**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**PRAYERS 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, 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, Liane Ginsberg, and for all of our parishioners who are currently hospitalized or homebound.

**PRAY FOR THE ARMED SERVICES**


Pray for all of our police, fire, and corrections officers, who risk their lives daily to insure our safety.

**BREAD AND WINE**

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

Thomas & Phyllis Quinn
by
Ray & Mary Ellen Schillo

**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.

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

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**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Michael Paul Dillon
Rev. Phi Phu (Antonius) Ho

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

SUNDAY – September 29th
Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
-Children’s Liturgy at the 10:00am Mass
-Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz Mass & Fellowship 5:00pm
MONDAY – September 30th
Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
-Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm
TUESDAY - October 1st
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
-Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm
-WEDNESDAY – October 2nd
The Holy Guardian Angels
-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30am
-Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - All Are Welcome
-CCD K thru 5th Gr.-Church at 3:15pm
-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm
THURSDAY – October 3rd
Weekday
-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm
-CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:30pm
-Buy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
FRIDAY – October 4th
Saint Francis of Assisi
-Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm & 6:00pm
SATURDAY – October 5th
Weekday
-Blessing of Animals-Junio Street Lawn after 5:00pm Mass

If you are not yet registered in the Parish, please stop into the Rectory Office for a Census Form Monday thru Saturday from 9am to 4pm.
Dear Parishioners,

In St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus favored the parable as His primary manner of teaching. This Sunday we have another parable and once again it is meant to astound us. The earliest listeners certainly would have been astounded, because Jesus turned the tables on the usual cultural expectations. The people of Judea and Galilee would have viewed the wealthy as especially blessed by God. In contrast the poor or their ancestors were somehow thought to have offended God.

Jesus turns the tables completely. In this parable we find a wealthy man, often called "Dives", who was enjoying good food, fancy clothes and a comfortable home. In a time when there was no attempt, other than personal charity, to ameliorate the plight of the poor, the parable speaks of a desperate man, Lazarus, who found shelter on the steps of the rich man's home. Lazarus was wretched with poverty and illness, yet only the stray dogs came to lick his sores. Upon leaving or entering his home, the rich man literally had to step over Lazarus. It is important to remember that wealthy man did not mistreat Lazarus. He did not have him hauled away! He did not give him a lick in the ribs. He did not have him arrested for loitering. But he did nothing.

Eventually both men die but the poor man goes to heaven, symbolized by the presence of the patriarch, Abraham, and the rich man goes to hell. Yet even in his degraded circumstances, the wealthy man still is giving orders "...send Lazarus with a drop of water for my tongue...send Lazarus to warn my brothers (about the type of life they too are leading)". Abraham reminds the wealthy man that the Torah and the Mosaic Law require kindness to the downtrodden. When the rich man protests that his brothers (who apparently have paid no attention to either the Mosaic Law or the Torah) will most certainly pay attention to someone who visits them from the dead. Abraham puts his answer in a larger context: those wealthy people who are blind to the poor and deaf (in other words, are blind to the admonitions of the Torah or the prophets {like Amos in our first reading}, probably will be equally blind to someone returning from the dead {Jesus may have been indicating His own Resurrection.})

Jesus' listeners would have been stupefied. They assumed that the wealthy were the blessed and the poor were accursed. This parable turns the tables. We might find some humor in this parable and yet we should not laugh too loud. Do we not describe neighborhoods or areas of our City with moral adjectives? "He or she lives in 'good' area". - usually meaning a neighborhood with economic prosperity. Often we describe the wealth of the area in terms of a moral condition. People are good or bad: the neighbor is neutral though it certainly might influence the folks who live in it. We might describe parts of our own City as "bad" neighborhoods. Once again a moral term is used to describe an economic situation. Neither poor nor wealthy neighborhoods have a monopoly on good or bad people. One difference is simply that in a wealthier area, more can be kept quiet and hidden rather than in a poorer area where more of life is lived on the street.

In this parable, the wealthy man fails in his moral obligation. Our Lord seems to believe that to do nothing when we could alleviate hardship is tantamount to committing sin. The wealthy man had not abused Lazarus but he did nothing. Apparently the wealthy man's brothers are of the same mind-set.

In the second reading, Paul sums up to his disciple Timothy. Baptism calls us to identification with Christ. To finish the course of life successfully, we must imitate the One with Whom we are identified. To be like Jesus involves compassion and decency toward those who have less. Jesus means more than avoiding positive evil (murder, stealing, destructive gossip, malfeasance, calumny, fraud, etc….). Being like Jesus also means doing something to assist another when we had the means and the power to do so. Our Lord seems to equate with sin not assisting another when we are able to do so.

In Christ,
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

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Next Sunday is the beginning of our 90th Year as a parish dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Our chief shepherd, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, will be with us to celebrate the 12:00 P.M. Mass on Sunday, October 6th. From 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. that evening there will be a Gala Dinner Dance at Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. While reservations for the dance are now closed, we are happy to announce that 250 parishioners will be with us for an evening of good cheer, dancing and dining. As a consequence of our 90th Anniversary Celebrations, there will not be a 5:00 P.M. Mass on Sunday, October 6th.
**SUICIDE PREVENTION**

**PLEASE HELP**

Tom Lambert, who has been the long time Custodian for OLM and is known to many of us, is asking for our help in obtaining donations to The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. On October 27th, 2019 Tom will be “walking” in honor of his daughter Jillian Lambert. The Walk begins at 10:00am at Jones Beach Field #5 (meeting at 8:30am). If you would like to donate to a GREAT cause, you can do so on https://afsp.donordrive.com/participant/1986178 or you can leave a check (payable to: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) at the Rectory and Tom will make sure that all monies are submitted on your behalf.

**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.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY TO RETURN IN OCTOBER**

Children’s Liturgy will return at 10 am Mass on Sunday, October 27. The puppets are all set to return for this spirited version of the readings and Gospel aimed at helping children through fourth grade understand the Word. Our youngest, wiggliest parishioners warmly welcomed.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT**

The puppets are seeking teen volunteers to help them perform their weekly rendition of the Gospel. High school teens may also serve as catechists for the younger participants. Volunteers earn service hours.

We also rely on adult volunteers - no previous experience required. Activity sheets and coloring sheets are provided for adults to use with the kids. VIRTUS/Protecting God’s Children training is a requirement for adults.

Interested volunteers should email chriscchildrensliturgy@gmail.com for more details

**DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

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**FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ**

"The Society of St. Lawrence Ruiz (SSLR) will celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 5:00pm Mass to be celebrated by Rev. Noel Daduya, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Hope in Middle Village. This will be followed by fellowship in the parish hall. All are welcome."

**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.

**ADULT BIBLE DISCUSSION:**

**NEW TESTAMENT ABRAHAM**

That's right! Abraham in the New Testament: we will discuss the importance of Abraham in the writings of St. Paul and also include Jesus’ references to Abraham....tuesday evenings Oct. 1, Oct. 8 and Oct. 15 in the rectory basement from 7:30-8:45 P.M...newcomers welcome including non-catholics...no previous background required...we provide bibles for the sessions...come with your questions and come and just listen...

**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.

**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.
**OUR LADY OF MERCY CLOTHES DRIVE**

The St. Vincent DePaul truck will be in front of the Church Sunday October 27th from 8:00am-1:30pm. Do you have extra clothes in your closet at home? Do you feel like you do some Fall cleaning? Please bring the clothes you no longer wear, that are "gently" used and clean, to help those in need.

**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. Thank you for your participation, and please continue to spread the word.

Call (718) 491-2525 or svdpcar-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!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

The new Mass book for 2020 is now open for requests. Mass intentions can be for the living as well as the deceased, for a "Special Intention, or as a Mass “in thanksgiving".

We ask that anyone requesting more than 4 Masses submit a written list, including the names, dates, and Mass times you would like, to the Rectory office, either in person or via the office e-mail.

We will do our best to accommodate your requests.

**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.

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**FEEL GREAT & LOOK GREAT**

Feel and look great at our exercise class every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:00pm 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.