

Our Lady of Mercy

70-01 Kessel Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375



Sunday February 7, 2021

Fifth 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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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

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

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Deacon Dean Dobbins - 718-268-6143 Ex. 14

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

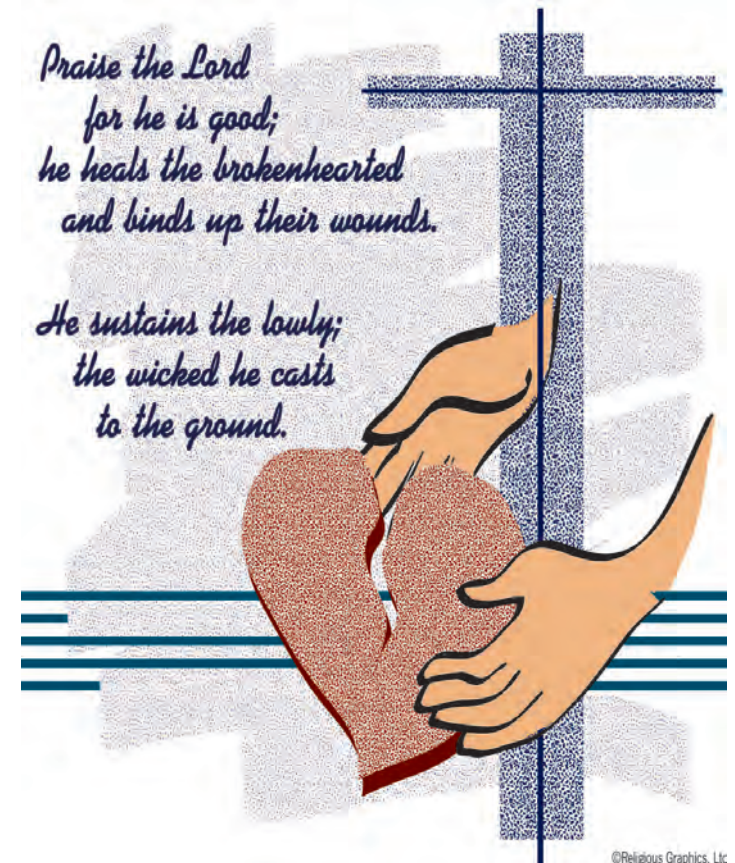
Baptism: Contact the rectory to make an appointment with the priest or deacon for the initial interview. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Saturday of each month. Instruction is required for the first Baptism

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 February 6th
 9:00 AM 1. Justin Pabst (for health & healing)
 2. John Fallon
 5:00 PM Salvatore & Rosa Padormo

Sunday February 7th
 9:00 AM Mary Tykowski
 10:30 AM Purgatorial Society
 12:00 PM Missa Pro Populo

Monday February 8th
 9:00 AM Elizabeth & James Pfohl

Tuesday February 9th
 9:00 AM The Szabados Family
 Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday February 10th
 9:00 AM Mary & Sabino Camporese

Thursday February 11th
 9:00 AM Robert Malm

Friday February 12th
 9:00 AM Giuseppe Anzalone

Saturday February 13th
 9:00 AM 1. Theresa Frazer
 2. Thomas J. Quinn Family
 3. Mary & Sabino Camporese
 5:00 PM Missa Pro Populo

Sunday February 14th
 9:00 AM In Thanksgiving
 10:30 AM 1. Louis & Pauline Pfohl
 2. Joseph Labay
 12:00 PM William Walters



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, 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 Holzknacht, Iris Torres, Elsie Petronelli, Frank Gaynor, JoAnn Stumpp, Joseph Wilfinger, Ann D'Auria, Laura Brennan, Michael Stasiak, Mary Bernardone, Mary Eileen Crowley, David Preis, 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

Rev. Carlo Graziano
 Richard King
 Rev. James F. Fraser
 Douglas Spataro
 Elizabeth McBride

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – February 7th
Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MONDAY – February 8th
Weekday

TUESDAY - February 9th
Weekday
 -Golden Age Club-Parish Hall from 11:00am to 2:00pm

WEDNESDAY – February 10th
Saint Scholastica, Virgin

THURSDAY – February 11th
Weekday

FRIDAY – February 12th
Weekday

SATURDAY – February 13th
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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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



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BREAD AND WINE

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



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TABERNACLE LIGHT

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POPE’S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION
FEBRUARY, 2021

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded

Dear Parishioners,

I am very happy to report that Our Lady of Mercy Parish has achieved and exceeded its 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$81,995. We have received \$94,594 on pledges of \$96,229. This means that we will be receiving almost \$13,000 back from the diocese.

Thank you so very much to all who have continued to support our parish and our diocese during this difficult time. You truly do make a difference and show that “We Are Church, Together”.

Fr. Frank

P.S. Please see the “**Formed**” flyer on page 6 of this bulletin. **Take advantage of this free program about our Catholic Faith.**

OUR LADY OF MERCY
PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

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.

The following individuals have been added to the Purgatorial Society in February:

- Joseph Labay
- Joan Minischetti
- Anthony C. Belfiore
- Fred Parham
- Pia Parham
- Robert Casaccio
- Mary Casaccio
- Joseph Casaccio
- May Chocko
- Ed Chocko
- Ann Link
- Bill Link
- Caroline Chapman
- Baden Chapman
- Louis Holzer Sr
- Louis Holzer Jr.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Season of Lent we will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm, instead of 7:30pm, in the hopes of accommodating a larger number of our parishioners. This is also a more traditional time to pray the Stations as it is the hour during which Jesus “handed over His Spirit” on the Cross.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Lady of Mercy will be sponsoring a Blood Drive for The New York Blood Center on **Sunday February 28, from 8:45 am to 2:45 pm.** In the past, parishioners and neighbors were able to donate blood by just showing up at the Parish Hall without an appointment.

This year, in order to keep everyone (donors and Blood Center workers) safe and maintain social distancing, it is requested that all blood donors have an appointment for our Blood Drive. Appointments can be made by going to the New York Blood Center web site (www.nybloodcenter.org).

- Click on the Donate Blood tab under the NY Blood Center Logo,
- click on Schedule Donation on the drop down,
- click on Sponsor Name Search on the drop down, in the Name box, enter Our Lady of Mercy, start date 2/28/2021, end date 2/28/2021, Donation Type is “Any” and
- click on Search.
- The information for the Our Lady of Mercy drive will appear and on the right will be a Schedule tab.
- Click on that tab and there will be two tabs: Whole Blood or Automated Red Cell (Automated Red Cell is a double red cell donation that takes approximately 1 hour to complete the process).
- click on the type of blood donation you want to give, and the available times will appear.
- click on a time and then complete the Appointment Details information. -Press Confirm.

A donation appointment can also be made by calling 1-800-933-BLOOD (2566). **A donation appointment is highly recommended.** Walk-ins will be accommodated **only if safe procedures and distancing can be maintained.**

The Blood donation process is well-run and safe. Face masks are mandatory. There will be plenty of hand sanitizer; computer screens are wiped down after each use.

Please do not forget your donor card or donor number if you have one.

REFRESHING OUR PRAYER LIST

Since our “Pray For The Sick” list has not been updated for quite some time, we are going to start fresh, in the hope that those on this list have already benefitted from all of your many prayers. As of **March 7th**, the list will begin again. As usual, please notify us at the rectory of anyone who is currently in need of our prayers. It is important for us, as a community to join in prayer for those who are ill as well as those who serve our country. Thank you for your assistance

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the January 2021 Winners of the 50/50 Raffle:

1 st Prize: Raymundo Esquivel	\$335.00
2 nd Prize: Sandra Luongo	\$167.00
3 rd Prize: Carolyn Cariello	\$167.00
4 th Prize: Gloria J. Bynoe	\$83.00
5 th Prize: Victoria Asta	\$83.00

A NEW PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH PARKINSON'S

Queens College is happy to announce a new program for people suffering from Parkinson's Disease.

Through a grant from *Parkinson Voice Project*, Queens College's Speech-Language-Hearing-Center is excited to offer a new program via telepractice for folks with Parkinson's to work on their speech and communication skills. The new program is called SPEAK OUT. Clients with Parkinson's will receive individual therapy, and practice Speaking with Intent, with a speech language pathologist (SLP) through a series of speech, voice and cognitive exercises.

Upon completion, clients graduate to The Loud Crowd weekly group sessions that reinforce the Speak Out exercises and provide accountability, camaraderie, education and a support community.

To learn more for yourself or anyone you know in the Queens County Area that has Parkinson's' please contact the Queens College Speech-Language-Hearing-Center at (781) 997-2946 or, if you prefer, by Email at: speechcenter@qc.cuny.edu. This program is free and limited spots are available.

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.

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 appreciated.



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!

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.



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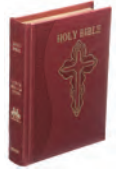
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