

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 14th
 8:30 AM Don Marco Garcelano
 5:00 PM Angela & Frank Sauro

Sunday July 15th
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM James Francis Conroy
 5:00 PM George Shookster

Monday July 16th
 8:30 AM Ed Chocko
 12:00 PM James Conroy (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday July 17th
 8:30 AM Rosemarie Brennan
 12:00 PM In Honor of Saint Anthony

Wednesday July 18th
 8:30 AM William Kirby & Leonard Quigley
 12:00 PM Rev. Anthony Conway & The Mulvaney Family

Thursday July 19th
 8:30 AM Rosemarie Brennan
 12:00 PM Brian Daly

Friday July 20th
 8:30 AM Thomas Poklikuha
 12:00 PM In Honor of St. Ann

Saturday July 21st
 8:30 AM John J. Murphy
 5:00 PM Arnold Davis

Sunday July 22nd
 8:30 AM Matteo & Amelia Rosio
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Percy Credo
 5:00 PM Helen & Matthew Reseska

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, 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, Sr. Mary Parry, O.P., Mary Sheehan, John Murphy, 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

Lawrence Dumbra
 Nilda I Dorsey
 Natividad Lopez Fernandez
 Frank C. Tumino, Sr.
 John Myslinski

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – July 15th
Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – July 16th
Weekday

TUESDAY - July 17th
Weekday

WEDNESDAY – July 18th
Weekday
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30am **NOTE TIME CHANGE**
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**
 -Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – July 19th
Weekday

FRIDAY – July 20th
Weekday

SATURDAY – July 21st
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.

**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 be, before the 12:00 Noon Mass, at 11:40am.

GOING ON VACATION?

To find **times** of local Masses anywhere you travel go to www.MassTimes.org.

BREAD AND WINE

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

Joan Sauro
 by
 Frank Sauro



TABERNACLE LIGHT

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

Bolivar & Robert Almeida

by
 The Almeida Family



Dear Parishioners,

A missionary in New Guinea describes the following story. One older man, who converted to Christianity, had a very interesting habit. He attended the local hospital every day and read the Gospel to the patients residing there. This happened for several years and everyone working at the hospital became familiar with his reading. But one day the man noticed that he was starting to have trouble reading. After testing his eyes, an eye doctor told him that he was slowly going to lose his vision.

The next day, the old man did not appear in the hospital. Someone said that he went to a nearby hill and spent some time alone. When his absence from the hospital lengthened, one of the doctors decided to go to the hill to visit him. During the conversation the older man explained his absence at the hospital. Namely, he went to the hill in order to pray in solitude and memorize verses of the Gospel while he could still see. *"Soon I will return to the hospital Doctor" – he said, "and I will continue to teach the Gospel to patients staying there."*

This story introduces us well in the spirit of today's readings, especially the Gospel. It tells how Jesus *"summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two"*. He gave them authority over unclean spirits, and commanded them to cast out evil spirits, anoint the sick and heal them. Obedient to the commandment of the Master, the apostles went and their labor bore much fruit. Mark the Evangelist noted elsewhere, that after finishing their work, the apostles were proud of what they did.

We also are disciples of Christ. Jesus also called us at the time of our baptism, by word and example to use our lives to proclaim His Gospel. Are we aware of this obligation?

The old man narrated at the beginning of the history decided to continue preaching the gospel despite his loss of sight. And how is it with us? Many Catholics living today believe that the preaching of the Gospel is primarily the task of the Pope, bishops, priests. Of course, that the pope, bishops and priests carry the main responsibility for preaching the Good News. Nevertheless the preaching of the Gospel does not end there because we are all responsible for what is happening in the Church and for how the Gospel is preached to the world.

A man dreamed that he was in a beautiful church. To his delight, he was looking at this magnificent building. But to his horror, he suddenly saw that at the vault of the church there was a big hole. So he asked a man praying in the church, why this church was unfinished and what was the meaning of this ugly hole in the roof of the church? *"You see"*, this man answered him – *"my belief is that we are still building this church. If one of us does not live like we should, this building is deficient, unfinished."* After waking up, the man came to the conclusion that God had sent him the dream in order to change his life... to become aware that we are responsible for the Church.

We are also responsible for the Church. Our lives, whether good or bad, are examples to others. We can attract people to Christ, or repel them from Christ. So do not criticize what is happening in the Church, just roll up your sleeves and let's get to the good work. Let us live for that Christ, to which we belong, and let us not bring shame to Him. Let us become the reason why people do not blaspheme the name of Jesus.

"We Christians are perhaps the only Bible that the world still reads" - wrote Helmut Thielicke. Therefore, let us live so that the world may read the Bible and that people seeing our works glorify our Father who is in heaven.

We thank Christ during this Mass for His love for us and for His holy words that remind us that we should be His witnesses and apostles. He is present with us in this church, loves us, smiles at us, wanting to add our spirit. Let us live up to His care and love, praying the words of the prayer of St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is error, the truth;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

In Christ,

Father Gregory

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. **If You Are Now 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.

If you **wish to become a Eucharistic Minister or Lector**, a training course will be given sometime in October. If interested please leave your name & telephone number at the Rectory & we will call you in September

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.

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 (which are sorely needed). 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!

OLM CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Our sincere appreciation to the six new members of the CONSOLATION MINISTRY who are offering their time and prayers for our deceased parish member and their family. The minister members visit with the family to plan the mass liturgy and attend the mass. Their visible presence conveys the sympathy, support, and caring of our community. Thank you for your assistance and concerning comfort for those who are experiencing this sorrowful loss.

This Ministry always welcomes new members. Any time that you can spare will certainly make a difference! Why not give it a try?!

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

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.

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 to help you be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please contact David or Carol Powell at 718-261-6285.

OLM BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday August 5th
from 8:45AM till 2:45 PM.
Our Lady of Mercy Parish will be
sponsoring a Blood Drive for The New
York Blood Center.**

The New York Center supplies the hospitals throughout the five boroughs, as well as parts of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. An average of 2000 people daily receive transfusions for a variety of medical conditions. One in three persons will require a transfusion at some period in their lives. The need for blood remains constant, it does not take a vacation. The concern and plea for donors is evident in this excerpt from the Director of the Center's letter

As you may be aware, New York Blood Center declared a BLOOD EMERGENCY at the end of June and have been working to increase donations. Your August Blood Drive is so important. It means the world to our patients who need blood even though the supply dips due to closed schools and vacationing donors. By hosting your drive this month, you are providing blood in one of the most critical months of the year. Your friends at New York Blood Center can't thank you enough.

We assume blood, when needed, will always be available During this critical period reserves may decrease to a drastically low 3 day supply. There is no substitute for human blood, the gift of life. Our Lady of Mercy is one of the few parishes to sponsor a drive during this critical summer month. Last August 49 of our parishioners and members of the Forest Hills community registered, 43 donations were obtained. Since each donation serves 3 people, 129 patients received this precious gift of life through your goodness and self sacrifice. **EVERY DONATION MATTERS PLEASE HELP.** Literature is available for your review in the vestibule of the church.

Appointments are not necessary, walk-ins are most welcome. Please BRING YOUR New York CENTER DONOR CARD OR DONOR ID IF YOU HAVE ONE, AND A Photo ID WITH YOU on August 5th.

Volunteers are needed throughout the day to assist with registration, to provide refreshments and to support the donors. Please offer an hour or two of your time, leave your name, phone number and time available at the rectory office 718 268 6143.



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.
- **Msgr. McClancy** is also now accepting applications for the **T.A.C.H.S. preparation program** to be held in September.. 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.
- **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs:** The OLQM Catholic School Academy will celebrate it's 90th Anniversary this Fall. Are you an alumnus/a of OLQM Catholic School, Forest Hills? Come celebrate with us. Please fill out the alumni form at the school academy link at olqmca.org.
- The **First String Players** will present *The Dining Room* on July 14th at 8pm & July 15th at 2pmin the **Parish Hall at Our Lady of Mercy. All tickets are \$10.**
- **St. John's University** , in partnership with the Queens Symphony Orchestra & Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, presents *A Midsummer's Enchanted Evening* on July 24th at 7pm. The presentation is part of their 20th Annual Great Lawn Summer Concert (rain location: The Little Theatre). Admission & parking is free. For more info call 718-990-5892.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following parishioners who have distinguished themselves academically, during the last marking period as students at The Mary Louis Academy: Stella DiCicco, ChiyokoGoya, Nina Kropf, Vera Kropf, Klara Meditz, Caitlin Murphy, Isabella Gianni, Christine Thomas, and Alexandra Vendola

CHOIR NEWS

Our choir welcomes everyone, (Adult and Youth from 7th Gr. Up). You do not need to be able to read music and there are no formal auditions. 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. 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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

July 18, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
July 25, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm

*There will be no Divine Mercy devotions for the month of August. Devotions will be resume in September 2018.

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

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 by 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**

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!

FEEL GREAT & LOOK GREAT

Feel and look great at our exercise class every Wednesday from **8:30 to 9:30 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.**

