

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 4th
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
Monday	April 6th
7:00 AM	Znona Knapik
8:30 AM	Andrew Cariello (2nd Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Giovanna Magagna
Tuesday	April 7th
7:00 AM	George E. Gluszak
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua
12:00 PM	Edna Martin
Wednesday	April 8th
7:00 AM	Domenic Giammaria
8:30 AM	James Sweeney
12:00 PM	Peter Perrucci
Thursday	April 9th
8:30 AM	Simple Mass
7:30 PM	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:00 PM	Night Prayer
Friday	April 10th
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
1:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM	Solemn Liturgy
7:30 PM	Solemn Liturgy
Saturday	April 11th
10:00 AM	Morning Prayer-Blessing of Food
8:00 PM	Solemn Easter Vigil
Sunday	April 12th
8:30 AM	
10:00 AM	No Mass Intentions
12:00 PM	No 6:00 PM Mass

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, Jane Sanders, Ana Stafford, Kaitlin & Amanda Birck, Thomas J. Scaturro, John Kelly, Barbara German, James Murphy, Francesca Cala, Toni Cunningham, Terry Luczak, Maria Panny

Please pray for those in our armed services, especially:
 Edy Claudio & Robert Claudio, Stephen Deere
 Captain Eileen Gillespie U.S. Army
 S/Sgt. Teague A. Liming, USAF
 Staff Sgt. James McKeon, US Army
 Pvt. Jonathan Mezzancello
 Lt. Gregory M. Morison, U.S. Navy
 SFC Kilsa Ciprian, US Army
 1174th DDSB & 873rd TC DET
 Lt. Julianne LoMacchio Palumbo U.S. Navy
 Lt. Brendan T. Cremins, US Navy
 Sgt. Bryan Jiencke, USMC, SPC Larry Saume

Remember
 Our
 Military

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

John J. Vitagliano
 Gertrude Klienklous

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

BAPTISMS

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

Francisco James Malone
 Eric Mason Kantrowitz
 Lukas Gabriel Witek

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the couples married during the month
 of March 2009:

Peter R. Lantin & Jingjing Mei

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**-Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

-Palm branches are blessed at the beginning of each Mass.
 Please make sure to have a palm branch in hand as the
 Mass begins.

-Children's "Liturgy of the Word" at the 10:00 AM Mass.

MONDAY – APRIL 6th

-Monday of HOLY WEEK.

-“RECONCILIATION MONDAY” in all the parishes of
 the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. ALL
 the faithful of both Dioceses are strongly encouraged
 to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
 (Confession)

TUESDAY – APRIL 7th

-Tuesday of HOLY WEEK.

-New Altar Server training session the church at 2:30 PM.

-Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 8th

-Wednesday of HOLY WEEK.

-OLM Golden Age Club meeting – Parish Hall at noon.

-“Divine Mercy” prayer group at 7:30 PM in the church
 and Parish Hall.

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 9th

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 10th

.-Today is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

-The collections at the Communion Liturgies are for the
 upkeep of the Sacred Christian Shrines in the Holy Land

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 11th

-Morning Prayer and the Blessing of Foods at 10:00 AM.

-Confessions from 4:00 to 5:00 PM

-Solemn EASTER VIGIL Service and Mass at 8:00 PM.

(Masses on EASTER SUNDAY – 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
 – 12:00 Noon. NO 6:00 PM EVENING MASS).

Dear Parishioners:

Today's liturgy begins with the Lord's triumphant entrance into the City of Jerusalem. The palms that we carry are symbols of welcoming the Lord into our lives. Yet on this Passion (Palm) Sunday, the Gospel of the Mass is our Lord's Passion according to St. Mark. The contrast between the two moods of triumph and tragedy infuses this week's liturgical celebrations. Jesus is identified with every human being who has ever experienced betrayal, abandonment by friends, false accusations, or terrible physical suffering. The week is crowned with the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening when we are identified with Resurrected One. The Lord of life has conquered death and as He shared our human experience, we are now invited to share His new life.

Once again this week, in order to assist our parishioners in their Holy Week celebrations we are listing our various liturgical celebrations.

Monsignor McGuire

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**Monday, April 6th** –

7:30 P.M. Parish Penance Service and Individual Confessions

THE SACRED TRIDUUM**Holy Thursday, April 9th** –

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

7:30 P.M. – Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper and 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 of the Lord's Passion and Holy Communion

7:30 P.M. - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Holy Communion

(By ancient tradition no Masses are offered on either on Good Friday or on Holy Saturday until the Solemn Easter Vigil. The Hosts received on Good Friday were consecrated on Holy Thursday.)

Holy Saturday, April 11th

10:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer followed by the traditional Blessing of Easter Food

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

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

Reception Follows in the Church Hall in order to welcome those receiving the Easter Sacraments for the first time.

Easter Sunday, April 12th

8:30 A.M. Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass (followed by the Easter Egg Hunt on the Juno Street lawn.)

12:00 P.M. Mass

EASTER FLOWERS

As we did at Christmas, we are providing opportunities for 15 families to memorialize a loved one by making a donation of \$150.00 for Easter flowers. Names of all those memorialized will appear in the Bulletin. The flowers will remain on the altar and in Church for at least 3 weeks. Each donation will provide 4 flowering plants: lilies, azaleas, hydrangeas and tulips. Help make this Easter magnificent! Arrangements can be made by contacting the Rectory at 718-268-6143.



OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
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
05-06-	7:00PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet
	7:30PM	Healing Mass
05-13	6:30PM	Bible Study
	7:30PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet
05-20	7:30PM	DM Chaplet/Cenacle Fellowship follows (P. Hall)
05-27-	7:30PM	DM Devotion/Praise and Worship
06-03	7:30PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet
06-10	6:30PM	Bible Study
	7:30PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet
06-17	7:30PM	DM Devotion/Cenacle Fellowship follows (P. Hall)
06-24	7:30PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet

OLM BOOK CLUB SELECTION

As announced last week, we are starting an OLM Book Club to enable parishioners interested in reading and discussing a book from the point of our Catholic spirituality an opportunity to do so. Our first choice is **The Shack** by William Young.

The book can be purchased on-line or locally in one of our fine book stores. In the rear of the Church you will find two forms, one if you are interested in reading the book and coming to a discussion and a second if you are interested in helping lead a small table discussion on the day we meet. Please fill out either or both forms and place them in the box provided.

We have changed the date of our discussion to Monday, April 27th at 7:30 PM in the Convent Meeting Room. Please note the change and help make this a successful launching for our parish.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help in this effort please see or call Sr. Ann Barbara at 718-261-6285. Thank you.



Next Teen Mass and Teen Club are scheduled for Sunday, April 19th.

All Teens Grades 8 and up are welcome!

If you are interested in the Teen Trip to Aviator Field (Tuesday, April 14th)

please pick up a flyer in the Church or contact Sandra Rossi

at 917.744.0239 or at sandrahrossi@gmail.com

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the March
Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:

1st Prize: Laura Maldonado	\$679.17
2nd Prize: Kathleen Cullen	\$407.50
3rd Prize: M/M Nikola Noci	\$271.66

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week's donation for the Bread & Wine given Lovingly by

Mary Ann & James Schnepf

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

Louise & Oscar Verde
by
Ann & George Garstka

Gertrude Klienklous
by
Mary Cremins

Peter Perrucci
by
Ilona & John Killian

My Dear Parishioners,

Once again, MANY THANKS for the many visits, cards, and well wishes since my hip replacement surgery on February 9th. Since returning to the rectory on March 12th, I have (and will continue to have to for some time yet) experienced a regimen of out-patient physical therapy.

While I still have to depend upon the cane, to some degree, for walking and stairs, I expect to begin celebrating Masses as soon as this coming week

I am certainly looking forward to a "return to the Altar" and the opportunity to meet and greet the parishioners.

Monsignor Cangelier

The Annual Catholic Appeal

So far, 65 parish families have pledged \$31,915.00 against our Diocesan goal of \$71,021. In pledges we are almost at the half-way mark (44.94%) and of these pledges, \$25,702.50 have already been paid. I can not stress strongly enough the importance of this Appeal. The Appeal is absolutely necessary for the continuation of Diocesan programs that assist Catholic Charities, and also for the care of our elderly and retired priests as well as for the recruitment and training of men preparing for our Diocesan priesthood. As I have mentioned, the Appeal is also our major parish fundraiser. Last year, our parish received back \$38,000 from this Campaign. Anything over goal is returned to the parish! This assistance is vital for us.

If you have not yet made a contribution to the Appeal, please consider doing so. There are Appeal envelopes at all the doors of the Church.

Thank you,
Monsignor McGuirl



A profound word of thanks to Mrs. Mary Van Nostrand and the Ladies of the "Ad Hoc Committee" for the recent presentation of "The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion". This contemporary Stations of the Cross on March 22nd helped those who attended fully appreciate Our Lord's Passion and death.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

In conjunction with our daughter Diocese of Rockville Center, the Diocese of Brooklyn is promoting the reception of the Sacrament of Penance on April 6th, 2009. The Sacrament will be offered on that day throughout Long Island. This is the perfect preparation for the Holy Week and Easter celebrations. In our cluster, the Sacrament will be available at:

Our Lady of Mercy – a priest will be available at the rectory throughout the day for those who wish to receive the Sacrament. There will be a Parish Penance Service at 7:30 P.M. followed by individual confessions.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs - 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Our Lady of the Angelus- Penance Service and Confessions (Bilingual –Spanish & English) 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Project Andrew

Project Andrew is an opportunity for young men to learn more about the priesthood by joining Bishop DiMarzio and other priests and seminarians from the Brooklyn Diocese for an evening of prayer, dinner and conversation. The next Project Andrew is scheduled for Friday, May 1st at 6:00 P.M. The location: The Pope John Paul II House of Discernment at 341 Highland Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY, 11207. For more information or directions, please contact Fathers Kevin Sweeney or Kevin Abels at 718-827-2454 (FAX: 718-827-2167; E-Mail: vocations@diobrook.org)