

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 12th
 8:30 AM
 5:00 PM Nabil Kassis

Sunday January 13th
 8:30 AM Jean Hoffman
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Vita DeRose
 5:00 PM James Conroy (1st Anniversary)

Monday January 14th
 8:30 AM Mary Foertsch
 12:00 PM Anne Restaino

Tuesday January 15th
 8:30 AM Leonard Quigley & William Kirby
 12:00 PM Eleanor Fallon (Living Intention)

Wednesday January 16th
 8:30 AM
 12:00 PM Anne Restaino

Thursday January 17th
 8:30 AM Isabella Minischetti (37th Anniversary)
 12:00 PM

Friday January 18th
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl
 12:00 PM Theresa Sevcik

Saturday January 19th
 8:30 AM Raymond Cleary
 5:00 PM Gohn 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



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, 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. Patrick Burns
 Lucille Joseph
 Anne Restaino
 Sally Conlon
 Franklin Penafiel
 Steven Pollard

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – January 13th
The Baptism Of The Lord
 -Children’s Liturgy-10:00am Mass
 -First String Players present *Game Show*-Parish Hall at 2:00pm

MONDAY – January 14th
Weekday
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm
 -Forest Hills Civic Association Meeting-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - January 15th
Weekday
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – January 16th
Weekday
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**
 -CCD K thru 5th Gr.-Church at 3:00pm
 -Divine Mercy-Church at 7:00pm; Benediction at 8:00pm

THURSDAY – January 17th
Saint Anthony, Abbot
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
 -Baptism Meeting-Rectory at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – January 18th
Weekday

SATURDAY – January 19th
Weekday
 -Baptism-Church at 1:00pm

**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:**
James Conroy (1st Anniversary)
 by
 Maureen, Keith, Daniel, & Kyle O’Connor



TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week’s donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**
James Conroy (1st Anniversary)
 by
 His Children: James Jr., Maureen & Sean



Dear Parishioners;

The Baptism of the Lord is an odd, strange scene, yet all four Gospels include an account of it. Why does Jesus need Baptism? In today's Gospel taken from St. Luke, John the Baptist himself objects: "I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals". Granted that John's Baptism was not the Sacrament that the Church now celebrates; nonetheless, it was a ritual bath, which reflected the desire of a person to "wash away" their sins and reform their lives. What sins did Jesus have?

This event took place at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It so impressed the early Church that all of the Evangelists included the incident in their Gospels. Why? Because this event manifested to the early Church and to us that the incarnation was to be taken very seriously. The second Person of the Trinity, the Word, the Son, the very communication of God would become one with us. He would identify with us totally and completely, except in one thing - sin. It is sin that separates us from God. Sin is the fracture in human nature. Sin is not normal nor natural; it is the deviancy which unfortunately has found a home in each of us and separates us from the God, Who creates us in "His image and likeness".

Except for sin, Christ stands with us completely. Sinful people were seeking forgiveness through the baptism offered by St. John, so Jesus stood with them and undertook the same ritual bath. While not necessary for Him personally, it was His further identification with those Jesus had come to save.

In the Gospels, Jesus' Baptism by John in the waters of the River Jordan marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The voice of the Father and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove affirm that Jesus is the long expected One, Who speaks for God. Every action Jesus performed, particularly His cures, and each word He spoke, are the actions and words of God in human terms. The Lord Jesus is the Word of God made flesh and dwelling among us. He re-connects us to the destiny God had originally planned for us: a share in the divine life. Life with God implies a life not limited by space, time or physicality. Jesus' Resurrection would be the Father's affirmation of His ministry.

Jesus lived among us. At the Jordan River, the eternal Word, descends and passes through the midst of sinful people. He, Who had no sin, shared in the human search for meaning in life, for a desire for change, and for the hope for something new. Jesus fulfills that hope as He begins His public ministry.

As we celebrate Jesus' Baptism, which marked the beginning of His public ministry, we recall our own Baptisms. Those Baptisms identified us with Christ. The ancient fault-line was repaired and we are given the grace to live as sons and daughters of the Most High. We become God's adopted children and as His family members He shares His divine destiny with us.

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

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 16, 2019	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet - 7:30pm	Benediction - 8:00pm
January 23, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
January 30, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	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).

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.

**THANK YOU
OLM PARISHIONERS!!!!**

Mr. Eric Veneski of the 8th grade at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy would like to thank all those who contributed to his **Christmas Clothes Drive for Homeless Veterans.** The following items were collected: 615 pairs of socks; 200 pairs of underclothing; 170 undershirts; 40 new shirts (pullover & dress); 40 new sweatshirts (pullover & Hooded); 37 thermal shirts and pants; 6 pairs of dress pants; 8 jackets; 6 sweatpants; 20 hats and scarves; and 8 pajama sets. Eric thanks all of you for helping to help our deserving Veterans.

The Bridge To Life "would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity to our Baby Bottle Campaign which raised over \$1,865.60. as you know, the Bridge To Life supports families from the five boroughs of NYC, and it is with your help that we can continue our mission of saving babies and supporting these families."

In addition

"The Bridge To Life would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your parish's recent Giving Tree donations to our organization. With your continued generosity throughout the years, we have been able to assist the families who visit us. Especially during this busy time of year, when mothers rely on our services to support them through the holidays and colder months, your generosity truly makes a difference. This Giving Tree ensures that all the children who visit us will have something special for this Christmas and holiday season. On behalf of all the mothers, babies, and children, we sincerely thank you."

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 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: 1/13 & 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 next meeting of the **112th Precinct Community Council** will be held on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:30pm Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Auditorium. All are welcome!

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 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 Dec.3 & 17.

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



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