

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 20th
8:30 AM	Yolanda Simon
5:00 PM	Arnold Davis
Sunday	June 21st
8:30 AM	Rose Jonsson
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Jorge Bonilla
5:00 PM	Luke Sorrentino
Monday	June 22nd
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Fred Parham
Tuesday	June 23rd
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	_____
Wednesday	June 24th
8:30 AM	Miguel & Gladys Sanchez
12:00 PM	Eugenia Ardeleanu
Thursday	June 25th
8:30 AM	Maurice Rooney (46th Anniversary)
12:00 PM	_____
Friday	June 26th
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
12:00 PM	Michael & Caroline Sassi, Michael Sassi Jr., and Roland Pugliese
Saturday	June 27th
8:30 AM	_____
5:00 PM	Elizabeth Hannon
Sunday	June 28th
8:30 AM	Giovanna Boe
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Giancarlo Mayor
5:00 PM	Rose Jonsson

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patricia Beckett, Ida Ryan, Connie Bornhimer, Mary Wiley, Kathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Ronald Calcevano, Rose Gaynus, Eleanor Merlino, Seraphina Komlos, Mary Tardona, Dorothy Chocko, Catherine Hennessy, Richard McBride Sr., Richard

Eisenzopf, Alice & Michael Coleman, Elaine Stumpp, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Cheryl Di Napoli, Jazlyn Castro Bilog, German Diaz, Adam Sapel, Christine Bernardo, Andy Marajh, Stephen Palermo, Robert Palermo, Heather Wilcox, James Leung, Rose McArdle, Maureen Kelly, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Paul Henry, 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

Marie Eva Demosthene Dorelus
Irmgard Hippelli
Fr. James Fedigan, S.J.

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

Our Parish Food Pantry is not open in order in order to protect the health of our volunteers; however, we do have some Grab and Go Bags prepared for anyone in an emergency situation but you must call the rectory ahead of time as we have no staff regularly present.

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 – June 21st

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Father's Day

MONDAY – June 22nd

Weekday

TUESDAY - June 23rd

Weekday

WEDNESDAY – June 24th

The Nativity Of St. John The Baptist

THURSDAY – June 25th

Weekday

FRIDAY – June 26th

Weekday

SATURDAY – June 27th

Weekday

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.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Some of you may remember that when the entire Mass was celebrated in the Latin language, at the end, the priest dismissed the people with the words "ite, missa est", which is often poorly translated as "Go, the Mass is ended". It did not mean that: it was much more emphatic - it meant "Go, you are sent!" That dismissal was considered so important that eventually it gave its name to the entire Eucharistic celebration. "Missa" in English became "mass" in Spanish "misa", in Italian "messe". Why, was the dismissal considered so important? Because what we do in Church was meant to be taken outside the Church! After the tabernacle and altar, two of the most important features of the Church are the front doors. We are sent through those doors into the world.

Today, after weeks that featured the celebrations of Holy Week, Easter, Ascension Thursday, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi, we return to what is called nowadays "ordinary time - we pick up with the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time. But in a way, "ordinary time" is a misnomer. The only thing ordinary about it is that there are no major feast days; there are several minor ones. But it is still two months until we reach the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th. What's been going on in this so-called "Ordinary time"? Well, friends, it is in the ordinary daily circumstances of life that we live out our Christian faith. Sure, it's easy enough to feel good about being a Christian on Easter or Christmas. At those times, the world sees permeated by decency and goodness. Yet it is in the ordinary less dramatic moments of life - when being a disciple is harder and frankly a little less thought about - that we live out our Faith!

So, today's readings give us a peek into how to cope with ordinary time. First there's Jeremiah, a prophet, who lived about five hundred years before Jesus. As a young man he was tapped by God to be a prophet and he is very straightforward about not wanting to have that responsibility. He yells at God: "I am too young - You duped me!" In other words You fooled me, You tricked me into this. At this point we find him in hot water because of his prophetic utterances about the people's failure to depend on their covenant with God. Ultimately their infidelity will lead to disaster. "Yeah, God, You didn't tell me it would be like this: "You seduced me and I let myself be seduced. You were too strong for me and you prevailed". Jeremiah was on the point of despair - he even curses the day on which he was born.

But then he does a 360 degree turn! Despite all the complaints, he remains doggedly convinced that God is "with me, like an mighty champion so his persecutors will stumble and be put to shame." Ironically this would come true when very shortly the Kingdom of Judah was overrun by the Babylonian armies.

This brings us to the second reading taken from St. Paul's lengthy letter of self introduction to the Christians already living at Rome. Most of them were of a Jewish background and word may have trickled to them of Paul's earlier occupation as persecutor of the followers of Jesus. In this citation, Paul sets a contrast between the sin of the first parents and the salvation of Christ. Adam represents the whole crowd - all of us!

C.K. Chesterton, the famed English author and convert to Catholicism is reputed to have said that he thought it odd that anyone could take exception to the Catholic dogma of original sin. All you had to do was pick up the morning newspaper and it stared you in the face. We have all messed up and the pre-history narratives of the Book of Genesis, on which Paul relies, are God's dream for the creature made in His image and likeness. We have messed up that dream and at times turned it into a nightmare. Yet God is not to be frustrated and He will reach out again and again. Paul is not depressed - and his time was much like our own - so there were plenty of reasons to be depressed. "The gift...the grace of God, (i.e. the encounter with God) and the gracious gift of the one man, Jesus Christ overflows for the many". At this point Paul doesn't say it in so many words but this Jesus is the icon, the mirror image of God. In fact He is the Word, the Self-communication of God. So, every word, every miracle, every action of Jesus were those of God through the prism of Jesus' humanity, in a form in which we could grasp them. Each of them indicated God's attitude toward us: an attitude of compassion and kindness.

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Finally there is the Gospel taken from St. Matthew. The word "Gospel" has an interesting history - it is from two Old English words: God's spiel - God's story, often translated as the Good News. And that News needs spreading!

In today's Gospel, Jesus is instructing His closest companions before He sends them out on mission. He could just as well be instructing us! What was said to the disciples in darkness, now speak in light; what started as a whisper is to be shouted from the housetops! Jesus demands a stunning boldness because ultimately nothing can overcome them. They may suffer - after all Jesus Himself did. Yet three times in a few sentences, they are told: "do not be afraid". If we truly believe in a God, Who loves us and all creation and if that God can be concerned about things as little as sparrows and each hair on our heads, so then we believe that He is concerned about us, who are worth much more than those things. God places great value on each of us and we do not have to be the brightest, or the richest or the most famous or most fashionable. Just look at the first twelve - nobodies to whom the Good News was entrusted.

The last two lines of the Gospel are keys to the whole: if we do the job and witness Jesus in our words and actions - the ancients were amazed at how these Christians loved one another - Jesus will go to bat for us before the Father; conversely the opposite is true. Should we fail at the job, in a sense denying Jesus through our words or lack of action, then things might not go so well.

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

Please be reminded that we are live-streaming Mass and other liturgical services, five times a week. Weekday Mass is at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, followed by the Novena Devotions in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Wednesday, Friday, followed by the Rosary and Saturday. Sunday Mass is at noon.

For the present, the church is open for private prayer from 11: 00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. In part to avoid confusion and also because of the Sunday Mass at 12:00 P.M. we **will not open on Saturday or Sunday**.

There is a chance that weekday Mass and Sunday Mass might resumed later in the summer but we will keep you informed through the parish website (www.mercyhill.org) and in the announcements at the live-streamed Masses.

Many thanks to our great parishioners, who despite the present unique situation, are still supporting the parish by either sending their collection envelopes or leaving them in the rectory mail slot (70-01 Kessel Street) or keeping their commitments to automatic giving and to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You are outstanding in your thoughtful generosity!

God bless you and stay safe!
Monsignor McGuirl

MASPETH FEDERAL SAVINGS HONORS OLM

Our Lady of Mercy has received a \$1000. *COVID 19 COMMUNITY GIVING AWARD* from Maspeth Federal Savings. This award was bestowed upon us for our work during this challenging time of providing for the spiritual needs of our parishioners and other by holding virtual Masses, as well as providing food and monetary assistance to those who are in need of it

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Joyful Mysteries

- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- The Birth of Our Lord
- The Presentation
- The Finding in the Temple

Luminous Mysteries

- Baptism of Jesus Christ
- Christ Reveals Himself at Cana
- Proclamation of the Kingdom and Call to Conversion
- The Transfiguration
- Institution of the Eucharist

Sorrowful Mysteries

- The Agony in the Garden
- The Scourging
- The Crowning With Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries

- The Resurrection
- The Ascension
- The Coming of the Holy Spirit
- The Assumption of Our Lady
- The Coronation of Our Lady

The joyful mysteries are said on Monday and Saturday; the sorrowful mysteries on Tuesday and Friday; the glorious mysteries on Wednesday and Sunday; the luminous mysteries on Thursday.

PRAY THE ROSARY



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.