

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 9th</b>
5:00 PM	Anna Sorrentino
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 10th</b>
8:30 AM	Lucille Bittner (24th Anniversary)
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Minnie Didone
6:00 PM	Judith Diaz
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 11th</b>
7:00 AM	George Napolitano
8:30 AM	Mothers Day Novena
12:00 PM	Joseph DiCapua (14th Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 12th</b>
7:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
8:30 AM	Mothers Day Novena
12:00 PM	Frances Albano
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 13th</b>
7:00 AM	Eileen Hipp-Living Intention
8:30 AM	Mothers Day Novena
12:00 PM	Rolelio Arango
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 14th</b>
7:00 AM	Michael Stango (1st Anniversary)
8:30 PM	Mothers Day Novena
12:00 PM	Bolivar Almeida
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 15th</b>
7:00 AM	Michael Stango
8:30 AM	Mothers Day Novena
12:00 PM	Joan Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 16th</b>
8:30 AM	Mothers Day Novena
5:00 PM	John & Mary Camporese
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 17th</b>
8:30 AM	Mothers Day Novena
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Rose & Ralph Illuminato
6:00 PM	Walter Perugini

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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



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

**BREAD AND WINE**

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

Sarah Jones

In Loving Memory of  
 Leslie Jones

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

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

Leslie Jones

By  
 Sarah Jones

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Richard Kelly, Jr., Thomas Gordon, Filippo Zaccaria  
 Claire Scott, Esther DiDonato, Madeline Perlinski

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – MAY 10<sup>th</sup>**

-Fifth Sunday of EASTER.

-“Mothers’ Day” (Mothers’ Day Mass Cards available in the church)

-“Children’s Liturgy” at the 10:00 AM Mass.

**MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup>**

-Easter Weekday

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

**TUESDAY – MAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

-Easter Weekday

-“Holy Spirit” prayer group – rectory at 9:00 AM.

-OLM School “Garden Club” – 2:30 to 3:15 PM.

-Adult Confirmation class – Convent at 7:30 PM.

-Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:30 PM.

**WEDNESDAY – MAY 13<sup>th</sup>**

-Easter Weekday – also Optional Commemoration of Our Lady of Fatima.

-OLM Golden Age Club – Parish Hall at noon.

-CCD Religious Instructions – in church at 2:15 PM.

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

**THURSDAY – MAY 14<sup>th</sup>**

-Feast of St. Mathias, Apostle

-“Helping Hands” meeting – rectory at 10:00AM

-OLM Home-School Association meeting – school meeting room - 7:30 PM.

-Baptism meeting for parents of Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Baptisms – rectory at 7:30 PM

**FRIDAY – MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**

-Easter Weekday

**SATURDAY – MAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Baptisms – 1:00 PM.

• Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

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**50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS**

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

1st Prize: Florence Schmuck	\$679.17
2nd Prize: Peg Offenberger	\$407.50
3rd Prize: Audrey Holzkecht	\$271.66

*Dear Parishioners:*

In recent weeks, the Gospel at Sunday Mass has been taken from St. John. We have heard about sheep and shepherds and this Sunday about vines, branches and pruning. (John 10:1-18 and John 15:1-8). While the images are inevitably agricultural and rural, even city dwellers are able to grasp the basic notions. The shepherd and his sheep have an intimate and close relationship, so much so that the sheep recognize the voice of the shepherd and will not follow any but him. Instinctively they know that the shepherd will protect them using the famous shepherd's crook (from which the bishop's crosier evolved) and that he will lead them to fresh water and green pastures. It is precisely that relationship that Jesus has with us. He leads us to the ultimate good pasture and refreshing waters. His message and His Spirit keep us safe from harm. The Vine and Branches have much the same symbolism – the branches must be intimately attached to the vine or they die.

Throughout John's Gospel, the point is made that God loves us so much that He sent His Word (John 1: 1-18) – the very reflection and communication of Himself into the world - so that we might have life. In a reflection of the Father, Jesus, the Word made flesh, gives Himself completely to us. We in turn are to demonstrate that same characteristic in our own lives. (John 15:1-17). "All this I tell you so that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete." (John 15:11). It is in this sense that we are priestly people. We are the signs of God's Presence in the world. Jesus is the Face of God in human terms and we are to be the face of Jesus throughout the ages.

In the beginning Jesus chose the apostles, who were sent to preach the Gospel. In time, they would choose others who would confirm the community in faith by the celebration of the sacraments (the unique signs of Jesus' Presence) and proclaim the Gospel. In many ways, they would combine the roles of preaching to those who had not heard the Gospel as well as serving those who are believers. This is as true now as it was in the apostolic age. It is why the encouragement of vocations is vitally important to each and every member of the Church.

Currently our Diocese is blessed with the assistance of priests and religious from other lands. Many of them must in time return to minister in their own countries; some are able to remain here in the United States. Nonetheless, the desire of the Church is always to have a native clergy. Missionaries went to other lands, knowing that if they were successful, they would put themselves "out of a job". The history of the Church in Africa illustrates that. Initially the Gospel was often proclaimed by European priests and religious. They planted the seeds but now the African Church is served primarily by African religious and clergy. While thankful to God for the gifts of our brothers and sisters who come from other lands to minister here, we must be concerned that American vocations are being encouraged and supported. The Good Shepherd theme of recent Sunday Gospels makes us ever aware of that need. Jesus did not minister alone. Even in His own time, He required the assistance of others. So it is now.

It is for this precise reason that I have pushed so strongly the Annual Catholic Campaign. Among other things (including a healthy infusion of funds for the parish if we exceed our goal) it helps to support our Diocesan Vocation Office and the priestly formation programs. No Catholic can afford to take casually the need for healthy, well-rounded, devout candidates for the priesthood. They will originate in our families. The quality of their vocations will be discerned by the Vocation Office and supported through the seminary system. Again to see what is going on in the vocation field, view of the new Diocesan website: [www.brooklynpriests.org](http://www.brooklynpriests.org). If you have not made a contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing so! Envelopes and forms are on the radiator covers in the Church.

God bless you,

*Monsignor McGuire*

## ICE CREAM SUNDAY CHANCE BOOK RAFFLE



Congratulations to the Winners of the Ice Cream Sunday  
Chance Book Raffle:

1st Prize: Chris Dukas	\$1,000.00
2nd Prize: Hannah Parker	\$500.00
3rd Prize: Gerry Murphy	\$300.00

Thank you so much for including my godson, Staff Sgt. James McKeon, US Army, in your prayers for our Military personnel. Jimmy has returned safely and we are so grateful to all who remembered him in their prayers.

Best regards,  
Karen Flynn



Next Teen Mass and Teen Club are scheduled for Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

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 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Wednesday, May 13th**

-9 AM. Pre-Kindergarten students screening for NEW children entering OLM in September 2009.

### **Thursday, May 14th**

-7:30 p.m. Home School Association Meeting - School basement.

## **Community News**

### **Young Adults**

The Young Adults Group of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Ridgewood/Maspeth invites the young adults of Our Lady of Mercy Parish to join them in an evening of fellowship and conversation at Aunt Bella's Restaurant, Fresh Pond Road and Grove Street, on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. All young adults of college age and over (single or married) are invited to come to explore the topic, "Spirituality and Religion: How they relate in our lives." A brief presentation will spark an informal discussion. Sharing light refreshment will follow Jesus' example of table fellowship. There is no charge for the evening but donations for the Soup Kitchen at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be welcomed. Please call the OLMM rectory (718-366-3360) to say you will attend so that Rick at Aunt Bella's can prepare for the gathering.

### **HCJ Teen Drama**

The Teen Drama Group of Holy Child Jesus Church in Richmond Hill is looking for teenagers to audition for this year's drama, *The Pajama Game*. Show dates are in mid-August. The auditions are on June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM. at Msgr. Murray Auditorium, 111-02 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Richmond Hill. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes and you are welcome to bring your own sheet music. More Information: 718-847-1860 or [hcjteendrama@gmail.com](mailto:hcjteendrama@gmail.com)

## **Annual Catholic Appeal**

In Pledges we have reached 58.84% of our goal of \$72,021. 126 families (out of 1,187 registered families) have pledged \$49,365.00 of which \$41,787.50 has been paid. 10.6% of the registered parishioners have accomplished this! What might we accomplish if all 1,187 registered families made at least some contribution to this Appeal!

First and foremost, if we exceed our goal, the amount over goal is returned to our parish – but we are not there yet. In fact in past years, the Appeal has been our major fund raiser (and we do not have too many of them). If we do not reach goal, it is quite another story. Please see my letter in another part of this bulletin to see how important the Appeal is to the future of our Diocesan Church. If you would like to make a gift to the Appeal, envelopes and forms are on the radiator covers of the Church. If needed, we can order more.

Thank you,  
Monsignor McGuirl

## **OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
05-13	6:30PM 7:30PM	Bible Study 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

## **POOR BOX**

Calls for assistance will be increasing during the summer months. Many of the charities we help will be in greater need this year. Please remember the poor and make a donation to the Poor Boxes at the entries of the Church. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

## **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Requests for help with food continue during the summer months and our supplies are low. Our needs are: soups, rice, pasta, cereal, canned meats or fish, canned fruits and vegetables, coffee and tea. Please drop off one or more items in the boxes in the rear of the Church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## **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

Claire V. Scott  
by  
Anne Sweeney

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