

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 28th
5:00 PM Jozef Grebowiec

Sunday March 29th
8:30 AM Luke Robert Gillespie
10:00 AM Parish Mass
12:00 PM Roseline Okorie
6:00 PM Walter Perugini

Monday March 30th
7:00 AM Helen Speros
8:30 AM Keck & Wischerth Families
12:00 PM Louis Sauro

Tuesday March 31st
7:00 AM Helen Speros
8:30 AM Anna Boni
12:00 PM Luigi Sauro

Wednesday April 1st
7:00 AM Helen Speros
8:30 AM Heinz & Reilly Families
12:00 PM Anna Marie Santa Maria

Thursday April 2nd
7:00 AM George Napolitano
8:30 AM Kathryn Clune
12:00 PM Adelina Agostinelli

Friday April 3rd
7:00 AM Annette Taliercio
8:30 AM John MacDonnell
12:00 PM Clorinda Facinelli

Saturday April 4th
8:30 AM Vivian Hanrahan
5:00 PM Anne Sweeney (Living Intention)

Sunday April 5th
8:30 AM Porfiria Acosta
10:00 AM Parish Mass
12:00 PM Fr. John Brogan (1st Anniversary)
6:00 PM Walter Perugini



REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
James Schnepf, Janis Wallenstein, Jack & Madison Lewinger, Josephine Kelly, John (Jack) Sullivan, David Glass, Maureen Crowley, Teodora Tamburelo, Bob Lancer, Thomas Kelly, The Mestrich Family, Barbara Silver, Theresa Polancic, Howard Diamond, Nicholas Gagliano, Gertrude Klienklau, Jane Sanders, Ana Stafford, Kaitlin & Amanda Birck, Thomas J. Scaturro, John Kelly, Barbara German, James Murphy, Francesca Cala, Toni Cunningham, Terry Luczak

Please pray for those in our armed services, especially:
Edy Claudio & Robert Claudio
Stephen Deere, SPC Larry Saume
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
Lt. Julianne LoMacchio Palumbo U.S. N
Lt. Gregory M. Morison, U.S. Navy
Lt. Brendan T. Cremins, US Navy

Remember
Our
Military

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Peter Perrucci, Asuncion "Sione" I. Esquivel,
Marion Tiraco, Anthony F. Genduso,
George Napolitano, Adelina Agostinelli,
Rose Mondesir, John J. Vitagliano

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

BANNS III: John Flynn & Christine Curcio

BANNS II: Mario Asaro –OLM &
Jessica Tornatore - Holy Spirit, New Hyde Park

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week's donation for the Bread &
Wine given in memory of
Zahide Prono
by
The Prono Family

SCHOOL NEWS

Tuesday, March 31st
Grades 5 to 8- play at OLM

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – MARCH 29th**

-Fifth Sunday of LENT.
-Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 AM Mass.
-RCIA 3rd "Scrutiny" at the 10:00 AM Mass

MONDAY – MARCH 30th

-RCIA – Convent at 7:30 PM.
-Scripture –study/prayer group – rectory at 7:30 PM.

TUESDAY – MARCH 31st

- "Holy Spirit" prayer group - rectory at 9:00 AM.
-(New) Altar Servers' Training session-church at 3:15 PM.
-Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 1st

-OLM Golden Age Club meeting –
Parish Hall at 12:00 noon.
-CCD Religious instructions - assemble in church
at 2:15 PM.

- "Divine Mercy" prayer group – church at 7:30 PM.

THURSDAY – APRIL 2nd

- "Helping Hands" meeting - rectory at 10:00 AM.

FRIDAY – APRIL 3rd

- Lenten Stations of the Cross following the 8:30 PM
Mass.
-Daisy/Brownie Girl Scouts – Parish Hall – at 2:45 PM.
-Cadette Girl Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY – APRIL 4th

-Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday, April 5th, Palm Sunday, marks the beginning of the most sacred week of the year. From Palm Sunday to Easter, we journey with Our Lord from His joyous entry into Jerusalem to Calvary and through it to the Resurrection. These are days when every Catholic should make the strongest effort to enter into the solemn liturgical ceremonies. Together we enter the profound mystery of God's love for us, a love made visible in the life, death and Resurrection of the Lord.

As you begin to prepare for these solemn liturgies, you will find a schedule below for Holy Week. Hopefully this listing will help you and your loved ones enter more fully into these sacred days.

Monstgnor John A. McGuire



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 5th
Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 4th - 5:00 P.M.

Palm Sunday 8:30 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

12:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

Monday, April 6th – 7:30 P.M. Parish Penance Service (Confessions)

Holy Thursday, April 9th

8:30 A.M. Simple Mass for those unable to attend in the evening

7:30 P.M. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 P.M. Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 10th

9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer

1:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross

3:00 P.M. Solemn Liturgy

7:30 P.M. Solemn Liturgy

(By ancient tradition no Masses are celebrated today; Holy Communion may be received at either of the two Solemn Liturgies from Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday.)

Holy Saturday, April 11th

(By ancient tradition no Masses are celebrated until the Solemn Easter Vigil in the evening.)

10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer, followed by the traditional blessing of Easter Food

4:00 P.M. to 5 P.M. - Sacrament of Penance

8:00 P.M. Solemn Easter Vigil Mass (First Mass of Easter)

(Reception follows in the Church Hall.)

Easter Sunday, April 12th

8:30 A.M. Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass

12:00 P.M. Mass

There will not be an evening Mass at 6:00 P.M. on Easter Sunday.

EASTER FLOWERS



As we did at Christmas, we are providing opportunity for 15 families to memorialize a loved one by making a donation for Easter flowers of \$150.00. Names of all those memorialized will be published in our Bulletin, and flowers will remain on the altar and in Church for at least 3 weeks.

Each donation will provide four flowering plants – lilies, azaleas, hydrangeas and tulips. Help make this Easter magnificent! Arrangements can be made by contacting the Rectory at 718-268-6143.

RCIA – SECOND SCRUTINY

This week's prayers for our Elect, Angela Chu, Liana Huie, Olivia Huie and Gwendolyn Nieves will take place at the 12:00 P.M. Mass.

We will pray that they will be free of any sin and receive God's grace as the Blind Man received his faith in Jesus. May all of us make room for God's goodness by turning from sin and seeking God's forgiving grace.

Book Club

Several parishioners have suggested that a parish Book Club would be a good tool to spark reflection and discussion on topics from a Catholic-Christian perspective. The Parish Pastoral Council supported this idea in the hopes that many could participate, it would appeal to many age groups and a healthy dialogue might benefit all of us who share faith.

So we are officially announcing the launch of the OLM Book Club with the title **The Shack** by William Young.

This book may be purchased on-line at Amazon or Barnes and Noble, or locally at Boarders, Atlas Park or Barnes and Noble on Austin Street. It may also be requested from the Queens Library, for those with a current library card.

Discussions will be held in the School Library (side door, Convent) on Thursday, April 30th at 7:30 PM.

If you wish to take part in a discussion of this book, please sign the Book Club Discussion List in the entry way of the church or give your name to Sr. Ann Barbara.

We are looking for table leaders to steer the discussion, so if you are willing to help facilitate a small group that evening, please give your name to Sr. Ann Barbara and she will give you the discussion materials.

Thank you to all who choose to participate and we ask prayers for the success of this effort.

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
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

ADVANCE NOTICE ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Training Sessions for boys and girls in grades 4 and up who wish to become ALTAR SERVERS for Our Lady of Mercy Parish will begin on March 31. We seek candidates – from OLM School and CCD – who are willing to make a commitment to the parish to become faithful and competent ALTAR SERVERS at our parish Masses and various liturgical services.

Our Orientation Session – the first in a series of after-school training sessions – will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 3:15 PM in the Church. All those wishing to train and become **OLM ALTAR SERVERS** are invited to attend this first session.

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Edna F. Martin

by

Jim & Elena Murphy

by

Catherine Lynn

Helen Speros

by

Wednesday Night Lenten Group

Adeline Agostinelli

by

Anne M. Sweeney

William Murphy—12th Anniversary

by

Gerry & Family

Ralph J. Maresca, Sr.

by

Sr. Francis Rose Lapitino

Lent 2009

Penance Service

Portraits of Mercy



**Come and celebrate God's mercy and love
at this Penance Prayer Service. There will
be an opportunity for individual confessions.**

Monday, April 6, 2009
7:30 PM
Church