

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | September 8th |
| 8:30 AM | Andrew Deda (Living Intention) |
| 5:00 PM | Jean Santamaria |
| Sunday | September 9th |
| 8:30 AM | Savarese & O'Neill Families |
| 10:00 AM | Parish Mass |
| 12:00 PM | Ewald Kneier |
| 5:00 PM | Antoni Wiczorek |
| Monday | September 10th |
| 8:30 AM | Paul B. Curry |
| 12:00 PM | George Spohr Jr. |
| Tuesday | September 11th |
| 8:30 AM | Joseph DiCapua and Bifalco & DiCapua Families |
| 12:00 PM | Catherine Barry |
| Wednesday | September 12th |
| 8:30 AM | In Honor of The Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother |
| 12:00 PM | Joan Sauro |
| Thursday | September 13th |
| 8:30 AM | |
| 12:00 PM | Daniel Cahill |
| Friday | September 14th |
| 8:30 AM | Bolivar & Robert Almeida |
| 12:00 PM | Richard W. Shedlow |
| Saturday | September 15th |
| 8:30 AM | Michael Minischetti |
| 5:00 PM | Angela & Frank Sauro |
| Sunday | September 16th |
| 8:30 AM | William Striffler Sr. |
| 10:00 AM | Parish Mass |
| 12:00 PM | Silvestro Tosi (Van Nostrand) |
| 5:00 PM | Elizabeth Jacques |

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, Sr. Mary Parry, O.P., Mary Sheehan, John Murphy, Mary Albert, Maureen Remsen, Rosa Rivera, Elaine LeCrann, Jane Lawson, Richard Eisenzopf, James Bast, Jo Ann Stumpp, Tony Passaro, Tim Kirk, Claudette Hartley, Diane McGinley, 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

Ida Medearis
Heromina Lojko

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – September 9th

Weekday

MONDAY – September 10th

Weekday

-Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - September 11th

Weekday

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – September 12th

Weekday

-NO Exercise Class

-Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – September 13th

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Martyr

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

-Baptism Meeting-Rectory at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – September 14th

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

-Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

SATURDAY – September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

-CYO Basketball Registration-Parish Hall from 10 to 11:30am

-Baptism-Church at 1:00pm

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

**BREAD AND WINE**

Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given in **loving memory of:**

Sr. Mary Mark Lowery, IHM

by

Eileen Simko

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.**

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

Dear Parishioners;

Most of Jesus' ministry took place in areas wherein people already believed in One God, the God of Israel. Today and next week we will journey with Jesus and His disciples into territories where the gods of the ancient pagan world were prevalent. The city of Tyre would be in modern Lebanon and had a mixed population. The Decapolis (in Greek it means "ten cities") was a collection of small, usually Greek or Latin speaking communities, that were scattered throughout what is now the southern part of modern Syria and the western edge of what is now The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. In fact the Jordanian capital, Amman, was one of the cities of the Decapolis.

Despite the surroundings, Jesus' reputation seems to have preceded Him. With the expectation of a miraculous cure, people bring him a deaf man with a speech impediment. Until very recently the two often went hand in hand. To a great degree, speech is based on hearing. First we hear our parents and then we try to imitate their sounds and then eventually connect those sounds with certain concepts. With the amazing development of the modern hearing aids and devices such as cochlea implants, many deaf folks are no longer as isolated as they were in the past.

Mark, the author of today's Gospel citation, used the handicap of this nameless man to indicate the condition of the spiritual life of Jesus' audience. Perhaps, because of this, Jesus uses several ritualistic actions in curing this man. Usually He did so more simply. He places his finger in the man's ears, and spitting touched his tongue (spittle in ancient times was thought to have had therapeutic value). He groans and cries out "Ephphatha" ("Be opened"). Mark is the author of the earliest Gospel, and he was so impressed that he maintains the original Aramaic term that Jesus employed. The man is cured and now he can hear the Gospel and proclaim it. This is also the result among the onlookers, many of whom would have worshipped the local pagan gods. Reminiscent of the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, they exclaim: "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak". Even though Jesus reproves them for it, word spreads rapidly.

All of Jesus' miracles were performed primarily to give people a fuller share of life - they point toward the fullness of life that God desires for all of us. It was not Jesus' desire simply to be known as a "wonder-worker" though certainly His reputation for miracles spread. He wanted people to hear His word and then proclaim it mostly in their own words and actions. This brings us to the second reading authored by Saint James.

James is an extremely practical man. He insists on the practice of faith. Yet in his own faith community he has discerned discrimination based on wealth and status. He reminds his readers (and us); "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom that He promised those who love Him?" In other words, God makes no distinctions based on class, background or social status. All are called by Him through Jesus. James' fundamental message is that God shows no impartiality. He made us all in His image and likeness and therefore the Christian community should have no room for favoritism based on status or wealth.

The crowd around Jesus in today's Gospel commented that "He has done all things well." When we end our travels here, no higher compliment could be paid to any of us than that people were able to say of us that he or she in imitation of Christ has done all things well.

Monsignor McGuirl

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**K-7th Grade Registration for Newcomers**

Our Lady of Mercy Religious Ed will be holding registration for newcomers from **2:00pm – 6:00pm** on:

WED., Sept. 5th; THURS., Sept. 6th; & TUES., Sept. 11th

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

Fees are \$150 for one child, \$225 for two children and \$275 for three children or more.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate at the time of registration.

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:

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

(Mr. and Mrs. Powell are Co-Directors of the parish Religious Education Program)

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

ATTENTION PLEASE!**Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors**

Unfortunately, we are frequently finding ourselves at Mass with a lack of Ministers, Lectors, and Servers.

If You Are Now Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors:

- First, please enter your name on the schedule sheets, in the vestibule of the Church, for any open dates that you can cover.
- Second, and **probably most important, whatever Mass that you attend, please stop into the Sacristy** to ask if your particular services are needed for that Mass.

If you **wish to become a Eucharistic Minister or Lector**, a training course will be given sometime in October. If interested please leave your name & telephone number at the Rectory & we will call you in September

Altar Servers: Whatever Mass that you attend, **ALWAYS** go to the Sacristy to serve. There is no limit on the number of altar Servers who may serve at a Mass.

If we all work together, there should never be a Mass lacking Ministers, Lectors, or Servers. Thank You!

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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| September 12, 2018 | Divine Mercy Cenacle | 6:30pm |
| September 19, 2018 | Exposition of Blessed Sacrament | 7:00 pm |
| | Divine Mercy Chaplet | 7:30pm & Benediction - 8:00 pm |
| September 26, 2018 | Divine Mercy Cenacle | 6:30pm |

**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).

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Pantry could use some help in replenishing supplies. 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, soaps, shampoos, and any other personal hygiene and non-perishable food items.

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.

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.**

Please Note: Classes will resume on September 26th.

**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.



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.
- **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.
- **Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home** (42-41 201 St. in Bayside) is seeking a **part-time Activity Leaders**, Monday through Friday; no experience necessary; good verbal/writing, interpersonal skills to work with senior population; **Reliability a must**. For further info call Marilyn Gindi at 718-971-2708.
- **Bridge to Life, Inc.** (www.thebridgetolife.org) is seeking dedicated & ambitious **applicant for PT Admin. Asst. position**. Requirements: Exp. in office procedures; MS Office; database mgt.; social media campaigns; type 50 WPM; bilingual in Spanish a plus. Please email your resume to cblack@thebridgetolife.org or call 718-463-1810.
- **ENGLISH CLASSES** will be offered at **Queen of Angels Church** (44-04 Skilman Ave., Sunnyside). Classes begin on Sept. 22nd at 2PM and Sept. 25th at 4PM. Registration is on Sept. 16th from 10:AM to 1:30PM and the registration fee is \$50. For more info, call 718-392-0011 or 347-684-0093

CYO SPORTS NEWS

As previously announced, players from OLM and OLQM will compete as one team during the **2018-19 CYO** basketball season. Registration is available for girls and boys in the 2nd and 3rd grades, and boys only in the 5th and 8th grades. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Registration is scheduled as follows:

September 15th (10:00 to 11:30 AM)-Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall

Previous and new coaches are requested to register on these dates.

If additional information is required, please contact Richie Allen at 212-596-9295 or Richard.allen@ropesgray.com

Tryouts for **CYO TRI-M Girls' Swim Team** program will be held on Thurs. Sept. 13, 5-7pm at the Community House Pool, 15 Borage Pl., Forest Hills. Girls ages 5-14 years old, who can swim the length of a 25-yard pool, at least freestyle, in good form, may tryout. We are also registering candidates for the Pre-Team. Bring your swimsuit, goggles, and towel. No prior swim team experience necessary. We accept swimmers of all religious affiliation as well as non-parochial students. Swimmers must reside in or have connections to schools in the neighborhoods surrounding Our Lady of Mercy or Our Lady Queens of Martyrs in Forest Hills (i.e., Rego Park, Middle Village, Glendale, Ridgewood, Elmhurst, Kew Gardens, Briarwood, Woodhaven, and Richmond Hill). If parking, please obtain a parking permit from the front desk, to display on your dashboard. Contact Mary Leong, Head Coach at [\(718\) 793-4082](tel:7187934082) for more information

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 the everyone.
- **Resurrection Ascension Church** will offer **FREE ENGLISH CLASSES**, including beginners, starting September 11th from 6-8 PM. Call the Rectory office at 718-424-5212
- **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

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!

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!

