

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday October 20th**  
 8:30 AM Thomas Sommero  
 5:00 PM Anne Daly

**Sunday October 21st**  
 8:30 AM Herman, Joanne, & Katherine Holz knecht  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Angelina Tosi (Van Nostrand)  
 5:00 PM Ria Romano

**Monday October 22nd**  
 8:30 AM In Gratitude to St. John Paul II  
 12:00 PM Carolyn Ryan

**Tuesday October 23rd**  
 8:30 AM William Hoogsteden (4th Anniversary)  
 12:00 PM In Honor of the Holy Trinity and Blessed Mother

**Wednesday October 24th**  
 8:30 AM Enrique Adames (1st Anniversary)  
 12:00 PM Florence Prisco

**Thursday October 25th**  
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl  
 12:00 PM Leo Gillespie (Birthday Remembrance)

**Friday October 26th**  
 8:30 AM Thomas Rooney (52nd Anniversary)  
 12:00 PM Joseph Catanzaro

**Saturday October 27th**  
 8:30 AM Carolyn, Michael, & Michael Sassi Jr., and  
 Roland Pugliese

5:00 PM William Walters

**Sunday October 28th**  
 8:30 AM Robert Surina  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Giuseppe Manciameli  
 5:00 PM Laura M. Napoli

**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, 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, David Sakic, Brigette Smalley, Deacon Dean Dobbins, 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**

Al Strynkowski  
 Pasqualina Stankus  
 Alejo Burgos

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – October 21st**  
*Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time*  
 -Children’s Liturgy-10:00am Mass

**MONDAY – October 22nd**  
*Weekday*  
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - October 23rd**  
*Weekday*  
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm  
 -Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY – October 24th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Exercise Class Parish Hall at 8:30am  
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**  
 -Divine Mercy-Church at 7:00pm

**THURSDAY – October 25th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm  
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

**FRIDAY – October 26th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 6:00pm

**SATURDAY – October 27th**  
*Weekday*

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

**MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND**



Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund given **in memory of:**  
**Ford Thomas & Kennedy Belle Zdrodowski**  
 by  
 Katherine Zhang

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Many thanks for this week’s donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**  
**The Souls In Purgatory**  
 by  
 Ena Almeida



**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.**

Dear Parishioners;

The New Testament was composed during the first generations of the Church's existence. In fact, the letters of St. Paul are the earliest documents of the New Testament, though they were later situated in the Bible after the Gospel accounts. When they preached, the apostles and the other early evangelists relied on prophecies from the Old Testament. One of their favorites was the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah seemed to foretell a Messiah, but one very different from ordinary expectations. The Messiah Isaiah foresaw would suffer, much as the person outlined in our first reading this Sunday; yet "the will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him."

The second reading, from the New Testament "Letter" to the Hebrews", approaches the same mystery but from a different angle. "Hebrews" may have been written to an early Christian community, which included some priests from the Jerusalem temple. These men may have been concerned that Jesus truly was the long expected Messiah and that consequently they had been justified in following Him. "Hebrews" relies on liturgical language familiar to them. The author tries to establish that Jesus is the ultimate priest and sacrifice. Subsequently the sacrifices in the temple were no longer necessary. Jesus offers Himself and therefore "we have a great high priest, who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God..." Jesus passing through the heavens to be with God is reminiscent of the high priest passing through the veil into the Holy of Holies on Yom Kippur to commune with God.

Yet Jesus is also one of us: "We do not have a high priest, who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tempted in every way, yet without sin."

The apostles were slow to grasp that the saving mission of Jesus would require His death and then His Resurrection. In today's Gospel, St. Mark pictures James and John, the sons of Zebedee, asking Jesus for a favor. The favor is that they be seated at His right and left when He enters His glory. Seats to the right and left of a king's throne were of the places of highest honor. James and his brother John are still imagining that God's reign would be like an enlarged and revived kingdom such as that of David and Solomon in the past. When challenged by Jesus to "drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized" they readily agree. They imagine that this will involve glory and magnificence. Actually Jesus is making a reference to His encroaching Passion and death. And yes, eventually they will share in that!

Mark tells us that the other ten apostles were indignant when they heard of the request of James and John. They were not aggravated because they had a better perception of Jesus' mission; they were aggravated because James and John got the jump on them. The brothers boldly ask for something that the others also desired. This gives Jesus leave to teach them again about the leadership requirement in God's kingdom.

Jesus compares leadership in God's kingdom to the type of leadership displayed by the Romans and those working with them, like the Herod princelings. Their authority was felt by a generous use of the lash, the sword and through fear. In God's kingdom, the exact opposite pertains. The greatest will be the one who serves the others. Whoever wishes to be first will follow Jesus Himself: "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for the many". This was an "eye-opener" for the apostles, who somewhat naturally were thinking in conventional terms. What a radical thing this is!

The bottom line of Christianity is radical! Before any other consideration is the recognition that God loves us so much that His Word, His Self-Communication, plunges into our humanity in order to call us to share His divinity. God, the awesome creator of all that is, serves us! Identified at Baptism with Jesus, the Word made flesh, we in turn are expected to emulate God Himself: "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant..."

In Christ,  
Monsignor McGuirl

# October

## Month of the Holy Rosary



During the month of October we will be praying the Rosary every morning after the 8:30am Mass.  
Please join us!

### HOSPITALITY HOUR... PLUS COFFEE/TEA and CAKE FUNDRAISER

Everyone is invited to our complimentary Hospitality Hour, featuring fine coffees and teas from the Giving Bean and delicious varietal cakes from My Grandma's of New England, next weekend after the 5PM Mass on Saturday, Oct. 27 and the 8:30, 10 and 12 Noon Masses on Sunday, Oct. 28. **After sampling and socializing, you can also purchase these items**, to enjoy at home and give as gifts for the holidays, **that day and through November**. Contact the rectory for additional information on placing orders. Coffee and Tea is \$13/Bag or Box, and boxed Cakes are \$15. And, for every purchase, a fair percentage goes to Our Lady of Mercy **FUNDRAISING**. This will help to defray some of the costs for the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala next year as well providing much needed funds for the Parish itself.

### ALERT! CHRISTMAS IS COMING

We know that it is early, but we like to be prepared to help Santa out! As usual, he will be making some "special deliveries" during the season to those who are homebound. So, we are asking for your help with gathering information. If you know of a neighbor or friend who is homebound and could use a little cheering up, please inform the Rectory office of their name and address. Thank you for your help!

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**The puppets are returning!** Children's Liturgy began 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](mailto:chrischildrensliturgy@gmail.com). Thank you!

### 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

### GRADUATES OF THE PASTORAL INSTITUTE (HOLY SPIRIT INSTITUTE)

On October 23rd, 2018, there will be a celebration of the accomplishments of the graduates of the Pastoral Institute-Holy Spirit Institute at The Roma View Catering Hall, Howard Beach. The celebration of Fifty Years of Lay Leadership will begin at 6:30 P.M. and is sponsored by the Secretariat for Evangelization & Catechesis of the Diocese of Brooklyn!

If any graduates would like to attend, please call (718) 965-7300, ext. 5550. Tickets and tables for the event are still available.

### 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.



**Remember! The Holidays are approaching very fast!! Think "Holiday Fixins"!**... Boxed stuffing, and mashed potatoes, or pasta, Jiffy muffin mix, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned veggies, cranberry sauce, yams, soup, gravy, pineapple, apple sauce and juice, or monetary donations.

### 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

**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.**



- **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 OLMQ Catholic School Academy will celebrate its 90th Anniversary this Fall. Are you an alumnus/a of OLMQ Catholic School, Forest Hills? Come celebrate with us. Please fill out the alumni form at the school academy link at olmqca.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.
- The **Church of the Resurrection** (85-09 118th St, Richmond Hill, 718-847-2649) will be having its Annual Parish Fair "Harmony with Nature" on Saturday, November 3rd from 11 am to 8 pm. There will be homemade baked goods, collectibles, Christmas items, raffles, and much more.
- **Molloy College** will host a **Fall Open House**, on Sunday, 11/11/2018 at 1:00pm, at the College in Rockville Centre (516-323-4000)

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

- 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)
- 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 24, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
October 31, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
November 07, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
November 14, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
November 21, 2018	No Activity	
November 28, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm

**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.

**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.

**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