

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 10th</b>
5:00 PM	Manuela Bejasa
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 11th</b>
8:30 AM	Susan Sweeney
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Luke Sorrentino
6:00 PM	Fiorella Perugini
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 12th</b>
7:00 AM	German Rodriguez
8:30 AM	James Arthur McMahon
12:00 PM	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 13th</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Maria Pinzon
12:00 PM	Joseph Martini
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 14th</b>
7:00 AM	Claire Scott
8:30 AM	Bolivar Almeida
12:00 PM	Lee Van Ness
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 15th</b>
7:00 AM	Odette, Edourd & Robert Perpignand
8:30 AM	Anthony & Evelyn Naraci
12:00 PM	Elena Fellin
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 16th</b>
7:00 AM	Steve Flaucher
8:30 AM	Heinz & Reilly Families
12:00 PM	John Stol
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 17th</b>
8:30 AM	Anthony J. Zamec
5:00 PM	John Vecchione, Jr.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 18th</b>
8:30 AM	William J. Kirby & Leonard V. Quigley
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Robert Almeida
6:00 PM	Pauline DiGraci

**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, Mary Panny, Mary Aloisi, Dr. Anthony Bennardo, Maria Vega, Barbara Pannullo

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 Kilsa Ciprian, US Army,  
 The 1174th DDSB & 873rd TC DET  
 Captain Patrick L. Davis, U.S. Army (JAG)  
 Patrick Hedderman, Lt. Brendan T. Cremins, USNavy  
 Timothy M. Gorman, Chief Hospital Corpsman, USNavy  
 1st Lt. Paul Lentz, USAF

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Rev. Timothy Teahan  
 Florence Curran  
 Mery Ascarrunz

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

BANNS II:

Christopher Abauzzino—St. Rose of Lima,  
 Massapequa Park  
 Melissa Diunte—OLM

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Many thanks for this week’s flowers donation given for

Robert & Catherine Frank  
 by  
 Ann & Frank Morison

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – OCTOBER 11th**

-Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary liturgical time.  
 (No Children’s Liturgy of the Word” today.)

**MONDAY – OCTOBER 12th**

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.  
 -National observance of Columbus Day.  
 OLM School and Parish Offices closed today.  
 -No Scripture study/prayer group today.

**TUESDAY – OCTOBER 13th**

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.  
 -“Holy Spirit” prayer group – rectory at 9:00 AM.  
 -CCD Confirmation class I – 6:30 PM – Convent meeting room.  
 -Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

**WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 14th**

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.  
 -OLM Golden Age Club meeting – Parish Hall at noon.  
 -CCD Religious Instructions – assemble in the church at 2:15 PM.  
 -“Divine Mercy” prayer group – church & Parish Hall – 7:30 PM.

**THURSDAY – OCTOBER 15TH**

-Commemoration at the Masses of St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor of the Church.  
 -CCD Confirmation class II – 4:00 PM – Convent meeting room.  
 -Parents’ meeting for this Saturday’s baptisms – rectory at 7:30 PM.

**FRIDAY – OCTOBER 16th**

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.  
 -Daisy Scouts – Parish Hall at 2:30 PM.

**SATURDAY – OCTOBER 17TH**

-Commemoration at the 8:30 AM Mass of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr.  
 -Baptisms at 1:00 PM.  
 -Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

**From the Pastor****Dear Parishioners;**

On September 30th, 2009, Bishop DiMarzio called a meeting of all the pastors of the Brooklyn Diocese at Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. Among other topics, Monsignor Michael Reid, the newly appointed economo (financial officer) of the Diocese made some truly upsetting announcements. He stated that by Christmas of 2010, the Diocese of Brooklyn will be totally bankrupt. Furthermore approximately forty-two parishes presently assisted by the Diocese to pay their vital expenses, such as utilities and insurance, would be forced to cease operations. Of the remaining parishes approximately forty two percent are in financial trouble. Basically these parishes are spending more than they receive in collections, and their reserves are less than \$300,000. While Our Lady of Mercy Parish has reserves slightly higher than this amount, we are in deficit spending. We are not yet part of that 42%. Many parishes are in our situation.

Where has the money gone? Monsignor Reid pointed to several causes for this financial crisis. The expected gains from Diocesan investments have not materialized in the present economic downturn. Many of our faithful people have experienced similar developments in their own investments. The expenses of the St John Vienney Fund, which supports our retired priests, have risen, as have those of the Good Shepherd fund, which supports certain aspects of the upkeep of retired or ill clergy, and those on administrative leave. The Diocese has consistently tried to reach out pastorally to those who may have suffered from sexual or other abuse at the hands of clergy or Diocesan employees. The counseling offered to victims, the maintenance of the Safe Environment Office, the Virtus Program, and the settlement of some legal suits, entail considerable funding. The assistance rendered to some of the parishes is a constant drain. Many Diocesan offices operate without fees and thus have no income. Our 52 college and post-collegiate seminarians are partially supported by the Diocese, as only should be since these men intend to dedicate their entire lives to the Church. All of this adds up to a dire financial picture.

The Diocese is engaged in a radical downsizing. Long-term employees have been terminated. Buildings and properties are being considered for sale. Several programs are being terminated or radically altered. Parishes have been combined or amalgamated.

Fundamentally the finances of the Diocese depend on those of the local parishes. As I indicated to you last week, our parish collections are modest so here too downsizing has begun. In recent weeks, one member of the household staff has retired and will not be replaced. One parish secretary has retired and the two remaining staff members will divide her work. With the sudden departure of Father Chris, we have one less priest. Very little is spent on any upgrades or beautification. Parish spending has been reduced to the necessities. We have not been able to add to our parish reserves; in fact, the smaller renovation accounts are close to depletion.

The Bishop has initiated an Increased Giving Campaign throughout the Diocese. On the weekend of October 17/18th I will speak at all the Masses about the necessity of this program. Written information will be available to you and in the following weeks lay leaders will also address this topic. Hopefully we will be able to forestall a looming financial disaster. This Campaign plus the restructuring of our Diocese and parishes hopefully will help us prepare to meet the future of our totally urban Diocese.

**In Christ,**

**Monsignor McGuirl**

**ALL SOULS DAY  
PARISH REMEMBRANCE MASS**

Each year on ALL SOULS DAY we celebrate a special candlelight Liturgy in which we make special remembrance, by name, of all those parishioners who died in this past year. All the names are inscribed in "THE BOOK OF THE DEAD" and the book is enshrined in a special prominent place near the Altar during the Mass. This year the Mass is being celebrated on Monday, November 2nd 7:30 P.M.

Letters of invitation to the Mass will be sent to all the families who have had a family member or loved one buried from OLM this past year.

All these names will be called solemnly during the Mass. Should there be other names of the deceased who were not buried from OLM that parishioners wish to be called out, please notify the Rectory Office PRIOR TO OCTOBER 31ST.

## **Got Pancakes?**

### **IT WILL DO OUR YOUTH GOOD**

#### **SAVE THE DATES!**

OLM is hosting **two** Pancake Breakfasts for our Youth initiatives:

#### **Sunday, November 15 --**

FOR THE TEEN CLUB. Proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for the Faith Missions and to raise some funds for monthly Teen Club events.

#### **Sunday, December 22 --**

FOR THE CUB SCOUT PACK 349. Proceeds will benefit the Pack's programs, including equipment and supplies, along with helping defray the costs of field trips.

Both events will be held after the 10 AM Masses in the OLM Parish Hall. For information about the events email [olm.teenconnect@gmail.com](mailto:olm.teenconnect@gmail.com) for Volunteers Sandra Rossi and Rubi Gaddi Macaulay and [cubpack349@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack349@gmail.com) for Cub master Arthur Boduroglu. Watch for church flyers coming soon.

## **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**The Dominican Academy**, 44 East 68 Street in Manhattan, is hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade girls. For more information, contact Mrs. Jo Ann Fannon at 212-744-0195 or [jfannon@dominicanacademy.org](mailto:jfannon@dominicanacademy.org).

**St. John's Preparatory School**, 21-21 Crescent Street, Astoria, NY is hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, October 18, 2009 from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. For more information, call 718-721-7200.

**Archbishop Molloy High School**, 83-53 Manton Street, Briarwood, New York. (One block north of Queens Boulevard and Main Street) (Boys & girls) – Sunday, October 18th from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. 7th & 8th graders and their families are welcome. For More Information: [www.ADMISSIONS@MOLLOYHS.ORG](http://www.ADMISSIONS@MOLLOYHS.ORG) or call (718) 441-2100

**The Mary Louis Academy**, 176-21 Wexford Terrace, Mother May Louis Way, Jamaica Estates, NY (girls) - 7th and 8th grade and their parents/guardians – Sunday, October 18th, 2009 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Last presentation at 2:15 P.M. More Information: Tel: (718) 297-2120 or Fax: (718) 739-0037. E-Mail: [marylouisacademy@aol.com](mailto:marylouisacademy@aol.com) and Web: [www.tmla.org](http://www.tmla.org) (Tach #016)

**Cathedral Preparatory High School**, 56-25 92nd Street, Elmhurst (boys) – Wednesday, November 4th, 2009 from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Tach #:013). For more information: (718) 592-6800).

**St Agnes Academy**, 13-20 124th Street, College Point, NY – sponsored by the Dominican Sisters - (girls) - Open House, Saturday, October 17th, 2009 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. For more information, Call: (718) 353-6276, ext.6.



## ***Holiday Shoppe***

We have already begun planning for this year's Holiday Shoppe which will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. You'll be hearing more about the Holiday Shoppe in the coming weeks, but right now we are highlighting some immediate needs:

We are in need of someone to chair the General Store table. If you are interested and want more information about what this table entails, please call Sue Karcher in the Rectory Office (718-268-6143) or see her in the sacristy after any Mass.

We are also in need of a group of people who would be willing to visit local merchants to solicit donations (merchandise, gift certificates, etc.) to be used for prizes for our raffles and/or to help defray some of our expenses. If you can help in this way, please contact Sue Karcher.

We will begin accepting donations for Grandma's Attic and the New Gifts tables beginning in October. New Gift and fragile items should be labeled as such and brought to the Rectory Office. Grandma's Attic items can be brought to the stage in the Lower Church Hall on Wednesday afternoons between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The elevator will be open during that time. Extended hours for donations will begin in November as we get closer to the Holiday Shoppe dates.

From the Holiday Shoppe Decorating Committee – Two months before Christmas and all through OLM, the people were saying, "It's happening again! The Holiday Shoppe is coming! We have to begin! Please help us make it successful by trying to pitch in." The Holiday Shoppe Decorating Committee is looking for help in creating a pleasant atmosphere to browse, shop and dine. No experience necessary. We are also in need of elves and Mrs. Claus. Please call Dian Malm at 718-268-6143.

Thanks in advance for any help you can give. More to come

## **OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

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

**OLM Book Club Selection**



For our next book club meeting on Nov. 19 th, we are going to read Say You're One of Them by Uwem Akpan. The author is a Jesuit priest who has written a critically acclaimed short story collection. It has been called an "important and electrifying work" and is being greeted as a celebrated literary debut.

It has also been chosen as the latest Oprah book club pick so we will have lots of company as we take on this interesting collection of stories. Can be purchased at any book store or online at Amazon or Barnes and Nobles. If you have any questions, contact Sr. Ann Barbara at 718 261- 6285

**FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY**

Professional therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 92 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the Diocese for the past 35 years for the convenience of parishioners. Services are provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or Diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at (631) 243-2503 or go to <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.

**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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Sacred Heart School in Glendale is holding a "Holiday Supermarket Sweeps" fundraiser on Friday, November 6, 2009. Doors open at 7:00 PM and tickets are \$7.00 each. Call 718-459-2616 for more information. St Luke's Episcopal Church at 85 Greenway South, Forest Hills, will sponsor a *Rummage Sale* on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00 P.M. Information: 718-268-6021 or [www.stlukesforesthills.org](http://www.stlukesforesthills.org)

**Bishop Molloy Retreat House**, 86-45 Edgerton Boulevard, Jamaica offers a full program of retreats for men and women. They also offer Matt Talbot Retreats (AA) and other hosted and special retreats. For a full schedule, please contact: (718) 739-1229; FAX: (718) – 739-3421 or: [www.bishopmolloy.org](http://www.bishopmolloy.org)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will not be held on October 11th due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

Our program will resume on October 18th at the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

**"HELPING HANDS" PHONE CONNECT**

Our "Helping Hands" volunteer group is looking for Seniors or homebound who would like a simple daily phone call to make sure all is well at home. If you or someone you know would like this service, please fill out the following form.



YES- I am interested in Phone Connect for

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time to Call:

\_\_\_\_\_ Morning \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ Evening

Return form to Rectory and Thank You-  
Sr. Ann Barbara