

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday	April 30th
8:30 AM	Briaan Cahill
12:00 PM	Trudy Stefanelli
Tuesday	May 1st
8:30 AM	Mary Louise McNamara
12:00 PM	Rose & Ralph Illuminato
Wednesday	May 2nd
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Theresa & Ignatius Sevcik
Thursday	May 3rd
8:30 AM	Claire Scott (9th Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Mary Murray Houlihan
Friday	May 4th
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Butler & Murray Families
Saturday	May 5th
8:30 AM	_____
5:00 PM	Joan Sauro & Serafina Sauro
Sunday	May 6th
8:30 AM	Lea Morra
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Elizabeth Haggerty
5:00 PM	Joseph Arcchia

PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Leung, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Richard Kelly, Rose Jonsson, 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, Caroline Pugliese, Ervin Dudas, Rev. Joseph Gurdak, OFM, Cap., 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, John Chocko, Rose Pullano, Pia Parham, 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

Brian Cahill
Louis S. Tosi
Charles R. Crawbuck Sr.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – April 29th**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Children's Liturgy-12:00pm Mass
- OLMCA Talent Show-Parish Hall at 1:30pm

MONDAY – April 30th

Easter Weekday

- Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm
- Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - May 1st

Easter Weekday

- Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
- Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – May 2nd

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 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 – May 3rd

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

- 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 – May 4th

Easter Weekday

- Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm & 6:00pm

SATURDAY – May 5th

Easter Weekday

- First Holy Communion-Church at 11:00am and 2:00pm

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

**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.

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

Dear Parishioners;

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of Himself as "I am the vine and you are the branches". Even to those of us with limited gardening or farming experience, the meaning is quite clear. In the Mediterranean world, vines were and are extremely important. Vines produce branches that in turn produce grapes. From the grapes wine is made and wine was and is the major drink of the nations on or near the Mediterranean Sea. The Latin word for vine is the same as the word for wine. The name of the Austrian capital, Vienna, comes from "vinum" the Latin word for wine. Wine was and is the major European drink particularly in the south of Europe.

All of us know enough about gardening to understand that if the branches fall off the vine or if they are blown off in a wind storm, they die. That's Jesus' message - if we separate ourselves from Him, the Vine, then we die spiritually. The branches receive life from the vine but by the same token the branches, having received life, are expected to give life. They are expected to bear fruit. If the branch shows no sign of bearing fruit, then the vine grower prunes it thus giving the other branches a better chance to produce fruit. Once again the metaphor is clear. If Jesus is the vine and we are his branches then we are expected to bear fruit. If we do not do so then we can expect to be pruned in the final harvest. It goes without saying that the branches that are pruned also die and are good for nothing except as fuel for a fire.

Just as the branches must remain attached to the vine in order to live, we must remain attached to Jesus. This is not a passive situation, rather it requires work. Our Miracle-Gro is participation in the life of Christ; to hear His Word, to participate at His Meal (the Eucharist), and to be an icon of God's compassionate love that was personified in the life of Jesus. Our connection is strengthened by reading the Scriptures, and praying daily; grace before meals and having in our homes religious objects that remind us of connection to Christ.

If we are His followers, if we are the branches on His vine, and though we do bear our crosses as He did, we also can expect to walk with Him into the life of the Resurrection - the moment when the branches come to full blossoming in the Father's Presence. "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear fruit and become My disciples".

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

Annual Catholic Appeal

This week, once again, the weekly bulletin contains an envelope for the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Our goal, set by the Diocese, is \$81,320 of which over \$31,000 has already been pledged by our generous parishioners. If we go over our goal, the excess funds will be returned to us. I fully understand that many of us are still fulfilling pledges to the *Generations of Faith Campaign*. The In-Pew collection, conducted last week and continuing this week, is to reach parishioners, who are not in our parish census/ mailing list; who are visitors or who did not contribute to the *Generations in Faith Campaign*. We need your help. If we do not reach our goal, I may be asked to make up the difference from parish funds and we can ill afford to do that. The *Generations of Faith Campaign* had certain major goals: the advancement of youth ministry programs; ever-increasing costs of the care of our ailing and aged clergy and parish capital projects. Thankfully all the repair work recently done in our parish has been funded by our share of the *Generations in Faith Campaign*. My thanks to all who contributed to it.

The *Generations in Faith Campaign* might be compared to the major expenses of a homeowner. Your roof repairs or boiler replacement are extraordinary expenses that you hope are not repeated regularly. Yet despite them, you have your everyday expenses; food, utilities, oil, gas, and taxes. Except for volume, it is not much different for our Diocese or our parish.

The Annual Catholic Appeal assists in the support of the Vocation Office; the expense of educating our future priests; the Diocesan Tribunal; the Migration Office; certain programs of Catholic Charities and the prison and hospital chaplaincies. These items are things that no individual parish can accomplish alone so they become Diocesan responsibilities.

Please bring home a bulletin today and if you have not committed to a pledge in *The Annual Catholic Appeal*, please prayerfully consider doing so. No gift is too small and I appreciate the fact that each family has different circumstances and different resources. The special envelopes in the bulletin may be left at your convenience at the rectory or in the collection basket next Sunday.

May God bless and thank you for your extraordinary and consistent generosity to your Parish and Diocese.

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Sunday 12noon Mass will now be the Family Mass

The Gospel According to Puppets

All children through fourth grade are invited to attend Children's Liturgy downstairs during noon Mass with or without their parents. They will hear a children's version of the readings, watch the Gospel performed by puppets and have a kid-appropriate explanation of the Word. Coloring and puzzle sheets are provided. We especially welcome the wiggly ones.

Children's Liturgy is scheduled for the following Sundays:

April 29th

May 13th

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

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.

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.**

BIBLE PROGRAMS

-Tuesday Evening Bible Study: thru May 15th at 7:30pm

FOCUS ON THE RESURRECTION AND THE BOOK OF REVELATION -

Facilitator: David Powell

-Thursday Afternoon and Thursday Evening Scripture Sharing and Prayer : thru May 17th at 2:30pm and 7:30pm-

Facilitator: Carol Powell

We provide Bibles and other materials for discussion. No need to sign up. . Any questions call the Religious Ed office at 718 261-6285 or email olmercyrelig@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!

We are moving right along with preparations for our Spring Fling which will be held on the evening of May 11th from 7:30 PM until 9:00PM. This is our preview night where there will be a five dollar admission. We will provide light refreshments with the admission. Saturday, May 12th will begin at 10AM and end at 6:00PM with the drawing of the raffles.

***There is one outstanding request for volunteers to help with the Café. If you are interested, please call the Rectory for more details

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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

April 25, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
May 02, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
May 09, 2018	NO ACTIVITY	6:30pm
May 16, 2018	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction	8:00pm
May 23, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
May 30, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm



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.
- **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
- **Bishop Molloy Retreat House** offers *Monthly Evenings for Our LGBT Brothers and Sisters, Family and Friends* on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. For info call 718-739-1229.
- **Holy Cross High School offers Athletic Camps and Summer STREAM Program** which includes Basketball, Cheerleading, Coding, Music, Art, Television Production, & Cooking. For info contact Mr. Robert Botero 718-886-7250 Ext. 558.
- **Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School** is now accepting applications for their **summer camps**. Girls softball, soccer, basketball, cheerleading, & volleyball; Boys baseball, soccer & basketball. For info contact Ms. Fran Rocco 718-898-3800 Ext.3.

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**.

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the April Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:

1 st Prize: Joanne & Karl Hellerich	\$257.00
2 nd Prize: Linda Bullaro	\$128.00
3 rd Prize: Karlton Nee	\$128.00
4 th Prize: Jim & Liz Pfohl	\$64.00
5 th Prize: Vincent Budway	\$64.00

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

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.

