

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	November 17th
8:30 AM	Bolivar & Robert Almeida
5:00 PM	Serafina P. Sauro
Sunday	November 18th
8:30 AM	Michael Minischetti
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Mary McTighe
5:00 PM	Angela & Vincenzo DiGraci and Deceased Members of the DiGraci Family
Monday	November 19th
8:30 AM	Alice & Edna Mlicko
12:00 PM	Joseph Arcchia
Tuesday	November 20th
8:30 AM	Pasquale Mieda
12:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Labay Family
Wednesday	November 21st
8:30 AM	William Kirby
12:00 PM	Elsie Didier
Thursday	November 22nd
9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Mass
Friday	November 23rd
8:30 AM	Umberto Corra
12:00 PM	Colette Warwicker
Saturday	November 24th
8:30 AM	Madeline Wales (Birthday)
5:00 PM	Gertrude Bailey
Sunday	November 25th
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Raphael LeCrann
5:00 PM	Michele & Orsola Perricone and Deceased Family Members

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, Mary Sheehan, John Murphy, Mary Albert, Maureen Remsen, Elaine LeCrann, Richard Eisenzopf, James Bast, Tony Passaro, Tim Kirk, Claudette Hartley, Diane McGinley, Charlotte Davis, Norman Feld, David Sakic, Brigitte Smalley, Deacon Dean Dobbins, Marie Janick, Graham McGinley, Joyce Diapoli, Grace Zerbo, Jack Fruhling, 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

Msgr. Perfecto Vazquez
Mrs. Maris Chiriboga
Msgr. William Jablonski

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – November 18th**

Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

-Children's Liturgy-10:00am Mass

MONDAY – November 19th

Weekday

-Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - November 20th

Weekday

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – November 21st

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30am

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

-Divine Mercy-No Activity

THURSDAY – November 22nd

Thanksgiving Day

-All Buildings & Offices Closed

FRIDAY – November 23rd

Weekday

-All Buildings & Offices Closed

SATURDAY – November 24th

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

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: Richard & Robert Hunt** by Barbara Hunt

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.**

REFRESHING OUR PRAYER LISTS

Since our lists of the sick and Armed Forces that we pray for have not been updated for quite some time, we are asking for your assistance. Beginning with the bulletin of **December 2nd** both lists will be revised. Please notify us at the rectory, 718-268-6143, of any names that you would like included. It is important for us, as a community to join in prayer for those who are ill as well as those who serve our country. Thank you for your assistance

Dear Parishioners;

This Sunday marks the end of "Ordinary Time". Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King; the Sunday following is the first Sunday of Advent! Naturally enough our readings this weekend focus on "the end times". The first reading is taken from the Old Testament prophet, Daniel. Daniel was written toward the end of the Old Testament period, perhaps several generations before the birth of Jesus. More than earlier Old Testament Books, there is a more developed theology of an afterlife in the Book of Daniel.

Daniel pictures a day of judgment and on that day, the archangel Michael (his name translates as "he who is like God") arises. There will be a time of distress but those whose names are written in the Book (of life) shall escape. "Many of those asleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace". Daniel's vision harkens back to the prophets, Isaiah and Ezekiel, both of whom foresaw a day of judgment on which the just would rise from the dust to new life. A day on which those who have lived and taught justice will "shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament (the heavens) and shall be like stars forever."

Again this week, the second reading is from The Letter to the Hebrews and it reminds its readers that unlike the daily sacrifices in the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus' sacrifice was once and for all time and it won Him a place at God's right (the traditional place of honor). (Psalm 110:1)

The Gospel citation from St. Mark pictures Jesus speaking of "the last days". Jesus uses traditional motifs and language in describing the last days but significantly He avoids a timetable for the accomplishment of all things. The apocalyptic language is meant to indicate that "in those days after the tribulation..." there will be a radical change in creation. When this will occur is not revealed but the entire reading is meant to put us on alert. The Son of Man will return and "send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky".

The message about the fig tree is that apparent deadness can give life. At this time of the year, the fig tree and most other plants look dead. Their leaves and flowers have fallen and their fruits have been harvested. They appear to be dead; and yet they are not! In the spring, the sap rises, and the leaves and flowers bloom as summer approaches. Something similar will usher in the new age but again a timeline is not revealed. Jesus insists at the end of the reading: "But of the day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Since no one knows the date of the end, we need not weary ourselves with idle speculation. Worry about the ultimate end is futile: when it comes, it comes. Probably we will not be here at the final culmination; nonetheless, we most certainly will experience our own earthly culmination of life. What is more important than idle speculation about the end of the universe is that we live in a mood of expectation. This does not mean gloominess or despair but, quite the contrary, it means living each day as Christ taught us. If we try to live as He taught us then we are quite prepared to meet Him whenever our span on earth is complete!

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

THANKSGIVING DAY FAMILY MASS

Join us on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 22nd at 9:00 AM for our annual Thanksgiving Day Family Mass. As a community, let us gather to give thanks to God for all of the abundant gifts and blessings He has bestowed on us and our families. To help us better serve those who come to us for help, we ask that you bring a non-perishable food or monetary donation to assist our Food Pantry and Human Services outreach. Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will need some help to wrap the breads that will be blessed and given out on Thanksgiving Day after Mass. Wrapping will take place in the Rectory Meeting Room on Tuesday, November 20th at 10:30am. If you wish to join us, call the Rectory on Monday or just stop in on Tuesday morning. Remember that "many hands make light work".

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Please join us for our Annual Tree Lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 1st after the 5 P.M. Mass. Join in the Blessing and sing a few carols around the tree. Afterwards, come down to the Parish Hall for refreshments, purchasing of holiday greenery, "My Grandma's" cakes, our special coffees and teas, and some good old comradery.

We have also gotten word that Santa himself will be joining in the festivities. Bring those wish lists!

We are seeking **help in decorating** the wreaths that will be sold, as well as our Parish Hall, for the festivities. Decorating will be on Thursday, Nov.29th, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Hall.

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!

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DÉCOR



Many parishioners have remarked that it is so nice to see fresh flowers at weekend Masses as part of our memorial donation. We would like to add to our Christmas décor by offering the opportunity for 15 Memorials in honor of a loved one.



Each memorial will cover the expense of one fresh Christmas wreath and several poinsettias used to decorate the church. **These will remain in place for the three weeks of the Christmas season.** The cost remains \$150.00. Memorials will be published. If you would like to memorialize a loved one in this way please contact the Rectory Office at 718-268-6143 by December 15th. Once the Christmas Season ends, we will return to our weekly floral offerings.

LET'S HAVE ANOTHER CUP OF COFFEE!

Need a coffee break? Need another cup of tea? We have them for you.

We still have plenty of coffee and tea for your buying pleasure. Great for gifts for family and friends or just to treat yourself.

Call the Rectory. Tell us whether you want ground coffee or k-cup, flavored or regular and we will have your order ready for pick-up the same day.

The Church gets 40% back for every bag or box we sell (that's approximately \$5.00 per item sold). Monies raised help defray some of the cost of needed repairs and cost of the 90th Gala Celebration of the founding of our Parish.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Gospel According to Puppets! The puppets are teaching the Gospel at the Children's Liturgy in the Parish Hall during the 10 AM Mass. But there will be **no Children's Liturgy on Nov. 25** as the Puppets take a Thanksgiving break. 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 Children's Liturgy is scheduled for the following dates: 11/18,12/2,12/9.

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**

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

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the October Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:

1 st Prize: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gorski	\$225.00
2 nd Prize: Alex & Tiffany Boselli	\$100.00
3 rd Prize: Cornelia Facinelli	\$100.00
4 th Prize: Mrs. Edythe Gallagher	\$35.00
5 th Prize: Charles & Alisha LaPunzina	\$35.00

OLMCA NEWS

Please help support our Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy by bringing in your Box Tops! Box Tops are easy to find—you may already have them around your house! Each Box Top is worth 10 cents—Bonus Box Tops can be worth even more! Please see the attached list of participating brands and products. Just clip the little Box Tops, and have your child submit them to his or her teacher. This year, you may use the collection sheets to submit Box Tops, for easier counting by the Coordinators.



- **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.
- **You Can Help Heal Your Marriage** Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, please call 1-800-470-2230
- **OZANAM HALL** of Queens Nursing Home, 42-41 201st Street, Bayside, seeks: **part-time Activity Leaders**, no experience necessary; good verbal/writing, interpersonal skills to work with senior population, **Reliability** a must! If interested call: Marilyn Gindi at 718-971-2708

THE DEANERY CORNER

- Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 2-hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Glendale, on **Saturday, Dec. 8th at 10 am after the 8:30 am Mass**. Come and encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. For more information, call Tom Stalzer at 347 432 6242 or the Parish Office at 718-821-6434.
- **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 OLMQ rectory at 718-268-6251 if interested in attending or more info, email ymizelle@nyc.rr.com. Remaining meetings for this year are scheduled for Nov. 19, & Dec. 3 & 17.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

November 21, 2018	No Activity	
November 28, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
December 05, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
December 12, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
December 19, 2018	No Activity	
December 26, 2017	No Activity	

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.**

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.

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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!

**HAVE A BLESSED AND
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**