

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday September 30th**  
 8:30 AM Fr. Howard Picard  
 12:00 PM Theresa Sevcik

**Tuesday October 1st**  
 8:30 AM Peggy Flynn  
 12:00 PM In Honor of the Holy Trinity  
 and the Blessed Mother

**Wednesday October 2nd**  
 8:30 AM Lillian Gaglio  
 12:00 PM Tom & Grace Grande

**Thursday October 3rd**  
 8:30 AM Michael O'Grady  
 12:00 PM Jane & Thomas Ryan

**Friday October 4th**  
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti  
 12:00 PM Brian Cahill

**Saturday October 5th**  
 8:30 AM Terence McKinney  
 5:00 PM Mary Alice Mead

**Sunday October 6th**  
 8:30 AM Maja Jedrak & Sal Malenki  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM OLM 90th Anniversary Mass  
 5:00 PM —No Mass—

**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, Liane Ginsberg, 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**

Michael Paul Dillon  
 Rev. Phi Phu (Antonius) Ho

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – September 29th**  
*Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time*  
 -Children's Liturgy at the 10:00am Mass  
 -Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz Mass & Fellowship 5:00pm

**MONDAY – September 30th**  
*Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church*  
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - October 1st**  
*Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*  
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm  
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY – October 2nd**  
*The Holy Guardian Angels*  
 -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 – October 3rd**  
*Weekday*  
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm  
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:30pm  
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

**FRIDAY – October 4th**  
*Saint Francis of Assisi*  
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm & 6:00pm

**SATURDAY – October 5th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Blessing of Animals-Juno Street Lawn after 5:00pm Mass

**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.**

**BREAD AND WINE**



Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given in **loving memory of:**  
**Thomas & Phyllis Quinn**  
 by  
 Ray & Mary Ellen Schillo



**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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

In St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus favored the parable as His primary manner of teaching. This Sunday we have another parable and once again it is meant to astound us. The earliest listeners certainly would have been astounded, because Jesus turned the tables on the usual cultural expectations. The people of Judea and Galilee would have viewed the wealthy as especially blessed by God. In contrast the poor or their ancestors were somehow thought to have offended God.

Jesus turns the tables completely. In this parable we find a wealthy man, often called "Dives ", who was enjoying good food, fancy clothes and a comfortable home. In a time when there was no attempt, other than personal charity, to ameliorate the plight of the poor, the parable speaks of a desperate man, Lazarus, who found shelter on the steps of the rich man's home. Lazarus was wretched with poverty and illness, yet only the stray dogs came to lick his sores. Upon leaving or entering his home, the rich man literally had to step over Lazarus. It is important to remember that wealthy man did not mistreat Lazarus. He did not have him hauled away! He did not give him a lick in the ribs. He did not have him arrested for loitering. But he did nothing.

Eventually both men die but the poor man goes to heaven, symbolized by the presence of the patriarch, Abraham, and the rich man goes to hell. Yet even in his degraded circumstances, the wealthy man still is giving orders "...send Lazarus with a drop of water for my tongue...send Lazarus to warn my brothers (about the type of life they too are leading)". Abraham reminds the wealthy man that the Torah and the Mosaic Law require kindness to the downtrodden. When the rich man protests that his brothers (who apparently have paid no attention to either the Mosaic Law or the Torah) will most certainly pay attention to someone who visits them from the dead. Abraham puts his answer in a larger context: those wealthy people who are blind to the poor and deaf (in other words, are blind to the admonitions of the Torah or the prophets {like Amos in our first reading}, probably will be equally blind to someone returning from the dead {Jesus may have been indicating His own Resurrection.})

Jesus' listeners would have been stupefied. They assumed that the wealthy were the blessed and the poor were accursed. This parable turns the tables. We might find some humor in this parable and yet we should not laugh too loud. Do we not describe

neighborhoods or areas of our City with moral adjectives? "He or she lives in 'good' area". - usually meaning a neighborhood with economic prosperity. Often we describe the wealth of the area in terms of a moral condition. People are good or bad: the neighbor is

neutral though it certainly might influence the folks who live in it. We might describe parts of our own City as "bad" neighborhoods. Once again a moral term is used to describe an economic situation. Neither poor nor wealthy neighborhoods have a monopoly on good or bad people. One difference is simply that in a wealthier area, more can be kept quiet and hidden rather than in a poorer area where more of life is lived on the street.

In this parable, the wealthy man fails in his moral obligation. Our Lord seems to believe that to do nothing when we could alleviate hardship is tantamount to committing sin. The wealthy man had not abused Lazarus but he did nothing. Apparently the wealthy man's brothers are of the same mind-set.

In the second reading, Paul sums up to his disciple Timothy. Baptism calls us to identification with Christ. To finish the course of life successfully, we must imitate the One with Whom we are identified. To be like Jesus involves compassion and decency toward those who have less. Jesus means more than avoiding positive evil (murder, stealing, destructive gossip, malfeasance, calumny, fraud, etc...). Being like Jesus also means doing something to assist another when we had the means and the power to do so. Our Lord seems to equate with sin not assisting another when we are able to do so.

In Christ,  
 Monsignor John A. McGuirl

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Next Sunday is the beginning of our 90th Year as a parish dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Our chief shepherd, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, will be with us to celebrate the 12:00 P.M. Mass on Sunday, October 6th. From 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. that evening there will be a Gala Dinner Dance at Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, While reservations for the dance are now closed, we are happy to announce that 250 parishioners will be with us for an evening of good cheer, dancing and dining. As a consequence of our 90th Anniversary Celebrations, there will not be a 5:00 P.M. Mass on Sunday, October 6th.

**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.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY**  
**TO RETURN IN OCTOBER**

Children’s Liturgy will return at 10 am Mass on Sunday, October 27. The puppets are all set to return for this spirited version of the readings and Gospel aimed at helping children through fourth grade understand the Word. Our youngest, wiggliest parishioners warmly welcomed.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY**  
**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT**

The puppets are seeking teen volunteers to help them perform their weekly rendition of the Gospel. High school teens may also serve as catechists for the younger participants. Volunteers earn service hours.

We also rely on adult volunteers - no previous experience required. Activity sheets and coloring sheets are provided for adults to use with the kids. VIRTUS/Protecting God’s Children training is a requirement for adults.

Interested volunteers should email [chrischildrensliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:chrischildrensliturgy@gmail.com) for more details

**DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

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

**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."

**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.

**ADULT BIBLE DISCUSSION:**  
**NEW TESTAMENT ABRAHAM**

That's right! Abraham in the New Testament: we will discuss the importance of Abraham in the writings of St. Paul and also include Jesus' references to Abraham...tuesday evenings Oct . 1, Oct. 8 and Oct. 15 in the rectory basement from 7:30-8:45 P.M...newcomers welcome including non-catholics...no previous background required...we provide bibles for the sessions...come with your questions and come and just listen...

**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.

**OUR LADY OF MERCY CLOTHES DRIVE**

The St. Vincent DePaul truck will be in front of the Church Sunday **October 27th from 8:00am-1:30pm**. Do you have extra clothes in your closet at home? Do you feel like you need to do some Fall cleaning? Please bring the clothes you no longer wear, that are "gently" used and clean, to help those in need



- **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.
- 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.

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

- **Christ The King** (coed), 68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village, 718-366-7400 ext. 240) - October 5th from 10:00am to 1:00pm
- **Msgr. McClancy** (coed, 71-06 31st Ave., East Elmhurst, 718-898-3800) - October 12th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm
- **Xavier High School** (boys, 30 West 16th St., NYC, 212-924-7900). - October 19th from 11:30am to 4:00pm
- **St. Francis Prep** (coed, 6100 Francis Lewis Blvd, Fresh Meadows, 718-423-8810) - October 19th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm
- **St. Agnes Academy** (coed, 13-20 124th St., College Point, 718-353-6276) - October 19th from 10:00am to 1:00pm.
- **St. John's Prep** (coed, 21-21 Crescent St. Astoria, 718-721-7200) - October 19th from 11:00am to 3:00pm
- **Cathedral Prep & Seminary** (boys, 56-25 92nd St., Elmhurst, 718-592-6800) - October 20th from 12:00pm to 3:00pm
- **Archbishop Molloy** (coed, 83-53 Manton St., Briarwood, 718-441-2100 ext.115) - October 20th from 11:00am to 4:00pm
- **Holy Cross** (coed, 26-20 Francis Lewis Blvd, Flushing, 718-886-7250 ext.558) - October 20th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm
- **The Mary Louis Academy** (girls, 176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates, 718-297-2120) - October 20th from 10:00am to 3:00pm
- **Notre Dame School of Manhattan** (girls, 327 West 13th St., NYC, 212-620-5575) - from 2:30pm to 5:00pm

**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

**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.

