

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday June 7th**  
 8:30 AM Thomas & Anna O'Connor  
 5:00 PM Anne Daly

**Sunday July 8th**  
 8:30 AM Eleanor & James Mara  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Arnold Davis  
 5:00 PM Jean Santamaria

**Monday July 9th**  
 8:30 AM May & Ed Chocko & Sarah Davey  
 12:00 PM John & Eleanor Friel

**Tuesday July 10th**  
 8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua & BiFalco & DiCapua Families  
 12:00 PM Joan Sauro

**Wednesday July 11th**  
 8:30 AM Gerry Murphy (2nd Anniversary)  
 12:00 PM Brian & Robin Davis

**Thursday July 12th**  
 8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Szabados Family  
 12:00 PM Joan Sauro

**Friday July 13th**  
 8:30 AM Rosemarie Brennan  
 12:00 PM Gregory P. Golaszewski

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

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

**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, Sr. Mary Parry, O.P., 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 – July 8th**  
*Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

**MONDAY – July 9th**  
*Weekday*

**TUESDAY - July 10th**  
*Saint Thomas, Apostle*

**WEDNESDAY – July 11th**  
*Saint Benedict, Abbot*  
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am  
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**  
 -Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

**THURSDAY – July 12th**  
*Weekday*

**FRIDAY – July 13th**  
*Weekday*

**SATURDAY – July 14th**  
*Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin*

**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 follow the 12:00 Noon Mass**

**GOING ON VACATION?**

To find times of local Masses anywhere go to [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org).

**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.



**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

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

**Mary Westman**  
 by

Arlene Spinner & Family

Dear Parishioners,

HG Wells' novel "The Country of the Blind" describes the experience of the traveler who got lost during a storm in the mountains and found himself in an unknown valley. It turned out that all its mysterious inhabitants were blind. Moreover, they thought that it is normal - and what they hear from the odd newcomer of the "vision" of the world was beyond their imagination: they could not comprehend it. They considered him to be "mad", and they decided to make him blind, in order to make him "normal" - it meant the same to them.

Today's Gospel says that Jesus experienced a similar lack of understanding and rejection of his countrymen, the people of Nazareth. They have heard about Jesus' teachings and miracles in other cities; they were witnesses of his holy life, but *"they took offense at Him. Many hearing him were astonished saying: "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?" (Mk 6,2-3 )*

The residents of Nazareth did not believe in Jesus because they were too familiar with him. Or perhaps it would be better to say that they had a stereotype in their minds of Jesus as their carpenter and they could not see him in the role as healer. Jesus, amazed at their lack of faith and envious attitude, said to them, *"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house..."* Because of their disbelief: *"So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them...He was amazed at their lack of faith.." (Mk 6:5)*

Throughout the Old Testament era, God sent His prophets to preach His Word and the people of Israel rejected and despised them. We have a perfect example in the prophet Ezekiel about whom we heard in today's first reading. God said to him: *"Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; (...) Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. (Ez 2,3,4)* The history of rejection of the prophets, men sent by God, has been repeated endlessly. God sent all His Prophets into the world with one aim, to sow in the hearts of men love and goodwill.

As God's children, we also have been sent by God into the world with a similar mission. God's call upon our lives as Christians is to remind people of Him and His love. We need to remind people of God's law written in their hearts and their minds; we need to remind them about obeying God's commandments. And because today, there are many people whose hearts get full of pride and insolence, we should be prepared for the fact that we will be rejected and despised, just as Christ and the prophets of the Old Testament.

Let us then remember the words of Christ: *"If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you."* (Jn 15,18-19)

Certainly, many times we have experienced rejection, contempt, lack of empathy and understanding in our own lives. For example, we can ask good students, who remain honest with studies and do not cheat in their exams, how they feel when others try to be dishonest and practice cheating. We can ask teenagers who don't want to drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes, or use bad language at the party, how they feel when others who practice all those things make fun of them and treat them badly. We can ask a mother how her daughter treats her, when she doesn't accept her daughter's bad company, or when she expects her daughter to be home at a certain time in the evening. We can ask ourselves how people treat us when we try to defend an unpopular law such as the protection of unborn children.

*"If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you."* said Jesus (John 15:20) If His people have persecuted and rejected Him, we should not be surprised if they also reject us, His followers. So let's be ready for it! And even when the people closest to us will reject us because of Christ and his Gospel, let's not stop loving them, let's not give up! Let's not be angry or embittered, and not think about revenge! Instead of this, let's follow Jesus, who never gave up, and never stopped loving 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. **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.

**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. We have collected a total of \$605.00 dollars so far. 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  
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.

**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.**

**DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

July 11, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
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.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**GIVE BLOOD  
SAVE LIFE**

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.

**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.
- **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.
- **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 [gphr@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:gphr@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).
- **Maggies Little Theater** at St. Margaret Parish Hall (66-05 79th Pl., Middle Village) will present the classic Broadway Musical "Man of LaMancha" on 7/13 & 7/14 at 8:00pm and on 7/7, & 7/8 at 2:00pm. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$17 for seniors and children. To reserve tickets call 917-579-5389 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?

## 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.

## 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**

## 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

## 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!

