

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 13th
5:00 PM In Thanksgiving for the Gift of the Eucharist

Sunday June 14th
8:30 AM Bolivar Almeida
10:00 AM Parish Mass
12:00 PM Henry Jagiello
6:00 PM Jean Perrucci & Peter Perrucci, Sr.

Monday June 15th
7:00 AM Adelina Agostinelli
8:30 AM Ethel Kayel DeAngelis
12:00 PM Lorraine Fargano

Tuesday June 16th
7:00 AM Mary & Edward Kurth
8:30 AM Dick Coster
12:00 PM Ann Wesolowski

Wednesday June 17th
7:00 AM William J. Kirby & Leonard V. Quigley
8:30 AM Luke Sorrentino
12:00 PM Bill Walters

Thursday June 18th
7:00 AM John Bittner (1st Anniversary)
8:30 AM Mary Ann Arfi
12:00 PM Caroline Brennessel

Friday June 19th
7:00 AM Andrew Cariello & David Statuto
8:30 AM Michael, Caroline, Michael Sassi, Jr. & Roland Pugliese
12:00 PM Helen Speros (Birthday Remembrance)

Saturday June 20th
8:30 AM Maureen McArdle
5:00 PM John Daly

Sunday June 21st
8:30 AM Leonard V. Quigley
10:00 AM Parish Mass
12:00 PM Henry Jagiello
6:00 PM Henry Jagiello (1st Anniversary)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

James Schnepf, Ana Stafford, Jane Sanders, Kaitlin & Amanda Birck, John Kelly, Barbara German, James Murphy, Francesca Cala, Toni Cunningham, Maria Panny, Maureen Crowley, David Glass, Jack Sullivan, Ann Sullivan, Peter

French, Adam Sobel, Ann Kelly, Syl Cleary



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
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 Kilsa Ciprian, US Army
The 1174th DDSB & 873rd TC DET
Captain Patrick L. Davis, U.S. Army (JAG)
Patrick Hedderman, Pvt. Ronald Palumbo
Lt. Brendan T. Cremins, US Navy

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Annemarie Tuzzo

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY, JUNE 14th**

-Feast of the "MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF THE LORD" ("Corpus Christi").

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

MONDAY, JUNE 15th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses (11th week).

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 16th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-OLM Altar Servers' trip to Rye Playland – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 18th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-Baptism meeting for parents of children to be baptized this Saturday – rectory at 7:30 PM.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19th

-Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

-Cub Scouts annual “Blue & Gold Dinner” – Parish Hall – 3:00 PM.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20th

-Commemoration at the morning Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

-Baptisms at 1:00 PM.

-Confessions at 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

SCHOOL NEWS**Tuesday, June 16th**

-Nursery Step-Up celebration 9 AM (lower Church hall)

Thursday, June 18th

-PreKindergarten Step-Up celebration 9 AM (lower Church hall)

-School dismissal Grades K-7 @ 11:30 a.m.

Friday, June 19th

-Kindergarten Step-Up celebration 9 AM (lower Church hall)

-School dismissal Grades 1-7 @ 11:30 a.m.

*From the
Pastor's Desk*



Dear Parishioners:

Many of our parishioners come from Italian or Latin backgrounds. If you are Italian, you know that meals are not something to be taken lightly. In a traditional home, preparations for a meal often begin days in advance. It is not unusual for all the dishes to be made from scratch. Salads, antipasto, pasta, the main course, dolce, coffee and of course, wine are essential. The meal may extend over several hours and no one is expected or permitted to leave early. On a deep level there is a recognition that the family is fully together at a meal. At table we share food, which sustains and supports life. At table we enter into the life of the family. By listening, children learn of the lives of their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. In many instances we learn about life in the "old" country. In return, the adults learn what is happening in the lives of their young people.

All the major activities of life are celebrated with a meal. Life is impossible without food. Sharing food with our families and friends is the strongest symbol of the life that we share with them.

Jesus, too, came from a culture that cherished meals as much more than a source of nourishment. Meals represented the sharing of life and brought the ways of their ancestors into the present. At the traditional Seder meal on Passover, the youngest boy asks the oldest family member "Why is this night different than any other?" The elder responds with the Haggadah, the recitation of all that God has done for His people from the time of Exodus to the present setting of the Passover. It was at Passover that Jesus celebrated the first Eucharist with His family, the disciples.

God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ. Through the Incarnation God has made Himself vulnerable to us. Jesus continues His presence among His friends in the vulnerability of simple bread and wine. Under the Species (appearances) of Bread and Wine He remains available to us, to sustain and nourish us in the journey of life.

This weekend the Church celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi (Body of Christ). This feast celebrates the great gift of the Eucharist to the Church. It is necessary to be present at the Sacred Meal, to receive Jesus in the Eucharist but also to learn the history of our church family. The proclamation of the readings, the homily, and the Creed connect us with the generations that have preceded us in the Catholic Faith. Just as food nourishes us in our daily activities, the Eucharistic supports us in our lives as Christian men and women. No more than we could cease eating and expect to live, could we absent ourselves from the Eucharist and expect to live in Christ. The Church commandment to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation simply expands Jesus' own words: "Do this in my memory"

Let us celebrate Corpus Christi with a renewed sense of the great gift of the Eucharist, which centers our life on the Christ Who is the fulfillment of God's promises to His people

Monignor McGuirl

Annual Catholic Appeal

We are getting warm but we are not there yet! Presently, 174 parish families (out of 1,189 registered families) have pledged \$65,115.00 toward our goal of \$71,021. Please remember that any amount over our goal returns to the parish. This Appeal is not only essential for the good of the Diocese, but it is critical for the fund raising efforts of our parish.

Very rarely is fund-raising a matter of discussion in the pulpit at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Unlike some other parishes, our parishioners are spared constant appeals for funds. However, in return, this goal must be reached not only for the financial well-being of the Diocese but also Our Lady of Mercy Parish. We are running on a deficit of over \$50,000 a year that we can not continue to sustain. This Appeal is essential and again, I ask each parishioner to do their best. Envelopes for the Appeal are at all the doors of the Church in the rectory office.

Thank you,

Monignor McGuirl



TEEN CAR WASH A SUCCESS – Thank you to all Parishioners who supported the Teens during their May 30th Car Wash. It was huge success all around.

TEEN BARBEQUE – SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH from 3 to 6 PM on Juno Street lawn. Volleyball, fun and plenty to eat. Possible softball game at PS 144 (bring your gloves, etc.) Cost is \$5 pp (waived for teens who participated in Car Wash.) Use flyers in rear of Church to RSVP by June 19th. All Teens currently in Grades 7 & up are welcome – Welcome Newcomers! Volunteers to help with BBQ should contact Sandra at sandrahrossi@gmail.com.

TEEN MASS – Our closing mass before summer will be on **Sunday, June 28th at 6 pm**. Please join us. If you are interested in playing an instrument or singing at Teen Mass starting in September please contact Sandra at the above email address.

TEEN SPLISH SPLASH CLUSTER TRIP – Tuesday, June 30th. Details for the trip are provided in flyers at the rear of the Church. First Come, First Serve – space is limited. Cost is \$26 pp. All Teens currently in Grades 7 & up are welcome! RSVP by Friday, June 19th by filling out both sides of flyer and returning it to the School or Rectory office labeled Teen Splish Splash trip.

Book Club-Next Meeting



Conflicting schedules for meetings make it necessary to move our next Book Club meeting to Thursday, June 25th at 7:30 pm in the School Library (Convent –lower level).

We are reading *BROKEN OPEN* by Elizabeth Lesser, a book about growing through the challenges of life.

The author uses true life stories and experiences to show us people who grow stronger, wiser and more in touch with their purpose and passion. Many themes familiar from our Catholic spirituality will resonate with the reader in this encouraging book. Anyone who has faced or is facing challenging times will find the book a great resource for reclaiming a full life. Questions? Call Sr. Ann Barbara at 718-261- 6285.

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE (June, July and August)

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES	ASSIGNMENTS
06-17-09	7:30PM	DM Devotion/Cenacle Fellowship follows (P. Hall)	
06-24-09	7:30PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet	
07-01-09	7:30PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet	Judy Abalajon
	8:00PM	Praise and Worship (Church)	Roland Abalajon
07-08-09	7:30PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall)	Victoria Angeles
07-15-09	7:30PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet	Terri Eltanal
		Bible Reflection (Parish Hall)	
07-22-09	7:30PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall)	Rose Galinato
07-29-09	7:30PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet	Daniela Kurek
		Fellowship (Parish Hall)	All are welcome
08-05-09	7:00PM	DM Chaplet	Sylvia Yason
	7:30PM	Healing Mass	
08-12-09	7:30PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall)	Tess Dechavez
08-19-09	7:30PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
08-26-09	7:30PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall)	Judy Abalajon
		Fellowship (Parish Hall)	All are welcome

Meaningful Conversations About Prayer

Join us for an adult conversation about Prayer:

Session 1: How and why we pray

July 1 at 7:30pm or July 2 at 9:00am

Session 3: Praying with Scripture

July 15 at 7:30pm or July 16 at 9:00am

Facilitator: Sr. Ann Barbara

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I want to join on:

Wed. evenings _____ Thurs. Mornings _____

Return to Rectory by June 20th, 2009. Thank You.

Session 2: Praying with our own words

July 8 at 7:30pm or July 9 at 9:00am

Session 4: Praying with the Church's Words

July 22 at 7:30pm or July 23 at 9:00am



**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 20th, 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)

1st Prize - \$2,500

2nd Prize - \$1,000

10 Prizes of \$50

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

Please contact either Gerry Whelan at (917) 568 9318 or BJ Duffy at (718) 850 9212

RSVP NO LATER than June 14th, 2009. Please make check to: Our Lady of Mercy

Drop off at the Rectory on Kessel Street.

Name: _____ # of Guests: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

**Father Edward W. Troike Leadership Program - 2009
Cathedral Preparatory Seminary - 56-25 92nd Street, Elmhurst, NY 11373
1-718-592-6800 x120**

Director: Rev. John P. Cush

A program for **6th and 7th grade boys** designed to sharpen basic skills to help prepare for 8th grade and the TACHS Examination (Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools) and instill qualities of Christian leadership. Interested students may apply through their schools. Further information will be forwarded before the beginning of the program.

WHEN Classes begin on Monday, July 6th to Friday, July 31st from 8:45 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (Please arrive by 8:30 A.M. on July 6th)

WHERE: CATHEDRAL PREP: located about 2 blocks away from the intersection of Woodhaven Blvd. and Queens Blvd. At this intersection is the Queens Center (Macy's, Penny's...). THE LOCAL SUBWAY STATION is at this intersection: WOODHAVEN BLVD/SLATTERY PLAZA: V and R trains. Cathedral Prep is IN BACK OF THE QUEENS CENTER, across the street, on the corner of 57th Avenue and 92 Street. The following buses stop in the area: Q 11, 29, 38, 53, 60, 72, 88; B 58 and 59. If there is a question, call the Transit Authority for subway and bus information. In addition, check the front section of the Yellow Pages for a subway map. Subway and Bus passes will be provided for those eligible.

FEE: \$500 per student for the entire 4-week program by check or money order payable to Father Troike Leadership Program. Payment is due with the completed application, **no later than Wednesday, June 20, 2009.**

PROGRAM: Each day begins at 8:45 A.M. with a program of study. There will be six one-half hour periods before lunch (12 Noon) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Supervised sports clinics follow lunch at 12:30 P.M. On Wednesday, there will be four one-half hour periods following Community Mass. **ALL ACTIVITIES END EACH DAY AT 2:00 P.M.** The faculty is composed **principally of priests and lay teachers who staff Cathedral Prep. Our Cathedral students serve as counselors.**

COURSES: 7th Grade Courses: English Grammar and Composition - Reading Comprehension - Math - Speech, Discussion, Study Skills & TACHS Preparation - Science - Religion

6th Grade Courses: English - Math - Religion - Speech, Discussion, Study Skills - Science - Social Studies - Computers - Culture

SPORTS CLINICS: (Basketball, Softball, and other activities): Because these form an integral part of the program, all students must participate in them unless excused for medical reasons.

ATTENDANCE: The nature of our program requires a student to be in attendance every day. If the family plans an outing, please notify us in writing the dates your won will be absent. **In case of illness, parents are asked to call the office number 592-6800 x 105 before 9:00 A.M.** PLEASE NOTE: Daily attendance will be taken. Prolonged absence is not in the student's best interest.

PREPARATION: EACH DAY: The student should wear sneakers, shorts and T-shirt. He should bring a notebook, pen and lunch. Soda and snacks will be sold in the cafeteria. Bottled water is on sale before school and is permitted in the classroom.