

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 16th
8:30 AM	Marta Velarde
5:00 PM	Giuseppa Pizzo
Sunday	May 17th
8:30 AM	James Peter Stewart
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Ervin M. Dudas
5:00 PM	Rosemarie Tinschert
Monday	May 18th
8:30 AM	Miguel & Gladys Sanchez
12:00 PM	Miguel & Lucia Dordulaw
Tuesday	May 19th
8:30 AM	In Honor of The Holy Trinity & Blessed Mother
12:00 PM	Taj Merritt
Wednesday	May 20th
8:30 AM	Michael Minischetti
12:00 PM	Marita & Ben Ang
7:30 PM	Anibal Martin
Thursday	May 21st
8:30 AM	Luz Maria Ramos
10:00 AM	Hiplita Padilla
12:00 PM	Thomas Byrne
Friday	May 22nd
8:30 AM	Rosemarie Brennan
12:00 PM	Mary Ann Tobon
Saturday	May 23rd
8:30 AM	_____
5:00 PM	Piera Fontana
Sunday	May 24th
8:30 AM	Thomas Hughes
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Marie Henao
5:00 PM	Rose Jonsson

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patricia Beckett, Ida Ryan, Connie Bornhimer, 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, Cheryl Di Napoli, Jazlyn Castro Bilog, German Diaz, Adam Sapel, Christine Bernardo, Andy Marajh, Stephen Palermo, Robert Palermo, Heather Wilcox, James Leung, Rose McArdle, Maureen Kelly, 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

Douglas Grady

ALL SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE HONORED AND CELEBRATED PRIVATELY, BY THE PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY AT THE INDICATED TIME.

Our Parish Food Pantry is not open in order in order to protect the health of our volunteers; however, we do have some Grab and Go Bags prepared for anyone in an emergency situation but you must call the rectory ahead of time as we have no staff regularly present.

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 – May 17th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MONDAY – May 18th

Easter Weekday

TUESDAY - May 19th

Easter Weekday

WEDNESDAY – May 20th

Easter Weekday

THURSDAY – May 21st

The Ascension Of The Lord

FRIDAY – May 22nd

Easter Weekday

SATURDAY – May 23rd

Easter Weekday

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Many thanks for this week's flower donation given in **loving memory of:**

Mary Ann Tobon

by

Barbara Kammerer

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 Friends,

We have received a significant number of calls at the rectory enquiring whether or not the Church is open or our Sacramental life has resumed. As of May 13th, 2020, the Office of the Vicar General of the Diocese of Brooklyn (& Queens) has published the following information:

The Churches are to remain closed.

First Communion and Confirmation (where this applies) are to be postponed indefinitely.

Baptisms: Baptisms are to be postponed until further notice. The exception is for emergency Baptisms, which means the child or adult is in a critical state of health.

RCIA Sacraments: Baptisms, First Eucharist and Confirmation are postponed until further notice.

Weddings: In general, they are to be postponed for the time being. Since there is no reopening date yet, it is important not to fix a date. Nonetheless, if a marriage cannot for some reason be delayed and since the City is now issuing marriage licenses, a wedding can take place but not at a Nuptial Mass. Only ten people are to be present and social distancing must be observed.

Confessions: Confessions should take place only when they are absolutely necessary, that is, when someone is conscious of mortal sin or in an emergency situation. While Sacramental Confession remains the norm for the forgiveness, of sin, the Church has always taught that when Sacramental Confession is unavailable, a sincere Act of Contrition is valuable.

Anointing of the Sick: Again this Sacrament should take place in emergency situations with proper precautions.

To repeat, there are no Public Masses in the Diocese until further notice and Churches will remain closed for the time being. Our Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens is the epicenter of the epicenter. New York State has the greatest number of coronavirus deaths in the nation and the majority of these are found in New York City. In the City, certain areas of Brooklyn and Queens account for the majority of the cases, hence the strictures here are more severe than in other locales.

At Our Lady of Mercy, both Father Greg and I are celebrating daily Mass for the intentions requested by the parishioners. One of those Masses is live-streamed at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. On Sunday, Mass is live-streamed at 12:00 P.M. Noon. At the live-streamed Mass we announce the intentions of the day and they are announced again at the Sunday Mass.

There is a Committee of religious Leaders working with the Mayor's Office to examine the possibility of church/synagogue/mosque/temple opening dates and any requirements that might be in place for social distancing. The Committee has just begun its work, so it will be a while before we hear from them. I do hope that our religious leaders are assertive since in my opinion, religious services are "essential" not so much in the sense of physical life and death situations but because of the solace, consolation and hope that they offer to an increasingly stressed society!

Please share the news that our live-stream Masses and other services are accessed through our website: www.mercyhills.org. A computer, or laptop, Iphone, Ipad or some telecommunication device with WiFi capability is necessary. Young people might find that they are important in helping their grandparents and other older adults traverse the intricacies of the computer world in order to access our website.

In closing, permit me to mention that many parishes are now live-streaming Masses and other liturgical services and this is very laudable. It is the best that can be managed in this present crisis; nonetheless, they are not the ideal. We are a Sacramental people. Signs, symbols, gestures and words are part of the Catholic "sense". We are firm believers in the Incarnation, that is, that God loves us so completely that He entered our human reality so that we may have a share in His. After the Resurrection, the Church family continues to make Christ present through the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacramental celebrations of that Gospel, most especially the Eucharist which is the Family Meal of the Church. As in our own homes, a family meal means togetherness. We are most a family when at table. In Church we are present to one another and to the Lord. A televised celebration may be helpful but it never replaces the real thing!

As soon as additional information becomes available, we will post it here as soon as possible.

Yours in Christ,
Monsignor McGuirl

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing. Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020 Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

FIRST PRAYER:

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus’ suffering, and persevered in your faith. “Protectress of the Roman people”, you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin

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SECOND PRAYER

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”. In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Joyful Mysteries

- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- The Birth of Our Lord
- The Presentation
- The Finding in the Temple

Luminous Mysteries

- Baptism of Jesus Christ
- Christ Reveals Himself at Cana
- Proclamation of the Kingdom and Call to Conversion
- The Transfiguration
- Institution of the Eucharist

Sorrowful Mysteries

- The Agony in the Garden
- The Scourging
- The Crowning With Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries

- The Resurrection
- The Ascension
- The Coming of the Holy Spirit
- The Assumption of Our Lady
- The Coronation of Our Lady

The joyful mysteries are said on Monday and Saturday; the sorrowful mysteries on Tuesday and Friday; the glorious mysteries on Wednesday and Sunday; the luminous mysteries on Thursday.

PRAY THE ROSARY



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.