

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	November 7th
5:00 PM	George Van Nostrand
Sunday	November 8th
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Pieter Martini
6:00 PM	Patrick Meegan
Monday	November 9th
7:00 AM	Sidonia Skrivanek
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
12:00 PM	Joseph J. Zambiasi
Tuesday	November 10th
7:00 AM	John O'Reilly
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
12:00 PM	Sister Teresa Clare
Wednesday	November 11th
7:00 AM	Catherine Inserra
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena
12:00 PM	NO NOON MASS
Thursday	November 12th
7:00 AM	Walter Perugini (1st Anniversary)
8:30 AM	Evelina & Antoni Naraci
12:00 PM	Gilbert Colasante
Friday	November 13th
7:00 AM	Dec'd Mem of Theresia & Franz Pechota Family
8:30 AM	Andrew Cariello (Birth Remem) & Sister Gertrude Imeida, O.P.
12:00 PM	Bolivar Almeida
Saturday	November 14th
8:30 AM	Alice Golden
5:00 PM	John Vecchione, Jr.
Sunday	November 15th
8:30 AM	Leonard V. Quigley
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Francis Sweeney.
6:00 PM	Michael & Ursula Perricone & Family

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 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

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Joanie Medack
 Josephine Carson

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of October 2009:

James Blaisdell Bilden
 Michael Robert Lobaccaro
 Alyssia Cinzia Sampayo
 Vincent John Tolentino Dorotan
 Dennis Geovanni Barrera
 Andalucia Georgia Land Navetta

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the couples married during the month of October 2009:

Drew H. Bowman & Nicole Y. St. Germain

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 8th**

-Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary liturgical time.
 --Wedding Anniversary Celebration at the 10:00 AM Mass. Social gathering in the Parish Hall to follow the Mass. All are invited.

-Van Court Association meeting – 2:30 PM in the school meeting room.

MONDAY – NOVEMBER 9th

-Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome.

-RCIA meeting-7:30 PM in the convent meeting room
 -Scripture study/prayer group meeting – rectory meeting room at 7:30 PM

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 10th .

-Commemoration at the Masses of Pope St. Leo the Great – Doctor of the Church.

-“Holy Spirit” prayer group – rectory at 7:30 PM.

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

-Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 11th

-Commemoration of St. Martin of Tours – Bishop.

-Veterans’ Day – National holiday.

-OLM Rectory and School are closed for the day.

-No CCD religious instructions classes today.

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

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

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 12TH

-Commemoration of St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr.

-“Helping Hands” meeting – rectory at 10:00 AM.

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

Adult Choir Rehearsal – church at 7:30 PM

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 13th

-Commemoration at the Masses of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (“Mother Cabrini”) – religious – first American citizen to be named a saint by the Church.

-Brownies and Junior Scouts – Thanksgiving celebration – Parish Hall at 2:30 PM.

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 14th

-Commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 8:30 AM Mass.

-Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

-Father Peter West from “Priests for Life” will be speaking at all the weekend Masses.

Our Lady of Mercy
 Forest Hills, NY
 Newsletter #4

Making a Commitment to Our Lady of Mercy

To date, our *Parish Support Program* has generated 125 responses to our call for increased support and more than 91% have indicated a commitment to increase their giving. We thank those families who have responded. Please begin your new level of support this weekend in your weekly envelopes.

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 commi

*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.mercyhill.org.

- 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

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 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.

Many families are still prayerfully considering their commitment to Our Lady of Mercy. We know it's not an easy decision to make but we also know that our parish community will respond with whatever they can do. Please take time today or these next few weekends of the program to prayerfully and thoughtfully respond, if you have not already done so.

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 AM to 1:00 PM at St Thomas More Chapel on the Queens Campus, Utopia Boulevard north of the Grand Central Parkway (south of Union Turnpike).

10:00 AM Sunday the Lord's Day Fr. Michael D Whalen, C.M.

11:00 AM 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2010

On Saturday, November 7, 2009, the Confirmation Class of 2010 participated in a Retreat to begin their formal preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They also took part in a Rite of Enrollment as a sign of being accepted as Confirmation Candidates.

We ask your prayers for these Candidates as they enter a period of preparation which includes participating in learning sessions, completion of service projects, and attending a Day of Retreat in the Fall of 2010.

The names of these Candidates are in baskets on the radiators in Church. As you leave Church today please take one of these names and pray for that person during the coming year.

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 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.

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

11-11-09	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall) Fellowship (Parish Hall) All are welcome
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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

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

1st Prize: George E. Bush, Jr.	\$546.88
2nd Prize: Eric Kropf	\$328.12
3rd Prize: Lou & Nancy Goodman	\$218.75

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will not be held on November 8th or November 15th.

Our program will resume on November 22nd at the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week's donation for the Bread & Wine given Lovingly in memory of

Andrew Cariello
(Birthday Remembrance)
and

Sister Gertrude Amelda, O.P.
Love,
Carolyn Cariello



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:

Holiday Shoppe

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.

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MARTIAL ARTS WORKSHOP

Shihan Dean Dobbins 8th Degree Black Belt Isshinryu Karate and Sensei Sean 3rd Degree Black Belt Aikido will be hosting a series of Mixed Martial Arts workshops. The workshops will be held on Sunday, November 29, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Lower Church Hall. This workshop is for men, women and children – all ages are welcome and there is a \$5.00 donation to attend. For sign-up information, please see the flyers in the vestibule of the church.

THANKSGIVING

All are invited to our annual Family Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 A.M. on November 26th. We will be supplying 25 local families with food baskets during the holiday season. Please consider donating one or more of the following items: cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned ham, canned goods such as: gravy, vegetables, yams or fruit. Also needed are candy, nuts, cookies, tea, instant coffee, instant mashed potatoes. Your donations may be brought to the Thanksgiving Mass, Rectory or placed in the Family Table bins in the Church vestibule.

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: Nov. 17th at 7:30 P.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room

Next Morning Meeting: Nov. 19th at 11:00 A.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room

Whatever your loss, we are here for you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

This year, the Forest Hills Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 110-06 Queens Blvd., on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 4:00 PM. All are invited.

The Parkside Players will present PLAY ON! by Rick Abbott at Grace Lutheran Church, 103-15 Union Tpke., on November 21, 27, 28 and December 4 & 5 at 8:00 PM and November 22 & 29 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$14 (\$12 for seniors). For tickets and reservations, call 718-497-4922 or reserve online at www.parksideplayers.com.

Catholic Charities sponsors an Alzheimer's Adult Day Program, open Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 157-16 65 Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367. You can bring your loved one to the program with confidence while you take care of personal business, work or just want to be alone for a few hours. Call 718-358-3541 for more information.

St. Francis of Assisi School, located at 21 Avenue & 45 Street in Astoria, will be hosting an indoor Flea Market on Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Mark your calendar – this is a great opportunity for Christmas shopping! We are currently looking for vendors who are interested in participating. If you are interested, please contact Lucy at 917-335-2695 or Angie at 917-841-5219.

Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 11571, is hosting a Fall Open House for prospective students and their guests on Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 1:00 PM. For more information, call 516-678-5000, extension 6230.