

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 21st
 8:30 AM Lureen Brennan (Living Intention)
 5:00 PM Peggy O'Neill Fennelly

Sunday April 22nd
 8:30 AM Ernst Walter
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Joan Sasscer
 5:00 PM John & Mary Hickey

Monday April 23rd
 8:30 AM Anton Dietrich, Richmond Hill Republican Club
 12:00 PM Gerard Eckel

Tuesday April 24th
 8:30 AM Hilda Voegel
 12:00 PM Leo Gillespie

Wednesday April 25th
 8:30 AM _____
 12:00 PM Louis & Pauline Pfohl

Thursday April 26th
 8:30 AM Louise Foertsch
 12:00 PM Elizabeth Guarino

Friday April 27th
 8:30 AM James Leddy
 12:00 PM Caroline, Michael, & Michael Sassi Jr.
 and Roland Pugliese

Saturday April 28th
 8:30 AM _____
 5:00 PM Louis A. Sauro

Sunday April 29th
 8:30 AM Aurelio Barrios
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Lea Morra
 5:00 PM Jean Santamaria

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. Frances Galson, Mary Wiley, Norman Zuniga, Nancy (Ann) Fallon, Grace DiFazio, 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, 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

Hilda Voegel
 Joseph Ramos
 Georgina Cabaroccas
 Pierina Martinez

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – April 22nd
Fourth Sunday of Easter
 -Children's Liturgy-!2:00pm Mass

MONDAY – April 23rd
Easter Weekday
 -Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm
 -Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - April 24th
Easter Weekday
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
 -Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – April 25th
Saint Mark, Evangelist
 -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 – April 26th
Easter 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 – April 27th
Easter Weekday
 -OLMCA Paint Party-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

SATURDAY – April 28th
Easter Weekday
 -1st Communion Retreat Day-Parish Hall from 2:30pm to 4:30pm

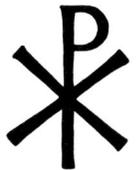
If you are not yet registered in the Parish, please stop into the Rectory for a Census Form Mon. thru Sat. 9am-4pm.

MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND

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

Gerry McAdams
(25th anniversary)

by
 Carol & Pat Gorman



BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given

in loving memory of:
Joseph V. Franz
(6th Anniversary)

by
 Ronnie Franz



TABERNACLE LIGHT

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

Edward W. O'Toole
(Birthday Remembrance)

by
 Carolyn Cariello



Dear Parishioners,

For the last two weeks there have been notices or inserts in the weekly bulletin with information about the *Annual Catholic Appeal* for the Diocese of Brooklyn (and Queens). Many of our parishioners were contacted by mail and due to their great generosity our parish has already received pledges of \$31,000 against the Diocesan mandated goal of \$81,320.

I truly understand that some of us may not be able to give to this *Annual Appeal* while also continuing to fulfill *Generations In Faith Campaign* pledges but this Sunday and next Sunday, I do ask that those who either did not participate in the *Generations of Faith Campaign* or who have already fulfilled their Pledge consider committing to the *2018 Annual Catholic Appeal*.

The Generations of Faith Campaign is responsible for funding three specific cases: (Youth Evangelization, Senior Priests' support and specific parish projects). In our parish virtually every repair or update made during the last two years was funded by our share of the *Generations of Faith Campaign*. As you realize, we need major repairs to the Church steps and the sidewalks around the Church property. Bids for this work are already in the process of being submitted. If folks are consistent with their pledges then we can hope that much of the funding for this work will also be from the *Generations of Faith Campaign*. In sum, our parish has greatly benefitted from this *Campaign*.

On the other hand the *Annual Catholic Appeal* supports the daily work of the Church throughout our Brooklyn and Queens Diocese. Much of this daily work could not be accomplished by any one parish alone. These works include the education of those studying for the Diocesan priesthood; aid to parishes in need; additional aid to the care of our senior or infirm priests; certain aspects of Catholic Charities; our Diocesan Migration Office; the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal; the Vocation Office and other facets of Diocesan life. If we exceed our Diocesan mandated goal of \$81,320, the excess will be returned to Our Lady of Mercy Parish for our own projects. Last year we fell short of the goal - the first time that has ever happened - so there was no excess to return to us! I pray that we will exceed our goal this year so that we can gain immediately from this Appeal as we did in the past.

I find it very difficult, almost to the point of distastefulness, to have to ask you for money. But we are Americans and we know that everything costs. The Church is no exception to that rule. In our parish, our employees are paid (and not exorbitantly!) and Social Security, FICA, and Insurance payments must be withdrawn from their salaries. The parish pays the City water tax. Our utilities (Gas, lighting and air-conditioning) come at a high price. Repairs are not free and are constant and often expensive. The costs of supplies, even for Sacramental wine and hosts or other liturgical items, rise every year. The liability insurance for our entire property is very high. To some extent yet on a smaller scale, these are similar to the expenses faced by homeowners, or coop or condo shareholders in our diverse community. Our Church does not get by free, nor does our Diocese,

Your priests are also invited to participate in this *Appeal* as they were for *Generations of Faith*. Speaking for myself, I have made substantial contributions to both. Like many of you, my *Generations in Faith* Pledge was spread over five years. I mention this, not to brag, but simply to say that I will not ask you to do, what I am not doing. This is our Church and Diocese and we are in this together!

As you consider a Pledge to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, it is instructive to recall that a round-trip subway ride costs \$5.50. Even the simplest commodities: one donut from Dunkin Donuts will cost \$0.98 or a Starbucks Venti Caffe Latte will cost \$4.08. On the other hand, a \$250 pledge to this Appeal will cost \$0.99 a day; while a \$1,000 pledge translates to \$28.00 a week until the end of the Appeal in December!

Inserted in each bulletin today there is an envelope and a return card for a Pledge, if you have not made a Pledge already. This In-Pew solicitation is for those who may not have been reached by mail. You may return the Pledge card and its envelope next week in the Collection basket or leave it at the rectory at your convenience. If you prefer, you may send it directly to the address on the Appeal envelope. If you do send it directly, please be sure to indicate the parish name as: Our Lady of Mercy Church - Forest Hills. There is another Our Lady of Mercy Church in Brooklyn; therefore, it is important to mention the neighborhood so that the proper credit is given to our parish. The envelopes will be distributed again next week in case some parishioners were not with us this week.

In advance I thank each one of you for your consistent, faithful and loyal support of what is essentially your parish and Diocese. Priests and staff come and go but your roots (and mine also) are here. Let help to bring those roots to full blossom!

With thanks and in Christ,
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Sunday 12noon Mass will now be the Family Mass with the return of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children's Liturgy is an age-appropriate liturgy for children through fourth grade, to be held in the Parish Hall, on the following Sundays:

April 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th

May 13th

June 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th

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!

OLMCA NEWS

Please join us for the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy **Talent Show** on Sunday, April 29th at 1:30 P.M. Watch our incredibly talented students sing, dance, play musical instruments, do magic tricks, and more. Tickets cost \$5 for all audience members over the age of 3. All proceeds go to support our school!

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy will be hosting a **Bake Sale** at 1 P.M. on Sunday, April 29th, immediately following the 12 o'clock Mass. Please come down, buy a delicious treat, and support our school!

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.

Any time that you can spare will certainly make a difference! Why not give it a try!?!?

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

All couples, who have celebrated their marriage in the Catholic Church, and their families are invited to the **Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration on June 9th** at 11:am at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. All couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows and will receive a personalized certificate signed by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio. Special recognition will be given to couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 75th Anniversary. To register, please contact Martha Hernandez at 718-281-9540 or email mhernandez@diobrook.org.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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

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.

BIBLE PROGRAMS

EASTER SEASON BIBLE SERIES BEGINS TUESDAY APRIL 24 AND THURSDAY APRIL 26

- *Tuesday Evening Bible Study:*
FOCUS ON THE RESURRECTION AND THE BOOK OF REVELATION -
Tuesday evenings April 24 thru May 15 7:30-8:45 p.m.
Facilitator: David Powell
- *Thursday Afternoon and Thursday Evening Scripture Sharing and Prayer*
Thursdays April 26 thru May 17 at 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm and 7:30 pm - 8:45 pm -Facilitator: Carol Powell

Just come as you are - we provide Bibles and other materials for discussion. No need to sign up. Just try to make as many sessions as you can for the sake of continuity. Any questions call the Religious Ed office at 718 261-6285 or email olmercyreleg@gmail.com. ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN THE RECTORY.

SPRING IS COMING!?



It's full spring ahead for the Spring Fling. The Treasure Trove (formerly Grannie's Attic) will be in the event. You may start to bring your treasures to the Parish Hall and leave them on the stage from 9 to about 1:30 every day with the exception of Sundays. Please **NO** clothing, bedding and stuffed toys. We want no bed bug invasions! **NO** electronics. We cannot dispose of them in the appropriate manner. We will be having a New Gifts Table as in the past. If you have received a gift that just isn't you or you have received a duplicate gift, consider giving it to us. Those new items may be brought to the Rectory Monday through Saturday from 10 to 8. **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING ON THE STEPS OF THE RECTORY!** Lastly, we can always use monetary gifts for supplies for the kitchen and of course, volunteers. Come have some laughs, fun, meet new people. You can get some Mother's Day Shopping in as well. See you there!

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**

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



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.
- **Molloy College** will be hosting a **Spring Open House** for prospective students and their guests on April 29th at 1:00pm, at their campus in Rockville Centre, NY.
- **The Queen of Peace Residence** for the Elderly in Queens Village has an **opening for the following positions:**
 FT - Days RN/LPN - Geriatric experience needed
 FT - Days Housekeeper
 PT - Receptionist - must be available for w/e hours
 Fax resume to 718-464-4308
 or email qphr@littlesistersofthepoor.org
- **The Diocese of Brooklyn's Assembly on Evangelization and the celebration of V Encuentro**, a spectacular two day evangelization event, will take place on April 27th and 28th at Saint John's University. For details, go to www.meetmein.church or call Clendy Calderon at 718-281-9544.

TRI-M SWIM TEAM NEWS

The OLM Sports Committee is proud to announce that Mary and Alex Leong, swim team coaches, have been elected to the CYO Hall of Fame. The formal induction will take place at the annual CYO Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday, June 1. If you would like to attend the dinner, please contact Stanley Swiatocha at 718-263-8174 for additional information

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 **\$75/\$200 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**.

CHOIR NEWS

We always look forward to welcoming new members. 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. Meetings are held 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.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please remember to **write the amount of your offering in the space provided 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

