

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 16th
8:30 AM	Ellen Ranieri
5:00 PM	Alma Ferrato
Sunday	March 17th
8:30 AM	Nellie & Maurice Rooney
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Grace Aumuller
5:00 PM	Luis & Remedios DelMundo
Monday	March 18th
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Jimmy & Jenny Mauro
Tuesday	March 19th
8:30 AM	Michael Minischetti
12:00 PM	Ignatius Sevcik
Wednesday	March 20th
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Marie Shookster
Thursday	March 21st
8:30 AM	Adelina Agostinelli
12:00 PM	_____
Friday	March 22nd
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
12:00 PM	Giuseppe Agostinelli
Saturday	March 23rd
8:30 AM	_____
5:00 PM	Giancarlo A. Mayor, Ruben Mayor, and Graciela Dominguez
Sunday	March 24th
8:30 AM	George Stahl
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Rose Marie Tinschert
5:00 PM	Maria Genna

**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, 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

Bishop Rene Valero
Keith Finer

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – March 17th**

Second Sunday of Lent

-Children's Liturgy-10:00am Mass

MONDAY – March 18th

Lenten Weekday

-Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - March 19th

Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – March 20th

Lenten 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-Church at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – March 21st

Lenten Weekday

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm

-CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:00pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – March 22nd

Lenten Weekday

-Stations of The Cross-Church at 9:00am

SATURDAY – March 23rd

Lenten Weekday

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:

Rose Marie Tinschert

by

Anita Bernhardt

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

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Dear Parishioners,

What to do for Lent? As a penitential discipline, many of us attempt to "give up" something, usually something that we would do better without! Beyond that, it is often hard to determine some meaningful Lenten exercise. Certainly fixing a definite time of the day for prayer is commendable. Prayer is conversation with God: when we pray privately we can use the formal prayers of the Church or our own words, or even moments of undistracted silence. God often speaks in whispers in the silence of our minds and hearts.

We might consider being more generous with some group that we really feel accomplishes a great deal of good for people in need. More personally we might consider giving something to the disabled veteran begging in Penn Station or the person begging at the clogged exit ramps of our City highways. Rather than "giving up" something, give something.

Last Monday, Our Lady of Mercy hosted our bimonthly Deanery Meeting. The main presentation was made by the NYC Police Department about organizational responses to unforeseen terrorist attacks. The police in the Shield Task Force as well as the local community affairs officers were present at the invitation of Bishop Paul Sanchez, the pastor of Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish.

At the end of the meeting, Bishop Sanchez indicated another area of giving especially appropriate now in New York State. The Bishop suggested that we give our voices to those who have no voice, the most vulnerable members of our community. For your consideration I have included a memorandum that Bishop Sanchez prepared.

The Right To Vote And Make our Voices Heard

A Word From Bishop Sanchez

Recent events have reminded us of the privilege we have of participating in the electoral process and exercising our right to vote. Many people are rightfully upset about the expansion of abortion rights made possible by the passage in New York State of the Reproductive Health Act

Only five legislators from Brooklyn and Queens voted against the act: Senators Joseph Addabbo and Simcha Felder, and Assemblypersons Nicole Malliotakis, Simcha Eichenstein, and William Colton. Our local elected officials, Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi and Senator Toby Stavinsky, voted in favor of what has been termed a malicious act.

The Bishop encourages us to participate in our democratic process in the following ways:

1. Write to Governor Andrew Cuomo and your local State senator and assemblyperson who voted for the legislation, in these or similar words:

I am disappointed that you voted in favor of the recent Reproductive Health Act. The Act expands abortion in New York State, removes legal protection for babies who survive abortion, and decriminalizes acts of violence that intentionally target an unborn child. I call upon you to repeal this law in its entirety.
(Sign your name.)

2. Please also write to thank Senator Addabbo and Assemblyperson Malliotakis for voting against the act.

3. Sign up Online at the Catholic Action Network (CAN)* - www.NYSCatholic.org - to receive notices and letters you can mail automatically to your legislators and the governor. CAN will provide you with the names and addresses of your elected official based on your own address.

4. Register and vote in elections, even the primaries. (In New York City and State, the primaries almost determine many elections. The recent elections for a City ombudsman were poorly attended in our area and the winner succeeded with a very tiny proportion of the electorate.)

We encourage you to make your voice heard. May God continue to bless you.

Bishop Paul Sanchez (The section in parenthesis - Msgr. McGuirl)

*The Catholic Action Network (CAN) is an arm of the New York State Catholic Conference

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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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.

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.

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.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who made the Ministry Fair a big success! In addition to those who worked tirelessly creating beautiful and informative displays for their tables, a special thanks to Tom & Jason for setting up the Parish Hall to accommodate over 24 ministries. We appreciate both Trish and Camille for providing hospitality and the Rectory Staff for planning and support for the event. Ministry booklets are available at the rear of the church. It is never too late to get involved!

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.

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: 3/24, 3/31.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEON

Our Lenten "Soup Luncheon" will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. Together we share a simple meal and express our care for our needier brothers and sisters. This year's guest speaker will be from the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Little Sisters of the Poor are an international congregation of Roman Catholic women religious founded in 1839 by Saint Jeanne Jugan. Together with a diverse network of collaborators, they serve the elderly poor in over 30 countries around the world. Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, their **MISSION** is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to Himself. Proceeds from the Soup Luncheon will benefit these ministries. Through our simple sharing of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we can make Soup Luncheon 2019 a living witness to our care for the larger world. A flyer/sign-up sheet is enclosed. Please return to the rectory by March 20th

HEART TO HEART MINISTRY

For many years, Sister Ave Clark, O.P. has run *The Heart to Heart Ministry* in our Diocese. Sister offers various opportunities for parish retreats, days of recollection, and evenings or afternoons of reflection. Recently her address has changed. If you would like to obtain a copy of Sister's Spring...Summer Brochure...2019, please contact her at:

Sister Ave Clark, O.P.
Heart to Heart Ministry
48-60 Oceania Street
Bayside, NY, 11364.

Sister's telephone number is: 718-428-2471.

Her Email is: Pearlbud7@aol.com and her Website is: anextratablespoonoflove.blogspot.com

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

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.
- 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.
- **Maggie's Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish** (66- 05 79th Place, Middle Village) presents "Noises Off." Performances Saturdays March 16 and 23 @ 8 p.m., Friday March 29 @ 8 p.m., Sundays March 17, 24, 31 @ 2:30 p.m. Tickets online at www.maggieslittletheater.org. \$20 adults, \$18 seniors and children under age 11.

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.
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish** (7201 15th Ave., Brooklyn) will be hosting a once in a lifetime **exposition of Sacred Relics** on March 26th at 7:00pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be at the church with a very special collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000years. For more info please call the Rectory office at 718-236-8300.

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.

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the February, 2019 Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:

1 st Prize: Frank Kenna	\$338.00
2 nd Prize: Robert C. Grant	\$169.00
3 rd Prize: Terry & Mary-Lynne Rifenburg	\$169.00
4 th Prize: Brian Gerdts Jr.	\$85.00
5 th Prize: Carolyn Brandlein	\$85.00

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!

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.**

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

