

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 11th
 9:00 AM Joseph DiCapua (24th Anniversary)
 8:00 PM William Walters

Sunday May 12th
 8:30 AM Vincent Dorotan
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Anna Sorrentino
 5:00 PM Zofia Woloszynowska

Monday May 13th
 8:30 AM Francis Morison
 12:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday May 14th
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena
 12:00 PM Philip Ferrato

Wednesday May 15th
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena
 12:00 PM Andrej Witkowski

Thursday May 16th
 8:30 AM William Hoogsteden
 12:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

Friday May 17th
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena
 12:00 PM Ellen & Timothy Madden

Saturday May 18th
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena
 5:00 PM Miguel & Lucia Dordulaw

Sunday May 19th
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Marie Hanao
 5:00 PM Ervin Dudas



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Robert & Mary Tardona, Alice Coleman, Isabel Azzaro, Richard Eisenzopf, Bonnie Nisson, Rebecca Mintz, Lewis Stein, Diane McGinley, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Stan Spence, John Karkheck, Jack Fruhling, Januz Miedoej, Anthony Mendola, Peggy Racanelli, Adam Martini, 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, Nicolina LoRusso, 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

James McMahon
 Anthony Fasano, Sr.
 Antonio Napoli
 Peter Fulchiron
 Deacon Magloire Marcel

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – May 12th
Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mothers' Day

MONDAY – May 13th
Easter Weekday
 -Forest Hills Civic Association Meeting-Parish Hall at 7:30pm
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - May 14th
Saint Matthias, Apostle
 -Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – May 15th
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
 -Divine Mercy-Church at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – May 16th
Easter Weekday
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – May 17th
Easter Weekday
 -OLMCA Glow Party-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

SATURDAY – May 18th
Easter Weekday



BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given in loving memory of:
Our Mothers
Eleanor Gorman & Jennette Markey
 by
 Carol & Patrick Gorman

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given :
In Thanksgiving
 by
 The Kelly Family



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of April, 2019:
 Matthew Nicholas Crespo
 Zachary Joseph DiDonato
 Audrey Sienna DiDonato
 Luna Reyna Disla
 Santino Sanzone

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the couple married during the month of April, 2019:
 Aaron Kevin Mack & Natalie Anne Laney

Dear Friends,

Throughout both the Old and New Testaments, the image of the shepherd is a ubiquitous. The Israelites lived in a world in which shepherds were major figures. Even now in the Holy Land, it is not uncommon to see Bedouin shepherds minding flocks of sheep. The sheep depend completely on the shepherd for their well-being. I have heard that sheep are not the most intelligent members of the animal kingdom, but they do recognize the shepherd's voice because instinctively they know that he has their welfare at heart. The shepherd's role is to lead the sheep to fresh pastures and clean water. He must also be on guard against predatory animals that prey on the sheep. The shepherd's staff, later adopted by Bishops, is to drive away predatory animals while also guiding recalcitrant sheep on the right path. In the brief Gospel citation this Sunday, Jesus once again compares Himself to a good shepherd. The sheep know His voice and follow Him. It is obvious from the reading that the Father's wish is that we belong to Jesus' flock and that none of us would be lost.

In the second reading taken from the last book of the New Testament, Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse) the imagery changes somewhat. Now the shepherd is also the Lamb in whose blood the faithful have washed their robes and paradoxically rendered them white. Lambs were the animals of choice for sacrifice in the Jerusalem temple. It was believed that the blood of the sacrificed lamb restored or maintained friendship with God. Following on that ancient belief, the blood of this Lamb (Jesus) irrevocably restores the bridge between God and us. This Lamb shepherds His followers to the "spring of life-giving water" and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

It is the power of that imagery combined with the experience of the Risen One, the Lord Jesus, which impelled the first disciples to preach the Gospel (from the Old English "God's spiel" or God's story).

The first reading is taken from The Acts of the Apostles, the sequel to St. Luke's Gospel. We discover Paul and his companion, Barnabas, preaching in the Greek-speaking Gentile areas of Asia Minor. Their "modus operandi" was first to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. After preaching to their fellow Jews in the Diaspora, they turned to the Gentiles (a collective word for all non-Jews). Despite persecutions and even violent opposition, they continued to preach because "the Gentiles were delighted when they heard this (Gospel)".

The responsorial psalm (Psalm #100: 1-2, 3, 5) sums up all three readings. God made us; we are His people, the sheep of His flock. His kindness endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations. What is the ultimate kindness? It is the promise of eternal life, shared with Jesus the Risen One, Who has gone before us. The lives of Paul, Barnabas and the other early evangelists were not easy. They faced jealousy, violent opposition and torture. Many of them were martyred for their efforts but they firmly believed that they would be united with the risen Lord Jesus.

At the beginning of today's citation from the Book of Revelation, the author says: "I, John, saw a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue...these are the ones who have survived the time of great distress and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb... the One Who sits on the throne will shelter them...they will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor the sun or heat strike them, for the Lamb (Jesus), Who is at the center of the throne, will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." This poetic imagery tells us that God intends to grant us the greatest measure of life - life with Him for eternity!

Especially this weekend let us thank and remember in prayer, the women, who gave us earthly life: our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, single aunts and others who had a motherly role in our lives. Far more often than not, they were our first icons of the living God, Who calls us to eternal life.

In the Risen Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

On Saturday, June 1st Fr. Gregory will be celebrating his 20th Anniversary in the priesthood at the 5:00pm Mass. All are welcome to attend the Mass. However, since the reception that follows is private (by invitation only), we will have hospitality following every Mass on Sunday, June 2nd in order to celebrate with Father as a Parish.

AND MORE...

Congratulations to our children at Our Lady of Mercy Parish who received First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4th, and Saturday, May 11th. God Bless all of you!

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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

May 15, 2019	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet-7:30pm	Benediction-8:00pm
May 22, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
May 29, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm

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, paper towels, bathroom tissue, soaps, shampoos, and any other personal hygiene and non-perishable food items.

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

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 16th).

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.**

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.

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, and another donation was just received last month Thank you for your participation, and please continue to spread the word. Call **(718) 491-2525 or svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org**

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

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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.
- **FREE Spanish Classes.** Saturdays at 3 p.m. at Resurrection Ascension Church (85-25 61 Rd, Rego Park). Call the RA rectory at 718-424-5212 for further details.



The Community Bulletin Board

- **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 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.
- **Archbishop Molloy HS** will be offering a variety of boys and girls basketball and baseball camps this summer, naming them "Memorial 5 Camps". Registration is now open and information is available at www.memorial5.com or www.molloyhs.com.
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Glendale** presents the **Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. This image is 1 of only 4 images in the world commissioned by the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City! This image is rare, special and extraordinary. It has traveled the world bringing miracles, healing, graces, conversions, signs and wonders. Join us in the Church **May 20th - 24th at 7:30 p.m.** for devotions which include Rosary, prayers and veneration. **Mass is May 22nd at 7:30p.m**
- **Forest Hills Green Team (FHGT)**, a grassroots group in central Queens, is organizing a volunteer clean up and gardening day around the LIRR Overpass over Yellowstone Boulevard between Austin and Burns Streets, Forest Hills, NY 11375, on Sunday, May 19, 2019, between 10 AM – 3 PM We have received a NYC Love Your Block Grant to clean it up. & working with the Parks Dept. and garden design experts to take out trash and weeds, prune trees, apply mulch, and put in hardy plants and flowers "Please join us - all gardening skills are welcome."

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 Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School:

Megan Heerey, Stephen Heerey, and Gianluca Gargano

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!

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PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY FOR PEACE