

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Camporese
Monday	September 3rd
8:30 AM	Thomas O'Connor
12:00 PM	In Honor of the Holy Trinity and Blessed Mother
Tuesday	September 4th
8:30 AM	Justina Kodheli
12:00 PM	Joseph & Ruth Lieber
Wednesday	September 5th
8:30 AM	Vera Farrell (First Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Hilda Voegelé
Thursday	September 6th
8:30 AM	Clotilda Hur (Living Intention)
12:00 PM	Antoni Wieczorek
Friday	September 7th
8:30 AM	Nabil Kassis
12:00 PM	Eleanor & James Mara
Saturday	September 8th
8:30 AM	Andrew Deda (Living Intention)
5:00 PM	Luigi Sauro
Sunday	September 9th
8:30 AM	Savarese & O'Neill Families
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Ewald Kneier
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, 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, Jo Ann Stumpp, 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

Rev. Msgr. Eugene A Feldhaus

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – September 2nd**

Twenty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – September 3rd

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

TUESDAY - September 4th

Weekday

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – September 5th

Weekday

-OLMCA First day of Classes

-NO Exercise Class

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

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – September 6th

Weekday

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

-CYO Basketball Registration-Parish Hall from 7:00 to 8:30pm

FRIDAY – September 7th

Weekday

SATURDAY – September 8th

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Dear Parishioners;

A confrontation and argument about hand-washing seems a little out of the ordinary. But as with so many of Our Lord's teachings, the issue is not really "hand-washing". After all, how many parents have spent hours reprimanding their children about "washing your hands before you eat". It seems like a good thing to do; certainly it promotes hygiene. In the Jewish community of our Lord's time, what started as hygienic practice had blossomed into a physical manifestation of faithfulness to the covenant. The hand-washings before eating were now seen as indication of a person's inner purity - their purity of mind and heart. It was to this that our Lord rather regularly objected. "Nothing that enters from outside (like food) can defile a person, but the things that come out from within are what defile". Christ then gives a list of possibilities: "evil thoughts, lack of chastity, theft, murder adultery, greed etc...." These potential actions develop from within the person. In most instances in the Scriptures, it is the action itself that is the sin. But the actions flow from thoughts. We may all occasionally have thoughts that are not enviable but in most instances, we do not act on them.

The difficulty with the approach of the Pharisees was an understanding that the practice of certain physical acts of purification indicated that moral worth of the individual. The practices were fine if they served as reminders of the conversion of heart and mind that was necessary to be a member of the covenanted community.

In our own time, the Church too practices certain physical actions meant also as reminders. We sign ourselves at the beginning of prayers with the Trinitarian formula "In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." This reminds us that our prayers are made to Father, through Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit." There is the pious practice of signing our foreheads, lips and heart before the proclamation of the Gospel. Again this is a reminder that the words of the Gospel are meant to transform us by being in our minds, on our lips and in our heart. You probably can think of many other pious practices along the same lines. In each case they are there to remind us of our Christian commitment, they are not guarantees that we are committed.

The first two readings this Sunday follow along the same line. From the Old Testament, the Book of Deuteronomy was a restatement of the Sinai/Horeb experience when God formed a covenant with the people He choose as His own. "Observe them (the Commandments) carefully ...that you may live and take possession of the land the Lord , the God of your fathers is giving you."

St. James was a very practical man. His letter is earnest and straightforward. No frills. Perhaps his most famous admonition appears in today's citation: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only...religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is thus : to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." "Widows and orphans" was short-hand for those who most required assistance in the ancient world. In an extremely family-oriented society, to be orphaned or widowed often left a child or woman without the resources provided by support of the extended family. There were no social services, as we think of them now; therefore, to assist the most needy was to fulfill the admonition to be doers not merely hearers.

Let us make the responsorial psalm our own: The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord, ... who walks blamelessly thinks truth in the heart ...slanders not with his tongue ... harms not fellow humans ...does not take up a reproach against his neighbor ...honors those who fear the Lord ... does not benefit by another's misfortune. "Whoever does these things will not be disturbed." (At least ultimately) for this person will stand in a righteous relationship with God.

In Christ
Monsignor McGuirl

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.

ADULT BIBLE AND SCRIPTURE SHARING

Adult Bible will resume **Tuesday Sept. 18th at 7:30pm** in the Rectory

There are two types:

- A. Scripture Sharing And Centering Prayer-led by Carol Powell
 - B. Bible Study And Discussion (Theme: The Apostle Paul)-led by David Powell
- (Mr. and Mrs. Powell are Co-Directors of the parish Religious Education Program)

Beginning Oct. 4th there will also be **Scripture Sharing and Centering Prayer** on Thursday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. In the Rectory

Any questions call the Religious Education office (718 261 6285) or send an email to olmercyreligion@gmail.com

ATTENTION PLEASE!**Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors**

Unfortunately, we are frequently finding ourselves at Mass with a lack of Ministers, Lectors, and Servers.

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. Thank You!

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 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.
- **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
- **ATTENTION: Sept 5th is the Last Day to Register for FREE Daffodil Bulbs** from the New Yorkers for Parks **Daffodil Project** (www.ny4p.org/the-daffodilproject or 212-838-9410 Gabriella Cappo). **Registration ends at 5:00pm on 9/5** and distribution of your bulbs will be on 9/22 in Forest Park at 10AM. **You MUST register to receive bulbs.**

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

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

September 05, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
September 12, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
September 19, 2018	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00 pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30pm & Benediction - 8:00 pm	
September 26, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm

MANTLE OF MERCY -90 YEARS WIDE GALA VOLUNTEER PLANNING MEETING SAT., OCT. 13, 2018, at 10 AM

The start of our parish's 90th Anniversary year -long celebration will be next year at a Gala Dinner Dance on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019, from 3PM-8PM at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. Come and be a part of the vital work (and fun!) to plan this Gala and other celebratory events on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018 at 10AM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Continental Breakfast will be served (and if you're good, Helen's Irish Coffee). Please RSVP to the Rectory (718-268-6143) or Helen Van Tine- Golden (917-952-5142).

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!

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!

Labor Day Prayer

O God, through human labor you continually perfect the immense work of your creation. Listen to the prayers of your people, and grant to everyone employment that calls us to our best and unite us with each other, so that we can serve our brothers and sisters, and your world, through our work. This we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, who lives in unity with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

