

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 7th
8:30 AM	Terence McKinney
5:00 PM	Nabil Kassis
Sunday	September 8th
8:30 AM	George & Mary Stahl
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Carol MacDonald
5:00 PM	Terence McKinney
Monday	September 9th
8:30 AM	Claire Steers
12:00 PM	Elizabeth Hughes
Tuesday	September 10th
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Mary Ann Oweremohle
Wednesday	September 11th
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua, & DiCapua & BiFalco Families
12:00 PM	O'Neill & Savarese Families
Thursday	September 12th
8:30 AM	Peggy Flynn
12:00 PM	In Honor of the Holy Trinity and the Blessed Mother
Friday	September 13th
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	_____
Saturday	September 14th
8:30 AM	Anna Koenig
5:00 PM	Vincenzo DiGraci
Sunday	September 15th
8:30 AM	Michael Minischetti
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Ruth Maria Perez
5:00 PM	Silvio 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, , 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – September 8th**

Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – September 9th

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

-Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

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

TUESDAY - September 10th

Weekday

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – September 11th

Weekday

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

-CCD Registration-Religious Educ. Office from 3:30 to 6:00pm

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – September 12th

Weekday

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm

-CCD Registration-Religious Educ. Office from 3:30 to 6:00pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – September 13th

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

SATURDAY – September 14th

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

PLEASE NOTE:

The rectory office hours on Saturday are now 9:00am to 4:00pm.

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

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.

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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

There are one or two houses in our community where major renovations started but never finished. Did the owners try to circumvent the zoning ordinances and as a consequence the work was halted by the City? Were there overruns and the funding ran out? Were the proper supplies available? Perhaps a combination of all three? In any event the owners were not able to complete the job. What was started could not be completed. Jesus addresses a similar problem, though with a spiritual dimension, in today's Gospel.

Jesus is on the road to Jerusalem and He is accompanied by a large diverse crowd: some were disciples, others were looking for cures or perhaps some excitement; others might have been curiosity seekers, perhaps some were opponents of Jesus looking to trap Him in His words or actions. In any event, Jesus speaks at some length about the cost of discipleship. His words seem inordinately blunt. They also seem to contradict His mandate to love one another and certainly that included family. The word "hate" used in today's Gospel reading is a translation from the original Aramaic, that Jesus spoke. The translation was not direct, usually it passed through Greek and Latin and then finally into the modern languages. We lose some of the nuances in the translations. "Hate" in this context does not mean to despise someone or something as it often does in modern parlance; rather, it means to prefer one thing or one person above others. It is a Semitic manner of speaking which to our ears often sounds exaggerated or harsh. What it means is that Jesus' disciples must show an unwavering preference for Him and His teaching. His teaching involves the things of eternity, so those teachings must have first preference. His teachings concern the basic fundamentals of life and they are eternal.

Secondly "to take up our crosses" does not mean we must look for them. They come along with regularity. Discipleship may mean carrying a cross in imitation of Jesus because our service to God and human beings may involve suffering. To be willing to accept that suffering is the lot of the disciples. Not to do so puts us in the category of the builder who does not have the resources to complete the project or the king who foolishly makes war on another king without a realistic prospective for success. In ancient times, before automatic weapons or nuclear devices, it was absolutely necessary to calculate the odds. Could one king succeed against another with the amount of men, horses, chariots, swords and spears that he had? If not it was time to sue for peace.

Discipleship means preparation and it requires an absolute adherence to Jesus and His word. Otherwise we may not have the resources to complete the job especially when times are rough!

At the end of the Gospel, Jesus speaks about the renunciation of goods and possessions. Jesus and His disciples owned things but what they owned and what we own must be seen in the proper perspective. They must be seen in context. A true disciple prefers Jesus even above the most profound human relationships, or above the possession of material goods and especially above positions of honor and power!

In Christ,
Msgr. John A. McGuirl

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.

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

Students are 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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Late registration for new students and reregistration, for those in the program who have not already done so, will take place in the religious education office for grades K-7 on WED. SEPT. 11 and THURS. SEPT. 12 from 3:30-6:00 P.M. Parents of new students should bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate. Fees are as follows: \$150. one child, \$225 for two children, and \$275 for three or more children in the same family. Checks should be made out to Our Lady of Mercy 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.

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.

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the August 2019 Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:

1 st Prize: Tina Mascioli	\$325.00
2 nd Prize: Dr. George F Bush Jr.	\$140.00
3 rd Prize: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gorski	\$140.00
4 th Prize: Susan & Chris O'Malley	\$75.00
5 th Prize: Camillo Asaro	\$75.00

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

September 11, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
September 18, 2018	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00 pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction - 7:30pm	
September 25, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm

CYO GIRLS SWIM TEAM

Tryouts for CYO TRI-M Girls' Swim Team program, will be held on Tues. Sept. 10, 5-7pm at the Community House Pool, 15 Borage Pl., Forest Hills. Girls ages 5-14 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.



- **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.
- Are you grieving the recent loss of a loved one? Sacred Heart Parish, Glendale is offering a four session series **for those who have lost a loved one within the past year**. Sessions will focus on grieving as a process of healing, including ways to find comfort and explore strategies in coping with grief and loss. The series will start on Thursday, September 12th and continue for four consecutive Thursdays from 7:30-9:00pm in the Sacred Heart Cronin Meeting Room. For more information and to register, please call Linda Puoplo, 845-803-9187 or lpuoplo@gmail.com.
- The 112th Precinct Community Council and The Rego Park-Forest Hills Lions Club are sponsoring a **Health Safety Fair on September 15th**, at Rego Center & 97th Street, from 11:00am to 4:00pm

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** Classes resume on 9/18

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.

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!

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!

