

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday May 21st**  
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena  
 12:00 PM In Honor of the Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother

**Tuesday May 22nd**  
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena  
 12:00 PM Dorothy Palumbo

**Wednesday May 23rd**  
 8:30 AM Zofia Woloszynowska  
 12:00 PM Vincent Addeo

**Thursday May 24th**  
 8:30 AM Bolivar & Robert Almeida  
 12:00 PM Gerard Eckel

**Friday May 25th**  
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl  
 12:00 PM Juan Pedro Maisonave

**Saturday May 26th**  
 8:30 AM In Thanksgiving  
 5:00 PM Deceased Member of American Legion  
 Continental Post 1424

**Sunday May 27th**  
 8:30 AM Emma McCauley  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Caroline, Michael, & Michael Sassi Jr.  
 and Roland Pugliese  
 5:00 PM Carmella Trilli

**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, Jose

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, Den. Frances Galson, Mary Wiley, Norman Zuniga, Nancy (Ann) Fallon, Grace DiFazio, John Chocko, Rose Pullano, Pia Parham, Cathie Greulich, Gabriel Manno-Providence, 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**

Ervine Dudas  
 Antoni Wieczorek  
 Patricia Trotta  
 Edward Montero

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – May 20th**

*Pentecost Sunday*

**MONDAY – May 21st**

*Weekday*

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

-Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - May 22nd**

*Weekday*

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY – May 23rd**

*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 24th**

*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

**FRIDAY – May 25th**

*Weekday*

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

**SATURDAY – May 26th**

*Saint Philip Neri, Priest*

**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:**

**Dorothy Palumbo**

by

Angela & Barney Martin

**BREAD AND WINE**

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

**Dorothy Palumbo**

by

Angela & Barney Martin



**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

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

**Christina M. Martinez**

by

Her Parents



Dear Parishioners;

Happy Birthday! Pentecost literally is the birthday of the Church. Yet unlike most birthdays, we do not have a cake or fancy festive hats or a big party. Yet in the Jewish calendar, this was a big feast - fifty ("pentecost" is the Greek word for fifty) days after Passover. It is "Shavuot" or the "Feast of Weeks". It was one of the great Jewish pilgrimage feasts, at which time many pious Jews would attempt to visit the Temple in Jerusalem. Originally the feast celebrated the wheat harvest; in time, it became associated with the giving of the Law (Torah) to Moses on Mount Sinai.

On that ancient Jewish feast, after a three year gestation period, the Apostles finally were born into the new reality of the Church. Up to this point the apostles and other disciples had displayed timidity and caution. Now with the intruding of the Holy Spirit upon them, they are radically transformed. No longer timid, they become assertive in preaching the message of the Risen One. In ancient times, the Law received by Moses gathered "God's people" from the disparate elements, who had fled slavery in Egypt.

Now the Holy Spirit forms the twelve apostles plus the women and men with them into a new people. They become the new reality of a community of Jesus' disciples. In the first reading for the Sunday Masses, taken from *The Acts of the Apostles*, Luke describes this new birth in vivid language reminiscent of God's Presence on Mount Sinai fifteen hundred years earlier. There is a mighty wind and tongues of fire. God comes in the awesome power of a volcano-like fire and overwhelming thunder and lightning. Wind and fire alter reality. The wind moves things and the fire transforms them. The apostles, under Peter's leadership, are moved to proclaim the Gospel. They are transformed from timid, cautious men to vibrant and dynamic preachers.

This "Good News" is for all people. Because Pentecost was a pilgrimage feast, Jerusalem was filled with people, who had come from many corners of the Jewish Diaspora, to celebrate at the Jerusalem Temple. Like modern Jewish people, they may have had some knowledge of Hebrew, which was reserved for worship; whereas, for everyday purposes, they would have spoken the language of the countries they inhabited. Among those Medes, Elamites, Mesopotamians, Judeans, Cappodocians and others are also folks who have converted to Judaism. All are captivated by the proclamation of the Gospel.

The Lord has sent out His Spirit and it begins to renew the face of the earth (paraphrase of Psalm 104) As St. Paul tells his readers in his first letter to the community he founded at the Greek city of Corinth: "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greek (a short-cut reference to non-Jews since Greek was a common language in the Roman Empire) and we were all given to drink of the one Spirit." So were we at Baptism and Confirmation! This birthday celebration continues for over twenty centuries. Like that disparate group of disciples gathered in Jerusalem on Pentecost, we too gather from different races, backgrounds and colors for our birthday celebration. Identified with the Risen Christ, empowered with His Holy Spirit, we are the agents of that Spirit as we permeate the world so that "When You (God) send forth Your Spirit, they are created (all creatures) and You renew the face of the earth.

Happy Birthday,  
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

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Spring Fling

The Spring Fling was great success. Next week we will advise you of the financial success of this Fund raiser. Meanwhile, many thanks go to Helen Golden and Dian Malm for organizing the event. But they could not do it alone. Many thanks also go to the women and men, who served in various capacities as volunteers. Many thanks.

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Telephone Service

If during the last few days, you have tried to reach the rectory on the 1-718-268-6143 number, it was temporarily out of service. We do have a second number, 718-268-5435, which it would be good to keep **in case the first one is not in service**

## REGISTRATION FOR GRADES K-7 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEW REGISTRATION for new students will take place in the Religious Education office on:

WED. JUNE 6th from 2:30pm to 6:00pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 7th from 7:30pm and 9:00pm

Fees are \$150 for one child, \$225 for two children and \$275 for three children or more. FEES DO NOT HAVE TO BE PAID AT TIME OF REGISTRATION, but if so should be paid by check payable to Our Lady of Mercy Religious Education Program. **A copy of the child's baptismal certificate should be brought in at time of registration.**

## 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](mailto:mhernandez@diobrook.org).

## BIBLE PROGRAMS

*-Tuesday Evening Bible Study:*

FOCUS ON THE RESURRECTION AND THE BOOK OF REVELATION - Facilitator: David Powell

*-Thursday Afternoon and Thursday Evening Scripture Sharing and Prayer :* 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 [olmercyreleg@gmail.com](mailto:olmercyreleg@gmail.com). ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN THE RECTORY.

## 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.

## 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



# 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](mailto: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.

### DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

May 23, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
May 30, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm

### 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

### 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 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](mailto:ymizelle@nyc.rr.com).
- **St. Margaret Church** (66-05 79th Pl., Middle Village) will be sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on June 3rd from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. For more info or to make an appointment, email [parishcalendar@aol.com](mailto:parishcalendar@aol.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!

### 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**

