

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 15th
 8:30 AM Daniel Marrone
 5:00 PM John & Anne Daly

Sunday June 16th
 8:30 AM Kevin Seagrave
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Luke Sorrentino
 5:00 PM Jorge Bonilla

Monday June 17th
 8:30 AM Fathers Day Novena
 12:00 PM Leonard Quigley & William Kirby

Tuesday June 18th
 8:30 AM Fathers Day Novena
 12:00 PM Louis & Pauline Pfohl

Wednesday June 19th
 8:30 AM Fathers Day Novena
 12:00 PM In Honor of St. Anthony & the Holy Face of Jesus

Thursday June 20th
 8:30 AM Fathers Day Novena
 12:00 PM Thomas Byrne

Friday June 21st
 8:30 AM Leonard Quigley and William Kirby
 12:00 PM Fathers Day Novena

Saturday June 22nd
 8:30 AM Fathers Day Novena
 5:00 PM Frank & Sadie Elia

Sunday June 23rd
 8:30 AM Fathers Day Novena
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Joseph Catanzaro
 5:00 PM In Thanksgiving to Almighty God



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, 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, Don Feder, Phil Paroff, Richard Wenzel, 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 Pfohl
 Kathleen Comerford
 Carol Hyde
 Rosaline Enemali
 Christopher Patrick Devoy
 Joseph Sineno

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – June 16th

Trinity Sunday
 -Children’s Liturgy-Church at 10:00am

MONDAY – June 17th

Weekday
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm
 -Forest Hills Civic Association Meeting-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - June 18th

Weekday
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – June 19th

Weekday
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**
 -Divine Mercy-Church at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – June 20th

Weekday
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – June 21st

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

SATURDAY – June 22nd

Weekday



BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week’s donation of Bread & Wine given in **loving memory of:**
Baltus & Zalner Family
 by
 The Zalner Family

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week’s donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**
Andrew Cariello & William H. Bedson
 by
 Carolyn J. Cariello



MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND

Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund:
 given in **loving memory of**
Our Fathers Charles Markey & James Gorman
 by
 Patrick and Carol Gorman

And

given in **loving memory of:**
James Pfohl
 by
 Patrick & Carol Gorman

Dear Parishioners,

Several years ago, in an issue of the Jesuit weekly America, there was an intriguing article entitled "Back to Wonder" with the subtitle "The search for meaning in a scientific world" by a John Savant, a professor emeritus at Dominican College in California. He speaks about the loss of wonder or religious imagination.

Living in an urban area, too few of us have the time or the space to stand in awe at, what to quote St. Paul is, the "reality in which we live and move and have our being".

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Trinity - the cogwheel, the springboard of everything else. To some degree we have straitjacketed our beliefs in various dogmatic expressions, which are good and necessary so that we St. Augustine wrote in the fourth century, if we think that we have defined God then it is something else that we have defined!

That same Augustine had a telling encounter with a young boy on the beach near the north African city of Hippo, where Augustine was the Bishop. The boy was happily running back and forth from the surf with a pail. He scooped water from the surf and then emptied it in a hole he had dug on the beach. When the Bishop enquired as to the purpose of this enterprise, the boy responded that he was attempting to empty the entire Mediterranean Sea into the hole. When the Bishop gently chided him that this was impossible; the boy, undoubtedly a future theologian, responded that it was equally impossible for the bishop to attempt to describe the Trinity. Augustine had what we might call an "ha-ha" moment. The Bishop realized the truth of this precocious young man's statement.

And yet God has seen fit to reveal something of Himself to us. What theologians term: "the economic trinity" - it has nothing to do with money - but rather it speaks of God's relationship with us: a God who creates; a God who saves; a God who guides and sanctifies us. And from the earliest days, this a relationship was believed to reflect the inner Reality of God. The relationships were termed Father, Son and Holy Spirit: three Persons in the One God.

Judging by the ministry of Jesus and supported by hints from the Old Testament, the dogma of the Trinity developed. For instance, our first reading from the Old Testament Book of Proverbs personifies Wisdom as the creating agent of God. The early Church saw in Jesus the wisdom and face of the hidden God. That hidden God reveals Himself or self-communicates. Early Christians, as they prayed and reflected about the life and ministry of Jesus, came to realize that every word and action of Jesus is that of God, but in human terms we can grasp and appreciate. Jesus is God's Self-Communication. "Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God." (Paul - I Cor t:241

We might be tempted to ignore the doctrine of the Trinity: only referencing it when signing ourselves before prayer. Occasionally we might wonder how this can be? This is where our religious imagination has dulled. If we have the chance during the summer, let us gaze up at the sky after dark and there behold the millions of light specks, all of which are stars, many of which are much bigger than our sun. Some, scientists tell us, are so far away in light years, that what we see is the light traveling through space from a star that no longer even exists.

Light travels at 186,000 miles per second; one minute is 60x that; an hour 60x more; a day 24x that; a year 350x that. If we were to attempt to write all that on the walls of the church we would cover them with zeroes. And that's one light year. Astronomers will regularly talk about other solar systems that are hundreds of light years away. We can't grasp that! Hundreds of light years is an infinitely vast distance.

The Creator of all that vastness has given us a glimpse at His own internal life - a life, like the universe He creates, that lies beyond our capacity to fully grasp it. One of the principal functions of all religions has been to mediate the great mysteries. Why is there anything rather than nothing? Why is matter relatively consistent in its behavior? Why is life here never fully satisfactory? What follows death?

The mystery of the Trinity invites us to think big! If we take time to look at our universe, in its microscopic and macroscopic forms, we become very little and our contemplation and reflection opens the doors to think about the Author of all this. Take off the headphones, unplug the I-pod or pad and look! Thinking big means silence and space. It is mediated in quiet time.

The readings chosen by the Church for this feast speak something of the Trinity. The wellspring of everything is one God, Whose very internal nature involves a loving relationship between the three divine Persons. That God draws all things into being. In Jesus He reveals His loving nature to the creature made in his image and likeness - us. Jesus before the Ascension tells us that He will send the Spirit to sanctify, guide and direct the community of the faithful and all of us. To know that Triune God, it is necessary to think big!

In 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**

**IMPORTANT!
PLEASE TAKE NOTE!**

As of July 6th, the **Saturday Hours of our Rectory Office** will be changed. The office will be **open** as follows from **9:00am to 2:00pm on Saturdays.**

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The puppets are back teaching the Gospel at the Children's Liturgy during the 10 AM Mass. Children's Liturgy is scheduled for the following dates in June before heading on their summer vacation: Today (June 16th) and June 23rd

**OLMCA NEWS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!**

Calling kids entering pre- K through Grade 6 in Sept. 2019 to the "Power Up Vacation Bible School" running Monday June 24 through Friday June 28 , 9AM - 12PM at Our Lady of Mercy Academy. Learning about God's power through building a video game and using crafts and music. \$50/ child and includes breakfast and lunch. See bulletin insert for registration.

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, instant mashed potatoes, 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.

Important Notice: Since we **Cannot distribute food that has expired, Please Check the Expiration Date on the item Before You Donate It.** 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

ATTENTION! PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

It is that time again! We are asking that all parish organizations that use the Parish Hall, Church, Academy Gym, or Rectory meeting rooms for regularly scheduled events and meetings please submit a "Wish List" of your proposed dates for the September 2019 through December 2019 season. Please submit your requests to the Rectory either in person or via e-mail (office @mercyhills.org.) as soon as you can. Be sure to include the name and telephone number of a reliable contact person. Thank You!

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. Invitations are in the process of being mailed. If for some reason you have not received yours, please call the Rectory office, leave your name and address and we will look over the listing of names. Keep in mind that the mail sometimes has a way of disappearing into the unknown.

In addition, the invitation and the response card are available on our web site. If you wish, you can print a copy and submit it to the Rectory with your payment.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

June 19, 2019	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet-7:30pm	Benediction-8:00pm
June 26, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm

There will be no Divine Mercy Devotions during the months of July and August. Watch the Bulletin for the September schedule.



**CONGRATULATIONS
2019
OLMCA
GRADUATES!**

JOB WELL DONE!

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 June 3 & 17. If interested in attending, or for questions, please call the rectory at 718-268-6251 or email the group's facilitator, Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle, at ymizelle@nyc.rr.com.



- **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.
- **Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School** is now accepting applications for their summer camps. Girls softball, soccer, basketball, cheerleading, and volleyball; Boys baseball, soccer and basketball. For more information please contact Ms. Fran Rocco at 718-898-3800 ext. 3
- **Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School: is now accepting applications for the T.A.C.H.S. Preparation** program to be held at the school for the first seven Saturdays of the next school year beginning on September 14th. For more information contact Ms. Fran Rocco, 718-898-3800 ext. 3.
- **OZANAM HALL** of Queens Nursing Home (42-41 201st Street, Bayside), seeks part-time Activity Leader, 1:30 to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, no experience necessary; good verbal/writing, interpersonal skills to work with senior population, **Reliability a must!** Contact Marilyn Gindi at: 1.718 971-2708 for further information.
- **Information Session on Youth Ministry Opportunities| Tuesday, June 25, 7-8 p.m. at Holy Child Jesus (111-11 86th Ave., Richmond Hill).** If interested in learning about full- and part-time youth ministry positions available in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, please RSVP to Imorales@diobrook.org by June 21.

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 in need of the sacraments of 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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

We are happy to announce the formation of a Bereavement Support Group, that meets at Long Island Jewish Forest Hills Hospital, and is conducted by Father Radu Titones. Father Titones is a Byzantine Romanian Catholic priest and has been appointed, by Bishop DiMarzio, as Hospital Chaplain.

This group meets on the last Monday of the month and is open to the entire community. More information can be obtained from Father Radu's office at 718-830-1826

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

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.

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).