

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 16th
 8:30 AM Luis & Remedios Del Muando
 5:00 PM John Graham McGinley

Sunday November 17th
 8:30 AM Madeline Wales (Birthday Remembrance)
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Allegro & Varone Families
 5:00 PM Raymond Medina

Monday November 18th
 8:30 AM Louis & Pauline Pfohl
 12:00 PM Hilda & Stanley Moss

Tuesday November 19th
 8:30 AM Michael Minischetti
 12:00 PM Gohn Cassis

Wednesday November 20th
 8:30 AM Joseph Arcchia
 12:00 PM Maria Pura Gonzales Queryero

Thursday November 21st
 8:30 AM Pasquale Mieda
 12:00 PM Elsie Didier

Friday November 22nd
 8:30 AM William Kirby
 12:00 PM Jack Petti

Saturday November 23rd
 8:30 AM Claire Steers
 5:00 PM Gerard Albano

Sunday November 24th
 8:30 AM Terence McKinney
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Enzo & Maria DiGraci
 5:00 PM Terence McKinney



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patricia Becktold, Ida Ryan, Connie Bornhimer, Pete Rose, James McWalters, Mary Wiley, Kathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Jean Ammirati, Ronald Calcevano, Rose Gaynus, Eleanor Merlino, Henry Timmerman, 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

Pia Parham
 Helen Enigan
 Michael Kaner
 Rev. Michael Carroll
 Pat Reilly

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – November 17th
Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
 -Children’s Liturgy-10:00am Mass

MONDAY – November 18th
Weekday
 -Communion Parents Meeting-Church at 7:30pm
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm
 -Forest Hills Civic Association Meeting-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - November 19th
Weekday
 -RCIA/Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – November 20th
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-Church at 7:00pm

THURSDAY – November 21st
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 -Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm
 -CCD 6th & 7th Gr.-School at 4:30pm
 -Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – November 22nd
Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
 -Girl Scouts-Parish Hall at 4:00pm

SATURDAY – November 23rd
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.

MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND

Many thanks for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund given in memory of:

James M. Pfohl
 by
 Elizabeth Pfohl



TABERNACLE LIGHT

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

Andrew Cariello
 (Birthday Remembrance)
 by
 Carolyn Cariello



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.

Dear Parishioners,

The Jewish temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. during an uprising of the Jewish people against their Roman oppressors. The first temple was built about eight hundred years before the birth of Christ. King Solomon, the son of King David, built the original in a grand style in order to house the Ark of the Covenant. Three centuries later that temple was destroyed by the invading Babylonians and the Ark of the Covenant disappeared from history. A generation later a new temple was built but on a much reduced scale. The central part of the sanctuary was the Holy of Holies in which the Ark had been located. After the disappearance of the Ark, the cubic Holy of Holies was kept absolutely empty; yet, it was always considered to be the place in which God's Name dwelt.

About a half century before the birth of Christ, Herod the Great became king of a semi-independent Jewish kingdom. Though not a Jew, Herod sought to mollify his Jewish subjects by rebuilding the temple on a grand scale. That temple had just reached completion when it was destroyed. The courtyards surrounding the temple are the locale of today's Gospel reading from Saint Luke.

As far as we can tell, Luke is writing after the destruction of the temple but its ruin reminds him of these words of Jesus. Jesus predicts the destruction though He does not give a timetable. He uses this earthly example of destruction to speak about the "last days". Much of what Jesus says is couched in the formal eschatological language (language used to describe the last days) of the time. He could have been alluding to the final end of all things - which is hidden from our eyes, though some modern folks of a fundamentalist bent have made the discovery of such a date into a cottage industry. But many of things mentioned by Jesus have occurred many times over: earthquakes, famines, wars, and heavenly phenomena. Such things were utilized by the prophets and others to provide a description of the unknowable - the last days.

When the ultimate last day arrives, we know not. This is just as well since there is nothing we can do to prevent it. In fact it could be millions of years in the future or for that matter tomorrow morning. What really concerns today's Gospel is that we be prepared not only for the possible end of all things but maybe more particularly for our end in this world. Here too thankfully we do not have a time schedule but as most of us realize, death is no respecter of age, social status or importance. Most of the readers of this page will not be here ninety years from now! We all die and usually the when and how is hidden from our eyes. We are urged nonetheless, to be prepared even if such preparation means to defend ourselves in the face of false accusations because we are followers of Christ.

Jesus assures us that: "You will be hated by all because of My Name, but not a hair of your head will be destroyed". This is an expression meant to convey the idea that we cannot be destroyed ultimately because we are called to a destiny with God. Death will not destroy us because "by your perseverance you will secure your lives".

This message is as relevant now as it was when Jesus first spoke the words in the courtyards of the long destroyed Jerusalem temple.

In Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

INTERFAITH ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Each year the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish congregations of Forest Hills sponsor an interfaith Thanksgiving Service. This service brings together folks from the various faith communities to honor Almighty God for the many blessing He has bestowed upon us and our nation. The 2019 service will be at 4:00 P.M. on November 24th at Our Lady of the Angelus Parish, 63-63 98th Street, Rego Park (though the parish plant Of Our Lady of the Angelus Parish is located in Rego Park, much of the territory of the parish lies in north Forest Hills near the Long Island Expressway and Horace Harding Boulevard.)

After the service there will be a reception and refreshments in the school auditorium. All are invited. The parish has a small parking lot, which can accommodate about twenty cars but the Rego Park subway stations are nearby.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

Children's Liturgy will be held at 10 am Mass on the November 17 and 24. This spirited version of the readings and Gospel, complete with puppets, is 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



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Thanksgiving is coming, and as usual we will be preparing holiday packages of food for those in need. Everyone likes the same "Turkey and Fixin's". So if you should find yourself with some extra, maybe think of donating to the Pantry.

We always need food staples 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.

MOSES, PASSOVER, EUCHARIST AND THANKSGIVING

Join us as we explore the fascinating connections between all of the above. No background necessary. We provide the Bibles for the sessions. Come with your questions or just come and listen. A beautiful way of spiritual preparation for Thanksgiving. Join us any or all Tuesday evenings in the Rectory Basement, November 19, & 26...Conducted by David Powell, co-director of Adult Faith Formation. All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m....any questions please call our office at 718 261 6285

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.



OLMCA
FUNDRAISER



'Tis the season!

Make your own shopping easier and get the "perfect gift" for everyone while, at the same time, supporting our Parish School and helping to keep Catholic Education alive. From November 17th, thru December 7th, after all Masses (except 5:00m on Sunday), there will be a representative from our Academy selling gift cards in the Church Vestibule. You will be able to choose from a **wide variety of cards** (Amazon, Home Depot, Kohl's, Michaels, Target Visa & American Express, to name a few), and will have **no activation fee and no expiration date.** So, please consider purchasing any gift cards that you need from OLMCA (checks and cash will gladly be accepted)

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

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.

LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP POSSIBILITIES

The Catholic Lawyers Guild of Queens County, Inc. makes available three scholarships, each amounting to \$3,000.00 on a financial need-basis to full time law students. To qualify the students must have GPA of at least 2.5, be practicing Roman Catholics and have verifiable membership in a Catholic Parish. The candidates also must be a resident of Queens County or attending a school in Queens County. They must be available on December 16th, 2018 to receive the scholarship at the Annual Communion Breakfast, The application must be submitted December 13th, 2019

For additional information and an application, kindly contact The Scholarship Committee, Catholic Lawyers Guild of Queens County at queenscountry@catholiclawyerguild.com or mail to P.O. Box 540862, Flushing, NY, 11354. Any questions can be addressed to the same.



- **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.
- **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 **November meeting of the 112th Precinct Community Council** will be held on November 20th, at 7:30pm, in the Russell Sage Junior High School Auditorium.

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 November 4th & 18th, and December 9th. 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
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus** (83-17 78th Ave., Glendale) is hosting a **Fall Craft Fair on Sunday, November 24th** from 9:00am to 5:00pm in the Church Basement. Local crafters will be selling their "homemade" items.
- **Our Lady of Hope Senior Goal Group** will host a **Senior Retreat** in Our Lady of Hope school cafeteria on November 23rd from 9:30am to Noon. The guest speaker will be Sr. Ave Clark, O.P., and light refreshments will be served.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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	
December 04, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
December 11, 2019	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
December 18, 2019	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
December 25, 2019	No Activity	

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!

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.**

