

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 10th
 8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua & BiFalco & DiCapua Families
 5:00 PM Ann T. Kelly (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday November 11th
 8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Mara & Butler Families
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Haydee Tosi & Johannah Van Nostrand
 5:00 PM Ed Chocko

Monday November 12th
 8:30 AM Vera Farrell
 12:00 PM Joan Sauro

Tuesday November 13th
 8:30 AM All Souls Novena
 12:00 PM Michael Albert

Wednesday November 14th
 8:30 AM Alice Golden
 12:00 PM All Souls Novena

Thursday November 15th
 8:30 AM Leonard Quigley
 12:00 PM Daniel Cahill

Friday November 16th
 8:30 AM Valerie Scott Pearson
 12:00 PM Raymond Medina

Saturday November 17th
 8:30 AM Bolivar & Robert Almeida
 5:00 PM Serafina P. Sauro

Sunday November 18th
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Mary McTighe
 5:00 PM Angela & Vincenzo DiGraci and
 Deceased Members of the DiGraci Family



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, Cathie Greulich, Gabriel Manno-Providence, Ann Dauria, Jimmy Murphy, Mary Sheehan, John Murphy, Mary Albert, Maureen Remsen, Elaine LeCrann, Richard Eisenzopf, James Bast, Tony Passaro, Tim Kirk, Claudette Hartley, Diane McGinley, Charlotte Davis, Norman Feld, David Sakic, Brigitte Smalley, Deacon Dean Dobbins, Marie Janick, Graham McGinley, Joyce Diapoli, Grace Zerbo, 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

Deacon Angel R. Rivera
 Harriet Kissel

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – November 11th
Thirty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
 -Children’s Liturgy-10:00am Mass

MONDAY – November 12th
Saint Josephat, Bishop and Martyr
 -All Buildings & Offices Closed

TUESDAY - November 13th
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

WEDNESDAY – November 14th
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 – November 15th
Weekday
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm
 -Baptism Meeting-Rectory at 7:30pm

FRIDAY – November 16th
Weekday

SATURDAY – November 17th
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
 -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.

TABERNACLE LIGHT



Many thanks for this week’s donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**
 Andrew Cariello
 “Happy Birthday”
 by
 Carolyn

Our Apologies

The following was mistakenly omitted from the 11/04 Bulletin.

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week’s donation of Bread & Wine given in honor of:

Bob Babula’s 80th Birthday

by
 Jim & Mary Ellen Freeley
 And

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Donated **In Honor of Bob Babula’s 80th Birthday**
 by
 Annette Dubiel

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of October, 2018:

Isabella Alejandra Vasquez Moreno
 Ethan Francis Stec
 Damien Ronald Eyester
 Guinevere Ann Parpas
 Christos Enrique Hatziantoniou
 Alexis Kathleen Faje
 Alina Rose Reyes



Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel the scribes are in for it once again. Jesus warns his disciples about hankering after positions of honor. He does not prohibit those honors or titles but condemns a pursuit of them. The remark about devouring the houses of widows while reciting lengthy prayers was directed at the scribes in their professional capacity. The scribes were literate: they could read and write at a time when the majority of people, especially the poor, could not. The common people had recourse to the Scribes for legal matters. The scribes knew the law; they could read and thus interpret it. They undoubtedly had a hand in the preparation of wills and marriage contracts. Some may have abused those situations and reimbursed themselves through fraud at the expense of their clients. In the Bible, widows (and orphans) often were symbolic figures for those on the periphery of society. Without the usual family links, they were forced to depend on the charity of others. Typically they held a special place in Jesus affection. The scribes are condemned for desiring honor and privilege but also for taking advantage of the most vulnerable members of their society.

The other scene in today's Gospel pictures Jesus and some of His followers sitting in one of the temple courtyards. They were seated near the treasury boxes that were placed throughout the forecourts of the temple. Jewish worship at that time did not provide for "collections" as we think of them, so these boxes and a public tax provided the upkeep for the temple and its staff. Jesus compares the contributions of the wealthy with those of a poor widow. The wealthy made large contributions from their surplus. The poor widow makes a contribution of a few small coins from the little she has. Her small gift is more valuable to her than the large gift of the wealthy.

The Gospel does not intend to debate whether or not the poor widow made a wise decision by contributing all that she had. Rather this Gospel is read in the context of the first reading from the Old Testament Book of First Kings. Here a poor widow in the non-Israelite coastal town of Zarephath provides food for Prophet Elijah. The widow recognizes that after this small meal, there will be nothing left for herself, her son and for the prophet. Because of her generosity, the God of Israel, speaking through Elijah, assures her that even in a time of drought: "the jar of flour shall not go empty nor the jug of oil run dry until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth". In other words, her generosity will be repaid many times over.

The message of the Gospel appears to be twofold. The size of the gift is less important than the size of the giver's heart. A poor person may only be able to give a small amount; yet that gift may be much more valuable than that of a wealthy person, who has money to spare and thus can make a far larger contribution. Similarly people like the poor widow deserve our assistance and should not be subjected to fraud or mistreatment particularly at the hands of those they trust.

The readings provide the opportunity to make corrections to several common but incorrect notions. Funds for the support of the ancient Jerusalem temple came from below, from the people who went there to worship God. The flow of funds was from below, not in the other direction. It is not too much different now. Even in the secular world, the government depends on the taxes of the people in order to operate.

The Church is very similar. Funds flow from the bottom up. The Diocese, and beyond it the Vatican rely on the gifts of the faithful for charity and various services. Naively, you still hear people say: "why don't they sell all that art work in Vatican City State (and perhaps by extension all the major cathedrals and churches)?" Even if that were to happen, do we really think that the Church in the United States is on the top of the receiving line? We have thousands of missions in countries faced with dire poverty. They would have a much greater claim to assistance. No matter how much money was raised by such a fictitious sale, when divided up, there would be very little for every Church entity throughout the world.

Whether or not the Church should have been a patron of the arts can be argued but what is, is. Yet those very same paintings, statues, frescoes, and the sponsorship of various musical geniuses have given the world a door to the transcendent and the divine. Much of that art work now can be viewed freely or for a pittance. If it were in private collections, that would not be the case.

A knowledgeable parishioner commented recently that she thought the Diocese was paying for our new Church steps. Believe me, it is not! You are paying for them through your terrific generosity to the *Generations in Faith* Campaign! That Campaign, was initiated by the Bishop to fund certain key Diocesan programs: the seminary system, the Vocations Office, the care of the elderly and retired clergy but also to provide capital funds for each parish. A goal was set for this parish of \$810,000, which we far exceeded. Our parish pledged over a million dollars. The entire amount over the goal is being returned to us. The process requires that we submit invoices for the work being done and then we receive the required amount from the financial Office of the Diocese. But remember you contributed those funds! The Diocese is not giving us anything that you did not provide in the first place. This will continue until we reach the entire amount of the funds (over the Goal amount).

Finally every parish in New York State is a separate legal corporation. The Board of Directors of each of those parishes consists of the Bishop as President, The Vicar-General as Vice-President, the pastor as Secretary/Treasurer, and two lay trustees named by the pastor. Presently the trustees are James Handing, Esq. and Anibal Sabater, Esq.

I mention this in light of today's readings but also to clear up some commonly held misconceptions. I think that it is important for our parishioners to be aware of these things.

Yours in Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

Dear Our Lady of Mercy Parish

I want to thank all of you for supporting me in the "Out of Darkness" walk last weekend. As you know I was walking in honor of my daughter Jillian who we lost a year and a half ago, and not a day goes by that I don't think of her. This walk benefits The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and I know that they do a lot for kids on the High School level, especially kids dealing with stress, anxiety, or even depression. At the end of the weekend they had raised over \$400,000, and OLM contributed over 1,000. Dollars in sponsoring me. Once again, on behalf of my wife Kathy, and the whole Lambert family I want to thank you for your generous support and prayers.

God Bless, Tom Lambert

REFRESHING OUR PRAYER LISTS

Since our lists of the sick and Armed Forces that we pray for have not been updated for quite some time, we are asking for your assistance. Beginning with the bulletin of **December 2nd** both lists will be revised. Please notify us at the rectory, 718-268-6143, of any names that you would like included. It is important for us, as a community to join in prayer for those who are ill as well as those who serve our country. Thank you for your assistance

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.**

ALERT! CHRISTMAS IS COMING

We know that it is early, but we like to be prepared to help Santa out! As usual, he will be making some "special deliveries" during the season to those who are homebound. So, we are asking for your help with gathering information. If you know of a neighbor or friend who is homebound and could use a little cheering up, please inform the Rectory office of their name and address. Thank you for your help!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Gospel According to Puppets! The puppets are teaching the Gospel at the Children's Liturgy in the Parish Hall during the 10 AM Mass. This age-appropriate version of the readings and Gospel is geared toward children up to fourth grade and parents are welcome. Noisy and wiggly kids particularly welcome. Children's Liturgy is scheduled for the following dates: 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16.

The Puppets Need Helpers

Children's Liturgy relies on adult volunteers to bring the Word to our parish's children, and teen volunteers to bring the Puppets to life. No previous experience is required. Activity and coloring sheets are provided for adults to use with the kids. VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children training is a requirement for adults. Teens can earn service hours. For more details, or to help, please email chrischildrensliturgy@gmail.com. Thank you!

BRING OPERA TO THE PARTY SAT. NOV. 17, 2018 @ 7:30PM OLM PARISH HALL-ONLY \$20

For its sixth production, Golden Rose Opera hosts a real party where audience is seated at tables with friends, family and beautiful young opera singers enjoying complimentary wine and refreshments. They are transported to Paris in La Traviata at a fateful swirling salon soiree' and then to Vienna and its' waltzes in Die Fledermaus at a madcap, decadent champagne party. Experience parties and opera up close like you have never seen and heard before! (And PS, there will be BIRTHDAY CAKE for a certain benevolent Monsignor). Please see TICKET FLYERS in and around the church or call Helen Van Tine-Golden ,718-793-2033 for additional information

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Pantry is seriously bare!! We need food to restock 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.



Remember! The Holidays are approaching very fast!! Think "Holiday Fixins"!!... Boxed stuffing, and mashed potatoes, or pasta, Jiffy muffin mix, coffee, tea, hot chocolate canned veggies, cranberry sauce, yams, soup, gravy, pineapple, apple sauce and juice, or monetary donations.

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

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**

OLMCA NEWS

Please help support our Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy by bringing in your Box Tops! Box Tops are easy to find—you may already have them around your house! Each Box Top is worth 10 cents—Bonus Box Tops can be worth even more! Please see the attached list of participating brands and products. Just clip the little Box Tops, and have your child submit them to his or her teacher. This year, you may use the collection sheets to submit Box Tops, for easier counting by the Coordinators.



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.
- **You Can Help Heal Your Marriage** Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, please call 1-800-470-2230
- **Molloy College** will host a **Fall Open House**, on Sunday, 11/11/2018 at 1:00pm, at the College in Rockville Centre (516-323-4000)
- **OZANAM HALL** of Queens Nursing Home, 42-41 201st Street, Bayside, **seeks part-time Activity Leaders**, no experience necessary; good verbal/writing, interpersonal skills to work with senior population, **Reliability** a must! If interested call: Marilyn Gindi at 718-971-2708

THE DEANERY CORNER

- Our Lady of Hope, Middle Village, will hold a Senior Retreat Day on Nov.17 from 9:30am - Noon in the school cafeteria. Sr. Patricia Anglin, OP, will talk about what it means to be faithful Catholics
- Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 2-hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Glendale, on **Saturday, Dec.8th at 10 am after the 8:30 am Mass**. Come and encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. For more information, call Tom Stalzer at 347 432 6242 or the Parish Office at 718-821-6434.
- **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 OLMQ rectory at 718-268-6251 if interested in attending or more info, email ymizelle@nyc.rr.com. Remaining meetings for this year are scheduled for Nov.19, & Dec.3 & 17.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

November 14, 2018	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
November 21, 2018	No Activity	
November 28, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm

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.**

RCIA INVITATION

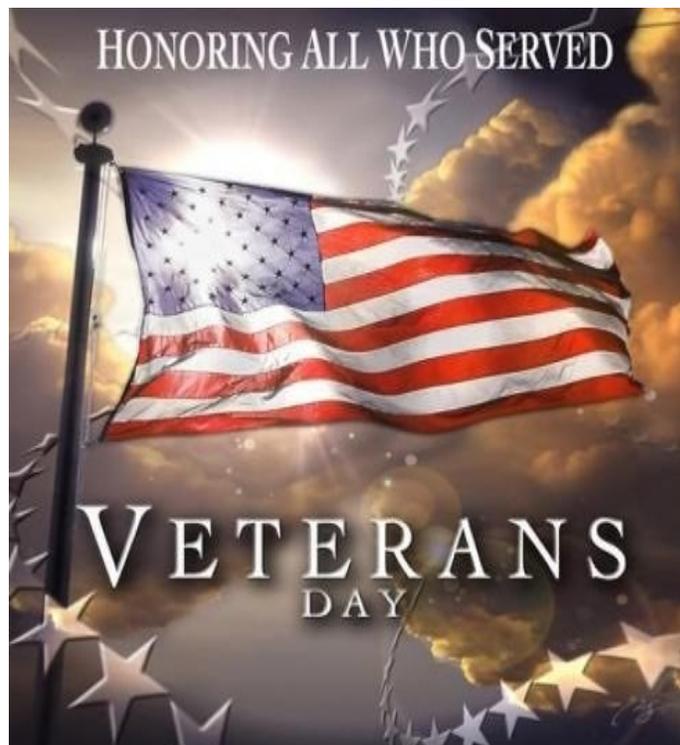
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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.

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!



*MAY GOD BLESS
OUR VETERANS!*