

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 17th
 8:30 AM Nellie & Maurice Rooney
 5:00 PM Mary & Sabino Camporese

Sunday March 18th
 8:30 AM Madeline Wales & Martin Hess
 (Anniversary in Heaven)
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Massimino Amoroso
 5:00 PM Patrick Dufficy

Monday March 19th
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti
 12:00 PM Hilda & Stanley Moss

Tuesday March 20th
 8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory
 12:00 PM Emma McCauley

Wednesday March 21st
 8:30 AM Arnold Davis
 12:00 PM Regina Schuyler

Thursday March 22nd
 8:30 AM In Honor of the Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother
 12:00 PM Arnold Davis

Friday March 23rd
 8:30 AM Bolivar & Robert Almeida
 12:00 PM In Thanksgiving

Saturday March 24th
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl
 5:00 PM Luigi Sauro

Sunday March 25th
 8:30 AM May Chocko
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Ernst Walter
 5:00 PM Benjamin Soriano

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, Joe Catanzaro, Joel Rivera, Felipe Vallejo, Agatha Tardi, Adam Martini, Christine Smolenski, Louis Barberi, Dcn. Ed Smolenski, Frances Galson, Mary Wiley, 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

Gerard Eckel
 Christina Martinez

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – March 18th
Fifth Sunday of Lent
 -Children’s Liturgy-12:00pm Mass

MONDAY – March 19th
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 -Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm
 -Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - March 20th
Lenten Weekday
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
 -Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – March 21st
Lenten 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 & Benediction-Church at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – March 22nd
Lenten Weekday
 -Scripture Sharing & Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm & 7:30pm
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm
 -RCIA-Rectory at 7:30pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – March 23rd
Lenten Weekday
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

SATURDAY – March 24th
Lenten Weekday

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:**
Capt. Douglas Smith
(2nd Anniversary)
 by
 Robin Carlson

MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND

Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund given **in memory of:**
Arnold Davis
 by
 Mr. & Mrs. M. Tinnirello



TABERNACLE LIGHT



Many thanks for this week’s donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**
James Conroy
 by
 Brigid Conroy

Fifth Sunday of Lent Reflection

Our Gospel this Sunday opens with the words: “Some Greeks who had come to worship {at the Temple in Jerusalem} at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee and asked him, ‘Sir, we would like to see Jesus.’ Philip then went and told Andrew; then Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus.” The word “Greeks” at that time denoted anyone who spoke the Greek language. Greek was the language of business and commerce, much as English is nowadays. It did not necessarily indicate that the speakers were ethnically Greek. They could have been Jewish folks from the diaspora who used Greek as their primary language. In fact, because of its general utility, all the New Testament writers wrote in Greek! However it is also true that many sophisticated Romans and Greeks were drawn to the Jewish religion because of its emphasis on One True God in contrast to the pantheon of gods and goddesses, who populated the ancient Greek and Roman religions.

I suspect the Greeks in today’s Gospel did not go expecting to talk or hear about death. They just want to see Jesus. And who can blame them? Jesus has a pretty good track. He has cleansed the temple, turned water into wine, and given sight to the blind. We don’t know why they wanted to see Jesus but I know the desire. I want to see Jesus. I’ll bet you do too. Seeing Jesus makes it all real. After all, seeing, they say, is believing. We all have our reasons for wanting to see Jesus.

If you want to know your reasons for wanting to see Jesus look at what you pray for. It is often a to-do list for God. I remember, as a little boy, praying that I would get to go fishing and I would catch the big fish. Later it was for good grades in school at PS200. Then it was to pass the police test in early 1980’s and then I became a police officer, then detective before retiring from NYPD.

You probably know those kinds of prayers. We want to see Jesus on our terms. We don’t want to face the pain of loss and death in whatever form it comes. Sometimes we want something from Jesus more than we want Jesus himself. There is a real danger that we will become consumers of God’s life rather than participants in God’s life. We pick and choose what we like and want but we skip over and leave behind what we do not like, want, or understand. Christianity, however, is neither a buffet nor a spectator sport. Christianity means participating in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is what Jesus sets before the Greeks who want to see him.

We let ourselves be lifted up; lifted up in Christ’s crucifixion, lifted up in his Resurrection, lifted up in his ascension into heaven. He is drawing all people to himself, that where He is we too may be.

In Christ

Deacon Dean & Msgr. McGuirl



EASTER FLOWERS

As we did at Christmas, we are providing an opportunity for families to memorialize a loved one by making a donation of \$150.00 for Easter flowers. Names of all those memorialized will be published in our Bulletin, and flowers will remain on the altar and in Church for at least 3 weeks. Each donation will help us provide flowering plants for our altar decor. Help make this Easter magnificent! Arrangements can be made by contacting the Rectory Office at 718-268-6143.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS

As of today, March 18th, the Sunday 12noon Mass will now be the Family Mass with the return of the Children's Liturgy of the Word, an age-appropriate liturgy for children through fourth grade, in the Parish Hall.

We are seeking volunteers to help bring the Word to our parish's children. Activity sheets are provided to help and no previous experience is necessary. For more details or to help, please email chrischildrensliturgy@gmail.com. Thank you!

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.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT



Join us after the 10:00am Mass on Easter Sunday, April 1st for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children age 4 and under should line up on the left side of the Juno St. lawn and older children can line up on the right side on 70th Ave.. Please bring two surprise filled eggs for each child participating and perhaps one or two extra for our visiting friends and family.

There will be baskets in the vestibule of the Church to put the eggs in before Mass.

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.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!



Now that St. Patrick and St. Joseph celebrations have been completed, we are now in full swing preparing for the Spring Fling on the evening of Mary 11th, the day of May 12th. It takes quite an effort to make this event a success. Would you consider volunteering some time either behind the scenes (set up, decorating etc.) or up front manning booths (plants, new items, Pete's Garage Sale)? A great way to have some fun and meet and greet people from different neighborhoods. **Many hands make light work and have fun doing 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!

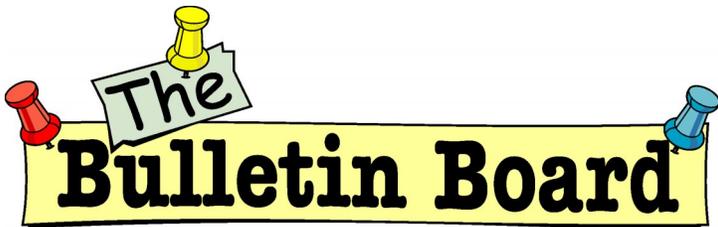
THE SHROUD OF TURIN

On March 18th, following the 12:00pm. Mass, Mr. Anthony Hernandez, a Molloy college student, will give a presentation on the Turin Shroud in the Church. The shroud is a length of linen cloth bearing the image of a man who is alleged to be Jesus.

Mr. Hernandez has a replica of the shroud, which is about 14 feet in length, which will be on display at the time of his presentation. Please join us.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

March 21, 2018	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet-7:30pm & Benediction-8:00pm	
March 28, 2018	NO ACTIVITY	
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**.

CYO GIRLS SPRING SOCCER

OLM Sports will sponsor a girls soccer team for students in the 5th and 6th grades. The team will compete during the CYO Spring Season. Players who attend OL of Mercy or OL Queen of Martyrs are eligible to participate. In addition, players who live within the boundaries of OL of Mercy or OL Queen of Martyrs may register for the team. Additional information is available from Ed Quigley at 917-601-5393

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.
- The **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Charismatic Prayer Group** is organizing a pilgrimage to the National Shrine, Stockbridge, MA Sunday, April 8. Bus departs 6:30 a.m. (sharp) from OLMQ church (corner Ascan Ave. and Queens Blvd). Cost: \$50 per person. **Wear good walking shoes!** Tickets are first come, first served, so reserve early and don't miss out! Call any of these prayer group members to request tickets: Cely De Borja: 718-255-1654 or 347-743-2304 Cecile Mendoza: 718-674-6551 or 347-453-4147

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!

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.

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**

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.