

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 25th
5:00 PM	Maryann Lynam
Sunday	July 26th
8:30 AM	Henry Foertsch
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Edna Martin
6:00 PM	Lucretia Cappiello
Monday	July 27th
7:00 AM	Dorothy Sosna
8:30 AM	Michael, Caroline & Michael Sassi, Jr. & Roland Pugliese
12:00 PM	Pasquale Iorio
Tuesday	July 28th
7:00 AM	Ethel Rohr
8:30 AM	John F. Haggerty (1st Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Marie Bottarini
Wednesday	July 29th
7:00 AM	Catherine & George Inserra
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of Flood Family
12:00 PM	Elizabeth Ann Haggerty (Birthday Remembrance)
Thursday	July 30th
7:00 AM	Jeffrey Ruggiero-Living Intention
8:30 AM	Bill Walters
12:00 PM	Mary Russomanno
Friday	July 31st
7:00 AM	Kay Butler
8:30 AM	Felipe Zaccaria
12:00 PM	Grace Corrado
Saturday	August 1st
8:30 AM	Heinz & Reilly Families
5:00 PM	John Haggerty
Sunday	August 2nd
8:30 AM	Adelina Agostinelli
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Mary Buccino
6:00 PM	Mary & Sabino Camporese

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

James Schnepf, David Glass, Jack Sullivan,
Ann Sullivan, Peter French, Adam Sobel,
Ann Kelly, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio,
Marie Santoro, Geraldine Murphy, John
Vecchione, Dr. Rita Dunn, Rev. James Moran,
Rev. Msgr. Vincent F. Fullam, Anthony Bair Dr. Otto von
Habsburg, Dan Mussio, Maria Let

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Angela Spiatto
Mary McQuade
FrankTola

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – JULY 26**

-Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-Raffle Tickets to support Cathedral Prep High School –
On Sale in front of Church after all Masses

MONDAY – JULY 27

-Ordinary Time Weekday

TUESDAY – JULY 28

-Ordinary Time Weekday

WEDNESDAY – JULY 29

-Memorial of St. Martha
-Golden Age Club Meeting – 12:00 PM – LCH
-Divine Mercy Prayer Group – 7:30 PM – Church

THURSDAY – JULY 30

-Ordinary Time Weekday / Optional Memorial of St.
Peter Chrysologus
-Bereavement Meeting – 11:00 AM – Rectory Meeting
Room

FRIDAY – JULY 31

-Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola

SATURDAY – AUGUST 1

-Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori
-Confessions – 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM – Church
-Diocesan Cooperative Mission Appeal – Br. Alfred
George, F.M.S. at the 5:00 PM Mass

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



From the Pastor's Desk;

During the months of July and August, we have been blessed with two fine priests, to do vacation supply. Father Peter Purpura, who was ordained for our Diocese in 2007, served the parish during the month of July. Father Peter will return to Rome in September to complete his post-ordination studies. He will leave us on July 31st and after a short vacation, he will assist Father Peter Rayder from mid-August to mid-September at our Lady of Help of Christians Church in the Midwood section of Brooklyn. If anyone would like to reach Father, his address during the late summer will be Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 1315 East 29th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11210. We wish Father Peter many blessings both as he begins his second summer assignment and also with his studies in Rome.

Father Anthony Fernando will join us once again during the month of August. Father Anthony has assisted for many years during the summer months. He is a priest of the Diocese of Calcutta (Kolkata), India. We welcome Father Anthony back and hope that his stay with us will be a time of blessings both for him and for our parish.

I do thank the many parishioners that were kind enough to share their opinion with me about the purchase of a carillon system for our belfry. Your comments were enthusiastically positive. Yet, as I indicated last week, what should have been a simple task has been complicated by repairs necessitated by some structural deterioration in the tower. The chief custodian, Mr. Lambert, and I are examining various proposals and I will keep you informed with regard to developments.

Again I would like to congratulate our parishioners for their overwhelmingly generous response to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have pledged \$102,330.00, which is \$31,000 beyond our Diocesan Goal of \$71,021.

Most of the funds over goal will be returned to us. From the previous paragraph, we realize how beneficial to our parish these funds can be. Almost all of our Diocesan parishes are run on a deficit budget. This includes Our Lady of Mercy. We have tried to save at various levels; however, you can cut just so much staff or programs without damaging the effectiveness of the parish. By comparison with many in our Diocese, Our Lady of Mercy Parish is a rather bare-bones operation. Another significant factor is the weekly collection. Rarely does it exceed \$8,000 and is some weeks that amount just about pays the bills. A dollar, even five dollars, has rapidly diminished in buying power. If you still smoke, a package of cigarettes in New York State can cost you \$9.00 while a carton costs almost \$90.00! A bottle of very ordinary wine will be over ten dollars! Roundtrip subway fare is \$5.00! Consequently a donation of \$5.00, which was once very generous, now has much reduced buying power.

In the face of the Diocesan phenomenon, this fall the Diocese will initiate an Increased Giving Campaign in every parish. Without such a Campaign, and if present trends continue, we will be jeopardizing the ability of our parishes to respond to the future needs of our people. Details will be forthcoming.

Meanwhile, do try to find some time for rest and recreation. Even the Lord drew the disciples aside after their first missionary effort and told them: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile". (Mark 6:30-34) Certainly what was good for the Twelve is good for us!

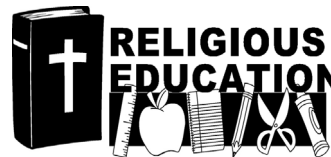
Monsignor McGuirl

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



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).

DOMINICAN VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

Dominican Village, a not-for-profit, non-sectarian, Independent and Assisted Living Residence Rental Retirement Community sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic, is holding an Open House from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on each of the following days: July 25 and 30 and August 1, 6, 15, 20 and 29. For more information, contact Dominican Village management at 631-842-6091 or info@dominicanvillage.org.

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
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

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

Angela Spiatto
by
Joe & Elaine Rutherford

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).