

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 25th
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
5:00 PM	Charles Crawbuck
Sunday	August 26th
8:30 AM	Joseph
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Gregory P. Golaszewski
5:00 PM	Antoni Wieczorek
Monday	August 27th
8:30 AM	Bolivar & Robert Almeida
12:00 PM	Caroline, Michael, & Michael Sassi Jr. and Roland Pugliese
Tuesday	August 28th
8:30 AM	Robert Jensen Sr. & Family
12:00 PM	Lindsay Carter (Living Intention)
Wednesday	August 29th
8:30 AM	Clotilda Hur (Living Intention)
12:00 PM	Anthony Bruno
Thursday	August 30th
8:30 AM	Homai Gharda
12:00 PM	Megan Midas
Friday	August 31st
8:30 AM	Julia & Julian Michalowski
12:00 PM	Laura Napoli
Saturday	September 1st
8:30 AM	Anthony Deda (Living Intention)
5:00 PM	Jean Santamaria
Sunday	September 2nd
8:30 AM	Giancarlo Mayor
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Louis Tosi (Van Nostrand)
5:00 PM	Mary Ann & John Campoprese

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, 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, 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, James Bast, 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

Dcn. Salvatore V. Licata
Dcn. George A. Bourbeau
Jane Stephen

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – August 26th**

Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – August 27th

Saint Monica

TUESDAY - August 28th

Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

WEDNESDAY – August 29th

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30am

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

THURSDAY – August 30th

Weekday

FRIDAY – August 31st

Weekday

SATURDAY – September 1st

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 the Summer, 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.

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. Please take advantage of the many openings for Memorials that remain for 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

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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

**Office of the Bishop***Diocese of Brooklyn*310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York 11215

August 17, 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with great sorrow that I address the horrific stories in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report detailing the sexual abuse of minors by members of the clergy. It is shameful to think that some bishops and others in positions of authority would have failed to recognize the gravity of child abuse and not taken greater steps to stop it. I know this has been hurtful and confusing to the faithful. It is even more painful to the survivors of clergy abuse who are forced to relive their trauma when they hear additional accounts of evil perpetrated against more than a thousand innocent children. The wounds of betrayal continue to be reopened. I know that words alone cannot express the anger and pain that many are feeling. Only Jesus can bring about healing in the midst of such darkness and brokenness.

Many people have lost trust in the Catholic Church, and words are empty without action. Here in the Diocese of Brooklyn, we continue to urge anyone who is a victim of sexual abuse, or is aware of sexual abuse committed by a member of the clergy, a diocesan employee, or volunteer to report it. Allegations called into the diocesan reporting line at 1-888-634-4499 will be immediately turned over to law enforcement and callers will be met with compassion, support, and concern. We are committed to ensuring that children and the most vulnerable are protected, that victim-survivors are heard, and that protocols to immediately and directly report allegations to law enforcement are strictly followed. Our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) has allowed hundreds of victims to seek some sense of closure and compensation.

The Church has come a long way over the past 15 years, but we must never become complacent. We must never stop working to understand and protect against the evil that has hurt and even destroyed so many within our Church. And we must remain committed to regaining the trust of the faithful.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicholas DiMarzio".

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.
Bishop of Brooklyn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**K-7th Grade Registration for Newcomers**

Our Lady of Mercy Religious Ed will be holding registration for *newcomers* from **2:00pm – 6:00pm** on:

WED., Sept. 5th; THURS., Sept. 6th; & MON., Sept. 11th

- K-5th Grade classes are held on Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 4:15pm, starting Sept. 26.
- Sixth and seventh grade classes are held on Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:30pm, starting Sept. 27.

Fees are \$150 for one child, \$225 for two children and \$275 for three children or more.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate at the time of registration.

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.

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!

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH
NEEDS YOUR HELP**Please consider donating schools supplies**

In just a few short weeks, students will be returning to school after the summer break. "We want to ensure that all our students are armed with the tools to be successful; to learn, make friends, and flourish." Our Lady of Mercy Church wants to ensure that all students and parents have the resources and support they need to be successful. With the help of donations from you we will provide students with grade-appropriate school supplies so they can focus on the job of being a student, and their parents can focus on seeing their success this school year. Please consider donating school supplies like those suggested as follows on the wish list; Folders; Binders; Crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc.; Art supplies; Baby Wipes; Disinfecting wipes; Tissues; Paper Towels There will be a receptacle for donations in the Church Vestibule

Thank you for your support & God Bless!

Deacon Dean Dobbins

Director of Human Services Our Lady of Mercy Church

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Pantry could use some help in replenishing supplies. Some suggestions are: tuna fish, canned stews, hash, or Spam, Chef Boyardee, powdered or Parmalat milk, jelly, rice, canned or packaged soups, packets of pasta & rice "Sides", canned fruits, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies, toothpaste, soaps, shampoos, and any other personal hygiene and non-perishable food items.

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.

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.**

Please Note: Classes will resume on September 26th.

MAGNIFICAT DAY
of Thanksgiving

Please join in celebrating the **Silver Jubilee of Magnificat Worldwide on October 6th at the Kings Theatre in Brooklyn.** Special guests include Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio, Fr. Peter Cameron, OP, Most Rev. Robert Barron, Dr. Scott Hahn, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM, Cap, & Most Rev. Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the USA. Holy relics of the Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux, and her parents will be available for veneration by attendees. Go to **www.magnificatday.com** for more info and to register.



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 olqmcg.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.
- **ENGLISH CLASSES** will be offered at **Queen of Angels Church** (44-04 Skilman Ave., Sunnyside). Classes begin on Sept. 22nd at 2PM and Sept. 25th at 4PM. Registration is on Sept. 16th from 10:AM to 1:30PM and the registration fee is \$50. For more info, call 718-392-0011 or 347-684-0093
- The **September meeting of the 112th Precinct Community Council** will be on **September 24th** at the Precinct

OLM/CYO SPORTS NEWS

As previously announced, players from OLM and OLQM will compete as one team during the 2018-19 CYO basketball season. Registration is available for girls and boys in the 2nd and 3rd grades, and boys only in the 5th and 8th grades. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Registration is scheduled as follows:

September 6th (7:00 to 8:30 PM)-Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall

September 8th (10:00 to 11:30 AM)-Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Gym

September 15th (10:00 to 11:30 AM)-Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall

Previous and new coaches are requested to register on these dates. If additional information is required, please contact Richie Allen at 212-596-9295 or Richard.allen@ropesgray.com

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 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**

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!

