

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday	October 28th
8:30 AM	Claire Steers
12:00 PM	Hilda & Stanley Moss
Tuesday	October 29th
8:30 AM	Evelyn Barckow
12:00 PM	Vincent Koo
Wednesday	October 30th
8:30 AM	James Golden
12:00 PM	William Kirby
Thursday	October 31st
8:30 AM	Mary Casaccio
12:00 PM	M. Margaret & Peter McGrath
7:30 PM	Luis & Remedios DelMuando
Friday	November 1st
8:30 AM	Goharik Grigorian Proulx
10:00 AM	Henri-Robert Lamarque
12:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Fojtik Family
Saturday	November 2nd
8:30 AM	Lorenz Kraya
12:00 PM	All Souls Commemorative Mass
5:00 PM	Cecelia Mieda
Sunday	November 3rd
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	George Kim
5:00 PM	Margaret Scibelli

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, 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, Patricia Beckett, Ida Ryan, Connie Bornhimer, Pete Rose, 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**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – October 27th**

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

-Children's Liturgy-10:00am Mass

-Clothing Drive Truck-Kessel Street from 8:00am to 1:30pm

MONDAY – October 28th

Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

-Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - October 29th

Weekday

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – October 30th

Weekday

-Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30am

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

-Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm

THURSDAY – October 31st

Weekday

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – November 1st

All Saints

-Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm & 6:00pm

SATURDAY – November 2nd

All Souls

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.

**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.

REFRESHING OUR PRAYER LIST

Since our "Pray For The Sick" list has not been updated for quite some time, we are going to start fresh, in the hope that those on this list have already benefitted from all of your many prayers. As of **November 3rd**, the list will be revised. As usual, please notify us at the rectory of anyone who is currently in need of our prayers. It is important for us, as a community to join in prayer for those who are ill as well as those who serve our country. Thank you for your assistance

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

Dear Parishioners,

I think that this week's Gospel is fairly self-evident. Two men have gone to the Temple in Jerusalem to pray. Their location was in the courtyards that surrounded the actual Temple building. The Temple, which was about the size of our parish Church, was reserved for the Jewish priests that ministered there on a rotating basis. The most sacred part of the temple was the Holy of Holies, in which it was thought that God's Name dwelt. Originally that cubic room had contained the Ark of the Covenant but about five hundred years before the birth of Christ, the Ark apparently had been captured and destroyed by the Babylonian conquerors. The room stood empty after that time. The courtyards surrounding the temple would have been the site of today's parable. One man, a Pharisee, filled with self-confidence in his own "righteousness", prayed in such a way as to distinguish himself from the rest of humanity, whom he describes as "greedy, adulterous, dishonest". Seeking an example for such behavior, he spies a nearby tax collector also at prayer. It almost sounds like the Pharisee is praising himself, not praying to God.

In contrast, the other man the tax-collector, does not even dare to raise his eyes to the sanctuary but admits his failures and his total dependence on God's mercy. The contrast between the two men is heightened by the fact that the tax-collector belongs to a class of people, who were generally despised because they made their living taxing their own people for the sake of the Roman conquerors or their local henchmen, the several Herodian princes. The Pharisee was thought to belong to a class that was right with God because they kept all the disciplinary regulations of the Law. Jesus' listeners would have had expectations for both Pharisees and tax-collectors; yet, as with so many of Our Lord's parables, they were in for a surprise.

It is the unlikely tax-collector whom Jesus praises as being justified in God's eyes. The tax-collector will be exalted while the supposed Pharisee will be humbled. The Pharisee has bragged to God about himself and has informed God of his righteousness (His "right" standing with God) as if God did not know the score. The tax-collector in deep humility does not dare to assume anything of God. He is fully aware of his short-comings, so he does no bragging but rather flings himself on the mercy of God.

The tax collector follows in the footsteps of the authors of the two earlier readings. Sirach was a teacher of the law. He lived at a time when the poor were despised and thought to be beyond divine consideration. Relying on the best of the Torah tradition, Sirach urges his students to imitate God, Who "hears the cry of the poor" (Psalm 34).

A section of St. Paul's letter to his protégé, Timothy, is our second reading. Paul, after his conversion, describes himself in various ways: an apostle, a servant, or a slave. In today's reading he describes himself as a libation poured in service to the Lord Jesus. A libation was a sacrificial liquid offering to a god. In many ancient religions, the libation offering would be poured on the altar or near it to symbolize the gift of this precious liquid to a god. Relying on imagery familiar to ancient people, Paul describes himself as "poured out like a libation". In more modern terms he also sees himself as a runner approaching the finish line after a good race. Paul's reward will not be the usual laurel crown given in ancient times to athletic competitors but rather "the crown of righteousness". He longs for the finish line in order to encounter the Lord, Who has stood by him in thick and thin and now awaits Him in His heavenly Kingdom.

The parable in the Gospel is addressed to those, who like the Pharisee think of themselves as righteous, while despising those they think are less so. The tax-collector on the other hand, recognizes his sinfulness, and throws himself on God's mercy. The Pharisee has exalted himself. The tax-collector has exalted God, the same God Who Sirach describes as esteeming the poor and Whom Paul fervently served with most of His adult life.

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 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!



- **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>
- **Home-Delivered Meals from Queens Community House.** For adults age 60+ in Forest Hills, Rego Park, Corona, Elmhurst. Kosher, vegetarian, and Asian meals can be provided. If you or a friend are in need of having a nutritious and delicious meal delivered daily to your front door, call 718-268-1412, Mon-Fri, 9am to 5 pm.
- **FREE Screenings and Hearing Aid Help** at St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center (152-11 Union Turnpike) through December 5. Call 718-990-6480 for appointment.
- The Regal Cinema at The Shoppes of Atlas Park is showing "**Faustina: Love and Mercy**" on **Monday, October 28th**. It is a docudrama on Saint Faustina and her Divine Mercy revelations. If interested visit the Regal Atlas Park for more information.

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. Scheduled meeting dates are October 21, November 4 & 18, December 9 . If you are joining for the first time, an RSVP is required. Please contact the group's facilitator, Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle, at ymizelle@gmail.com, or call the rectory at 718-268-6251

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