

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 22nd
 8:30 AM Tullio Versichelli
 5:00 PM Ryszard Jedrak

Sunday September 23rd
 8:30 AM Tess Manzella
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Sr. Teresa Clare McAuliffe, IHM
 5:00 PM Vincenzo & Pauline DiGraci

Monday September 24th
 8:30 AM William & Theresa Frazer
 12:00 PM Anna Taraska (35th Anniversary Remembrance)

Tuesday September 25th
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl
 12:00 PM Dorothy & Nicholas Mele

Wednesday September 26th
 8:30 AM In Honor of The Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother
 12:00 PM Antoni Wieczorek

Thursday September 27th
 8:30 AM The Blessings of the Blessed Virgin
 12:00 PM Caroline, Michael, Michael Sassi Jr. & Roland Pugliese

Friday September 28th
 8:30 AM Lawrence A. Glucs
 12:00 PM Frank Essex

Saturday September 29th
 8:30 AM Dario Restrepo
 5:00 PM Jean Santamaria

Sunday September 30th
 8:30 AM Dennis O'Brien
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Antoni Wieczorek
 5:00 PM Giuseppa Pizzo

PRAY FOR THE SICK



James Leung, Alice Coleman, Robert & Mary Tardona, Richard Kelly, Rose Jonsson, Vincent Lucanie, Peggy Racanelli, Maureen Medina, Jeanne Woods, Ron Areas, Bonnie Nison, Peter Ruelius, Pat Reilly, Marilyn Jagiello, Vera Garofalo, Carolyn Kalnberg, Frank Kalnberg, Faith Fedechko, Margaret Hefferon, Josie Bellina, Manuel Juan Perez, Dianne Nudelman, Inez Arastia, Sofia Robello, Lorraine Kohlmann, Samuel Mantilla, Caroline Pugliese, 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, Cathie Greulich, Gabriel Manno-Providence, Ann Dauria, Jimmy Murphy, Harriet Kessel, Mary Sheehan, John Murphy, Mary Albert, Maureen Remsen, Rosa Rivera, Elaine LeCrann, Richard Eisenzopf, James Bast, Tony Passaro, Tim Kirk, Claudette Hartley, Diane McGinley, Charlotte Davis, Norman Feld, 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, 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

Frank J. Grande
 Kleber A. Medrano

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – September 23rd
Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – September 24th
Weekday
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm
 -Parish Council Meeting-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - September 25th
Weekday
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
 -Bible Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – September 26th
Weekday
 -Exercise Class Parish Hall at 8:30am
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - All Are Welcome
 -CCD K thru 5th Gr.-Church at 3:00pm
 -Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – September 27th
Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – September 28th
Weekday
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm & 6:00pm

SATURDAY – September 29th
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

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

NOTE:
FIRST FRIDAY
SCHEDULE CHANGE

The New, permanent First Friday schedule is:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will immediately follow the 8:30am Mass and Benediction will be before the 12:00 Noon Mass, at 11:40am

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in loving memory of:
Margaret O'Toole & Regina Sullivan
 (Birthday Remembrances)

by
 Carolyn Cariello



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the months of August & September, 2018:
 Eleanor Rose Moreno
 Luke Salvatore Mauro
 Victor Michael Batista
 Eva Huertas



Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel presents us with an example of how the followers of Jesus are to behave. The disciples have been travelling with Jesus in an area north of Galilee and He has asked them "who do you say that I am?" Obviously He is not a royal Messiah in the usual sense of the word. Peter has described Him as the "Christ" (the anointed one - the Greek translation of Messiah), a loaded term with many implications at that time. Jesus indicates that the Son of Man (the title that He seems to prefer) must suffer and die at the hands of His enemies and then rise. The apostles had no understanding of what this meant and certainly a "suffering and dying" Messiah did not enter into their thinking.

When they return from the north, Jesus asks them what they were discussing on the way - only to discover that despite everything He has told them, they have been discussing, "who was the greatest" among them. In contrast, Jesus informs them that the greatest must be the one who serves the others. His illustration of this might strike us as odd. We live in a world in which everyone strives to stay young or look young. In the ancient world the drive was just the opposite: to attain old age. This is reflected in some of our English words. Senate, for instance, is from the Latin word "senax" and it means an elderly person. Senates were originally the gatherings of the elders, who were assumed to have attained the wisdom needed to govern. Jesus illustrates His point with a small child. A small child in ancient society was a "nobody". Especially in terms of the high child mortality rates - a small child was of little social consequence and was dependent on everyone else. The goal of ancient society was to survive childhood and become an adult. Yet Jesus says: anyone receiving this child in His name, receives Him and consequently the One Who sent Him (God the Father).

By receiving the humblest member of society, Jesus is received and so is the Father. A small child becomes an icon of a God, Who humbled Himself to be one with us so that we might enter a loving relationship with Him. Generally small children are free of the ambition, greed and disagreements that often tear adult society. By receiving a small child, Jesus indicates that as adults - we are meant to be like the God, Whose icon is that small child.

Last Tuesday the media announced that the Diocese of Brooklyn had entered into an agreement that provided a very large monetary settlement with four men, who as children, had been abused by a volunteer in a Brooklyn parish, which is now closed. The Bishop assured his priests at a meeting last Monday that the funding for this settlement was not from your contributions nor from either the *Generation of Faith Campaign* or the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Those campaigns will continue to support various Diocesan ministries as well as our parishes. The Bishop assured us and through us, our parishioners, that the funding was obtained basically by mortgaging or selling certain Diocesan properties.

Though no Program can guarantee the behavior of its participants; nonetheless, since 2002, our Diocese has initiated a Safe Environment Office. One of the chief functions of that Office is to vet all Diocesan employees by using various search engines. Similarly the Office organizes and administers the *Virtus On Line* Program which is obligatory for all Church employees, and volunteers who have any association with children. This means that all bishops, priests, deacons, religious, as well as coaches, assistant coaches, parish athletic directors, teachers, paraprofessionals, drivers, Religious Education employees and volunteers, whether teachers, administrators or class monitors, and all Academy personnel must take the *Virtus Training Programs*. There are no exceptions.

Monsignor McGuirl

ATTENTION: PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting of the OLM Parish Council for this Pastoral Year will be held on September 24th, at 7:30pm, in the Rectory.

OLMCA THANKS YOU

Thank you for your kind and generous support for the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy school supply drive. The beginning of the school year always marks a time of promise and this year is no exception. From the backpacks to binders to pencils, our students and teachers were so grateful for these generous gifts. Your gifts directly benefit our students and their families. All your efforts directly support the positive and loving environment at OLMCA. The generosity of the OLM parishioners never ceases to amaze us. Thank you for your continued support.

Dana McCann
Principal

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Tom Lambert, who has been the long time Custodian for OLM and is known to many of us, is asking for our help in obtaining donations to The **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**. On October 28th, 2018 Tom will be "walking" in honor of his daughter Jillian Lambert. The Walk begins at 10:00am at Jones Beach Field #5 (meeting at 8:30am). If you would like to donate to a GREAT cause, you can do so on <https://afsp.donordrive.com/participant/1620598> or you can leave a check (payable to: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) at the Rectory Tom will make sure that all monies are submitted on your behalf.

**MANTLE OF MERCY -90 YEARS WIDE
GALA VOLUNTEER PLANNING MEETING
SAT., OCT. 13, 2018, at 10 AM**

The start of our parish's 90th Anniversary year -long celebration will be next year at a Gala Dinner Dance on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019, from 3PM-8PM at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. Come and be a part of the vital work (and fun!) to plan this Gala and other celebratory events on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018 at 10AM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Continental Breakfast will be served (and if you're good, Helen's Irish Coffee). Please RSVP to the Rectory (718-268-6143) or Helen Van Tine- Golden (917-952-5142).

PARTY COMING SOON!

On October 13th, 2018 Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a **White/Red Polish Party**. The party will take place in the Parish Hall and will start at 7:00pm. There will be music by DJ Mietek. Tickets are \$55, and are available at the Rectory.

ALTAR SERVER SPONSORSHIPS

Many thanks to all those who have given a donation to defray the cost of the altar servers trip to Rye Playland several weeks ago and the purchase of new altar servers albs (which are sorely needed). Those of you who still wish to contribute can either use the envelopes provided in the Church or your own envelope marked "Altar Server Sponsorship" and drop it in the collection basket. Again, we thank you all for your support!

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 take advantage of the many openings for Memorials that remain for 2018.**

GOLDEN AGE CLUB NEWS

The club will be sponsoring a **trip to Bear Mountain** on October 4th, and a picnic lunch will be included. The bus will depart from Our Lady of Mercy at 8:30am and leave Bear Mountain at 4:15pm returning to OLM. The cost is \$40, and you can sign up with Tony Santamaria any Wednesday, after 12 Noon, in the Parish Hall. ALL ARE WELCOME!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Lady of Mercy Religious Ed will be holding classes as follows:

- K-5th Grade classes are held on Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 4:15pm, starting Sept. 26th.
- Sixth and seventh grade classes are held on Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:30pm, starting Sept. 27th.

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 to help you be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please contact David or Carol Powell at 718-261-6285.

ADULT BIBLE AND SCRIPTURE SHARING

Adult Bible will resume **Tuesday Sept. 18th at 7:30pm** in the Rectory

There are two types:

- Scripture Sharing And Centering Prayer-led by Carol Powell
- Bible Study And Discussion (Theme: The Apostle Paul)-led by David Powell

Beginning Oct. 4th there will also be **Scripture Sharing and Centering Prayer** on Thursday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. In the Rectory

Any questions call the Religious Education office (718 261 6285) or send an email to olmercyreligion@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Pantry is seriously bare!! We need food to re-stock the shelves. Some suggestions are: tuna fish, canned stews, hash, or Spam, Chef Boyardee, powdered or Parmalat milk, jelly, rice, canned or packaged soups, packets of pasta & rice "Sides", canned fruits, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies, toothpaste, bathroom tissue, soaps, shampoos, and any other personal hygiene and non-perishable food items.



The Bulletin Board

- Please join **Rosary For Life, Inc. to Celebrate Life** with a concelebrated Mass at Resurrection Church (2331 Gerritsen Ave., Brooklyn) on October 2nd at 7:30pm. The Rosary will precede the Mass at 7:00pm and enrollment in Our Lady's Brown Scapular will follow Mass.
- **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.
- **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs:** The OLQM Catholic School Academy will celebrate it's 90th Anniversary this Fall. Are you an alumnus/a of OLQM Catholic School, Forest Hills? Come celebrate with us. Please fill out the alumni form at the school academy link at olqmca.org.
- **The 112th Precinct Community Council Meeting** will be held on Monday, September 24th, at 7:30pm, at the 112th Precinct. Spread the word to your neighbors and friends. All are welcome.
- **The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville** will host their **Annual Dominican Gala** on November 2nd. There will be cocktails, dinner & dancing at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. This year the Congregation is proud to honor Al Roker, NBC's Meteorologist, and S. Ave Clark, founder of the Heart to Heart Ministry in Bayside, NY. For tickets please call 631-842-6000 Ext. 241.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

- REGIS HIGH SCHOOL (for boys) Queens Information Night, Tues. Sept. 25th, 7 pm. at Resurrection Ascension School (85-25 61st Rd, Rego Park) and Columbus Day Open House, Mon. Oct. 8th, 1-4pm, at Regis H.S., 55 East 84th St., Manhattan (212 288-1100, ext. 2057) or www.regis-nyc.org
- CATHEDRAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND SEMINARY (for boys) Sat. Sept. 29th, 10 am. to 1 pm., at 56-25 92nd St., Elmhurst (718-592-6800) or www.cathedralprep.org
- MSGR. MCCLANCY MEMORIAL H.S. (coed) Sat. Oct. 6th, from 1-4pm, at 71-06 31st Ave, East Elmhurst, (718-898-3800) or www.msgrmcclancy.org
- ST. JOHN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL (coed) Sat. Oct. 13th, 11 am. to 3 pm, at 21-21 Crescent St., Astoria (718-721-7200) or www.stjohnsprepschool.org
- ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL (coed) Sat. Oct. 13th, 11:30am to 4pm, 6100 Francis Lewis Blvd., Fresh Meadows (718-423-8810) or www.sfponline.org.
- THE MARY LEWIS ACADEMY (for girls) Sun. Oct. 14th 10am-3pm, at 176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates (718-297-2120) or www.TMLA.ORG

FEEL GREAT & LOOK GREAT

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.**

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

September 26, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
October 03, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
October 10, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
October 17, 2018	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet	7:30pm
	Benediction	8:00pm
October 24, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
October 31, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm

FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ

"The Society of St Lawrence Ruiz will celebrate the feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz on September 29, 2018. Father Rogie Castellano will celebrate the 5:00pm mass followed by a fellowship in the parish hall. All are welcome."

THE DEANERY CORNER

- **Virtus Training Session will be offered at Our Lady Queen Of Martyrs on Saturday, September, 29th at 9:00am.** All Parishes must be **Virtus Compliant**, which means that **all adults** (18 yrs. of age & up) **involved in any type of Youth Activities** (Leaders, Coaches, Assistants, Drivers, Moderators, etc.) as well as **Parish employees and volunteers, must attend a Virtus Training Session.** This program will be offered in English and is open to everyone.
- **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 Mondays, Sept. 17, Oct. 1 & 15, Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3 & 17 from 7-9 p.m. in OLQM 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

MAGNIFICAT DAY of Thanksgiving

Please join in celebrating the **Silver Jubilee of Magnificat Worldwide on October 6th at the Kings Theatre in Brooklyn.** Special guests include Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio, Fr. Peter Cameron, OP, Most Rev. Robert Barron, Dr. Scott Hahn, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM, Cap, & Most Rev. Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the USA. Holy relics of the Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux, and her parents will be available for veneration by attendees. Go to www.magnificatday.com for more info and to register.

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

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!