

MASS INTENTIONS

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 O. Soriano

Monday March 26th
 8:30 AM Claire Scott
 12:00 PM Michael Albert

Tuesday March 27th
 8:30 AM Jean Santamaria
 12:00 PM Caroline, Michael & Michael Sassi Jr.
 and Roland Pugliese

Wednesday March 28th
 8:30 AM Jozef Grebowiec
 12:00 PM Casaccio & Chocko Families

Thursday March 29th
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
 10:00 PM Night Prayer

Friday March 30th
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 1:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 7:30 PM Solemn Liturgy

Saturday March 31st
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 10:00 AM Blessing of Easter Food
 8:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday April 1st
 8:30 AM Easter Sunday
 10:00 AM Of The
 12:00 PM Resurrection Of The Lord

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

Rev. Robert M. Robinson
 Charlie Haanio

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – March 25th
Palm Sunday Of the Passion Of The Lord

MONDAY – March 26th
Monday of Holy Week
 -Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - March 27th
Tuesday of Holy Week
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
 -Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – March 28th
Wednesday of Holy Week
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**

THURSDAY – March 29th
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

FRIDAY – March 30th
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

SATURDAY – March 31st
Holy Saturday

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:**

Andrew Carlson
 (5th Anniversary)
 by
 Robin Carlson



TABERNACLE LIGHT

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

Thomas DiNucci
 by
 Louis & Suzie Lalitsasivol



MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND

Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund given in **memory of:**

Gerard Eckel
 by
 Maria Saab



Dear Parishioners;

The liturgy of Palm Sunday is bifurcated. It starts off well enough. We receive the blessed palms; we imitate the joyous crowds in Jerusalem who received Jesus on that first Palm Sunday. But after this happy beginning, the Gospel takes a 360 degree turn. Communally we read St. Mark's account of the Passion of Christ.

In anticipation of His anointing after burial, the narrative begins with Jesus reclining to eat at the house of Simon the leper. Undoubtedly Jesus had cured Simon; otherwise Simon would have been completely isolated and under no circumstances would he have been giving a dinner party! Had he dared to do so, no one would have come! Then we fast forward to Judas' betrayal. Why did he do it? Judas had been a witness to the good works and cures that Jesus had accomplished. Is it possible that he was impatient and wanted to stir up Jesus' followers so that the anticipated rebellion against the Romans and their lackeys could begin? Remember that almost to the end the apostles believed that Jesus would establish an earthy kingdom. They yearned for major positions in that kingdom. Was Judas tired of waiting?

Jesus celebrates the Eucharist with His disciples and makes Himself forever vulnerable and available under the appearances of the basic elements of that meal: the bread and the wine. Eating with our family or close friends is an intimate moment - perhaps one of the most intimate that human beings can hope to attain. In it, not only do we feed the body with the nutrients necessary for life, but we feed life itself. Around the table is where life is shared. In Mediterranean cultures, the family meal is almost sacramental. Jesus was part of that culture and much of His teachings were imparted at table. This very reading includes two meals: the first at the home of Simon "the Leper" and the second: the Last Supper.

The Passion is read on both Palm Sunday and then again on Good Friday (On Good Friday it is always taken from St. John's narration of the Passion). I believe that the Passion captures our imagination because to one degree or another, most of us can identify with elements of it. We may have experienced the betrayal or misunderstanding of friends or relatives. Some of us may have fallen afoul of governmental authorities or been accused falsely. In the face of difficulties some of us may have suffered the absence of friends and family when we most needed their companionship. Disturbingly we may have discovered that we have a few "fair weather" friends. Almost all of us will face some physical suffering. Usually some pain or suffering accompanied our arrival in this world, and almost inevitably, it is our companion as we leave. In other words we can identify with the Passion. It does almost seem that God has abandoned Jesus and probably all of us have experienced the divine absence. The heavens remain silent. All of this is part of the human experience and Jesus entered it fully.

If the narratives of the Passion ended on that first Good Friday, then it would be the example of another fine, wonderful person oppressed and then crushed by the powers of darkness, much of it of human making. The narratives do not end there - they end or rather begin anew with the accounts of the first Easter. Life will not be extinguished. God does not stand silent but calls us to live on another plane, one that we have yet to experience. Holy Week begins joyously, plunges into the depths of human depravity but concludes with the blossoming of life. We participate in our Good Fridays and Jesus shares them with us. Jesus knows the life of the Resurrection and He wishes to share it with us. That is the bottom line of our Faith. It is the reason for the celebrations of this week.

In the Crucified but Risen Christ,
Monsignor John A. 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.

LENTEN 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 olmercyrreligion@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!

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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

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**

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.

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!

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.

