

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | August 3rd |
| 8:30 AM | Pierre Aquarius |
| 5:00 PM | Ruth Maria Perez |
| Sunday | August 4th |
| 8:30 AM | Nicholas T Pezolano |
| 10:00 AM | Parish Mass |
| 12:00 PM | Angelique Campaore |
| 5:00 PM | Bill Caruso |
| Monday | August 5th |
| 8:30 AM | Guta Boselli |
| 12:00 PM | James M. Pfohl |
| Tuesday | August 6th |
| 8:30 AM | Evelyn Frankel |
| 12:00 PM | Konrad Sumprer |
| Wednesday | August 7th |
| 8:30 AM | Terence McKinney |
| 12:00 PM | Marie Garrafo |
| Thursday | August 8th |
| 8:30 AM | Filippo & Benedetta Bartolomeo |
| 12:00 PM | Zaida Alvarez |
| Friday | August 9th |
| 8:30 AM | Miguel & Lucia Dordulaw |
| 12:00 PM | Maria Gaudio |
| Saturday | August 10th |
| 8:30 AM | Giancarlo Adrian Mayor |
| 5:00 PM | Melquiades Viado (Death Anniversary) |
| Sunday | August 11th |
| 8:30 AM | Joseph DiCapua & DiCapua & BiFalco Families |
| 10:00 AM | Parish Mass |
| 12:00 PM | Agostino Messina |
| 5:00 PM | Angelina & Salvatore 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, Richard Wenzel, Annette Merone, Mary Anne Whatley, Eleanor Merlino, Steve Nacincik, Michael Stasiak, Pia Parham, Beth Friedman, Anthony Mendola, Felipe Vallejo, Fr August Iantosca, Edward Flood, 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

Antonia Genna

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – August 4th

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – August 5th

Weekday

TUESDAY - August 6th

The Transfiguration of the Lord

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – August 7th

Weekday

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30

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

THURSDAY – August 8th

Saint Dominic, Priest

FRIDAY – August 9th

Weekday

SATURDAY – August 10th

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

**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**

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given
in **loving memory of:**

Agnes R. Bedson (Birthday Remembrance)

by

Her Daughter Carolyn Cariello

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. Since our expenses for maintaining the Parish don't take a vacation, 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:

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Luke 6:31

This familiar phrase was a command from God established in the Old Testament. It's a good rule of thumb by which to live. What would you have others “do to you?” Think about that and try to be honest. If we are honest, we must admit that we want others to do a lot for us. We want to be respected, to be treated with dignity, to be treated fairly, etc. But on an even deeper level, we want to be loved, understood, known and cared for.

Deep down, we should all try to recognize the natural longing that God gave us to share in a loving relationship with others, and to be loved by God. This desire goes to the heart of what it means to be human. We as humans are made for that love. In Scripture it reveals that we must be ready and willing to offer to others that which we desire to receive. If we can recognize within us the natural desires for love, we should also strive to foster a desire to love. We should foster a desire to love to the same extent that we seek it for ourselves.

This is harder than it sounds. Our selfish tendency is to demand and expect love and mercy from others while at the same time we hold ourselves to a much lower standard regarding how much we offer. The key is to put our attention on our duty first. We must strive to see what we are called to do and how we are called to love. As we see this as our first duty and as we strive to live it, we will discover that we find much greater satisfaction in giving than in seeking to receive. We will find that “doing unto others,” regardless of what they “do to us,” is what we actually find fulfillment in.

Lord, help me to do to others what I desire they do to me. Help me to use the desire in my own heart for love as the motivation for my love of others. In giving of myself, help me find fulfillment and satisfaction in that gift. *Jesus, I trust in You.*

*In Christ
Deacon Dean*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**Coming soon!****"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.

OLM's 90th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND GALA**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019****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

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC ACADEMY**NEEDS YOUR 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 a receptacle for donations in the Church Vestibule. Thank You!

PART TIME POSITION**AVAILABLE**

We are looking for a part-time employee 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, or if you would like more information, please call the Rectory (718-268-6143) and speak to Dian Malm.

BLOOD DRIVE

The New York Blood Center is sponsoring a Blood Drive at OUR LADY OF MERCY Church on Sunday August 18, 2019 from 8:45 AM to 2:45 PM in the Parish Hall. At this time of the year, the Center's inventory is at critical low levels. There is an urgent need for donors of all blood types to replenish the supply. Please help and give this vital gift of life by making a blood donation. Each pint of blood donated has the potential of helping 3 people in need. Every day in the U.S., approximately **36,000 units** of red blood cells are required in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients, and to help save the lives of accident/trauma victims.

Donor literature and sign up sheets are in the vestibule of the Church for your review. 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 on August 18th.

Walk-in donors are always welcome. Come and bring a friend

Volunteers are needed throughout the day to provide refreshments and support to the donors. If you are able to offer an hour or two of your time, please leave your name and the time you are available at the rectory office

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.

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.

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the July 2019 Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:

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| 1 st Prize: Jo-Ann & Pat Grande | \$325.00 |
| 2 nd Prize: Diane Lozito | \$140.00 |
| 3 rd Prize: A. & E Savarese | \$140.00 |
| 4 th Prize: Margaret Merker | \$75.00 |
| 5 th Prize: Peter Wegner | \$75.00 |

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.

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!

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



The Community Bulletin Board

- **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 **112th Precinct Community Council** and the **112th Precinct** are pleased to invite you to **The Annual Night Out Against Crime**, on **August 6th from 5:30-8:30pm**, in **MacDonald Park** (rain location: Forest Hills Jewish Center). There will be music & entertainment, free BBQ and Kosher food, safety information, and a chance to meet the officers of the 112th Precinct. Share the invite with your friends, neighbors and families.

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.

**"THIS IS MY SON,
WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN;**



LISTEN TO HIM."
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