

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 7th
5:00 PM Marie & Tony Harte (Living Intention)

Sunday March 8th
8:30 AM John H. Moreton
10:00 AM Parish Mass
12:00 PM Rose & Ralph Illuminato
6:00 PM Maria Garrido

Monday March 9th
7:00 AM
8:30 AM Sommero Family
12:00 PM Fiorella Perugini

Tuesday March 10th
7:00 AM
8:30 AM Joseph DiCapua
12:00 PM Rina Grispo

Wednesday March 11th
7:00 AM Roseann Seiss
8:30 AM Mary Jane Karras
12:00 PM Jan Kumiega

Thursday March 12th
7:00 AM Miss Theresa Mescall
8:30 AM Judith Diaz
12:00 PM Bolivar Almeida

Friday March 13th
7:00 AM Anne Vogt
8:30 AM Joseph Lowry
12:00 PM Mary Jane Karras

Saturday March 14th
8:30 AM Fred Parham
5:00 PM Allen Davis

Sunday March 15th
8:30 AM Concetta Vullo
10:00 AM Parish Mass
12:00 PM Henry Barton
6:00 PM Francis McCabe (27th Anniversary)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

James Schnepf, Paul Matthew Larsen, Rosemarie Regulation, DW, Sally Flaig, Joseph Radison, Julian Rys, Janis Wallenstein, Marian Burgel, Madeline Guido, Jack & Madison Lewinger, Josephine Kelly, John (Jack) Sullivan, David Glass, Maureen Crowley, Teodora Tamburelo, Bob Lancer, Amy Algieri, Mary Hanley, Thomas Kelly, The Mestrich Family, Barbara Silver, Theresa Polancic, Howard Diamond, Robert Erickson, Nicholas Gagliano, Msgr. Langelier, Gertrude Klienklous, Jane Sanders, Bill Walters

Please pray for those in our armed services, especially:
Edy Claudio & Robert Claudio, Stephen Deere
Captain Eileen Gillespie U.S. Army
Sgt. Bryan Jiencke, USMC
S/Sgt. Teague A. Liming, USAF
Staff Sgt. James McKeon, US Army
Pvt. Jonathan Mezzancello
SPC Larry Saume
Lt. Brendan T. Cremins, US Navy
Lt. Gregory M. Morison, USN

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Edna Martin
Jean Berger
Guadalupe Rios
Francis Hook
Ivy David
Josephine Miceli
Peter Dunn

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of February 2009:

Penelope Soleil Pujol Manfrellotti
Michael Joseph Rios
Angela Antoinette Wyka
Anais Celeste Simmons
Jaden Michael Napp
Leila Callahan Gorgey

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the couples married during the month of February of 2009:
Mario Laspisa & Carolina E. Otero

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**Sunday, March 8th,**

-Second Sunday of Lent
-ACA Announcement Weekend
-St. Vincent de Paul Truck 8 AM to 12:30 PM
-Children's Liturgy of the Word-10 AM Mass

Monday, March 9th

-Scripture Study Gr.-7:30PM-RMR
-1:30 PM Confessions-6th Gr. (School) Confessions
-R.C.I.A.-7:30 PM-Convent

Tuesday, March 10th

-2:30-3:15 PM-OLM School Garden Club
-Prayer Group-9 AM-Rectory
-Cub Scouts-7 PM-LCH

Wednesday, March 11th

-Golden Age meeting 12 PM to 4 PM -St. Patrick's Day lunch
-10:30-5th Gr. (School) Confessions
-Divine Mercy-7:30 PM-8:30 PM-Church
-Fellowship-8:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Thursday, March 12th

-Helping Hands Meeting-10 AM-Rectory

Friday, March 13th,

-Daisy/Brownie Scouts-2:45-5 PM-LCH
-Cadette Girl Scouts (Troop 4004) 7-9PM-L.C.H.

Saturday, March 14th

-Junior Girl Scouts (Troop 4491) 10:30 AM to 12PM -R
-Queen of Peace -Little Sisters of the Poor-They will be at every mass on Saturday and Sunday.
-St. Patrick's Day Dance-8 PM to Midnight LCH



Dear Parishioners:

This weekend marks the beginning of the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal. Each year our Brooklyn (Queens) Diocese asks each adult Catholic to consider the various needs and ministries that this Appeal assists. Appropriately this year the Appeal begins on the second Sunday of Lent. Traditionally Lent has been a time when we have sought to deepen our relationship with God by entering into our own “desert”, a place without distractions where we can be open to God. True, we remain in our familiar settings but through acts of discipline, such as fasting and abstinence, we attempt to focus on what is truly important. Another feature of Lent is almsgiving – doing something for those who have less.

In today’s First Reading from the Old Testament Book of Genesis, Abraham shows His eagerness to answer God’s call. The sacrifice of one’s only son (on whom the success of God’s promise to Abraham depends) is abhorrent and shocking to modern readers. This story dates back millennia to a time when child sacrifice was practiced in some cultures. In saving Isaac, God’s disapproval of this practice was revealed. Yet Abraham is willing to comply with what he thinks is God’s command.

In the second reading, Paul asserts to the Romans that God handed over His Son for us. Jesus embodies in human terms, God’s love for us. God would do anything for us, becoming one like us and assuming every facet of human existence, even suffering and death.

Finally the Gospel from St. Mark tells us that God’s love for us endures beyond death. The Transfiguration Account is a glimpse of God’s transformative love. Death does not have the last word but God’s love will bring about something new, not just for Jesus but for us.

Lent then is meant to be a time to refocus on our faithfulness to God, Who revealed Himself fully in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. God gives Himself to us in Jesus and Jesus’ life was one of constant compassionate giving to others, especially the marginalized. In the Annual Appeal our Bishop invites us to appropriate the character of Jesus as our own. As always the Appeal has several major components. Through Catholic Charities it assist the CYO programs, addiction services, and prison ministries; through the Catholic Education Office, it hopes to provide needs-based scholarships and also the staffing of the Catholic Schools Support Services; through Faith Formation, it assists the Diaconal Formation Program (the parish has two men in this program), High School Campus ministries, hospital chaplaincies, the Pre-Cana Programs and Lay Leadership Formation Programs; and through Catholic Migration Services, it provides for the needs of the Tenant Advocacy Program, and educational, legal and pastoral Services for our newest brothers and sisters.

As a former Diocesan Vocation Director (1978-1983), one aspect of the Annual Appeal strikes a very personal chord with me. Through seminarian scholarships the Appeal assists the men in the post-collegiate section of theological studies. It also helps to fund the John Paul II House of Discernment (for post high school discerners); Cathedral Preparatory High School; Cathedral Seminary Residence at Douglaston (college age seminarians); and the work of the Vocation Office. Bluntly, if we do not have holy and courageous priests in the future, there will be no Church!

Finally and very crucially, funds that exceed our Diocesan mandated goal of \$71, 200, will return to the parish. Last year, our parish received \$38,000, which in effect made the Annual Catholic Appeal our largest and most successful fund raiser!

Our goal is a little higher this year, which undoubtedly reflects our national economic situation. Similarly, many of us have been impacted by the continuing financial downturn. Speaking for both Bishop DiMarzio and myself, we are most grateful for anything that you can do. Each parishioner has different means, but no gift, big or small, is unimportant. Your priests and parishioners are simply asked to do our best. This year’s Appeal motto is: *Live the Gospel, Share the Good News.* This Lent let us all try to do that!

Monsignor McGuire

SCHOOL NEWS**Tuesday, March 10th**

-Grades 6 & 8 New York State Math test begins.
 -Registration for NEW students for 2009-2010 is taking place. Please call the school office 718 793-2086 for information.

Wednesday, March 11th

-Grades K & 1 Vision and Hearing Screening.

SOUP SUPPER

Our Lenten "Soup Supper" will be held Monday, March 16th at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall. Together we share a simple meal, express our care for our needier brothers and sisters and listen to the Lord's desire: "Whatsoever you do to the least amongst us, that you do unto me". Sister Tessa Fitzgerald, CSJ will give a wonderful presentation about her ministry serving formerly incarcerated mothers and their children at "Hour Children". Through our simple sharing of prayer, fasting and almsgiving we can make Soup Supper 2009 a living witness to our care for a larger world. When we increase love, we increase peace. All are welcome to join us. Please return the response form to the Rectory by Noon on March 12th.



The next Teen Mass will be on Sunday, March 15th at 6 PM. Teen Club will follow from 7 to 9 PM in the Parish Hall.

Also look for flyers around the Church for the upcoming Teen Trip to Aviator Sports Complex in Brooklyn during the week of Easter Break.

2009 Catholic Speakers Series*Presents*

"One Nation Under God: the Family and the Culture of Life"

Msgr. Philip J. Reilly,

Helpers of God's precious Infants

Speaking on

"Are There Reasons for Hope in This Epic Struggle for Life?"

Sunday, March 15, 2009 2 - 4pm

(1:30 for light refreshments)

School Hall, Holy Family Parish

Utopia Parkway & 75th Avenue Flushing, NY 11366

Most Reverend Ignatius A. Catanello, Pastor

Rev. James W. King, Administrator

Questions and discussion time included. Raffle.

Jointly sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation,

Diocese of Brooklyn,

and the Joint Parish Respect Life Committee.

Call (718) 939 - 6646

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Dear Parishioners,

My recovery/rehab process continues at North Shore/Manhasset extended care facility.

My physical therapist advises that I am progressing quite well. It is likely that I will be discharged from here on next Thursday, March 12, 2009.

I expect to return to the Rectory with a regimen of physical therapy, then with a walker and or a cane for a number of weeks,

In the meantime, many thanks for your prayers, cards, and visits. It is very much appreciated.

Monsignor Langelier

Queen of Peace Residence

110-30 221st Street
Queens Village NY 11429
Phone: 718 464 1800
Fax: 347 626 2178

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our Parish next weekend 3-14, 3-15. Many of you know the Little Sisters of the Poor in their ministry with the elderly poor. The Sisters depend on your generosity to help them provide a safe and comfortable home for the elderly men and women in the Queen of Peace Residence in Queens Village. There the Residents are surrounded with love, respect, peace and security until their death. The Sisters will be at the doors of the church as you leave Mass to receive your donations. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
03-11	6:30 PM	Bible Study (P. Hall) Fr. Jose Cadusale
	7:30 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet(P. Hall) Fellowship (Parish Hall)
03-19	7:30 PM	DM Chaplet/Cenacle (P. Hall) Fellowship follows (P. Hall)
03-25	7:30 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet Praise and Worship Fellowship follows (P. Hall)
04-01	7:00 PM	Adoration/Holy Hour Fr. Alfred Guthrie, DM Chaplet
	8:30 PM	Benediction Fr. Alfred Guthrie
04-08	6:30 PM	Bible Study (P. Hall) Fr. Cadusale
	7:30 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet (P.Hall) Fellowship follows (P. Hall)
04-15	7:30 PM	DM Chaplet/Cenacle (P.Hall) Fellowship follows (P. Hall)
04-22	7:30 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet
04-29	7:30 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet

THE MEMORIAL WORSHIP FUND OF OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

Forest Hills, New York

MANY THANKS for donations to the Parish Memorial Worship fund given...in heaven's splendid light to

Chester Luczak
 (16th Anniversary)

By
 Teri, Christine & Paul

Edna Martin

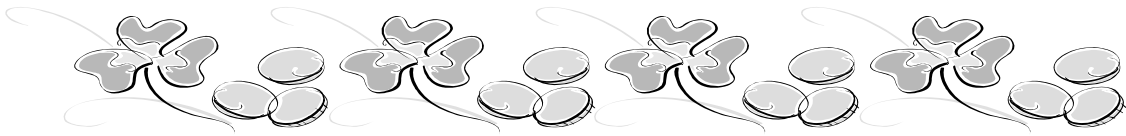
By
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By
 Linda & John Dougherty

By
 Ana & John Mele

By
 Sr. Francis Rose Lapitino

By
 Susan Kababik



OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

Join us for some good old Irish
Fun and Entertainment
at the

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE

Date: Saturday, March 14th, 2009

Time: 8:00pm – Midnight

Where: Parish Hall

Dinner, Dancing, Raffles and a little Irish Entertainment
Beer & Wine will be Served

Cost: \$40 per person

(Please feel free to BYOB for additional beverages)

**Please contact Breda or Sinéad for reservations, fill out the form below
and mail or drop off with your check before March 8th, 2009:**

OLM Rectory, 70-01 Kessel Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375

Breda Buckley (718 607 2182) or Sinead Whelan (718 275 4894)

Please make checks payable to: **Our Lady of Mercy**

Name: _____

Of Guests: _____

Seating Preference: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Total Payment: \$ _____