

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 5th
8:30 AM	No Intention
5:00 PM	Joan Sauro & Serafina Sauro
Sunday	May 6th
8:30 AM	Lea Morra
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Elizabeth Haggerty
5:00 PM	Joseph Arcchia
Monday	May 7th
8:30 AM	Henri-Robert Lamarque
12:00 PM	Robert Malm
Tuesday	May 8th
8:30 AM	Jean Santamaria
12:00 PM	Loretta Mele
Wednesday	May 9th
8:30 AM	Vera Farrell & Sister Anne Louise
12:00 PM	Joann Dillon
7:30pm	Pia Parham (Living Intention)
Thursday	May 10th
8:30 AM	William Kirby & Leonard Quigley
10:00 AM	No Intention
12:00 PM	Thomas Byrne
Friday	May 11th
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua & BiFalco & DiCapua Families (23rd Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Anthony Frangioni
Saturday	May 12th
8:30 AM	William Hiigsteden
5:00 PM	William Walters
Sunday	May 13th
8:30 AM	Francis Morison
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Anna Sorentino
5:00 PM	Vicente Dorotan

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

James Leung, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Richard Kelly, Rose Jonsson, Vincent Lucanie, Patrick Norton, Diane Kitson, Peggy Racanelli, Maureen Medina, Jeanne Woods, Ron Areas, Bonnie Nison, Gerry Holmes, Peter Ruelius, Pat Reilly, Marilyn Jagiello, Vera Garofalo, Carolyn Kalnberg, Frank Kalnberg, Faith Fedechko, Margaret Hefferon, Josie Bellina, Ann Restaino, Manuel Juan Perez, Dianne Nudelman, Inez Arastia, Sofia Robello, Lorraine Kohlmann, Samuel Mantilla, Caroline Pugliese, Ervin Dudas, Rev. Joseph Gurdak, OFM, Cap., Patricia Riddick, Salvatore Tuminello, Daniella Salcau, Joel Rivera, Felipe Vallejo, Agatha Tardi, Adam Martini, Christine Smolenski, Louis Barberi, Dcn. Frances Galson, Mary Wiley, Norman Zuniga, Nancy (Ann) Fallon, Grace DiFazio, John Chocko, Rose Pullano, Pia Parham, and for all of our parishioners who are currently hospitalized or homebound.

**PRAY FOR THE ARMED SERVICES**

Capt. 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, 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

Gertrude K. Bailey

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – May 6th***Sixth Sunday of Easter*

-May Crowning-12:00pm Mass

-OLMCA Talent Show-Parish Hall at 1:30pm

MONDAY – May 7th*Easter Weekday*

-Scripture Study-Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30pm

-Prayer Group-Church at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - May 8th*Easter Weekday*

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – May 9th*Easter Weekday*

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 9:00am

-CCD K thru 5th Gr.-Church at 3:00pm

THURSDAY – May 10th*The Ascension Of The Lord*

-Scripture Sharing & Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm & 7:30pm

-CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-No Class

FRIDAY – May 11th*Easter Weekday*

-Spring Fling-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

SATURDAY – May 12th*Easter Weekday*

-Spring Fling-Parish Hall at 10:00am

If you are not yet registered in the Parish, please stop into the Rectory for a Census Form Mon. thru Sat. 9am-4pm.

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of April, 2018
Hannah Rose Nguyen
Aurora Spring
Vera Jay Asaro
Fabiana Caterina Salcedo:

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.

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

Is God Calling You



By: Deacon Dean Dobbins
& Monsignor McGuirl

The English word vocation comes from the Latin word "vocare", which means "to call". We tend to think of a vocation as a job we choose, for instance, being a teacher, an investment banker, or an electrician; but a Church vocation has a somewhat different meaning. A Church vocation is a call from God to live in service to His people. When we decide on careers, we naturally make the choice based on our gifts and abilities, or our likes and dislikes. If God calls us to the vocation of a religious sister or brother, parish priest, or deacon, it is often in spite of our gifts and abilities. God uses everything that we are, even our weaknesses. Naturally enough a Church vocation usually accords with our abilities and talents but they are subject to the molding influence of God's grace.

How do I know that the Lord is calling me to the service of His people as a religious or priest, or deacon? Prayer is the most important place to begin when discerning any vocation. With prayer, we can perceive the signs that the Lord uses to open our eyes to His will for us. We need to be in regular conversation (prayer) with Him.

If you find yourself answering "yes" then it is quite possible the Lord is calling you to a life that is more rewarding than you could ever imagine.

You can do several things if you feel you might have a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. They are not too different than the ordinary means used by all of us to grow in holiness. But they are crucial for the person discerning a call to priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Here are five things to get you started: Go to Mass regularly, make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, take time for daily prayer, read the Gospels, and then talk to a Priest, Deacon, or Religious. Discern the call and God will take care of the rest.

Each religious congregation has a specified period of training that ordinarily comes after the completion of college. Some male religious orders, like the Dominicans and some branches of the Franciscans have a membership which includes both priests and brothers. Other religious families, such as the Marist Brothers only have brothers. Brothers do not receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders but rather, like all religious, both men and women, they are defined by the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The vows free each sister or brother to pursue the particular spirit and charism of their community: teaching, nursing, social work, presence to the poor, care of the elderly and others.

Diocesan priests are those with whom most people have the greatest familiarity. They serve as associates of the bishop and like him receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Normally they are assigned to the various parishes in a given area known as a diocese. Our Diocese is the Brooklyn Diocese, which comprises the Counties (Boroughs) of both Brooklyn and Queens.

The diocesan priest has the responsibility of guiding and directing the spiritual well-being of a particular area: a parish. He celebrates the Sacraments, presides over the public prayer life of a parish, preaches the Gospel, counsels those in need and organizes parish events. Diocesan priests who are also pastors (the primary priest in a parish) are usually responsible for the physical upkeep and care of the parish buildings and their employees.

Before entering the major seminary, all candidates for the diocesan priesthood complete a post-collegiate formation period of four to five years. This time will be spent in pastoral training, theological studies and community life. During that time, the candidate will be vetted by the seminary staff in terms of their worthiness and eligibility for Holy Orders.

There have always been deacons in the Church but for over a thousand years the diaconate was merely a stepping stone to the priesthood. Even now every priest must first be ordained a deacon just as every bishop has been ordained both as a deacon and a priest. Very often the future priest has does some pastoral work during his diaconate period. This is often called the "transitory" diaconate because these men are going to pursue priestly ordination.

After the Second Vatican Council, the diaconate was reconstituted as an independent ministry in the Church just as it had been in the early centuries. "Permanent" deacons are those who live out their ministry of service as deacons. Most of them have a part-time ministry of service and hold a secular job with which they support their families. Both in the Eastern and Western Churches, deacons may marry up until the time of their diaconate ordination, after which their martial state is solidified. If the wife of a deacon dies, he may not ordinarily remarry. In recent years more deacons are being invited by their Bishops to assume administrative positions in the Church.

Deacons must pursue a four year program of part-time study and preparation before ordination. As a prerequisite to their studies, college is certainly recommended though not a necessity.

Matthew 20:28

The Man did not come to be served but to serve.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Sunday 12noon Mass will now be the Family Mass

The Gospel According to Puppets

All children through fourth grade are invited to attend Children's Liturgy downstairs during noon Mass with or without their parents. They will hear a children's version of the readings, watch the Gospel performed by puppets and have a kid-appropriate explanation of the Word. Coloring and puzzle sheets are provided. We especially welcome the wiggly ones.

Children's Liturgy is scheduled for the following Sundays:

May 13th

June 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th

OLM CONSOLATION MINISTRY NEEDS HELP

At present, there are not many active members in our Consolation Ministry. The "precious few" that we have, work tirelessly to make sure that no parishioner finds it necessary to deal with the loss of a loved one alone. By helping families through the difficult process of handling final arrangements for services for a deceased family member, the Consolation Minister actually makes an unpleasant experience a bit easier to bear while, at the same time, offering much needed support. Please consider joining those who are already performing this valuable ministry. Call or stop by the Rectory if you are interested in helping, or if you would like to know more about this ministry.

Any time that you can spare will certainly make a difference! Why not give it a try!?

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

All couples, who have celebrated their marriage in the Catholic Church, and their families are invited to the **Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration on June 9th** at 11:am at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. All couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows and will receive a personalized certificate signed by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio. Special recognition will be given to couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 75th Anniversary. To register, please contact Martha Hernandez at 718-281-9540 or email mhernandez@diobrook.org.

FEEL GREAT & LOOK GREAT

Feel and look great at our exercise class every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 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.**

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

May 09, 2018	NO ACTIVITY	6:30pm
May 16, 2018	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction	8:00pm
May 23, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
May 30, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm

BIBLE PROGRAMS

-Tuesday Evening Bible Study: thru May 15th at 7:30pm

FOCUS ON THE RESURRECTION AND THE BOOK OF REVELATION -

Facilitator: David Powell

-Thursday Afternoon and Thursday Evening Scripture Sharing and Prayer : thru May 17th at 2:30pm and 7:30pm-

Facilitator: Carol Powell

We provide Bibles and other materials for discussion. No need to sign up. . Any questions call the Religious Ed office at 718 261-6285 or email olmercyrrelig@gmail.com.

ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN THE RECTORY.

GLORIOUS SPRING!



It is finally here! We mean the Spring Fling that is. The Spring Fling is making its opening debut next Friday evening, May 11th, at 7:30 until 9:00. There will be a \$5 admission which entitles the early birds to get first choice on all the new and different items as well as light refreshments.

The next day, May 12th, opening will be at 10:00. Bring your shopping carts so that you can carry home all the beautiful plants and gifts that you will be purchasing for Mom, Spouse, Grandma and any other "special" person in your life that you want to say "thank you" to.

There will be several Vendors with whom you can shop, our own Treasure Trove (formerly Grandma's Attic), our Spring Boutique, and a Café where you can have a snack and a chat with a friend before you continue shopping.

Come shop, meet your neighbors and enjoy the day! See you there!

CHOIR NEWS

We always look forward to welcoming new members You do not need to be able to read music and there are no formal auditions. Our choir welcomes everyone, (Adult and Youth from 7th Gr. Up). 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. At this point, for your convenience, there are no evening rehearsals during the week. 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.

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 need of the sacraments First Communion or Confirmation. It is our privilege and joy to help you be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please contact David or Carol Powell at 718-261-6285.

The 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.
- **The 112th Precinct Community Council** invites you to their "Celebrate Diversity" Dinner on May 10th at 7:00pm at Borough Hall (120-55 Queens Blvd). There will be great performances, and free dinner and refreshments. **RSVP at 718-520-9321. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**
- **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS: GallopNYC** is a non-profit organization based in New York City (and a location right in Forest Hills) that offers therapeutic horsemanship programs to children and adults with disabilities. Volunteers enjoy the personal satisfaction of helping children and adults with developmental, emotional, social, and physical challenges, all while working with and being around horses, one of nature's most empathetic animals. Sign up to volunteer (Tue-Fri afternoons and evenings are especially needed) at GallopNYC Forest Hills, 8803 70th Road, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Any questions call 718-261-7679.
- **Bishop Molloy Retreat House** offers *Monthly Evenings for Our LGBT Brothers and Sisters, Family and Friends* on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. For info call 718-739-1229.
- **Holy Cross High School offers Athletic Camps and Summer STREAM Program** which includes Basketball, Cheerleading, Coding, Music, Art, Television Production, & Cooking. For info contact Mr. Robert Botero 718-886-7250 Ext. 558.
- **Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School** is now accepting applications for their **summer camps**. Girls softball, soccer, basketball, cheerleading, & volleyball; Boys baseball, soccer & basketball. For info contact Ms. Fran Rocco 718-898-3800 Ext.3.

TRI-M SWIM TEAM NEWS

The OLM Sports Committee is proud to announce that Mary and Alex Leong, swim team coaches, have been elected to the CYO Hall of Fame. The formal induction will take place at the annual CYO Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday, June 1. If you would like to attend the dinner, please contact Stanley Swiatocha at 718-263-8174 for additional information

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL GIVES BACK

Our Lady of Mercy will share in the profits. For each **donated car, truck or van, running or not**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul 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 because of the kindness of those who contributed their old car to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and mentioned our Church. Please continue to spread the word, and thank you for your support. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718-491-2525.

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 held in the rectory, and facilitated by COMMISSIONED Lay Pastoral Leader, Yorke Mizelle. Call the OLQM rectory at 718-268-6251 if interested in attending or more info, email ymizelle@nyc.rr.com.

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 write the amount of your offering in the space provided 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



*PRAY THE ROSARY
FOR PEACE ON EARTH*