

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 13th
8:30 AM	Richard Gunaratna
5:00 PM	Marie Shookster
Sunday	June 14th
8:30 AM	Helen Enigan
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Rose Jonsson
5:00 PM	Ed Flood
Monday	June 15th
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	In Honor of St. Anthony & The Holy Face of Jesus
Tuesday	June 16th
8:30 AM	Louis Janicke
12:00 PM	Benjamin Soriano
Wednesday	June 17th
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	George Kelly
Thursday	June 18th
8:30 AM	_____
12:00 PM	Charles Bolger
Friday	June 19th
8:30 AM	John Cassis
12:00 PM	John Daly
Saturday	June 20th
8:30 AM	Yolanda Simon
5:00 PM	Arnold Davis
Sunday	June 21st
8:30 AM	Rose Jonsson
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Jorge Bonilla
5:00 PM	Luke Sorrentino

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., Richard Eisenzopf, Alice & Michael Coleman, Elaine Stumpp, 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, Dr. Ajay Lodha, 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

Fr. August Iantosca
Stacey Headley

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 – June 14th

Corpus Christi

MONDAY – June 15th

Weekday

TUESDAY - June 16th

Weekday

WEDNESDAY – June 17th

Weekday

THURSDAY – June 18th

Weekday

FRIDAY – June 19th

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

SATURDAY – June 20th

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given in **loving memory of:**

Richard Gunaratna

by

Indira Richards

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in **loving memory of:**

Richard Gunaratna

by

Indira Richards

**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,

In today's Gospel from St. John, Jesus speaks of Himself as the bread that comes from heaven. In a way He had illustrated this by the miraculous feeding of the 5,000. He had given life to that hungry crowd. This miracle, as with all the other New Testament miracles, is enacted not initially to shock or amaze but rather to help people have a fuller life. The feeding of the five thousand was a sign of Our Lord's spontaneous compassion for the crowd gathered with Him in this "deserted place". In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of Himself as the bread from heaven.

St. Paul in the second reading illustrates the Church's understanding of these words from the very beginning - at the Eucharistic meal Jesus will be present under the appearances of Bread and Wine. This was not completely foreign to the people of the time: the Passover meal was meant to bring forward into the present all the saving acts God had done for the Israelites. This was particularly true of the Exodus which had freed the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the land of promise. Later in their history, the temple sacrifices were the people's desire to find unity with this saving God by giving Him the best that they had.

Blood was thought to convey life and in a manner it does - if we have no blood, then we die. On Yom Kippur, the high priest took a bowl of the blood from a sacrificed animal into the Holy of Holies where God's Name dwelt and he sprinkled some of the blood there and then on the people waiting in the surrounding courtyards. The idea was that in sharing this life-giving blood the people became family - shared life with God. In effect, they became "blood brothers or sisters".

In celebrating the First Eucharist at the Last Supper, Jesus drew on all this imagery. This the Blood of the New Covenant. No longer through sacrificed animals would we encounter God. Having assumed the fullness of humanity, Jesus was sacrificed and indeed the best has been given to God and through that gift, God gives Himself to us.

Many times, I have talked about the Mediterranean sense of a meal - most specifically the Italian sense of a meal. A meal, especially on Sunday afternoons, was made from scratch and took hours of preparation. The meal itself would be spread over a good length of time and each course might be separated by a glass of fine "vino". Bread in one form or another (pasta) and wine would be featured elements of the meal. The whole family, from youngest to oldest, would be present. I am not Italian in background but I think all of us are thankful to our Italian brothers and sisters for emphasizing in their culture the meaning of what the family meal is? Through the food, which keeps us alive, we share life with others. The family members enter into the life of each other. We eat together, we speak together, we share life together.

This is precisely what we do at the meal that Jesus commanded us to celebrate - "do this in memory of me!" "This is my body, which is given up for you...this is the cup of my Blood, which will be poured out for you and for many". The phrase "body" and "blood" means in effect, "this is me". In the ancient mind a human person was "Body and Blood". The Eucharist takes very seriously what that food commercial used to say: "you are what you eat". We are His disciples and discipleship means to be like Him - in fact to be His icons, His ambassadors in the world.

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"Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal and I will rise him/her up on the last day because that person remains in me and I in Him...just as the Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on Me will have life because of Me". The Hebrews, referred to in the first reading from the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy, ate the gift of manna in the desert. Jesus is the manna of the New Testament - bread from heaven - Who guarantees life here and in eternity!

In Christ
Monsignor McGuirl

Please be reminded that we are live-streaming Mass and other liturgical services, five times a week. Weekday Mass is at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, followed by the Novena Devotions in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Wednesday, Friday, followed by the Rosary and Saturday. Sunday Mass is at noon.

For the present, the church is open for private prayer from 11: 00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. In part to avoid confusion and also because of the Sunday Mass at 12:00 P.M. we **will not open on Saturday or Sunday**.

There is a chance that weekday Mass and Sunday Mass might resumed later in the summer but we will keep you informed through the parish website (www.mercyhill.org) and in the announcements at the live-streamed Masses.

Many thanks to our great parishioners, who despite the present unique situation, are still supporting the parish by either sending their collection envelopes or leaving them in the rectory mail slot (70-01 Kessel Street) or keeping their commitments to automatic giving and to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You are outstanding in your thoughtful generosity!

God bless you and stay safe!
Monsignor McGuirl

MASPETH FEDERAL SAVINGS HONORS OLM

Our Lady of Mercy has received a \$1000. *COVID 19 COMMUNITY GIVING AWARD* from Maspeth Federal Savings. This award was bestowed upon us for our work during this challenging time of providing for the spiritual needs of our parishioners and other by holding virtual Masses, as well as providing food and monetary assistance to those who are in need of it

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the April 2020 Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:

1 st Prize: Eleanor Merlino	\$265.00
2 nd Prize: Jerome Mineo	\$132.50
3 rd Prize: Gloria J. Bynoe	\$132.50
4 th Prize: Marilyn Jagiello	\$66.25
5 th Prize: Jane & Phil Mori	\$66.25

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.