

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>June 8th</b>                                   |
| 8:30 AM          | Hugh McGrane                                      |
| 5:00 PM          | John Peter Wales                                  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>June 9th</b>                                   |
| 8:30 AM          | Herman, Joanne, & Katherine Holzknrecht           |
| 10:00 AM         | Parish Mass                                       |
| 12:00 PM         | John Graham McGinley                              |
| 5:00 PM          | Deceased Members of the Petito Family             |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>June 10th</b>                                  |
| 8:30 AM          | Joseph DiCapua and DiCapua & BiFalco Families     |
| 12:00 PM         | Daniel Cahill                                     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>June 11th</b>                                  |
| 8:30 AM          | Soli Gharda                                       |
| 12:00 PM         | Marie Shookster                                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>June 12th</b>                                  |
| 8:30 AM          | Cecilia A Koluch                                  |
| 12:00 PM         | Fred Sorentino                                    |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>June 13th</b>                                  |
| 8:30 AM          | Anne Sweeney (8th Anniversary)                    |
| 12:00 PM         | Deceased Members of the Reilly Family             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>June 14th</b>                                  |
| 8:30 AM          | Therese Wolz                                      |
| 12:00 PM         | In Honor of the Holy Trinity & the Blessed Mother |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>June 15th</b>                                  |
| 8:30 AM          | Daniel Marrone                                    |
| 5:00 PM          | John & Anne Daly                                  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>June 16th</b>                                  |
| 8:30 AM          | Kevin Seagrave                                    |
| 10:00 AM         | Parish Mass                                       |
| 12:00 PM         | Luke Sorrentino                                   |
| 5:00 PM          | Jorge Bonilla                                     |

**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, James Pfohl, Phil Paroff, 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**

Frances Radawiec

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – June 9th**

*Pentecost Sunday*

-OLMCA Graduation Mass-Church at 10:00am

**MONDAY – June 10th**

*Weekday*

-Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

-Forest Hills Civic Association Meeting-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - June 11th**

*Saint Barnabas, Apostle*

-Bible Study/Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY – June 12th**

*Weekday*

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30

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

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

-Parents Meeting for Fall Confirmation-Church at 7:30pm

**THURSDAY – June 13th**

*Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Martyr*

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-Baptism Class-Rectory at 7:30pm

**FRIDAY – June 14th**

*Weekday*

-OLMCA Graduation-Church at 6:00pm

**SATURDAY – June 15th**

*Weekday*

-Baptism-Church at 1:00pm

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

**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.

**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).

Dear Parishioner,

One of the Catholic magazines in the United States describes an interesting story that happened during World War II. The main character of this story, an American pilot, was flying a combat aircraft over the Brazilian jungle. Because of serious damage to the aircraft he and his companions were forced to parachute out of the plane. They landed in the middle of the Brazilian jungle, totally unprepared for life in such difficult and dangerous conditions. They had no medicine, no food and no water to drink. With the help of a compass they struggled east towards the sea. For several days they wandered through swampy grounds in a tangle of trees, bushes, and plants, exposed and in constant danger of meeting animals from the wild, and bites by poisonous snakes. In the end, they managed to find a small path. They reached a village of natives living in the jungle, who gave them first aid, and later pointed the way back to civilization.

When the pilot was asked how he managed to survive and find his way back - while others in the same conditions died of starvation or were eaten by wild animals - he said: "The Holy Spirit, who I received at the time of confirmation and who lives in my heart, guided me and I ran. We constantly prayed to Him, and I was sure that He would help me find the right path and return safely.

Brothers and sisters! Almost all of us can say, like the pilot: "The Holy Spirit dwells in my heart. I received him at the time of confirmation." But if we can say that we pray to the Holy Spirit, can we also say that we allow the Holy Spirit to lead in our lives?

Today we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles at Pentecost. We heard in the first reading: "suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit"(Acts 2.3).

For us, the day of the descent of the Holy Spirit was the day we accepted the sacrament of Confirmation. It is therefore necessary that we remember today a great event and we renew ourselves in all the graces and gifts, which have been given to us in this important moment of the Holy Spirit.

In the sacrament of Confirmation the Holy Spirit has given us the gift of wisdom. Through this gift the Holy Spirit helps us to distract our minds from transient, temporary things and direct it to those things that do not pass away, that last forever.

We have received from the Holy Spirit the gift of reason. This gives us a good understanding of the truth revealed by God and helps us to constantly rediscover their meanings.

The Holy Spirit enriched us with the gift of counsel. It is as if God's compass is showing us in the right direction. All the troubles and difficulties of life teach us how to multiply the glory of God on earth and strive for the salvation of our souls and the souls of our fellow men.

The Holy Spirit has given us the gift of fortitude. This gives us the strength and courage to live according to God's commandments and the principles of the Gospel.

The Holy Spirit gave us the gift of skills. This allows us to correctly estimate the transient things and keep the God-ordained hierarchy of values.

We have received from the Holy Spirit the gift of piety. This helps us to worship and love God the Father and always do what pleases him.

Finally, the Holy Spirit enriched us with a fear of God, so that we with all our strength avoid offending Him — not for fear of punishment, but out of respect and love for him.

A wild jungle is a good image of our lives. Like those pilots who sought to get to a safe place on the jungle road, we also are in the jungle of life, in a tangle of many roads, looking for the one that leads to God and salvation. It is in this way that we are led to the Holy Spirit. Simply, like the pilot, be aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, pray and call upon His help. He will do the rest.

In every difficult moment of our lives, we can exclaim: "God, I am in this situation and although I feel helpless, with the power of your Holy Spirit, it is possible for me to be successful." I myself cannot serve, I cannot forgive, give up, or sacrifice, but with the power of the Holy Spirit it is possible. I by myself cannot overcome my selfishness, haughtiness, arrogance, but with the help of the Holy Spirit I can do that. I myself on my own I am not able to build the kingdom of God here on earth and be a leaven of love, but when the Holy Spirit helps me, all this will be possible.

Brothers and sisters, let us be faithful to the Holy Spirit. Let us be subjected to his inspirations. Summoning him constantly in our lives. Let us pray fervently today, to renew in us the richness of those gifts that we have received from Him receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

In Christ,  
Father Grzegorz

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### Pentecost Sunday Reflection

Why were the Apostles afraid? Their leader, Jesus, died a horrible death. Anyone associated with Jesus would be put to death. We can understand their fear. Remember that even though Jesus promised the he would return, he did not tell them when. The day came when he is his advocate the Holy Spirt. Suddenly the apostles were strengthened & empowered. Through the Holy Spirit they continued the mission Jesus began and faced challenges even death.

So, this is the way the Holy Spirit works through us if we allow him in our lives. All of us are going to face trials, tribulations, and suffering. But, like the Apostles, we have to allow the Holy Spirt to empower us and give us hope.

God Bless,  
Deacon Dean

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The puppets will be on a short hiatus from teaching the Gospel at the Children's Liturgy during the 10 AM Mass until June 16. Children's Liturgy is scheduled for the following dates in June before heading on their summer vacation: **June 16 and 23**

**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, 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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

New Registrations for Fall Classes, for Grades K-7, will be held in the religious education office (basement of the school) on:

Monday, June 3rd, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm

Thursday, June 6th, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Monday, June 10th, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm

**Please bring a copy of you child's Baptismal Certificate.**  
FEES (PAYABLE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION OR BY OCT. 1):  
\$150. one child; \$225. two children; \$275. three or more children.

**CYO TRI-M BOYS' SWIM TEAM**

Tryouts will be held on Mon. June 3, 6-7pm at the Community House Pool, [15 Borage Pl., Forest Hills](#). Boys ages 5-13 years old, who can swim the length of a 25-yard pool, at least freestyle, in good form, may tryout. Bring your swimsuit, goggles, and towel. No prior swim team experience necessary. We accept swimmers of all religious affiliation as well as non-parochial students. Swimmers must reside in or have connections to schools in the neighborhoods surrounding Our Lady of Mercy or Our Lady Queens of Martyrs in Forest Hills (i.e., Rego Park, Middle Village, Glendale, Ridgewood, Elmhurst, Kew Gardens, Briarwood, Woodhaven, and Richmond Hill). Contact Mary Leong, Head Coach at [\(718\) 793-4082](tel:7187934082) for more information.

**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.

**ASCENSION-PENTECOST NOVENA**  
**FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Please pray a decade of the Rosary each day for the following individuals who will be Confirmed, on June 8th, at the 5:00pm Pentecost Vigil Mass: Michael Apolo, Jean Gautreau, Aaron Mack, Patrick Niedt, and Jordan Zimerer. This private Novena to the Holy Spirit is done in imitation of Mary and the early Christians praying together for the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost.

**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.

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 12, 2019 | Divine Mercy Devotion           | 6:30pm             |
| 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             |

**CONCERT AT OLM**

The Forest Hills choir will present a concert entitled "Go for Baroque" at our church starting at 7.30pm on Saturday June 8, including music by Bach and Vivaldi. Tickets cost \$20 at the door or \$15 in advance from [www.fhchoir.org](http://www.fhchoir.org). The choir will be joined by the Queens Consort, a local professional ensemble playing baroque period instruments.

**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](mailto:ymizelle@nyc.rr.com).
- **St. Margaret Church** (66-05 79th Place, Middle Village) will be holding a Blood Drive on Sunday, June 2nd from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. For more information and /or to make a blood donation appointment, please email [parishcalendar@aol.com](mailto:parishcalendar@aol.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).
- **Church of the Resurrection** (85-09 118th St., Richmond Hill, 718-847-2649) will be holding their Summer Treasure Bake & Book Sale on Sunday, June 9th from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.
- **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.
- Community Board 6 Will host a **Community Shredding Event** on June 9th, at the corner of 71st Ave. and Austin Street (at Forest Hills Festival of the Arts), from 10:00am to 3:00pm, for free document shredding. For more info, contact CB6 at 718-263-9250

**THANK YOU AND FAREWELL!!**

It has been my honor and privilege to be part of the Mercy community for the past few years as both Church Sacristan and member of the Academy Board of Directors.

I thank you, so very much, for your support through the years. It has been most appreciated. In addition, I most especially thank you for your many kind words, cards, gifts, and restaurant outings that have marked my closing weeks here in the parish.

Please keep me in your prayers, as I will all of you, as I embark on my transition to Florida living.

See you at our 90th Anniversary Gala in October!!

Jim Mara

**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)

**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

**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.