

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	November 21st
5:00 PM	Anni Vecchione
Sunday	November 22nd
8:30 AM	William J. Kirby
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Andrew & Sally Kissel & William Luongo
6:00 PM	George E. Gluszak
Monday	November 23rd
7:00 AM	Dec'd Mem of Castillo Family
8:30 AM	David Statuto, Sr.
12:00 PM	Eleanor Shavel and George & Elizabeth Schaber
Tuesday	November 24th
7:00 AM	All Souls
8:30 AM	Robert Almeida
12:00 PM	Noemi Merli
Wednesday	November 25th
7:00 AM	Luke McTighe (40th Anniversary)
8:30 AM	Mary Jane Karras
12:00 PM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
Thursday	November 26th
9:00 AM	FAMILY THANKSGIVING MASS
Friday	November 27th
7:00 AM	Margaret Desa
8:30 AM	Michael, Caroline, Michael Sassi, Jr. and Caroline Pugliese
12:00 PM	Henry Jagiello
Saturday	November 28th
8:30 AM	Agnes Cloos
5:00 PM	Ethel Rohr
Sunday	November 29th
8:30 AM	Dec'd Mem Hermina & Adolf Krammer & Family
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Nancy Palmese
6:00 PM	Anthony Skrivanek

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

James Schnepf, David Glass, Ann Sullivan, 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, Remington Stafford, Maureen Albert, Philip Califano, Grace Zerbo, Salvatore Palmieri

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, 1st Lt. Paul Lentz, USAF
 Lt. Julianne LoMacchio Palumbo U.S. Navy
 Lt. Gregory M. Morison, U.S. Navy
 SFC Kilsip Ciprian, US Army, SPC Larry Saume
 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

Marie Sullivan, Peter French, Erin Gabriel O'Hara, Shamar Olivias, and Ruby Olive Agatha Jervis, Grace Caiazza

ALTAR FLOWERS

Many thanks for this week's flowers donation given for

David and Mary Morison
 by
 Frank and Ann Morison

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 22nd**

-Feast of Christ the King.
 -Children's "Liturgy of the Word" at the 10:00 Mass.
 -Second collection today – the "Campaign for Human Development"
 -Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Queen of Martyrs church at 4:00 PM. All are invited.
 Refreshments will follow the service.

MONDAY – NOVEMBER 23rd

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.
 -RCIA – Convent meeting room at 7:30 PM.
 -Scripture study/prayer group meeting rectory meeting room at 7:30 PM.

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 24th

-Commemoration at the Masses of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Martyr.
 -"Holy Spirit" prayer group – rectory at 9:00 AM.
 -Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 25th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.
 -OLM Golden Age Club meeting – Parish Hall at noon.
 -NO CCD RELIGIOUS CLASSES TODAY.
 -"Divine Mercy" prayer group – church and Parish Hall at 7:30 PM.

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 26th

-Thanksgiving Day – Family Mass at 9:00 AM – (the only Mass today). All parishioners are invited/ encouraged to attend. Food for the poor and financial poor box offering can be presented at the Offertory of the Mass.

-OLM School closed for the day – so too the rectory office.

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 27th

-Ordinary liturgical weekday Masses.
 -OLM School is CLOSED today.
 -Movie at Mercy – "It's A Great Life". – 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER – 28TH

-Commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 8:30 AM Mass.
 -Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.
 -Filipino Mass and social – Church and Parish – beginning at 6:30 PM.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will not be held on November 29th. Our program will resume on December 6th at the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

Parish Support Program update

Our Results to Date

# of families who have responded to our call for support:	175
# of families who have made a commitment to increase:	150
# of families who have made a commitment to maintain:	22
# of families who have registered through Parish Pay:	5
# of new registered families:	8
Our weekly increase average since Announcement weekend:	17%

We have only two more weeks of the active phase of our program! We are looking to have 100% response and participation from our parish families. If you are unable to commit to an increase, we understand. Please complete an envelope and check the second option, to maintain your current level of support. Special thanks to our parish families who have already responded and returned their envelopes. We appreciate your support and are already seeing your commitment by way of our weekly collections.

If you have yet to return your commitment envelope, please take a moment today to complete one and return it in the collection. Please prayerfully consider a new level of giving that is appropriate for you

Thanksgiving Service

The annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the synagogues and churches of Forest Hills will be held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church (Ascan Avenue and Queens Boulevard) at 400 PM today, Sunday, November 22nd, 2009. Everyone is invited and the clergy of the various Catholic and Protestant Churches and Jewish Synagogues will participate.

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.

Propagation of the Faith Collection

Father Terrence J. Mulkerin, the Diocesan Director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, wishes to thank all of our generous parishioners for their response to the annual appeal on behalf of our foreign missionaries. \$1,869.00 was raised by our parishioners. Well done!



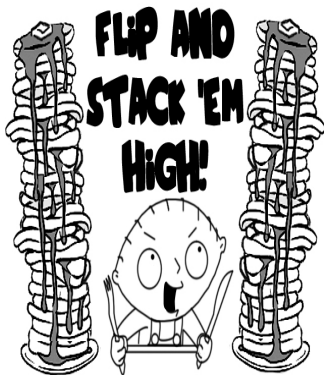
The Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree and ornaments will be in place in the vestibule next weekend. In the meantime, please think about the charities and needed items indicated on the green flyer. Your thoughtfulness truly makes Christmas bright for many less fortunate than ourselves. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DÉCOR

Many parishioners have remarked that it is so nice to see fresh flowers at weekend Masses as part of our memorial donation. We would like to add to our Christmas décor by offering the opportunity for 15 Memorials in honor of a loved one. Each memorial will cover the expense of one fresh Christmas wreath and several poinsettias used to decorate the church. These will remain in place for the three weeks of the Christmas season. The cost remains \$150.00. Memorials will be published. If you would like to memorialize a loved one in this way please contact the Rectory Office at 718-268-6143 by Dec. 8th. Once Christmas ends, we will return to our weekly memorial offerings.

Teen Clubs Stacks Them High Again .



O.L.M. TEEN CLUB + PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2009

The Teen Club extends warm thanks to all who supported our Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. The proceeds will go a long way toward supporting local families at Faith Mission in Jamaica and future activities of the Teen Club. Happy Thanksgiving from our Teens.



The next Teen Mass will be on Sunday, November 29th at 6 p.m. Teen Club will follow immediately. Due to Holiday Shoppe setup, we will be meeting in the SCHOOL GYM for MOVIE NIGHT. Come enjoy it. Bring a friend. Grades 8 and up please. Popcorn, pizza and refreshments will be served.

Community News

-On Sunday afternoon, November 22nd, the **Annual Turkey Shoot** will be held at the American Legion Hall on Metropolitan Avenue. A \$5.00 admission includes hot dogs, soda and other beverages.

-**Holy Name of Jesus School**, Windsor terrace, Brooklyn will celebrate its 125th in January 2010. For more information about festivities please call 718-768-7629

-**St Luke's Episcopal Church** at 85 Greenway South will sponsor a Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale today, Sunday, November 22nd at 12:00 Noon. Home-baked pumpkin bread, pies, cookies cakes and much more can be pre-ordered by calling 718-268-6021.

-**The Parkside Players will present PLAY ON!** by Rick Abbott at Grace Lutheran Church, 103-15 Union Tpke., on November 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.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help in south Ozone Park (Lefferts Blvd exit off Belt Pkwy) presents Tony Kenny's **Christmas Time in Ireland Show** on Saturday, December 5 at 7:00 PM in the School Auditorium (111 Ave. & 115 St.) Tickets are \$25.00. Call 718-843-1212 to reserve tickets and get directions

If you should happen to miss our Christmas Holiday Shoppe, **Our Lady of the Angelus Parish** in Rego Park will also sponsor A Christmas Fair on December 6th from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

NYS Office of Mental Health

Our parish resident is Father August J. Iantosca. Father Iantosca is one of two full-time chaplains at Creedmore Psychiatric Center at 79-25 Winchester Boulevard in the Queens Village section of Queens County. The Center's Family Care Program is looking for dedicated individuals who would be willing to assist a person recovering from mental illness. These providers would assist the individual recovering from mental illness by helping to develop life skills, encouraging and escorting residents to required appointments and programs, providing room and board and monitoring medication.

Family Care Staff works closely with these volunteer providers. If interested, please contact Father Iantosca at 718-264-4072 or Ms. Veronica Burke at 718-264-3986.

Forest Hills Civic Association Upcoming Events

-Kidz Care Junior Civic will host its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors and home-alone folks at the American Legion Hall, 107-15 Metropolitan Avenue. At 12:00 Noon on November 26. Please phone 718-997-7014 to reserve a seat.

-The Forest Hills Civic Association Holiday Party will be held at the Legion Hall on December 8 at 6:30 PM. All are invited and welcome to attend.

-The annual Community Children's Holiday Party will be held at the Legion Hall on December 13 at 1:00 PM. All children are welcome.

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

11-25-09	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall) Fellowship (Parish Hall) All are welcome
12-02-09	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
	9:00 PM	Benediction
12-9-09	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall) Fellowship (Parish Hall)
12-16-09	7:30 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet Praise and Worship Fellowship (Parish Hall)
12-23-09	7:30 PM	Cenacle (Parish Hall) Fellowship (Parish Hall)
12-30-09	7:30 PM	Teaching (Parish Hall) Fellowship (Parish Hall)

Christmas Holiday Shoppe

Our Annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe will be held on December 3rd, 4th and 5th. Chances are available at the doors of the Church. Take a chance and possibly win one of our magnificent prizes.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

The Cub Scout Pack of Our Lady of Mercy Parish will host a Pancake Breakfast after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 13, 2009 in the Parish Hall (lower level of the Church). All proceeds will benefit the Pack's programs, including equipment and supplies, along with helping to defray the costs of field trips. PLEASE REREGISTER. For more information please contact Cubmaster Arthur Boduroglu at cubpack349@gmail.com Menu: pancakes, banana pancakes, eggs, sausage, bread, orange juice, coffee, and tea. When: Sunday, December 13 after the 10:00 AM Mass

Where: Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall

Cost: Adults: \$8.00 Children: \$6.00 up to December 7

After December 7 - Adults: \$10.00 Children: \$8.00

DOMINICAN VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

Dominican Village, a not-for-profit, non-sectarian, Independent and Assisted Living Residence Rental Retirement Community sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic, is holding Open Houses from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on November 22 and December 3, 5 and 13. For more information, contact Emily in the Community Relations Office at 631-842-6618.

OUR LADY OF MERCY GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Our Lady of Mercy Gift Card Program is now online! Online ordering offer:

- Convenience – order anytime from any computer
- Access to hundreds of vendors – online ordering offers you access to a greater variety of vendors and card denominations
- Reloadable cards – 24 different vendors have reloadable cards and the list continues to grow.

Go to www.glscrip.com to see the list of cards available and the register online and set up a free Family Account!

MARTIAL ARTS WORKSHOP

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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 11:15 PM to 1:30 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.



Holiday Shoppe

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Our plans continue 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 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 donations hours: The

elevator will be open Monday through Friday until 4:00 PM, all day on Saturday and Sunday until the conclusion of the last Mass of the day.

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.

Two more weeks to go, **Oh, No!** The Decorating Committee has far to go. We need some helpers to lighten the load. The decorating starts November 29 at 2:00 pm in the Lower Church Hall. Please bring scissors, patience, and a sense of humor. No experience needed. Or call Dian Malm at 718-268-6143.