

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	October 24th
5:00 PM	Anne Daly
Sunday	October 25th
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Joan Koenderman
6:00 PM	Camillo Turriciano, Sr.
Monday	October 26th
7:00 AM	Thomas Rooney (43rd Anniversary)
8:30 AM	Thomas P. Reilly
12:00 PM	K.V. Chacko
Tuesday	October 27th
7:00 AM	Mary Jane Little
8:30 AM	Michael, Caroline & Michael Sassi, Jr. & Roland Pugliese
12:00 PM	
Wednesday	October 28th
7:00 AM	Ethel Rohr (5th Anniversary)
8:30 AM	Steven Flaucher
12:00 PM	John Jagiello
Thursday	October 29th
7:00 AM	Ottilia Sidlo
8:30 AM	James Golden
12:00 PM	
Friday	October 30th
7:00 AM	James Golden
8:30 AM	William J. Kirby
12:00 PM	Luke Gillespie
Saturday	October 31st
8:30 AM	Luigi, Margharita & Giovanni Belcastro
5:00 PM	Anni Vecchione
Sunday	November 1st
8:30 AM	Eleanor & Thomas Connerton
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Vincenzo DiGraci, Jr.
6:00 PM	George & Johannah Van Nostrand

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, Anna Krawczyk, Jack Henry

ARMED SERVICES

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, US Navy
 Timothy M. Gorman, Chief Hospital Corpsman, US Navy
 1st Lt. Paul Lentz, USAF

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, October 25th
 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - Children's Liturgy of the Word - 10:00 A.M. Mass
 - Teen Club Mass - 6:00 P.M.
 - Teen Club Halloween Party - 7:00 - 9:00 Lower Church Hall

Monday - October 26th
 - Ordinary Time Weekday
 - Scripture Study Group - 7:30 P.M. Rectory Meeting Room
 - RCIA - 7:30 P.M. - Convent Meeting Room

Tuesday - October 27th
 - Ordinary Time Weekday
 - Prayer Group Meeting - 9:00 A.M. - Rectory Meeting Room
 - Cluster Meeting - 1:30 - Lower Church Hall
 - CCD Confirmation Class - 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Convent Meeting Room
 - Cub Scouts - 7:00 P.M. - Lower Church Hall
 - Bereavement Meeting - 7:30 Rectory Meeting Room

Wednesday - October 28th
 - Sts. Simon & Jude - Apostles
 - Golden Age Club Meeting - 12:00 P.M. - Lower Church Hall
 - CCD - 2:15 P.M. - Church
 - New Confirmation Parents Sacramental Meeting - 7:30 P.M. Lower Church Hall
 - Divine Mercy Group - 7:30 P.M. Church - NO

GATHERING AFTERWARDS

Thursday - October 29th
 - Ordinary Time
 - Bereavement Meeting - 11:00 A.M. - Rectory Meeting Room
 - CCD Confirmation Class - 4:00 to 5:15 P.M. - Rectory Meeting Room

Friday - October 30th
 - Ordinary Time
 - OLM Home School Assoc., Halloween Party - 5:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
 - AA Meeting - 7:30 P.M. to 9:45 P.M. - Lower Church Hall

Saturday - October 31st
 - Blessed Virgin Mary
 - Confessions - 4:00 P.M. - 4:45 P.M. - Church

BEREAVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and need support and understanding, please join one of our Bereavement Groups. We meet monthly and will be happy to journey with you during this difficult time.

Next Evening Meeting: Oct. 27th at 7:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room

Next Morning Meeting: Oct. 29th at 11:00 AM in the Rectory Meeting Room

Whatever your loss, we are here for you.

Our Lady of Mercy
Forest Hills, NY
Newsletter #2

It's up to you!

	FY 2008	FY2009
Ordinary Revenues	\$825,421	\$773,301
Regular Sunday Collections	\$487,520	\$472,707
Special and Other Collections	\$48,379	\$52,050
Rental, Interest and Other Income	\$88,332	\$80,534
Donations (poor boxes, candles, flowers, etc.)	\$86,881	\$65,074
Fundraising	\$84,679	\$76,240
Parish Programs	\$29,630	\$26,696
Ordinary Expenses	\$827,647	\$821,032
Salaries/Benefits	\$498,738	\$508,560
Insurance, Subsidy, Assessment	\$68,561	\$75,818
Supplies/Other	\$126,616	\$112,758
Fuel/ Utilities	\$64,386	\$56,591
Maintenance/ Repairs	\$22,267	\$23,402
Parish Programs	\$47,079	\$43,903
Extraordinary Expenses	\$120,691	\$14,200
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$122,917)	(\$61,931)

Our Lady of Mercy needs your help now, more than ever. Without your generosity, the parish could not continue to run parish programs, maintain our parish buildings and meet our day-to-day expenses.

As you can see, we have operated at a deficit in last two years. In the fiscal year, the shortfall between our revenue and what it cost to operate Our Lady of Mercy was approximately \$1,100 per week. This represents 12% of our weekly Sunday collection.

Even with conscientious budgeting, we must increase the regular Sunday collections in order to move toward closing the deficit and regaining our financial footing.

A sacrificial increase as your means will allow can help Our Lady of Mercy increase its collections. Using the suggested weekly commitment charts, please prayerfully consider what you can do to help.

Every parish family can make a difference!

Suggested Weekly Commitment based on a percentage increase			
Your Current Offering Contribution	10% Increase	20% Increase	30% Increase
\$1 - \$4	-	-	\$5
\$5	\$5.50	\$6	\$6.5
\$10	\$11	\$12	\$13
\$15	\$16.50	\$18	\$19.50
\$20	\$22	\$24	\$26
\$25	\$27.50	\$30	\$32.50
\$30	\$33	\$36	\$39
\$40	\$44	\$48	\$52
\$50	\$55	\$60	\$65
\$75	\$82.50	\$90	\$97.50

Suggested Weekly Commitment based on income:			
Weekly Income	1% Contribution	3% Contribution	5% Contribution
\$280	\$2.80	\$8.40	\$14
\$320	\$3.20	\$9.60	\$16
\$480	\$4.80	\$14.40	\$24
\$600	\$6	\$18	\$30
\$800	\$8	\$24	\$40
\$1,000	\$10	\$30	\$50
\$1,200	\$12	\$36	\$60
\$1,500	\$15	\$45	\$75
Other	?	?	?

The Annual Catholic Appeal

I am happy to announce that as the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal comes to a close, Our Lady of Mercy Parish did extremely well. Of our 1,187 registered families, there were 221 (18.62%) donors. The goal set by the Diocese was \$71,021 and our parishioners pledged \$10,950.00 (Which is a 146.37% of the Goal.). By October 6th, \$100,997.50 has been received (which represents 142.21% and 97.16% of the pledges). Already the parish has received over \$7,000 which represents a first installment of the parish share of the Appeal.

Once again, our Mercy parishioners did a great job. In helping the Bishop with Diocesan expenses, they were also helping their parish.

Thank you very much,
 Monsignor McGuirl

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 13 --

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 for Volunteers Sandra Rossi and Rubi Gaddi Macaulay and cubpack349@gmail.com for Cub master Arthur Boduroglu. Watch for church flyers coming soon.

Virtus Training For Parish Youth Program Volunteers

If you are involved in parish youth work, which includes the Religious Education Program, the Sports' Program, the Scouting Program and the Teen Club, then the Diocese of Brooklyn mandates Virtus Training for you. If you have not attended a Virtus Training Session in the past, then you must attend a session. There are no exceptions. Attendance is taken. Make sure you that you note that you volunteer at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Forest Hills. Everyone who works with youth in our diocese (clergy, religious, deacons, coaches, catechists, troop leaders, drivers, coaches, teen chaperones) must attend a Virtus Training Session. .

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs will be holding training sessions on the following dates:

Tuesday - Oct. 27th from 9:30AM to 11:30 AM
in the School

Saturday - November 14th from 9:00 AM to 11 : A M
in the School

Please call their Rectory (718-268-6251) for information.

If you have not attended a Virtus Training Session, you will not be permitted to continue working with our parish youth.

IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28th, at 7:30 P.M. in the Lower Church Hall for parents of the following classes:

Those with children in the 7th Grades in OLM School and in our Religious Education Program who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2010.

This is a required meeting and is for parents only.

OLM Teens (ages 13 to 18) please join us for a Halloween Costume party on **Sunday, Oct. 25 7 to 9pm** after the 6pm Mass in the



"Haunted" Parish Hall. Volunteers needed. If interested or for questions please email

olm.teenconnect@gmail.com

(contact: Sandra at 917 744-0239 or Rubi Macaulay at 718-300-5785).

LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY

If you have candy left over from Halloween please bring it to the Rectory or School Office so that it may be shared with our friends at the Faith Mission Soup Kitchen. Thank you.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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).

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

Eleanor Shavel & George & Elizabeth Schaber

By
Howard Shavel

We have already begun planning for this year's Holiday Shoppe which will be held on December 3rd, 4th and 5th. 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 are accepting donations for Grandma's Attic and the New Gifts Tables. We also need donations for the Antiques Table. New Gifts, Antiques and fragile items should be labeled accordingly 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 Arts and Crafts Table – Our volunteers work all year long and are always in need of yarn, sewing material, artistry supplies, notions, etc. Beautifully knitted sweaters, scarves, hats, table linens, etc. will again enhance the OLM Christmas spirit. Contact Chloe Varone at 718-544-0362.

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.



Christmas Holiday Shoppe

Anniversary Celebrations Sunday, November 8th

Il couples celebrating 25th or 50th or any Anniversary in which you wish to renew your vows are invited to attend the 10 A.M. Mass on November 8th. In order to make the proper arrangements we ask that you call the rectory (718-268-6143) on or before November 1st. Couples celebrating a 25th or 50th anniversary will receive a scroll. After Mass, there will a social in the Church to which all are welcome.

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

10-28-09	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall) Fellowship follows All are Welcome
11-04-09	7:00 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet
	7:30 PM	Healing Mass Fr. John Cremins with Sacramental Anointing of the Sick
11-11-09	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall) Fellowship (Parish Hall) All are welcome

Saturday, November 14, 2009, 7:30 PM at the Parish Hall

Guest Speaker: Fr. Peter West of the PRIEST FOR LIFE
Topic: Confronting Culture of Death and Building
Culture of Life
(Refreshments will be serve)

Saturday & Sunday, November 14-15, 2009 in all Masses

Parish Weekend with Father West

Monday, November 16, 2009, 10:00 AM at the School Auditorium

Father West will speak at the School Assembly
11-18-09 7:30 PM DM Devotion/Chaplet
Praise and Worship

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.

St. Michael's Fall Concert

St. Michael's Church (4th Ave., Brooklyn), invites you to attend a Fall Concert with Tenor Karl Scully (of the Irish Tenors) and Soprano Deirdre Masterson (of the Irish Sopranos) on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 3:30 pm. Donation is \$35. For tickets and reservations please call (718) 768-6065