

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 27th
9:00 AM	_____
5:00 PM	Elizabeth Hannon
Sunday	June 28th
9:00 AM	Giovanna Boe
12:00 PM	Giancarlo Mayor
5:00 PM	Rose Jonsson
Monday	June 29th
9:00 AM	_____
12:00 PM	_____
Tuesday	June 30th
9:00 AM	Michael Minischetti
12:00 PM	_____
Wednesday	July 1st
9:00 AM	John Merone (34th Anniversary)
12:00 PM	May Mueller
Thursday	July 2nd
9:00 AM	Maria Merone
Friday	July 3rd
9:00 AM	Ethel & Arthur Frankel
Saturday	July 4th
9:00 AM	Msgr. Gerald Langelier
5:00 PM	Peter Martini
Sunday	July 5th
9:00 AM	Stefania Grebowiec
12:00 PM	James M. Pfohl
5:00 PM	_____

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Patricia Bechtold, 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, Paul Henry, Virginia Winberry, 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

Rev. Eugene P. Coyle

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 28th

Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Father's Day

MONDAY – June 29th

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

TUESDAY - June 30th

Weekday

WEDNESDAY – July 1st

Weekday

THURSDAY – July 2nd

Weekday

FRIDAY – July 3rd

Saint Thomas, Apostle

SATURDAY – July 4th

Weekday

**MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND**

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

James and Elizabeth Pfohl

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,

This is the last time that I will address you in this space as your pastor. On July 1st, 2020, Father Frank Schwarz will become pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Father comes to us from American Martyrs Church in the Bayside/Hollis Hills section of Queens County. Many years ago, as a young priest he had been assigned to Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Church so some of our parishioners may remember him from that time. Father is sixty-one years of age (the same age I was when I became pastor of Our Lady of Mercy). His Mother and Father were born in Germany and his childhood was spent both in Bushwick and Richmond Hill. He has served in the Medical Corp of the United States Army and did his post-collegiate theological studies at the major seminary of The Immaculate Conception formerly in the Lloyd Harbor section of Huntington, Long Island. I am sure that he will receive a warm welcome from the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

By Church Law, all priests (and Bishops) holding positions of administration must submit their resignation from those positions. I will be seventy-five years of age in November 2020. In our Diocese, a priest is given the first opportunity of "retirement" at seventy-one but when I passed that age, I informed Bishop DiMarzio that I would like to continue for several more years. It is now over three and half years and the time has come. As most of you know, I am a native of this parish. My paternal grandparents, who were Irish-born, lived in Greenpoint/Northside of Williamsburg but moved to 69-11 Manse Street in 1925, when this area was passing over from farmland to suburban developments. I was Baptized at Our Lady of Mercy Church in December 1945 but years later when I left for the major seminary, I never dreamed that I would one day return here as pastor. The Lord indeed does move in mysterious ways. In fact, in my forty-eight years as a Diocesan priest, Our Lady of Mercy Parish has been my longest assignment! Those other assignments have been varied, including the Diocesan Vocation Office, two assignments to parishes in Jackson Heights, one assignment in North Flushing and a year and a half as a temporary administrator of an inner City Brooklyn parish. Of all of them, the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy take second place to none in their hospitality, kindness and generosity. It has been a privilege to have been your pastor for the last thirteen years.

This Sunday's readings seem at first to be an arbitrary amalgam but there is a thread of consistency. In the first, taken from the Old Testament Second Book of Kings, the prophet, Elisha, is given hospitality by a woman of influence in the town of Shunem. Travel in ancient times was a precarious business and often depended for success on the kindness and decency of others. This lady and her husband were hospitable to the Prophet Elisha and in turn he brings life to them. They are promised a son even though the husband is "getting on in years". Later in the Book the boy dies but Elisha raises him up from the dead.

The second reading again, as is often the case, is from St. Paul's self-introductory letter to the small Christian community already at Rome. Almost all of these folks, like Paul himself, would have been from a Jewish background and Paul relies on their knowledge of their ancient faith. In today's citation, Paul assures his readers that if they have been baptized in Christ, they were baptized into His death but just as Jesus was "raised from the dead by the Fathers' glory, we too might live in newness of life." Christ is raised from the dead once and for all, and we share in His raising. Their Baptism and ours is a life-changing event.

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Finally in the Gospel, taken from Saint Matthew, Jesus address His disciples. It stands to reason that during His public ministry, Jesus could not reach everyone even in His own time and place. His message depended on others, who not only would preach but in their identification with Christ would bring Him to others. To do this they must depend on Jesus and the Father even more than their own families. In the ancient world this was shocking since family was the source of validation and assistance especially in a time when there were no social services. Yet Jesus also teaches that anyone who receives one of His disciples, in a sense, receives not only Jesus but also the One Who sent Him, the Father in heaven. Harkening back to the story of Elisha, Jesus tells us that the person who does an act of kindness to a prophet or one who preaches the Word will receive a prophet's reward. Even the smallest considerate gesture given to a little one (not necessarily a child but one whose attitude is a dependency on God much as child depends on his or her parents) will receive eternal compensation.

Jesus' examples reveal that the disciples or preachers of the Word are in sense channels of divine blessing to those who receive them and show hospitality to them. After the encounter both the "prophet" and the one providing hospitality are connected to Christ. They are woven together in the divine family, which ultimately will provide all their needs.

During these last thirteen years, in some small and perhaps insignificant way, I hope that I have been able to be that disciple of Jesus, who brings the Good News, whether through actual preaching or the celebrations of the Sacraments or in the classroom. You have been unstintingly generous to the parish and its ministers, and my prayer and hope is that the words of today's Gospel prove true for each and every parishioner. I will be remaining with you as a resident at 70-01 Kessel Street but hope to be able perhaps in a more measured pace to continue to be a vehicle of that divine grace to you. If over these thirteen years I have not always been true to my call and have in any way offended any of our parishioners or staff, whether deliberately or inadvertently, I do ask your forgiveness and you should know that my deep desire is to be able to be equally forgiving since it is one of the major mandates left to us by Our Lord.

God bless you and have safe and restful summer. After this area of the coronanvirus, the lives of many of us may be transformed, but hopefully we will continue to gather as God's people here in Forest Hills, Rego Park and Kew Gardens.

Yours in Christ,
Monsignor John A. McGuirl

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

1 st Prize: Mr. & Mrs. J Caro	\$265.00
2 nd Prize: Kathleen M. Nocera	\$132.50
3 rd Prize: Susan Finley	\$132.50
4 th Prize: Leonore Garrity	\$66.25
5 th Prize: Richard Bartz	\$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.