

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday June 25th**  
 8:30 AM Maurice Rooney (44th Anniversary)  
 12:00 PM Fathers Day Novena

**Tuesday June 26th**  
 8:30 AM Fathers Day Novena  
 12:00 PM Barbara Capparelli

**Wednesday June 27th**  
 8:30 AM In Honor of the Holy Trinity & the Blessed Mother  
 12:00 PM Caroline, Michael, & Michael Sassi Jr.  
 and Roland Pugliese

**Thursday June 28th**  
 8:30 AM Giovanna Boe  
 12:00 PM John Cassis

**Friday June 29th**  
 8:30 AM Mario Dordulaw  
 12:00 PM Thomas X Winberry

**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

**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, 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, Den. 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, 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.**

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – June 24th**  
*The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*  
 -Children’s Liturgy-12:00pm Mass

**MONDAY – June 25th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm  
 -Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - June 26th**  
*Weekday*

**WEDNESDAY – June 27th**  
*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 28th**  
*Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr*

**FRIDAY – June 29th**  
*Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles*

**SATURDAY – June 30th**  
*Weekday*

**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:**  
**Frank J. Dubiel**  
**(40th Anniversary)**  
 by  
 Mary Ellen & Jim Freeley  
 and  
 Annette Dubiel



**TABERNACLE LIGHT**



Many thanks for this week’s donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**  
**Carol Pusano**  
 by  
 Eileen Simko

**MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND**

Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund given in **loving memory of:**  
**Henry Jagiello**  
**(10th Anniversary)**  
 by  
 Marilyn & Family



Dear Parishioners;

Several days ago, New Yorkers of Puerto-Rican background celebrated the annual Puerto-Rican Day Parade in Manhattan. In the past, this celebration was always close to June 24th, the birthday of John the Baptist. Originally the island now known as Puerto-Rico was the "La Isla de San Juan", and the city now known as "San Juan" was "el Puerto Rico" (the rich port or harbor). In an odd twist, probably due to the mistake of early cartographers the names were reversed. The island became "Puerto Rico" (rich port) while the city became known as San Juan (St. John), neither of which is logical but such is often the way that things receive their names. In any event, St. John the Baptist is the patron of the island of Puerto Rico.

Today the Church celebrates the birthday of St. John the Baptist (or "baptizer" in order to avoid confusing him with the Christian denomination known as "Baptists"). Almost everyone who bears the name "John" was named for John the Baptist. In my own case, I was named primarily for my father, as he was named for his father. All three of us are "John". My paternal great-grandfather was Patrick and it is not too much of a stretch to think that as he and his wife Annie (nee Farrell) named their son, John, they were thinking of John the Baptist.

"John" is originally a Hebrew name, "Jehohanan", meaning "Yahweh (God) has compassion" or "Yahweh is gracious". The name indicates John's adult role. Zechariah, John's father, was told by the angel, Gabriel, what to name his unexpected child. John's role as a prophet would be to prepare the way for the embodiment of God's compassion and graciousness, our Lord Jesus Christ. St. Luke's Gospel indicates that John's mother, Elizabeth, and Mary were relatives. Elizabeth was the older of the two and by the standards of her time, she was thought to be too aged to have a child. In ancient times, such a situation was thought to be a curse for the unfortunate couple. Thankfully we no longer think of childlessness in those terms but the events in the Gospels took place when the presumptions of society were quite different. So John's name also manifested his parent's delight that this "curse" has been lifted from them.

All in all, John's role was to prepare the way for the oncoming Messiah. He would announce and prepare people for the long-expected One. His relative, Jesus, would be the human face of the invisible God of mercy and compassion.

John lived an austere life in the starkness of the desert. Yet throughout the Scriptures, it is in the desert where God is often encountered. In the desert, the normal distractions of life are eliminated and one is forced to face nature and nature's God. John cared not a bit for style, décor, fashion, or even ordinary food. His clothing was a camel skin wrapped with a leather belt; his food was honey and the insects that he could catch. His sole concern was announcing the arrival of the Messiah. His rite of baptizing in the River Jordan was to invite people to repent so that they would be better able to receive the message of the One Who was to come.

John was unique in his own time and place. When his parents named him as per the instructions of the angel, they realized that their child was destined for greatness. Each of us is unique and when our parents named us they too might have imagined a glorious future ahead. John did God's will in a manner different than his own father. Zechariah was a priest of the temple in Jerusalem. John too may have been a priest since the Jewish priestly office was inherited; nonetheless, he went about it in a manner very different than his father.

Our children and other families members may find their way to God in a manner different than ours. In their search for the divine, they have several support networks: the Scriptures; the living framework of the Church's tradition; and the teachings of the Church. Ultimately, like Saint John they are called to use their gifts and talents, to announce that the Lord has come. Jesus has come to invite us to share the fullness of life, divine life. Our lives here are most important. This life is like the roots and trunk of a tree. We must develop them before we can reach the full blossoming of life in God's Presence. Side by side with John the Baptist, we hope to travel in that direction during the course of our earthly lives.

God bless you,  
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

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**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Today, June 24 is the last Children's Liturgy before the puppets go away on summer vacation. But they will be back in the fall. Watch the bulletin for the start date.**

**SPONSORS REQUESTED!**

We at Our Lady of Mercy have a faithful and dedicated group of **Altar Servers**, and as a way of thanking them for their service each year we reward them with a day at Rye Playland. Those of you who would like to help to defray the cost of the summer trip, as well as the future purchase of new albs, can make a donation by using the special **Altar Server Sponsorship** envelopes available at the doors of the Church. Thank You for your support!

**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!?**

**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

**DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

June 27, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
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 be resume in September 2018.**



# 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.
- **St. Francis Prep** is sponsoring a **Bible Camp** July 23-27, for children 4-7 years old. For More information or to register sfponline.org (families tab: SFP Summer).
- **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](mailto: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](mailto:cblack@thebridgetolife.org).
- **The 112th precinct community council June meeting is now MONDAY June 25th at 7:30** at the 112th precinct Please be aware of the change of the date at the request of the precinct. We will be serving refreshments for our community and our precinct. Our night out against crime planning meeting will be after the meeting.
- **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 917-579-53890 or visit [www.maggieslittletheater.org](http://www.maggieslittletheater.org).

## 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?

## 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/crises 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!

