

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 31st
8:30 AM	Hilda & Bernard Voegele
5:00 PM	Aracelly Perez
Sunday	September 1st
8:30 AM	Eleanor & James Mara
10:00 AM	Natalia Guaman
12:00 PM	Agostino Messina
5:00 PM	Teresa Cuomo
Monday	September 2nd
8:30 AM	Ruth & Joe Lieber
12:00 PM	Parish Mass
Tuesday	September 3rd
8:30 AM	Thomas O'Connor
12:00 PM	Beatrice Seagrave
Wednesday	September 4th
8:30 AM	Justina Kodheli
12:00 PM	Annette & Steve Gould
Thursday	September 5th
8:30 AM	Mary & George Xuereb
12:00 PM	Lillian Gaglio
Friday	September 6th
8:30 AM	Henri-Robert Lamarque
12:00 PM	Anna Koenig
Saturday	September 7th
8:30 AM	Terence McKinney
5:00 PM	Nabil Kassis
Sunday	September 8th
8:30 AM	George & Mary Stahl
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Carol MacDonald
5:00 PM	Terence McKinney

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

Mary Rubbo
Natalia Guaman
Daniel A. Garcia Berrios
Michael Mancini

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – September 1st**

Twenty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – September 2nd

Weekday

Labor Day

-All Offices and Buildings Closed

TUESDAY - September 3rd

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – September 4th

Weekday

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

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – September 5th

Weekday

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – September 6th

Weekday

SATURDAY – September 7th

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-4pm**

PLEASE NOTE:

**Effective September 7th the rectory office hours will be
9:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday.**

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.

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 at any time.**

Dear Parishioners;

Every bookstore and library has a large section dedicated to self help or self-improvement. We can find books on various techniques to control emotions, and to strengthen our minds and bodies. The ancient world also had a similar type of literature called "Wisdom" literature. Our first reading this Sunday is an example of this type of literature. The Book of Sirach was probably written by a man named Jesus Ben Sira (Jesus son of Sira - Jesus was a fairly common first name among the Israelites), who lived about two centuries before Christ. The book might have been meant for his students - sort of a source book or notebook for his "classes". In today's citation humility is the theme. Humility properly understood does not mean an abnegation of a person's gift and talents. Quite the contrary, we are expected to use our talents for the betterment of ourselves and those around us. Humility means to have an honest, realistic appraisal of our relationship with God and our neighbors. It is to know and understand that we would not be here nor would anything else, were it not for the One Who is the ground of all being.

The section of Luke's Gospel that we hear this weekend also contains a certain type of "wisdom" literature. Significantly Jesus is at a meal. Meals were often the occasion for Jesus to teach. Meals were and are significant features of the Mediterranean culture in which Jesus lived. In fact, He commands us to remember Him in the context of a celebratory meal - the Eucharist!

On the occasion narrated in today's Gospel, Jesus is dining in the home of a leading Pharisee. The other guests, many of whom might have been Pharisees, are observing Jesus closely. But He is taking their measure also. He noticed that some of the guests were vying for the honorable positions near the hosts or some important visitor. At a time when there were no place-cards, the host might have to require a guest to forego a place for a more distinguished visitor. Such a request would bring humiliation and shame in a society that prized honor and dignity.

Jesus reverses the ordinary expectations of His society. In today's Gospel, it is the person, who exercises humility, who will be honored and esteemed. Jesus recommends avoiding the whole competitive and possibly mortifying situation of competing for the "important" places. Rather, He advises: "Go and take the lowest place". The host then might invite you: "my friend, (to) move up higher". This could sound a somewhat self-seeking if the person acted humbly only to win praise. But Jesus' point seems to be that the truly humble person will ultimately be honored with a higher place. Of course the short lesson is not about places at table but more about a proper sense of relationship with God and neighbor.

After Jesus speaks to His fellow guests, He turns more directly to His host with an even greater challenge. Not only should he avoid inviting people who vie for positions of power and importance, but rather he should ask those who have no importance or power by the accepted standards of that time. In Christ's time, the poor, the Crippled, the lame, the blind, were often thought to be cursed by God. On the contrary, they are the ones who the host should ask to His dinner parties! Make the dishonored the honored guests! Invite those who cannot repay! In taking care of the needs of the underestimated and seemingly unimportant the host will reap his reward in the Resurrection.

Our Lord's earthly life was during an era when human populations were smaller. Life for most people was rural; in farms or small villages. Everyone knew the local poor or handicapped. Our society is much larger and more complex. Yet, the admonitions are still valid. If God is our Father, then we are brothers and sisters. As family we are bound to care for each other, but especially for those who have no voice or who experience disabling conditions. Seeking to be important to the "important" is not part of Jesus' game plan. It should not be part of ours and yet it is far too prominent even in the Church. To live a life of realistic humility - with a sense of our proper relationship with God and neighbor - is the Christian ideal. It is that sense that informs today's readings.

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).

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 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
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

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!

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE FOLLOW-UP

On August 18th, New York Blood Services was able to collect 38 pints of blood at Our Lady of Mercy's Summer Blood Drive. Potentially, 114 patients in need of blood will be helped by the generosity of the donors. Thank you very much to all those who took the time to donate. A special thanks to the donors who agreed to donate double units of red blood, And to the new blood donors, we hope that you will continue to donate at our future blood drives

Volunteers help the blood drive run smoothly. A big hand goes out to our blood drive volunteers: Joan Minischetti, Pauline Szabados, Jorge Yengle, Wilfredo Pagan, Justin King, Addison King, Sandy Luongo, Carol Flaherty and our sacristan Tony.

Our Lady of Mercy will be sponsoring another blood drive on Sunday, February 23, 2020. Planning is already underway. Please mark your calendars and give the gift of life.

Your Blood Drive Chairperson

CENTERING PRAYER

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. 11 and THURS. SEPT. 12 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.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

September 04, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
September 11, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
September 18, 2018	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00 pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction - 7:30pm	
September 25, 2018	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm

CYO GIRLS SWIM TEAM

Tryouts for CYO TRI-M Girls' Swim Team program, will be held on Tues. Sept. 10, 5-7pm at the Community House Pool, 15 Borage Pl., Forest Hills. Girls ages 5-14 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.



- **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** Classes resume on 9/18.

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

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.

