

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 31st</b>
5:00 PM	Anne Vecchione
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 1st</b>
8:30 AM	Eleanor & Thomas Connerton
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Vincenzo Di Graci
6:00 PM	George & Johannah Van Nostrand
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 2nd</b>
7:00 AM	Catherine Inserra
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua, Raffaele & Bennie BiFalco
12:00 PM	Elena Fellin
7:30 PM	All Souls (Reading of Names)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 3rd</b>
7:00 AM	Claire Scott
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
12:00 PM	Mary Baltrus
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 4th</b>
7:00 AM	Dorothy Mele
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
12:00 PM	Celestina Fellin
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 5th</b>
7:00 AM	William D. Messick
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
12:00 PM	MaryAnn Moseston
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 6th</b>
7:00 AM	Bob Malm
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
12:00 PM	Emma Pastow
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 7th</b>
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
5:00 PM	George Van Nostrand
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 8th</b>
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Pieter Martini.
6:00 PM	Patrick Meegan

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

James Schnepf, David Glass Ann, Sullivan, Peter French, Adam Sobel, Ann Kelly, , 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, 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 Mezzanello, 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

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Jack Sullivan, Olive Thiel, Anna Diaz, Marie Santoro

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE****BANNS III:**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Many thanks for this week’s flowers donation given for  
 Luke Gillespie  
 By  
 Mom and Dad

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 1st**

-Feast of ALL SAINTS.  
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 AM Mass.

**MONDAY – NOVEMBER 2nd**

-Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – ALL SOUS DAY. Special All Souls candlelight Mass and ceremony commemorating all the deceased persons buried from OLM in this past year. Family members and all parishioners are invited to participate – church at 7:30 PM.

-No Scripture study/prayer group this evening.

**TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 3rd**

-Optional Memorial at the Masses of St. Martin de Porres

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

-OLM School Garden Club meeting – School Courtyard – 2:30 PM.

-CCD Confirmation Class I – convent meeting room – 6:30 PM.

-Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

**WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 4th**

-Commemoration at Masses of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop.

-OLM Golden Age Club – Parish Hall at noon.

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

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

**THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 5th**

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-CCD Confirmation Class II – rectory meeting room at 4:00 PM.

**FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 6th**

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-Daisy Scouts meeting – Parish Hall at 2:30 PM.

-OLM School Home School sponsored Family Night – 7:00 PM – Movie – “Journey to the Center of the Earth”.

**SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 7th**

-Ordinary liturgical time Mass at 8:30 AM.

-Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

5:00 PM Mass – Enrollment Mass for the new OLM & CCD Confirmation candidates.

**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.

From the Pastor

One Spirit, One Soul, One Parish Community

**Our Lady of Mercy**  
Forest Hills, NY  
Newsletter #3

Making a Commitment to Our Lady of Mercy

This weekend is Commitment Weekend at Our Lady of Mercy. Commitment envelopes like the one below are available in the pews and in the back of the church. *Please take a moment today* to respond to our call for support, if you have not already done so, and place your card in the offertory basket.

You can make a tremendous difference in the future of Our Lady of Mercy.

*One Spirit, One Soul, One Parish Community*  
Parish Support Program—COMMITMENT ENVELOPE

\_\_\_\_\_ After prayerful consideration, I/we have decided to increase my/our financial commitment to Our Lady of Mercy. I/ We have marked below what represents my/our increased commitment.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/ We will maintain our current commitment to Our Lady of Mercy. I/We have marked below our current commitment.

*Your new weekly offering should begin when you return this envelope to the parish on "Commitment Weekend" (Saturday and Sunday, October 31-November 1)*

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we am/are currently not receiving weekly envelopes but would like to begin.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we am/are interested in automated giving through Parish Pay. I will register directly at [www.mercyhills.org](http://www.mercyhills.org).

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**Our Lady of Mercy**  
Parish Support Program

Please complete the information below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope no., if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Pay: My current monthly offering	My new monthly offering:	My new annual offering
\$	\$	\$
Weekly Envelopes:	My New Weekly Offering	My New Annual Gift
My Current Weekly Offering:		
\$	\$10	\$520
	\$12	\$624
	\$15	\$780
	\$20	\$1,040
	\$25	\$1,300
	\$30	\$1,560
	\$40	\$2,080
	\$50	\$2,600
	\$75	\$3,900
	\$100	\$5,200
	Other \$	\$

Please respond to our call for action by selecting one or more of the following:

1. Increase your weekly giving
2. Maintain your weekly giving
3. Register for weekly envelopes
4. Sign up for Parish Pay

Please select a new increased weekly amount that is possible for you and your family.

Your new level of weekly support would begin this weekend, if possible.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity!

*If you cannot make a commitment today, please take an envelope home and place it in the offertory collection or drop it off at the rectory next week. Remember that any increase will help.*

**Results on the Annual Catholic Appeal**

Once again, the loyal parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy have outdone themselves. Last week’s bulletin carried a misprint with regard to the actual amount of funds contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. There are approximately 1,186 registered families at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Of them, 221 (18.63% of the total) pledged \$104,050.00 against our Diocesan mandated goal of \$71,021 (This is 146.51% of the goal.). To date, \$101,490.00 has been received (This is 142.90% of the goal and 97.54% of the pledged amount.).

Some might ask why we must be involved in this Annual Catholic Appeal. Why, because we are not just a parochial Church. The word “catholic” in its origin means “universal”. By implication we are a church for all people of every culture in every age. The late Irish author, James Joyce is reputed to have said that when he thought of the Catholic Church, he thought: “here comes everyone”. Not a bad description! The Catholic Church is that faithful people gathered around the Apostles and their spiritual successors, (the Pope and Bishops) in their journey toward the fullness of the Kingdom. As a successor of the apostles, our Bishop is the chief priest of the Diocese. The priests and deacons in various ways are his arms and legs and voice in the local community. This Campaign assists the Bishop in his obligation to maintain our Diocese. Of special concern is the care of our elderly and infirm clergy, the education of the future clergy and the aid given to our brothers and sisters, who struggle to maintain their parishes in our own Diocese.

To some degree every parish is struggling to survive financially; therefore the funds over goal are returned to the local parish. Already we have received a check for \$7,504.00 and more can be expected. In fact, this Appeal has become the major fund raiser of our parish! Thank you for your continued generosity and concern.

Monsignor McGuirl

### A Word of Appreciation

A word of appreciation must go to a parishioner, Mr. Joseph Lieber, P.E. and his Axis Design Group International, LLC for a recent engineering survey of our Church belfry. Thanks to Mr. Lieber's efficiency, dedication and competence, the parish has saved thousands of dollars in unnecessary repairs.

### Wedding Celebrations

At the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Mercy Parish will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and other significant wedding anniversaries of our parishioners. Vows will be renewed at Mass and a reception will follow in the Church Hall. Please leave your name with the parish secretary before November 1<sup>st</sup>. so that the proper arrangements may be made. Several people mentioned to me their desire to participate but unfortunately I have forgotten their names so please call the rectory office to make or renew your reservation.

Msgr. McGuirl

### The Van Court Association

The annual meeting for the members of the Van Court Association will meet at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Call 268-7831 for details.

### Bible Study Series

Many parishioners expressed interest in learning about the Bible. Our parish neighbor, Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs is offering a several part study on Wisdom Literature on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Next gathering is November 10<sup>th</sup>. Just 5 minutes away, this opportunity is available for your participation. Come to the glass door at the back of the rectory and ring bell for admittance.

During Advent, Msgr. Dempsey will offer a 4 week Advent series on Mondays, starting November 30.

### Virtus Training

On November 14, VIRTUS TRAINING will be offered at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs for any individual who had contact with a child or children in a church sponsored activity. You must register on line at [www.virtusonline.com](http://www.virtusonline.com) and arrive at the McLaughlin Hall to sign in by 8:45 a.m. This is a great local opportunity for this training and all who need Virtus training are urged to attend.

### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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

### 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.

### OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

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
11-25-09	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall)
		Fellowship (P. Hall)
		All are welcome
12-02-09	7:00 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet
	7:30 PM	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
	9:00 PM	Benediction

### Evangelizing in the Spirit – Building the Kingdom of God

On Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. (including dinner) Father Frank DeSiano, CSP. Will make a presentation on the above topic, which is quite timely in our world. This Convocation on Evangelization is meant primarily for Parish Staff Members. More information may be obtained from Father's sister, Sister Ann Barbara at our Religious Education Office.

### 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

Jack Sullivan

by

Ladies of the Ad Hoc Committee

by

OLM Adult Choir

by

Walter & Jo Bebirian

by

Golden Age Group

## 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. 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.

### Got Pancakes????

Reserve your table now for a Pancake Breakfast hosted by Our Lady of Mercy's Teen Club on Sunday, November 15th, 2009 directly after the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Proceeds will benefit the Teen Club and the Faith Mission Shelter in Jamaica, New York. Reservation forms can be found on the radiator covers at the doors of the Church.

### Adult Faith Education

St. John's University is offering The Three Things Talks, a series which addresses issues of Catholic Belief and Teaching. The talks are intended primarily for adult Catholics who want to now more about their faith, and also those who are interested in knowing what Catholics believe.

Date: November 14th, 2009 from 10:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M. at St Thomas More Chapel on the Queens Campus, Utopia Boulevard north of the Grand Central Parkway (south of Union Turnpike). The talks are at  
10:00 AM Sunday the Lord's Day Fr. Michael D Whalen, C.M.  
11:00 A.M. Advent/Christmas Season – Fr. James W. King  
Noon Lenten/Easter Season - Dr. Julia Upton, R.S.M.  
There will be refreshments and question periods between the talks. Admission is free.

## 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.



### Important Rectory Office Hour Changes

Beginning November 7th, there will be a change in the weekend rectory office hours. We will retain the present Saturday daytime Office Hours but one lady will cover the office. She is computer literate and has worked for the now defunct Diocesan Institutional Services. She will be able to work on projects that were initiated during the regular work week. She will replace the three shifts of young people, who cover the Parish Office on Saturdays . It is hoped that this change will lead to a more efficient and responsible situation. On Saturday evening and Sunday there will be no Office Hours except by previous appointment with one of the priests. This is the practice in almost all parishes. It also will be a savings in that no one need be employed in the office on Sunday, which should be a day of rest for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding  
Monsignor McGuirl .



### Christmas Holiday Shoppe

We have already begun planning for this year's Holiday Shoppe which will be held on December 3rd, 4th and 5th. We are highlighting some 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.