

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	October 19th
8:30 AM	Luisa Barquin
5:00 PM	John Curcio
Sunday	October 20th
8:30 AM	Herman, Joanne, & Katherine Holzknrecht
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Salvatore Bullaro
5:00 PM	Angelina Tosi (Van Nostrand)
Monday	October 21st
8:30 AM	Thomas Sommero
12:00 PM	Saint Gerard
Tuesday	October 22nd
8:30 AM	Leonard Quigley & William Kirby
12:00 PM	Carolyn Ryan
Wednesday	October 23rd
8:30 AM	William Hoogsteden (5th Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Rose Rivera
Thursday	October 24th
8:30 AM	Victor Lamarque
12:00 PM	Age Memcaj
Friday	October 25th
8:30 AM	Leo Gillespie
12:00 PM	Anne Daly
Saturday	October 26th
8:30 AM	Thomas Rooney (53rd Anniversary)
5:00 PM	Pauline DiGraci
Sunday	October 27th
8:30 AM	Fay Foran
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Michael & Caroline Sassi , Michael Sassi Jr. and Roland Pugliese
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, 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, Jeffrey Veneski, Michael Coleman, Beatrice Lang, Heidi Dulaney, 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, SCSSO 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 F. Sweeney

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – October 20th**

Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – October 21st

Weekday

-Forest Hills Civic Association Meeting-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

-Confirmation Practice (Students Only)-Church at 7:30pm

-Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - October 22nd

Weekday

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

-RCIA/Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – October 23rd

Weekday

-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

-Confirmation Practice (Students & Sponsors)-Church at 7:30pm

THURSDAY – October 24th

Weekday

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm

-CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:30pm

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – October 25th

Weekday

-Confirmation-Church at 4:00pm

SATURDAY – October 26th

Weekday

-”White and Red”Party-Parish Hall at 8:00pm

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.

**BREAD AND WINE**

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

Marguerite & Harry Schillo

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.

Dear Parishioners;

This weeks' Gospel is a peculiar one. It features two characters in the parable that Jesus tells. There is a widow and a judge. In ancient times, widows and orphans were the most defenseless and vulnerable members of society. Unless a widow had an adult son, she had no social standing. The other featured character, the judge, is cynical and respects nothing. One would imagine that an interaction between these two would come to nothing; yet surprisingly, the widow wins her case. She prevails not because she had any political or societal clout or even because the judge is honest or compassionate but rather because of her persistence. She will not accept "no" as an answer and finally the judge simply wishes to be rid of her.

The point of the parable is that if a powerless widow can wear down a corrupt judge by her persistence alone then how much more can be expected from God, the just and merciful judge. Yet the underlying reality in the parable is the unstated realization that while we must be bold and persistent in prayer, we must acknowledge that God's ways are always ours and that His timing is not always ours. The parable suggests that prayers are answered but not always in the way we would prefer to have them answered or in the time frame that we set.

One area of parish life in which I have been less than persistent is speaking about parish funds. We do magnificently well in major fund raisers, such as *Generations in Faith* or the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. In fact, because of your generosity in those Appeals, the funds returned to our parish have permitted us to make repairs that might not otherwise have been possible. The air-conditioners have been completely renewed; the rear steps to the Church Hall have been rebuilt; the side front steps to the Church have also been completely rebuilt and the central stairs of the Church have been realigned and pointed. New tables and chairs were purchased for the Church Hall and the woodwork of three of the parish buildings (school, Brothers' House, and rectory) have been painted - a job sorely overdue! Most of this work was very expensive but your kindness permitted it to be done.

But as in your own homes or co-ops, there are major expenses such as those outlined above; however, there are the everyday (and usually not as dramatic) expenses. There are salaries to be paid to our lay workers and clergy. There are escalating liability insurance costs to cover all of our buildings. There is the Diocesan assessment which helps to maintain the works accomplished by the Bishop's Office and other Diocesan Offices. There are taxes, especially the water tax and social security taxes for our employees. There are pension funds and health insurance and there are the ordinary repairs and maintenance of our property and buildings. There are contract services for our mailing machine, copiers, landscaper and accountants. There are utilities and they are most definitely not free.

The source of funding for these expenses is primarily the weekly collection and it is here that we limp. Unlike the lady in today's Gospel, I have not been persistent in asking for an increase in our weekly giving. I hate to use our very valuable time together on Sundays to talk about money when we have so little time to talk about the reason for the whole infrastructure - the Gospel! But it must be done if we are to continue to have a healthy parish.

I use the weekly envelopes and I must ask myself whether or not the ten dollars I put in each envelope is enough? Should I give (back) more. After all, a halfway decent bottle of Scotch costs at least twenty dollars. If you persist in smoking, a carton of cigarettes will put you back over one hundred dollars. If you commute on the subway a one way fare will be \$2.75. If you prefer a little more comfort and style in your commute and use the Long island Railroad; off peak for a senior's round trip will be over eight dollars. A cup of coffee (especially the specialized brands) can cost several dollars and a reduced senior rate movie ticket still costs about seven or eight dollars. That amount will rise if you like pop corn and soda!

Having said all this I challenge myself and you to think about the ordinary costs of running this parish. A dollar in the collection, unless you are in very tight financial circumstances, does not cut it. A dollar! For some that is too much! Some folks observe the basket passing them and put nothing in it. They consider it an intrusion on their prayer life. Well, if those prayers are to be said in a warm church with lighting or an air-conditioning in the summer, we need funds. No contractor calls me to tell me that since we are such wonderful people at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, that the lights, repairs, heating, air-conditioning will be free. Would that they were but they are not! Our average weekly collections range in the area of five to six thousand dollars and frankly that just about pays the bills of any given week. Very little is left to put into savings. So there's the challenge! Taking a page from the lady in today's Gospel about praying persistently, our ordinary giving must also be persistent if we are to maintain our parish plant and continue to make it a source of justifiable pride in our Forest Hills/ Rego Park/Kew Gardens neighborhoods.

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

WE NEED HELP

As we have in the past, we will once again be decorating and selling beautiful wreaths at Christmas time. Since, among the many items used, pine cones are an "absolute must", we would like to enlist your help. When you take your walks or weekend excursions during these beautiful Fall days, keep us in mind. Collect as many pine cones as you can (all shapes and sizes) and bring them to the Rectory. We thank you in advance!

**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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS

Children's Liturgy will return at 10:00am 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 chrischildrensliturgy@gmail.com for more details

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

FEEL GREAT & LOOK GREAT

Feel and look great at our exercise class every Wednesday from **8:30 to 9:30am** 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.**

OLM GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The Golden Age Club will be sponsoring a trip to Lancaster, PA on November 19th, which will include Lunch at Good-n-Plenty Restaurant, tickets to The Miracle of Christmas at the Sight and Sound Theatre, and an entertaining, as well as scenic, bus ride. The cost of this complete day of fun will be \$135, which will be due by October 25th. **The Bus will leave at 7:45am sharp on 11/19.** If you have any further questions, please call Eleanor at 718-457-4816 or Pat at 718-441-1192

OUR LADY OF MERCY CLOTHES DRIVE

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

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.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

October 23, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
October 30, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
November 06, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
November 13, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
November 20, 2019	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction	7:30pm
November 27, 2019	No Activity	

BRIDGE TO LIFE
BABY BOTTLES ARE HERE!

The Bridge to Life is a pregnancy resource center with locations in Flushing and Astoria. Bridge provides pro-life counseling to pregnant women who are considering an abortion, as well as distributing material assistance (such as clothing, strollers, car seats, books) to thousands of mothers and their children each year. Since all services are provided free of charge to our clients, we strongly rely on the generosity of others in the donations we receive.

Once again, Baby Bottles are available at OLM, at the doors as you exit the church. Kindly take one or more home, fill it up with coin, currency, and/or check. Please return all bottles by the weekend of November 2/3, 2019. There will be receptacles for them in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you in advance for your support!


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.
- **Molloy College** (100 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre) will host an **open house** for prospective students and their guests on Sunday, November 10th at 1:00pm. If you have any further questions please call (516) 323-4000
- **ANGIE'S MARKET IS HIRING!** As you may know, a new nearby supermarket - **Angie's Market**- is **due to open in November** at 100-27 Metropolitan Avenue- (where Sizzler used to be). They are hiring for all positions, and you can make an application online at <https://www.angiesmarket.com>
- **Diocesan Mass of Remembrance and Healing for Pregnancy and Infant Loss** Tuesday, **October 15 at 7 p.m.** at St. Sebastian Church, Woodside. A special invitation is extended to anyone who grieves the loss of a child as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. These losses may be recent or extend over many years. A commendation ceremony has been built into the Mass in which participants will have the opportunity to name their babies and offer them to the Lord.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

- **Monsignor Scanlon High School** (coed, 915 Hutchinson River Pkwy, Bronx, 718-430-0100 xt57) - October 23rd, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- **Cathedral Prep & Seminary** (boys, 56-25 92nd St., Elmhurst, 718-592-6800) - October 20th from 12:00pm to 3:00pm
- **Archbishop Molloy** (coed, 83-53 Manton St., Briarwood, 718-441-2100 ext.115) - October 20th from 11:00am to 4:00pm
- **Holy Cross** (coed, 26-20 Francis Lewis Blvd, Flushing, 718-886-7250 ext.558) - October 20th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm
- **The Mary Louis Academy** (girls, 176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates, 718-297-2120) - October 20th from 10:00am to 3:00pm
- **Notre Dame School of Manhattan** (girls, 327 West 13th St., NYC, 212-620-5575) - October 27th from 2:30pm to 5:00pm

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 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!

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.



PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE