

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>August 24th</b>   |
| 8:30 AM          | Konrad Sumprer   |
| 5:00 PM          | Aracelly Perez   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>August 25th</b>   |
| 8:30 AM          | James Pfohl  |
| 10:00 AM         | Parish Mass  |
| 12:00 PM         | Gilberto Hernandez   |
| 5:00 PM          | John & Mary Camporese  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>August 26th</b>   |
| 8:30 AM          | Mary H. Vigliano   |
| 12:00 PM         | Herlinda Pina  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>August 27th</b>   |
| 8:30 AM          | Louis Holzer & Family  |
| 12:00 PM         | Michael & Caroline Sassi, Michael Sassi Jr.<br>and Roland Pugliese |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>August 28th</b>   |
| 8:30 AM          | David Hopf & Robert DiFazio  |
| 12:00 PM         | Terence McKinney   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>August 29th</b>   |
| 8:30 AM          | Victor Lamarque  |
| 12:00 PM         | M. Margaret & Peter McGrath  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>August 30th</b>   |
| 8:30 AM          | Homai Gharda   |
| 12:00 PM         | David F. O'Riordan   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>August 31st</b>   |
| 8:30 AM          | Hilda & Bernard Voegele  |
| 5:00 PM          | Aracelly Perez   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>September 1st</b>   |
| 8:30 AM          | Eleanor & James Mara   |
| 10:00 AM         | Natalia Guaman   |
| 12:00 PM         | Agostino Messina   |
| 5:00 PM          | Teresa Cuomo   |

**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, , Annette Merone, Mary Anne Whatley, Eleanor Merlino, Steve Nacincik, Michael Stasiak, Pia Parham, Beth Friedman, Anthony Mendola, Felipe Vallejo, Fr August Iantosca, John Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Robert Colonello, Elly Gilday, 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****THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – August 25th**

*Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time*

**MONDAY – August 26th**

*Weekday*

**TUESDAY - August 27th**

*Saint Monica*

**WEDNESDAY – August 28th**

*Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

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

**THURSDAY – August 29th**

*The Passion of Saint John The Baptist*

**FRIDAY – August 30th**

*Weekday*

**SATURDAY – August 31st**

*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**

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

We still have many Masses and Memorials available for your intentions between now and the end of the year. Mass intentions can be for the living as well as the deceased, or for a “Special Intention, or as a Mass “in thanksgiving”. Please visit the Rectory Offices to make your requests so that we can try to fill up this year before opening the 2020 book. Thank You.

**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. Since our expenses for maintaining the Parish don’t take a vacation, it truly does help, and we 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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

The prophet Isaiah in our first Sunday reading sets the pace. He envisions a scene in which all nations will flock to Jerusalem to offer worship to the true God. The Jewish people have begun the process, but it will be taken up by "brothers and sisters from all the nations." Considering that Israel and Judah (the two Israelite kingdoms that split from each other after the reign of Solomon) taken together were small places, this vision is grandiose. Israel and Judah were not very important players in ancient geopolitics. But their persistence and dedication would lead many to true worship. Certainly throughout their troubled history, this fidelity would have its costs. Eventually, over the course of two centuries, both Jewish kingdoms would collapse in the face of foreign aggression.

The Letter to the Hebrews views the cost of discipleship in terms of a father disciplining his children. In the Roman world in which this letter was composed, the "paterfamilias" (father of the family) had final and ultimate control over the members of his household. Among the non-Jews this even involved life and death decisions. One part of any father's job is to discipline his children when they are out of line. In times not too distant from our own, that most certainly involved corporal punishment and throughout most of the world, it still does. No matter what form the discipline takes, most children experience it at some point in their lives. The loving parent does not discipline a child arbitrarily or for spite but rather to direct the child's footsteps on the right path. "At the time, all discipline seems a cause for pain, not joy, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it." The author of Hebrews wants to strengthen the drooping spirits of his readers. They may have been discouraged by a lack of evangelical success or perhaps by defections from the church community. They may have been disappointed because the Lord was slow in returning. Hebrews wants them to realize that this "discipline" is akin to that given by a loving father to his children

The Gospel message follows on the first two readings. Yes, all nations will be welcomed on God's holy mountain and, yes, discipleship will not always be easy. Now Jesus talks about the qualities of that discipleship. He ignores the facile and useless question "Lord, will only a few people be saved?", but uses it as a launching pad for His teaching the citation. Discipleship must be more than casual relationship; "we ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets". Those things are good beginnings but discipleship means doing something as well as knowing something. Similar to running a foot race, we must strive to enter the narrow gate. "Narrow" is not so much a physical dimension than a reminder that focused and concentrated effort is needed to enter the gate of salvation. Desire is not enough. What is required is desire focused and put into action. Those who do not take the urgency of Jesus' message seriously may find themselves locked out.

Echoing Isaiah's prophetic vision in the first reading, Jesus indicates that people from the four corners of the compass will find a place at the Lord's Table. Some of those, who thought that they were automatically included, will be last; moreover, those, who often were thought not worthy of God's beneficence (in general the Gentiles), might in fact be first.

In Christ,  
Monsignor McGuirl

**THE SEARCH IS ON!!!**

We need your help! We are looking for three different categories of parishioner:

- 1) The oldest (chronological age) person residing in our parish.
- 2) The person who has resided in our parish for the most consecutive years.
- 3) The couple who have been married the longest and were married at Our Lady of Mercy.

If any of the above apply to you or someone that you know, please call the Rectory (718-268-6143). Thank You.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!****"MADAMA BUTTERFLY"****Opera Fundraiser for Our Lady of Mercy**

As part of our year long celebration of Our Lady of Mercy's 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

**OLM's 90th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND GALA  
EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

Monsignor John McGuirl and Father Gregory Stasiak invite one and all to celebrate the joyous start of our beloved parish's 90th year of faith and love "MANTLE OF MERCY -90 YEARS WIDE" on **Sunday October 6, 2019**. The celebration starts with the **12:00 PM Commemorative Mass** with Bishop DiMarzio followed by a **Gala Dinner Dance** at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston from **3:00 to 8:00 PM**, with additional round trip bus service available from the church to the gala. The Gala will be an elegant cocktail hour, 5 hour open bar, sit down dinner and great music spanning all our decades. To make reservations for the gala and for round trip bus service, please contact the rectory. Invitation flyers and posters are also in the church and on our website.

For **additional information** regarding seating, etc., please contact Helen Van Tine-Golden at 718-793-2033, or the Rectory at 718-268-6143 We hope to see **EVERYONE** there

**OLM CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
NEEDS OUR HELP**

In just a few short weeks, students will be returning to school after the summer break. We want to ensure that all our students are armed with the tools to learn, make friends, and flourish. As we have done in the past, we are once again asking if you could please **consider donating school supplies** to our Academy to be used by all of the students.

The following is a list of items that are used in large quantities: Paper towels, tissues, baby wipes, Clorox Wipes, Sharpies, Expo Markers, construction paper, hand sanitizer, highlighters, washable paint, #2 lead pencils, masking tape, and laminating pouches. There will be receptacles for donations in the Church Vestibule. Thank You!

**CENTERING PRAYER**

Regular meetings will resume Tuesday, September 3rd, (from 7:30pm-9:00pm) and Thursday, September 5th (from 2:30pm-4:00pm) in the rectory. All are welcome.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Late registration for new students and reregistration, for those in the program who have not already done so, will take place in the religious education office for grades K-7 on WED. SEPT. 11th and THURS. SEPT. 12th from 3:30-6:00 P.M. Parents of new students should bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate. Fees are as follows: \$150. one child, \$225 for two children, and \$275 for three or more children in the same family. Checks should be made out to Our Lady of Mercy Religious Education

**CLASSES BEGIN AS FOLLOWS:**

K thru Gr.5-Wednesday, September 25th from 3:15 to 4:30pm  
Gr.6 & Gr.7-Thursday, September 26th from 4:30 to 5:45pm

**All students should report directly to the Church for classes.**

**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.

**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

**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.

**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 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!

**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. 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.
- On **Sunday September 8, 2019** all are invited to attend the **Fr. Mychal Judge 911 Walk of Remembrance** in NYC. Held each year on the Sunday before 9/11 the walk commemorates the life of Fr. Mychal Judge and all those lost on that devastating day. Following in his footsteps as Fire Department Chaplain, the walk retraces the route Fr. Mychal took from his residence at St. Francis of Assisi(135 W. 31 Street, NYC ) to the twin towers. Stops will be made along the way to honor FDNY & NYPD and all victims of the day will be remembered. Mass begins at 9:30am preceded by the Rosary at 9:00am. The walk starts at 10:30am at the FDNY quarters opposite St. Francis Church and concludes at St. Peter's RC church on Barclay St.
- The Church of the Resurrection (85-09 188th St., Kew Gardens) is holding their **End of Summer Bake & Book Sale on Sept.7th from 9:30am to 3:30pm and Sept 8th from 11:30am to 3:30pm.**
- The 112th Precinct Community Council and The Rego Park-Forest Hills Lions Club are sponsoring a **Health Safety Fair on September 15th**, at Rego Center & 97th Street, from 11:00am to 4:00pm

**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**

**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.

**Kindness is free;  
let's pass it on.**

