

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday September 21st**  
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl  
 5:00 PM Camillo Turriciano

**Sunday September 22nd**  
 8:30 AM Ryszard Jedrak  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM John Graham McGinley  
 5:00 PM Terence McKinney

**Monday September 23rd**  
 8:30 AM Mary Corrigan  
 12:00 PM August Didier

**Tuesday September 24th**  
 8:30 AM William & Theresa Frazer  
 12:00 PM Lamerchie Yvette Lambert (Living Intention)

**Wednesday September 25th**  
 8:30 AM Janet Blessing  
 12:00 PM Raymond Cleary

**Thursday September 26th**  
 8:30 AM Victor Lamarque  
 12:00 PM M. Margaret & Peter McGrath

**Friday September 27th**  
 8:30 AM In Thanksgiving  
 12:00 PM Michael & Caroline Sassi, Michael Sassi Jr.  
 and Roland Pugliese

**Saturday September 28th**  
 8:30 AM Claire Steers  
 5:00 PM Lawrence A. Glucs

**Sunday September 29th**  
 8:30 AM Sasha Truesdale  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Terence McKinney  
 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, Michael Simo, James McWalters, Ann Dauria, Kathy Kudrick, Sean Tierney, Frank Santulli, Alexandra Radziwon, Don Feder, James Leung, Phil Paroff, Annette Merone, Mary Anne Whatley, Eleanor Merlino, Steve Nacincik, Michael Stasiak, Pia Parham, Beth Friedman, Anthony Mendola, Felipe Vallejo, Fr August Iantosca, John Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Robert Colonello, Elly Gilday, 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.

If you are not yet registered in the Parish, please stop into the Rectory Office for a Census Form Monday thru Saturday from 9am to 4pm.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Gaetana Russo  
 Edward Miller

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – September 22nd**  
*Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

**MONDAY – September 23rd**  
*Saint Pius of Pietrelcina*  
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - September 24th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm  
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY – September 25th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30am  
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**  
 -CCD K thru 5th Gr.-Church at 3:15pm  
 -Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

**THURSDAY – September 26th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm  
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:30pm  
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

**FRIDAY – September 27th**  
*Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*  
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

**SATURDAY – September 28th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Performance of “Madama Butterfly”-Church at 7:30pm

**BREAD AND WINE**

Many thanks for this week’s donation of Bread & Wine given in loving memory of:

**Joan Sauro**  
 by  
**Frank Sauro**



**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Many thanks for this week’s donation of the Tabernacle Light given in loving memory of:  
**Margaret O’Toole & Regina Sullivan**  
 (Birthday Remembrance)

by  
 Carolyn Cariello



**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the months of June, July, & August, 2019:

Isabella Mary Zalner  
 Shane Michael Nix  
 Sylvia Rose Nanez Galvano  
 Maya Evangeline Araujo McAlpine  
 Kameron Sheng Chan  
 Alexander Mateo Chan  
 Gianna Lara Petri  
 Patrick James Downey

**MARRIAGES**

Congratulations to the couples married during the months of June, & August, 2019:

Michael Broderick Spencer & Jenna Marie Gilligan

John the Baptist Quoc Thuan Pham & Rose Thi Tuyet Nhung Pham

Dear Parishioners,

This week's Gospel reading bears some resemblance to the story of the Prodigal Son in last week's parable. Both the younger son and the steward show disrespect to the respective authority figures. The steward squanders his master's property while the young son in last week's parable squanders the inheritance that he has demanded from his father. Dire circumstances drive both to reevaluate their situations and then, by using ingenuity, to overcome their difficulties. Ironically in both cases, the results are somewhat similar: the father receives his son back home and throws a large party to welcome him; the master does not punish the steward but actually praises him for his resourcefulness. The commendation of the steward is based upon his ingenuity and his manner of thinking, though, in fact, his actions were probably illegal. He did not have the right to reduce the amounts owed by others to his master! Yet he knows that in doing so, the master's debtors were much more likely to receive him should it be necessary to seek new employment or a new homestead. The master actually commends the dishonest steward "for acting prudently".

The point of this week's parable is somewhat different than that of the Prodigal Son, though many of the elements are similar. The loving Father in last week's parable, broke all the conventions of his time in order to receive home his wayward son. The loving Father is Jesus' image of God, a loving Father, Who is desperate to share His life with us. This divine desire was incarnated in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. Fundamentally God, Our Father, married Himself to the human race in an irrevocable bond.

Today's parable seems to draw a contrast between the crafty steward and "the children of light". Apparently the steward is numbered among those who are more resourceful in gaining earthly wealth for themselves than the children of light are in gaining spiritual wealth. Jesus refrains from passing judgment on the steward's actions but He does positively compare the steward's resourcefulness to the lack of such daring on the part of His own disciples. Would that they had the same gumption and nerve as did the dishonest steward!

The final section of the today's Gospel is a selection of sayings loosely connected to the parable. Each of these proverb-like statements speaks about the proper use of wealth, a common theme in St. Luke's Gospel. The final statement summarizes them: "You cannot serve both God and mammon." Mammon is described by *The Merriman-Webster Dictionary (Pocketbooks -1974)* as "material wealth having a debasing influence". It is often personified as an almost demonic being. Mammon can exercise lordship over a person; yet, true life, life eternal, is offered by God through Jesus the Christ. The languages Jesus usually spoke, Aramaic and Hebrew, are very straight forward. You cannot serve two masters "...either hating the one and loving the other...or being devoted to one or despising the other..." means acknowledging the lordship of one or the other. Which one has ultimate lordship over us? Mammon, which is transitory at best, or following Jesus, which alone leads to eternal life.

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.

**SUICIDE PREVENTION  
PLEASE HELP**

Tom Lambert, who has been the long time Custodian for OLM and is known to many of us, is asking for our help in obtaining donations to **The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**. On **October 27th, 2019** Tom will be "walking" in honor of his daughter Jillian Lambert. **The Walk begins at 10:00am at Jones Beach Field #5 (meeting at 8:30am)**. If you would like to donate to a GREAT cause, you can do so on <https://afsp.donordrive.com/participant/1986178> or you can leave a check (payable to: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) at the Rectory and Tom will make sure that all monies are submitted on your behalf.

**THE SEARCH IS ON!!!**

We need your help! We are looking for three different categories of parishioner:

- 1) The oldest (chronological age) person residing in our parish.
- 2) The person who has resided in our parish for the most consecutive years.
- 3) The couple who have been married the longest and were married at Our Lady of Mercy.

If any of the above apply to you or someone that you know, please call the Rectory (718-268-6143). Thank You.

**"MADAMA BUTTERFLY"  
Opera Fundraiser for Our Lady of Mercy**

As part of our year long celebration of Our Lady of Mercy's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, **Golden Rose Opera** presents a semi-staged concert performance, with orchestra, 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. 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. We hope to see **EVERYONE** there

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN AS FOLLOWS:**

K thru Gr.5-Wednesday, September 25th from 3:15 to 4:30pm  
Gr.6 & Gr.7-Thursday, September 26th from 4:30 to 5:45pm  
**All students should report directly to the Church for classes.**

**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.

**ABRAHAM: WHERE IT ALL BEGAN**

Basic introduction to the importance of Abraham in both the old and new testaments with Mr. David Powell, co-director of adult faith formation, in the rectory basement on Tuesday evenings Sept. 17,24 and oct.1 7:30 p.m. No previous background required. Come to one, two or all three sessions as you wish. We provide the bibles for in session discussion. Any questions call the religious education office (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

**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.

**FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ**

"The Society of St. Lawrence Ruiz (SSLR) will celebrate the feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 5:00pm mass to be celebrated by Rev. Noel Daduya, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Hope in Middle Village. This will be followed by fellowship in the parish hall. All are welcome."

**DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

September 25, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
October 02, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
October 09, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
October 16, 2019	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction	7:30pm
October 23, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
October 30, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm



- **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 Rosary for Life, Inc. Annual Mass** is scheduled for Thursday, October 3rd at Resurrection Church (2331 Gerritsen Ave., Brooklyn). The rosary begins at 7:00pm followed by the Mass at 7:30pm. Investiture in the Brown Scapular will follow the Mass.
- **The Church of The Holy Child Jesus** (111-21 86th Ave., Richmond Hill) is holding a **Blood Drive** on Sunday, September 29th, from 8:00am to 1:45pm. For information call Helen at 718-846-5971.
- **Xavier High School** (30 West 16th St., NYC, 212-924-7900) is hosting an **Open House** on October 19th from 11:30am to 4:00pm. This is an excellent way for parish families whose sons are in 6th to 8th grades to visit Xavier and learn about the academic, campus ministry, service, athletic, and co-curricular opportunities. Attendees will receive a tour, and be able to speak with our teachers, coaches, moderators, and administrators.
- There is going to be a **10<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Reunion of the St. John's Hospital Family on Sat. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>** from 1PM to 6PM in the St. Margaret Parish Center (Middle Village). All St. John's employees are invited to come. The cost is \$45 per person, will cover entertainment & buffet, and must be made in advance. Preceding the reunion there will be a 12 Noon Mass at St. Margaret Church to honor all St. John's employees. For further information please contact Betty at 917 741 3956.

**FEEL GREAT & LOOK GREAT**

Feel and look great at our exercise class every Wednesday from **8:30 to 9:30am** 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.**

**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. 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!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

The new Mass book for 2020 is now open for requests. Mass intentions can be for the living as well as the deceased, for a "Special Intention, or as a Mass "in thanksgiving".

We ask that anyone requesting **more than 4 Masses submit a written list**, including the names, dates, and Mass times you would like, to the Rectory office, either in person or via the office e-mail. We will do our best to accommodate your requests.

**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.

