

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 28th</b>
5:00 PM	Ethel Rohr
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 29nd</b>
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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 30th</b>
7:00 AM	George Genadry
8:30 AM	Claire Scott
12:00 PM	Michael & Frances Albano
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 1st</b>
7:00 AM	Sr. Mary A. Sullivan, O.P.
8:30 AM	Juliusz Daniec
12:00 PM	Rosa Suarez
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 2nd</b>
7:00 AM	Norita & Adrin Benitez
8:30 AM	Steven Flaucher
12:00 PM	Jack Sullivan
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 3rd</b>
7:00 AM	Erin Gabriel O'Hara
8:30 AM	Claire Scott
12:00 PM	Beatrice A. Damico (50th Anniversary)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 4th</b>
7:00 AM	Geraldine Hoffman
8:30 AM	Jack Sullivan
12:00 PM	Olive Thiel
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 5th</b>
8:30 AM	Freddie Beinstock
5:00 PM	John Vecchione, Jr.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 6th</b>
8:30 AM	Eficio Acosta
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Joan Koenderman
6:00 PM	Antonia Turriciano

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

James Schnepf, 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, Bill Lynam

**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**

David Glass  
 Anita Caravaggi

**MARRIAGES**

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

Kevin O'Sullivan and Bridget Clifford  
 Christopher William Abruzzino and Melissa Diunte

**BAPTISMS**

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

Christian Anthony DeLiote  
 Colin Thomas Leavy  
 Tristan Andres Diaz  
 Tanasha Jade Gamble  
 Evan Pierce Terry  
 James Christian Barbero  
 Melia Rose Thompson  
 Lola Faith Paz  
 Andrew James Freeley

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 29th**

-First Sunday of ADVENT.  
 -Karate Workshop - P. Hall –11:15 AM to 1:30 PM.  
 -Teen Club Mass – 6:00 PM followed by meeting and social gathering in the Parish Hall. All teens in the parish are welcome.

**MONDAY – NOVEMBER 30th**

-Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle.  
 -RCIA - Convent meeting room at 7:30 PM.  
 -Scripture study/prayer group – Rectory meeting room at 7:30 PM.

**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 1st**

-Advent liturgy at the weekday Masses.  
 -"Holy Spirit: prayer group – Rectory meeting room at 9:00 AM.  
 -No Cub Scout meeting today.

**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 2nd**

-Advent liturgy at 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 at 7:30 PM.

**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 3rd**

-Commemoration at the Masses of St. Francis Xavier, Priest  
 -CCD Confirmation class – Rectory meeting room – 4:00 to 4:15 PM.  
 -HOLIDAY SHOPPE – Parish Hall – "Preview" night – 7:00 to 9:00 PM – admission \$5

**FRIDAY – DECEMBER 4th**

-Advent liturgy at weekday Masses.  
 HOLIDAY SHOPPE - Parish Hall – 12:00 noon to 8:30 PM.

**SATURDAY – DECEMBER 5th**

-HOLIDAY SHOPPE– Parish Hall – 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.  
 -Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

**From the Pastor**

**Parish Support Program**

Last month the entire Diocese of Brooklyn instituted an Increased Support Appeal for every parish. Our Parish Finance Board had been urging such a move for some time so the Diocesan Program coincided nicely with the advice of the Finance Board. The Campaign motto is: *One Spirit, One Soul, One Parish Community* and many of our parishioners took this quite seriously by recognizing that the financial health of our parish is imperative for its future.

At this writing, 180 families have committed themselves to increasing or maintaining their present level of giving. Next week we hope to publicly thank those generous parishioners for their generous response. If additional families come forward, that will be duly noted.

With deep appreciation,

*Monsignor McGuirl*

**Altar Servers**

If ever there is no server at Mass or other liturgical celebration that you attend and even if you are not assigned to that particular celebration, you are expected to volunteer to serve. This also applies to teenagers and older folks who may have been altar servers or altar boys. In fact, the priest is not supposed to celebrate a public Mass without the assistance of an acolyte (server). In some respects the server is more essential to a proper and dignified celebration of the liturgy than the important roles of Lector or extraordinary minister of the Eucharist. To serve at the altar is one of the great privileges that young people can have and they should be eager and willing to exercise that ministry whenever possible.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist & Lectors**

Even though our Bishop has asked us not to distribute the Precious Blood until the end of the flu period, at crowded Masses the assistance of an extraordinary minister for the Hosts can be a welcome blessing. If you have clean hands and proper attire, an extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist should make him/herself known when there seems to be a need. The same is true of lectors. If you find yourself at Mass where there is not lector and if you are properly attired and feel confident about the readings, you should make yourself known and be willing to serve.

Thank you,  
Monsignor McGuirl

**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.



*The Giving Tree*

Our Giving Tree and ornaments are in place in the vestibule this weekend. 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.

**THANK YOU**

We extend our deepest gratitude for all the donations - \$765.00 in cash, turkeys and food items for Thanksgiving. This year we were able to provide food for 33 local families and help our friends at Faith Mission.

May these Advent days be days of blessing and quiet peace for all of you.

## 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](mailto: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

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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 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.

Our Lady of Mercy  
**TEEN CLUB**



The next Teen Mass will be on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM in the Church Hall for parents with children in the 2nd Grades in OLM School and our Religious Education Program who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist in 2010.

**This is a required meeting and is for parents only.**

## DOMINICAN VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

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

## 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.

## 50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Nenita Pontino \$546.88  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: OLM Golden Age Club \$328.12  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Keith & Cindy Hunter \$218.75

## OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

12-02-09	7:00 PM	DM Devotion/Chaplet
	7:30 PM	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)

## 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

Peter French  
by  
Anne Restaino



On Thursday, December 10th, at 7:30 PM there will be a presentation in the Church Hall on Diet and Immunity by North Shore Hospital.

### 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](http://www.glscrip.com) to see the list of cards available and the register online and set up a free Family Account!

### 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.

### Forest Hills Civic Association Upcoming Events

- 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.

### Community News

-**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

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

### Holiday Shoppe

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 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 all day on Sunday until the conclusion of the last Mass of the day and Monday through Wednesday until 4:00 PM.

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.

One week before this year's Christmas Holiday Shoppe. **Santa and his helpers can hardly wait.** The Decorating Committee will begin its feat on Sunday, November 29 at 2:30 PM. Bring a pair of scissors; you need not have any special talents to help. Thereafter, the committee will be in the Parish Hall at 7:30 PM every evening until the big day, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please get involved so we can make this year's Christmas Holiday Shoppe a big success.

**Santa is coming to town** on December 5 at 2:00 PM. Bring you lists of wishes and your cameras. Private photo opportunities will be available for you to capture your family and Santa for Christmas.



**Holiday Shoppe**