

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 2nd
 8:30 AM Rafael Perez
 5:00 PM Peter Cantalupo

Sunday March 3rd
 8:30 AM Joseph Kostolansky
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Florence Simko
 5:00 PM Sally Conlon

Monday March 4th
 8:30 AM _____
 12:00 PM Santo & Evelina Angotti

Tuesday March 5th
 8:30 AM _____
 12:00 PM Daisy Lucy Barbosa

Wednesday March 6th
 8:30 AM Leonard Quigley & William Kirby
 10:00 AM OLMCA Mass
 12:00 PM Mario Fragapane & Mamie Stramera
 3:00 PM Service
 7:30 PM Service

Thursday March 7th
 8:30 AM Victor Lamarque
 12:00 PM Michael Albert

Friday March 8th
 8:30 AM Robert Casaccio
 12:00 PM In Honor of Saint Joseph

Saturday March 9th
 8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Sommero Family
 5:00 PM William Walters

Sunday March 10th
 8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua & DiCapua & BiFalco Families
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Jack Bernardone
 5:00 PM George Van Nostrand, Sr.



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, Frances Galson, Irma Early, Loretta Brogna, Joseph Hennessy, Nicolina LoRusso, Michael Simo, Sr. Pat Jamison, CND, Carol Flaherty, the Scaturro Family, 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

Florencia Amoah
 Barbara Bartnikowska

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – March 3rd
Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time
 -Children’s Liturgy-10:00am Mass

MONDAY – March 4th
Weekday
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - March 5th
Weekday
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – March 6th
Ash Wednesday
Blessed ashes will be distributed after the homily at each Mass and at the Prayer Services at 3:00pm & 7:30pm
 -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

THURSDAY – March 7th
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – March 8th
Friday after Ash Wednesday
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

SATURDAY – March 9th
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
 -Ministry Fair-Parish Hall after 5:00pm Mass

PLEASE NOTE: Packets of Ashes will be available, on Ash Wednesday, in the Sacristy & Rectory. Please take one if you know a homebound parishioner who would like to receive Ashes.

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:**
Joan Sauro
 by
 Frank Sauro

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week’s donation of the Tabernacle Light given:
In Thanksgiving
 by
 Mark, Celia, Nicole, & Dylan Kelly



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.

Dear Parishioners;

It seems like the Christmas season just passed us but on March 6th, we begin Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. For your convenience, I am using this space this week to outline the Lenten regulations

Abstinence - As a sign of penitence, all the faithful who have reached their fourteenth (14th) birthday are required to abstain totally from meat and meat products on Ash Wednesday (March 6th) , Good Friday (April 19th) and all the Fridays of Lent

Fasting - All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday (March 6th) and Good Friday (April 19th). Fasting involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day.

Easter Duty - While most active Catholics receive the Eucharist multiple times throughout the year, there was a time not long ago, when even the most devout Catholics refrained from receiving Holy Communion regularly because of a fear of unworthiness. The Sacrament would not be received unless beforehand one had the opportunity to go to auricular Confession. While that tradition is no longer the common practice of the Church, the requirement to receive Communion at least once a year and during the Easter season still prevails. The Easter season is considered to be from the First Sunday of Lent (March 10th) to the celebration of Pentecost (June 9th).

Reconciliation Monday - The Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens will celebrate Reconciliation Monday, April 15th, which is the Monday of Holy Week. On that day there will be more generous provisions for all the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Penance. The times will appear in the bulletin as the day grows closer. The regular time for Confessions in this parish is 4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. on Saturdays or by private appointment. Reconciliation Monday offers us a greater opportunity to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Penance. After the reception of First Communion, all of us have the serious obligation to confess grave (mortal) sins at least once a year.

Services on Ash Wednesday at Our Lady of Mercy Church

Ashes will be distributed at all of these Masses and services

8:30A.M. Mass (ashes distributed after the Gospel)

10:00 A.M. Mass (ashes distributed after the Gospel)

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy will attend but all are welcome

12:00 Noon Mass (ashes will be distributed after the Gospel)

3:00P.M Service (no Mass) (ashes distributed during the service)

Children in the Religious Education program will attend but all are welcome

7:30 P.M. Service (no Mass) (ashes distributed during the service)

Packets of blessed ashes and a short prayer will be available in the sacristy of the Church and at the rectory for you to take to the homebound or infirm.

A Blessed Lent,
Monsignor McGuirl

BLOOD DRIVE FOLLOWUP

Please accept our sincere **THANK YOU** to all those donors who gave their time on Sunday, February 24th to participate in Our Lady of Mercy's Blood Drive. 52 pints of blood were collected. Since 1 pint can benefit 3 patients, through your goodness and self-sacrifice 156 patients received this precious gift of life. The New York Blood Center offers you their gratitude and congratulations for your response to the need for blood during this emergency appeal

We are sorry that at times there were long waits to complete the blood donation process. The New York Blood Center also apologizes that there were delays at times. Unfortunately, due to illness they were short technicians last weekend.

There were several volunteers who assisted throughout the day. Their concerned attention guided the donors through all phases of the donation process. A very special thank you to Mr. Jim Mara, Mr. Jorge Yengle, Mr. Arthur Boduroglu, Ms. Caitlin Murphy and Ms. Pauline Szabados. Your sharing of your time and talent was sincerely appreciated.

OLM MINISTRIES

It takes a village...no, not a village, but Parish members, to make our community vibrant, inclusive, and successful. There is a place for you to make a significant contribution, We know that there is a fit between your talents and parish needs. Do come to the Ministries Fair on Saturday and Sunday, March 9th & 10th. After each Mass, (5:00pm mass on 3/9 & all Masses on 3/10), members of all the OLM ministries will be in the Parish Hall to describe what they do and how you can help. We will be serving refreshments. It does not take long. Just come downstairs, walk around, see what appeals to you and sign up. All are welcomed.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

March 6, 2019	NO ACTIVITY	
March 13, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
March 20, 2019	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet	7:30pm
	Benediction	8:00pm
March 27, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm

EASTER FLOWERS



As we did at Christmas, we are providing an opportunity for families to memorialize a loved one by making a donation of \$150.00 for Easter flowers. Names of all those memorialized will be published in our Bulletin, and flowers will remain on the altar and in Church for at least 3 weeks. Each donation will help us provide flowering plants for our altar and church decor. Help make this Easter magnificent! Arrangements can be made by contacting the Rectory Office at 718-268-6143.

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

OLM JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to join in our 90th Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Holy Land which will take place February 1st thru the 9th, 2020. This journey, following the footsteps of Jesus, should greatly influence the way you read the Bible, the way you live, and the way you understand the Church. Detailed fliers are available at all church entrances.

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 posters for additional info or call/email Rectory at 718-268-6143/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: 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.

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.

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 are 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.
- **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish** (110-06 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills) will be hosting the 8th Annual Taste of the World Food Festival on Sunday, March 10 from 2:30PM to 5PM. The event will be held in McLaughlin Hall (the auditorium in the adjacent school building; entrance at back of parking lot on 72nd Rd. off Austin St. The cost will be 25 in advance, \$30 at the door the day of the event. Admission price includes samplings of foods and desserts from popular restaurants in Forest Hills and the neighboring communities. To purchase event tickets, call the OLMQ rectory (718-268-6251) during business hours (9-8 M-Th, 9-5 F, 10-2 Sat).
- There will be an **Anointing of the Sick Mass at Our Lady of Hope** in Middle Village on March 23rd at 1:00pm. After the Mass, the Senior Goal Group of OLH will provide some light refreshments in the cafeteria.

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.
- **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.
- **"Doorways to Prayer"**, a day of reflection for young women seeking to deepen their faith and discern God's call, will be sponsored by the Daughters of Wisdom (an International congregation of Sisters serving in twenty countries). It will take place on March 2nd, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, at the Montfort Mission House (101-18 104th St., Ozone Park). For info or to register, call Sr. Bernadette Sassone, DW at 631-470-4896 or cell 347-567-3997
- **Maggie's Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish Hall** in Middle Village will present the Broadway comedy "Noises Off" beginning on March 16th. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and children under 12. For more inf and to reserve tickets visit www.maggieslittletheater.org or call 917-579-5389.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We have been notified that the following parishioners (previous OLM students) have earned Honor Roll status for the last marking period of the current school year:

At Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School: Megan Heerey and Stephen Heerey.

A St. John's Preparatory School: Kimberly Kapliani, Ann Torres, Matthew Sy, and Omar Terzioglu.

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

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 **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

