

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday June 1st**  
 8:30 AM In Thanksgiving of a Special Intention  
 5:00 PM Maja Jedrak

**Sunday June 2nd**  
 8:30 AM Earl Duree (3rd Anniversary)  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM Anne Restaino (100th Birthday)  
 5:00 PM Antonio Napoli & Laura Napoli

**Monday June 3rd**  
 8:30 AM William Hoogsteden  
 12:00 PM Tom & Grace Grande

**Tuesday June 4th**  
 8:30 AM Therese Wolz  
 12:00 PM Anne Restaino (100th Birthday)

**Wednesday June 5th**  
 8:30 AM Anne Restaino  
 12:00 PM Janet Senecal

**Thursday June 6th**  
 8:30 AM Madeline Blanc  
 12:00 PM Theresa & Albert Doremus

**Friday June 7th**  
 8:30 AM Henri-Robert Lamarque  
 12:00 PM Mara/Butler Families

**Saturday June 8th**  
 8:30 AM Hugh McGrane  
 5:00 PM John Peter Wales

**Sunday June 9th**  
 8:30 AM Herman, Joanne, & Katherine Holzknecht  
 10:00 AM Parish Mass  
 12:00 PM John Graham McGinley  
 5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Petito Family



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Robert & Mary Tardona, Alice Coleman, Isabel Azzaro, Richard Eisenzopf, Bonnie Nisson, Rebecca Mintz, Lewis Stein, Diane McGinley, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Stan Spence, John Karkheck, Jack Fruhling, Januz Miedoej, Anthony Mendola, Peggy Racanelli, Adam Martini, Irma Early, Loretta Brogna, Joseph Hennessy, Nicolina LoRusso, Michael Simo, Sr. Pat Jamison, CND, James McWalters, Ann Dauria, Kathy Kudrick, Sean Tierney, Frank Santulli, Alexandra Radziwon, Nicolina LoRusso, Don Feder, and for **all of our parishioners who are currently hospitalized or homebound.**



**PRAY FOR THE ARMED SERVICES**

Major 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**

Msgr. Matthew F. Foley  
 Pablo Molina

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – June 2nd**  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
 -Hospitality for Fr. Gregory's 20th Anniversary-  
 Parish Hall after all Sunday Masses

**MONDAY – June 3rd**  
*St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*  
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

**TUESDAY - June 4th**  
*Easter Weekday*  
 -Bible Study/Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm  
 -OLMCA Spring Concert-Parish Hall at 6:30pm  
 -Cub Scouts-School at 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY – June 5th**  
*St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*  
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30  
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**  
 -Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

**THURSDAY – June 6th**  
*Easter Weekday*

**FRIDAY – June 8th**  
*Easter Weekday*  
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

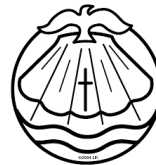
**SATURDAY – June 9th**  
*Easter Weekday*  
 -Fr. Gregory's 20th Anniversary Mass-Church at 5:00pm

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



**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.



**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of May, 2019:  
 Javier Enrique Nussbaum  
 Casey Drew Bowman  
 Justin Jesus Campoverde

Dear Parishioners;

"Father, they are Your gift to Me. I wish that where I am they also may be ..." Jesus' gives us the keystone of Christian belief in this week's Gospel citation. The whole purpose of the Incarnation - of the second Person of the Trinity becoming human - is that God's internal love affair (the Trinity) is now revealed as the mainspring of the universe.

In all of that vast immeasurable creation, God's special affection is reserved for the creature made in His image and likeness. The Divine Love underlies the Incarnation. As St. Augustine put it many centuries ago: "God becomes one with us so that we might be one with Him." God intends to share His eternal life with us. Jesus is the human icon of that Love and those identified with Him are partakers in the divine life. Only we can separate ourselves from the destiny God has planned for us! "And I have given them the glory that You gave me, so that they may be one as We are one, I in them and You in Me that they may be brought to perfection as one..."

The Good News, the Gospel, is that we are called to share in the divine life. Through identification, first by Baptism, and then through our grace-filled words and actions we begin to share life with the one, Who is "... Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelation 22:12-14). Alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The Gospels were written in Greek, which was the common language of the Mediterranean basin in Our Lord's time. Initially every reader would have recognized that just as Alpha and Omega are the beginning and endpoints of the common alphabet, Jesus is the beginning and end of our lives. God called forth all creation through His Word. That Word was there at the very beginning and that Word will be there at the end.

As we conclude our Easter season, our thoughts resonate with the words at the end of our second reading: "Come. Let the one, who thirsts come forward and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water..." Jesus will come again, both at the culmination of all things and also at the end of our own personal journey. Jesus tells us: "Yes, I am coming soon." Our response is: "Amen (so be it - I believe), Come, Lord Jesus!" In Jesus' own language, Aramaic, that phrase was rendered as "Maranatha", which can be translated as a creedal statement: "The Lord has come" or as the prayer imperative, "Come Lord". Both interpretations are equally acceptable and equally true. The Lord has come and He will come again! Meanwhile in this in-between time, we continue His word of proclaiming the Good News - the life-giving message of hope, joy and peace.

In the Risen Christ,  
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The puppets will be on a short hiatus from teaching the Gospel at the Children's Liturgy during the 10 AM Mass until June 16. Children's Liturgy is scheduled for the following dates in June before heading on their summer vacation: **June 16 and 23**

**OLMCA NEWS**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!**

Calling kids entering pre- K through Grade 6 in Sept. 2019 to the "Power Up Vacation Bible School" running Monday June 24 through Friday June 28 , 9AM - 12PM at Our Lady of Mercy Academy. Learning about God's power through building a video game and using crafts and music. \$50/ child and includes breakfast and lunch. See bulletin insert for registration.

**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.

**Important Notice:** Since we **Cannot distribute food that has expired**, Please Check the Expiration Date on the item Before You Donate It. Thank You.

**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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

New Registrations for Fall Classes, for Grades K-7, will be held in the religious education office (basement of the school) on:

Monday, June 3rd, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm

Thursday, June 6th, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Monday, June 10th, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm

**Please bring a copy of you child's Baptismal Certificate.**  
FEES (PAYABLE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION OR BY OCT. 1):  
\$150. one child; \$225. two children; \$275. three or more children.

**CYO TRI-M BOYS' SWIM TEAM**

Tryouts will be held on Mon. June 3, 6-7pm at the Community House Pool, [15 Borage Pl., Forest Hills](#). Boys ages 5-13 years old, who can swim the length of a 25-yard pool, at least freestyle, in good form, may tryout. 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). Contact Mary Leong, Head Coach at [\(718\) 793-4082](tel:7187934082) for more information.

**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 in need of the sacraments of 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.

**ASCENSION-PENTECOST NOVENA**  
**FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Please pray a decade of the Rosary each day for the following individuals who will be Confirmed, on June 8th, at the 5:00pm Pentecost Vigil Mass: Michael Apolo, Jean Gautreau, Aaron Mack, Patrick Niedt, and Jordan Zimerer. This private Novena to the Holy Spirit is done in imitation of Mary and the early Christians praying together for the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

On Saturday, June 1st at the 5:00pm Mass Fr. Gregory will be celebrating his 20th Anniversary in the priesthood. All are welcome to attend the Mass. However, since the reception that follows is private (by invitation only), we will have hospitality following every Mass on Sunday, June 2nd in order to celebrate with Father as a Parish.

**SAVE THE DATE**

It's **not too early to make note** in your calendars. Plans are underway for the joyous celebration of our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Watch the bulletin for more information about the Anniversary Mass on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 P.M. and the dinner that will follow. Invitations are in the process of being mailed. If for some reason you have not received yours, please call the Rectory office, leave your name and address and we will look over the listing of names. Keep in mind that the mail sometimes has a way of disappearing into the unknown.

Save the date: **October 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 May, 2019 Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize: Margaret Mary Byrnes	\$338.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize: Philip & Lisa Roy	\$169.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize: Connie & Joe Citrano	\$169.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize: Angela Martin	\$85.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize: Alessandro & Tiffany Boselli	\$85.00

**DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

June 05, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
June 12, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
June 19, 2019	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chapellet-7:30pm	Benediction-8:00pm
June 26, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm

**CONCERT AT OLM**

The Forest Hills choir will present a concert entitled "Go for Baroque" at our church starting at 7.30pm on Saturday June 8, including music by Bach and Vivaldi. Tickets cost \$20 at the door or \$15 in advance from [www.fbchoir.org](http://www.fbchoir.org). The choir will be joined by the Queens Consort, a local professional ensemble playing baroque period instruments.



- **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.
- The **Father Troike Leadership Program** is a **four week summer program** open to **young men from the 6th & 7th grades** who desire to sharpen their academic skills and develop their leadership potential. Mornings consist of academic study, including TACHS prep for students entering 8th grade in September. The afternoons are dedicated to recreation: athletics & activities. For more information please contact Deacon Philip Franco at Cathedral Preparatory School (718)592-6800, ext. 137.
- **St. John's Preparatory School** is offering a **2019 TACHS Prep Course**, which will take place in September. Course information can be found on the application. For further information, please call the admissions office at 718-721-7200, extension 699. Register online :[www.stjohnsprepschool.org](http://www.stjohnsprepschool.org), in the Admissions link.
- **Archbishop Molloy HS** will be offering a variety of **boys and girls basketball and baseball camps this summer**, naming them "**Memorial 5 Camps**". Registration is now open and information is available at [www.memorial5.com](http://www.memorial5.com) or [www.molloyhs.com](http://www.molloyhs.com).
- **Church of the Resurrection** (85-09 118th St., Richmond Hill, 718-847-2649) will be holding their Summer Treasure Bake & Book Sale on Saturday, June 8th from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm and on Sunday, June 9th from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.
- **OZANAM HALL** of Queens Nursing Home (42-41 201<sup>st</sup> Street, Bayside), seeks **part-time Activity Leader, 1:30 to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday**, no experience necessary; good verbal/writing, interpersonal skills to work with senior population. **Reliability a must!** Contact Marilyn Gindi at: **1.718 971-2708** for further information.
- Community Board 6 Will host a **Community Shredding Event** on June 9th, at the corner of 71st Ave. and Austin Street (at Forest Hills Festival of the Arts), from 10:00am to 3:00pm, for free document shredding. For more info, contact CB6 at 718-263-9250

**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 June 3 & 17. If interested in attending, or for questions, please call the rectory at 718-268-6251 or email the group's facilitator, Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle, at [ymizelle@nyc.rr.com](mailto:ymizelle@nyc.rr.com).
- **St. Margaret Church** (66-05 79th Place, Middle Village) will be holding a Blood Drive on Sunday, June 2nd from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. For more information and /or to make a blood donation appointment, please email [parishcalendar@aol.com](mailto:parishcalendar@aol.com)

**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, and another donation was just received last month Thank you for your participation, and please continue to spread the word. Call **(718) 491-2525** or [svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org)

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

We are happy to announce the formation of a Bereavement Support Group, that meets at Long Island Jewish Forest Hills Hospital, and is conducted by Father Radu Titones. Father Titones is a Byzantine Romanian Catholic priest and has been appointed, by Bishop DiMarzio, as Hospital Chaplain. This group meets on the last Monday of the month and is open to the entire community. More information can be obtained from Father Radu's office at 718-830-1826

**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.