

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday February 9th**  
 8:30 AM Sister Elizabeth O'Neill, C.S.J.  
 5:00 PM Jean Hoffman

**Sunday February 10th**  
 8:30 AM Margaret Rahfield  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Joseph Mauro  
 5:00 PM Sally Conlon

**Monday February 11th**  
 8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua & DiCapua & BiFalco Families  
 12:00 PM Robert G. Malm

**Tuesday February 12th**  
 8:30 AM \_\_\_\_\_  
 12:00 PM Margaret M. Lewis

**Wednesday February 13th**  
 8:30 AM Theresa Frazer  
 12:00 PM Helen Petti

**Thursday February 14th**  
 8:30 AM Leonard Quigley & William Kirby  
 12:00 PM Casaccio, Chocko, & Link Families

**Friday February 15th**  
 8:30 AM Francis Morison  
 12:00 PM Valeria Tolentino

**Saturday February 16th**  
 8:30 AM Sister Elizabeth O'Neill, C.S.J.  
 5:00 PM William Walters

**Sunday February 17th**  
 8:30 AM Joseph Edward Waldron, Jr.  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Jean Hoffman  
 5:00 PM Olga Ruiz



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Robert & Mary Tardona, Alice Coleman, Isabel Azzaro, Richard Eisenzopf, Bonnie Nisson, Rebecca Mintz, Lewis Stein, Peter Fulchiron, Diane McGinley, Graham McGinley, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Stan Spence, John Karkheck, Jack Fruhling, Januz Miedoej, Anthony Mendola, Peggy Racanelli, Adam Martini, Joan Minischetti, Jean Striffler, Frances Galson, Irma Early, Loretta Brogna, 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**

Vincenza Tommaso  
 Vincent A. Keane

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – February 10th**  
*Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time*  
 -Children's Liturgy-10:00am Mass

**MONDAY – February 11th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm  
 -F.H. Civic Association Meeting-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - February 12th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY – February 13th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30  
 -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 – February 14th**  
*Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop*  
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm  
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm  
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm  
 -Baptism Meeting-Rectory at 7:30pm

**FRIDAY – February 15th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm & 6:00pm

**SATURDAY – February 16th**  
*Weekday*  
 -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:**

**Jack Bernardone**  
 by  
 Mary Bernardone & Family

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**

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Dear Parishioners,

Recently the New York State Legislature passed and Governor Cuomo signed into law the Reproductive Health Act, which legalizes abortion in New York State almost until natural birth and withdraws protection from a child who survives a "botched" abortion. The Governor signed this legislature into law and even had state owned properties ablaze for this "victory for all New Yorkers". It certainly was not a victory for unborn New Yorkers! Perhaps some people of good will might argue that in the earlier weeks of a pregnancy a sentient human being is not yet present (the Church teaches that from the first moment of conception, new human life is present and deserves protection); however, there certainly can be no question nor dispute after the second trimester that a full human being is present. With proper medical assistance such a child can be born and survive at this stage in his/her development.

How any sensitive human being can rejoice in the grim, bloody and horrid extermination of the most helpless members of our own species - a creature made in the image and likeness of God - boggles the mind. While the Church and State must do everything to assist a woman in a difficult or perhaps even unplanned pregnancy, this cannot include what essentially is murder. Most of us were once New Yorkers in the womb and thankfully, despite any problems or difficulties, our mothers gave us the chance to live.

This latest assault on life reinforces a sense that our society is on an accelerated downward spiral. Yet as one sign of hope, two of our local legislators did not vote along party lines but rather voted according to the dictates of their consciences. Brooklyn Senator Simcha Felder, an Orthodox Jew, and our own Queens State Senator, Joseph Addabbo, who is a Catholic, voted against the bill. Both defied the leadership of their party into order to vote their conscience. They must be praised for their conviction and courage! cf. The editorial article by Jorge I. Dominquez-Lopez in *The Tablet* issue of February 2nd, 2019.

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Midnight Run

The college seminarians at Cathedral Seminary House of Formation in Douglaston, Queens, are collecting clothing items for the "Midnight Run". The "Midnight Run" is a program involving college students in the tri-State area. The students collect winter clothing and then in "Midnight Runs" (by car) they distribute the clothing to needy street people especially in Manhattan during the bitterly cold winter months.

For these seminarians it is also part of their priestly formation. They will conduct their "run" to Manhattan on February 19th. They are following Our Lord's mandate in Matthew's Gospel: "Amen, amen, I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did for Me!" (Matthew 25:40)

Items needed are winter coats, sweatpants, winter grade gloves (fresh or slightly used) and socks (fresh only). For more information, please Email Mr. Paul Pleho at: [paul.pleho@cathedralseminary.org](mailto:paul.pleho@cathedralseminary.org).

(Normally we do not receive clothes here since we have no way of storing them but as a temporary measure until February 15th, the above mentioned articles may be left in the Church vestibule and the seminarians will pick them up. **Please do not leaves clothes there after Friday, February 15th.**)

Thank you for generosity,

Mr. Paul Pleho and the Seminarians at the Cathedral House of Formation, Douglaston.

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Lunar New Year

Many of our parishioners from Asian backgrounds celebrated the traditional Lunar New Year last week. Each lunar New Year usually has an animal title. This is the Year of the Pig, so we wish all those who celebrated a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Monsignor McGuirl

**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.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

On January 31st, the New York Blood Center announced an emergency appeal for blood donors due to the impact of extremely cold winter weather/snow and the large outbreak of flu in our area. Blood donor participation in donor centers and at community blood drives has not kept pace with the needs of patients in the hospitals that they serve and their inventory has dropped significantly in the last few weeks. Like a perfect storm, these factors combined result in an urgent appeal for blood donors.

The Blood Center's inventory of types O- and B- is especially critical as is the platelet supply. The Center typically aims to keep a six to seven day blood supply. The current levels are at the three to four day mark. Each storm further reduces the region's blood supply. With blood levels at critical lows, the Center is urging everyone who can to take an hour to donate one unit to save one life in the coming weeks.

Our Lady of Mercy will be sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, February 24th from 8:15 AM to 2:45 PM in the Parish Hall.

**Please come and donate the gift of life.**

Call the rectory at 718-268-6143 to make an appointment to donate or to obtain further information. Thank you.

**DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

February 13, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
February 20, 2019	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet-7:30pm	Benediction-8:00pm
February 27, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm



**COME TO THE BALL**  
**OLM's Venetian Carnivale Style**  
**Masquerade Ball**  
**on 3/2/2019**

Tickets are \$55 and the festivities, which include dancing, dinner, and wine (you may BYOB if you wish), begin at 8:00pm. Please dress formally, with beautiful gowns for the ladies and mysterious, intriguing **masks for all**. Trying to identify the people behind the masks will add to the fun.



**THIRD ANNUAL ST. PATRICK AND**  
**ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY PARTY**  
**SAT. MARCH 16, 2019, 6-10 PM,**



Drink, dine and dance to celebrate two great Saints for \$50 per person, right after the Saturday 5 PM Mass. Wine and Monsignor McGuirl's famous Irish Soda bread included. Advance tickets required. General seating with 10 per table. Reserved table under one name for parties of 10 only with payment. Check or cash to Rectory by **Sunday, 3/10/18**. See insert and posters for additional info or call/email Rectory at 718-268-6143/[office@mercyhills.org](mailto:office@mercyhills.org)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**The Gospel According to Puppets!** The puppets will teach the Gospel at the Children's Liturgy 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: 2/10, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31.**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

**We always 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, paper towels, bathroom tissue, soaps, shampoos, and any other personal hygiene and non-perishable food items.

**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

**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. Classes will resume on 2/6/2019.**

**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 always Monday evenings 7-9 p.m. in the rectory. Scheduled meeting dates this winter are Feb. 4 and Mar. 4 & 18. If interested in attending, please call the rectory or for questions, please email the group's facilitator, Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle, at ymizelle@nyc.rr.com.
- **FREE Spanish Classes.** Saturdays at 3 p.m. at Resurrection Ascension Church (85-25 61 Rd, Rego Park). Call the RA rectory: 718-424-5212.
- **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish**, has invited all parishes for a **listening session concerning the sexual abuse crisis in our Church.** The session will be on Tuesday, February 19th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs' Academy Auditorium. The session will give us an opportunity to learn about and discuss this issue, hear what the Church has done and is doing for survivors of sexual abuse, and learn about what the Church has been doing to keep our children and youth safe. Two representatives from the Diocese of Brooklyn will join us to help: Jasmine Salazar, LMSW Assistance Coordinator for Victims' Ministry and Mary Ellen Quinn, Coordinator of the Office of Safe Environment. Kindly enter the auditorium by the parking lot doors (the parking lot entrance is on 72nd Road between Austin Street and Queens Boulevard)

# Community News

- **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.
- **DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE** will be given in St. Margaret Catholic Academy Library on SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd from 9:00am to 3:30pm THE COST: \$45.00 per person
- **Pray for me, Diocese of Brooklyn** is a new initiative where you can submit your prayer requests and pray for each others' intentions, in partnership with the Sister Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara in Borough Park, Brooklyn. To submit your prayer requests, go to [www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/prayforme](http://www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/prayforme).
- **FREE Screenings** at St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center (152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing). The center will also offer hearing aid help from February 4 to May 6 as a free service. Please call 718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment.
- **Parkside Players** will present *It's Only A Play*, by Terrence McNally, at Grace Lutheran Church (103-15 Union Tnpk., Forest Hills). Performances will be from 2/16 thru 3/2. For more info call 718-353-7388/516-520-9474 or see [//parksideplayers.com](http://parksideplayers.com).

**WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please remember to **mark the amount of your offering 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

**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!

**ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES OF BROOKLYN GIVES BACK**

Our Lady of Mercy will share in the profits. For each **donated car, truck or van, running or not**, The Associated Vincentian Charities 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. Thank you for your participation, and please continue to spread the word. Call **(718) 491-2525** or [svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org)

*Faith*  
in GOD  
changes  
everything