

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 29th
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Szabados
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
Monday	July 1st
8:30 AM	John Merone (34th Anniversary)
12:00 PM	In Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Tuesday	July 2nd
8:30 AM	Maria Merone (11th Anniversary)
12:00 PM	May Mueller & Family
Wednesday	July 3rd
8:30 AM	May & Ed Chocko
12:00 PM	Peter Martini
Thursday	July 4th
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Szabados Family
12:00 PM	Louis Purul
Friday	July 5th
8:30 AM	Daniel Marrone
12:00 PM	Georgio Aloe
Saturday	July 6th
8:30 AM	Michele Azzara
5:00 PM	Stefania Grebowiec
Sunday	July 7th
8:30 AM	Thomas & Anna O'Connor
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Eleanor & James Mara
5:00 PM	Philip Nastyn

**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, Steve Nacincik, 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

Manny Ayala
Carlos C. Velasquez
Rev. Robert W. Blauvelt
Rev. Michael A. Carrano

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – June 30th**

Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – July 1st

Weekday

TUESDAY - July 2nd

Weekday

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – July 3rd

Saint Thomas, Apostle

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

THURSDAY – July 4th

Weekday

All Offices Closed

FRIDAY – July 5th

Weekday

SATURDAY – July 6th

Weekday

**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 from 9:00am to 2:00pm on Saturdays.

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

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

Mary Regina Quinn
by
The T.J. Quinn Family

**Please do not leave bags of clothing or other
items on the steps of the Rectory.**

Dear Parishioners;

All the readings this Sunday concern discipleship and its requirements. In the first taken from the Old Testament Book of Kings, we encounter one of the most famous of the Hebrew prophets, Elijah. He is remembered for his bold convictions: he stood up to the king of Israel and confronted the Queen, Jezebel, and the numerous prophets of Baal. Some remember him for his departure in a fiery chariot. By comparison today's reading seems rather ordinary. There is no fiery bush, no flaming chariot, no slaughter of false prophets, no thunderous Voice. Like many of his successors, Elisha was called in rather ordinary circumstances. He was plowing his fields with his oxen. Pretty mundane stuff and yet Moses had been called while shepherding the flocks of his father-in-law; Gideon, the Hebrew "judge", was threshing wheat and Samuel was asleep and confused when God called him. In this case, Elijah simply casts his cloak over Elisha as a sign that the younger man is now clothed with the prophetic mantle. Elisha asks only that he be permitted to say good-bye to his parents. In the slaughtering of his oxen and the burning of his plow, Elisha symbolically leaves his old life behind him. Now he follows Elijah as a novice prophet.

In the second reading, St. Paul is scolding the Galatians for backsliding. The Galatians were Gentiles. Judging by their very name, they may have been Celts, related to a once vast Celtic population that had originally migrated from Central Asia. Though Gentiles, they had been convinced by some Christian preachers that it was necessary to take on the Jewish Law before becoming Christians. Paul staunchly resisted this idea. Paul's letter emphasizes that obeying the Law in and of itself does not save. Salvation is a gift from God, offered to all mankind through Christ. We did nothing to deserve it nor could we attain it by our own efforts. The "yoke of slavery" to which Paul alludes is the strict observance of the Torah Law, especially circumcision. Paul urges the Galatians, who had been enslaved to idols, not to accept another form of slavery. The Galatians have freedom in Christ; however, Paul stresses that their freedom is not license. In the subsequent verses he will indicate the types of activity, which those alive in the Spirit, will avoid. The new Christians are not under the law because life in the Spirit fulfills and encompasses the Law. Jesus said: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. That sums up the purpose of the Law.

Finally in Luke's Gospel, Jesus "sets His face" toward Jerusalem where the drama of His last days will be enacted. He will be "taken up", a term that undoubtedly refers to His resurrection and ascension, two key moments in the mystery of His journey through death to resurrected life. He seems deliberately to journey on the more dangerous route south from Galilee. He could have circumvented the Samaritan area. But to do so, would have avoided a teaching moment for His disciples.

Though related through blood, culture and even religion the Samaritans and the Jews, almost like feuding cousins, had a bad relationship that went back centuries. It was not surprising that the Samaritans did not welcome Jesus and His disciples nor was it surprising that James and John appealed to heaven to cast fire upon the unwelcoming Samaritans. After all Elijah of old had called down fire on Israel's enemies (2 Kings 1:10). Jesus forbids such a violent and cruel response and simply continues on His way.

After this incident, Jesus and His troop encounter three enthusiastic potential followers. Jesus warns them that discipleship may mean no permanent residence. It means a firm commitment to "Follow Me", notwithstanding even normal personal relationships. Their new relationship with Jesus is permanent and unconditional.

Jesus spoke these words many centuries ago, but they carry weight now. Jesus uses these opportunities to teach the disciples about the cost of discipleship. They are not to react to slights with rancor and cruelty. Discipleship may require homelessness and lack of security. Discipleship, which involves our ultimate destiny, takes precedence over family ties. Jesus' relationship with us is permanent and unconditional!

A Word of Gratitude

Many thanks go to Father Greg for making the arrangements for the Corpus Christi Procession after the 12:00 P.M. Mass last Sunday. Also thanks go to those who designed the temporary altars, and also to the lectors, servers, ushers, canopy carriers, sacristans and our music minister, Ms. Jane Lawson. Our Lord present uniquely in the Blessed Sacrament was honorably adored and praised.

Monsignor McGuirl

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

As of June 23rd, the Children's Liturgy Puppets are officially on vacation. But they will be back at 10 am Mass after school begins. Come fall, the puppets will be looking for extra teen volunteers to help them perform their weekly rendition of the Gospel. High school teens may also serve as catechists for the younger participants. Service hours available. Interested teens should contact the puppets' assistant at chrischildrensliturgy@gmail.com.

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We always need food to restock 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.

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the June, 2019 Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:

1 st Prize: Brian & Karen Gerdts	\$338.00
2 nd Prize: Judy & Phil Tobin	\$169.00
3 rd Prize: Michael & Eloise Mangino	\$169.00
4 th Prize: Vincent Budway	\$85.00
5 th Prize: Deanna Lancer	\$85.00

GOING ON VACATION?

Please do not forget to support your parish. We are most grateful for our parishioners who "catch up" or give donations in advance to compensate for the times that they will be away. It truly does help, and we 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 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

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, 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.

THANK YOU!

We have received a letter from the Corona Self-Help Center expressing their appreciation to us for giving them the chance to speak to us about their work last weekend. "We are very grateful to you, your team of servers and community for the generosity, kindness and charity with which you have treated us every time we have visited your parish. Thank you for your time and your trust in us."

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following parishioners (OLM Academy Grads) have been named to the Archbishop Molloy High School Honor Roll for the 2018-19 School Year:

Emmanuel Bellido, James Ciancimino, James Shum, Dane Thomsen, Angelina Warren, Julia Warren, Montserrat Macia, and Erin Mardenborough.

Well Done!!

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.



**A Safe and Happy
Fourth of July
To all!**