

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 20th
8:30 AM	Marie Rose Vill & Sherly Sawery (Living Intention)
5:00 PM	Frank & Sadie Elia
Sunday	July 21st
8:30 AM	John J. Murphy
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Eileen M Renna
5:00 PM	Anthony Fasano
Monday	July 22nd
8:30 AM	Sarah Frances Conlon
12:00 PM	James Pfohl
Tuesday	July 23rd
8:30 AM	Maggie Vill & Daniella Bottoms (Living Intention)
12:00 PM	Kai Bimson (Living Intention)
Wednesday	July 24th
8:30 AM	Pedrito Santos, Jr. (Living Intention)
12:00 PM	Eve Gvasdas (Living Intention)
Thursday	July 25th
8:30 AM	Victor Lamarque
12:00 PM	Michael, Caroline, & Michael Sassi Jr. and Roland Pugliese
Friday	July 26th
8:30 AM	Henry Foertsch
12:00 PM	Maria Thomas
Saturday	July 27th
8:30 AM	Mary Ann Stargiotti
5:00 PM	Marija & Branimir Babic
Sunday	July 28th
8:30 AM	Gemma Tavani
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Blanca Hernandez
5:00 PM	Rosemarie (Rosemary) Brennan

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, James McWalters, Ann Dauria, Kathy Kudrick, Sean Tierney, Frank Santulli, Alexandra Radziwon, Don Feder, James Leung, Phil Paroff, Richard Wenzel, Annette Merone, Mary Anne Whatley, Eleanor Merlino, Steve Nacincik, Michael Stasiak, Pia Parham, Beth Friedman, Anthony Mendola, 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

Terence McKinney
Angelina Caccavale

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – July 21st**

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – July 22nd

Saint Mary Magdalene

TUESDAY - July 23rd

Weekday

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – July 17th

Weekday

-NO Exercise Class

-Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**

THURSDAY – July 24th

Saint James, Apostle

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm

FRIDAY – July 25th

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SATURDAY – July 26th

Weekday

**If you are not yet registered in the Parish,
please stop into the Rectory Office for a Census Form**

Mon. thru Fri. 9am-4pm,

Sat. 9am-2pm

**BREAD AND WINE**

Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given
in loving memory of:

Joan Sauro

by

Frank Sauro

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.

GOING ON VACATION?

Please do not forget to support your parish. We are most grateful for our parishioners who "catch up" or give donations in advance to compensate for the times that they will be away. It truly does help, and we thank you!

Please do not leave bags of clothing or other items on the steps of the Rectory.

Dear Parishioners:

The Eucharist is the summit of God's love for man. God's love knows no measure. The Creator gives us love and expects that we also respond with love to his love. Sunday is the day on which in a special way we are closer to God's love. Participation in the Mass and the receiving of Holy Communion is an expression of our love for God. We do this in the spirit of remission for our sins and those of the whole world, who often cares about what is past, and not about what goes on forever. At the threshold of the Eucharist we apologize to the Creator for all our sin, which distances us from Him.

In the story titled *"How much land does a man need"* Leo Tolstoy tells the story of a man who is promised he would get the ownership of as much land as he can walk around in one day. The man set off early in the morning to get as much as possible. He didn't think about any rest or any meal, which was a waste of time. It was well into the afternoon when he saw that it was time to go back,

because he wouldn't make it on time otherwise. Naturally, he overestimated his strength and appetite of ownership. He had not come to the starting point. He fell from exhaustion near the end. An over dug grave; someone once reflected: *"That's enough land for a man."*

The hero of Tolstoy's story reminds us of Martha in today's Gospel. She also wanted to do everything. In all the bustle in the kitchen and at the table ministry she forgot about what really matters and why Jesus came to their house. He did not come to get a free meal. He did not come in order to fill his stomach. He came in order to be in this house, surrounded by friends, and to fill the house with the richness of his presence. Hence the words of warning addressed to Martha: *"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."*

The words that Christ said to Martha, also apply to us. We also, like Martha, care and bother so much that we forget about what is really important in life. Sometimes we are so busy planning out our lives that we forget about their real purpose. We are so involved in the activities that we forget why and for whom we live. We are so busy acquiring things that you can buy for money that we forget about those things that money cannot buy. We are sick from worry, activities, earnings. We cannot just stop like Mary, sit at the feet of Christ, and listen to what He wants to tell us.

In each of us is a little bit of Martha and a little bit of Mary. In each of us there is a body and a soul. We should try to maintain between our body and soul the right balance, ensure the body and the soul's food that they deserve. The body itself stands up to food, more worse the soul. The soul can be ignored, cheated, convinced. And then agree with the fact that we lose in our lives what matters most. A human is not only a workhorse who works, eats and sleeps. Therefore, each of us, like Mary in today's Gospel, should have time for their soul, the time to participate in Mass for prayer, reading The Bible, Catholic newspapers, good books, time to meet with family or friends and cultural entertainment.

I have met many people who have destroyed their happiness precisely because they could not stop and think about things, or pray for their troubles and problems. Keep in mind, therefore, that it is important to feed the body, but more importantly the health of the soul. It is important to work and support the family, but education is more important. There are many important things, but the most important is God and our soul.

Brothers and sisters! Let us understand today's Gospel. Praising the attitude of Mary, Christ did not say that we should limit our lives only to pray and to meditate on His words. In fact, the Lord Jesus wants us to know how our lives reconcile with prayerful diligence to Martha and Mary.

Starting each new day, we can connect to an ongoing source of grace, which for us is Christ, by praying even the shortest prayer. In this prayer we offer to God all our days and all that we do on this day. Also, during the day we can pray many times while driving to work or from work, walking in the park, washing dishes, making our beds. And, the evening prayer should be a summary and sacrifice to God of all that we were able to make with prayer and work throughout the day.

Let's conclude our meditation with the words of beautiful prayer:

"Dear God

I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness.

*I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died
for my sin and that you raised Him to life.*

*I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord,
from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will.*

I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

In Christ

Fr. Grzegorz Stasiak

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the installation of the new air conditioning system, there will be no air conditioning in the Church, and no parking on Juno Street as of Monday, July 22nd. We are optimistic that this will only last 3 or 4 days. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**PART TIME POSITION
AVAILABLE**

We are looking for College students who would be interested in working in our Rectory office on Monday thru Friday evenings from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Anyone who is available and interested, in all or some evenings, please call the Rectory and speak to Dian Malm.

"MADAMA BUTTERFLY"**Opera Fundraiser for Our Lady of Mercy
Saturday, 9/28/19 at 7:30 PM**

As part of our year long celebration of Our Lady of Mercy's 90th Anniversary, **Golden Rose Opera** presents a semi-staged concert performance (with orchestra and English subtitles) of Giacomo Puccini's epic and achingly beautiful "MADAMA BUTTERFLY" [, on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM](#) right here in the sanctuary at Our Lady of Mercy Church. This is a fundraiser for Our Lady of Mercy Church, and General Admission tickets are \$20. Please see ticket order flyers in the church for purchase information.

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, instant mashed potatoes, 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.**

MASS INTENTIONS

We still have many weekday Masses and Memorials available for your intentions between now and the end of the year. Please visit the Rectory Offices to make your requests so that we can fill up this year before opening the 2020 book.

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.**

BLOOD DRIVE

New York Blood Center asks blood donors and the public to donate blood to help with current shortages New York Blood Center currently has a critical blood shortage. School vacations, the holidays, busy summer schedules and family vacations all contribute to making this time of year especially challenging to maintain an adequate blood supply. In order to maintain a safe blood supply, a seven day inventory of all blood types must this time of year especially challenging to maintain an adequate blood supply. In order to maintain a safe blood supply, a seven day inventory of all blood types must advance. Types O-, O+, B-, and A- are at critically low levels.

On Sunday August 18th, 2019 the New York Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive at Our Lady of Mercy from 8:45 am to 2:45 pm in the parish hall. To make a blood donor appointment, please call the rectory office at (718) 268-6143. To facilitate the registration process, please bring your donor card or donor ID number and a photo ID with you when you come to donate.

An appointment is not necessary to donate; walk-ins are welcome.

ATTENTION! PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

It is that time again! We are asking that all parish organizations that use the Parish Hall, Church, Academy Gym, or Rectory meeting rooms for regularly scheduled events and meetings please submit a "Wish List" of your proposed dates for the September 2019 through December 2019 season. Please submit your requests to the Rectory either in person or via e-mail (office @mercyhills.org.) as soon as you can. Be sure to include the name and telephone number of a reliable contact person. Thank You!

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. 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.

In addition, the invitation and the response card are available on our web site. If you wish, you can print a copy and submit it to the Rectory with your payment.

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.

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.

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.

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.
- **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.

- **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.
- **Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School** is now accepting applications for their summer camps. Girls softball, soccer, basketball, cheerleading, and volleyball; Boys baseball, soccer and basketball. For more information please contact Ms. Fran Rocco at 718-898-3800 ext. 3
- **Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School: is now accepting applications for the T.A.C.H.S. Preparation** program to be held at the school for the first seven Saturdays of the next school year beginning on September 14th. For more information contact Ms. Fran Rocco, 718-898-3800 ext. 3.

CONGRATULATIONS

We have been notified that the following parishioner (previous OLM student) has earned Honor Roll status at St. Francis Preparatory School during the 4th Quarter: Isabella Cognata

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

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.

