

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 20th
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer & Food Blessing
 8:00 PM Vigil

Sunday April 21st
 8:30 AM _____
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM _____
 5:00 PM _____

Monday April 22nd
 8:30 AM Bridget Murphy
 12:00 PM Charles Stramera

Tuesday April 23rd
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl
 12:00 PM Marie McSweeney

Wednesday April 24th
 8:30 AM Earnest Bane (Living Intention)
 12:00 PM Leo Gillespie

Thursday April 25th
 8:30 AM Victor Lamarque
 12:00 PM Janet Senecal

Friday April 26th
 8:30 AM Louise Foertsch
 12:00 PM Michael, Caroine, & Michael Sassi Jr. and Roland Pugliese

Saturday April 27th
 8:30 AM Jerome Yap
 5:00 PM Giancarlo A. Mayor, Ruben Mayor, and Graciella Dominguez

Sunday April 28th
 8:30 AM Rudolph & Mary Mihula
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Jorge Bonilla
 5:00 PM Maria Alicia Valderruten



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Robert & Mary Tardona, Alice Coleman, Isabel Azzaro, Richard Eisenzopf, Bonnie Nisson, Rebecca Mintz, Lewis Stein, Peter Fulchiron, Diane McGinley, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Stan Spence, John Karkheck, Jack Fruhling, Januz Miedoej, Anthony Mendola, Peggy Racanelli, Adam Martini, Joan Minischetti, Frances Galson, Irma Early, Loretta Brogna, Joseph Hennessy, Nicolina LoRusso, Michael Simo, Sr. Pat Jamison, CND, Carol Flaherty, James McWalters, Ann Dauria, Kathy Kudrick, Sean Tierney, and for all of our parishioners who are currently hospitalized or homebound.



PRAY FOR THE ARMED SERVICES

Major 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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – April 21st
Easter Sunday os the Resurrection of the Lord

MONDAY – April 22nd
Monday within the Octave of Easter
 -Confessions-Church from 3:00pm to 8:00pm
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - April 23rd
Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

WEDNESDAY – April 24th
Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**
 -Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – April 25th
Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 -Baptism Class-Rectory at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – April 26th
Friday within the Octave of Easter

SATURDAY – April 27th
Saturday within the Octave of Easter
 -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.



TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in loving memory of:

Keith Finer
 by
 Aunt Lucille & Uncle Don

IN LOVING MEMORY



The Paschal Candle
 burns this year
 in Loving Memory of:

Helen and Frank Dubiel
 and
Helen and James Freeley

Given by
 The Dubiel and Freeley Families

Dear Parishioners,

About 250 years ago, one of the founding fathers of our nation, Thomas Jefferson, rewrote the New Testament removing what he thought were embarrassments: things like miracles and cures or exorcisms. When he had finished, what was left was the story of a nice man, who said beautiful things and then died miserably. Jefferson removed any sense of the miraculous or the extraordinary so what was left was a watered-down figure, who may have been a nice a guy, but certainly did not have the power to capture the imagination of millions of people for two millennia.

Mr. Jefferson and others of the same outlook, are wrong! There is not a Jesus, Who is not the Jesus of Faith. There is no record of any other. The letters of St. Paul were written to Christian communities he had founded before the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and John and Luke were composed. In his letter to the Romans, he seeks to assure the Christians already in the Roman capital, that, though he once persecuted the faith, he is now with them in faith. Central to that faith is: "if we have been united with Him (Jesus) in a likeness to His death, so shall we be through a like Resurrection ...if we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with Him... we know that Christ once raised from the dead will never die again - death has no power over Him.."

When the Gospels were written, they were almost embarrassingly frank about Our Lord's earliest followers. Look at the apostles, none of whom had displayed much understanding nor extraordinary courage and two of whom had betrayed or denied Him - well they were not expecting to see Him alive after His hideous crucifixion and burial. The women, visiting the grave, thought they were going to finish the customary rites that had been interrupted by the Sabbath. They hear from the angels what is the faith of the Church. In the New Testament, angels were often convenient agents for expressing the faith of the community. "Why do you search for the living One among the dead? He is not here - He has been raised up!" When the apostles heard this news, they thought that the women were mad: "the story seemed like nonsense and they would not believe them". In their time - very unlike the present - woman's testimony was not admissible in a legal suite therefore for the women to be recorded as the bearers of the news is in itself an extraordinary witness to the truth of the Gospel.

These folks were not expecting a Resurrection. There were many Jewish schools of thought about what, if anything, could be expected beyond this world. Peter goes to the tomb and it is empty. But this is not enough to convince. That empty tomb plus Jesus' many appearances to His disciples finally persuaded them that Lord had risen.

Folks, who only view Jesus as an nice man, speaking lovely nice words, do not give themselves over to death nor inconvenience themselves to evangelize - what's the point? They do not radically alter people's way of thinking!

Jesus said frightening and controversial things: He was not always sweet Jesus, tender and mild - He was at times angry at the thick-headedness of the Apostles; He rankled at the injustice shown to the lower classes with whom He regularly consorted. He reached compassionately out to public sinners and unlikely religious candidates, such as the prostitutes and despised tax collectors. He warned us to get rid of anything that might lead us to sin and separate us from God, even if it meant an arm or a leg!

He died an ugly, brutal death finely tuned by the Romans for rebels and common criminals. Over His head hung Pilate's final bit of sarcasm and mockery. In Greek, Hebrew and Latin " Jesus Nazareni, Rex Judaeorum". No one could miss the irony. Pilate, the Roman governor, is saying: Look at this man - this miserable tortured wreck, this spectacle, so unlike earthly kings, or most magnificent of them all, the Emperor in Rome - this is your King? - if He is, look what I can do to Him (and you!).

What a surprise Pilate and the Sanhedrin were in for! The miserable crushed spectacle is ratified by God in the most radical way possible - He is raised up! He was crushed by adversity but He lives now in a new and radical way. The powers of darkness are strong, but strong as they are, they do prevail. Even death does not conquer, but the God of life does.

The Scriptures grapple with the language - how to adequately grasp this new and unexpected reality. In the next few weeks, at Mass we will read of Jesus' appearances and the dawning realization that Jesus lives and dies no more. We are Baptized into His death - identified with Him - will rise with Him.

Beginning with Baptism, our identification is with Him. His followers: i.e. ones who try to live as He taught, are also to share His destiny. In an incomprehensible act of love, the ineffable God has become one with the creature made in His image and likeness, "us", so that we might be one with Him.

Indeed today we shout "Alleluia" - "Praise God" for His love for us. In Jesus, God shows us His human Face! Jesus shows us how to live our humanity so that we begin to share His life, the life of the Resurrection! He will work out the details hidden from our eyes.

St. Paul wrote that: "...the eye has not seen, nor the ear heard, nor the heart of man felt what God has prepared for those who love Him" - a love like that of Jesus, who extended God's compassion and kindness. Then indeed death does not have the final word. The Lord of life does!

Our parish and academy staffs wish every parishioner, and also your friends and families, a blessed, and hope filled Easter! Let us rejoice and be glad!

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS
GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Francis Morison
 by
 Ann & Children
 With Love & Thanks

Veronica & Vincent Mauro and Florence & John Romano
 by
 Amelia & Frank Romano

Maria & John P. Calbo and Leo, Lillian & Renee Lobel
 by
 Elizabeth & Arthur Lobel

The Merolla and Roy Families
 by
 Lisa & Philip Roy

Nabil Cassis
 by
 George Kassis

Gloria & Russell Buscille
 by
 Claudia Valentino

Andrew & Lillian Lontos
 by
 Lesley Lontos

Sebastian & Rosemond Bernardo
 by
 Christine Bernardo

Karkheck, Davis, & Treacy Families
 by
 Joan Davis

Edward & Rosemarie Brennan and Arthur & Anna Lass
 by
 Arthur & Christine Lass

Mary & Joseph DeSand and Eleanor Fiorino
 by
 Claudia Valentino

Michele Renee Tinnirello
 by
 The Tinnirello Family

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

It's **not too early to make note** in your calendars Plans are underway for the joyous celebration of our 90th anniversary. Watch the bulletin for more information about the Anniversary Mass on October 6th at 12:00 P.M. and the dinner that will follow. Tickets will be made available in the near future as well as limited reservations for bus service after the Mass to the Immaculate Conception Center for the celebration of the beginning of our 90th year. Save the date: **October 6th.**

OLM JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to join in our 90th Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Holy Land which will take place February 1st thru the 9th, 2020. This journey, following the footsteps of Jesus, should greatly influence the way you read the Bible, the way you live, and the way you understand the Church. Detailed fliers are available at all church entrances and at the Rectory

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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

April 24, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
April 28, 2019	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	
	Eucharistic Adoration-1:30pm	Benediction 3:00pm
	Fellowship /Refreshment follows in Parish Hall	
May 1, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
May 8, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	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 always Monday evenings 7-9 p.m. in the rectory. Scheduled meeting dates are April 15, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17. 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.
- The Senior Goal Group of **Our Lady of Hope** will be sponsoring a **“Young at Heart Spring Social on May 5th** from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Tickets are \$20 and include a hot buffet and live music. Those wishing to attend are asked to contact Diana & Robert (718-335-2999), Phyllis (718-478-4741) or Linda (718-898-3222) in advance. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.**

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.
- Join the **Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge on April 19th at 10:00am.** Begins at 10am, April 19th. at St. James Cathedral-Basilica (corner of Jay & Tillary) The procession will stop on the Brooklyn Bridge, at City Hall Park, and Ground Zero; it will end at St. Peter's Church, 16 Barclay Street in Manhattan, at 1:30pm. At each Station there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, reflection, and hymns. All are invited. For more information, call Communion and Liberation, 212-337-3580 or visit its website: www.wocbrooklynbridge.org
- Annual **Diocesan Mass of Hope and Healing** will take place on Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. at Saint Athanasius Parish (2154 61st St., Brooklyn). Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, will be the main celebrant, with the homily preached by Very Reverend Jeffrey T. Dillon. All are invited to gather on this day to pray for healing for all those who have been impacted by childhood sexual abuse. Sponsored by the Diocesan Survivors Advisory Committee.

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**

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 **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

