

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 27th
9:00 AM	Jerome Yap
8:00 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
Monday	April 29th
8:30 AM	Aiden Charles James (Living Intention)
12:00 PM	Wolfgang Pete Niedt
Tuesday	April 30th
8:30 AM	John Kapcoe
12:00 PM	Florence Prisco
Wednesday	May 1st
8:30 AM	Joseph Faller
12:00 PM	Rose & Ralph Illuminato
Thursday	May 2nd
8:30 AM	Alvin Alvarez
12:00 PM	Richard Espy
Friday	May 3rd
8:30 AM	Caroline Chapman
12:00 PM	Claire Scott
Saturday	May 4th
8:30 AM	John Graham McGinley
5:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Sevcik Family
Sunday	May 5th
8:30 AM	Frank & Mary Eisenzopf
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	In Thanksgiving by the Sulewski Family
5:00 PM	John Graham McGinley

**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, James McWalters, Ann Dauria, Kathy Kudrick, Sean Tierney, Frank Santulli, Alexandra Radziwon, 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

Paula Corrales

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – April 28th***Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)*

-Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction-Church at 1:30pm

MONDAY – April 29th*Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

-Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - April 30th*Easter Weekday*

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – May 1st*Easter Weekday*

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30

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

-CCD K thru 5th Gr.-Church at 3:00pm

-Practice for First Communion:

Students Only-Church at 3:00pm

Students & Parents-Church at 7:30pm

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – May 2nd*Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

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

-OLMCA Wine Tasting-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-Boy Scouts-School at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – May 3rd*Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

-Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm & 6:00pm

SATURDAY – May 4th*Easter Weekday*

-First Communion-Parish Hall at 1:30pm

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:**

Jim Beam

by

Bernadette Beam

EASTER DUTY

All Catholics who have been initiated into the Holy Eucharist are expected to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, during the Easter season (between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday, on June 16).

Dear Parishioners;

Do you think that Thomas the Apostles has bad press? Did you ever use the term, "Doubting Thomas"? Probably. And the expression coming from Saint Thomas. Yet honestly, we may have had the same reaction as Saint Thomas did. The other apostles have told Thomas that they had seen the Lord. Thomas was not with them and he told them that he would not believe until he had put his hands in Jesus' wounds thus verifying that it truly was the Lord. None of the apostles ever expected to see Jesus again! And yet now He was alive, alive in a new way.

Thomas does not have many "speaking parts" in the New Testament but when he does, it's important. Today is a case in point: He annunciates the Church's Faith in Jesus. When Our Lord appears again to the Disciples, Thomas is present. Jesus invite him to touch the wounds that had caused His death. Upon doing so, Thomas exclaims: "My Lord and My God" . Concisely said, the Lord and God incarnate in our midst - the second Person of the Trinity, Who took on the fullness of humanity, even death. But the Resurrection of Jesus indicates that death does not have the last word but the God of life does. We, who share Jesus' humanity, are invited to partake of His divinity.

God's mercy and love for us is on full display in the Resurrection. At times in its history when the Church was inclined to "forget" that love, compassion and mercy are the primary characteristics of God, prophets are sent to remind us. One of those prophets was the late, Sister Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who had series of divine revelations in the first half of the last century. Her revelations emphasized God's merciful love for us. Jesus is the embodiment of that love and compassion. Sister pictured Him with rays of mercy flowing from His hands.

Sister Faustina's revelations were reminiscent of the earlier devotion to the Sacred Heart popularized by the sixteenth century French nun, Sister Mary Margaret Alacoque. Very similar to the icon of Jesus with the rays of mercy flowing from His hands, Sister Margaret Mary envisioned Jesus with His exposed heart "blazing with love for us".

The late Holy Father, Saint John Paul II, declared the Second Sunday of Easter to be "Divine Mercy Sunday" in order to acknowledge in a formal way, the Divine Mercy revealed so dramatically in the Resurrection of Jesus. Even though we know that biologically the heart is a "super" pump; from time immemorial it has represented love. In earlier times, it was thought that emotions flowed from the heart. An easy assumption to make, since our hearts do beat faster in higher emotional states. The blazing heart of Jesus was the symbol of God's all-consuming love for us. The rays flowing from the hands of Jesus illustrate God's merciful love extended to all of us

The Easter season celebrates the irrevocable commitment of God "to give us life and give it to the full". Identified with Jesus in Baptism, we are destined to share Life with Him. That's God's plan and only we can frustrate the Divine Plan by deliberately straying from the path the Lord Jesus laid out for us

In the joy of the Resurrection,
Monsignor John A, McGuirl

Easter Thanks

Without the work of many people, our Holy Week and Easter celebrations would not have been spiritually uplifting for so many people. First, we must thank Mrs. Helen Golden and Mr. Jim Mara, our sacristans and their helpers for decorating the Church and making sure everything was in place for all the ceremonies. Since we do these ceremonies only once a year, it is easy to overlook something but Jim and Helen were on top of everything! Similarly "thanks " go to our Altar Angels, who faithfully tidy up the Church every Thursday of the year and also the Linen Ladies, who launder the linens used in the celebration of the Eucharist.

A special word of appreciation goes to our maintenance team: Tom Lambert and Jason Beaudry. There is nothing to which they put their hands that does not turn out well. The Church sparkled because of their efforts.

The choir was magnificent this year, thanks to our volunteer choristers and the leadership of our minister of music, Jane Lawson. Naturally enough, instrumental to our celebrations were our altar servers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, lectors and especially Deacon Dean.

A word of thanks to Mrs. Joann Lewandowski and her helpers for once again organizing an extremely spirited Easter egg hunt after the 10:00 A.M. Easter Sunday Mass. Thanks also to Camille Guerrera and Trish McCann for preparing the reception after the Easter Vigil. The reception was to welcome our newly Baptized sister and brother, Sunu Xu and Sonam Namgay. Thanks go to Tatiana Molina and Paolo Boselli for accepting the role of their godparents and also to our Directors of Religious Education, Carol and David Powell, for preparing our Baptismal candidates so well.

If we have inadvertently overlooked anyone, our apologies but thank you all the same.

Monsignor McGuirl
Father Greg Stasiak

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.**



- **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.
- 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.
- The **Father Troike Leadership Program** is a **four week summer program** open to **young men from the 6th & 7th grades** who desire to sharpen their academic skills and develop their leadership potential. Mornings consist of academic study, including TACHS prep for students entering 8th grade in September. The afternoons are dedicated to recreation: athletics & activities. For more information please contact Deacon Philip Franco at Cathedral Preparatory School (718)592-6800, ext. 137.
- **St. John's Preparatory School** is offering a **2019 TACHS Prep Course**, which will take place in September. Course information can be found on the application. For further information, please call the admissions office at 718-721-7200, extension 699. Register online :www.stjohnsprepschool.org, in the Admissions link.

CONGRATULATIONS

We have been notified that the following parishioners (previous OLM students) have earned Honor Roll status for the most recent marking period of this school year:

At St. Francis Preparatory School:

Isabella Cognata, John Fischer, Jordan Sihaga

At Holy Cross High School, Flushing:

Justin Montalvo

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

