

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | May 25th |
| 9:00 AM | Patrick & Loretta Lee |
| 8:00 PM | Giancarlo A. Mayor, Ruben Mayor, and Graciela Dominguez |
| Sunday | May 26th |
| 8:30 AM | Robert & Elizabeth Aull |
| 10:00 AM | Parish Mass |
| 12:00 PM | John Graham McGinley |
| 5:00 PM | William Elia |
| Monday | May 27th |
| 8:30 AM | Andrej Witkowski |
| 12:00 PM | Michael, Caroline, & Michael Sassi Jr, and Roland Pugliese |
| Tuesday | May 28th |
| 8:30 AM | Lorraine Cheeseman |
| 12:00 PM | Jose Reyno |
| Wednesday | May 29th |
| 8:30 AM | John F. Murphy |
| 12:00 PM | John Graham McGinley |
| 7:30 PM | Clarita Dordulaw |
| Thursday | May 30th |
| 8:30 AM | Lorraine Cheeseman |
| 10:00 AM | Maria Lucia Guidugli |
| 12:00 PM | Meredith Gillette |
| Friday | May 31st |
| 8:30 AM | Maurice Rooney |
| 12:00 PM | Edward F. Dolan |
| 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 |

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, 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

Frances Galson
Deacon Jose Oviedo

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – May 26th***Sixth Sunday of Easter***MONDAY – May 27th***Easter Weekday***TUESDAY - May 28th***Easter Weekday*

-Bible Study/Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – May 29th*Easter 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 – May 30th*The Ascension of the Lord***FRIDAY – May 31st***The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

-Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

SATURDAY – June 1st*Saint Justin, Martyr*

**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.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

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Dear Parishioners;

One of the major controversies in the early Church was the reception of Gentiles, that is, people of non-Jewish background. The overwhelming majority of our Lord's earliest followers were Jewish both in religion and ethnicity. That included Jesus Himself, Our Lady, St. Joseph, the Apostles, St. Paul and almost everyone who followed Jesus at the beginning. Eventually, others were attracted to Jesus' message. Many of these folks were Gentiles (non-Jews), whose religious journey had led them to accept the God worshipped by the Jews. They eschewed the pantheon of Greek and Roman gods, who often had the same negative traits as we do. They could be petty, bitter, angry, and vengeful. In fact, worship of them was akin to bribery by placating their capriciousness. While many of these Gentile worshippers of the One True God never formally became Jews, they admired the Jewish Faith. In turn some of these same people were attracted to Jesus' message. Eventually they were joined by other reflective devout pagans who also sought Baptism.

In the early Church, two schools developed. One insisted that new converts to the Christian faith had first to take on all the requirements of the Jewish Law: male circumcision, the dietary or kosher laws, and other regulations. The other school, led by people such as St. Paul, insisted that Baptism and faith in the Lord Jesus was sufficient to enter the Christian community. Faith in this context would have required an identification with Christ through Baptism and then a life-long identification through prayer, words and actions.

In order to seek a solution the apostles and elders met in Jerusalem. This was the first major instance of "the Advocate (Holy Spirit), Whom the Father will send in my Name, (Who will) teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you". (John 14:23-29) Converts from Gentile backgrounds would not be obliged to follow the requirements of the Jewish Law; but out of sensitivity to their brothers and sisters from a Jewish background, they were to "abstain from the meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals and from unlawful marriage" (Acts 15:22-29). Church members from a Jewish background would have found these practices particularly abhorrent so out of consideration for their sensitivities, the whole Church was directed to refrain from these practices.

The second reading is again this week taken from the last Book of the New Testament, The Apocalypse (Revelation). The book is replete with symbolic language, much of it very foreign to the modern reader. John, the author, gives a visionary picture of the New Jerusalem. Notably the vision includes no reconstructed temple (the City of Jerusalem and its Temple had recently been destroyed by the Romans before this Book was composed). In the New Jerusalem, God Almighty is present with the Lamb (Jesus). The glory of God gives it light and its lamp was the Lamb. The new Jerusalem is on a mountain (typically seen as the dwelling place for God) and it has twelve gates, each named after one of the ancient Hebrew tribes, and guarded by an angel. The walls had twelve courses of stone, on which were inscribed the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The twelve apostles were seen in the early Church as the foundation stones of the New Covenant much the same as the twelve tribes had formed the people of the First Covenant. While many of the visions in the Apocalypse are replete with fearful symbols of destruction, this vision is one of hope for the whole people in whose presence is the living temple of God.

Guided by the Spirit, the modern Church must, like the apostles of old, make all comers welcome, sensitive to their cultures, backgrounds and races. The Spirit remains our guide, especially in matters of public teaching. The New Jerusalem is open to all people and, as in the past, the Church must, if possible, "Baptize" the customs and traditions of its members thus helping to bring about the fullness of God's kingdom.

Memorial Day

This weekend, as a nation, we honor those men and women who put everything on the line to protect and serve our country. Many of us will find ourselves at family gatherings, beach parties, and barbeques but let us not forget why we have this holiday weekend. We honor the veterans and servicemen and women among us, in particular those presently serving under our flag. Let us also keep in prayer those who were injured in the course of their duty, as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice. May God be with them all.

Monsignor 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.**

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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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| May 29, 2019 | Divine Mercy Cenacle | 6:30pm |
| 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 Chaplet-7:30pm | Benediction-8:00pm |
| June 26, 2019 | Divine Mercy Devotion | 6:30pm |

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.

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 90th anniversary. Watch the bulletin for more information about the Anniversary Mass on October 6th at 12:00 P.M. and the dinner that will follow. Tickets will be made available in the near future as well as limited reservations for bus service after the Mass to the Immaculate Conception Center for the celebration of the beginning of our 90th year. The mailing of invitations has begun.

Save the date: **October 6th.**

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.

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

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.fhchoir.org. The choir will be joined by the Queens Consort, a local professional ensemble playing baroque period instruments.

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



- **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, 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 or 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.
- **The Parkside Players** will present *Holmes And Watson* by Jeffrey Hatcher at Grace Lutheran Church (103-15 Union Tnpk.) from May 18th thru June 1st., on Friday & Saturday at 8:00pm and Sunday at 2:00pm. Admission is \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. Box Office:718-3537388/516-5209474

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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 April 15, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17. 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 rectory at 718-424-5212 for further details.
- **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

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!

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**