

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 18th</b>
5:00 PM	Anne Daly
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 19th</b>
8:30 AM	Adelina Agostinelli
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Fortunato Aliperti
6:00 PM	Mickey Dowd
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 20th</b>
7:00 AM	Mary Jane Karras (1st Anniversary)
8:30 AM	Dana & Tom Grabowski, Jr.— Living Intention—7th Wedding Anniversary
12:00 PM	Robert Lancer
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 21st</b>
7:00 AM	Margaret Boyle
8:30 AM	John J. Murphy
12:00 PM	Claire V. Scott
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 22nd</b>
7:00 AM	Frank Becerra, Sr.
8:30AM	Bill Walters
12:00 PM	Claire V. Scott
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 23rd</b>
7:00 AM	Guhnter Buechler
8:30 AM	Peter Perrucci
12:00 PM	Charles M. Larkin—25th Anniversary
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 24th</b>
7:00 AM	Gisele Wenninger—Living Intention
8:30 AM	Dorothy Grimm (1st Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Marie Paetow
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 25th</b>
8:30 AM	Pauline & Louise Pfohl
5:00 PM	Maryann Lynam
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 26th</b>
8:30 AM	Henry Foertsch
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Edna Martin
6:00 PM	Lucretia Cappiello

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Geminiano C. Santiago  
 Felisa Figueroa Santiago

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – JULY 19**

-Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY – JULY 20**

-Ordinary Time Weekday / Optional Memorial of St. Apollinaris

**TUESDAY – JULY 21**

-Ordinary Time Weekday / Optional Memorial of St. Lawrence of Brindisi  
 -Children's Morning Matinee – 9:00 AM – Lower Church Hall

**WEDNESDAY – JULY 22**

-Memorial of St. Mary Magdalene  
 -Golden Age Club Meeting – 12:00 PM – Lower Church Hall  
 -Divine Mercy Prayer Group – 7:30 PM – Church  
 -“Conversations About Prayer” Session 4 – 7:30 PM – Convent Meeting Room

**THURSDAY – JULY 23**

-Ordinary Time Weekday / Optional Memorial of St. Bridget of Sweden  
 -“Conversations About Prayer” Session 4 – 9:00 PM – Convent Meeting Room

**FRIDAY – JULY 24**

-Ordinary Time Weekday / Optional Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhluf

**SATURDAY – JULY 25**

-Feast of St. James  
 -Confessions – 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM – Church  
 -Filipino Mass – 6:30 PM – Church  
 -Filipino Social – After 6:30 PM Mass – Lower Church Hall

**School News**

The OLM School Office will be closed from Thursday, July 23rd through Thursday, August 6th. Throughout the summer, messages for the school may be left on the answering machine (718-793-2086) or via e-mail, [principal@mercyhills.org](mailto:principal@mercyhills.org).

Classes resume for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 on Wednesday, September 9th.

**From the Pastor**

*Dear Parishioners:*

Last week I placed in the bulletin a notice entitled “Do You Miss the Church Bells?” The answer to that question from many of you was an unqualified and resounding “yes” which was very gratifying to know. Some of you also mentioned that you thought that you remembered bells in years past. To the best of my knowledge, there were never bells in the tower though they may have been considered at some point. In the early years, old records reveal that our second pastor, Father Christopher T. Molloy, had planned a “carillon” system, which may actually have been installed. There is evidence in the tower of decayed electrical conduits and other outlets. As a boy I remember a phonograph player in the choir loft that may have been wired in some fashion to loudspeakers in the tower. I do not recall that system operating. The bells that you occasionally hear on Sunday mornings probably sound from either St. Luke’s Episcopal or Grace Lutheran.

As any householder knows there are always some unforeseen difficulties with any project. The same is true at our parish. In order to determine the future location of possible carillon speakers, it was necessary to make a recent (and harrowing) trip to the top of the tower with Mr. Tim Remsen, our organist, and Mr. Tom Lambert, our chief custodian and Father Purpura. That visit revealed some cement and stone deterioration, which should be corrected while in the relatively early (and less expensive) stages. The Diocesan Building and Property Administrator visited and climbed into the tower. He noted several areas of deterioration. Presently we are waiting for that office to send us contracts with proposals and estimates.

Finally, those of you who exit Church on the Juno Street side may have noticed that on our property close to 70th Avenue, we have a magnificent fir tree. Unfortunately many years ago it was planted in the shadow of the curb-side tree. The fir tree has leaned eastward to catch as much sun as possible. When it was small, its lean made little or no difference but now the tree is very tall and its lean is quite pronounced. A heavy storm or high winds could bring down a very large and heavy tree. Before that eventuality, I would like to have the tree topped out. I do not want to lose it but the removal of the top twenty feet or so seems advisable. Again we are waiting on contractors. I will keep you informed on these developments. Meanwhile I hope that all of our parishioners and friends will find some time during the remainder of the summer for some leisure and rest. It is in those peaceful and tranquil moments surrounded by the glory of creation that we often have a vivid experience of the Lord.

*Monignor McGuirl*

**Interested in Being a Catechist?**

We have a small, friendly group of children from the local Public Schools who come for Religious Education on Wednesdays from 2:15 to 3:30pm. We are always looking for teachers who would be willing to work with our children at this time. We will help you prepare to do this with special materials that support learning. If you are free and interested in teaching a small class of children, please fill out the information below and Sr. Ann Barbara will contact you. Thank You.

Check the task you are willing to do:

Yes, I am willing to teach \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am willing to substitute \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am willing to be an aid \_\_\_\_\_



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Rectory as soon as possible.

**ADVANCE NOTICE****Blood  
DRIVE**

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).

**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
07-22	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	DM Chaplet
	7:30 PM	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

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

We did it! As of July 14<sup>th</sup>, 214 families of 1,193 registered families (17.45% – the highest percentage ever!) pledged \$102,330.00 against our Diocesan goal of \$71,021. We pledged 144.08% of our goal and amazingly of the goal \$96,947.50 has already been received (which means 136.51% of the goal has already been received and 94.74% of the pledges have already been paid.)

If you are in a competitive mood, let me put it this way. Of about 214 parishes in the Brooklyn/Queens Diocese, we rank about twentieth in pledges, and more significantly we rank about tenth in the payment of pledges. I might add that many of the parishes that did exceed us in pledges are much larger in population!!! For a rather small parish in population, we did far better than many of our larger Diocesan neighbors. This is absolutely wonderful and every one of our participating families has my deepest appreciation!

Also, in helping our Bishop we are helping our parish. During July we have the summer assistance of Father Peter Purpura. Father was ordained two years ago and is involved in post-ordination studies in Rome. As he has publicly acknowledged, the Diocesan effort has assisted him in his journey toward ordination to the priesthood. Occasionally, Father Cuang Pham, whose family resides in this parish, celebrates Mass here. Father Pham has also testified to the value of the Appeal in his vocation. We have before us just two of the results of your generosity. Thank you.

In Christ,  
Monsignor McGuirl

**OLQM Class of 1959**

The 1959 graduating class of Our Lady Queens of Martyrs School, Forest Hills, is planning a 50th reunion on Friday, August 28th. Our own pastor, Monsignor McGuirl, is a member of the 1959 class. In those far-away days, there was no parochial grade school here at Our Lady of Mercy so some young scholars traveled to neighboring Catholic schools. Many of us were educated by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, which is the Forest Hills mother parish.

So if you are willing to admit that it has been a half century since grade school graduation, consider joining us! For more information please contact Marylou Curcio Szabo Ph.D. at [curciom@stjohns.edu](mailto:curciom@stjohns.edu) or at 1-718-999-2033 (St. John's University) or 1-718-261-9818.

**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 loving memory of:

Bill Walters

From

Patrick, Aoife, Clodagh, Conor. Nessa, Niamh, Una  
Juliet and Rolly Fernandez

From

Terry Eltanal and Sylvia Yason

# Our Lady of Mercy School

## Continues to register Students

### For The

## 2009-2010 School Year

Our Lady of Mercy School has space available in some grades. Please call the school office for information and an appointment (718-793-2086). The following items are needed for registration:

- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate
- Immunization Record

Recent Report Card for students applying  
to Grades 1-8

Diocesan Financial Aid is available for those who qualify. The proper forms are available from the school office. We also offer Early Drop Off and After School Care.

Our Lady of Mercy School has excellent Pre-School Programs available for 3 & 4 year olds:

**3 Year Old Program:** Classes meet 4 days per week  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
2 Sessions are available:  
Morning 8:15 am – 11:00 am  
Afternoon 12 noon – 2:30 pm

**4 Year Old Program:** Choice of Half Day or Full Day  
Half Day meets 4 days per week  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
8:15 am – 11:00 am  
Full Day meets 5 days per week  
8:15 am – 2:30 pm except for  
Wednesday 8:15 am – 1:00 pm

Kindergarten through Grade 8 Classes meet Monday through Friday from 8:15 am – 2:30 pm except for Wednesdays (1:00 pm dismissal on Wednesdays).