling. Whatever monies comes in from the sales of the treasures in Grannie's Attic is free and clear.

Keep in mind that this is the only *big* fund raiser that is held. All the monies that come in are used for our parish. As in your own household, there are bills and repairs that are always to be attended to. Our collections alone to not cover all the expenses.

Grannie's Attic is not the only place we could use help. Consider helping with decorating, do the New Gifts table or just generally helping out for a few hours. Any and all help is welcomed. Please call the rectory or email (address is on the front of the bulletin) and let us know how you are willing to help **it!**

We are also seeking vendors to showcase their items. It is a great opportunity as a vendors to assist shoppers who are looking for unique handmade items as well as those who are looking for that unique gift for Mother's Day. Mother's Day is on May 13th. If you are interested in being a vendor, call the Rectory at 718-268-6143 and let us know. We'd love to have you join us for this happy event!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Parish Pay has transitioned over to "**WeShare**". If you used Parish Pay and are experiencing any problems with the transition or if you wish to **register for on line giving** you can call 800-950-9952 option 1 & then option 2 or email weshare@4lpi.com.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

April 04, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
April 08, 2018	Divine Mercy Sunday	
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	1:30pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction	3:00pm
	Refreshments following in Parish Hall	
April 11, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
April 18, 2018	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet-7:30pm & Benediction-8:00pm	
April 25, 2017	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm



- **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.
- **Graduates of Dominican Commercial H.S., Jamaica NY** are welcomed to join us in a **DC Tribute** on **4/22/18**. The building is being sold and we are gathering to enjoy one last day of memories and to thank the Dominican Sisters. Please contact: cathleenquinn@optonline.net for more details, or call 516-457-6923. Kindly RSVP if you are planning on attending. Doors will be open **11am - 2pm**.

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**

**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.

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.
- **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!

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.

CHOIR NEWS

Our choir season has begun and we always 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.

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