

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 2nd
5:00 PM	John Daly
Sunday	January 3rd
8:30 AM	Margherita & Luigi Belcastro
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Sarah Davey
6:00 PM	Peter Kreier
Monday	January 4th
7:00 AM	Herman Holzknrecht
8:30 AM	Anita Caravaggi
12:00 PM	No Intention
Tuesday	January 5th
7:00 AM	Nellie Rooney
8:30 AM	Daniel Appleby
12:00 PM	No Intention
Wednesday	January 6th
7:00 AM	Patrick Collis
8:30 AM	Josie Delgado
12:00 PM	No Intention
Thursday	January 7th
7:00 AM	Kimberlee Buszko
8:30 AM	William Lynam
12:00 PM	Mary Russomanno
Friday	January 8th
7:00 AM	Ruperto Mendoza
8:30 PM	Velasco Family
12:00 PM	No Intention
Saturday	January 9th
8:30 AM	Thomas Taylor
5:00 PM	Maryann, John & Yolanda Camporese
Sunday	January 10th
8:30 AM	Rosalie Houtchens
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Maria Pinzon
6:00 PM	George Shookster

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

James Schnepf, Ann Sullivan, Adam Sobel, Ann Kelly, John Vecchione, Rev. James Moran, 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, Remington Stafford, Maureen Albert, Philip Califano, Grace Zerbo, Rev. Charles Whelan, S.J., Charles Sullivan, Concetta & Vittorio Alesi, Michael Minischetti

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Arthur Daly
John Loughlin
Grace Pine

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – JANUARY 3rd**

-Feast of the EPIPHANY of the Lord.
-Second collection today – envelope to help toward the cost of the TABLET.

MONDAY – JANUARY 4th

-Commemoration at the Masses of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Religious and Foundress of the Sisters of Charity – first American born citizen to be declared a Saint.
-OLM School re-opens today after Christmas recess.

TUESDAY – JANUARY 5th

-Commemoration at the Masses of St. John Neumann – a former Bishop of Philadelphia and declared a Saint of the Church.
-Cluster Meeting at 1:00 PM – Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.
-Cub Scouts meeting – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 6th

-Christmas Season weekday Masses.
-OLM Golden Age Club meeting – Parish Hall at noon.
-CCD Religious Instructions – assemble in church at 2:15 PM.

THURSDAY – JANUARY 7th

-Christmas Season weekday Masses.
-CCD Confirmation class – rectory meeting room at 4:00 PM.

FRIDAY – JANUARY 8th

-Christmas Season weekday Masses.
-Daisy Scouts – Parish Hall at 2:30 PM.

SATURDAY – JANUARY 9th

-Christmas Season weekday Mass at 8:30 AM.
-Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.
-Line Dancing – Parish Hall at 6:30 PM.

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, USNavy
Timothy M. Gorman, ChiefHospitalCorpsman, USNavy



**REMEMBER
OUR MEMBERS
IN THE
MILITARY**

Dear Parishioners;

Our entire parish and school staffs at Our lady of Mercy Church wish all our parishioners and our many friends a very Blessed New Year. It is our hope that the year of 2010 will be filled with peace and tranquility as we continue our journey of Faith together.

December has slipped by so rapidly that it would be easy to forget to thank some very special people who enhanced the celebration of the Lord's Birthday and the New Year. Once again the Home School Association provided an opportunity for our younger parishioners to visit with Santa Claus. A large number of children were able to leave requests with everyone's favorite visitor from the North Pole.

We must thank Sister Ann Barbara, Larry O'Connell and Tim Remsen for initiating the "Movies at Mercy" program. While we could have hoped for a bigger crowd; yet all the girls and boys who attended had a great time.

The Christmas Holiday Shoppe did better than ever. While attendance seemed lighter, it is obvious that the folks who came were very serious about their Christmas shopping. Thanks to all the volunteers, who make this event such a big success.

Once again the St. Lawrence Ruiz Society took on the task of running our New Year's Eve Dance and hopefully providing everyone with a joyful and safe way to begin 2010.

Our parishioners have been inordinately generous during the Christmas season and next week I hope to present you with a tally of the various collections taken during this season. In advance thank you very much.

Also a word of thanks goes to the parishioners who are still enrolling in the Parish Support Initiative Program. A listing of the early subscribers will be in the January issue of the *Mercy Mirror*. In the weeks ahead I hope to update that list to include the later subscribers as well as anyone who was inadvertently omitted.

Everyone who visited our Church during the Christmas season had unequivocal praise for the decorations. Almost everyone made a comment about the warmth of our decorations and the sense of welcome they exuded. Our visitors all felt that they were at home. The Liturgy Committee, Sister Ann Barbara, Sue Karcher, several volunteers and our custodians, Tom and Jason, all contributed in various ways to the festive air of our Church. Also many thanks to those who contributed specifically to the Christmas Flowers' Fund and who essentially made all this possible.

The liturgical celebrations of Our Lord's birth would not happen were it not for our faithful and stalwart ushers, altar servers, sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (many of whom carried the Lord to the sick and homebound), and the members of our choirs, and especially their director, Mr. Timothy Remsen. Though our choirs are not large in number, they were large in heart and voice. The choirs are slowly growing and we welcome our new members.

Throughout this hectic but joyful season our parish office staff managed to keep things running smoothly so we thank them also.

To everyone many blessings in the New Year!

Monsignor John A. McGuirl

THANK YOU

We'd like to extend our deepest gratitude to all who volunteered to "Be An Angel" for Christmas. The expressions on the faces of the families who received your gifts were priceless. Your generosity has made many joyous this Christmas Season.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wednesday classes will not be held on January 6th. Classes will resume on January 13, 2010. The Thursday Confirmation Class will resume on January 7, 2010.

SNOW SHOVELING

Kidz Care will again be out shoveling snow. Phone Brandi at 718-986-2707 for information.

OLM Book Club

The next selection for our Book Club is *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. Our next meeting is on January 14th at 7:30pm in the School Library (Convent). This gathering is open to adults of all ages; all you need do is read the book and come for a stimulating conversation. You can find this at any local bookstore, or purchase it on-line from Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Thank You.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

Due to the inclement weather the St. Vincent de Paul truck was unable to be here on December 20th. We have re-scheduled for them to come on Sunday, January 3rd from 8:30 A.M. to Noon.

The Beginning Experience

If you are suffering the heartache of divorce, widowhood or separation, think of weekend away for a lifetime of change. The next weekend is February 19th through the 21st, 2010. For information and reservations, please call John at (516) 822-0635 or Karen at (201) 865-6784 or Jim at (718) 474-3779

50 - 50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

- 1st Prize: Louise & Matthew Heerey \$546.88
- 2nd Prize: Robert J. Freddi \$328.12
- 3rd Prize: Marianne Selwyn \$218.75

Also, please make the following correction to **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH** - there is NO CCD Religious Instruction on Wednesday, January 6, 2010. Thanks.

COMMUNITY NEWS**-E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT**

Participate in an environmentally responsible event that will prevent your electronic waste from entering into a landfill and polluting our environment. Recycle your unwanted electronic equipment (including computers, fax machines, scanners, laptops, monitors, typewriters, copiers, cameras, cell phones, televisions, printers, telephones, servers, PDA's, and batteries) on Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the District Office of Senator Joe Addabbo, Jr. (159-53 102 Street, Howard Beach). For more information about this event or e-waste recycling, please contact Sen. Addabbo's Office at 718-738-1111.

-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

Jobs Available

The United States Constitution provides that there shall be a nation-wide census every ten years in order to determine representation in the House of Representatives. The next census is scheduled for 2010. The Census Bureaus needs workers, both clerical and field. Hours and location are flexible and both full-time and part-time positions are available. For more information, call 1-866-861-2010 or E-Mail: www.2010censusjobs.gov

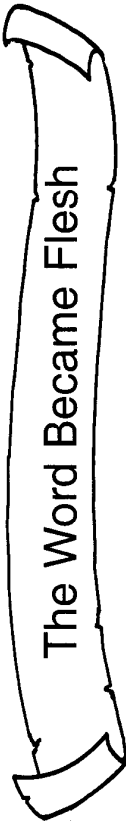
OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2010**

D A T E	T I M E	A C T I V I T I E S
01-06-10	7:00 pm 7:30	DM Devotion and Chaplet Healing Mass
01-13-10	7:30 pm 8:30 pm	Cenacle of Divine Mercy at the Parish Hall Fellowship
01-20-10	7:30 pm 8:00 pm 9:00 pm	DM Devotion and Chaplet Praise and Worship Prayer Fellowship
01-27-10	7:30 pm 8:30 pm	Cenacle of Divine Mercy at the Parish Hall Fellowship
02-03-10	7:30 pm 8:00 pm 9:00 pm	DM Devotion and Chaplet Eucharistic Exposition Fellowship at the Parish Hall
02-10-10	7:30 pm 8:30 pm	Cenacle of Divine Mercy at the Parish Hall Fellowship
02-17-10	7:30 pm 8:00 pm 9:00 pm	DM Devotion and Chaplet Praise and Worship Prayer Fellowship at the Parish Hall
02-24-10	7:30 pm 8:30 pm	Cenacle of Divine Mercy at the Parish Hall Fellowship



Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 3-6 January 3, 2010 • John 1:1-18



In the beginning was the Word of God.

Find the letters in the picture below.

WORD OF GOD



Jesus is the true light.

Match the shapes.

