

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 12th
8:30 AM	William Hoogsteden
5:00 PM	William Walters
Sunday	May 13th
8:30 AM	Francis Morison
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Anna Sorrentino
5:00 PM	Vicente Dorotan
Monday	May 14th
8:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena
12:00 PM	Judith Diaz
Tuesday	May 15th
8:30 AM	Philip Ferret
12:00 PM	Mother's Day Novena
Wednesday	May 16th
8:30 AM	Andrzej Witkowski
12:00 PM	Mother's Day Novena
Thursday	May 17th
8:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena
12:00 PM	Maribel Kalingking
Friday	May 18th
8:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena
12:00 PM	Ellen & Timothy Madden
Saturday	May 19th
8:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena
5:00 PM	Mary & Idolo Russomanno
Sunday	May 20th
8:30 AM	Michael Minischetti
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Marie Henao
5:00 PM	Mother's Day Novena

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**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – May 13th**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

-Children's Liturgy-12:00pm Mass

MONDAY – May 14th

Saint Matthias, Apostle

-Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

-Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - May 15th

Easter Weekday

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – May 16th

Easter 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-Church at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – May 17th

Easter Weekday

-Scripture Sharing & Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm & 7:30pm

-CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

-Baptism Class-Rectory at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – May 18th

Easter Weekday

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

SATURDAY – May 19th

Easter Weekday

-Baptism-Church at 1:00pm

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

Many thanks for this week's flower donation given in **loving memory of:**

Francis Morison

by

Ann and Children

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given in **loving memory of:**

Francis Morison

by

Ann and Children

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

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

Agnes R. Bedson & Mary K. Miller

by

Carolyn Carielo



Dear Parishioners;

The Gospels constantly remind us that the two fundamental commandments are: "Love God and love your neighbor as yourself". These two commandments are ingrained in us. Implicitly we recognize that in an act of unbelievable love, and after a long period of preparation or "engagement", God literally married Himself to us in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. From the beginning Christians believed that Jesus was the icon, the self-communication, the Word of God. His actions and His words are those of God manifested through the prism of Jesus' humanity. If, as we claim, we are Jesus' disciples then it is necessary for us to live as did the Master. Just as we come to know God through Jesus, others come to know Jesus through us. Every pastoral effort in our parish springs from that basic belief. Often we are on the search for a way to express our "love of neighbor"! Yet there is one possibility right in our own front yard.

One of the pastoral ministries that I consider most fundamental to a Christian Catholic community is the Consolation Ministry. I have been in parishes where there was no Consolation Ministry so I know firsthand what a difference it is to have one.

Our Consolation ministers are volunteer women and men, who try to be present as much as possible to those in our parish experiencing the death of a loved one. A few of the Consolation Ministers visit each wake in our parish. While there they console the members of the family but very importantly they obtain basic information about the deceased so that the priest who celebrates the funeral Mass (Mass of the Resurrection) will be able to personalize his homily. This avoids a one-fits-all homily that may or may not be particularly applicable to the deceased.

Some of the Consolation Ministers participate in each funeral Mass at our Lady of Mercy Parish. Time and time again the bereaved have told me what a comfort it was to have this dedicated group of thoughtful parishioners present. Not only was the family supported in their grief but the ministers also assisted them with the readings and offertory procession.

As a family grapples with grief, even the most knowledgeable Catholics may find themselves confused and disoriented. As family faces the death of a loved one, the presence of gracious and kind-hearted people who walk with them through the funerary rites is a great blessing. The families are most grateful and that gratefulness is often shown in the notes of thanks that appear regularly at the rectory. Smaller families are especially thankful. Though our parish church is not too large, smaller families can be adrift in our worship space. The Consolation Ministers offer a unique assurance by being present at a funeral of a deceased person who had a small family.

Like many parish ministries, the success or failure of a program depends on the dedication of a small number of people, many of whom are older. We need more volunteers in the this vital and fruitful ministry. We often look for practical ways "to love our neighbor". Well, here is one right on our doorstep. While many parishioners are not available during the day, a significant number are. If you are newly retired and the empty hours are more than you expected, then volunteer for this essential ministry! If you are widowed and know personally what it meant to have people walk you through the death of a beloved spouse, share that comfort with others! If you are a homemaker, who does not have outside employment, you might be able to squeeze in a little space in your busy daily schedule. No matter the circumstances, we need you and you are most welcome.

If you interested in this vital ministry, simply leave your name at the rectory with your current telephone number and a member of the Consolation Team will contact you. The time commitment would not be more than three, possibly four hours a month, but what a difference that makes to our sister and brothers who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Let us hear from you!

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

Great News From Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy.

Our very popular nursery school teacher, "Miss Debbie" Loscalzo has been nominated by *New York Family Magazine* for their Blackboard Award because of her outstanding teaching ability and her overall excellence in education. This award comes just as Mrs. Loscalzo is also celebrating her thirty-fifth year as a teacher in the Brooklyn Diocesan School System. Congratulations to "Miss Debbie" on both counts.

Also congratulations to Miss Ann Torres of the graduating eighth grade. Ann is the first place winner in the junior high level of the Diocesan Religion Bee, held May 8th at Immaculate Conception Centre in Douglaston. Ann was the top contender of the entire Diocese. Congratulations go not only to the "Champion" but also to her Mom and Dad, Elizabeth and Michael, and her teachers and especially the coordinator of the Religion Program at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy, Mrs. Janice Ray.

Miss Violet Dutton of fourth grade and Miss Noemi Goya of fifth grade also participated in the Diocesan Religion Bee and represented our younger classes.

Also Good News from the Diocesan Catholic Youth Organization

Mary and Alex Leong, who have coordinated and coached the Tri-M Swim Teams for many years, have been elected to the CYO Hall of Fame. The formal induction will take place on June 1st at the Annual Hall of Fame Dinner at Immaculate Conception Centre in Douglaston.

Like many parish volunteers Alex and Mary continued this work long after their own daughters were grown. The entire parish owes them a debt of appreciation for their work with our children. The Leongs follow in the footsteps of Mr. Stanley Swiatocha, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame four years ago. Stan too continued as Parish Athletic Representative long after his own children were grown. Thank to all of our coaches, drivers, parents and other adults who generously assist with our parish athletic programs.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY**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:

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

**OLM CONSOLATION MINISTRY
NEEDS HELP****Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted.**

"We rise
by lifting
others."

Experiencing the death of a loved one is usually a time of shock, pain, and confusion in which many decisions must be made within a brief period. **As representatives of our parish family the Consolation Ministry offers comfort, support, and guidance to the bereaved family.** Members visit with the family providing information, addressing their concerns, and

assisting them to participate in planning the Funeral Mass Liturgy. The ministry members attend all Funeral Masses joining the family in prayer as they celebrate the life of their loved one. Their visible presence conveys the sympathy, support, and caring of our community. For the past 9 years the Consolation Ministry Members consistently offered their time and their prayers for the deceased and to comfort those who mourn. Please consider offering yourself for this ministry to visit with the family or attend the Funeral Mass. Spending approximately 45 minutes 2 or 3 times a month assists our families through this sorrowful time. Please contact the Rectory for further information.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.**

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.



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.
- **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:** GallopNYC is a non-profit organization based in New York City (and a location right in Forest Hills) that offers therapeutic horsemanship programs to children and adults with disabilities. Volunteers enjoy the personal satisfaction of helping children and adults with developmental, emotional, social, and physical challenges, all while working with and being around horses, one of nature's most empathetic animals. Sign up to volunteer (Tue-Fri afternoons and evenings are especially needed) at GallopNYC Forest Hills, 8803 70th Road, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Call 718-261-7679 or email volunteer@gallopnyc.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.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB NEWS

A Community Affairs police officer will be a guest speaker at the Golden Age Club meeting on May 23rd at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. Bring your friends.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

The follow parishioners and former OLMCA students have merited recognition for commendable academic performance during the second & third quarter of the current school year.

Isabella Cognata & Mark Alex Sulewski at St. Francis Preparatory School

Megan Heerey at Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School

Stella DeCicco, Vera Kropf, Klara Medit, Caitlin Murphy,

Chiyoko Goya, Nina Kropf, Joanna McNulty, Isabella Gianni, Christine Thomas, & Alexandra Vendola at The Mary Louis Academy

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!

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

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

