

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 7th
 8:30 AM Louis & Remedios Del Mundo
 5:00 PM Edward Miller

Sunday March 8th
 8:30 AM Henry Timmerman
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Faro Sottile
 5:00 PM George Van Nostrand, Sr.

Monday March 9th
 8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Sommero Famly
 12:00 PM In Honor of St. Joseph

Tuesday March 10th
 8:30 AM Robert Casaccio
 12:00 PM Rita & Neil Blaser & Family (Living Intention)

Wednesday March 11th
 8:30 AM Joseph Di Capua & Di Capua & Bifalco Families
 12:00 PM Veronica Smith (Birthday Remembrance)

Thursday March 12th
 8:30 AM Soli Gharda
 12:00 PM Delaney Family, Living and Deceased

Friday March 13th
 8:30 AM Vincenza (Jean) Tommaso
 12:00 PM Janet Senecal

Saturday March 14th
 8:30 AM John Wales (Anniversary in Heaven)
 5:00 PM William Walters

Sunday March 15th
 8:30 AM Henry Timmerman
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Arthur Bonetti
 5:00 PM Kathleen Gould



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patricia Becktold, Ida Ryan, Connie Bornhimer, Pete Rose, Mary Wiley, Kathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Jean Ammirati, Ronald Calcevano, Rose Gaynus, Eleanor Merlino, Seraphina Komlos, Mary Tardona, Dorothy Chocko, Joseph & Catherine Hennessy, Richard McBride Sr., Stacey Headley, Richard Eisenzopf, Alice & Michael Coleman, Elaine Stump, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Robert Palermo, Cheryl Di Napoli, Jazlyn Castro Bilog, Jerzy Stasiak, 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

Alice Bertolotti
 Stella Muller
 Carmela Vassolotti
 Ciro Carucci
 Rev. John James Newell

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – March 8th
Second Sunday of Lent
 -Children’s Liturgy-10:00am Mass
 -Ministry Fair-Parish Hall after All Masses

MONDAY – March 9th
Lenten Weekday
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - March 10th
Lenten Weekday
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
 -Lenten Bible Discussion-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – March 11th
Lenten Weekday
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30
 -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 – March 12th
Lenten Weekday
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:30pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – March 13th
Lenten Weekday
 -St. Patrick/St. Joseph Pub Party-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

SATURDAY – March 14th
Lenten Weekday

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.



TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week’s donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**
Fred & Pia Parham
 by
 Al, Rita, & Christina Gina

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week’s donation of Bread & Wine given in **loving memory of:**
William Walters
 by
 Aine, Ted, & Mary



My Dear Parishioners,

On the eastern end of the Valley of Jezreel, eleven miles from the west bank of the Sea of Galilee, stands one mountain alone. It is one thousand, eight hundred and eighty six feet high. This is Mount Tabor located in one of the most fertile parts of modern Israel. The contemporary villages nearby are both Arab and Israeli.

This second Sunday of Lent brings us to Mount Tabor. St. Matthew's Gospel merely says: "Jesus took Peter, James and John, his brother, and led them up unto high mountain by themselves". Though Matthew in his Gospel does not identify the mountain, from the inception of Christianity it is thought to have been this place.

The apostles and Jesus are travelling toward His destiny in Jerusalem about sixty miles to the south but the apostles are beginning to have misgivings. Is Jesus the One? After all, most of them were expecting that Jesus would re-establish the ancient Kingdom of Israel, founded by His remote ancestor, David. Naturally in that renewed kingdom, they hoped to hold positions of authority since they were Jesus' closest companions. Yet now Jesus is talking about suffering and dying and then rising again, whatever that might mean. They are becoming confused and baffled.

The theophany (Greek for God's manifestation) reveals Jesus' hidden identity. Jesus Himself appears majestically and gloriously: "...His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light". Matthew is probably writing originally for a community of Jews who have accepted Jesus as the Messiah. He presents Jesus as the continuation of the traditions of Israel. So who appears with the glorified Jesus? Moses, the great Hebrew Lawgiver, and Elijah, the representative of the prophetic tradition. It was also believed that Elijah would reappear when the Messiah came. Ever impulsive Peter blurts out that "...it is good that we are here." He immediately desires to nail down the apparition by building three tent shrines, one for Jesus, one for Elijah and one for Moses. While Peter is going on about his plans, a bright cloud overshadows them. In ancient times, the cloud indicated the divine Presence and from this cloud the Father declares that Jesus "is my beloved, Son, with Whom I am well pleased, listen to Him." Overwhelmed the three apostles prostrate themselves on the ground. At the end of the theophany Jesus touches them in reassurance and bids them: "Rise and do not be afraid." The journey continues to Jerusalem but no matter what lies ahead in the mystery of God's plan, the apostles now know with Whom they are dealing!

Until the resurrection, this event will sustain and fortify them during the trials of the Passion and death of Jesus. Now they know that Jesus is the Father's unique Son. To listen to Jesus is of paramount importance. Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises that were glimpsed in the Law and the prophets.

"Rise, do not be afraid". Jesus will conquer death but meanwhile on the mountain the apostles have been assured by this apparition. "This is my Beloved Son...listen to Him!"

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

Thank You and Congratulations

Last weekend Boy Scout Troop #349 and Cub Scout Pack #349, hosted by our parish, collected three thousand food stuffs at the *Stop and Shop Market* on Union Turnpike. The Foods were contributed to our parish Food Pantry. The quantity of food was so great that we barely had any open floor space in the Pantry and we ran out of shelf space!

The Scouts and Cubs demonstrated the true spirit of Lent. They may have given up their time last weekend but they did it so that they could give to those who are needy. Well done Troop and Pack #349!

Monsignor John A. 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.

OLM MINISTRY FAIR**The OLM Parish Council invites you to the Ministry Fair**

There are many groups that work to make our parish the wonderful community that it is. The Ministry Fair is your opportunity to join a ministry and expand your involvement in the parish. Come down to the Parish Hall and see what groups are here after the 5:00pm Mass on March 7th and after all Masses on March 8th. In a group already? Talk to Pete Mele (petermele@gmail.com or 646-251-3198) to ensure your ministry is represented at the fair.

ST. PATRICK / ST. JOSEPH DAY PUB PARTY
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020, 7-11 PM

Come one and all to our annual St. Patrick and St. Joseph Day Party - this time pub style with live music of the renowned Tommy Clyne and Rumor Has It. Hot Irish and Italian cuisine, wine, dessert, etc. plus Monsignor McGuirl's Famous Irish Soda Bread. Meat dispensation for this special event. \$50 per person. Reservations by March 9th. Look for reservation flyer in bulletins and around church. For additional info or to volunteer, contact Helen at 718-793-2033/hvtgmezzo@gmail.com. God love you

ST. VINCENT De PAUL CLOTHING COLLECTION

The St. Vincent De Paul Truck will be in front of OLM, on Kessel St, on Sunday, March 15th between 8:00am and 1:00pm. Please donate clean, gently used clothing only.

SOUP LUNCHEON

Our Lady of Mercy's annual **Lenten Soup Luncheon** this year will take place on **March 22nd at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall**, and will benefit our own Human Services Department. The guest speaker that day will be Deacon Dean Dobbins.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

March 11, 2020	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
March 18, 2020	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
March 25, 2020	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm

LENTEN BIBLE DISCUSSION

There will be Lenten bible discussion on Tuesdays, March 10th, and 17th, from 7:30pm to 8:45pm, in the Rectory basement. We will discuss the readings for the Lenten Sunday Masses. All are welcome. No previous background required. Bibles will be provided for discussion purposes. Any questions call the Religious Education Office at 718 261 6285

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. Our sessions are on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:45pm which we combine with bible discussion for other interested adults so please feel free to sit in and join us any Tuesday evening in the Rectory basement. 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

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

FEEL GREAT & LOOK GREAT**Regularly scheduled exercise classes are back!**

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.**

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



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.
- **Camp Veritas 2020:** Camp Veritas is a one week play and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held in five locations in 2020; June 29-July 4 at Clongowes Wood College in Ireland; July 19-25 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 26-Aug.1 in Emmitsburg MD; Aug 2-7 in Lake Placid, FL and Aug.16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens 1/1/20 and enrollment price for each week is only \$400 per camper. More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.
- **Census 2020. Please do not ignore the questionnaire.** Catholic Charities Brooklyn Queens is partnering with NYC Census to make sure that everyone is represented so that Brooklyn and Queens can receive the political and financial benefits that we truly deserve. Correct census results allow our communities to receive funds that shape our local healthcare, housing, education, transportation, employment, and public policy. All people are urged to be counted in the census, regardless of their citizenship.
- **Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach Team** serves our Queens neighborhoods and offers supportive services in the privacy of your home. These services include counseling, connecting you to community-based home care, and legal and mental health services for individuals age 5 and older. Call 718-456-7001.
- **St. Stanislaus Kostka** (57-15 61st St., Maspeth, NY) Rosary Altar Society will host their **Annual Champagne Brunch on March 29th at 12:00 noon**, serving up unlimited Champagne, delicious food and great prizes. There will be a donation of \$17 and you can make reservations by calling Charlie at 718-326-2185
- **Molloy College** (1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, NY) will hold a **Spring Open House on Sunday, April 26th at 1:00pm.**
- **The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** this year will be held at Mary's Nativity Church (46-02 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, NY) on Saturday, May 16th. All couples who have celebrated their marriages in the Catholic Church are invited to attend with their families, and special recognition will be given to couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, & 75th Anniversary. A \$35 fee per couple is collected to assist in covering photo cost and reception after Mass. To register and for details, please contact Martha Hernandez at 718-281-9540 or email mhernandez@diobrook.org.

FIGHT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUNDING (A message from the Vicar General's Office)

Lawmakers are poised to finalize a state budget on March 31st, which is expected to include hundreds of millions more in funding for public education. It's crucial that we add our voice to ensure that the state's Catholic schools receive their fair share of funding for critical programs that support our students and teachers. Please take action now to send a message to your elected representatives. You may communicate directly or use the following link to send your message: <https://tinyurl.com/wfbeeuy>.

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 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
- **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (OLQM) Parish** in Forest Hills will hold its 9th annual pre-spring **food festival and restaurant showcase**, "Taste of the World," on **Sunday, 3/8/20 from 2:30pm to 5pm**. Admission price: **\$35** (\$5 discount if you purchase a ticket before March 8) and \$10 for children. Event will be held in McLaughlin Hall (the OLQM Academy building auditorium; entrance at back of parking lot on 72nd Road off Austin Street). To purchase advance tickets, call the OLQM rectory (718-268-6251) during business hours (9-8 M-Th, 9-5 F, 10-2 Sat). Admission includes samplings of foods and desserts from many of the most popular restaurants in Forest Hills and the neighboring communities. Raffle tickets for prizes are also available, so please inquire if interested.
- **The Senior Goal Group of Our Lady of Hope** (61-27 71st Street, Middle Village, 718-429-5438) will be sponsoring a special **Anointing of the Sick Mass on March 14th at 1:00pm**. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the School Cafeteria.
- **Maggie's Little Theatre at St. Margaret Parish** (66-05 79th Place in Middle Village) will present **"The Envelope Please-A Musical Review of Academy Award Winning Songs..."** on 3/14 & 15, and 3/20 thru 22. For info, call 917-579-5389.
- There will be a **Divine Mercy Bus Pilgrimage with the OLQM Charismatic Prayer Group** to the **National Shrine of the Divine Mercy** in Stockbridge, Massachusetts on **April 19th**. The bus will **depart 7AM (sharp)** from in front of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church (110-06 Queens Blvd at corner of Ascan Ave.). **Cost: \$50 per person**. Tickets are first come, first serve. Reserve your seat now, invite a friend along, and wear good walking shoes. For tickets or questions, please contact: Cely De Borja 347-743-2304



**Don't forget to set all
of your clocks one
hour ahead!**