

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 8th
5:00 PM	John Vecchione, Jr.
Sunday	August 9th
8:30 AM	Robert Lancer
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Nicholas Mele
6:00 PM	In Thanksgiving
Monday	August 10th
7:00 AM	Charles R. McCall
8:30 AM	Andrew Cariello & Agnes R. Bedson
12:00 PM	Victorina Santiago Bustos
Tuesday	August 11th
7:00 AM	Linda Chang
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua, Louise & Dominic DiCapua
12:00 PM	Vincent Giammarino
Wednesday	August 12th
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Sr. Teresa Claire McAuliffe
12:00 PM	Theresa Luczak
Thursday	August 13th
7:00 AM	Rose Luce Mondesir
8:30 AM	Maria Pinzon
12:00 PM	Rose Castro
Friday	August 14th
7:00 AM	Rose Luce Mondesir
8:30 AM	Rev. Joseph P. Keane
12:00 PM	
Saturday	August 15th
8:30 AM	Justina & Vernaranda Nicola
5:00 PM	Anni Vecchione
Sunday	August 16th
8:30 AM	Nellie & Maurice Rooney
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Edna Martin
6:00 PM	Alice O'Brien

NOTE: August 15— The Assumption of the Blessed Mother—IS NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

James Schnepf, David Glass, Jack Sullivan, Ann Sullivan, Peter French, Adam Sobel, Ann Kelly, Marie Santoro, Geraldine Murphy, John Vecchione, Dr. Rita Dunn, Revs. James Moran & Vincent J. Fullam, Anthony Bair, Dr. Otto von Habsburg, Dan Mussio, Maria Let, Thomas O'Niall, Ceil Koluch, Marian Herman

Please pray for those in our armed services, especially:
 Edy Claudio & Robert Claudio, Stephen Deere
 Captain Eileen Gillespie U.S. Army
 Captain Patrick L. Davis, U.S. Army (JAG)
 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
 SFC Kilsip Ciprian, US Army
 The 1174th DDSB & 873rd TC DET
 Patrick Hedderman,
 Lt. Brendan T. Cremins, USNavy

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Haydee S. Demont
 Rev. Henry Michael (Harry) Culkin

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – AUGUST 9th**

-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY – AUGUST 10th

-Feast of St. Lawrence Deacon & Martyr

TUESDAY – AUGUST 11th

-Commemoration at Mass of St. Clare, Virgin

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 12th

-Optional commemoration at Mass of St. Jane Frances de Chantal.

-OLM Golden Age Club Meeting – Parish Hall at noon

-"Divine Mercy" prayer group – 7:30 PM

THURSDAY – AUGUST 13th

-Optional commemoration at Mass of St. Pontian, Pope & martyr & St. Hippolitus, Priest & Martyr.

-Baptism meeting for parents of next Saturday's baptisms

- rectory at 7:30 PM.

FRIDAY – AUGUST 14th

-Commemoration at Mass of St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr.

-NOTE: There will be the usual noonday Mass - but there **will not be** an Assumption Feast evening vigil Mass.

(ASSUMPTION FEAST THIS YEAR IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION).

SATURDAY – AUGUST 15th

-Feast of the ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast this year is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation. The only Assumption Day Mass is the 8:30 AM. The Saturday 5:00 PM Mass will be the usual Vigil Mass for Sunday.

-Baptisms at 1:00 PM.

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

**BOOKS FOR CHILDREN IN INDIA
URGENTLY NEEDED!!**

My name is Alicia Bryska and I am going to India to teach at St. Joseph Catholic School in Veppoor for a semester. This is a fairly new school that teaches children ages 7-14. Their library is very small so I have organized a shipment of about 1500 hundred children's books already, but we still have space in the cargo container that is leaving for India on August 21. We can ship additional 800 books. If you can donate books that can change those kid's lives, please contact me at 917-716-7119 or email me at beechknoll26@hotmail.com. I will arrange for the books to be picked up. Thank you

From the Pastor*Dear Parishioners*

For one month the Sunday Gospel is taken from Saint John and it has a very distinct Eucharistic tone. First came the feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fishes. Then, using various images from the Old Testament, Jesus tells the crowd that the same God Who provided their ancestors with Manna in the desert and Who fed them, will give life to the world. In today's Gospel Jesus identifies Himself as that "Bread of life" and "whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and who believes in Me will never thirst."

At the Last Supper, Jesus mandated "Do this in My memory." He identified Himself with the common bread and wine of that meal. In a Semitic culture, "This is my Body" and "This is My Blood" were shorthand ways of saying "This is Me." Jesus further tells us that whoever does not drink from this cup and eat this bread has not life within them. I would urge our parishioners who wish to familiarize themselves with more of the Scriptures to read slowly and prayerfully John 6: 1-15; 24-35; 41-51 and 51-58. There it is apparent how important the Eucharist is for Jesus' followers.

Since the Last Supper, Christians have celebrated the Lord's Supper under various titles. The one most familiar to Catholics who hold that attendance at the Eucharist is a solemn obligation, is "the Mass". The title "Mass" derives from the last words in Latin of the service: "Ite Missa est". This phrase is often translated as "Go the Mass is ended", but in fact a better translation is, "Go, you are sent". Sent to do what? Sent to bring Christ into the world! This command was seen as so important that it lent its name to the entire Lord's Supper. So the obligation is two pronged. All Jesus' disciples are to participate in His Supper and when we leave it, strengthened by the Bread of Life that comes from heaven, we carry Jesus into our daily lives and the lives of those around us. We are sent to do this.

When we receive Holy Communion, we are receiving Jesus under the very simple appearances of Bread and Wine. It is not proper to say, "We receive the bread we receive the wine" No, we do not receive bread or wine! We receive Jesus! And, our attitude, deportment, dress and posture ought to indicate Who it is that we receive. Similarly, the reception of Holy Communion should influence our attitude, deportment, and conduct in the world. If we truly believe that God through Christ has called us together as members of His family – that in fact we are brothers and sisters who gather at the family meal, the Eucharist – then that should be manifest in our daily lives.

We come to Mass not only because the Church has a rule to that effect but more so because we value the privilege of receiving the Lord, Who makes Himself vulnerable to us under the simple appearances (species) of Bread and Wine. Just as regular bread and wine can sustain the body, so does the Eucharistic Bread and Wine sustain our spiritual journey. The Catholic who absents him/herself regularly is like a family member whom we constantly invite to dinner, but who never comes.

"Whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:58)

Monsignor McGuire

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

MANY THANKS from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to the request for much needed blood donations. Last Sunday's Blood Drive here at Our Lady of Mercy was a BIG SUCCESS! We are happy to report that 40 units of blood were collected. Very special thanks go to Joan Minischetti who was so instrumental in making the donation process run so smoothly throughout the day.

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
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

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).

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 _____

E-mail _____

Please return to Rectory as soon as possible.

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 welcome, as well as parents.

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.