

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 18th
8:30 AM	Modesta Rodriguez
5:00 PM	Caleca Family
Sunday	April 19th
8:30 AM	Brian Cahill
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Paula Corrales & Joseph Corrales
5:00 PM	Piera Fontana
Monday	April 20th
8:30 AM	Michael Minischetti
12:00 PM	Bridget Murphy
Tuesday	April 21st
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Anna Stanick
Wednesday	April 22nd
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Tom Quinn
Thursday	April 23rd
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	_____
Friday	April 24th
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Charles Stramena
Saturday	April 25th
8:30 AM	_____
5:00 PM	Arthur Bonetti
Sunday	April 26th
8:30 AM	Louise Foertsch
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Michael & Caroline Sassi, Michael Sassi Jr., and Roland Pugliese
5:00 PM	Flor Quiros

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Patricia Becktold, Ida Ryan, Connie Bornhimer, Pete Rose, Mary Wiley, Kathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Ronald Calcevano, Rose Gaynus, Eleanor Merlino, Seraphina Komlos, Mary Tardona, Dorothy Chocko, Catherine Hennessy, Richard McBride Sr., Stacey Headley, Richard Eisenzopf, Alice & Michael Coleman, Elaine Stump, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Robert Palermo, Cheryl Di Napoli, Jazlyn Castro Bilog, Rev. Peter Rayder, German Diaz, Adam Sapel, Christine Bernardo, Andy Marajh, Stephen Palermo, Robert Palermo, Heather Wilcox, 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; SPC Benjamin Bravmann, U.S. Army; 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

Jerzy Stasiak
Rev. Adnel T. Burgos
Corinne King
Geraldine Schultz
Kenneth Stern
Susan Zambrotto
William Lambert

ALL SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE HONORED AND CELEBRATED PRIVATELY, BY THE PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Please note that, since all of our offices and buildings are currently closed, all regularly scheduled meetings are temporarily cancelled.

Our Lady Of Mercy Catholic Academy will be closed until Further Notice

SUNDAY – April 19th

Sunday of Divine Mercy

MONDAY – April 20th

Easter Weekday

TUESDAY - April 21st

Easter Weekday

WEDNESDAY – April 22nd

Easter Weekday

THURSDAY – April 23rd

Easter Weekday

FRIDAY – April 24th

Easter Weekday

SATURDAY – April 25th

Saint Mark. Evangelist

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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

**The Paschal Candle
burns this year
in Loving Memory of:**

**Helen and Frank Dubiel
and
Helen and James Freeley**

Given by
The Dubiel and Freeley Families

Dear Parishioners,

Do you often think that poor Thomas had poor public relations? Today's Gospel is responsible for giving us the English term, "Doubting Thomas". But in a way, it's rather unfair. Thomas expressed the doubt that any of us might have in the face of this unparalleled news. The Risen Jesus has been encountered by the women at the empty tomb. He has been seen by Peter. He has encountered the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Those two disciples have returned to Jerusalem to announce that they have seen the Lord and dined with Him. Finally He has appeared to the Eleven and bestowed on them the gift of peace. The reading indicates that the peace given is one that reconciles us to God through the forgiveness of the very things that keep us from God: our sins. They in turn are bidden to extend that forgiveness to others.

For whatever reason, Thomas was not present for this momentous occasion. Now he has returned to the other Apostles, who naturally were bubbling over with the news of what had happened. Folks, a resurrection was not necessarily part of the theological baggage of the apostles. There were numerous theological opinions in first century Judaism about what, if anything happened, after death. Some believed that the souls endured; others believed that there would be a resurrection of the total human person, body and soul, but on the last day; some believed that all life ceased at death and others thought more in terms of the survival of the whole nation, which would guarantee a memory of those who had died.

Faced with the incredulous news of the Lord's Resurrection, Thomas wishes to assure himself that the others are not talking about a phantom or some sort of ghost; therefore, he wishes to see and touch the wounds of the crucifixion. The following week, presumably also on the first day of the week (Sunday), Jesus again comes among the apostles even though, out of the fear of reprisals, they had secured themselves with locked doors. Again Jesus wishes them "shalom", peace. Thomas is present this time and Jesus accedes to his wish and invites Thomas to touch the physical wounds of the Crucifixion. Thomas does not have many speaking lines in the Gospel but when he says something, it is always important. This is no exception. Thomas proclaims what is the faith of the Church: "My Lord and my God". This proclamation of faith gives Jesus the opportunity to praise those "who have not seen and have believed". Jesus is blessing all of us and the many generations between His time and ours.

John the evangelist closes this citation with an acknowledgement that Jesus did many other signs (John's preferred word for miracles of saving actions) but "that they are not written in this Book". Then he proceeds to give us the purpose for the composition of the Gospels: "But these are written that you (the reader) may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ (Greek for Messiah which means the anointed one - Jesus is the anointed One par excellence), the Son of God, that through this belief you may have life in His name". Since the readers are already alive, John is pointing to toward fuller, more perfect life - the life of the Resurrection!

In the Risen Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us, all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting for our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and the devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

Jesus, I Trust in You

*God Bless You Always,
Deacon Dean Dobbins*

**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.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord we ask You to lift up those who are facing illness today. We ask You to bring Healing, Comfort and Peace to their body, mind and soul. We ask You to calm their fears and let them feel the Healing power of your Love.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY IS CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****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

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.



The Community Bulletin Board

- **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.
- **Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach Team** serves our Queens neighborhoods and offers supportive services in the privacy of your home. These services include counseling, connecting you to community-based home care, and legal and mental health services for individuals age 5 and older. Call 718-456-7001.

FIGHT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

(A message from the Vicar General's Office)

Lawmakers are poised to finalize a state budget on March 31st, which is expected to include hundreds of millions more in funding for public education. It's crucial that we add our voice to ensure that the state's Catholic schools receive their fair share of funding for critical programs that support our students and teachers. Please take action now to send a message to your elected representatives. You may communicate directly or use the following link to send your message: <https://tinyurl.com/wfbeeug>.

PRAY THE ROSARY

