

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 23rd</b>
5:00 PM	Mr. Gaddi
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 24th</b>
8:30 AM	Robert Almeida
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Ronald LoFrese (1st Anniversary)
6:00 PM	Cosimo DeMaglie
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 25th</b>
7:00 AM	Philomina Karcher (Birthday Remembrance)
8:30 AM	Cosimo DeMaglie
12:00 PM	No Noon Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 26th</b>
7:00 AM	Dorothy Mele
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
12:00 PM	Richard J. Maline
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 27th</b>
7:00 AM	Andrzej Witkowski
8:30 AM	Michael, Caroline, Micheal Sassi, Jr. & Roland Puglilese
12:00 PM	Deceased Members of Aliperti & Fazio Families
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 28th</b>
7:00 AM	Ethel Rohr
8:30 AM	Andrzej Witkowski
12:00 PM	Bill Walters
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 29th</b>
7:00 AM	Richard Kelly
8:30 AM	John F. Murphy
12:00 PM	Michael DeLuca, Sr.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 30th</b>
8:30 AM	Gerald McDonald (5th Anniversary)
5:00 PM	Frank Haunss
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 31st</b>
8:30 AM	Maurice Rooney
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Sister Teresa Clare
6:00 PM	Albina Pintouda de Guillen

**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, Jack Sullivan, Ann Sullivan, Peter French



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

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Gabriel Cuadros, Daniel Murphy  
 Ada Tarroux

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

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

Philomina Karcher  
 Birthday Remembrance  
 by  
 Harvey & Sue Karcher

**BREAD AND WINE**

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

James & MaryAnn Schnepf

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – MAY 24th**

- Seventh Sunday of EASTER.
- No "Children's Liturgy" today.
- Monthly "OLM Teen Club" Mass at 6:00 PM.

**MONDAY – MAY 25th**

- Easter Season Weekday.
- National observance of MEMORIAL DAY.
- OLM School and Parish offices CLOSED for the day.
- No Noon Mass today.

**TUESDAY – MAY 26th**

- Commemoration at Mass of St. Philip Neri, Priest.
- "Holy Spirit" prayer group – rectory at 9:00 AM.
- Adult Confirmation class – convent meeting room at 7:30 PM.
- Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:30 PM.

**WEDNESDAY – MAY 27th**

- Easter Season Weekday.
- OLM Golden Age Club meeting – Parish Hall at noon.
- OLM School Advisory Board meeting – school library at 7:30 PM.
- "Divine Mercy" prayer group – church at 7:30 PM.

**THURSDAY – MAY 28th**

- Easter Season Weekday.
- Bereavement meeting – rectory at 11:00 AM.
- Tri - M Boys' Swim Team REGISTRATION – Parish Hall – 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

**FRIDAY – MAY 29th**

- Easter Season Weekday.
- Daisy/Brownie Scouts – Parish Hall at 6:30 PM.

**SATURDAY – MAY 30th**

- Easter Season Weekday.
- Junior Girl Scouts meeting Parish Hall – 10:30 to noon
- OLM Teen Club CAR WASH – Juno Street.
- Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM

From the  
Pastor's Desk



**Dear Parishioners:**

May and June are the traditional months for weddings and anniversaries. Nature renews itself in springtime and marriages are a celebration of new beginnings, new hopes and new lives. In late spring, many married couples celebrate the happy years spent in a mutual, loving relationship.

In a similar long tradition, most of our priests are ordained in the late spring. This year our own parish clergy rejoiced in their years in the Lord's Vineyard. Our pastor emeritus, Monsignor Langelier, reached his 48<sup>th</sup> year in the priesthood; I have reached my 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our part-time associate, Father Chris Okorie, reaches 15 years in priestly ministry. Our priest in residence, Father Augie Iantosca, is the full-time Catholic chaplain at Creedmore State Hospital in Queens Village. Father Augie, celebrates his 32nd anniversary this year.

The life of the Church is dependent on the ministry of its priests. This spring, one of our priests is celebrating a major anniversary in his service to the Lord and to our people. Father John Cremins celebrates his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This is a significant milestone in Father's service to the Lord and the Lord's people in our Diocese of Brooklyn.

Father John will celebrate his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Most appropriately May 31<sup>st</sup> is the feast of Pentecost. On that day the Holy Spirit rushed upon the Apostles and the others gathered in the upper room fifty days after the Resurrection. It is considered to be the "birthday" of the Church because on that day, the apostles actively began to preach the "New Way" to those gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Pentecost. What more fitting day to celebrate the Father John's ministry! Throughout four decades he has followed in the footsteps of the apostles by preaching the Word, celebrating the Sacraments and counseling God's people.

After the Mass of Thanksgiving, Father will receive friends and parishioners in the Church Hall. Every parishioner is invited to join Father John in this celebration of his ministry. A Latin phrase often used by priests is "ad multos annos" which means "for many more years", and that is our prayer for Father Cremins: that the Lord will grant him many more years of faithful, fruitful service in his priestly ministry.

*Monsignor McGuire*



**OLM Teen Car Wash**

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm on Juno Street

ONLY \$5 for Exterior wash – **A BARGAIN!**  
Come support our Teens.



OLM's Teen Club will meet this Sunday, May 24 after the 6 pm Teen Mass.  
All teens Grades 8 and up are welcome!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Children's Liturgy of the Word will not be held on May 24th or May 31st. We will resume our program on Sunday, June 7th at the 10:00 A.M. Mass.



**OLM Book Club**

The next selection for our Book Club is *Broken Open* by Elizabeth Lesser. This is a non-fiction selection that helps us focus on how difficult times can help us grow. This is a theme very much in keeping with our Catholic Spirituality and should lend itself to an interesting discussion.

Our next meeting is on June 23rd at 7:30PM in the School Library (Convent). This gathering is open to adults of all ages; all you need do is read the book and come for a stimulating conversation. You can find this at any local book store, or purchase it on-line from Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Thank You.

*With gratitude to Almighty God  
I will celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary  
Of my Ordination to the Priesthood  
With a Mass of Thanksgiving at noon  
On Sunday, May 31, 2009  
At Our Lady of Mercy Church,  
Forest Hills, NY 11375*

*It would be a great honor to have you join me.*

*Fr. John J. Cremins*

*Reception immediately following*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Tuesday, May 26th

-Grade 1 -class trip.

### Wednesday, May 27th

-12:30 PM— May Prayer Service

-Dismissal from church.

### Thursday, May 28th

-Oratorical Contest Grades 7 and 8 at 1 PM in the Church basement.

### Friday, May 29th

-Kindergarten class trip.

## Community News

The Annual Relay For Life will be held at the West Side Tennis Club on June 13th and 14th. This event helps raise money for cancer research. Teams, volunteers, walkers and entertainers are needed. The event opens with cancer survivors taking the first lap on a designated course in the West Side Tennis Club grounds. After that lap all the participants join in. After dark a Lumnaria Service will be held to honor all the victims of this pernicious disease. To register, participate or receive additional information, log on to: <http://www.relayforlife.org/foresthillsny> or contact Taliah Duchatelier at 1-718-263-2225, ext 5511 or E-mail at: [forest.hills.relay@cancer.org](mailto:forest.hills.relay@cancer.org).

## OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
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

## BEREAVEMENT

Our monthly Bereavement Group Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28th at 11:00 AM in the Rectory Meeting Room. If you have recently suffered a loss and desire support and encouragement, please join us at this time. All are most welcome.

## 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

Eleanor Shavel & George & Elizabeth Schaber  
by

Howard Shavel

Theresa Luczak

From

Our Lady of Mercy Ad Hoc Committee

Terri Luczak

From

The Golden Age Members of Our Lady of Mercy

Terri Luczak

From

Ann Spohr

Theresa Luczak

From

Wednesday "5"s

Joseph De Voy

From

Doris, Chris and Kathleen

Peter Feger, Dr. Hans Buechler, Guhnter Buechler

From

Katharina Feger

### What is the R.C.I.A.?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a wonderful program of formation and spiritual growth for Non-Catholic adults seeking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, and for Baptized Catholics who have not been instructed in the faith and desire Eucharist and Confirmation to complete their faith formation

### Who can attend this program?

Persons who desire to learn about and join the Catholic Church, Baptized Catholics who desire to receive their sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, and Persons baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to profess faith in the Catholic tradition and complete sacramental life in the Catholic Church.

### What is the Format for preparation and instruction?

RCIA members and team meet on Monday evenings at 7:30pm. Shared prayer on the Scriptures and a presentation on one of the aspects of Catholic Faith are weekly experiences. A variety of presenters, sponsors, and our Priests assist in the formation process.

### What are the Rites?

At various times in the process, the candidates experience special prayers in the context of Sunday Liturgy. These prayers, gestures or "Rites" mark steps in formation leading to the Easter Sacraments and a life of living and learning in the Catholic tradition. They enable the entire Parish to pray for and bond with the candidates as they welcome and support their journey.

### Interested?

Contact any priest or Sr. Ann Barbara at 718-261-6285 for more information or to arrange an interview. You will be warmly welcomed!



**OUR LADY OF MERCY**  
IS PROUDLY HOSTING A  
**BACKYARD BBQ**

Come enjoy a fun evening that includes:  
A BBQ Dinner, Music, Dancing & unlimited Wine & Beer  
*All in your own backyard of Forest Hills*

**Date: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**Time: 7:30pm – Midnight**  
**Location: The Community House, Borage Place**  
**BBQ Cost: \$50 per person**

As part of this fun event we are organizing  
a limited jumbo raffle.  
**Only 200 tickets will be sold prior to the event**  
At a cost of \$40 per ticket.  
(Event participation not required)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$2,500**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$1,000**  
**10 Prizes of \$50**

We will draw the final top prizes on the night of the BBQ.

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**Please contact either Gerry Whelan at (917) 568 9318 or BJ Duffy at (718) 850 9212**  
RSVP NO LATER than **June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Please make check to:  
Our Lady of Mercy  
Drop off at the Rectory on Kessel Street.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_