

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 25th</b>
8:30 AM	_____
5:00 PM	Arthur Bonetti
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 26th</b>
8:30 AM	Louise Foertsch
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Michael & Caroline Sassi, Michael Sassi Jr., and Roland Pugliese
5:00 PM	Flor Quiros
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 27th</b>
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	_____
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 28th</b>
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	_____
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 29th</b>
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	_____
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 30th</b>
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Luisa Falco
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 1st</b>
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
12:00 PM	Margaret Theresa Scibelli (1st Anniversaery)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 2nd</b>
8:30 AM	Lea Morra
5:00 PM	Arthur Bonetti
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 3rd</b>
8:30 AM	Caroline Chapman
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Flor Quiros
5:00 PM	Frances Lorraine Radawiec

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Patricia Becktold, Ida Ryan, Connie Bornhimer, Pete Rose, Mary Wiley, Kathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Ronald Calcevano, Rose Gaynus, Eleanor Merlino, Seraphina Komlos, Mary Tardona, Dorothy Chocko, Catherine Hennessy, Richard McBride Sr., Stacey Headley, Richard Eisenzopf, Alice & Michael Coleman, Elaine Stump, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Cheryl Di Napoli, Jazlyn Castro Bilog, German Diaz, Adam Sapel, Christine Bernardo, Andy Marajh, Stephen Palermo, Robert Palermo, Heather Wilcox, 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; SPC Benjamin Bravmann, U.S. Army; 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**

***ALL SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE HONORED AND CELEBRATED PRIVATELY, BY THE PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY AT THE INDICATED TIME.***

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

***Please note that, since all of our offices and buildings are currently closed, all regularly scheduled meetings are temporarily cancelled.***

***Our Lady Of Mercy Catholic Academy will be closed until Further Notice***

**SUNDAY – April 26th**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**MONDAY – April 27th**

*Easter Weekday*

**TUESDAY - April 28th**

*Easter Weekday*

**WEDNESDAY – April 29th**

*Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

**THURSDAY – April 30th**

*Easter Weekday*

**FRIDAY – May 1st**

*Easter Weekday*

**SATURDAY – May 2nd**

*Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

**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 donation to the Parish Memorial Worship fund given in memory of:

**Elizabeth & James Pfohl**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our Gospel reading this Sunday is taken again taken from St. Luke. Luke may have been one of St. Paul's companions on several of his missionary journeys. His Gospel was not written until at least 70 A.D. That date would have placed the composition of the Gospel and its sequel, The Acts of the Apostles, about forty years after the Resurrection. By that time, the question may have arisen among the earlier followers of Christ, where was the Resurrected Lord now to be encountered?

The narration of the Disciples on the Road to Emmaus attempts to answer the question. The Lord will be encountered and recognized in the "breaking of the bread", which was the earliest name of the Eucharist. The narration recounts that on the Sunday after the Crucifixion two of our Lord's disciples, Cleopas and an unnamed companion, have fled Jerusalem for the safer environs of the small town of Emmaus. They are discussing the events of the last three days when they are joined by a "stranger". Their new travelling companion seems to be ignorant of the recent occurrences in Jerusalem and the two endeavor to supply him with the details. While doing so, they express their disappointment, because they too had hoped that Jesus was the long-expected Messiah. They were hoping that He was the One Who would redeem Israel. The "stranger" then proceeds to question them and to correct their misunderstanding. Using Scriptural references, He points out to them that the entirety of Jewish tradition pointed toward a Messiah who would suffer for His people.

When the trio reaches Emmaus, it appears that the "stranger", still unrecognized, will continue the journey alone. As evening approaches and the roads become increasingly dangerous, the two disciples invite their companion to spend the night with them at an inn. It is at table that the identity of the "stranger" becomes known. Luke uses language replete with Eucharistic imagery: Jesus "took the bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them" - words reminiscent of the Last Supper. Jesus repeats what he did at the Last Supper but also anticipates what the Church will do in His memory. By the time Luke penned his Gospel, Christians were meeting in their homes and celebrating the Eucharist together. Where is the Lord to be encountered? There at table with them. Much of Jesus' teachings were given at table with His disciples, sinners, outcasts and others.

In the Mediterranean culture, then and now, table fellowship is a crucial part of life. Family is most truly family at meals. When family members eat together, they share the food which sustains their common life. Meals are the time to share memories and the family history. The aspirations of the young are expressed as well as the hopes of the older members. In the Jewish community, a meal, the Passover, would do exactly that: make present the past and make each diner a participant in the work God has done for them. The Last Supper was probably the Passover meal of Jesus and His closest disciples. Now He shares a similar meal with these two on the road to Emmaus.

Three centuries later, St. Augustine, the bishop of the long extinct northern African town of Hippo and a prominent theologian, also lived in that Mediterranean world in which food, and the taking of food at communal or family meals, was all important. So he could write that: "when is the Lord made known? In this breaking of the bread...in the sharing of bread, the Lord was made present."

The structure of today's Gospel narration is reflects the arrangement of the Eucharist (Mass). The two disciples meet Jesus in both word and sacrament. The "stranger" teaches them about the Messiah using the scriptures of the First Covenant and then He shares the bread with them. This is what we do each Sunday: word and sacrament, which teach us about Jesus and His Presence among us. The deprivation of what is at the heart of the Church, from the time of St. Luke to now is what, among other things, makes the social distancing occasioned by the coronavirus so difficult.

The narration ends with the two disciples retracing their steps and journeying back to Jerusalem. It is there that they learn that: "the Lord is truly risen and has appeared to Simon (Peter)". We can identify with the two disciples in our journey of faith. We can recognize as our own their questions, actions and emotions, and we can rejoice with them for the Lord is still among us, especially when we gather in His name at the "breaking of the bread".

In Christ,  
Monsignor McGuirl

Jesus is with you

I am with you when things are going good,  
when the way is bright and clear,  
I am with you my child when life looks bleak,  
and your vision is blurred with tears.

I am with you when Happiness fills your heart,  
when the sun is shining bright,  
I am by you're side when you feel alone,  
and you're surrounded by darkest night.

I am with you when you have many friends,  
when others for you care,  
I am always with you when you're alone,  
your loneliness to share.

I am with you when you're radiant with health,  
when you don't lack at thing,  
I am next to you when you're in pain,  
I am there to comfort bring.

My child, I will always be there for you,  
remember that I care,  
Remember that you're not alone,  
I am there to your sorrows share!

I will always be with you til the end of the world,  
I'll be there each step of the way,  
I am with you every moment, each hour,  
and each and every day.

Author Unknown

God Bless You Always  
Deacon Dean Dobbins



**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.

**PRAYER FOR HEALING**

Lord we ask You to lift up those who are facing illness today. We ask You to bring Healing, Comfort and Peace to their body, mind and soul. We ask You to calm their fears and let them feel the Healing power of your Love.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY IS CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**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**

**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.

# The Community Bulletin Board

- **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 price for each week is only \$400 per camper. More details can be found at [www.campveritas.com](http://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.

## 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/wfbeeug>.

## PRAY THE ROSARY

