

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 16th
8:30 AM	William Kirby & Leonard Quigley
5:00 PM	John Daly
Sunday	June 17th
8:30 AM	Francis Morison
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Luke Sorrentino
5:00 PM	Benjamin O. Soriano
Monday	June 18th
8:30 AM	Fathers Day Novena
12:00 PM	In Honor of the Holy Trinity & the Blessed Mother
Tuesday	June 19th
8:30 AM	Fathers Day Novena
12:00 PM	Msgr. Anthony Sherman
Wednesday	June 20th
8:30 AM	Fathers Day Novena
12:00 PM	Silva DiLucente
Thursday	June 21st
8:30 AM	Fathers Day Novena
12:00 PM	Eugenia Ardelean
Friday	June 22nd
8:30 AM	Fathers Day Novena
12:00 PM	Richard Gunaratna (Birthday Remembrance)
Saturday	June 23rd
8:30 AM	Fathers Day Novena
5:00 PM	Angela & Frank Sauro Sr.
Sunday	June 24th
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Massinino Amoroso
5:00 PM	Fathers Day Novena

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, 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

Laura Napoli
Dcn. Roy A. Dudley
Rosario Dispenza
Krystyna Mlynarczyk
Daniel Cahill

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – June 17th**

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Father's Day

-Children's Liturgy-12:00pm Mass

MONDAY – June 18th

Weekday

-OLMCA Kindergarten Step Up-Parish Hall at 9:00am

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

-Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - June 19th

Weekday

-OLMCA Nursery Step Up-Parish Hall at 9:00am

WEDNESDAY – June 20th

Weekday

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am

-Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – June 21st

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – June 22nd

Weekday

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

SATURDAY – June 23rd

Weekday

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

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

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

Andrew Cariello & William H. Bedson

by

Carolyn Cariello

Happy
Father's
Day

GOSPEL REFLECTION

MK 4:26-34

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses parables of the growth of a seed to describe the Kingdom of God. In both parables, seeds, once scattered and sown, grow on their own accord. In the first parable, the scattered seeds yield fruit, and Jesus proclaims that the harvest has come. In the second, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to the smallest of seeds: the mustard seed. When this seed is sown, it grows to be one of the largest plants, a plant which provides shade for the birds of the sky. Jesus seems to imply that like a mustard seed, the Kingdom of God has humble beginnings on Earth, but will soon grow to be larger than all else. We cannot control the growth of a seed; likewise, we cannot control the growth of the Kingdom of God – it is natural! The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem began this faith that we call Christianity, and it continues to grow today, providing shade for many.

Today's reading challenges us to find the potential and the beauty in the little things. Just as a mustard seed grows into a large, beautiful plant, the smallest of actions and occurrences may be the beginnings of something much bigger. The Kingdom of God exists in the smallest of seeds: a child's laugh, a sunshiny day, a "hello" to a stranger, a sharing of one's faith story, a sharing of a meal, an acknowledgement of someone's humanity – the list goes on. Where can we find the Kingdom of God today? Let us foster its growth and find comfort in its shade!

In Christ
Deacon Dean

CONGRATULATIONS

The entire parish wishes the 2018 graduates of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy many blessings and best wishes as they complete the first but longest part of their educational journey. The graduating class is extremely talented and hopefully they will continue to develop their many gifts throughout their high school years. Best wishes also go to all the local young people in our Forest Hills community who are graduating from grade school, high school or college at this time of the year.

Among the graduates of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy, several young women took part in a recent Vocation Video Project sponsored by Catholic Television Network (CTN). Miss Ann Torres took first prize for her submission. Maevince Dorotan, Kimberley Kaplanni and Alexandra Poltorak earned honorable mention. Not only were their submissions inspiring, challenging and clever but they also highlighted the talents of the OLMCA Class of 2018. Our parishioners may view the videos at: <https://ctnbq.org/hello-he-is-calling-ctn-video-project/>

Monsignor McGuirl

SAVE THE DATE

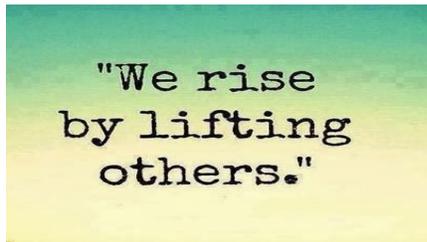
Our Lady of Mercy will be holding our **Blood Drive** on Sunday, **August 6th, 2018 from 8:45am to 2:45pm**. Please mark your calendars!

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 17th, & 24th



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.

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

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

June 20, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
June 27, 2018	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.

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.

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.**

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

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.
- **Mass of Inclusion for People with Disabilities, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** Sunday, June 24 at noon at St. Ephrem Church (929 Bay Ridge Pkwy, Brooklyn). The Mass, sponsored by Catholic Charities, will include American Sign Language. Reception afterward. Contact Fr. Raphael Munday, Disabilities Services and Deaf Ministry Coordinator, 718-722-6232 or raphael.munday@ccbq.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.
- **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.
- **The Little Sisters of the Poor** have an opening for a **Per Diem Nurse position** at their Queen of Peace Residence for the Elderly in Queens Village. Fax resume to 718-464-4308 or email qphr@littlesistersofthepoor.org
- **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.
- **The Bridge to Life** is **looking for an administrative assistant** committed to the mission of providing mothers and their families with counseling and material assistance. Send resumes to Cathy Black, Executive Director. Email: cblack@thebridgetolife.org.
- Since the tragic events of Charlottesville, Virginia just one year ago, we have seen the effect and impact that racism has had on our society. The **Bishops of the United States want to address the sin of racism**, so here in the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens, Bishop DiMarzio has formed a **Commission on Racism and Social Justice** to deal with the social and religious problems that racism in all of its forms presents to us. The **Diocese of Brooklyn Commission on Racism and Social Justice will hold 2 Listening Sessions** on the impact of Racism in the Church of Brooklyn and Queens on the following dates:
June 23rd, at St. Clare School Auditorium,
 137-35 Brookville Blvd., Rosedale, 11:00am to 2:00pm.
All are invited to attend and share in the dialogue.

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**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOBILE OUTREACH TEAM

The team provides in home comprehensive case management services, including outreach/crisis services, supportive counseling, advocacy, linkage to community based home care, and legal and mental health services, to individuals ages five and older in Queens neighborhoods.

Mobile Outreach Team is located at 67-29 Myrtle Ave., Glendale, NY 11385. For information call 718-456-7001. (Funded by the NYC Dept. of Mental Health, Retardation and Alcoholism Services)

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!

CONGRATULATIONS! CLASS OF 2018

