

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 16th</b>
5:00 PM	Helen Speros
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 17th</b>
8:30 AM	John Iovino
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Rosalia Houtchens
6:00 PM	Isabella Allegro
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 18th</b>
7:00 AM	Oskar Bedacht
8:30 AM	Mary Statuto
12:00 PM	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 19th</b>
7:00 AM	Isabella Minischetti (28th Anniversary)
8:30 AM	Serverine Reinerstsen
12:00 PM	Fitzgerald and Carey Families
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 20th</b>
7:00 AM	Oskar Bedacht
8:30 AM	Vincenzo Gioieni
12:00 PM	Serafina P. Sauro
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 21st</b>
7:00 AM	Oskar Bedacht
8:30 AM	Maria Adela Soto de Cabrera
12:00 PM	Ignatius Sevcik (25th Anniversary)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 22nd</b>
7:00 AM	Carolyn Ryan
8:30 AM	Robert M. Sitler
12:00 PM	Louis A. Sauro
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 23rd</b>
8:30 AM	Anita Carravaggio
5:00 PM	Helen Speros
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 24th</b>
8:30 AM	Oskar Bedacht
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Peter French
6:00 PM	John Saver

**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, Mary O’Driscoll

**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**

Nicolasa Silva

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Many thanks for this week’s flowers donation given for

John A. Killian

by

Alona Z. & John F. Killian

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****SUNDAY – JANUARY 17th**

-Second Sunday in ORDINARY liturgical time.

-Second collection today for the Parish Tower Repair Fund.

**MONDAY – JANUARY 18th**

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-National observance of *Dr. Martin Luther King’s* birthday.

-OLM School and parish offices CLOSED for the day.

-No RCIA meeting today.

-Scripture study/prayer group meeting –rectory at 7:30 PM.

**TUESDAY – JANUARY 19th**

- Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

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

-Parish Planning Council (PPC) meeting – rectory meeting room at 7:30 PM.

-Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

**WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 20th**

-Ordinary liturgical time 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 – JANUARY 21st**

-Commemoration at weekday Masses of St. Agnes – Virgin and Martyr.

-CCD Confirmation class – rectory at 4:00 PM.

**FRIDAY – JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.

-OLM School Candy Sale assembly – Parish Hall

-“MOVIE NIGHT” – Parish Hall beginning at 5:00 PM.

**SATURDAY – January 23<sup>RD</sup>**

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday Mass at 8:30 PM.

-Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

-Filipino Mass at 6:30 PM.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Children’s Liturgy of the Word will not be held on January 17th. Our program will resume on January 24th at the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

*Dear Parishioners:*



I am happy to report to you that as a result of the Parish Support Program, which was a Diocesan initiative to raise parish income, our parish has seen an increase of approximately \$1000.00 per week. My thanks go to all our parishioners who pledged to maintain or to raise their current giving commitment. In addition several parishioners made very sizable gifts to the parish during the Christmas/ New Year's Seasons. This permitted us to begin a "Repairs" Savings Account at a nearby bank. The initial deposit in this account was \$20,900. The use of a "repairs" account permits us to avoid using the regular parish income (the collections) for extraordinary and often unexpected expenses (roofs, floods, leaks etc..). Larger gifts will be placed in this account so that we may increase it.

Along similar lines, in the January issue of The Mercy Mirror, I listed those who have indicated their willingness to maintain or raise their current level of contributions. Those folks were listed according to the week in which their pledge was received. Since the formal end of the Program, a number of additional parishioners have added their names to the original listing. I would also like to thank these parishioners for their support:

Mr. & Mrs. William Bailey  
 Ms. Margaret M. Byrnes  
 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Corrigan  
 Ms. Jadwiga Irena Daniec  
 Ms. Elizabeth R. Diliberto  
 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Misquitta  
 Dr. & Mrs. Charles LaPunzina  
 Mrs. Lynn Quigley  
 Mr. Gary Smith  
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Stock  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zalner

Very shortly our rectory office staff will begin a mail-merge so that we can contact personally all the fine, generous people who have expressed their concern for the future financial health of our parish. In recent years, the word "stewardship" has become quite familiar to us. It means the use of our time, talent and treasure in the service of our Church as well as other charities. The response to this Program is a sure indication of the faithful stewardship of many of our parishioners.

*In Christ,*

*Monignor John A. McGutrl*

### **IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING**

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at 7:30 P.M. 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 Sacrament of First Penance on March 6, 2010.

This is a required meeting and is for parents only.

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

**MARRIED COUPLES:** Valentine's Day is coming soon. What is the greatest gift you can give each other this Valentine's Day? It is the gift of LOVE! Deepen your love, faith and closeness with each other by attending a special Valentine's Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 12 – 14, 2010. Info/registration: email: [marriageencounterbq@gmail.com](mailto:marriageencounterbq@gmail.com). Visit our website at [www.mygmgwwme.org](http://www.mygmgwwme.org) or call 877-NYS-WWME.

### **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:** Jan. 26th at 7:30 P.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room

**Next Morning Meeting:** Jan. 28th at 11:00 A.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room

Whatever your loss, we are here for you.

### **PASTORAL PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Pastoral Planning Council (PPC) will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. If anyone has any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Rubi Macaulay at 718-300-5685.

## January Movie: Monsters VS. Aliens

Kids- get ready to have a blast! Don't miss it!  
Our next parish movie night will be Friday, Jan 22rd at the Church Hall- 6:30 p.m. for the showing in 3D-Blu Ray of Monsters VS Aliens, a kid- friendly show about the wacky world of strange creatures who visit us!  
Cost: \$10 (includes glasses, popcorn, drink and candy)  
Sign up forms are located at the entry ways of the church.  
Proceeds benefit our parish.

### Local News

-The Queens Jewish Community Council will sponsor a presentation entitled "Weathering the Economic Storm" on February 7th, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at Young Israel of Forest Hills, located at Yellowstone Boulevard and Burns Street (northwest corner). Everyone is welcome! For further information, please call QJCC at 1-718-544-9033.

-The Queens Jewish Community Council will also sponsor a Delegate Assembly on Sunday, January 31st, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. The topic will be "What We All Should Know About Senior Health Care Options". A Panel Discussion will concern: Seniors' Rights, Home Care, Assisted Living, Rehabilitation, and Nursing Home Care. All are welcome to this discussion that will be held at the Rego Park Jewish Center, located at 97-30 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park. For information, please call 1-718-544-9033.

-Dominican Village at 565 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY will host a "Queen of the Rosary Academy Reunion for all graduates and former faculty members. This event will be at Sister Helen Butler, OP. Hall at 12:00 P.m. on March 6th, 2010

-On Tuesday, March 16th, "Stories and Songs of Ireland" by story-teller/musician/teacher, Jim Hawkins will also be presented at Sister Helen Butler OP. Hall at 7:00 P.M. In formation for both events may be obtained by calling 1-631-842-6618.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **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](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov)

### SNOW SHOVELING

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

## 37th Annual March For Life

The 37th Annual March for Life to Washington D.C will be held on January 22nd 2010. There will be departure/return locations throughout the Diocese. While everyone is invited to attend, it is absolutely necessary to register in advance. For information, please call:

#### **St. John's University:**

Amanda Spencer, secretary [studentsforlife@gmail.com](mailto:studentsforlife@gmail.com)  
Katrina Curato [katrina.curatoo6@stjohns.edu](mailto:katrina.curatoo6@stjohns.edu)

#### **Holy Family, Flushing:**

Cathy Donohoe [donohoe2000@yahoo.com](mailto:donohoe2000@yahoo.com)

#### **St. Luke, Whitestone:**

Jim McCloskey [mccloskey5@aol.com](mailto:mccloskey5@aol.com)

#### **Queen of Angels, Sunnyside:**

Ann Gilmartin 718-651-9017

For those unable to attend the March, Reverend Monsignor Thomas C. Machalski will celebrate a Special Mass on January 22nd, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Josaphat RC Church, 34-32 210th Street, Bayside, NY 11361.

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

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
01-20-10	7:30 pm	DM Devotion
	8:00 pm	Praise and Worship
01-27-10	9:00 pm	Fellowship
	7:30 pm	Cenacle of Divine Mercy at the Parish Hall
02-03-10	8:30 pm	Fellowship
	7:30 pm	DM Devotion
02-10-10	8:00 pm	Eucharistic Exposition
	9:00 pm	Fellowship
	7:30 pm	Cenacle of Divine Mercy at the Parish Hall
02-17-10	8:30 pm	Fellowship
	7:30 pm	DM Devotion
	8:00 pm	Praise and Worship
02-24-10	9:00 pm	Fellowship
	7:30 pm	Cenacle of Divine Mercy at the Parish Hall
	8:30 pm	Fellowship

### **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

William Lynam  
by  
Mr. & Mrs. T. Tinnirello

Frank Simko  
by  
Eileen Simko

## Project Andrew



On Sunday, January 31st, the next Project Andrew will be held at the Pope John Paul II House of Discernment (341 Highland Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11207)

Project Andrew is based on the call of St. Peter through the influence of his brother, St. Andrew. Project Andrew is an opportunity for young men to learn more about the priesthood by joining Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, other priests and seminarians from the Diocese of Brooklyn for an evening of prayer, dinner and conversation.

**Schedule:** 6:00 P.M. - Arrival  
Evening Prayer  
Dinner  
Informal Presentation/Discussion  
Questions & Answers  
Closing Prayer

For more information, please call Father Kevin Sweeney, the Vocation Director or Father Kevin Abels, the associate Vocation Director at: 718-827-2454. Fax: 718-827-2167 or Email: vocations@diobrook.org.

## GUY'S NITE OUT

Calling all guys 21 and over: Looking for something to do on Friday February 5, 2010 from 7:00 to 11:00? Come join us for this men only RELAXING event for a night of cards, food, and drink and just hanging out at Our Lady of Mercy Hall. Admission is \$15.00 and the card game stakes are no more than \$.50 to a \$1.00. Please R.S.V.P. Jim Golden at : [jimmyg354@verizon.net](mailto:jimmyg354@verizon.net) by Monday, February 1, 2010. Hope to see you all there and feel free to bring a friend or two!

## Parish 50-50 Raffle

The Parish 50-50 Raffle Program for 2010 is about to begin. Don't miss out on the chance to win one of the 3 attractive monthly prizes and also help the parish meet its ongoing expenses. Half-year memberships (Jan – June) are \$50.00 and full year memberships (Jan – Dec) are \$100.00. Please submit membership fees with your name, address and telephone number to the Rectory Office by January 22nd.

Many thanks to all the folks who participated in this new program in 2009. Almost \$15,000 in prize money was distributed last year. Please consider being a participant in this year's program in order to help support Our Lady of Mercy and make this year's program as successful as last year's.

OLM Teen Club Welcomes 2010 - Let's take it to another level!

Sci-Fi or Real Life? & Game Night all in one!

Don't miss this DYNAMIC demonstration of one of the latest technologies in personal identification - Biometric Vascular Scanner. That's right, it's like Star Trek in real life! A BM scanner captures an individual's unique vascular pattern from the hand using passive infrared technology. It then scans your hand and matches it to the stored data to allow access to secure areas, computer files, etc.. This is a rare chance for you to view and try out this technology right here at OLM free of charge.

We will also present video gaming and the usual games, snacks and beverages. Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> - Teen Mass is at 6 p.m. and Teen Club follows from 7 to 9 p.m.

## Available

The rectory has three wheelchairs and two walkers in storage. If any parishioners have a need for them, they are welcome to call us at 1-718-268-6143 to arrange for a pick-up.

## **ADVANCE NOTICE BLOOD DRIVE MARK YOU CALENDAR**

Our Lady of Mercy has sponsored several very successful Blood Donation Drives in the past. There is still a CRITICAL BLOOD SHORTAGE and the New York Blood Center is asking again for our help. Our Lady of Mercy will be sponsoring a BLOOD DRIVE on Sunday, February 28, 2010 from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM in the Lower Church Hall. Please consider giving the gift of life by making a blood donation. For more information and/or to make a blood donation appointment, please call Sue Karcher at the Rectory Office (268-6143).

