

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday July 23rd
 8:30 AM Bolivar & Robert Almeida
 12:00 PM Jack Noble

Tuesday July 24th
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl
 12:00 PM Daniel Cahill

Wednesday July 25th
 8:30 AM Rosemarie P. Brennan
 12:00 PM Anthony Bruno

Thursday July 26th
 8:30 AM Gregory Golaszewski
 12:00 PM William Gerrard & Family

Friday July 27th
 8:30 AM Henry Foertsch
 12:00 PM Caroline, Michael, & Michael Sassi Jr.
 and Roland Pugliese

Saturday July 28th
 8:30 AM John F. Haggerty
 5:00 PM Mary Russomanno

Sunday July 29th
 8:30 AM Carol Wood
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Elizabeth Haggerty
 5:00 PM Louis Tosi

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

Rita Guidice
 Kathy Carcamo

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – July 22nd
Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – July 23rd
Weekday

TUESDAY - July 24th
Weekday

WEDNESDAY – July 25th
Saint James, Apostle
 -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 26th
Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FRIDAY – July 27th
Weekday

SATURDAY – July 28th
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

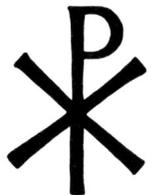
On First Fridays during July and August, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will immediately follow the 8:30am Mass and Benediction will be, before the 12:00 Noon Mass, at 11:40am.

GOING ON VACATION?

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

MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND

Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund given **in memory of:**
Nilda Dorsey
 by
 The Gorman & Diskin Families



TABERNACLE LIGHT



Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**
Ida Simonetti
(Birthday Remembrance)
 by
 Carolyn Carriello

Dear Parishioners,

The theme of the Readings for today is about leadership. God is leading us through His Son, Jesus Christ, and Christ is appointing leaders within His Church. This should inspire us to accept this leadership and fulfill our role in God's Plan as well.

Ann Landers was a pen name created by Chicago Sun-Times advice columnist Ruth Crowley in 1943. For 56 years, the *Ask Ann Landers* syndicated advice column was a regular feature in many newspapers across North America. Owing to this popularity, "Ann Landers", though fictional, became something of a national institution and cultural icon. Once during an interview with her, one journalist asked her the following question: "*What is the most frequently asked questions by readers and what advice do they usually ask for?*" "*Most people write that they feel very lonely and lost,*" said Ann Landers. "*And what do you advise them then?*" - the journalist asked. "*I advise them to look around and see how many people need their help. By getting involved in helping other people, they will forget their own loneliness.*"

Sent by Christ on a mission to proclaim the Gospel, the apostles certainly did not feel lonely or unnecessary. Contrarily - today's Gospel says that they felt happy and fulfilled. They spoke with pride and joy to Christ about his apostolic successes, about "what they did and what they taught."

Apparently they felt overworked and tired, since Christ encouraged them to rest. So much so that "*People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat.*"

As the Gospel continues: "*When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.*" (Mk 6:34)

These words were probably never more relevant than they are today. One of the paradoxes of modern life is the feeling of being lost and alone. Today, people living in families, or even standing in a crowd can feel lost and alone. This is confirmed by psychiatric clinics. Rich and poor, young and old people alike, feel the effects of such things as mental illness, alcoholism, broken families and the like. This is probably evidence that these people lack something important in life, something that gives meaning and value to everything that they experience. What is missing?

Being alone means to avoid people, but sometimes it also means to avoid God. Being alone is closing yourself in your own world, dealing only with yourself, with your own real and imagined pains.

Just as Ann Landers advised her readers, the best remedy to overcome the feeling of being lost and alone is to turn to people, to engage with the poor, the sick, the lonely and the needy. Then we will see closely that other people are often poorer, materially and spiritually, have more problems and sufferings, are more abandoned and alone than we are. By helping other people, we will not only forget about our own loneliness, troubles and problems, but also, like the apostles, we will fulfill the mission to which Christ has called us. He cannot help those people today who are "like sheep without a shepherd" without us. We have to surround these people with our love and bring Christ to the Sheep, which is the Church.

As M. Quoiest the poet wrote, Christ tells each one of us:

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*I need you,
 I need your hands to continue my blessing,
 I need your lips to continue my teaching,
 I need your body to continue my suffering,
 I need your heart to continue my love,
 I need you to continue my work of Salvation.*"

Christ needs us all; priests and lay people. For we are all responsible for one another. When we undertake the mission that Jesus has entrusted to us, we can be sure that the feeling of loss and loneliness will forever disappear from our hearts. Perhaps, just like the apostles, we will be tired, but full of pride and joy in the well-fulfilled mission that Christ has entrusted to us. It is clear and obvious to us that our life has a great meaning, because we are needed by God and other people.

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 as follows:

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, as well as our other ministries, always welcomes new members. Any time that you can spare will certainly make a difference! Why not give it a try???

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.**

Once again we share the experience of one of our parishioners and the impact of this vital GIFT OF LIFE.

Hello to my fellow OLM parishioners. My name is RENATE VECCHIONE and some of you may remember when I was working as part time sacristan back in 2010. I am here to say THANK YOU! to all those who have been blood donors throughout the years. I am also asking those of you who are considering being donors to please know that the blood you donate is needed badly and will be used quickly.

I have been battling a rare blood cancer, Mantle Cell Lymphoma since 2011. I cannot tell you how many units of blood I needed to stay alive. You see after a session of chemotherapy your hemoglobin and platelet levels go down severely. When this happens you are too dizzy and weak to walk. I used to try to get up and all I did was succeed in hitting my head on the center of a wooden bed or granite tile. You also cannot breath, it is too painful. Imagine trying to breathe in while a gorilla is sitting on your chest and swords are through your back. Your donations of blood and platelets have given me my life back. Without your help I would not be here. When I was receiving the transfusions I would always wonder about the person who was so generous in their donation. I knew I would leave after receiving the transfusion with good energy as only someone who is one with the Spirit would be a donor.

Again I THANK YOU with all my heart. For those considering donating think of someone like myself with cancer and needing a fighting chance to live. God Bless. Renate.

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING YOUR PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE.

Literature is available in the vestibule of the church for your review. For further information please contact Carol Flaherty in the Rectory office 718 268 6143. Appointments are not essential, WALK-INS are most welcome. Please bring a PHOTO ID, your DONOR ID CARD or DONOR ID NUMBER if you have one on August 5th. Remember to eat and drink fluids before you come to donate.

Volunteers are needed throughout the day to assist the donors. If you can offer an hour or two of your time, leave your name, phone number and time available at the rectory office.



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.
- **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.
- Our **Lady of the Snows** (718-347-6070) in Floral Park will be celebrating the **9th annual Feast of St. Rocco, Patron of the Sick & Suffering, on August 12th.** For info call Luz Rebong – Home#-718-217-9424, Mobile#-718-598-1795

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following parishioner has distinguished himself academically, during the last marking period as a student at St. John's Preparatory School: John Calix

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.

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

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.**

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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.

