

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday January 19th**  
 8:30 AM Raymond Cleary  
 5:00 PM John Cassis

**Sunday January 20th**  
 8:30 AM Jonathan Almonte  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Edmondo & Amelia Forno  
 5:00 PM Special Intention

**Monday January 21st**  
 8:30 AM Anne Restaino  
 12:00 PM Anthony Massone

**Tuesday January 22nd**  
 8:30 AM Carolyn Ryan  
 12:00 PM Robert M. Sitler, Jr.

**Wednesday January 23rd**  
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti  
 12:00 PM Thomas Halleck

**Thursday January 24th**  
 8:30 AM Zaida Alvarez  
 12:00 PM Sally Conlon

**Friday January 25th**  
 8:30 AM Ann Link  
 12:00 PM Saveria & Salvatore Prezioso

**Saturday January 26th**  
 8:30 AM Maria Concepcion Beaudin  
 5:00 PM Delfrido P. Nonan

**Sunday January 27th**  
 8:30 AM Raymond Cleary  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Jean Hoffman  
 5:00 PM Justin Berry (Birthday Remembrance)



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Robert & Mary Tardona, Alice Coleman, Isabel Azzaro, Richard Eisenzopf, Bonnie Nisson, Rebecca Mintz, Lewis Stein, Peter Fulchiron, Diane McGinley, Graham McGinley, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Stan Spence, John Karkheck, Jack Fruhling, Margaret Rahfield, Januz Miedoej, Anthony Mendola, Peggy Racanelli, Adam Martini, Joan Minischetti, 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**

Rev. Robert Blyman  
 Daisy Dorotan

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – January 20th**  
*Second Sunday In Ordinary Time*  
 -Children’s Liturgy-10:00am Mass

**MONDAY – January 21st**  
*Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr*  
*Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday*  
 -All Offices & Buildings Closed

**TUESDAY - January 22nd**  
*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

**WEDNESDAY – January 23rd**  
*Weekday*  
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**  
 -Scholastic Book Fair-Parish Hall 2:30pm to 3:30pm  
 -CCD K thru 5th Gr.-Church at 3:00pm  
 -Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

**THURSDAY – January 24th**  
*Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Martyr*  
 -Scholastic Book Fair-Parish Hall 7:30am to 5:00pm  
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm  
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm

**FRIDAY – January 25th**  
*The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle*  
 -Scholastic Book Fair-Parish Hall 7:30am to 4:00pm

**SATURDAY – January 26th**  
*Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops*

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



**BREAD AND WINE**

Many thanks for this week’s donation of Bread & Wine given in **loving memory of:**  
**Anne Restaino**  
 by  
 Chloe Varone & Carolyn Grunner



**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Many thanks for this week’s donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**  
**Zaida Alvarez**  
 by  
 Aida Velazquez

Dear Parishioners;

On January 14th, the clergy of our deanery met at Our Lady of the Angelus Parish in Rego Park. The Deanery (Q6) consists of the Forest Hills parishes: Our Lady of Mercy and Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs. It also includes Our Lady of the Angelus Parish in Rego Park/Forest Hills; St. Margaret's Parish in Middle Village; Sacred Heart Parish in East Glendale; Resurrection/Ascension Parish in Rego Park; Ascension Parish in Elmhurst and St. Adalbert's Parish in Elmhurst. Among other items discussed was one which Bishop Sanchez, the pastor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs introduced.

The Bishop distributed a "Crisis in the Church" Synopsis, which he told us we could use in our own bulletins. Therefore with his implied permission, I am publishing his remarks with appropriate alterations so that his comments are best understood:

The issue of abuse is painful and complex. A summary of the aspects of this crisis in our Church, in *Question and Answer Format*, has been prepared by Bishop DiMarzio and his staff. In addition to the questions and answers, there is a video of Bishop DiMarzio's (recent) meetings with lay leaders throughout our Diocese. Both are available, to everyone interested, at the following links: PDF link - [Regional Meetings on the Sex Abuse Crisis: Questions and Answers](#) or Video link- Diocese of Brooklyn - [dioceseofbrooklyn .org/abuseresponse/video](http://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/abuseresponse/video)

*Solidarity & Prayer*

Bishop Sanchez also mentioned that in the OLMQ Sunday bulletin, he has repeated Bishop DiMarzio's observation in *The Tablet* (November 14th, 2018\*) that no other comparable institution except the Catholic Church has been singled out by the New York Attorney General's subpoena asking for information about any sexual abuse of minors and adults. The New York State approach to targeting only the Catholic Church, creates two classes of victims - those abused in the Church and those abused in other institutions. It seems that the rights of those abused in other institutions are ignored.

Pope Francis requested that all the U.S. Bishops participate in a retreat during the first week of January 2019. During this special time, Bishop Sanchez promised his prayers for all of us and ask your prayers especially for those who suffer. All survivors of sexual abuse need our prayers as we work as a Church and a society to root out this terrible evil.

To continue to understand the scope of the evil, Bishop Sanchez encourages us to read the editorial by Cardinal Dolan that appeared in *The Daily News* (December 31st, 2018).\* The Cardinal reminds us that any legislative remedies to this evil should "promote justice for every victim-survivor in New York State and every organization seeking to make amends". "As our elected officials discuss legislation in the coming months, we pray that they deliberate well and strive to benefit all victim-survivors, no matter who their abuser was - a government worker, a public school teacher, a counselor, a health care professional, a coach, a foster parent, and yes, a member of the clergy...."

Thank you for your continued prayers for victims and for all affected by this painful crisis. May God continue to watch over you!

Bishop Paul R. Sanchez.

\* Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, "An Attack on all Catholics" *The Tablet*, November 14th, 2018.

Online at: <https://the.tablet.org/an-attack-on-all-catholics/>.

\* Timothy Cardinal Dolan, "Speed Aid to abuse survivors," *Daily News*, Monday, December 31st, 2018, page 17. Op-ed.

Online at <https://www.nydaily.com/opinion/ny-oped-child-victims-act-20181228-story.html>

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Prayer for Christian Unity

This week many Christian Churches observe a period of prayer for Christian unity. In His Farewell Discourse as narrated in St. John's Gospel, Jesus prays that "all may be one as I and the Father are One". Unfortunately among Jesus' followers, this is not true. Over the centuries, there have many disputes over liturgical, theological or moral issues in the Church.

In 1054 the Eastern and Western Churches split primarily over the wording of the Creed and other theological positions. The problems were exacerbated by communication and travel difficulties. This split led to two Christian Churches: the Catholic Western Church, under the guidance of the bishop of Rome (Pope) and the autocephalous Eastern Churches loosely bound to the Patriarch of Constantinople (now Istanbul, Turkey). The latter among the Orthodox Churches is "primus inter pares" - "first among equals". Various attempts at reunion have taken place and some members of various Eastern Churches have returned to unity with the Roman See. These are the modern Eastern Catholics, who are in union with Rome but who maintain the liturgical and disciplinary practices of the Eastern Church.

Due to misunderstandings, poorly explained and practiced customs, funding and political interference, the Western Church was sundered by the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century. Soon enough the Protestant groups fractured from one another over various interpretations of the Bible, the practice of the Sacraments, pre-destination and other issues. The result was a quagmire of churches all claiming to be the "true" expression of Jesus' teachings.

While the Catholic Church retains the largest number of adherents, followed by the combined Orthodox (Eastern) Churches, the rupture in unity is at best confusing and at worst scandalous. While many disagreements have been resolved particularly between Catholic and various Protestant Churches, unity still evades us.

One effort at unification was the Week of Prayer initiated by the Graymoor Franciscan Friars about one hundred years ago. The Catholic Church embraced this particular initiative and during this month, prayers for unity are most appropriate.

This Sunday, we will sing the hymn: "Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist". The first verse of that hymn is most appropriate in a week during which we celebrate the birthday of the civil rights leader, Doctor Martin Luther King, and also a Days of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn and for Christian Unity:

"Lord, Who at thy First Eucharist did pray that all Thy Church might be forever one, grant us at every Eucharist to say with longing heart and soul Thy will be done. O may we all one bread, one body be through this blest Sacrament of Unity".

If you are interested and can spare the time, Mr. David Powell, the co-director of Religious Education will host a prayer group based on St. Paul and Christina Unity. A call to the Religious Education office (718-261-6285) will bring you the details.

In Christ,  
Monsignor McGuihl

**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.

**CHURCH UNITY  
OCTAVE of PRAYER**

In observance of the Church Unity Octave of Prayer, to be observed the week of Jan. 18-25, there will be a special bible discussion series entitled Paul and Church Unity Tuesday evenings Jan. 15, 22 and 29 at 7:30pm. in the rectory. All, **Including Non Catholic Christians** are welcome. We provide bibles for discussion purposes. **NO PREVIOUS BIBLE BACKGROUND NEEDED!!** Come to any or all of these sessions. And even if you can't come, **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE EVENTUAL UNITY OF ALL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES** according to the prayer of Jesus to the Father at the Last Supper "[that they all be one as ,,,,that the world may believe that you have sent Me" (John 17:21)

**DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

January 23, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
January 30, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
February 6, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
February 13, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
February 20, 2019	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet-7:30pm	Benediction-8:00pm
February 27, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm

**HEALING MASSES**

On June 3, 2007 Pope Benedict XVI elevated a humble priest, a Passionist named Charles Heuben, to the status of saint.

St. Charles was one of the very few Catholic saints who performed miracles during the course of their lifetime. In fact, his miracles were so numerous that the medical doctors in his vicinity joined forces to have him transferred out of the country.

On Sunday, November 25, 2018, the Passionist priests initiated the first in a series of healing Masses at the Immaculate Conception Monastery at 86-45 Edgerton Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11432 (718-739-6502). These Masses will serve to honor St. Charles and are dedicated to those who are sick and suffering (from whom no monetary donations will be requested or accepted on those specific occasions). In the future, with the assistance and cooperation of generous third parties, we hope to offer, not only spiritual, but also financial, social, and legal aid to the sick following these Masses.

The **Masses will take place** at 2:15pm on the **Fourth Sunday of each month** and all are invited to attend. **The first Mass will be celebrated on January 27th.** St. Charles, no doubt, will confer his blessings on those present, and he may even offer a miracle or two (as he did at his shrine, for example, in Dublin, Ireland in the recent past).

**OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
OPEN HOUSE**

For prospective families and students Nursery through 8th Grade, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy will be having an Open House of Sunday , Jan. 27. 2019 from 11AM to 2 PM and on Thursday, Jan. 31.2019 from 9:30 Am to 11 PM. Please see the flyer insert for additional information or call the school at 718-793-2086 .

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT OLMCA**

Buy great books at great prices! Please bring friends and family and support our school! All events take place in the Parish Hall as follows:

- **Wednesday, January 23th:**Open **2:30pm to 3:30pm** (Bedtime Stories from 2:30pm-3:30pm for Grades 2 and Younger)
- **Thursday, January 24th:**Open **7:30am to 5:00pm** (**Mic Night: 3:30pm-5:00pm** for Grades 3-8)
- **Friday, January 25th:** Book Fair Open **7:30am to 4:00pm**
- **Sunday, January 27th:** Book Fair Open **8:30am to 2:00pm** Join us for **Hospitality and Bookmark-Making after the 10:00am Mass** to kick off Catholic Schools Week. **Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy** will also be hosting an **Open House** in the school building from **11:00am to 2:00 pm.** All are welcome!

**50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS**

Congratulations to the December,2018 Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Joann Ciorciari \$225.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Teresa C. Byrne \$100.00  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Gertrude DiCapua \$100.00  
 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Gene Gallagher \$35.00  
 5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Rifenburgh Family \$35.00

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**The Gospel According to Puppets!** The puppets are back. They will teach the Gospel at the Children's Liturgy during the 10 AM Mass. This age-appropriate version of the readings and Gospel is geared to 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: 2/3, & 2/10.**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

**We always need food to re-stock 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.

**CHOIR NEWS**

Our choir welcomes everyone, (Adult and Youth from 7th Gr. Up). You do not need to be able to read music and there are no formal auditions. We meet in the Parish Hall on Sundays at 9:30am to warm up for the 10:00am Mass and rehearse after the Mass from 11:00am to 12:00 Noon. If you are interested in this valuable ministry, please join our choir by contacting Jane Lawson (Director of Music) at the rectory or after Mass on the weekends in Church.

# Community News

- **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.

**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 always Monday evenings 7-9 p.m. in the rectory. Scheduled meeting dates this winter are Feb. 4 and Mar. 4 & 18. If interested in attending, please call the rectory or for questions, please email the group's facilitator, Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle, at [ymizelle@nyc.rr.com](mailto:ymizelle@nyc.rr.com).

**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.**

**WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please remember to **mark the amount of your offering 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

**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

**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.

**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!

**ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES OF BROOKLYN GIVES BACK**

Our Lady of Mercy will share in the profits. For each **donated car, truck or van, running or not**, The Associated Vincentian Charities 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. Thank you for your participation, and please continue to spread the word. Call **(718) 491-2525** or [svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org)

**SAVE THE DATE**

The next **Blood Drive here at OLM** will take place on Sunday, February 24th, 2019 from 8:45am to 2:45pm. Please mark you calendars and consider taking part in this very worthy cause.

*Faith*  
in GOD  
changes  
everything