

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday November 25th
 8:30 AM Richard Matzelle
 12:00 PM M. Margaret McGrath (52nd Anniversary)

Tuesday November 26th
 8:30 AM Nellie & Maurice Rooney
 12:00 PM Michael & Caroline Sassi, Michael Sassi Jr. and Roland Pugliese

Wednesday November 27th
 8:30 AM Leonard Quigley & William Kirby
 12:00 PM Nancy Parmese

Thursday November 28th
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Family Mass

Friday November 29th
 8:30 AM Agnes Cloos
 12:00 PM Josephine & Benjamin Gaglio

Saturday November 30th
 8:30 AM In Thanksgiving
 5:00 PM Charles & Frances Sapienza

Sunday December 1st
 8:30 AM Restituto Quiambao Luz
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Peter McGrath (62nd Anniversary)
 5:00 PM Nora Calderon



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, 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

Emma Celeste
 Henry Timmerman
 Ebireri Gregory Okrokoto
 Daniel Guaman Sr.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – November 24th
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 -Children’s Liturgy-10:00am Mass

MONDAY – November 25th
Weekday
 -Confirmation Parents Meeting-Church at 7:30pm
 -Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - November 26th
Weekday
 -RCIA/Centering Prayer-Rectory at 7:30pm
 -Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – November 27th
Weekday
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30am

THURSDAY – November 28th
Weekday
Thanksgiving Day
 -All Buildings & Offices Closed

FRIDAY – November 29th
Weekday
 -All Buildings & Offices Closed

SATURDAY – November 30th
Saint Andrew, Apostle

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

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week’s donation of Bread & Wine given in loving memory of:
Edward Miller
 by
 Heaney, Malley, & McCabe Families



TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week’s donation of the Tabernacle Light given in loving memory of:
Edward Miller
 by
 Heaney, Malley, & McCabe Families



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.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - NOVEMBER 24TH, 2019

Today is the feast of Jesus Christ , King of the Universe. It marks the end of the Church's liturgical year of 2019 and it ushers in Advent, which not only begins the new liturgical year but also is the season of immediate preparation for Christmas.

It's an odd holy day, isn't it? We live in a nation that is rooted in a rebellion against a British government then headed by King George III, the great, great, great, great grandfather of the present Queen of the United Kingdom, Elizabeth II. Yet, many of us are still mesmerized by the activities, travails and adventures of George's present day relatives. Prince Charles and Camilla, William and Kate Middleton, Harry and Meghan are names familiar to everyone in the country.

So are we to view Jesus' kingship in the way we view the British, or for that matter, the Spanish or Dutch or Danish or any of the modern royal families? Even when the feast day was inaugurated by Pius XI in 1925, many of the remaining royal families were losing their political power. So where do we go?

The readings give us a hint. The first is taken from the Old Testament Book of Samuel. After the death of the first king of Israel, Saul and his son, Jonathan, the Israelites declare David as their king because he is "their bone and flesh". He is one with the people and he is anointed to shepherd them. The job of a shepherd is to lead his flock away from predators and into verdant fields replete with clean flowing streams. So in the dream of God, the ideal king is related to the people and acts as their shepherd.

Many centuries later, St. Paul writing to the Church he founded at Colossae, indicates that God's Son, like a shepherd, will lead His people into "...the inheritance of the holy ones in light". (Colossians 1: 12-20). This Shepherd is the image of the invisible God, yet everything was created through Him and He is before all else. He is the head of the church, the gathering of His disciples; He restores life through His resurrection and establishes peace through the perfect sacrifice of Himself for our sake.

That sacrifice of self is the topic of the excerpt from the Gospel of St. Luke. Jesus' enemies sneer at him while He endures the agony of the cross. Even one of the two men executed with him joins in the mockery. Yet the other condemned man intervenes. He acknowledges that Jesus is innocent and has been condemned unjustly. He utters the universal prayer: "Jesus, remember Me when You come into Kingdom." (Luke 23:35-43). That man becomes the first "canonized" saint! His presence in heaven is assured when Jesus responds: "Amen I say to you, this day you will be with Me in paradise."

So then Jesus is a king in very specific ways. He is the Good Shepherd, watching out for His sheep. He shares the nature of the flock. He shares their humanity. But while sharing their humanity, He is the image of the invisible God! Sharing our humanity He too dies, and dies in a particularly hideous way. Through the Resurrection that follows that death, Jesus invites us to share the very light of God and in doing so becomes head of a new people united in His cause. A people, who, like the thief on the cross, are also sinners, but who pray that He will remember us when He comes into His kingdom. We are the people who yearn to hear the words that the "good" thief heard: "Amen (Yes or so be it!) I say to you, this day you will be with Me in paradise". Implicitly in his death throes, the good thief has acknowledged Jesus' kingship. He voices our desire that we be counted among the citizens of that kingdom!

In Christ,
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

MORE GOOD NEWS FOR OLM'S INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM

Thank you again to everyone who has participated and to those of you who have increased your giving. If you have not already made your commitment, **Commitment Forms are available in the back of the Church.**

We have continued our upward trend during these past six weeks! Compared to the same six-week period last year, **we have increased our offertory by 29%**. This is an additional \$2,000 per week that will return directly to our Parish!

I also urge all of our parishioners to sign up for our **Online Giving Program**. **Please visit mercyhills.org to sign up for our Online Giving Program.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will need some help to wrap the breads that will be blessed and given out on Thanksgiving Day after Mass. Wrapping will take place in the Rectory Meeting Room on Wednesday, November 27th at 10:30am. If you wish to join us, call the Rectory on Monday or just stop in on Wednesday morning. Remember that "many hands make light work".

THANKSGIVING DAY FAMILY MASS

Join us on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 28th at 9:00 AM for our annual Thanksgiving Day Family Mass. As a community, let us gather to give thanks to God for all of the abundant gifts and blessings He has bestowed on us and our families. To help us better serve those who come to us for help, we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item or monetary donation to assist our Food Pantry and Human Services outreach. Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

We know that it is early, but we like to be prepared to help Santa out! As usual, he will be making some "special deliveries" during the season to those who are homebound. So, we are asking for your help with gathering information. If you know of a neighbor or friend who is homebound and could use a little cheering up, please inform the Rectory office of their name and address. Thank you for your help!

A TIME FOR GIVING!



Each year, we have some local families who come to us requesting our help in providing Christmas gifts for their children. We try to support these families by providing new gifts of toys and clothing for the parents to place under the tree for their families. If you know of a family that needs help or would like to "adopt" and assist one of these needy families through our "Be An Angel" program, please contact the Rectory at 718-268-6143

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Please join us for our Annual Tree Lighting ceremony, on the Juno Street Lawn, Saturday, December 14th after the 5 P.M. Mass. Join in the Blessing and sing a few carols around the tree. Afterwards, come down to the Parish Hall for refreshments, purchasing of holiday greenery, and some good old comradery. We have also gotten word that Santa himself will be joining in the festivities. Bring those wish lists!

We are seeking **help in decorating** the wreaths that will be sold, as well as our Parish Hall, for the festivities. Decorating will be on Friday, Dec. 13th, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECOR



It is always so nice to see fresh flowers on the altar at weekend Masses as part of our memorials.



We would like to add to our **Christmas** décor by offering **the opportunity for 15 Memorials in honor of a loved one**. Each memorial will cover the expense of one fresh Christmas wreath and several poinsettias used to decorate the church. **These will remain in place for the three weeks of the Christmas season**. The cost remains \$150.00. Memorials will be published. If you would like to memorialize a loved one in this way please contact the Rectory Office at 718-268-6143 by December 13th. Once the Christmas Season ends, we will return to our weekly floral offerings.

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 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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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.**

Remember! The Holidays are approaching very fast!! Think "Holiday Fixins"!... Boxed stuffing, and mashed potatoes, or pasta, Jiffy muffin mix, coffee, tea, hot chocolate canned veggies, cranberry sauce, yams, soup, gravy, pineapple, apple sauce and juice, or monetary donations.

Important Notice: Since we **Cannot distribute food that has expired.** Please **Check the Expiration Date on the item Before You Donate It.** Thank You.

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. Teen 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

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.
- **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 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

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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	



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)

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.

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

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. Please take pride in our Church, and leave the pews clean. Thank You!

**HAVE A BLESSED AND
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**