

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 10th
 8:30 AM Giancarlo Adrian Mayor
 5:00 PM Melquiades Viado (Death Anniversary)

Sunday August 11th
 8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua & DiCapua & BiFalco Families
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Agostino Messina
 5:00 PM Angelina & Salvatore Cuomo

Monday August 12th
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti
 12:00 PM Sally Conlon

Tuesday August 13th
 8:30 AM Alfredo Boselli
 12:00 PM _____

Wednesday August 14th
 8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Szabados Family
 12:00 PM Vincent, Minnie & Thomas Didone
 7:30 PM Luis & Remedios Del Muando

Thursday August 15th
 8:30 AM Leonard Quigley & William Kirby
 12:00 PM Yetty Sudarman-Brooks

Friday August 16th
 8:30 AM Marine Bottacchi
 12:00 PM Christine Roccamo

Saturday August 17th
 8:30 AM Nellie & Maurice Rooney
 5:00 PM Geraldine Corvi

Sunday August 18th
 8:30 AM Richard Hunt
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. T. Connolly
 5:00 PM Louis & Eddie Tosi (Van Nostrand)

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, James McWalters, Ann Dauria, Kathy Kudrick, Sean Tierney, Frank Santulli, Alexandra Radziwon, Don Feder, James Leung, Phil Paroff, Richard Wenzel, Annette Merone, Mary Anne Whatley, Eleanor Merlino, Steve Nacincik, Michael Stasiak, Pia Parham, Beth Friedman, Anthony Mendola, Felipe Vallejo, Fr August Iantosca, 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

Margaret Scibelli
 Edward Flood
 Esther Rodriguez
 Helen McClellan

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – August 11th
Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – August 12th
Weekday

TUESDAY - August 13th
Weekday

WEDNESDAY – August 14th
Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**

THURSDAY – August 15th
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 -Baptism Class-Rectory at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – August 16th
Weekday

SATURDAY – August 17th
Weekday
 -Baptism-Church at 1:00pm

If you are not yet registered in the Parish, please stop into the Rectory Office for a Census Form Mon. thru Fri. 9am-4pm, Sat. 9am-2pm

ALTAR FLOWERS



Many thanks for this week's flower donation given in **loving memory of:**
Sally Conlon
 by
 The Morison Family

TABERNACLE LIGHT

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



Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given in **loving memory of:**
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Please do not leave bags of clothing or other items on the steps of the Rectory.

Dear Parishioners;

Both St. Matthew and St. Luke faced a problem. They wrote their Gospels about eighty years after the Resurrection. The temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Roman armies of occupation in the year 70 A.D. The earliest members of the Church were from a Jewish background. They had already faced some persecution in Jerusalem. To many of them it seemed the perfect time for the return of Jesus in glory. With the passage of time their expectation turned into disappointment. Matthew recounts how the disciples began to see Jesus' teachings not so much as preparation for the end-times but rather as a guide for moral living in the here and now. Travelling on much the same literary path, Luke discovered in the speculation about the end-time a spiritual wisdom that could be a motivation for worldly detachment as well as a motivation to service.

After the destruction of the Temple, newer converts tended to be from non-Jewish backgrounds. In time, they would comprise the vast majority of the Church. Many of these newer members had little knowledge of the messianic and prophetic expectations of the Jewish people. If educated, their background was more likely to be that of the Greek and Roman philosophical traditions. They yearned for instruction in a lifestyle that demanded material detachment, self-control and service to others. In today's Gospel, Luke tries to synthesize the expectations of both groups.

Luke stresses that every earthly thing is temporary. Indeed, we have not here a permanent dwelling place. Therefore the end-times, whenever they may be, will probably be preceded by our personal "end" time. In that light our lives are meant to be lived with a disinterest in worldly possessions. We cannot take the earthly stuff with us. On the other hand, if we live with one eye cast toward the in-breaking of God in our personal lives, then we will try to live well. Jesus assures His listeners that the Father's intention is to "give you" the kingdom. That's the context and everything is viewed in light of it. Be generous, give alms, because that guarantees treasure where it really counts, where "no thief can reach nor moth destroy".

In earlier times, travel was fraught with problems (some might say that nothing is really changed!). In a wealthy home, household servants were expected to be ready wherever the master returned from a journey. The wise servants were blessed because in a manner unheard of in ancient times, the master now waits on the prudent servant! This is the gist of Christianity: belief in a God Who loves us so inordinately that He enters our world so that we can be part of His.

Throughout His ministry Jesus exemplifies this reversal of roles. The cures, the words of compassion, the feeding of the hungry, the raising of the dead, all of them are illustrations of the God Who waits on us. But the servants must be prepared to meet the master (God) when he comes. If the servants are not prepared, there will be trouble. Dramatically in today's Gospel citation, the loyal and prudent servant is contrasted to the unprepared servant. The unprepared servant behaved badly and even abused his co-workers.

At the end of the Gospel citation Jesus reminds us that from those who have received much, much will be expected. You and I hold the message of eternal life. We hold a message of unparalleled hope. We know that life is meaningful and it has an eternal purpose. The God, Who brought everything into being, now calls us through Christ to an intimate family relationship. Christians stand alone with that belief. Other people may have a profound and beautiful belief in God. Most people believe in some "higher being". But it is what we believe about God that distinguishes us! We believe that God so loved us that He entered our world so that we can be part of His. We are the people blessed because "the Lord has chosen (us) to be His own." (Psalm 33)

In Christ,
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.

MASS INTENTIONS

We still have many Masses and Memorials available for your intentions between now and the end of the year. Mass intentions can be for the living as well as the deceased, or for a "Special Intention, or as a Mass "in thanksgiving". Please visit the Rectory Offices to make your requests so that we can try to fill up this year before opening the 2020 book. Thank You.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**"MADAMA BUTTERFLY"****Opera Fundraiser for Our Lady of Mercy**

As part of our year long celebration of Our Lady of Mercy's 90th Anniversary, **Golden Rose Opera** presents a semi-staged concert performance (with orchestra and English subtitles) of Giacomo Puccini's epic and achingly beautiful "MADAMA BUTTERFLY" [.on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM](#) right here in the sanctuary at Our Lady of Mercy Church. This is a fundraiser for Our Lady of Mercy Church, and General Admission tickets are \$20. Please see ticket order flyers in the church for purchase information.

OLM's 90th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND GALA
EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Monsignor John McGuirl and Father Gregory Stasiak invite one and all to celebrate the joyous start of our beloved parish's 90th year of faith and love "MANTLE OF MERCY -90 YEARS WIDE" on **Sunday October 6, 2019**. The celebration starts with the **12:00 PM Commemorative Mass** with Bishop DiMarzio followed by a **Gala Dinner Dance** at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston from **3:00 to 8:00 PM**, with additional round trip bus service available from the church to the gala. The Gala will be an elegant cocktail hour, 5 hour open bar, sit down dinner and great music spanning all our decades. To make reservations for the gala and for round trip bus service, please contact the rectory. Invitation flyers and posters are also in the church and on our website.

For **additional information** regarding seating, etc., please contact Helen Van Tine-Golden at 718-793-2033, or the Rectory at 718-268-6143 We hope to see **EVERYONE** there

OLM CATHOLIC ACADEMY
NEEDS OUR HELP

In just a few short weeks, students will be returning to school after the summer break. We want to ensure that all our students are armed with the tools to learn, make friends, and flourish. As we have done in the past, we are once again asking if you could please **consider donating school supplies** to our Academy to be used by all of the students.

The following is a list of items that are used in large quantities: Paper towels, tissues, baby wipes, Clorox Wipes, Sharpies, Expo Markers, construction paper, hand sanitizer, highlighters, washable paint, #2 lead pencils, masking tape, and laminating pouches. There will be receptacles for donations in the Church Vestibule. Thank You!

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Lady of Mercy will be sponsoring a blood drive on **Sunday August 18th from 08:45 am to 2:45 pm** in the Parish Hall. During the summer months, the blood supply is critically low. All blood types are needed.

The percentage of people that donate blood out of the number of people that are eligible to donate is very low. Some estimates put that percentage at only 3% of the eligible pool. There are various excuses given why the remainder of the eligible donors do not give: they do not have the time, they have bad veins, they faint easily, it hurts, they had a friend who said..., etc

The first time I gave blood was January 2, 1973. I had just returned to Ft. Benning from a 10 day Christmas leave. A group of us were in the barracks discussing how much we ate on leave, how we did no physical activity and how we were dreading the 7pm PT (physical training) formation that evening. Later that afternoon, there was a unit formation. It was announced that there was a blood shortage and anyone who donated blood would be excused from the evening PT. Well, they could not get the transport trucks in place fast enough. I would venture to say that was the first time donating for most of the donors that day. Not thinking too far in advance, no one thought about the 5:30am PT formation the next morning and what effect donating would have on our early morning exercise regimen. Well, it turned out that there were absolutely no ill effects, just another day as usual. I have been donating blood since then. I have donated plasma, double units of red cells, platelets, and white blood cells over the years.—Experiences of Your Blood Drive Chairperson.

Blood donating is a very easy procedure. It will take about an hour of your time. You can read if you like during the blood drawing. After the donation is completed, you will have refreshments. Think how you will be helping people in need of blood. Just as the Good Samaritan helped the stranger on the road, you will also be helping a stranger in need.

Let's see if we can increase that percentage of eligible people that donate by getting several more donors than the 52 that donated at the February drive.

There are sign-up sheets for volunteers and donors in the rear of the church along with donation information. Please bring your donor ID card (or Donor ID number) and a photo ID. Please eat and drink before donating.

Spread the word to your friends. Walk Ins are most welcome!

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.

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. Since our expenses for maintaining the Parish don’t take a vacation, it truly does help, and we thank you!

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.

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

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. 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.
- On **Sunday September 8, 2019** all are invited to attend the **Fr. Mychal Judge 911 Walk of Remembrance** in NYC. Held each year on the Sunday before 9/11 the walk commemorates the life of Fr. Mychal Judge and all those lost on that devastating day. Following in his footsteps as Fire Department Chaplain, the walk retraces the route Fr. Mychal took from his residence at St. Francis of Assisi (135 W. 31 Street, NYC) to the twin towers. Stops will be made along the way to honor FDNY & NYPD and all victims of the day will be remembered.

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 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!

CONGRATULATIONS

We have been notified that the following parishioners (previous OLMCA students) earned Honor Roll status at The Mary Louis Academy at the end of the last school year:

Principal’s List: Katherine Boselli, Stella DiCicco, Isabella Gianni, Chiyoko Goya, Gabriela Maldonado, Emma McNulty, and Caitlin Murphy

First Honors: Jana Hippeli, Vera Kropf, Christine Thomas, and Julia Wyman

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.

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.**