

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 5th
 8:30 AM Terence McKinney
 5:00 PM Mary Alice Mead

Sunday October 6th
 8:30 AM Maja Jedrak & Sal Malenki
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM OLM 90th Anniversary Mass
 5:00 PM —No Mass—

Monday October 7th
 8:30 AM John Carriero
 12:00 PM Stella Sherry

Tuesday October 8th
 8:30 AM Maribel Kalinking
 12:00 PM Gloria Gonzalez

Wednesday October 9th
 8:30 AM Eileen Theresa Savarese (Happy Birthday)
 12:00 PM Luke Sorrentino

Thursday October 10th
 8:30 AM Angelina Martini
 12:00 PM Terry Hall

Friday October 11th
 8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua & DiCapua & BiFalco Families
 12:00 PM Paul Mertl

Saturday October 12th
 8:30 AM Terence McKinney
 5:00 PM William Walters

Sunday October 13th
 8:30 AM John Chocko
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Edna Werner
 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, 8Michael 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, 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.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Mary Amodeo

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – October 6th

Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
 -90th Anniversary Mass-12:00pm

-NO 5:00PM MASS TODAY

MONDAY – October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - October 8th

Weekday
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY – October 9th

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

THURSDAY – October 10th

Weekday
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:30pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – October 11th

Weekday
SATURDAY – October 12th
Weekday

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Many thanks for this week's flower donation given in :

Congratulations to OLM 90th Anniversary

by Angela Martin & Family



BREAD AND WINE

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

James Rohan (15th Anniversary)

by The Rohan Family



TABERNACLE LIGHT

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

Paul Mertl

by Maria E. Dudas



Dear Parishioners,

Today is a magnificent Sunday because at the 12:00 P.M. Mass, we have the honor and pleasure of having our chief shepherd, His Excellency, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, with us for the beginning of our 90th Anniversary. We are also honored by the presence of Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, the Bishop of Albany, who was a resident in this parish for many years. They are both joined by other priests, who have a connection with Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Our celebration is a real illustration of Church. With all of our joys and sorrows, strengths and shortcomings, sins and good deeds, we are the faulted people, who find our destiny and fulfillment in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. For ninety years, this faith community has welcomed countless people to share our Faith and be refreshed and restored by the Sacraments and the proclamation of the Gospel.

The readings this Sunday are most appropriate to our 90th anniversary. The first is from one of the lesser of the Hebrew prophets, Habakkuk. Given Israel's troubled history, the prophet could be writing of almost any era. He complains to God about the apparent divine inaction on behalf of his elect. God's response forms the major part of today reading. God says: the vision of peace and tranquility "still has its time. ...it will not disappoint ...if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late ...the just one because of his faith, will live." St. Paul has the same type of hope. In his letter to his protégé, Timothy, Paul notes that even in persecution, he knows that God brings to the Church a Spirit of power, love and self-control. This is what sustained Paul.

Finally in today's Gospel citation, Jesus and His disciples are on their journey to the holy City, Jerusalem. They recognize the "littleness" of their Faith. They were behind Jesus in the moments of glory: the healings, the cures, the challenging and His consoling teachings; however, they are not contemplating suffering or privation. It was not part of their game-plan. Jesus' response is reassuring. Even the tiny mustard seed is powerful. The mustard seed will grow into a large bush. The Faith of the Apostles may be small but it can accomplish much and permitted to grow it will be very powerful. Metaphorically it would be like uprooting the mulberry bush and flinging it into the sea.

Abruptly Jesus changes direction and reminds them that they must not be seeking rewards but rather they should be like faithful slaves, whose faithfulness is its own reward. That increase in faith, that the apostle's desire, will entail being a servant and doing as the master (the Lord, Jesus) commands. It is these same apostles who will lead the early Church and in that role that they will continue to be servants, doing what the Master asks, and not expecting a reward. The service is its own reward. Yet St. Matthew in his account of the final judgment is very clear: that service to others will gain us entry into the kingdom "prepared from the foundation of the world". (Matthew 25:31-41)

For ninety years, this parish has lived the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Since the days of our first pastor, Father Edward Costello, to the present, many parishioners, Sisters, Priests, and Deacons have used their many gifts and talents to build God's kingdom here in Forest Hills, Rego Park and Kew Gardens. We were founded in the midst of the Great Depression and we survived. Our people endured the Second World War, the Korean War and the War in Vietnam. We have been here through political assassinations and turmoil. We are here through good times and bad including the present tumultuous time in our Church's history.

With the optimistic hope of Habakkuk, with the faith of Paul, Timothy and the Apostles, with the strength of our first patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux, who experienced at times, "the dark night of the soul", and with Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Mercy, as our exemplar and companion, we hope to forge ahead for many, many years in the service of both God and our brothers and sisters.

In the Lord, Jesus,
Monsignor John McGuirl

Increased Offertory Program

Our Diocese has instituted an Increased Offertory Program for every parish but Our Lady of Mercy Parish is in the pilot program. We do magnificently in major Diocesan Campaigns, such as *Generations in Faith* and the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Our share in these Diocesan initiatives have permitted us to repair our air-conditioning system, make sidewalks repairs, replace the side steps of the Church and straighten the center steps. More recently we have been able to paint the external windows of the Academy, the rectory and the Brothers' House. These are wonderful major improvements that we might not have been able to do otherwise.

Where we limp is in the regular weekly collections. Despite a rise in our expenses, our collections remain rather stable. In this new fiscal year, we can expect major increases in liability and health insurance, pension costs, the water tax, social security taxes, regular maintenance and utilities. The weekly collections help to meet these costs.

There is another flyer in this week's bulletin and the emphasis is on automatic giving. Automatic giving provides your Church with a source of regular income even when your schedule takes you away from the parish. Presently about 75 families use our automatic giving program. A quick call to the rectory will provide you with more details. Please see the attached flyer!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Deacon Dean Dobbins, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard (Ann) Collins, who were inducted into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem at a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, October 5th. They join five other parishioners and your priests as members of this Order, which does so much good work in the Holy Land: building schools, hospitals, orphanages, clinics and providing funds for the upkeep of the Holy Places in Israel and Jordan

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.

**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
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 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

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.

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 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

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

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| 1 st Prize: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tschinkel | \$325.00 |
| 2 nd Prize: Jadwiga Sulewski. | \$140.00 |
| 3 rd Prize: Susan & Philip Zoni | \$140.00 |
| 4 th Prize: Veronica Franz | \$75.00 |
| 5 th Prize: John H. Vanier | \$75.00 |

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. We will meet on Tuesday evenings (Oct. 1, Oct. 8 and Oct. 15) in the rectory basement from 7:30-8:45pm. Newcomers welcome, including non-catholics. No previous background required...we provide bibles for the sessions. Come with your questions or come and just listen.

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

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| October 09, 2019 | Divine Mercy Cenacle | 6:30pm |
| October 16, 2019 | Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction | 7:00pm 7:30pm |
| October 23, 2019 | Divine Mercy Devotion | 6:30pm |
| October 30, 2019 | Divine Mercy Cenacle | 6:30pm |

- **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

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

- **Msgr. McClancy** (coed, 71-06 31st Ave., East Elmhurst, 718-898-3800) - October 12th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm
- **Xavier High School** (boys, 30 West 16th St., NYC, 212-924-7900) - October 19th from 11:30am to 4:00pm
- **St. Francis Prep** (coed, 6100 Francis Lewis Blvd, Fresh Meadows, 718-423-8810) - October 19th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm
- **St. Agnes Academy** (coed, 13-20 124th St., College Point, 718-353-6276) - October 19th from 10:00am to 1:00pm.
- **St. John's Prep** (coed, 21-21 Crescent St. Astoria, 718-721-7200) - October 19th from 11:00am to 3:00pm
- **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) - from 2:30pm to 5:00pm

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.**

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.

