

Our Lady of Mercy

70-01 Kessel Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375



Sunday September 19, 2021

Twenty-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 In Residence
Rev. Msgr. John Maksymowicz-Senior Priest In Residence
Rev. Mr. Dean Dobbins, Parish Deacon

RECTORY

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Weekend Organist: Mr. Gary DiFranco
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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9 A.M to 12 P.M. &
1 P.M. to 4 P.M.
Saturdays and Evenings: By appointment only
Sundays: Closed

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

Holiday Masses - as announced

Office of Human Services & Pastoral Care

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

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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

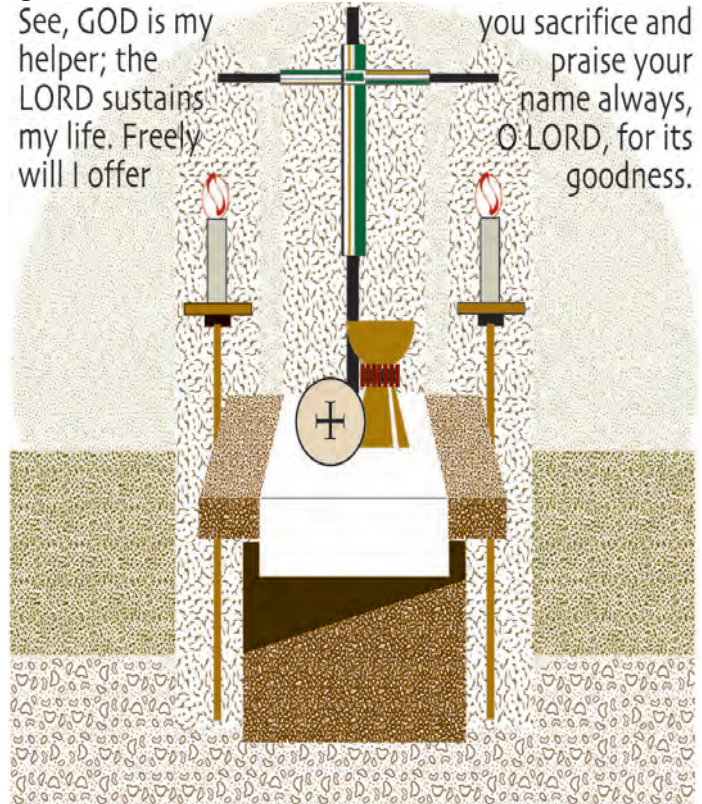
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.; For any other time, please call rectory.

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.

See, GOD is my helper; the LORD sustains my life. Freely will I offer
you sacrifice and praise your name always, O LORD, for its goodness.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 18th
 9:00 AM 1. August Didier
 2. Josephine & Robert Castano
 3. Theresa & Ignatius Sevcik
 4. Emanuel Sauro
 5:00 PM Joseph Labay
Sunday September 19th
 9:00 AM Missa Pro Popolo
 10:30 AM 1. Annemarie Schwarz
 2. Rudi Schwarz
 3. Sister Katherine Bernadette
 4. Concetto Zaccaria
 12:00 PM Silvio Tosi
Monday September 20th
 9:00 AM Leonard Quigley & William & Andrew Kirby
Tuesday September 21st
 9:00 AM Ryszard Jedrak
Wednesday September 22nd
 9:00 AM Rose Frances McArdle
Thursday September 23rd
 9:00 AM Margaret Wogan
Friday September 24th
 9:00 AM William & Theresa Frazer
Saturday September 25th
 9:00 AM 1. Friends of Paolo Boselli
 2. Joseph Labay
 Camillo Turriciano
 5:00 PM
Sunday September 26th
 9:00 AM Maja Jedrak
 10:30 AM 1. Bernadette & Michael BiFalco & Family
 12:00 PM Missa Pro Popolo

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Frank Gaynor, Eleanor Merlino, Felipe Vallejo, Richard Eisenzopf, Joann Sienkewicz, Fred Daheri, Mary Albert, Maureen Medina, George & Margaret Bender, Virginia Winberry, Carolyn Kalnberg, Frank Kalnberg, Patricia O'Sullivan, Christopher Kasten, Christian Torres, Margaret Hefferon, Miriam Davis, Philip Aniguili, Vera Garofalo, Ann Voll, Robert Manno, Maureen Aniguili, Keith & Viola Sellons, Alice & Michael Coleman, Ed Parham, William Conologue, Jonathan Chocko, Robert Palermo, Cathy Wilkinson, Elsie Savarese, Patricia May, James Leung, Ruth Drucker, James Olmez, John Ginty, Mary O'Hara, Connie Bornhimer, Maryanne Whatley, Margaret Saume, Joseph Greve, Marko Russ, Peter, Gina Ross, Joan Michelli, Robert D. Scudellari Sr., Patricia Coleman, Mary Tardona, 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; Sgt. 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

Nancy Newman
 Rev. John Martin
 Deacon John Sands
 Yorke Mizelle

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY – September 19th
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
MONDAY – September 20th
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions
TUESDAY - September 21st
Saint Matthew
WEDNESDAY – September 22nd
Weekday
 -Golden Age Club-Parish Hall from 11:00am to 2:00pm
THURSDAY – September 23rd
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
FRIDAY – September 24th
Weekday
SATURDAY – September 25th
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 12pm & 1pm to 4pm

BREAD AND WINE



Many thanks for this week's donation of Bread & Wine given in loving memory of: Charles A Markey (20th Anniversary) by Patrick & Carol (Markey) Gorman & Family

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Many thanks for this week's donation of the Tabernacle Light given in loving memory of: Margaret O'Toole & Regina Sullivan (Birthday Remembrance) by Carolyn Cariello



POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION
September, 2021

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle
 We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Good News!

September 19, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

We all know genuinely good people. Somehow they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today's readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness.

The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become “annoying” (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as “the righteous one” (2:18). (Here “son of God” simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open-ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not.

Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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THIS IS THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

This prayer can be added to the end of the Rosary, especially during this, the Year of St. Joseph.

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most Holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I am very happy to announce that, as of September 20th, Deacon Dean Dobbins will take over the role of Business Manager of Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Deacon Dobbins has served in this capacity at several parishes in Brooklyn, with great success. He will be in charge of the administrative and financial affairs of the parish. This will allow me, as pastor, to focus on the pastoral needs of the parish. I am very happy to have Deacon Dobbins as our Business Manager, as well as remaining the Deacon of our parish. His experience and counsel have been a tremendous help to me, and I look forward to working with him to make Our Lady of Mercy both financially viable and pastorally responsive to the needs of our parishioners. Join me in welcoming Deacon Dobbins as our new Business Manager.

IN ADDITION:

I am relieved to be able to tell you that the NYPD has arrested a suspect in connection with the destruction of the statues of the Blessed Mother and St. Therese outside the Church. While I still do not know the motivation of this person for doing what she did, I still ask that you pray for her. She clearly has some issues with which she is struggling.

I am hoping that we will be able to have the new statues in place sometime in October and that we can have the re-dedication at that time. Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to the statue replacement fund. I promise that we will make it nice.

Fr. Frank

MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Consider the possibility of a donation of the **Flowers for the Altar, Bread & Wine, Tabernacle Light, Purgatorial Society, 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

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 entered in the Purgatorial Society Book in the Rectory. The names of the enrolled members will be printed in the bulletin in the month they are first enrolled only, and a complete list will be posted in the Church Vestibule. Please consider this as a way of remembering a loved one throughout the year.

ATTENTION SINGERS!
THE CHOIR IS BACK!

The Adult Choir is resuming weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Choir Loft.

If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Gary DiFranco at 917-626-7760 or email olmercymusic@gmail.com.

All are welcome!!!



Our Religious Education Program remains online for the 2021-2022 academic year and registration is currently open. Please visit our website for more information on registration: <https://mercyhills.org/education/religious-education/>. If you have further questions, email our office at olmercyreligion@gmail.com or call at (718) 268-6143 EXT. 28.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:
OBERAMMERGAU THE PASSION PLAY

The trip is from May 17th to May 26th, and includes visits to **Rothenburg Rebensburg, Passau, Salzburg, & Munich.** Bishop Octavio Cisneros will be the Spiritual Director and Rev. Frank Schwarz will be the Chaplain. For a brochure call Peters Way Tours at 516-605-1551 or the email is peter@petersway.com.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign begins with our goal of \$77,953 So far, \$76,050 has been pledged and \$67,341 has been received. Please consider making a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, and thank you for all that you do for Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

You may also make your ACA pledges at the following website, if you have not received a donation request by mail: www.annualcatholicappeal.org

CHANGE OF PLANS

- With great regret and out of an abundance of caution, it has been decided that the Oktoberfest should be cancelled. Those of you who have paid will be receiving your money back by mail.

- CYO basketball registrations have been cancelled, due to the fact that indoor sports in the Diocese have been put on hold for the time being. We will let you know when we hear anything further.



IN OUR AREA

- **Regis High School Columbus Day Open House.** Monday, October 11 @ 1-4 p.m. at Regis H.S., 55 East 84th St., Manhattan. Register in advance at www.regis.org to attend in-person or contact Eric Di Michele, director of admissions, 212-288-1100, ext 2057; edimichele@regis.org. Regis H.S. is an all-scholarship Jesuit school for talented and gifted Catholic boys.
- **The St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center** (152-11 Union Tnpk., Flushing) will be offering **FREE speech and hearing screenings** from September 13, 2021 through December 9, 2021. Please call the center at 718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment.
- **Outdoor Flea Market at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish (150-75 Goethals Ave., Jamaica).** Weekends through November 20/21. The flea market is located in the St. Nicholas church parking lot. Admission and parking are free. For information, phone 718-591-1815.

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. Our Lady of Mercy Parish received several of these donations in the past when our parish was mentioned as people donated. We are grateful for your participation, and hope that you will continue to spread the word.
 Call (718) 491-2525 or svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

CONNECT TO FORMED!

FORMED, produced by the Augustine Institute, is now available without charge to all parishioners of Our Lady Of Mercy. All that is needed to visit the website is Internet access and an e-mail account.

FORMED is an on-line resource for adult and youth faith formation, prayer, sacramental preparation, and so much more. There are books, audio talks, movies, studies...something for everyone. This is literally the Catholic Faith On Demand. The app can be downloaded very easily to your computer or ROKU and also to your cell phone or iPad so that you can enjoy the presentations wherever you happen to be.

To register on FORMED:

- 1) Go to FORMED.org/signup
- 2) Enter our Zip Code, 11375, and select Our Lady of Mercy.
- 3) Enter your name and email

If you already have a FORMED account:

- 1) Go to FORMED.org
- 2) Click on "Sign In"
- 3) Enter your email
- 4) Click the link in your email
- 5) You're in! No more passwords!



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.

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