

# *Our Lady of Mercy*

*70-01 Kessel Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375*



**Sunday January 17, 2021**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*We, the Catholic faith community of Our Lady of Mercy are a welcoming parish, striving to serve the diverse peoples of Forest Hills.*

*Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we value our celebration of the Eucharist and Sacraments, our proclamation of God's Word and our loving outreach and service to others.*

*Trusting in God's love and mercy, and recognizing our need for grace, we commit ourselves to the spirit of inclusion through community service, faith sharing, education, outreach and spiritual growth.*

*We dedicate ourselves to live as a dynamic, compassionate and open faith community that inspires both present and future generations to claim the mission of Christ as their own and live it with joy and integrity.*

## PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Frank Schwarz, Pastor  
Rev. Msgr. John McGuirl, Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. Mr. Dean Dobbins, Parish Deacon

## RECTORY

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### Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 P.M.

### Weekday Masses

Monday to Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

### Devotions

Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotions every day following  
9:00 A.M. Mass  
Miraculous Medal Novena after 9am Mass on Monday

### Holyday Masses - as announced

### Office of Human Services & Pastoral Care

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### Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy

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**New Parishioners** are most cordially welcomed. Please introduce yourself to one of the priests and register at the Rectory.

## SACRAMENTS

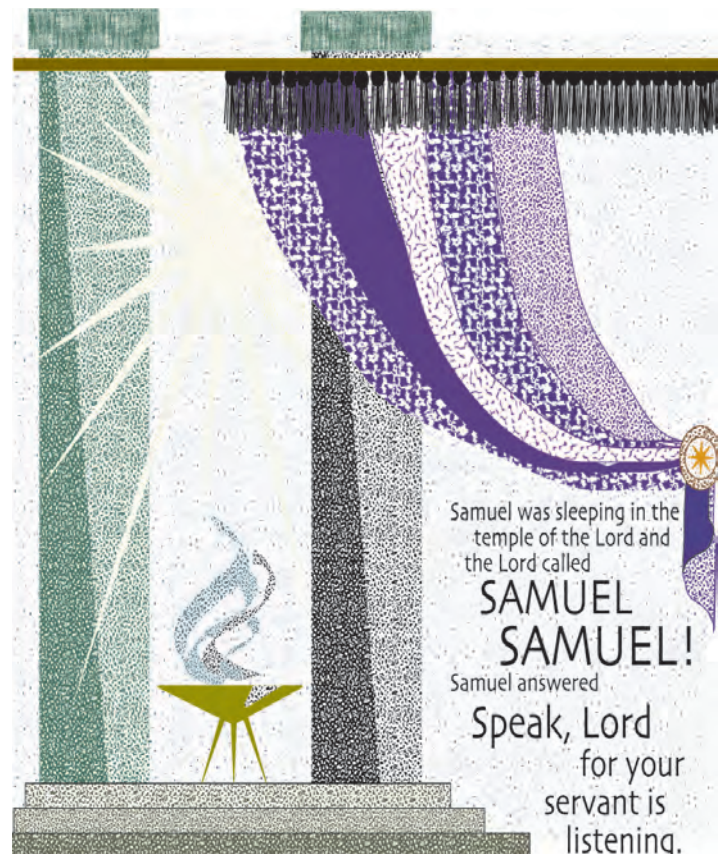
**Baptism:** Contact the rectory to make an appointment with the priest or deacon for the initial interview. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Saturday of each month. Instruction is required for the first Baptism

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.; For any other time, please call rectory.

**Holy Matrimony:** Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months prior to a wedding date. Call the rectory for an appointment with a priest or deacon.

**Anointing of the sick:** This sacrament is available for any baptized Catholic who is seriously ill or suffering from the effects of advanced age. It is also recommended for anyone who is going to undergo serious surgery. Please call the rectory to schedule an appointment for a priest to visit your home. A communal celebration of this sacrament will be scheduled twice a year.

**Communion Calls:** Please call the Rectory for a visit by a priest or the services of a Eucharistic Minister.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday January 16th**  
 9:00 AM 1. Veronica Smith  
 2, Vita & Concetta Passaro  
 5:00 PM Tom Bermingham

**Sunday January 17th**  
 9:00 AM Poldi Meditz  
 10:30 AM 1. Deceased Members of the Schwarz Family  
 2. Deceased Members of the Muller Family  
 3. Deceased Members of the Braun Family  
 12:00 PM Missa Pro Populo

**Monday January 18th**  
 9:00 AM Patricia O'Rourke

**Tuesday January 19th**  
 9:00 AM Isabella Minischetti

**Wednesday January 20th**  
 9:00 AM Elizabeth & James Pfohl

**Thursday January 21st**  
 9:00 AM Amelia Charles

**Friday January 22nd**  
 9:00 AM Joseph DiCapua & DiCapua & Bifalco Families

**Saturday January 23rd**  
 9:00 AM 1. Flippo & Bernadetta Bartolemeo  
 2. Elizabeth Ruelius (25th Anniversary)  
 5:00 PM Missa Pro Populo

**Sunday January 24th**  
 9:00 AM Peter Ruelius  
 10:30 AM 1. Joan Minischetti  
 2. Louis & Pauline Pfohl  
 3. Maja Jedrak  
 12:00 PM Zaida Alvarez

**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, Richard McBride Sr., Richard Eisenzopf, Alice & Michael Coleman, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, Cheryl Di Napoli, Jazlyn Castro Bilog, German Diaz, Adam Sapel, Christine Bernardo, Andy Marajh, Robert Palermo, Heather Wilcox, James Leung, Maureen Kelly, Paul Henry, Virginia Winberry, Dennis Roberts, Rev. Radu Titonea, Carolyn Kalnberg, Lynn Russek, Daniel Ginsberg, Barbara Carrasco, Celia Ayon, Isabel Azzaro, Chuck Haunss, Amanda (Amy) Algiere, Nilda Gonzales, Mary Ann Whatley, Felipe Vallejo, Andy Sanchez, Ethel Timmerman, John Holz knecht, Iris Torres, Elsie Petronelli, Frank Gaynor, JoAnn Stumpp, Joseph Wilfinger, Ann D'Auria, John & Mary Pham, Laura Brennan, Michael Stasiak, Mary Bernardone, and for all of our parishioners who are currently hospitalized or homebound.

**PRAY FOR THE ARMED SERVICES**



Major Peter Sulewski, USA; Lt. Col. Patrick Davis, USA (JAG); Sgt. Beau Parham, USA; Major Paul Lentz, USAF; Sgt. Larry Saume, USA; Capt. Travis Swiatocha, USMC; Pvt. Tim Richardson, USA; SCSO Ajay James, (NSW) USN; SPC Benjamin Bravmann; USA; PO2 John Schaefer, USCG; ; Rev. Lt. Mark Bristol, USN; Rev. Col. James Krische, USA; and all parishioners currently in the Military

Pray for all of our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders, who risk their lives daily to insure our safety.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

John Sabella

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**SUNDAY – January 17th**  
*Second Sunday In Ordinary Time*  
**MONDAY – January 18th**  
*Weekday*  
**TUESDAY - January 19th**  
*Weekday*  
 -Golden Age Club-Parish Hall from 11:00am to 2:00pm  
**WEDNESDAY – January 20th**  
*Weekday*  
**THURSDAY – January 21st**  
*Saint Agnes*  
**FRIDAY – January 22nd**  
*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*  
**SATURDAY – January 23rd**  
*Weekday*

**If you are not yet registered in the Parish, please stop into the Rectory Office for a Census Form Monday thru Friday from 9am to 4pm.**

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**



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

**Zaida Alvarez**  
 by  
 Jackie Velazquez

**MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND**

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

**Joan Minischetti**  
 by  
 Arthur & Christine Lass

And

**Joan Minischetti**  
 by  
 Maryellen & Ray Schillo

# Good News!

January 17, 2021

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;

Jn 1:35-42

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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## POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION JANUARY, 2021

### **Human Fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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### REMINDER!

**There is still time to join our 50/50 Raffle Program for 2021. Remember, the more people who join, the bigger the prizes.** Just complete the form on page 6 of this bulletin and return it to the Rectory with your check. We draw **5 winners every month!!** Thank you and Good Luck to all!!

## CHRISTMAS FLORAL DECORATIONS

This week, as we begin "Ordinary Time" in the Church, all Christmas decorations will be removed. Effective immediately, after all Masses please feel free to take any flowers located on the steps in front of the grill. Bags will be available.

## 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.

## OUR LADY OF MERCY PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Starting in January 2021, the 10:30 AM Mass on the first Sunday of each month will be set aside for Members of the Purgatorial Society. **The Purgatorial Society enrolls a deceased loved one in twelve consecutive first Sunday Masses.** To enroll a deceased loved one in the Purgatorial Society we ask that a \$25 offering be made to Our Lady of Mercy Church, and their names will be enrolled in the Purgatorial Society Book. The names of the enrolled members will be printed in the bulletin in the month they are first enrolled only. Please consider this as a way of remembering a loved one throughout the year.

## POOR BOX

We continue to receive requests for assistance so we ask you to please remember the poor and make a donation to the Poor Boxes at the entries of the Church. Your continued generosity is greatly

**SAVE THE DATE**

Our Lady of Mercy will be sponsoring a Blood Drive for the New York Blood Center in the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 28th, from 8:45am to 2:45pm. More details about the Blood Drive will be provided in future bulletins.



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

**OUR FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN ONCE AGAIN!** The pantry will be open on Saturdays between 10:00am and 11:00am. There will be prepared bags to pick up. Masks must be worn by all. And social distancing will be observed.

**We always need food 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.

**We thank you in advance for your support!**

**ATTENTION:**  
**MEN OF THE PARISH**

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Fraternal Organization open to any practicing Catholic man 18 years of age or older. Our Lady of Mercy is starting a council which will be based here at the parish. If anyone is interested, or if you are currently a Knight, please notify the Rectory Office with your information as follows:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No.: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Currently a Knight? (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (NO) \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, your present council is \_\_\_\_\_

Please come join us!

**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. There is an **IRS tax deduction, and free towing**. Our Lady of Mercy Parish has received several hundred dollars this past year, thanks to your participation. 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. Please contact the Religious Education office (718-266-6143, ext.28) for more information.

**OLMCA**  
**THANKS YOU**  
**FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

It is with a very full and grateful heart that I thank you for your overwhelming support for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Raffles and our Giving Tuesday campaign for Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy. Because of your generosity, we raised over \$20, 000! All of it will go to our educational development and capital building projects that had been forestalled by COVID expenses. You have been remembered in our Christmas prayers and will continue to be in the New Year, which was made brighter by your Christian charity.

Ever Under the Mantle of Our Lady of Mercy,  
Dana McCann  
Principal

**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.

**OUR LADY OF MERCY**  
**50/50/ RAFFLE PROGRAM**

Our Lady of Mercy Church

70-01 Kessel Street, Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375

December, 2020

The Christmas season has begun. Decorations are slowly appearing around the neighborhood and across the city. Our own Christmas tree will be sparkling with lights for all to see as they pass on Juno Street and 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Hopefully, it will bring a little joy and smiles to the people of our neighborhood and others during this very trying time.

It is also time again for our 50/50 Raffle Program to begin a hopefully brighter 2021 New Year. More than ever before, we are asking for your help by considering taking a membership or perhaps, giving one as a gift. The more people participating, the larger the prize.

The money that we raise will help defray the unexpected costs that we have incurred due to the pandemic as well the expenses throughout the coming new year. Please try to support this effort by returning the form below with your \$50.00 donation for half a year or \$100.00 for a full year. Returns should be made by January 15, 2021.

You can't **win it** if you're not in it!

Thank you for your consideration. I appreciate your every effort and support as we being the new year together.



Fr. Frank Schwarz  
Pastor



**50/50 Raffle Returns**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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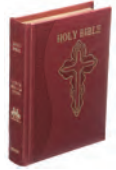
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