

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 11th</b>
5:00 PM	George Shookster
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 12th</b>
8:30 AM	Rev. Arthur Volel, Raymonde Volel, Marguerite Volel-Fiedler & Marguerite Gramelspacher
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Julieta M. Jesus (1st Anniversary)
6:00 PM	Marta Urquizo Villacorta
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 13th</b>
7:00 AM	Theresa Luczak
8:30 AM	Robert Lancer
12:00 PM	Lorraine Fargano
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 14th</b>
7:00 AM	Loretto Bilosis (Birthday Wishes)
8:30 AM	Bill Walters
12:00 PM	Bolivar Almeida
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 15th</b>
7:00 AM	Dr. Hans Buechler
8:30 AM	Andrew Cariello
12:00 PM	Earnest Bane (Living Intention)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 16th</b>
7:00 AM	Maria Pinzon
8:30 AM	In Honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
12:00 PM	Lorraine Fargano
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 17th</b>
7:00 AM	Margaret Greeley
8:30 AM	Robert Lancer
12:00 PM	Linda Gallo
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 18th</b>
8:30 AM	William J. Kirby & Leonard V. Quigley
5:00 PM	Anne Daly
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 18th</b>
8:30 AM	Adelina Agostinelli
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Fortunato Aliperti
6:00 PM	Mickey Dowd

**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, Marie Santoro, 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  
 Captain Patrick L. Davis, U.S. Army (JAG)  
 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  
 Patrick Hedderman  
 Lt. Brendan T. Cremins, USNavy  
 Pvt. Ronald Palumbo

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – JULY 12**

-Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY – JULY 13**

-Ordinary Time Weekday / Optional Memorial of St. Henry

**TUESDAY – JULY 14**

-Memorial of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

-Children's Morning Matinee – 9:00 AM – LCH

**WEDNESDAY – JULY 15**

-Memorial of St. Bonaventure

-Golden Age Club Meeting – 12:00 PM LCH

-Divine Mercy Prayer Group – 7:30 PM – Church

-“Conversations About Prayer” Session 3 – 7:30 PM – Convent Meeting Room

**THURSDAY – JULY 16**

-Ordinary Time Weekday / Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- “Conversations About Prayer” Session 3 – 9:00 PM – Convent Meeting Room

-Baptism Instruction Meeting – 7:30 PM – Rectory Meeting Room

**FRIDAY – JULY 17**

-Ordinary Time Weekday

**SATURDAY – JULY 18**

-Ordinary Time Weekday / Optional Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis

-Baptisms – 1:00 PM – Church

-Confessions – 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM – Church

**NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

At the 10:00 AM Mass this weekend, Simon Chew, Gabriella DeCarvalho and Rosario Galinato will be installed as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for service in our parish. We congratulate them and wish them a fruitful ministry here at Our Lady of Mercy.

**The Eighth Annual  
 Stephen “The Coach” Hoffman  
 Golf Classic**

Our parishioner, Stephen Hoffman, was killed in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, September 11th, 2001. Because of Steve's involvement with the sports' programs of our community, his many friends decided to honor his memory in this annual golf event. This year the Classic will be held on July 27th at the Muttontown Country Club to benefit the Run For Daylight Education program and the Forest Hills Football League. Flyers are available at the doors of the Church or you may register on line at [www.QueensFalcons.net](http://www.QueensFalcons.net).

### The Year of the Priests

His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, has declared a “Year for Priests” (June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010) in an effort to foster in all priests a “yearning for spiritual perfection”. The Holy Father has proclaimed St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars, France, as the patron saint of the world’s priests. This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of this devout priest, whom the Holy Father characterized as a “true example of a priest at the service of the flock of Christ”.

### Prayer For Priests

In this year of the priest, O God  
We ask your blessing on those  
You have called to priestly ministry.  
May they, above all  
Be faithful and passionate followers  
of your beloved Son, Jesus.

May they be prophets as Jesus was,  
speaking courageously  
for what is right and true  
proclaiming Your kingdom to all in need of  
Your grace and giving voice to all Your children  
especially the poor and marginalized

May they be compassionate,  
as Jesus was, toward all who seek  
spiritual comfort and forgiveness.

May they be prayerful, as Jesus was,  
hearts burning within them and  
Set upon You above all

May they open wide their hearts  
To all in need of  
Your merciful embrace

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
may they be the voice of praise and thanksgiving  
and of faith, hope and love to all in their care

May they be teachers, as Jesus was,  
steeped in Your Word and teaching,  
on fire with it, and breaking it open  
for all who hunger for  
Your Holy and transforming Word.

St. John Vianney, beloved priest of God,  
pray for us and for all your  
brother priests

All Catholics who devotedly assist at the Eucharist and offer prayers for priests are granted a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions ( receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, go to confession within eight days before or after, and conclude with praying the Apostles’ Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be..., in addition to a complete detachment from any inclination to sin). This may be done on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St. John Vianney or on the first Thursday of the month. A partial indulgence may be obtained to those who pray the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be... five times in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the intention that priests maintain purity and sanctity of life.

I wish to publicly thank the editor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs’ Weekly bulletin, for the information and prayer from their bulletin of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

In Christ,

Monsignor McGuirl

### Do You Miss Church Bells?

Our Lady of Mercy Church has an outstandingly beautiful bell tower with nothing in it! There is evidence that the late Father Christopher T. Molloy intended to insert a bell system in the tower. When I was a boy, there was an inoperative phonograph machine in the choir loft, which may have had some connection to those plans. For whatever reason, Father Molloy’s plans did not come to fruition. Presently the purchase and insertion of bells in the tower would probably involve major construction work which we can not afford.

Mr. Tim Remsen, our music director, and I have been investigating the possibility of obtaining a carillon system. A less expensive system would cost about \$8,000. Without being intrusive, it might be nice to have the call to worship for Sunday and weekday Masses, the Angelus and perhaps some topical hymns especially on the great feasts of Easter and Christmas. Several of the neighboring Protestant congregations have bells and their sound on Sunday mornings always evokes fond memories in me. We have made no commitment and will not do so without hearing from our parishioners. I invite your thoughts and comments so give me a ring or drop an E-Mail ([office@mercyhills.org](mailto:office@mercyhills.org))

Thanks you,

Monsignor McGuirl

**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).

**Our Food Pantry**

It's hard to keep food supplies up in the summer but we get many request for help and our groceries are low. Please try to remember to bring in boxed or canned goods that we can distribute to these in need who request help from us. Place them in the Family Pantry Boxes at the entries of the church.

A special word of thanks to Millie McSkimmings, Sylvia Yason, Anne Walters and Nancy Goodman for delivering sandwiches to Faith Mission, and taking over clothing and household goods during this entire year. They've delivered over a thousand sandwiches made here and many other donations as well. They are our Monday morning angels of charity who help feed the poor of Jamaica, NY in our name. We thank them for their wonderful spirit of service.

**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.

**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.

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

**OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
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

**INVITATION FOR  
FORMER STUDENTS AND STAFF OF  
DOMINICAN COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL  
"TEA WITH SPIRIT"**

The former students and staff of Dominican Commercial High School are invited to attend a special celebration at the Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Dominic at 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, on Sunday afternoon, October 4, 2009. Please call Benincasa Family Services at (631) 842-6000 extension 351 or e-mail [dcgrads@yahoo.com](mailto:dcgrads@yahoo.com) if you would like to receive an invitation.

**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

Bill Walters

by

Maire, Margaret & Aine

Margaret Greeley

by

Frances, Julianna, Sue, Eileen & Lena

All Members of the

D'Auria, Bondanza & Camporese Families

by

Ton D'Auria & Family

## 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                      1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade                      3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Return form to Rectory and you will be contacted soon.

### **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!