

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday	November 26th
8:30 AM	Goharik Grigorian Prouly
12:00 PM	Wilbur Davis
Tuesday	November 27th
8:30 AM	Agnes Cloos
12:00 PM	Caroline, Michael, Michael Sassi Jr. and Roland Pugliese
Wednesday	November 28th
8:30 AM	Nellie & Maurice Rooney
12:00 PM	Nancy Parmese
Thursday	November 29th
8:30 AM	Jean Hoffman
12:00 PM	Michael Coyle
Friday	November 30th
8:30 AM	Erlinda A. Schwenzer
12:00 PM	Aliperti & Fazio Families
Saturday	December 1st
8:30 AM	Wojciech Sienko
5:00 PM	Thomas Smith
Sunday	December 2nd
8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Codd
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Antonia Turriciano
5:00 PM	Ria Romano

**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 Nudelmann, 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

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Rose Quenzer
Irene Breen

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – November 25th**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

MONDAY – November 26th

Weekday

-Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - November 27th

Weekday

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – November 28th

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-No Activity

THURSDAY – November 29th

Weekday

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm

-CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm

FRIDAY – November 30th

Saint Andrew, Apostle

SATURDAY – December 1st

Weekday

-Annual Christmas Tree Lighting-Juno Street Lawn at 6:00pm

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

**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,

Many Americans have a fascination with the British royals. Recently the wedding of Prince Harry to an American, Megan Markle, was a major news event. Last week speculation again rose with regard to Prince Charles and his succession to the throne, especially since he celebrated his seventieth birthday on November 14th. Sometimes it's hard to remember that there are ruling royal families in countries other than the United Kingdom, or that our own country resulted from a revolution against Queen Elizabeth's many times removed ancestor, George III!

Perhaps it's that in particularly troubled times, we, Americans, living in a country that is constantly in flux, view the British royal family as anchors of stability or continuity. Their family roots reach back over the ages and connect their subjects with their ancestors. In modern constitutional monarchies, the royal family also rides above the political fray.

This weekend the Church celebrates the grandly named mouth-filling title, the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Until fairly recently most kings or queens had political power. Is it in that way that Jesus is our Lord and King? Obviously not! Was it not Joseph Stalin who famously asked sarcastically: "How many army units does the Pope have?" 120 Swiss Guard won't cut the cake! Jesus had even less!

Is Jesus our king in the way that Elizabeth II is the queen in Britain? A figurehead chief of state and a symbol? Well, perhaps there are some similarities. Jesus points us toward our ancestors in faith - all of them like us created in the "image and likeness of God". Jesus is what we are meant to be. Yet when Pope Pius XI instituted this feast for the entire Church in 1925, most kings and queens were beyond their glory years and in fact only a few years previously the emperors of three of the major European powers had lost their thrones: Russia, Austria/Hungary and Germany. What was the Pope thinking? His timing seemed to be off.

Yet in that age of increased secularism, and of the eruptions of fascism and communism, Pius XI may have been thinking of the ultimate kingship of God, expressed in today's readings.

First there is the vision of Daniel continued from last Sunday. In his vision Daniel sees "one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven". This Son of Man is presented before the Ancient One (God) and receives dominion, glory and kingship. All people will serve Him and his rule will last forever and "shall not be destroyed". The second reading is taken from the last Book of the New Testament - the Apocalypse or Book of Revelation. Its theme is similar to the first reading. Jesus often used the term of Son of Man to describe Himself. He is now presented as the faithful witness (to God), Who by His sacrifice frees us from our sins and has "made us into a kingdom for His God and Father".

At a time unknown, Jesus will reappear and proclaim God the Alpha and the Omega. The Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet and they symbolize God as the beginning and end of all things. Finally the Gospel is from St. John and it is the narrative of Jesus' "trial" before the Roman procurator, Pontius Pilate. The Romans could have cared less about Jewish theological disputes unless those disputes became threats to their rule. Therefore the religious authorities have explained to Pilate that the word Messiah had regal associations. The term harkened back to great Israelite kings like David and Solomon. On Palm Sunday, some citizens of Jerusalem had greeted Jesus as if He was the Messiah. In that light, Pilate's question is sensible: "Are you a king?" Jesus' answer makes it quite clear that His kingship is not of the earthly type. If Jesus were an earthly king, Pilate could have had a revolution on his hands because "my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over"

Jesus' kingship is a testimony to the truth. It's that for which He was born and everyone who belongs to the truth listens to His voice. Unfortunately Pilate's retort is eliminated from today's reading. Pilate responds with the famous and rather contemporary question: "What is truth?"

The truth of the Gospel and the source of Jesus' kingship is that God, the Creator and ruler of the universe, has created us in His image and likeness (Genesis) and though we have consistently messed up, calls us through the prophets to repentance. Failing that, He bursts into our history in Jesus of Nazareth. Every word and action of Jesus are those of the Father but through the prism of our humanity. Each of those cures and miracles were on behalf of others and illustrated God's desire to heal and give us the fullness of life. The Passion and Cross are manifestations of God's overwhelming love for us - a love so great that He would do anything to draw us into the fullness of His life. The Resurrection is, in a sense, God's seal of approval, first and foremost on the life of Jesus but also it is a guarantee for all those who belong to Jesus' kingdom.

Yes, like modern kings and queens, Jesus attaches us to our spiritual ancestors. Like them, but much more so, He too offers us stability and constancy in an ever-changing world. But unlike them, Jesus' rule is over the hearts and minds of people. His rule demands complete allegiance. Through Him we are allied to the One, Who is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the origin of all things and the destiny of every one of us, who acknowledges Jesus Christ as Lord and King!

In Him,
Monsignor McGuirl

'TIS THE SEASON



Our **Giving Tree** and ornaments will be in place in the Church vestibule next weekend for the first Sunday of Advent. This year, as in the past, we will be collecting gifts for Catholic Charities, and **our own homebound parishioners**. Please hang an ornament on the tree and drop off your gift for the charity noted on your ornament in the box provided in the vestibule or at the Rectory no later than

December 15th. Your thoughtfulness always makes Christmas bright for many less fortunate than ourselves, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

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.**

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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	

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.

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!

A TIME FOR GIVING!



Each year, we have some local families who come to us requesting our help in providing Christmas gifts for their children. We try to support these families by providing new gifts of toys and clothing for the parents to place under the tree for their children. If you know of a family that needs help or would like to "adopt" and assist one of these needy families through our "Be An Angel" program, please contact **the Rectory at 718-268-6143**

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.

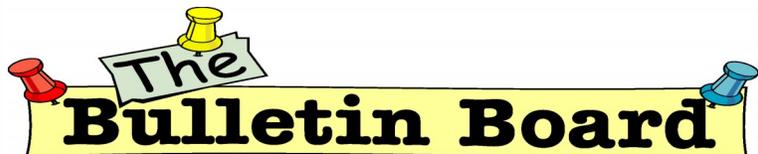
POOR BOX

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

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.



- **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 OLQM 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.

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

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!

