

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	November 9th
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
5:00 PM	Vincenzo & Angela DiGraci and Deceased Family Members
Sunday	November 10th
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Sr. Teresa Clare McAuliffe & Sr. Lucy McGrath
5:00 PM	Tosi & Van Nostrand Families
Monday	November 11th
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua & DiCapua & BiFalco Families
12:00 PM	All Souls Novena
Tuesday	November 12th
8:30 AM	Chocko & Link Families
12:00 PM	M. Margaret & Peter McGrath
Wednesday	November 13th
8:30 AM	Niko Destanisha
12:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Golden Age Club
Thursday	November 14th
8:30 AM	Alice Golden
12:00 PM	Michael Albert
Friday	November 15th
8:30 AM	Leonard Quigley
12:00 PM	Lillian Gaglio
Saturday	November 16th
8:30 AM	Luis & Remedios DelMuando
5:00 PM	John Graham McGinley
Sunday	November 17th
8:30 AM	Madeline Wales (Birthday Remembrance)
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Allegro & Varone Families
5:00 PM	Raymond Medina

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Patricia Beckett, Ida Ryan, Connie Bornhimer, Pete Rose, Pia Parham, James McWalters, Pat Reilly, Mary Wiley, Kathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Jean Ammirati, Ronald Calcevano, Rose Gaynus, 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

Daniel Reid
Jack Radish
Elaine Magdal Scharfenberger

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – November 10th**

Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

-Children's Liturgy-10:00am Mass

MONDAY – November 11th

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

TUESDAY - November 12th

Saint Josephat, Bishop and Martyr

-RCIA/Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – November 13th

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

-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 – November 14th

Weekday

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm

-CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:30pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-Baptism Class-Rectory at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – November 15th

Weekday

-Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 6:00pm

SATURDAY – November 16th

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 Monday thru Saturday from 9am to 4pm.

**MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND**

Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund given in memory of:

James M. Pfohl

by

Elizabeth Pfohl

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,

Jesus has been travelling extensively but now he has reached His destination, Jerusalem. His reputation probably preceded Him, so, the Sadducees (the high priestly) Party approached Him immediately and sought to entrap Him with their questions. It is significant to note that on a theological level, Jesus was often closer to the Pharisees. The latter were usually lay people who took the requirements of the Jewish law very rigorously. Jesus differs with them regarding their approach to the Law. Inadvertently many of Pharisees began to view compliance with the various dietary, liturgical and purification rituals as tantamount to friendship with God. Jesus challenged them to look beyond the individual laws to discover their basic purpose. Religious law always has as its primary purpose to draw people closer to God and to promote a lifestyle corresponding to that friendship with God. The Sadducees on the other hand, while professionally dedicated to the sacrificial rites and rituals of Israel, very often denied the reality of a spiritual sphere, life beyond death or spiritual beings such as angels. Both Jesus and the Pharisees disagreed with them about these matters.

In today's Gospel citation, it is the Sadducees who approach Jesus with a ridiculous question geared to make Him look foolish. They denied an afterlife and wanted to involve Jesus in a discussion that would make their viewpoint look enlightened while making Him look silly and ridiculous. There had been a law in ancient nomadic Israel that obliged a childless widow to marry her late husband's brother. The first male child of the new marriage was considered to be the child of the deceased. It sounds odd to us but this so-called "Levirate Law" comes from a time when it was most important for a man to pass on his name, his lineage, family history and inheritance to his children. It was considered a disaster if a man died childless, so this regulation, was found in the Torah and was ascribed to Moses.

The Sadducees present the ridiculous case of a woman who has lost her husband and in their turn married each of his seven brothers. All died childless. The question is: "At the Resurrection, whose wife will she be?" In a less ridiculous situation, you would think that brothers two through seven would have had serious qualms about marrying this lady! But of course we are not meant to ask that question. The Sadducees wished to mock Jesus' belief by presenting a most unlikely case. However on small scale, the question does arise especially for people involved a second marriage after the death of previous spouse. With whom will they be married in the next life?

Typically Jesus avoids the superficial and goes directly to the heart of the matter. Jesus tells the Sadducees that we are not to measure the next world with the standards of this one. "Those deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the Resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage". They are "like angels" (in whom the Sadducees do not believe). They are children of God and therefore members of God's family. Using the Torah which the Sadducees have cited, Jesus reminds them of the incident of the Burning Bush, when God confronted Moses. Overwhelmed, Moses cries out: "Lord, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob..." Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were the founding patriarchs of the Israelites but by Moses' time they had been dead several centuries. If the Lord can be addressed as their God and they have died, then they must still be alive. The point is further made that "God is not the God of the dead but of the living, for to Him all are alive." In other words the all-consuming love of God sustains the deceased as children of God - His family. In the love of God which will permeate all of us in the new creation, the deceased are involved in an all-consuming love for God and one another. That divine love is much greater than earthly limits and it transcends the always unique, but always limited, loves of this world. Our limited loves are carried up into the love of God and there they reach perfection.

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

Increased Offertory Program

Last Sunday, we had the In-Pew Sign Up for the Increased Offertory Program. While the number of sign-up cards was not impressive, the collection results were most impressive! In fact, the first collection was outstanding! At this writing, we had not yet even counted the second collection, which was for seasonal maintenance. The first collection alone topped \$9,000, which is over \$2,000 higher than the usual Sunday collection. Whether as a consequence of the weekly flyers, the In-Pew Sign-up or the weekly announcements, many parishioners seem to have taken the message to heart. Hopefully this enthusiasm for the financial state of our parish will last. If the collection totaled \$9,000 weekly, we would have very few financial worries and might even be able to put some funds into savings.

Thank you very much! This week there are pledge cards included in the bulletin. If you did not receive one by mail or complete one at Mass last week, please take it home and prayerfully consider a renewed financial commitment to your parish, the spiritual home of all of us who worship here. The cards can be returned in next Sunday's collection or, if more convenient at the rectory during the week or even through the mail.

In advance, my deep appreciation for your continued support and love of our parish.

Monsignor McGuirl

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

Children's Liturgy will be held at 10 am Mass on the November 10, 17 and 24. This spirited version of the readings and Gospel, complete with puppets, is 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 for more details

MOSES, PASSOVER, EUCHARIST AND THANKSGIVING

Join us as we explore the fascinating connections between all of the above. No background necessary. We provide the Bibles for the sessions. Come with your questions or just come and listen. A beautiful way of spiritual preparation for Thanksgiving. Join us any or all Tuesday evenings in the Rectory Basement, November 12, 19, & 26...Conducted by David Powell, co-director of Adult Faith Formation. All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m....any questions please call our office at 718 261 6285



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Thanksgiving is coming, and as usual we will be preparing holiday packages of food for those in need. Everyone likes the same "Turkey and Fixin's". So if you should find yourself with some extra, maybe think of donating to the Pantry.

We always need food staples 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.

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.



OLMCA FUNDRAISER



'Tis the season!

Make your own shopping easier and get the "perfect gift" for everyone while, at the same time, supporting our Parish School and helping to keep Catholic Education alive. From November 17th, thru December 7th, after all Masses (except 5:00m on Sunday), there will be a representative from our Academy selling gift cards in the Church Vestibule. You will be able to choose from a **wide variety of cards** (Amazon, Home Depot, Kohl's, Michaels, Target Visa & American Express, to name a few), and will have **no activation fee and no expiration date.** So, please consider purchasing any gift cards that you need from OLMCA (checks and cash will gladly be accepted)

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

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.

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.**

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

November 13, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
November 20, 2019	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction	7:30pm
November 27, 2019	No Activity	



The Community Bulletin Board

- **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.
- **Molloy College** (100 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre) will host an **open house** for prospective students and their guests on Sunday, November 10th at 1:00pm. If you have any further questions please call (516) 323-4000
- **ANGIE'S MARKET IS HIRING!** As you may know, a new nearby supermarket - **Angie's Market**- is **due to open in November** at 100-27 Metropolitan Avenue- (where Sizzler used to be). They are hiring for all positions, and you can make an application online at <https://www.angiesmarket.com>
- **Home-Delivered Meals from Queens Community House.** For adults age 60+ in Forest Hills, Rego Park, Corona, Elmhurst. Kosher, vegetarian, and Asian meals can be provided. If you or a friend are in need of having a nutritious and delicious meal delivered daily to your front door, call 718-268-1412, Mon-Fri, 9am to 5 pm.
- **FREE Screenings and Hearing Aid Help** at St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center (152-11 Union Turnpike) through December 5. Call 718-990-6480 for appointment.

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 November 4th & 18th, and December 9th. If you are joining for the first time, an RSVP is required. Please contact the group's facilitator, Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle, at ymizelle@gmail.com, or call the rectory at 718-268-6251
- The following are two Diocese sponsored events that will be held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Rectory (110-06 Queens Blvd.):
 - 1) November 16th at 10:00am: **Faith Based Estate and Legacy Planning Seminar** at which you will learn how to protect your assets, help your heirs, and promote the legacy of your Catholic faith for future generations. Please call OLQM Rectory (718-268-6251) to RSVP.
 - 2) November 17th at 10:00am: **Poverty in Our City and the Response of Catholic Charities** at which Msgr. Alfred LoPinto, Vicar for Human Services for the Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens, will give a presentation on how Catholic Charities is contributing to the solution of poverty in our neighborhoods. Light refreshments will be provided.
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus** (83-17 78th Ave., Glendale) is hosting a **Fall Craft Fair on Sunday, November 24th** from 9:00am to 5:00pm in the Church Basement. Local crafters will be selling their "homemade" items.
- **Our Lady of Hope Senior Goal Group** will host a **Senior Retreat** in Our Lady of Hope school cafeteria on November 23rd from 9:30am to Noon. The guest speaker will be Sr. Ave Clark, O.P., and light refreshments will be served.

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!

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.

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.

