

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 4th
5:00 PM	John Vecchione, Jr.
Sunday	July 5th
8:30 AM	Julia Palumbo
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Jean Berger
6:00 PM	Walter Perugini
Monday	July 6th
7:00 AM	Maria Pappas
8:30 AM	Bill Walters
12:00 PM	Silitto Zaccaria
Tuesday	July 7th
7:00 AM	Thomas & Anna O'Connor
8:30 AM	Robert Almeida
12:00 PM	Josephine Fasola
Wednesday	July 8th
7:00 AM	Frances Boller
8:30 AM	Sarah Davey
12:00 PM	Vera Garvey
Thursday	July 9th
7:00 AM	Louis Valentino
8:30 AM	Jack Karsten
12:00 PM	Angela & Frank Sauro, Sr.
Friday	July 10th
7:00 AM	Alba Luz Pasos Tomayo
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua, Raffaele & Bennie Bafalco
12:00 PM	Anne Restaino (Special Living Intention)
Saturday	July 11th
8:30 AM	Rev. Arthur Volel, Raymond Volel, Marguerite Volel-Fiedler & Marguerite Gramelspacher
Sunday	July 12th
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Julieta M. Jesus (1st anniversary)
6:00 PM	Marta Urquizo Villacorta

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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, Lt. Brendan T. Cremins, USNavy
 Pvt. Ronald Palumbo

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Margaret Greeley
 Oswaldo Monge

BAPTISMS

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

Angela Kathleen Morales
 Daniel Patrick Cortegiano
 Andrew Abalajon
 Mia Elizabeth Famania
 Ryan Christopher Ludwig
 Eline Angelica Mangal
 Liam Terence Bookin

BREAD AND WINE

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

A Special Intention
 By
 Frank & Ann Morison

THIS WEEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – JULY 5th**

-Fourteenth Sunday in ORDINARY liturgical time.

MONDAY – JULY 6th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

TUESDAY – JULY 7th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-“Children’s Morning Matinee” – Parish Hall at 9:00 AM.

WEDNESDAY – JULY 8th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

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

-“Conversations About Prayer” (with Sr. Ann Barbara) –

Convent meeting room 7:30 PM.

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

THURSDAY – JULY 9th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-“Conversations About Prayer” (with Sr. Ann Barbara) –

Convent meeting room – 9:00AM

FRIDAY – JULY 10th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

SATURDAY – JULY 11th

-Commemoration at Saturday 8:30 AM Maas of St.

Benedict, Monk & Abbot.

-Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

Dear Parishioners:



This week we celebrate our national birthday. The thirteen original British Atlantic colonies desired to determine their own leadership. They devised a republican form of government. They established a nation in which the optimum of expression, worship, and assembly would be the hallmarks and cornerstones of the new state. Such great freedoms also carry great responsibilities. Among those responsibilities are the electoral franchise and the defense of our nation. We cannot rightfully complain about government policy if we take no hand and no interest in forming it.

The Founders, though not perfect, were immersed in a Biblically centered culture that perceived the Deity moving through history. They saw this nation as the “city on the hillside”, a beacon of promise to all other peoples. Indeed, it is still to our shores that people flock in order to savor the freedoms that we often take for granted and which are yet denied to much of the world. “In God we trust” is the national motto and on this Independence Day, we give thanks to Almighty God that we are privileged to live in this great nation. We acknowledge again that all laws are founded on God’s Law. As citizens of this great country, we have a fundamental obligation to help form the public discourse of our nation by bringing to it the values that form our own lives as Christians.

On this weekend of national celebration, we welcome to our parish Father Peter Purpura, who will assist during the month of July. Father Peter is an alumnus of Archbishop Molloy High School, Cathedral Residence, St. John’s University and the Pontifical North American College in Vatican City State. Father celebrated the second anniversary of his ordination on June 30th. He will return to Rome in September for a continuation of his post-ordination studies.

Contrary to some reports, Deacon Edward Smolinski will continue to serve at Our Lady of Mercy. A new Diocesan protocol requires that each deacon submit a letter of resignation upon the attainment of his 75th birthday. “Deacon Ed” is now six years beyond his 75th birthday. There was an announcement of his “resignation” in the Diocesan newspaper, The Tablet. At this point, Deacon Ed’s ministry is determined by an agreement between him and his pastor. In a discussion on June 29th, Deacon Ed and I agreed that he would continue to minister at Our Lady of Mercy at his own pace and as long as he wishes. The entire parish is thankful for Deacon Ed’s commitment and generosity for over thirty years. I look forward to working with him for many years ahead!

Finally, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI has declared the 2009/10 year as the “Year of the Priest”. In doing so the Holy Father recognizes that the man in the forefront of the evangelization efforts of the Church is the parish priest. In recent years the image of the priest has been badly besmirched. For many priests, especially as they age, the last twenty years have not been easy. All have been injured by the sins of a few and the result in many cases is a loss of morale.

During this year, the Holy Father asks us to recognize the contributions of thousands of loyal and decent priests who quietly go about the “Lord’s business” by preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments. As Catholics, we realize that without their ministry we do not have a Church.

The Holy Father offers the Cure of Ars, Saint John Vianney, as the patron of parish priests. John lived in post- revolutionary times in France – in some ways a time not too different from our own. Through his dedicated service, he turned many to Christ especially through the Sacrament of Penance. For a parish priest, there could be no greater desire than to follow in the humble, simple footsteps of the Cure of Ars. During this “Year of the Priest” your parish priests ask for your prayers with the hope that we can continue to serve you in the awesome task of being “alter Christus” (another Christ) in your midst. Please pray for an increase in worthy vocations to the priesthood, especially here in our Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens.

Your entire parish staff wishes all our parishioners a blessed and happy holiday weekend. God bless America!

In Christ,

Monsignor McGutrl

ADVANCE NOTICE

Our Lady of Mercy has sponsored several very successful Blood Donation Drives in the past. There is still a **CRITICAL BLOOD SHORTAGE** and the New York Blood Center is asking again for our help. Our Lady of Mercy will be sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE** on **Sunday, August 2, 2009** from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM in the Lower Church Hall. Please consider giving the gift of life by making a blood donation. For more information and/or to make a blood donation appointment, please call Sue Karcher at the Rectory Office (268-6143).

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
07-08	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall)
07-15	7:30 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet Bible Reflection (Parish Hall)
07-22	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall)
07-29	7:30 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet Fellowship (Parish Hall) All are welcome
08-05	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	DM Chaplet Healing Mass
08-12	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall)
08-19-	7:30 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
08-26	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall) Fellowship (Parish Hall) All are welcome

Community News**Wills Seminar**

Our neighbors at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (Ascan Avenue and Queens Boulevard) are hosting a wills seminar on Saturday, July 18th 2009 at 10:00 AM in the Rectory Basement. Admission is free. Mr. Larry Murphy, Esq. of Mahon, Mahon, Kerins & O'Brien will discuss the importance of having a will, problems with joint bank accounts, revocable trusts, health proxies and other related matters. The entire cluster is invited and the seminar should be very informative for all, especially if you have avoided taking care of this very important item.

Kid's Movie Matinee

Children grades 1-5 are invited to join us Tuesdays in July to share on a great Bible Story and view a major Feature Film with the same theme. Teachers and teens are on hand to help and guide the children and see that everyone has fun.

Doors open in the church hall at 8:45am on Tuesday Mornings and dismissal is at Noon. Drinks and movie snacks provided. Please join us for movie madness and lots of joy this summer.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

Thank you for your beautiful response to our weekly Flower Memorials for the Church.

If you have a loved one you wish remembered please contact the Rectory at 718-268-6143. Almost every weekend of the summer is available. The cost of this donation is \$100.00 for two arrangements for our altar. The name of your loved one will appear in a notice in the weekly bulletin.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

A note of thanks to all those who participated so generously by giving time to our children at the 10:00 Mass each week this past year. Children who go downstairs get to hear the Gospel in a simple, clear way and they work with our adult volunteers to understand the main message of Jesus and how children can live it at home and school. We have about 16 volunteers which means we can rotate them four at a time so that each one helps every third week. Single adults are welcome, as well as parents.

Special thanks to Mike Mangino who has done this for 23 years here and is now moving on to other involvements. What dedication to our children! If you would like to help children in this way, please volunteer. Materials are sent to you ahead of time, as is the schedule. We begin again in September.

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address: _____

Phone# _____ Cell# _____

I would like to work with : (circle)

PreK-K

1st-2nd grade

3rd, 4th, 5th grade

Return form to Rectory and you will be contacted soon.

Adult Sharing: Conversations about Prayer

Adults can meet either Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm or Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in July for a 4 week sharing about how and why we pray. The program seeks to guide us to a deeper understanding about prayer and help us understand certain different kinds of prayer.

We will be meeting in the Convent Meeting Room (School Library) which can be accessed by taking the Down stairs on the side of the Convent.