

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday June 24th**  
 8:30 AM Fathers Day Novena  
 12:00 PM Eugenia Ardeleanu

**Tuesday June 25th**  
 8:30 AM Fathers Day Novena  
 12:00 PM Michael & Caroline Sassi, Michael Sassi Jr.  
 and Roland Pugliese

**Wednesday June 26th**  
 8:30 AM Arthur Savarese (Many Memories to Remember)  
 12:00 PM In Honor of St. Anne

**Thursday June 27th**  
 8:30 AM Maurice Rooney (45th Anniversary)  
 12:00 PM Daniel Cahill

**Friday June 28th**  
 8:30 AM Giovanna Boe  
 12:00 PM Butler/Mara Families

**Saturday June 29th**  
 8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Szabados Family  
 5:00 PM Thomas X. Winberry

**Sunday June 30th**  
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Joseph Catanzaro  
 5:00 PM Rafael Perez



**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, Annette Merone, Mary Anne Whatley, Eleanor Merlino, 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**

Sheila Conlon  
 Marie Alma Boursiquot  
 Giancarlo Major Valencia

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – June 23rd**

*Corpus Christi*  
 -Children’s Liturgy-Church at 10:00am  
 -Corpus Christi Procession-After 12:00pm Mass

**MONDAY – June 24th**

*The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*  
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - June 25th**

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

**WEDNESDAY – June 26th**

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

**THURSDAY – June 27th**

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

**FRIDAY – June 28th**

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

**SATURDAY – June 29th**

*Saints Peter and Paul Apostles*

**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. As of that date the office will be open in the from 9:00am to 2:00pm on Saturdays.



**MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND**

Many thanks for the donations to the Parish Memorial Worship Fund

given in loving memory of:  
 Sheila Conlon  
 by  
 Carol & Patrick Gorman

and

given in loving memory of:  
 Henry Jagiello (11th Anniversary)  
 by  
 Marilyn Jagiello & Family

Dear Parishioners,

This week we have a guest author, our own Mrs. Carol Powell, who with her husband, Dave, are the Faith Formation Directors of our Parish.

Mrs. Powell originally wrote the following article for the Diocesan newspaper, *The Tablet* and it is not only topical but challenging and thought-producing.

*Summer Offers a Time to Chill Out*

Have we lost the ability as a society to enjoy leisure time? A few weeks ago, I overheard a conversation between two mothers who were discussing their children's school schedule. One of them said: "My son is going to be in school until four o'clock from now on." The other replied, "I wish the kids went to school all summer. Maybe they'd learn more."

I didn't say anything since I wasn't part of their conversation but I couldn't disagree more with this comment. Why do we think that the only place children learn is in school? Why do we as a society always have to be on the move, doing? Have we lost our ability to just be?

I remember with great relish the many summers I spent as a child and a young person just enjoying life, just being with my family, relatives and friends, doing simple enjoyable things. Visits to the zoo, lolling on the beach, playing in the sand, gathering with friends and neighbors in the local park, talking to others on our stoop in Brooklyn, and going to the library were just some of the ordinary, summer activities that taught just as much about life as any book knowledge. Sometimes we had the luxury of going on a special vacation, but, even if we didn't, just the space and time to explore imaginative vistas provided ample opportunity to process all the school knowledge we had acquired during the (school) year.

When will we learn that life, education and learning is about more than just grasping complex intellectual concepts, climbing the ladder of success to acquire a lucrative job, and filling every moment with ceaseless activity?

All of us, children included, need time to chill out, to dream dreams, to have visions. We need to develop imaginations. We need to grow in relationships both with God and others.

Summer is a perfect time to go on retreat, read and meditate on the Bible, make extra visits to the Blessed Sacrament, or just enjoy the Presence of God in nature, at the beach, in the mountains, in the beauty of the flowers and birds. It's a time to walk in the park alone or with others and allow the wind to blow through our hair and the sun to warm our bodies. It's a time to think and to hope, to visit museums, to communicate at length with loved ones, to write letters and enjoy barbeques and picnics. It's a time to exult in the fullness and beauty of life.

All time is precious. Every moment is a gift of God resplendent with the wonder and Presence of God no matter who that moment brings. Every moment brings new learning, new experience, new people, new insights. But we need the time and space to ponder those insights.

Let us use the summer as a time to chill out and take a new look at life, at what is truly important. Let us go to the depths of why we are alive. Let us take time to smell the proverbial roses.

Let us remember that time goes by very quickly as St. John of the Cross once said very aptly: "In the evening of life it is love alone that counts."

There is a lemonade commercial that pictures the lazy days of summer with people riding bikes on a beautiful day. It talks about only six weeks to enjoy summer. To enjoy means to take time to truly savor what is here and now, not looking forward to what will be.

I just finished reading a very wonderful book entitled "The Power of Now" by Eckhardt Tolle. In it, the author laments the fact that most of us are busy thinking about the past or worrying about the future instead of basking in what is here and now. Summer is here. We should enjoy it. But the spirit of summer is that "now" philosophy, being fully and totally whatever we are, taking time to enjoy this person, that experience, this insight.

Summer is free, is light, is joyful. Summer means total presence to ourselves, to our families, to our world and to our God.

**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.

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Today, June 23rd, at the 10:00am Mass the puppets will be teaching the Gospel to the children as usual. However, please note that there will be no Children's Liturgy during the months of July and August.

Please watch the Bulletin for information pertaining to the scheduling of our Children's Liturgy in the Fall.

**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.

**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 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Watch the bulletin for more information about the Anniversary Mass on October 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 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.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://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](http://www.memorial5.com) or [www.molloyhs.com](http://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 (42-41 201<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Imorales@diobrook.org) by June 21.

**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](http://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.

