

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 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

Monday July 30th
 8:30 AM Helen & Frank Skiba
 12:00 PM Madeline DeMarco

Tuesday July 31st
 8:30 AM Maria Luisa DeNavia
 12:00 PM Patricia Hurt

Wednesday August 1st
 8:30 AM Julia & Julian Michalowski
 12:00 PM Anthony Bruno

Thursday August 2nd
 8:30 AM Jean Santamaria
 12:00 PM P.J. Hynes

Friday August 3rd
 8:30 AM Madeline Serphen
 12:00 PM Deceased Members of Butler & Kavanaugh Families

Saturday August 4th
 8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua & BiFalco & DiCapua Families
 5:00 PM Camillo Turriciano

Sunday August 5th
 8:30 AM Anastasia & Victor Stankiewicz
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Dorothy Palumbo
 5:00 PM Louis Tosi (Van Nostrand)

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

Joseph R. Geiger

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – July 29th
Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – July 30th
Weekday

TUESDAY - July 31st
Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

WEDNESDAY – August 1st
Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 -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 – August 2nd
Weekday

FRIDAY – August 3rd
Weekday

SATURDAY – August 4th
Saint John Vianney, Priest

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.

TABERNACLE LIGHT



Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of: Marie Maram DeLima & Manuel DeLima** by Marina Koan

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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

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

Dear Parishioners,

Adam Chmielowski long sought the right way of life. Among other things, he fought in the ranks of patriots during the January Independence Uprising in Poland, during the years 1863 and 1864. He was seriously wounded in the skirmish and was taken prisoner by the Russians. After regaining his freedom, he devoted himself to painting. In this field he became known as a talented artist, with promising high hopes. But this did not give him full satisfaction. He always felt anxiety over human misery and social injustice. Because of this, he made a life goal to be devoted to the poor and needy. In compassion for poor and homeless people, he lived in a so-called "heating room", a barrack that only provides shelter from the cold and night. With the permission of Bishop Dunajewski he put on a religious habit and put on the vow of chastity, taking the name Albert. A year later, he concluded a contract with the magistrate stating that he would take over a shelter for the homeless. He hobbled on the streets of Krakow on a wooden leg (crippled in the uprising), asking for alms for his charges. He collected various gifts for his cart, which he distributed to the needy. Soon people around Alberta began to also want to serve others. In 1888, a congregation of the Albertine Brothers was established, which organized nursing homes in several different towns. Everybody in need could receive a bowl of soup in these houses, a piece of bread, modest clothes and other accommodations.

Brother Albert Chmielowski died on Christmas 1916. Several bishops, clergy members, lay people, and paupers came to his funeral to say their goodbyes. In 1989 Brother Albert Chmielowski was canonized by Pope John Paul II.

The story of the life of Saint Brother Albert is a good illustration of what today's reading is about. The Apostle Andrew brought to Christ a boy who had 5 loaves and two fish. Lord Jesus asked the boy for these five loaves and two fish so that he could feed a crowd of hungry people. The boy gave them to Christ and He was able to feed over five thousand hungry people. Like the boy from today's Gospel, Brother Albert gave Christ everything he possessed, although he possessed so little. He was not even healthy, because he was a cripple without a leg. However, what Brother Albert sacrificed - was enough. Christ multiplied the work begun by Brother Albert. What was accomplished exceeded Brother Albert's wildest imagination. Probably Brother Albert did not even dream that he would be the founder of a religious congregation and that thanks to his devotion to God, thousands of poor people would receive the help they needed.

Like Christ, and like Brother Albert, we are also saddened and worried about what is happening nowadays in the world. So many people live in poverty! In rich countries, tons of bread and food are thrown into the garbage, and at the same time thousands of people are starving in other parts of the world. Looking at all of this, we feel depressed and discouraged, because we know that we can do little to change this situation. We feel as powerless as the crowd of several thousand people, whom Christ offered to feed in the wilderness.

In spite of this, let us not give in to feelings of discouragement. Let us recall what the boy from today's Gospel did, what Brother Albert did and let us give Christ everything that we have.

We cannot help people who are poor, homeless, or dying of various diseases somewhere far away like in Africa or Asia, but we can help those people who live close to us in our city, on our street, in our neighborhood. It is these people that Christ wants us to help.

So let us start helping! Let us give Jesus our modest strength and the resources that we have, and He will do the rest. He will multiply the good that we do to others above our wildest dreams and imaginations, just as he multiplied five loaves and two fishes and fed thousands of hungry people. You can help the poor of our area by putting an offering, if only your spare change, in the poor boxes which are located next to the exit.

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!

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!

REQUESTS FOR USE OF PARISH SPACE

Parish groups, who have not already done so, please submit your requests for meeting space in Parish buildings for the 2018-2019 season by August 17th.

Please be aware of the following:

- The request should specify the room that you need as well as the time you need it for, including set-up time
- All parish spaces are closed on major holidays. No events/meetings will be put on the calendar for those days.
- In the event that your group needs to cancel a meeting/event, the Rectory office must be notified.
- All requests must indicate a "contact person" with telephone number, and email.

Please email request to office@mercyhills.org or drop it off at the rectory.

We will notify you of any dates that conflict with the existing Parish schedule.

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 Center serves the City Boroughs, Nassau, Suffolk Counties, and parts of New Jersey. An average of 2500 units are transfused every 24 hours, approximately every 3 seconds someone is receiving this life sustaining substance. The need for blood is constant, and we always assume that, when needed, it will be available in plentiful supply. In last week's Bulletin we reprinted our parishioner Renate Vecchione's experience with her illness and response to treatment. Her sincere gratitude to the donors for their self sacrifice was profoundly exemplified as she shared her thoughts and physical responses while receiving the transfusion. This Sunday, Mr. Damian Pough a representative from the Center will speak briefly at the morning Masses to convey the critical level of the Center's reserves and to encourage us to donate our gift of life to assist someone to restore their health.

We are grateful to our parishioners and community members who consistently participate in every blood drive sacrificing their time to offer this life sustaining gift. Their devotion is remarkable, an exceptional spiritual practice of Christ's message: "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Please consider offering your time and donate your gift of life to your neighbor in need.

Literature is available in the vestibule of the church for your review or contact the blood center at www.nybloodcenter.org.

Appointments are not essential. **WALK-INS ARE WELCOME** Please bring your **PHOTO ID** or 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 with registration, and support following their donation. Please call the Rectory office 718 268 6143 if you can offer an hour or two of your time.



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. John's 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.
- **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

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Queens' Summer Sings at Our Lady of Mercy Church

The Forest Hills Choir in conjunction with the Queens Oratorio Society and Scola Sine Nomine are sponsoring two great musical events.

- 8/16 at 7:30pm-Mozart's Requiem conducted by David Close and Ben Arendsen.
- 8/23 at 7:30pm-Brahm's Requiem conducted by Ronnie Oliver Jr.

According to the conductors:

"We are hoping for a healthy mix of professional and amateur singers. Our aim is for members of the community to be part of a creative and fun endeavor together."

and

"The object is to have fun. This is a social night at the end of the summer for the community."

Tickets are \$15 each and are available at the doors. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome. No prior musical study is required.

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.**

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!

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

