

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 2nd
5:00 PM	Marie Merone
Sunday	May 3rd
8:30 AM	Eileen Savarese-Birthday Remembrance
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	William Messick
6:00 PM	Walter Perugini
Monday	May 4th
7:00 AM	Geraldine Finley (1st Anniversary)
8:30 AM	Bill Walters
12:00 PM	John Benedetto
Tuesday	May 5th
7:00 AM	In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
8:30 AM	Bill Walters
12:00 PM	Patricia George
Wednesday	May 6th
7:00 AM	Helen Speros
8:30 AM	Mary Meehan-90th Birthday-Living Intention
12:00 PM	Bob Malm
Thursday	May 7th
7:00 AM	Elizabeth Ann Haggerty (25th Anni.)
8:30 PM	Caesar Valero (2nd Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Bob Malm
Friday	May 8th
7:00 AM	Arthur Hughes
8:30 AM	Mary Jane Karras
12:00 PM	Leslie Jones-Birthday Remembrance
Saturday	May 9th
8:30 AM	Hickey Family
5:00 PM	Anna Sorrentino
Sunday	May 10th
8:30 AM	Lucille Bittner (24th Anniversary)
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Minnie Didone
6:00 PM	Judith Diaz

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

James Schnepf, Ana Stafford, Jane Sanders, Kaiitlin & Amanda Birck, Thomas J. Scaturro, John Kelly, Barbara German, James Murphy, Francesca Cala, Toni Cunningham, Terry Luczak, Maria Panny, Claire Scott, Maureen Crowley

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
 Lt. Julianne LoMacchio Palumbo U.S. Navy
 Lt. Gregory M. Morison, U.S. Navy
 SFC Kilsa Ciprian, US Army
 1174th DDSB & 873rd TC DET
 Captain Patrick L. Davis, U.S. Army (JAG)
 Lt. Brendan T. Cremins, US Navy
 Patrick Hedderman
 , SPC Larry Saume
 Pvt. Jonathan Mezzancello
 Sgt. Bryan Jiencke, USMC

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Robert Hegermiller

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

James J. Harding, MD—Our Lady of Mercy
 Kathleen Atlas, MD—Holy Cross, Middletown, NY

BAPTISMS

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

Milo Everett Walthers
 Katherine Nguyen
 Dario Shah Belangon
 Michael Daniel McConville
 Adam Richard McConville
 Victoria Ines Delgado Rivera

MARRIAGES

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

Mario D. Asaro & Jessica Mary Tornatore

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – MAY 3rd**

-Fourth Sunday of Easter.
 -World Day of Prayer for Vocations.
 -19th Annual "ICE CREAM SUNDAY" – Parish Hall – 1:30 to 3:30 PM

MONDAY – MAY 4th

-Easter Season Weekday.
 -Scripture study/prayer group – Rectory at 7:30 PM.

TUESDAY – MAY 5th

-Easter Season Weekday.
 -OLM School "Garden Club" – 2:30 to 3:15 PM.
 -Adult Confirmation class – Convent meeting room – 7:30 PM.
 -Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY – MAY 6th

-Easter Season Weekday.
 -OLM Golden Age Club meeting – Parish Hall at noon.
 -CCD Religious Instructions – Church at 2:15 PM.
 -First Holy Communion rehearsal – Church at 7:30 PM.

THURSDAY – MAY 7th

-Easter Season Weekday.

FRIDAY – MAY 8th

-Easter Season Weekday.
 -Tri-M Girls CYO Team Awards Dinner (Set-Up) 6PM to 9PM. For more info, call Mary Leong 718-793-4082

SATURDAY – MAY 9th

-Easter Season Weekday
 -Junior Girl Scouts – Rectory meeting room – 10:30 AM.
 -Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.
 -"TRI-M" Girls' CYO Swim Team Awards Dinner – Parish Hall at 6:00 PM.

From the
Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners:

In the last two weeks, we have been overwhelmed with news of “swine flu” which apparently made its initial appearance in Mexico and has now been detected in the United States. The news media have bombarded us with breathless accounts of the possibility of a pandemic – a flu of monumental proportions! While certainly normal precautions should be maintained at all times, we must place things in perspective. The combined populations of Mexico and the United States approximate almost 500 million people. Of them the number of verified cases of “swine flu” is minute. Unfortunately the virus causing this and other types of flu have the ability to become adaptable. Occasionally, as in 1917 (The Spanish Influenza), they can evolve into a serious epidemic.

As our Mayor has indicated, there is absolutely no need for panic or hysteria despite the somewhat sensationalized media reports. Naturally certain precautions should be made, but frankly they are little different than the ordinary requirements of courteous and civil life. Thoroughly wash hands regularly. Do not share eating utensils or containers (i.e. soda cans or bottles). Avoid situations in which contact with another’s saliva might take place. Cover the mouth preferably with a handkerchief when sneezing, coughing or yawning, properly dispose of paper napkins and tissues (i.e. not in the street or on the Church floor under the pews) and remain home from school or work or even Church if you do not feel well.

If you would like to have access to objective, non sensational updates on the “swine flu”, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) maintains a website which is quite informative. Additional information can be sought from the Office of Susamma Seeley, the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator of Catholic Charities – the Diocese of Brooklyn. Telephone: 718-722-6040; Fax: 728-722-6233

Be well,

Monsignor McGutrl

A Note of Appreciation

Of all the many talented parishioners we thanked for their participation in the Holy Week and Easter liturgies, one group was inadvertently omitted: our intrepid band of youthful horticulturists and their parents. Many thanks to Mr. Chris Dukas for again organizing some of our young people to plant the lovely flowers that now grace the Church lawns

.....and while we are thanking folks, this publication and the monthly Mirror do not spontaneously burst into being. Both require the hard work of a hardy group of volunteers. Much of the work of the weekly can be attributed to Mrs. Elisabeth Schemitsch and the rectory staff, while the Mercy Mirror volunteers are ably guided by Linda Shookster, M.D. Both groups really need some more assistance, so if you can help publish our informative weekly and interesting monthly, please leave your name and telephone number at the rectory!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will not be held on May 3rd due to "Ice Cream Sunday". Our program will resume on May 10th.

Special Notice

St. Mary's Community Care Professionals, Corp, a licensed Home Care Service Agency is seeking qualified Home Health and Personal Care Aids for children and adults with special needs. Cases are available in their homes in each of the five Boroughs as well as Nassau and Suffolk Counties. An Open House will be held at St. Mary's CCP Office at 91-31 Queens Boulevard, Suite #201, Elmhurst, NY 11373 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on May 5th, 2009. For more information contact Linda or Razia at 718-819-2724

ALTAR FLOWERS

Many thanks for this week's flowers donation given in Loving Memory for

Miczyslaw Pawlak
by
Ilona & John

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week's donation for the Bread & Wine given Lovingly
by
Mary Ann & James Schnepf

SCHOOL NEWS

Tuesday, May 5th - May 7th

-Grade 8 State Science test.

Friday, May 8th

-Pre-K AM Library trip.



Next Teen Mass and Teen Club are scheduled for Sunday, May 24th.

All Teens Grades 8 and up are welcome!

CAR WASH

Stay tuned for details about the Teen Club

Car Wash

coming up on Saturday, May 30th.

If you can donate old clean towels, please drop them at the School.

Keep These Dates Open

If you enjoyed our New Year's Eve Dance or Our St. Patrick's Dance, make sure you attend our **"Flores De Mayo" Dance, sponsored by our Saint Lawrence Ruiz Society** on May 23rd, 2009. This will be an International Spring Dinner Dance featuring dancing, food, games, prizes and fun, fun, fun! Proceeds will go for the construction of shelter over the Parish Hall entry on Juno Street. In snow or rain, the steps to the Hall can be treacherous if not impassable and our plan to provide a shelter that will blend with the brick-work of our Church building but that will provide some protection to those steps. Thanks go to the St. Lawrence Ruiz Society for this initiative. Details for the Dance will follow.

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
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

Broadway in Forest Hills

The Parkside Players will present Stephen Sondheim's musical "Company" at Grace Lutheran Church, 103-15 Union Turnpike at 71st Road, Forest Hills on May 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, & 30th at 8:00 P.M. and May 17th and 24th at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$17 or \$14 for seniors. For tickets and reservations, kindly call: 718-497-4922.

OLM BOOK CLUB

Thank you to everyone who made our first meeting on April 27th such a success.

Our next book for discussion will be *'BROKEN OPEN - How Difficult Times Can Help Us Grow'* by Elizabeth Lesser. This book is available in paperback at our local bookstores or on-line from Amazon or Barnes & Noble. Discussion for this title will take place June 23rd at 7:30 P.M. in the School Library.

HELPING HANDS

If you know someone who can use the following services please indicate name and information of person, and give form to Rectory Office:

Name _____ Phone _____ Address _____

_____ Friendly Phone Call

_____ Friendly Visit

_____ Shopper

_____ Receive Cards in mail

Thank You-

Sr. Ann Barbara and "Helping Hands" Ministry

The Home School Association would like to invite you to our Annual Fashion Show. Please join us for an afternoon of Fashion, Friends, Food and Fun!

Our Lady of Mercy Annual Ladies' Fashion Show will be held on Sunday, May 17th at 1pm in the Lower Church Hall. Our ladies will be modeling fashions from Fox's Designer Boutique, Roxanne's Lingerie, JLM Couture and Duffy Furs.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased by contacting Carol Rusek at 917-757-4808 or Sharon Olivera at 917-609-2599. Flyers will also be available in the back of the church.

Tickets are now on Sale for the Our Lady of Mercy Annual Ladies' Fashion Show

“Spring Garden”



Sunday, May 17th at 1:00 p.m.



Fashions by
FOX'S DESIGNER BOUTIQUE,
ROXANNE'S LINGERIE, JLM COUTURE,
& PETER DUFFY FURS

Luncheon & Wine included
\$35 per person

Come join us for an afternoon of Fashion, Friends, Food, and Fun!

LAST DAY FOR TICKET SALES IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th

Return Bottom to School Office with Check.

Name _____ Child's Grade _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Table Head/Seating Preference _____

Any questions, please contact Carol Rusek (917)757-4808 or Sharon Olivera (917)609-2599