

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 11th
8:30 AM	Michael Minischetti
5:00 PM	Ann T. Kelly (3 Year Anniversary)
Sunday	August 12th
8:30 AM	Joseph Mauro
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Joan Sauro & Frances & Michael Albano
5:00 PM	Louis Tosi (Van Nostrand)
Monday	August 13th
8:30 AM	Robert M. Jensen Sr. & Family
12:00 PM	In Honor of Saint Anthony
Tuesday	August 14th
8:30 AM	Severiano Luz
12:00 PM	Joan Sauro
7:30 PM	Luis & Remedios Del Mundo
Wednesday	August 15th
8:30 AM	William Kirby & Leonard Quigley
12:00 PM	Anna Stanick
Thursday	August 16th
8:30 AM	William Gerrard & Family
12:00 PM	Msgr. Gerald J. Langelier (5th Anniversary)
Friday	August 17th
8:30 AM	Nellie & Maurice Rooney
12:00 PM	Annie Kelly (3 year Anniversary)
Saturday	August 18th
8:30 AM	Luis & Remedios Del Mundo
5:00 PM	Arnold Davis
Sunday	August 19th
8:30 AM	John Cassis
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Edward Tosi (Van Nostrand)
5:00 PM	Antoni Wieczorek

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, 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., Mary Sheehan, John Murphy, Mary Albert, Ida Medearis, Maureen Remsen, Rosa Rivera, Elaine LeCrann, Jane Lawson, Richard Eisenzopf, 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

Deacon Luis R. Lopez
Helen McClellan
Thomas Moran
Paul Doloroso

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – August 12th**

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – August 13th

Weekday

TUESDAY - August 14th

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

WEDNESDAY – August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30am **(NOTE TIME CHANGE)**

-Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**

THURSDAY – August 16th

Weekday

-Mozart's Requiem "Summer Sing-In"-Church at 7:30pm

-Baptism Meeting-Rectory at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – August 17th

Weekday

SATURDAY – August 18th

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.

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:**

Agnes R. Bedson
(Birthday Remembrance)

by
Carolyn Cariello

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of **July, 2018:**

Vivian Dai Trabulsky
Emilia Michelle Pullmann
Madison Rose Caraballo
Mia Stella Vergara
Maria Gianna Yanniello
Julia Dolores Guadalupe
Julian Enrique Guadalupe

Dear Parishioners,

On August 5th, 2018 Deacon Greg Kandra preached a homily at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Church on: "Why I Remain A Catholic?" His words tie in beautifully with the Gospel reading of today. Jesus identifies Himself as "The Bread of life that has come down from heaven to give life to the world". That Bread, the Eucharist, lies at the heart of everything. Though the ministers of the Sacraments and Word may often be far less than ideal, yet it is the Sacraments and the Gospel that lie at the center of our Catholic life. With Deacon Greg's permission, both now and in our first fall *Mirror*, I would like to share with you some of his thoughts.

The deacon mentioned that people have written to him who felt betrayed; outraged and angry... they feel a hunger ... a hunger for justice ... a hunger for accountability ... a hunger for an explanation. Some may hunger for vengeance... all hunger for hope! Some people have asked: "Why remain a Catholic?". It is that question to which the Deacon addresses himself but from his personal point of view.

He remains a Catholic because of men like Father Stanley Rother, an American missionary priest, serving the poorest of the poor in Guatemala and who refused to leave his people even when his life was endangered. He was attacked and killed on July 28th, 1981. He is a Catholic because of Bishops like Oscar Romero, who was killed by the paramilitary in San Salvador while celebrating Mass. He is a Catholic because of men like Father Jacque Hamel, an elderly French priest, whose throat was slit by jihadists while he was at the altar in his parish church. He is a Catholic because of priests like Father Walter Ciszek, S.J. who risked his life in the Soviet gulags in order to celebrate Mass with a few crumbs of bread and a few drops of wine. He is a Catholic because of Teresa of Calcutta, who heard Christ calling her to serve the poorest of the poor. He is a Catholic because of people like our readers, who fill our pews every Sunday while displaying great courage and conviction. He is a Catholic because of women like the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena, who are serving in Iraq and yet during the war and turmoil there offered shelter not only to Catholics but also to their Muslim neighbors. One of the Sisters explained that : "We don't help them because they are Catholics, but because we are." The deacon continues: I am a Catholic because these and so many others bear witness to the ongoing miracle of God's love and mercy - and the greatest ongoing miracle of all, the Eucharist. I am a Catholic because these words are engraved in my heart: "Do this in memory of Me!". And as I offer my hand at every Mass as an unworthy cradle to hold the Body and Blood of Christ, I am awed and ashamed - and I am, by God's grace transformed.

I am a Catholic because to be a Catholic is to be part of the most extraordinary undertaking in all of human history - one that educated the ignorant, comforted the grieving, healed the sick, and uplifted the outcast. Across 2000 years, the Catholic Church gave beauty to music and art, architecture and prayer. It took the Body of Christ and His teachings to the jungles of Asia and to huts in Africa and to classrooms in areas as diverse as Beverly Hills, Forest Hills, Brooklyn and Belfast.

I am a Catholic because I believe...the Creed, the testament of faith for which countless men, women and children have given their lives. We acclaim during the Baptismal rite: "This is our faith and the faith of the Church and we are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus, our Lord!" I am a Catholic because I believe that we can be better than we are - and that no priest, bishop or cardinal can take that away. I am a Catholic because I believe, because I know, that we are fallible, fallen people and we are struggling to get to heaven, and (to do that) some of us are living lives of pure sacrificial love.

I am a Catholic because the horrible sins of a few cannot erase the generous staggeringly beautiful love of so many. It has been that way since Day One, when Christ was executed between two thieves, while those He loved abandoned Him, denied Him or betrayed Him. I am a Catholic because so many who love the Lord have not abandoned or betrayed Him. Know this: Most shepherds of our Church do not run at the sign of danger. Though weak and fallible, they are not disloyal or cowardly. Pray for them, walk with them, and hope with them. Pray for those beginning their priesthood that they will not lose heart.

We live in treacherous, traitorous times. Things may get worse before they get better... but they will get better. A priest in South Carolina wrote to his parishioners words that I can only echo: "Do not despair."

Thank you, Deacon Greg.

Monsignor McGuirl

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.

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 who may serve 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!

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.

**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-Brahms' 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."

"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.

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to those members of our parish and neighborhood community who gave their time on an incredibly hot Sunday, August 5th, to participate in OUR LADY of MERCY'S BLOOD DRIVE. **51 pints of blood** were collected. Since 1 pint serves 3 patients, through your goodness **153 patients will receive this precious gift of life**. The representative from the Blood Center offers you their gratitude and congratulations for your generous response to the need for blood donations during this critical time. May you always be blest for your life sustaining gift that you have given your neighbor.

There were several volunteers who assisted throughout the day. Their efficient and concerned attention guided the donors through all phases of the donation process. A very special THANK YOU to Ms. Carol Flaherty, Ms. Linda Dougherty, Mr. Michael Mangino, Mr. Jim Mara, Ms. Annamarie Prono, and Ms. Pauline Szabados. Sharing your time, talent, and the treasure that you are was sincerely appreciated.

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.

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

***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.
- **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.
- **Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home** (42-41 201 St. in Bayside) is **seeking a part-time Activity Leaders**, 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.
- **Bridge to Life, Inc.** (www.thebridgetolife.org) is **seeking dedicated & ambitious applicant for PT Admin. Asst. position**. Requirements: Exp. in office procedures; MS Office; database mgt.; social media campaigns; type 50 WPM; bilingual in Spanish a plus. Please email your resume to cblack@thebridgetolife.org or call 718-463-1810.

OLM/CYO SPORTS NEWS

The 2018-19 CYO sports schedule will bring a change to sports programs at Our Lady of Mercy and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Players from both parishes will compete together as one team in girls and boys basketball, and girls soccer. The Tri-M Swim Team will remain the same. Additional information for registration will soon be posted in the bulletin.

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.**

THE DEANERY CORNER

- **The Bereavement Support Group at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** offers understanding, compassion, and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Meetings are held in the rectory, and facilitated by Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader, Yorke Mizelle. Call the OLQM rectory at 718-268-6251 if interested in attending or more info, email ymizelle@nyc.rr.com
- 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
- **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church** will hold its Annual Summer Blood Drive. The NY Blood Center Mobile Bus will be in the church parking lot (near Ascan Ave. entrance) on Sunday, August 26th from 9:15am to 3:15pm.

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

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

