

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday June 30th**  
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti  
 5:00 PM Dottie Phillips

**Sunday July 1st**  
 8:30 AM Frances Sidlo (Living Intention)  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM John Merone (33rd Anniversary)  
 5:00 PM Judith Diaz

**Monday July 2nd**  
 8:30 AM Mildred & Frank D'Erasmus  
 12:00 PM Maria Merone (10th Anniversary)

**Tuesday July 3rd**  
 8:30 AM Peter Martini  
 12:00 PM Mr. Ervin M. Dudas

**Wednesday July 4th**  
 8:30 AM The Smolinski Family  
 12:00 PM Loretta Mele

**Thursday July 5th**  
 8:30 AM Antoni Weiczorek  
 12:00 PM John J. Garrett III

**Friday July 6th**  
 8:30 AM Stefania Grebowiec  
 12:00 PM In Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**Saturday July 7th**  
 8:30 AM Thomas & Anna O'Connor  
 5:00 PM Anne Daly

**Sunday July 8th**  
 8:30 AM Eleanor & James Mara  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Arnold Davis  
 5:00 PM Jean Santamaria

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**



James Leung, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Richard Kelly, Rose Jonsson, Vincent Lucanie, 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, 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, Cathie Greulich, Gabriel Manno-Providence, Ann Dauria, Jimmy Murphy, Harriet Kessel, Sr. Mary Parry, O.P., 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, SCSO Ajay James, (NSW) U.S. Navy, 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**

Walter J. Corbellini

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – July 1st**  
*Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

**MONDAY – July 2nd**  
*Weekday*  
 -Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm  
 -Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - July 3rd**  
*Saint Thomas, Apostle*

**WEDNESDAY – July 4th**  
*Weekday*  
*Independence Day*  
 ALL BUILDINGS AND OFFICES CLOSED

**THURSDAY – July 5th**  
*Weekday*

**FRIDAY – July 6th**  
*Weekday*

**SATURDAY – July 7th**  
*Weekday*

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

**FIRST FRIDAY**  
**SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**On First Fridays during July and August, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will immediately follow the 8:30am Mass and Benediction will follow the 12:00 Noon Mass**

**GOING ON VACATION?**

To find times of local Masses anywhere go to [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org)

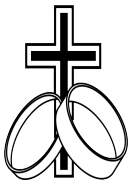


**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**  
**Dottie Phillips**  
 by  
 Susan Finley

**MARRIAGES**

Congratulations to the couples married during the month of June 2018:  
 Jason Y. Young & Anu V. Jolly



**BAPTISMS**



We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of June, 2018:  
 George Joseph Hagerty  
 Zara Desinor  
 Azalea Dawn Almeida  
 Giancarlo Santos Scarola

Dear Parishioners,

At the end of the Warsaw Uprising Lieutenant Jerzy Malinowski became injured by a shard from a grenade that hit the bridge of his nose. He lost his sight because of the hole on the top of his nose and also lost brain matter. The doctors did not give him the least hope of survival. Under the bullets his mother ran to the insurgent hospital. She begged doctors to help her wounded son. Her Son regained consciousness, his brain recovered, and even the hole between his eyes covered with a membrane.

After the war, his mother read in a newspaper that the United States was doing operations that restored vision (if they are not damaged nerves). You just need to have the eye of a living man, or from a healthy person who recently died in an accident. The mother wrote a letter to the doctor and asks for the operation for her 23-year-old son: *"Do not worry about the eye, because you will remove mine and transplant it to my son; so he can see and watch the world of God."*

Today's Gospel tells of a similar event. Christ's leader of the synagogue, Jairus falls at the feet of Jesus and asks him earnestly: *"My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live."* (Mark 5:23) When Jesus went to Jairus' house to heal his dying daughter, one of the servants of Jairus came and said, *"Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?"* (Mark 5:35) Immediately Jairus eyes filled with tears. But before he could say anything, Christ turned to him and said, *"Do not be afraid; just have faith."*

*"Do not be afraid; just have faith."*— such simple words, but very difficult to follow. Everyday, life does not spare us from suffering, misery and trouble. Almost all of us here in the church have some concern that disturbs the peace of our hearts. Almost every one of us has a cross, under whose burden we bend. Perhaps just as Jairus or as this brave mother were, we are afraid for our loved ones, who are seriously ill and threatened with death. Maybe they do not feel well, and we fear for our health. There may be a heavy cross, family misunderstandings, the drinking habit of someone who is close to us, job loss or the fear of an unknown future...

Just as it was not easy for Jairus to believe that his daughter would be restored to life after the words that he heard: *"Your daughter is dead: why trouble the Teacher?"* How brave it was for the mother to believe and trust that her son can return to health, despite the fact that doctors did not give him any chance. So it is not easy for us to believe and trust when problems, sufferings and our cross overwhelms us.

Nevertheless, that's when we should trust and strongly believe in God. It is then that our faith should prompt us that God is our Father and that for Him everything is possible. He not only gave us life, but also constantly sustains us wonderfully in this life. In every beat of our hearts we can hear His loving words: *"I love you, I love you, I love you..."* It is then that we should believe and trust that our loving God and everything that He can do, at any time, to free us from our crosses and sufferings and give us the strength to alter them.

When under the influence of suffering, misery, and trouble comes to us temptation to give up and resign from further fighting, then we should fall on our knees before Christ and ask Him for the grace of faith, just as Jairus asked to save the life of his daughter. *"Lord, save my faith, because my faith is dying"*.

We should fall before Christ in the tabernacle and ask for grace, trust and reliance; that God is our father, that He always wants good for us and happiness, and that he loves us more than we love ourselves.

Today we thank Christ for His wisdom and love for us, while we pray the beautiful and fully entrusting words of St. Paul:

*What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8,35,38-39)*

In Christ,  
Father Gregory

**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.

Since the 2019 Mass Book will not be opened for a while yet, please take advantage of the many openings for Masses as well as Memorials that remain open for 2018.

**ATTENTION PLEASE!****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors**

Unfortunately, we are frequently finding ourselves at Mass with a lack of Ministers, Lectors, and Servers. Since these occasions will probably be even more frequent during the summer months, we will need your help. **Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors:**

- First, please enter your name on the schedule sheets, in the vestibule of the Church, for any open dates that you can cover.
- Second, and **probably most important, whatever Mass that you attend, please stop into the Sacristy** to ask if your particular services are needed for that Mass.

**Altar Servers:**

- Whatever Mass that you attend, **ALWAYS** go to the Sacristy to serve. There is **no limit on the number of altar Servers needed at a Mass.**

If we all work together, there should never be a Mass lacking Ministers, Lectors, or Servers, and the celebrant won't have to search the congregation for help.

Thank You!  
Father Gregory

**JOIN THE LINEN BRIGADE**

Please consider joining the lovely people who keep the small altar linens (handkerchief size for the chalice, Eucharistic cup and lavabo) clean and ironed on a weekly basis. It is on a weekly rotational schedule so it will only be every few weeks for any volunteer. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact the Rectory at 718-268-6143. Thank you for all you do.

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

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.

**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.

**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.

**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

**50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS**

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize: Carol & Patrick Gorman	\$257.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize: Peter Ralph Lantin	\$128.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize: Benjamin Stebel	\$128.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize: Lois & Tom Hart	\$64.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tschinkel	\$64.00

**THERE'S STILL TIME!**

Don't miss your chance to be part of our 50/50 Raffle each month! In order to participate in the second half of the year, which begins in July, just send or deliver your payment of \$50 with your name, address, & telephone number to the Rectory prior to July 16th. Five cash prizes are won each month. Why not take a chance and help to support our Parish at the same time?

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are happy to share some good news with you. Gerry Holmes, who served several years as our weekday sacristan, has stabilized his health. Very shortly he will be released from the long-term health facility in which he is now residing. Gerry would like to remain in the Forest Hills area but his funds are somewhat limited. His former cooperative apartment on Burns Street was family-owned and has been sold. If any parishioner knows of an available one room or studio apartment at modest rent, please call Gerry directly at 1-516-737-8844. 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.
- **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.
- **Msgr. McClancy** is also now accepting applications for the **T.A.C.H.S. preparation program** to be held at the school on the first seven Saturdays of the next school year. For more info, please contact Ms. Fran Rocco at 718-898-3800 ext.3.
- **St. Johns Preparatory School** is offering a **2018 T.A.C.H.S. Prep Course** which will take place in September. For further information, please call the Admission office at 718-721-7200, ext.699.
- **St. Francis Prep** is sponsoring a **Bible Camp** July 23-27, for children 4-7 years old. For More information or to register sfpnline.org (families tab: SFP Summer).
- **Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home** (42-41 201 St. in Bayside) is **seeking a part-time Activity Leader**. The hours are 1:30 to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday; no experience necessary; good verbal/writing, interpersonal skills to work with senior population; **Reliability a must**. For further info call Marilyn Gindi at 718-971-2708.
- **Maggies Little Theater** at St. Margaret Parish Hall (66-05 79th Pl., Middle Village) will present the classic Broadway Musical "Man of LaMancha" on 6/30, 7/13, & 7/14 at 8:00pm and on 7/1, 7/7, & 7/8 at 2:00pm. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$17 for seniors and children. To reserve tickets call 917-579-5389 or visit [www.maggieslittletheater.org](http://www.maggieslittletheater.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our Lady of Mercy will be sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE** on Sunday, **August 5th, 2018 from 8:45am to 2:45pm** During the summer months Blood Bank reserves are reduced to critically low levels as the numbers of donors lessens. Please remember those in need and consider giving them your treasured gift of life.

## 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.**

## ALTAR SERVER SPONSORSHIPS

Many thanks to all those who have given a donation to defray the cost of the altar servers trip to Rye Playland several weeks ago and the purchase of new altar servers albs. We have collected a total of \$605.00 dollars so far. Those of you who still wish to contribute can either use the envelopes provided in the Church or your own envelope marked "Altar Server Sponsorship" and drop it in the collection basket. Again, we thank you all for your support!

## DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

July 04, 2018	NO ACTIVITY	6:30pm
July 11, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
July 18, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
July 25, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm

**Please Note: There will be NO Divine Mercy devotions for the month of August. Devotions will resume in September 2018.**

## 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**

## 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!

## 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.



**A SAFE AND HAPPY  
FOURTH OF JULY  
TO ALL!**