

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 19th</b>
5:00 PM	George Shookster
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 20th</b>
8:30 AM	Albert Zaboras
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Silvio & Angelina Tosi
6:00 PM	Fiorella Perugini
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 21st</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Domenic J. Stango
12:00 PM	Francesco Camarda
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 22nd</b>
7:00 AM	Ryszard Jedrak
8:30 AM	Eleanor Shavel & George & Elizabeth Schaber
12:00 PM	Ada Tarroux
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 23rd</b>
7:00AM	George Napolitano
8:30AM	Daisy Vergara
12:00 PM	Frances & Michael Albano
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 24th</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	William J. Frazer
12:00 PM	Robert Almeida
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 25th</b>
7:00 AM	Dorothy & Nicholas Mele
8:30 AM	Michael, Caroline, Michael Sassi, Jr. & Roland Pugliese
12:00 PM	Sr. Teresa Clare McAuliffe
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 26th</b>
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
5:00 PM	Anni Vecchione
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 27th</b>
8:30 AM	Frank Zaboras
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Vincenzo DiGraci, Sr.
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, Father Patrick Gillen, 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  
 Pvt. Jonathan Mezzancello, SPC Larry Saume  
 Lt. Julianne LoMacchio Palumbo U.S. Navy  
 S/Sgt. Teague A. Liming, USAF  
 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, US Navy  
 Timothy M. Gorman, Chief Hospital Corpsman, US Navy

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Jadwiga Miskiewicz

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

BANNS I — Kevin O’Sullivan—OLM  
 Bridget Clifford—OLM

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Many thanks for this week’s flowers donation given for

George Shookster

By

Marie & Linda Shookster

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

-25<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in ORDINARY liturgical time.

-Children’s “*Liturgy of the Word*” at the 10:00 AM Mass.

-OLM Teen Club – Mass at 6:00 PM – Social gathering in the Parish Hall – 7:00 to 9:00 PM

-St. Lawrence Ruiz Novena – church at 7:30 PM.

**MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

-Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

-RCIA – Convent meeting room – 7:30 PM.

-Scripture study/prayer group – rectory at 7:30 PM.

-St. Lawrence Ruiz Novena – church at 7:30 PM.

**TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-“Holy Spirit” prayer group – rectory at 9:00 AM.

-Bereavement meeting – rectory at 7:30 PM.

-St. Lawrence Ruiz Novena – church at 7:30 PM.

-Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

**WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

- Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-OLM Golden Age Club meeting – Parish Hall at noon.

-CCD Religious Instructions – church at 2:15 PM.

-“Divine Mercy” prayer group- church and Parish Hall at 7:30 PM.

**THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-Bereavement meeting – rectory at 11:00 AM.

-CCD Confirmation class – rectory at 4:00 PM.

-OLM Home School Association General meeting – Parish Hall at 7:30 PM.

-St. Lawrence Ruiz Novena – church at 7:30 PM.

**FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-St. Lawrence Ruiz Novena – church at 7:30 PM.

**SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

-Commemoration at the 8:30 AM Mass of Sts. Cosmos & Damien, Martyrs.

-Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

-Feast of St. Lawrence Ruiz – Filipino Mass at 6:30 PM.

### *From The Pastor's Desk*

A word of deep appreciation goes to Declan Morrison at Morrison's Tap House, 101-17 Metropolitan Avenue between 70th and 71st Avenue (next to the Parkside Post Office). On August 24th Morrison's hosted their Annual Golf Outing at the Forest Park Course, followed by dinner and open bar at the West Side Tennis Club. Earlier, Mr. Morrison had approached me and asked whether he might indicate Our Lady of Mercy Church as the beneficiary of the Outing. Several days ago, Mr. Morrison presented the parish with \$500.00 from the Golf Outing. It is deeply appreciated.

As always we ask our parishioners to support the members of the business community who respond so faithfully to appeals from the parish and its organizations. If you are looking to quench a thirst and some food to go with it, then try Morrison's Tap House. Thank you, Declan and the Staff at Morrison's!!!!

Next Sunday is the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy. There will be solemn Mass at 10:00 A.M. followed by hospitality in the Church Hall. The preacher at all the Sunday liturgies on the weekend of September 26/27th will be our associate Diocesan Vocation Director, Father Kevin Abels. It is a good time to realize that the Incarnation as we know it, took place because a young woman, Mary, was willing to accept the invitation of the Angel Gabriel to become the mother of the long expected One. Jesus still needs generous young men and women to follow in Mary's footsteps and make Jesus known in our modern world. Father will address the vital issue of vocations in the contemporary Church.

*Monsignor McGuirl*

### **Important, Important, Important**

A preliminary Meeting for all those interested in assisting with our Annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe (tentatively scheduled for December 3rd, 4th and 5th) will be held in the rectory at 8:00 P.M. on September 22nd. All are welcome!

### **Diocesan Mission Appeal**

Brother James McKnight, F.M.S. writes to thank our Parishioners for their magnificent generosity to the Annual Cooperative Mission Appeal. \$2,070 was raised when the appeal was made in the summer. Thank you.

### **FLOWER MEMORIALS**

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

September 27th,  
Oct. 18th, and 25th,  
November 1st, 8th, 15th

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.

### **Annual Catholic Campaign Update**

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Forest Hills has 1,187 registered families. A family unit could be as few as one person or be a family with many members. We undoubtedly welcome some people who worship with us but who never formally register. Nonetheless of the number formally registered, 217 (18.28% of the whole) pledged \$102,750.00 against our Diocesan mandated goal \$71,021 (144.68% of the goal!!!!). Of that pledged amount already \$99,357.50 has been received (which represents 139.90% of the goal and (96.70% of the amount pledged). This is excellent and promises that, aside from assisting the Bishop in the care of our Diocese and its programs, our parish stands to receive at least \$20,000 when this year's Campaign draws to a close.

With deep appreciation,

Monsignor McGuirl

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Our classes for Grades K-6th began on Wednesday, September 16. The classes for Grade 7 will begin on September 22nd.

**CLASSES FOR CONFIRMATION**

If there any students in Grades 7 and above who have not been registered for Religious Education Classes for Confirmation please call the Religious Education Office at 718-261-6285 for information.

**School News**

Supermarket Sweeps will be Friday, October 2nd, from 7:30p.m. Doors open at 7 PM.



The first Teen Mass and meeting of the Teen Club will be Sunday, Sept. 20. Please join us for the 6 pm mass and then in the Church Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. All Parish Teens grades 8 and up are welcome. If you like to sing or play an instrument, the folk group is now recruiting new teen members to join the monthly Teen mass celebration. Contact Mr. Remsen after any mass or call the Rectory at 718 268-6143 for further details.

**High School Open Houses**

**St. Vincent Ferrer High School** – 151 East 65th Street, Manhattan (Girls) –October 17th from noon until 3:00 P.M. (212) 535-4680

**Holy Cross High School** – 26-20 Francis Lewis Boulevard, Flushing (Boys)- October 18th, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. Contact M. Gilvary at (718) 886-7250, Ext 525.

**St. Francis Prep.** – 6100 Francis Lewis Boulevard, Fresh Meadows (Boys & Girls) October 24th 12 noon to 4:30 P.M. Tel. (718) 423-8810

**Regis High School** – 55 E. 84th Street, Manhattan (full scholarship – special examination– Boys) Columbus Day, October 12th – 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

**OR the Queens Admissions Information Night**, Monday, October 5th at 7:00 P.M. at Resurrection/Ascension School, 85-25 61st Road, Rego Park, 11374. Tel. Eric DiMichele, Director of Admissions at (212) 288-1100m

**OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
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)
10-07-09	7:00PM 7:30 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet Adoration & Benediction Fr. Alex Ramos
10-14-09	7:30PM	Cenacle ( Parish Hall ) Fellowship (Parish Hall ) All are Welcome
10-21-09	7:30 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet Fellowship follows ( Parish Hall )
10-28-09	7:30 PM	Cenacle ( Parish Hall ) Fellowship follows All are Welcome

**BEREAVEMENT MEETING**

We are starting a new evening Bereavement Group. The monthly meetings will be held on Tuesdays from 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room beginning September 22nd. Our morning meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24th from 11:00 A.M. to Noon also in the Rectory Meeting Room.

If you have recently suffered a loss and desire support and encouragement, please join us at this time. All are most welcome.

**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.



## Community News

There is an Alcoholics Anonymous Group in Queens for those whose primary language is Spanish.

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Tienes Problemas

O Tienes Problemas

Por Que Tu Bebes

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102-08 Northern Boulevard, Corona

(Entre 102 y 103 calles)

Tel. (718) 426-7467

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**Speech & Hearing** St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center will sponsor free testing from September 1st through December 1st, 2009. Please call (718) 990-6480 for an appointment.

**Rosary For Life, Inc** will sponsor a con-celebrated Mass and the Rosary at Good Shepherd Church, 1950 Batchelder Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11229 Auxiliary Bishop, the Most Reverend Octavio Ciseneros, will be the main celebrant and homilist. Rosary will begin at 7:00 P.M. and Mass at 7:30 PM. Investiture with Brown Scapular will follow Mass. For more information, please call: 718-377-69201.

**Rachel's Helpers** – a program, *Forgiven and Set Free*, for women who have had an abortion and are seeking a spiritual healing from this experience. Please call (718) 939-6646 for more information. All calls are confidential and there are no fees.

On Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> The Diocesan Church celebrates **Recovery Sunday**. We remember in special way those struggling with alcoholism or addiction. Specialized service providers can be reached at the confidential hotline of the Catholic Charities Flatbush Addiction Treatment Center at 1-800-6591603. You may call the rectory for a schedule of our parish AA Group.

Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> is **Diocesan Family Day**. So many family members have such complicated schedules that it is virtually impossible to plan on "time together". Yet it is such time that knits a family together. The Diocese urges that on September 28<sup>th</sup>, all Catholic families take the opportunity to have dinner together that evening.

## Parish News

**Teen Club** – Yes! tonight is our first Teen Mass of the season (6:00) and the Club will meet in the Church Hall immediately afterward from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. If you are an eighth grader and up, come and bring a friend!!!!

**The St Lawrence Ruiz Society** is sponsoring a Special Novena in honor of St. Lawrence (Lorenzo) which began at 7:30 P.M. on September 22nd in the upper Church and will conclude with a Special Mass at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, September 26th.

## 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. Joseph Renewal Center

The St. Joseph Renewal Center, located at 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY, is offering several spiritual renewal programs during the month of October. The complete list is posted in the vestibule of the church. For more information or to make reservations for any of the programs, call Sister Josephine Daspro, CSJ, at 631-273-1187, ext. 23. \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIAL JOURNEYS FOR SPIRITUAL SEEKERS IN THEIR 20s AND 30s

BustedHalo.com, a young-adult ministry of the Paulist Fathers, is offering two special journeys for young adults lead by Paulist Father Larry Rice, CSP.

Wouldn't be caught dead on a religious pilgrimage? Neither would most readers of BustedHalo.com, an innovative website run by the Paulist Fathers addressing concerns and topics of interest to Catholics in their late teens to 40s. In Spring 2010, Paulist Father Larry Rice and BustedHalo.com will lead two special journeys for young adults – an "Adventure Travel" excursion to northern Spain walking the last 100 kilometers (about 65 miles) of the Camino and an "Arts and Culture" trip to Paris. For further information, please contact John Matras at 646-861-3634 or by e-mail at john@franciscanspiritritours.com.