

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 6th
 8:30 AM Colette Warwicker
 5:00 PM Terry Hall

Sunday October 7th
 8:30 AM Rosemarie Brennan
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Pauline & Vincenzo DiGraci
 5:00 PM Krystyna Mlnarczyk

Monday October 8th
 8:30 AM John Dougherty
 12:00 PM Joan Sauro

Tuesday October 9th
 8:30 AM Angelina Martini
 12:00 PM Gloria Gonzalez

Wednesday October 10th
 8:30 AM Eileen Savarese
 12:00 PM Luke Sorentino

Thursday October 11th
 8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua & BiFalco & DiCapua Families
 12:00 PM Tom & Grace Grande

Friday October 12th
 8:30 AM In Honor of The Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother
 12:00 PM Joan Sauro

Saturday October 13th
 8:30 AM Paul DeBiase
 5:00 PM Mary & Idolo Russomanno

Sunday October 14th
 8:30 AM Eileen Savarese-Happy Birthday in Heaven
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Antoni Wieczorek
 5:00 PM Marie Lisa Carlisi

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 LeCramm, 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

Jean Hoffman

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – October 7th
Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
 -Blessing of the Animals-Juno St. Lawn at 11:00am & 1:00pm

MONDAY – October 8th
Weekday
 Columbus Day
 All Buildings & Offices Closed

TUESDAY - October 9th
Weekday
 -CCD Confirmation Prep Class-Religious Ed. Office at 4:15pm
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
 -Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – October 10th
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 11th
Weekday
 -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 12th
Weekday
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm & 6:00pm

SATURDAY – October 13th
Weekday
 -Gala Planning Meeting-Rectory at 10:00am

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



TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in loving memory of:
Andrew Cariello & Vincent Cardiello
 (Birthday Remembrance)
 by
 Carolyn Cariello

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!

Dear Parishioners;

Today's Gospel takes us back to times and customs unfamiliar to us. The Pharisees have questioned Jesus about the legitimacy of divorce. Their question is not sincere. They were "testing" Him. Basically the Mosaic Law permitted divorce. The only issue was the possible grounds for the divorce. In the Jewish community of that time, it was unforeseen that a woman would seek a divorce! "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her (the wife)". There were various opinions about the grounds for such a divorce and the opinions could range from unfaithfulness to a burned dinner.

Mark was writing approximately thirty years after the Resurrection and by his time, Jesus' teachings are spreading to those Jews influenced by the dominant Mediterranean culture, which derived from Greece and Rome, and also to Gentile converts (Non-Jews). In certain circumstances in the Greco-Roman culture a woman could initiate divorce proceedings. Mark adapts Jesus' original teaching to the new situation, "whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery". Mark has adapted Jesus' teaching to a new community situation, which probably involved both Gentiles and people of Jewish extraction. This is a process that continues as the Gospel spreads to cultures and societies much different than the society and culture in which it was first proclaimed.

The second section of today's Gospel is familiar, since it occurred in the Sunday readings just two weeks ago. Unlike modern society children in the ancient world had no status. Child mortality rates were very high. Children, if they survived, were dependent on others and occupied a low standing. The whole aim of ancient society was to survive childhood and become an adult. As an adult you could make your mark and become a productive member of society. Some modern English words reflect that cultural situation. A senate (from the Latin word "senax" - elder person) meant a gathering of the older people- those who knew the ropes and supposedly had the accumulated wisdom to rule.

Yet in today's reading Jesus reaches out to the children. To the chagrin of His disciples, Jesus welcomes the people who were bringing children to have Him touch them. When the disciples discourage this, Jesus rebukes them: "...do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these...". In other words, the kingdom, unlike the society of the time, will welcome those who have no status: the poor, the dispossessed, the disabled, the hungry or any person, who like a child, has negligible rights and dignity.

Jesus then shifts gears and challenges the apostles: "...whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." This could have several meanings. To enter the kingdom of God means to recognize our reliance on God for all things. Nothing would be here without Him! The grandeur of creation is in His hands and as the creature, who can appreciate that magnificence, we are made in His image and likeness. Nothing else; titles, claims to status, wealth or possessions, counts. Like a child dependent on its parents and other adults, we must recognize our dependence on God. Similarly as disciples of Jesus, we must be ready and willing to receive, as Jesus did, those who have no status.

Secondly children generally are open and enthused about life. Everything is new; everything is to be explored and relished. As adults we too must have that excitement and openness to creation and God's plan for us. In that way too we must be like small children.

For the last several weeks, we have read about the training in discipleship that Jesus imparts to His followers, particularly the Apostles (the word means "those who are sent") since they will be sent to continue His mission. Only by becoming like children in the senses given above, can we be true followers of the Crucified One, Who renounced all privilege, honors and status to live and die for us.

The bottom line of Christianity is that God, Who created everything, renounced His glory to marry Himself to us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Why? So that we might have the greatest potential and come to share His life for all eternity.

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

**BRING YOUR PETS
TO THE ANNUAL
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

**A MORNING WITHOUT COFFEE IS LIKE ...
SLEEP!**

There is a new fund raiser starting soon for our Parish. We are excited to be selling *Giving Bean Coffee and Tea* as well as *My Grandma's Coffee Cakes!* We think that just about everyone enjoys a great cup of coffee or tea in the morning as well as something to go with it. Thus, our Coffee, Tea and Cake fund raiser. More details to follow. This event helps to defray some of the costs for the 90th Anniversary Gala next year as well providing much needed funds for the Parish itself. More details to follow.

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!

**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).

**COME TO THE PARTY!
THERE'S STILL ROOM!!**

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.

**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

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!

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.**

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.

**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.

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 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 olqmc.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
- ST. JOHN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL (coed) Sat. Oct. 13th- 11am. to 3pm, at 21-21 Crescent St., Astoria (718-721-7200)
- ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL (coed) Sat. Oct.13th- 11:30am to 4pm,at 6100 Francis Lewis Blvd., Fresh Meadows (718-423-8810)
- THE MARY LEWIS ACADEMY (for girls) Sun. Oct. 14th-10am to 3pm, at 176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates (718-297-2120)
- ARCHBISHOP MOLLOY HIGH SCHOOL (coed) Sun.,Oct. 14th 11am-4pm at 83-53 Manton St., Briarwood (718-441-2100)
- 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 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

- **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. 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.For more info, please call the Rectory Office at 718-424-5212.

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