

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 7th
8:30 AM	Camille Joan Bruno
5:00 PM	Henri-Robert Lamarque
Sunday	December 8th
8:30 AM	Mason Swearingen
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Labay Family
5:00 PM	Antonia Turruciano
Monday	December 9th
8:30 AM	Evelyne Naraci
12:00 PM	Steve Rubino
Tuesday	December 10th
8:30 AM	Melquiades Viado (Birthday)
12:00 PM	Gohn Cassis
Wednesday	December 11th
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua and DiCapua & Bifalco Families
12:00 PM	Frank Esposito
Thursday	December 12th
8:30 AM	Rajesh Israni
12:00 PM	Anne Daly
Friday	December 13th
8:30 AM	Katherine Caracciolo
12:00 PM	Robert G. Malm
Saturday	December 14th
8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving to Almighty God
5:00 PM	Victor Lamarque
Sunday	December 15th
8:30 AM	Edward Flood
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	George Van Nostrand
5:00 PM	Giuseppa Pizzo

**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, Seraphina Komlos, Mary Tardona, Dorothy Chocko, Richard McBride, Sr., Joseph & Catherine Hennessy, 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

Margaret Hall
Louis Cuoco

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – December 8th**

Second Sunday of Advent

-Children's Liturgy at 10:00am Mass

MONDAY – December 9th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-Scripture Study-Rectory at 7:30pm

-F.H. Civic Association Meeting-Parish Hall at 7:30pm

TUESDAY - 10th

Advent Weekday

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

-Cub Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY – December 11th

Advent 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 – December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

-Centering Prayer-Rectory at 2:30pm

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

-Boy Scouts-Parish Hall at 7:00pm

FRIDAY – December 13th

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

SATURDAY – December 14th

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

-Christmas Tree Lighting-Juno Street Lawn at 6:00pm

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.

MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND

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

James M. Pfohl

by

Elizabeth Pfohl

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of November, 2019:

Charlie Luis Bahn Singh

Liam Francis Ludwig

Emilia Luna Sanchez

Giana Angelina Nieves

Olivia Harper Griffin

Evan Thomas Selkove

Keira Jo Balducci

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the couple married during the month of November, 2019:

Patrick Carlo Corpuz Buenaventura

&

Monique Kristina Mindanao Amparo

Dear Parishioners,

The following is a reflection from a guest author.

ADVENT REFLECTION

A young girl hears the voice of an angel and trembles.
What can these words mean, "Hail, full of grace,"
Who can be graced before the mighty God?
Who can stand in purity and innocence?
What is this, how can that be
To mother the Living God:
Bear in her womb the Lord of all creation?
In silence the Word came down,
In silence the Word was made flesh,
In silence the Virgin received,
In silence heaven kissed the earth,
In silence the Presence grew
In silence the Word came forth.

The voice of God is heard over the ages,
Who will mother my Son,
Who will now bring Him forth?
From every land and nation they are invited,
"Be still and know that I am God."
In silence the Word will come forth.
In silence He can be received,
In silence He will kiss the heart,
In silence His presence will grow,
In silence the Word will come forth upon the earth.

Who will be silent to receive Him?

Carol Powell

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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

On Monday, December 16, 2019 our Diocese will join the Archdiocese of New York in celebrating Advent Reconciliation Monday. On this special day, all the parishes of our diocese will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the great Feast of the Lord's Nativity. Here at OLM we will be offering Reconciliation on that day from 4:00pm to 5:30pm and from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Why are there four weeks in advent? Is advent just about the first coming of Christ or also about the second coming? Why did the early Christians think the second coming was going to occur in their lifetime? Come and learn answers to these and many other questions about the season of Advent during our bible discussion sessions of Tuesday evenings Dec. 10, and 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory basement....no previous background required....come to any or all sessions....we provide bibles for use at the sessions....any questions call David Powell at the religious education office 718 261 6285

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Our **Giving Tree** and ornaments are in place in the Church vestibule. This year, as in the past, we will be collecting gifts for Catholic Charities, Bridge To Life, and **our own homebound parishioners.** Please **hang an ornament on the tree and drop off your gift for the charity noted on your ornament in the box provided in the vestibule or at the Rectory no later than December 13th.** Your thoughtfulness always makes Christmas bright for many less fortunate than ourselves, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Bid farewell to 2019 and welcome 2020 at Our Lady of Mercy! Begin the evening with the Latin/English Mass at 7:30pm if you wish. After that, the festivities will begin in the Parish Hall, at 8:00pm with dinner, and dancing (wine and champagne toast are included but you may BYOB if you choose).

Admission is \$110.00 and tickets are available at the rectory, or text 718-755-1404, or email olmforesthills@gmail.com

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Please join us for our Annual Tree Lighting ceremony on 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 Need "Helper Elves"

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.

We also need volunteers to help with the refreshments at the get together in the Parish Hall after the lighting of the tree on December 14th. Please call the Rectory(718-268-6143)

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DÉCOR

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.

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.

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

1 st Prize: Anson Lin	\$325.00
2 nd Prize: Horst J. Fisch	\$140.00
3 rd Prize: Anne & Frank DiMarco	\$140.00
4 th Prize: Gertrude DiCapua	\$75.00
5 th Prize: Teresita Bautista	\$75.00

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will be held at 10 am Mass on the December 8 and 22. 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.

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

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

**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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

We have been notified that the following parishioners (previous OLM students) have earned Honor Roll status for the last marking period of the current school year: **-at Archbishop Molloy High School** - Meghan O'Malley, Montserrat Macia, James Shum, Emily Carter, James Ciancimino, Dane Thomsen, Erin Mardenborough, Emanuel Bellido, & Julia Warren; at **Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School** - Stephen Heerey.



**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 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).

Gift cards will also be sold at the "Get-together" in the Parish Hall after the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 14th.

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!

THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:

PEACE

