

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 15th
 8:30 AM Robert Skrivanek
 5:00 PM Francis Morison

Sunday February 16th
 8:30 AM Helen Enigan
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Edward Miller
 5:00 PM Edmond J. Flood

Monday February 17th
 8:30 AM Gaetanina Masone
 12:00 PM Ann Kaszynski

Tuesday February 18th
 8:30 AM Jean Striffler
 12:00 PM Jack Bernardone

Wednesday February 19th
 8:30 AM Homai Gharda
 12:00 PM Thomas Quinn

Thursday February 20th
 8:30 AM Mary Bealtus
 12:00 PM Paul Beatty

Friday February 21st
 8:30 AM Bernadette Boyle
 12:00 PM Kathleen Minihan

Saturday February 22nd
 8:30 AM Paul F. Beatty
 5:00 PM Winston Sammy

Sunday February 23rd
 8:30 AM Pia Parham
 10:00 AM Parish Mass
 12:00 PM Rick Rillen
 5:00 PM Peter Paul Giandolia



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patricia Becktold, Ida Ryan, Connie Bornhimer, Pete Rose, Mary Wiley, Kathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Jean Ammirati, Ronald Calcevano, Rose Gaynus, Eleanor Merlino, Seraphina Komlos, Mary Tardona, Dorothy Chocko, Joseph & Catherine Hennessy, Richard McBride Sr., Stacey Headley, Richard Eisenzopf, Alice & Michael Coleman, Elaine Stump, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Robert Palermo, 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Gerard Malm
 Catherine D. Quinn
 Antonio Russo
 Rose Jonsson
 Laura Saraceni

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – February 16th
Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
MONDAY – February 17th
Weekday
Presidents Day-All Buildings & Offices Closed
TUESDAY - February 18th
Weekday
WEDNESDAY – February 19th
Weekday
 -Exercise Class-Parish Hall at 8:30
 -Golden Age-Parish Hall at 12:30pm - **All Are Welcome**
 -Divine Mercy-Rectory at 6:30pm
THURSDAY – February 20th
Weekday
FRIDAY – February 21st
Weekday
SATURDAY – February 22nd
The Chair of St. Peter The 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Many thanks for this week's flower donation given in **loving memory of:**
Francis Morison
 by
 Ann and Children

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given in **loving memory of:**
Francis Morison
 by
 Ann and Children



TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**
Bernadette Boyle
 by
 Ralph & Kathleen Nocera



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,

About a month ago in this bulletin, and then again more recently in the *Mercy Mirror*, I announced that, after thirteen years I would be retiring from the pastorate of Our Lady of Mercy Parish on June 30th, 2020. This date is five months short of the mandatory retirement age of seventy-five.

The first opportunity to retire was reached at seventy-one years of age; however, at that time, I had notified Bishop DiMarzio that with his approval, I would continue at the helm. But the time has now come. In fact, there is no real retirement for a priest and as the Bishop pointed out in a recent letter to me, the ministry of our senior priests can still be very important. What retirement actually means is a release from financial, repairs, personnel and decision making aspects of parish life. It means also Sacramental ministry on a reduced schedule. During my first seven years as your pastor, the late Monsignor Langelier, my predecessor, after his retirement continued to serve us but on schedule more in accord with his own needs and preferences. To a more limited degree, despite poor health, the late Father John Cremins desired to do the same. I would hope to do much as they did until such time as the Lord calls me. To that end, I will remain in residence at Our Lady of Mercy Rectory.

Our new pastor will be Father Frank Schwarz. Father is sixty-one years of age. He was born on September 20th, 1958 of German parentage. Currently he is completing a twelve year term as the pastor of American Martyrs Church in Bayside.

Father is a veteran of the US Army. Under the G.I. Bill he went to St. John's University, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree. For a time he worked in the health care industry before entering the post-collegiate theologate at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Lloyd Harbor (Huntington), New York. Father was ordained on June 2nd, 2001 and in the past had served at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish here in Forest hills so some of our neighbors may remember him.

Father will become administrator of this parish on June 30th until his formal installation as pastor probably sometime in the fall. During this period of transition please keep me and our new pastor in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Monsignor John. McGuirl



OLM BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, Feb 23rd from
8:45 am to 2:45 pm in the
Parish Hall**

The New York Blood Center supplies hospitals throughout the five boroughs as well as parts of Nassau and Suffolk counties. On average, 2,500 units of blood are transfused each day; approximately every 3 seconds a person in need is receiving a transfusion. The Center's need to maintain an optimum inventory remains constant.

After you donate, your body replaces blood volume or plasma within 24 hours. Red cells need about four to eight weeks for complete replacement. The average healthy body has between 8 and 12 pints of blood and can easily spare one.

Each donation of whole blood is divided into its components. Red cells, essential to carry vital oxygen to the body's tissues, can be stored for 42 days. Platelets, a clotting component needed by patients fighting leukemia and other cancers, must be used within 5 days. Plasma is the nutrient-rich fluid that travels with blood cells through the body. Fresh frozen plasma is given to patients experiencing clotting problems. Cryoprecipitate is a plasma concentrate rich in the specific clotting proteins that hemophiliacs lack.

On Wednesday Feb 26th Lent will begin, just 4 days after the blood drive. During the Lenten season, we consider our prayerful concern for others. What a wonderful way to get a head start on doing something good during this season by giving the gift of life to help sustain the life of another. Your donation matters.

Literature is available in the vestibule of the church for your review. For further information please call the Rectory office at 718 268 6143. **PLEASE HELP.**

Bring your donor ID card or donor ID number. A photo ID is also needed on Sunday Feb. 23rd. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments are not essential.

Before you donate: Drink plenty of fluids; don't forget to eat a good meal; don't skip breakfast.

Volunteers are also needed throughout the day to assist the donors. If you could offer an hour or two of your time, please leave your name and telephone number at the Rectory or on the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule.

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.**

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

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

February 19, 2020	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
February 26, 2020	No Activity	
March 04, 2020	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
March 11, 2020	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm
March 18, 2020	Divine Mercy Devotion	6:30pm
March 25, 2020	Divine Mercy Cenacle	6:30pm

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 1st at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall there will be "Coffee and Conversation" with Sr. Lucille Souza, MSC. The subject will be ***Getting to Know Mother Cabrini***. Come and learn about this extraordinary Saint.

OLM MINISTRY FAIR

**The OLM Parish Council invites you to the Ministry Fair on
March 7th and 8th after all Masses!**

There are many groups that work to make our parish the wonderful community that it is. The Ministry Fair is your opportunity to join a ministry and expand your involvement in the parish. Come down and see what groups are here after any Mass on March 7th and 8th. In a group already? Talk to Pete Mele (petermele@gmail.com or 646-251-3198) to ensure your ministry is represented at the fair.

ST. PATRICK / ST. JOSEPH DAY PUB PARTY FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020, 7-11 PM

Come one and all to our annual St. Patrick and St. Joseph Day Party - this time pub style with live music of the renowned Tommy Clyne and Rumor Has It. Hot Irish and Italian cuisine, wine, dessert, etc plus Monsignor McGuirl's Famous Irish Soda Bread. Meat dispensation for this special event. \$50 per person. Reservations by March 9th. Look for reservation flyer in bulletins and around church. For additional info or to volunteer, contact Helen at 718-793-2033/ hvtgmezzo@gmail.com. God love you

SOUP LUNCHEON

Our Lady of Mercy's annual Lenten Soup Luncheon this year will take place on 3/22 at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall, and will benefit our own Human Services Department. The guest speaker that day will be Deacon Dean Dobbins.

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. Our sessions are on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:45pm which we combine with bible discussion for other interested adults so please feel free to sit in and join us any Tuesday evening in the Rectory basement.. Please contact David or Carol Powell at 718-261-6285.

FEEL GREAT & LOOK GREAT

Regularly scheduled exercise classes are back!
Feel and look great at our exercise class every Wednesday from **8:30 to 9:30 AM** 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.**

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**: James Shum, Isabella Mendez, Angelina Warren, Emily Carter, Dane Thomsen, James Ciancimino, Montserrat Macia, Emmanuel Bellido, Julia Warren, Erin Mardenborough, Lorina Ilkkan, Arthur Mirzoyan, Stefano De Leonardis, Sarah Kilkenny, John Chena.



- **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.
- **Camp Veritas 2020**: Camp Veritas is a one week play and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held in five locations in 2020; June 29-July 4 at Clongowes Wood College in Ireland; July 19-25 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 26-Aug.1 in Emmitsburg MD; Aug 2-7 in Lake Placid, FL and Aug.16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens 1/1/20 and enrollment price for each week is only \$400 per camper. More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.
- **Census 2020. Please do not ignore the questionnaire.** Catholic Charities Brooklyn Queens is partnering with NYC Census to make sure that everyone is represented so that Brooklyn and Queens can receive the political and financial benefits that we truly deserve. Correct census results allow our communities to receive funds that shape our local healthcare, housing, education, transportation, employment, and public policy. All people are urged to be counted in the census, regardless of their citizenship.
- On Wednesday, **Feb. 19th at 6:30pm** there will be a **TOWN HALL WITH Mayor de Blasio** at Russell Sage JHS 190 (68-17 Austin St., Forest Hills) Space is limited-Please RSVP by Feb. 18th at 5:00pm at 212-788-7418.

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

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. 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
- **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (OLQM) Parish** in Forest Hills will hold its 9th annual pre-spring **food festival and restaurant showcase**, "Taste of the World," on **Sunday, 3/8/20 from 2:30pm to 5pm**. Admission price: **\$35** (\$5 discount if you purchase a ticket before March 8) and \$10 for children. Event will be held in McLaughlin Hall (the OLQM Academy building auditorium; entrance at back of parking lot on 72nd Road off Austin Street). To purchase advance tickets, call the OLQM rectory (718-268-6251) during business hours (9-8 M-Th, 9-5 F, 10-2 Sat). Admission includes samplings of foods and desserts from many of the most popular restaurants in Forest Hills and the neighboring communities. Raffle tickets for prizes are also available, so please inquire if interested.
- The Senior Goal Group of **Our Lady of Hope** (61-27 71st Street, Middle Village, 718-429-5438) will be sponsoring a special **Anointing of the Sick Mass on March 14th at 1:00pm**. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the School Cafeteria.
- There will be a **Divine Mercy Bus Pilgrimage with the OLQM Charismatic Prayer Group** to the **National Shrine of the Divine Mercy** in Stockbridge, Massachusetts on April 19th. The bus will **depart 7AM (sharp)** from in front of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church (110-06 Queens Blvd at corner of Ascan Ave.). **Cost: \$50 per person**. Tickets are first come, first serve. Reserve your seat now, invite a friend along, and wear good walking shoes. For tickets or questions, please contact: Cely De Borja 347-743-2304

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.