

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 29th
 8:30 AM Dario Restrepo
 5:00 PM Jean Santamaria

Sunday September 30th
 8:30 AM Dennis O'Brien
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Antoni Wieczorek
 5:00 PM Giuseppa Pizzo

Monday October 24th
 8:30 AM Josephine (Jo) Kelly
 12:00 PM Bernadette Boyle

Tuesday October 25th
 8:30 AM Rosemarie Brennan
 12:00 PM Jane & Thomas Ryan

Wednesday October 26th
 8:30 AM In Honor of The Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother
 12:00 PM Anthony Bruno

Thursday October 27th
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti
 12:00 PM Brian Cahill

Friday October 28th
 8:30 AM Mary & Joe Casaccio
 12:00 PM Deceased Members of the Mara & Butler Families

Saturday October 29th
 8:30 AM Colette Warwicker
 5:00 PM Terry Hall

Sunday October 30th
 8:30 AM Rosemarie Brennan
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Pauline & Vincenzo DiGraci
 5:00 PM Krystyna Mlnarczyk

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, Den. Frances Galson, Mary Wiley, Norman Zuniga, Nancy (Ann) Fallon, Grace DiFazio, John Chocko, Cathie Greulich, Gabriel Manno-Providence, Ann Dauria, Jimmy Murphy, Harriet Kessel, Mary Sheehan, John Murphy, Mary Albert, Maureen Remsen, Rosa Rivera, Elaine LeCrann, Richard Eisenzopf, James Bast, Tony Passaro, Tim Kirk, Claudette Hartley, Diane McGinley, Charlotte Davis, Norman Feld, 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

Rose Pullano
 Mary Corrigan
 Jean Hoffman
 Settimio D'Accordo

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – September 30th
Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – October 1st
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - October 2nd
The Holy Guardian Angels
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
 -Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – October 3rd
Weekday
 -Exercise Class Parish Hall at 8:30am
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - All Are Welcome
 -CCD K thru 5th Gr.-Church at 3:00pm
 -Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – October 4th
Saint Francis of Assisi
 -Scripture Sharing/Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – October 5th
Weekday
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

SATURDAY – October 6th
Weekday

If you are not yet registered in the Parish, please stop into the Rectory for a Census Form Mon. thru Sat. 9am-4pm.

NOTE:
FIRST FRIDAY
SCHEDULE CHANGE

The New, permanent First Friday schedule is: 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

BREAD AND WINE



Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given **In Honor Of:**
James and Mary Ellen Freeley
(50th Wedding Anniversary)
 by
 Peggy Rohan

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given:
In Thanksgiving
 by
 Mark & Celia Kelly



Dear Parishioners,

Even the strictest fundamentalists (those who read every word of Scripture with a literal value) make an exception for the words of Jesus in today's Gospel. It is good for us to remember that the Scriptures are written for human beings in language appropriate to human beings. Some of the Biblical books contain poetry, hyperbole, historical narratives, laments, songs of praise and other types of literature. Generally speaking most of us are able to make the distinctions.

The first reading is taken from the Old Testament Book of Numbers. To some extent Numbers is a retelling of the events of the Book of Exodus. In this incident, Moses requires assistance in governing the Hebrew people. In response God imparts His spirit of wisdom to seventy elders, who would share in the Mosaic task of governing and judging the people. Two men, Eldred and Medad were not in the Hebrew camp when the spirit of God came upon the other elders but like them they also received the spirit. Joshua, Moses' faithful assistant, for some reason objects to Eldred and Medad "prophesying". Moses takes him to task with the words: "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow His spirit on them all!". The point of the narrative seems to be that those who do God's work, even if outside the group, are accomplishing a good thing.

The reading from the Book of Numbers was situated here in the Lectionary because it echoes the first few lines of today's Gospel, which essentially has the same message. A man, who is not in the apostolic band, is exorcising demons in Jesus' name. John, like Joshua before him, objects to this development. Jesus reprimands him with the reminder that: "whoever is not against us is for us.". It reminds us that the works of God are sometimes (even unknowingly) accomplished by people outside the group, in this case the early Church.

The second half of the Gospel is somewhat grim and never taken literally by anybody. It is hyperbole of the same type that parents often use when enforcing a rule with a child. "I told you a million times to pick up your clothes" or "I told you thousands of times to clean up your room". No parent has said these things millions or thousands of times. To do so would have meant they have said nothing else to the child since he or she was born. Yet the smart child does not dare to correct the parental exaggeration. They fully understand that the exaggerated numbers (a million or a thousand times) reflects the seriousness of what the parent is telling them.

Similarly Jesus uses exaggeration to make a serious point. He was no fool. Though the intricacies of modern biology were unknown by Jesus' original listeners,, even simple folks knew that the eyes, hands, and feet did not enjoy an independent existence. They had a sense that the limbs and eyes were controlled by the mind or soul. The "little ones" could mean children but, in the context of the this citation, it probably meant the simple men and women "who believe in Me.". The original Greek word can be used in several contexts. The demand is to not cause others to lose faith by our words or conduct. That's serious but Jesus was certainly not promoting public drowning enhanced by millstones attached to the neck. Nor was He recommending that we slice off our limbs or gouge out our eyes. He was suggesting that anything that separates from the kingdom of God should be removed. The exaggeration strongly makes that point! Nothing should separate us from the "kingdom of God".

The Evangelists and St. Paul often wrote of the Church in terms of the human body. Today's Gospel may have been Saint Mark's acknowledgement that the body of the Church is disabled to the degree that one part separates its function from the rest of the body. If the Church can be compared to the body - we all have a contributing role. The roles might not be the same but each is important. Without any one of them, the life of the body is impaired. Similarly no one member of the Church can survive and get along without the others, no more than the hand, the foot , or eye can. As members of the Mystical Body of Christ on earth, we too live as one body.

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

This year OLM will be blessing the animals on **Sunday, October 7th**, at 11:00am and again at 1:00pm. As usual, the Blessing will take place on the Juno Street lawn adjacent to the statue of St. Francis. All pets are welcome. But please be sure to have your pets in a secure carrier or on a leash for their own safety

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The puppets are returning! Children's Liturgy begins again on **October 14th** in the Parish Hall during the 10 AM Mass. This age-appropriate version of the readings and Gospel is geared toward children up to fourth grade and parents are welcome. Noisy and wiggly kids particularly welcome

The Puppets Need Helpers

Children's Liturgy relies on adult volunteers to bring the Word to our parish's children, and teen volunteers to bring the Puppets to life. No previous experience is required. Activity and coloring sheets are provided for adults to use with the kids. VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children training is a requirement for adults. Teens can earn service hours. For more details, or to help, please email chrischildrensliturgy@gmail.com. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER/LECTOR TRAINING

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector please contact the Rectory. Since there will be a training session sometime in the middle of October, we will need to have your information so that we may register you. We hope that you can help. Thank You!

**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).

**SUICIDE PREVENTION
PLEASE HELP**

Tom Lambert, who has been the long time Custodian for OLM and is known to many of us, is asking for our help in obtaining donations to The **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**. On October 28th, 2018 Tom will be "walking" in honor of his daughter Jillian Lambert. The Walk begins at 10:00am at Jones Beach Field #5 (meeting at 8:30am). If you would like to donate to a GREAT cause, you can do so on <https://afsp.donordrive.com/participant/1620598> or you can leave a check (payable to: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) at the Rectory Tom will make sure that all monies are submitted on your behalf.

COME TO THE PARTY!

On October 13th, 2018 Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a **White/Red Polish Party**. The party will take place in the Parish Hall and will start at 7:00pm. There will be music by DJ Mietek. Tickets are \$55, and are available at the Rectory.

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.**

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

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Pantry is seriously bare!! We need food to restock the shelves. 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, bathroom tissue, soaps, shampoos, and any other personal hygiene and non-perishable food items.

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.**

BRING OPERA TO THE PARTY
SAT. NOV.17,2018@ 7:30PM
OLM PARISH HALL-ONLY \$20

For its sixth production, Golden Rose Opera hosts a real party where audience is seated at tables with friends, family and beautiful young opera singers enjoying complimentary wine and refreshments. They are transported to Paris in La Traviata at a fateful swirling salon soiree' and then to Vienna and its' waltzes in Die Fledermaus at a madcap, decadent champagne party. Experience parties and opera up close like you have never seen and heard before! (And PS, there will be BIRTHDAY CAKE for a certain benevolent Monsignor.) Please see TICKET FLYERS in and around the church or call Helen Van Tine-Golden ,718-793-2033 for additional information



- **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.
- The **Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville** will host their **Annual Dominican Gala** on November 2nd. There will be cocktails, dinner & dancing at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. This year the Congregation is proud to honor Al Roker, NBC's Meteorologist, and S. Ave Clark, founder of the Heart to Heart Ministry in Bayside, NY. For tickets please call 631-842-6000 Ext. 241.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

- REGIS HIGH SCHOOL (for boys) Mon. Oct. 8th,-1pm to 4pm, at 55 East 84th St., NYC (212 288-1100, ext. 2057) or www.regis-nyc.org
- MSGR. MCCLANCY MEMORIAL H.S. (coed) Sat. Oct. 6th-1pm to 4pm, at 71-06 31st Ave, East Elmhurst, (718-898-3800) or www.msgrmcclancy.org
- ST. JOHN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL (coed) Sat. Oct. 13th-11am. to 3pm, at 21-21 Crescent St., Astoria (718-721-7200) or www.stjohnsprepschool.org
- ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL (coed) Sat. Oct.13th-11:30am to 4pm,at 6100 Francis Lewis Blvd., Fresh Meadows (718-423-8810) or www.sfponline.org.
- THE MARY LEWIS ACADEMY (for girls) Sun. Oct. 14th-10am to 3pm, at 176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates (718-297-2120) or www.TMLA.ORG
- DOMINICAN ACADEMY (for girls) Sat. Oct.20th-10am to 2pm, at 44 East 68th St., NYC (212-744-0195),
- HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL (coed) Sun. Oct.21st-12pm to 4pm, at 26-20 Francis Lewis Blvd., Flushing (718-886-7250) or email: admissions@holycrosshs.org.
- NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL OF MANHATTAN (for girls), Sun.,Oct.28th-2:30pm to 5pm at 327 West 13th Street, NYC,(212-620-5575)

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

October 03, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
October 10, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
October 17, 2018	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet	7:30pm
	Benediction	8:00pm
October 24, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
October 31, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm

THE DEANERY CORNER

- **Virtus Training Session will be offered at Our Lady Queen Of Martyrs on Saturday, September, 29th at 9:00am.** All Parishes must be **Virtus Compliant**, which means that **all adults** (18 yrs. of age & up) **involved in any type of Youth Activities** (Leaders, Coaches, Assistants, Drivers, Moderators, etc.) ,as well as **Parish employees and volunteers, must attend a Virtus Training Session.** 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 Mondays, Oct. 1 & 15, Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3 & 17 from 7-9 p.m. in OLQM 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
- **Resurrection Ascension Church** (85-25 61st Rd.) will be hosting a **Health and Social Service Fair** on Sunday, **Oct. 6th** from 10am to 2pm, offering FREE health screenings, health information, social services information and more.

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.

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

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!