

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 5th
5:00 PM	Anni Vecchione
Sunday	September 6th
8:30 AM	Mario Milevoi
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Edna Martin
6:00 PM	Fiorella Perugini
Monday	September 7th
7:00 AM	Carolyn Lynch
8:30 AM	
12:00 PM	NO NOON MASS
Tuesday	September 8th
7:00 AM	Patrick Fegan (1st Anniversary)
8:30 AM	Maria Adela de Cabrera & Del Fina de Soto
12:00 PM	Andrew Brennessel
Wednesday	September 9th
7:00AM	Sally Gwirtzman (Living Intention)
8:30AM	
12:00 PM	Edward Costa
Thursday	September 10th
7:00 AM	Raphael LeCrann
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua
12:00 PM	Andrew Cariello & Margaret O'Toole
Friday	September 11th
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Stephen Hoffman
12:00 PM	Luigi Sauro & Mary Russomanno
Saturday	September 12th
8:30 AM	Kathryn & John Zaboras
5:00 PM	John Vecchione, Jr.
Sunday	September 13th
8:30 AM	Savarese & O'Neill Families
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	John Gentile
6:00 PM	Fiorella Perugini

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

James Schnepf, David Glass, Jack Sullivan, Ann Sullivan, Peter French, Adam Sobel, Ann Kelly, Marie Santoro, Geraldine Murphy, John Vecchione, Revs. James Moran & Vincent J. Fullam, Anthony Bair, Dr. Otto von Habsburg, Dan Mussio, Maria Let, Thomas O'Niall, Ceil Koluch, Marian Herman, Farther Patrick Gillen, Jack Davis, Cindy Schneider, Laurence Vono, Martin Keane, Jean Buff Norton

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
 SFC Kilsip Ciprian, US Army
 The 1174th DDSB & 873rd TC DET
 Captain Patrick L. Davis, U.S. Army (JAG)
 Patrick Hedderman, Lt. Brendan T. Cremins, U.S. Navy
 Timothy M. Gorman, Chief Hospital Corpsman, U.S. Navy

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Fr. Michael McCathy
 Senator Ted Kennedy
 Grace Buscemi

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of August 2009:
 Francisco-Sebastian Alarcon
 Tyler John Jennings
 Joseph Farino, Jr.
 Caroline Susan Gordon
 Tommaso Ferruccio Legnaro-Resca
 Giovanni Antonio Bedoya-Cortez

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 6th**

-Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary liturgical time.
 -The second collection today is for the CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY of America.

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 7th

-Holiday observance of LABOR DAY . All the Parish offices are closed for the day. NOTE: There is NO NOON MASS TODAY.

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 8th

-Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 -School Office resumes today at 9:00 AM. Rectory office open as usual.
 -OLM School Faculty has a PROFESSIONAL DAY today. No students until tomorrow.
 -Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 9th

-Commemoration of St. Peter Claver, Priest.
 -OLM School opens today – Grades K through 8 – dismissal at 11:30 AM.
 -CCD Religious Education Catechists meeting at 11:30 AM in the Convent meeting room.
 -OLM Golden Age Club meeting – Parish Hall at noon.
 -CCD Registration – 2:00 to 4:00 PM – Convent.
 -“Divine Mercy” prayer group church at 7:30 PM.

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 10th

-OLM School Magazine Sale begins today.
 -School Assembly in the Parish Hall at 9:00 AM.
 -“Helping Hands” meeting – Rectory at 10:00 AM.
 -OLM Girls’ SWIM TEAM Registration – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM. (see notice below).

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 11th

-Anniversary of the World Trade Center disaster... Pray for all the victims – living and deceased.

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 12th

-Commemoration at the 8:30 AM Mass of the Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 -Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Luigi Diaz
Ana Gernhardt—OLM

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry. Couples who have had problems in their own marriages and have recovered from those problems, share their experiences with troubled couples in the hope that they too will see that their marriage can be saved. Thousands of couples all over the globe have found hope, help and healing by participating in the Retrouvaille program. A Retrouvaille weekend is a deeply personal and private experience shared between a husband and wife that can help a couple to reconnect and go on to lead a happy and fulfilling life together.

YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE NOW!

For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend that begins on Friday, September 11, 2009 at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore, Long Island, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected (confidentially) to an experienced couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Our Lady of the Angelus Church, 63-63 98th Street, Rego Park, is sponsoring an English as a Second Language course. Classes begin the week of September 14 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on either a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. Beginner and Intermediate levels are available. The cost is a one-time fee of \$65.00 per person. Registration will be held on September 10th at 7:00 PM in Our Lady of the Angelus School, 98-05 63rd Drive, Rego Park. For more information, please call 718-897-4444.

FOOD PANTRY

Many thanks to all who continue to contribute so generously to our parish Food Pantry. The families to whom we provide assistance are very grateful. A Reminder: Please check the expiration dates on the cans, boxes and packages that you place in the food bins in the rear of the church to make sure that the dates are current. We cannot use or distribute any food item once the expiration date has passed.

**ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY –
“THREE THINGS TALKS”**

“Three Things Talks,” sponsored by St. John’s University, is a series which addresses issues of Catholic belief and teaching. The talks are primarily intended for adult Catholics who want to know more about their faith, and also for those who are interested in what Catholics believe. In conjunction with the “Year for Priests” designated by Pope Benedict XVI, the next “Three Things Talks” will focus on priesthood. The talks, given by St. John’s University Theology Department faculty, will be held at St. Thomas More Church on the Queens Campus of St. John’s University on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The first talk, “Christ, the High Priest,” will begin at 10:00 AM, the second talk, “Ordained Priesthood,” will begin at 11:00 AM and the third talk, “Priesthood of Laity,” will begin at Noon. Following each presentation, there will be a brief period of questions and discussion and a short break for refreshments. You are welcome to attend any or all of the talks. There is no charge. For more information, go to www.stjohns.edu/threethings.

**28TH ANNUAL GREAT IRISH FAIR OF
NEW YORK**

The 28th Annual Great Irish Fair of New York, presented by the Irish American Building Society, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20, 2009 at KeySpan Ballpark at Coney Island. There will be live music and entertainment and family friendly attractions for children of all ages, including magic shows, face painting, balloonists and rides. Admission is \$12 per adult – free for children under 12. All proceeds benefit the Catholic Schools of Brooklyn and Queens through the Alive in Hope Foundation. For a full listing of activities, go to www.gifnyc.com.

Parish Book Club

The next book club choice for our Parish Book Club is Man's Search for Meaning by Victor Frankel. All parishioners are invited to read this classic work and join us for a discussion at a soon to be announced time and date later in September.

SCHOOL NEWS

The school office will be open on Tuesday, September 8th from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

School begins on Wednesday, September 9th at 8:15 AM for Grades Kindergarten through 8. The students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. Extended Day Care does not begin until Monday, September 14th.

Linda M. Dougherty
Principal

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OLM SWIM TEAMS

Registration for the OLM Girls' SWIM TEAM will be on Thursday – September 10th – 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Coach – Mary Leong – 718-793-4082.

Boys' SWIM TEAM practice begins Wednesday – September 9th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at the Community House – Coach – Mary Leong – 718-793-4082.

For more information call Mary Leong 718 793 4082

SCORERS AND TIMERS NEEDED

The OLM Sports Committee needs volunteer scorers and timers for the CYO Basketball Program. This is an excellent opportunity for students to fulfill community service requirements for School, Confirmation or Scouts. Games are played on Saturdays at P.S. 101 (Ascan Avenue and Russell Place) from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Volunteers are scheduled for 2 – 3 games per day. Experience is not necessary. The Sports Committee will provide training. Interested students (7th through 12th grades) are asked to contact Stanley Swiatocha at 718-263-8174 or swiseven@aol.com.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Every September, families are called upon to equip their children with school supplies. Last year, we were able to help several local families, as well as families we service at the Soup Kitchen in Jamaica, because of donated school supplies. Again we are asking for donations of notebooks, crayons, rulers, scissors, binders and other basic school supplies. If you are able to buy a few items (check out Staples for some great buys) and donate them to Human Services, we can help several families who have this need. Just label your package "School Supplies" and drop it at the Rectory by September 6. Thank you for all you do to support our

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the August Winners of the 50-50 Raffle:

1st Prize:	Mr. & Mrs. A. Santamaria	\$546.88
2nd Prize:	Francis & Ann Morison	\$328.12
3rd Prize:	Joseph & Judith Zalner	\$218.75

FLOWER MEMORIALS

Thank you for your beautiful response to our weekly Flower Memorials for the Church. The following dates are available for memorials:

Sept. 20th and 27th,
Oct. 11th, 18th, and 25th, and
November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

If you have a loved one you wish remembered please contact the Rectory at 718-268-6143. The cost of this donation is \$150.00 for two arrangements for our altar. The name of your loved one will appear in a notice in the weekly bulletin.

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
09-09-09	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall) Fellowship (Parish Hall)
09-16-09	7:30PM	Praise and Worship (Church) Fellowship follows (Parish Hall)
09-23-09	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall) Fellowship follows (Parish Hall)
09-30-09	7:30PM 8:00 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet Teaching by Roland Abalajon (Parish Hall)

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

Howell Jones
with Love
Sarah & Lester

Bill Walters
by
Aine, Fiona, Mel, Nuala, Cuan,
Maldara & Setanta

Grace Busceni
by
The Golden Age Club

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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration for Religious Education Classes for the 2009/2010 school year will be held in the CONVENT as follows:

Wednesday, Sept. 9th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, Sept. 13th from 9:30 AM to Noon

Classes will meet as follows beginning Sept. 16th:

Grades K through 6 – Wednesdays – 2:15 PM to 3:30 PM

Grade 7 Confirmation Class – Date and Time to be determined

The Registration Fees are \$125.00 for one child, \$200.00 for two and \$250.00 for three or more children. There will be an additional \$10.00 fee for First Communion (Grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 7) Classes to cover extra books and materials.

There will be a Late Registration Fee of \$25.00 for registrations done after Sept. 13th. Parents registering children in our program for the first time must do so in person.

If your child was not Baptized at Our Lady of Mercy, you must bring his/her Baptismal Certificate with you at the time of registration.

Also, we would appreciate receiving a small photo (no larger than wallet size) of your child/children. As we only see the children once a week, we feel this will be beneficial to us.

Registering children already in our CCD program – If your child is already attending Religious Instructions on Wednesday afternoons, you can go to our website, www.mercyhill.org, and download the registration form for this coming year. Simply fill it out and return the form and payment to the Rectory or Religious Education Office. Only new students need to be registered in person.

If there are any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 718-261-6285.