

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 23rd
5:00 PM	Helen Speros
Sunday	January 24th
8:30 AM	Oskar Bedacht
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Peter French
6:00 PM	John Saver
Monday	January 25th
7:00 AM	Mina Sippenauer (22nd Anniversary)
8:30 AM	Alex Facinelli
12:00 PM	Eleanor Shavel and George & Elizabeth Schaber
Tuesday	January 26th
7:00 AM	Gerald McDonald (Birthday Remem)
8:30 AM	Andrew Cariello & William Bedus
12:00 PM	Maria Pinzon
Wednesday	January 27th
7:00 AM	Antonio Oliver, Jr. & Endulfo Oliver
8:30 AM	Michael, Caroline, Michael Sassi, Jr. & Roland Pugliese
12:00 PM	Aurora Castro (In Thanksgiving)
Thursday	January 28th
7:00 AM	Ethel Rohr
8:30 AM	Dec'd Members of Szabados Family
12:00 PM	Gregory Simko
Friday	January 29th
7:00 AM	Fred Taliercio
8:30 AM	Frank Sidlo & John Kelly
12:00 PM	Rose Gatto
Saturday	January 30th
8:30 AM	Lorraine Larsen
5:00 PM	Joan Koenderman
Sunday	January 31st
8:30 AM	Edmund, Amelia & Ada Forno
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Anita Carravaggio
6:00 PM	John & Stephen Hickey

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, Frank Morison, Zoraya Espliat, Justin McAdams, Dina Fabiitti

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Jeanne Kleinfield,
Godofredo Gomez

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – JANUARY 24th**

- Third Sunday in ORDINARY liturgical time.
- Children's liturgy at the 10:00 AM Mass.
- OLM CCD religious education children sponsored BAKE SALE in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 AM Mass – proceeds going to the Haitian relief fund.
- Second Collection for "Churches in Need"

MONDAY – JANUARY 25th

- Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.
- RCIA – 7:30 PM in Convent Meeting Room
- Scripture Study Group – 7:30 PM in Rectory

TUESDAY – JANUARY 26th

- Commemoration at the Masses of Sts. Titus and Timothy, Bishops.
- Prayer Group – 9:00 AM in Rectory Meeting Room
- Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.
- Bereavement meeting – Rectory at 7:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 27th

- Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.
- Golden Age Club Meeting – 12:00 PM in LCH.
- CCD religious instructions – assemble at 2:15 PM.
- Census Bureau training session – school meeting room – 5:00 to 8:00 PM.
- Divine Mercy – 7:30 PM in Church

THURSDAY – JANUARY 28th

- Commemoration at the Masses of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church.
- OLM School sponsored SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - Parish Hall -9:00 AM 2:00 PM
- Bereavement meeting – Rectory at 11:00 AM.
- CCD Confirmation class – Rectory at 4:00 PM.

FRIDAY – JANUARY 29th

- Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.
- Book Fair – Parish Hall – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

SATURDAY – JANUARY 20th

- Ordinary liturgical time weekday Masses.
- Book Fair – Parish Hall 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
- Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 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, US Navy, Timothy M. Gorman, Chief Hospital Corpsman, US Navy



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners;

I am happy to report that last week our parish collected over \$5,158 for the relief of the suffering in Haiti. This collection was deposited in our parish general account and on Wednesday, a check was drawn on that account and sent to Catholic Relief Services, care of the Diocese of Brooklyn. These funds will be used to feed, clothe and shelter thousands of Haitian people who have lost everything in the devastating earthquakes which struck their nation last week. Haiti is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere. Many Haitians had very little in the first place. Our generous response was overwhelming. Combined with hundreds of other such efforts in our Diocese, hopefully the citizens of Port Au Prince will experience some measure of consolation and hope.

The response of our parish to our brothers and sisters in need is the type of love commanded by the Gospels. It is not necessarily the emotional love, which is reserved for our closest relatives and friends, but rather it is a commitment to generously serve our neighbors especially those most in need. Your response makes real the commandment of Jesus: "To love your neighbor as yourself."

In Christ,

Monsignor John A. McGuirl

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.

Mark Your Calendars!

It's early yet, but mark your calendars for March 13th! That's the day of our gala St. Patrick's Day Dance. Food, beverages, dancing and a live band! More information to come but keep that evening open!

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 26th.

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.

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.

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. Visit our website at www.mygmgwwme.org or call 877-NYS-WWME.

OLM Book Club

The next selection for our Book Club is Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom. Our next meeting is on February 25th 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 book store, or purchase it on-line from Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Thank You

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

Census Workers

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

400 SECURITY OFFICERS NEEDED

Come join Securitas and the New York Yankees to work a seasonal position at the New Yankee Stadium. You must commit to attending all 83 home games. The starting salary is \$10.35 per hour. For details, contact Securitas at 212-629-5973, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. To apply online, go to www.securitasjobs.com.

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.

ATTENTION

COOKS – BAKERS – CHEFS

If you are interested in working on the second edition of the **OUR LADY OF MERCY COOKBOOK**, please leave your name and phone number at the Rectory.

Thank You!

SNOW SHOVELING

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

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2010

DATE	TIME	A C T I V I T I E S
01-27-10	7:30 pm	Cenacle of Divine Mercy at the Parish Hall
02-03-10	8:30 pm	Fellowship
	7:30 pm	DM Devotion
	8:00 pm	Eucharistic Exposition
02-10-10	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

ALTAR FLOWERS

Many thanks for this week's flowers donation given for

Anne A. Killian

by

Ilona Z. & John F. Killian

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week's donation for the Bread & Wine given Lovingly for:

Frank Simko

by

Eileen Simko

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

Eleanor Shavel and George & Elizabeth Schaber

by

Howard Shavel

Save the Date

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 13, 2010

7:30 PM – Midnight

LIVE BAND
The Rock Club

Dinner, Beer and Wine will be served

Please contact the following to make your reservation:

Gerry Whelan – 917-568-9318, Breda Buckley – 718-607-2182 or

Sinead Whelan – 917-749-1513



OLM Teen Club Welcomes 2010 - Let's take it to another level! - Sci-Fi & Game Night
Mark your calendars for the **DATE CHANGE** –
Sunday, January 31st - Teen Mass at 6 p.m. and
Teen Club from 7 to 9 p.m.

We will present a hands-on demonstration of one of the latest technologies in personal identification - Biometric Vascular Scanner. Capture your hand's unique vascular pattern and then match your hand to the stored data to get I.D.'d.

Try out this technology right here at OLM free of charge.

Also - Challenge your friends to Xbox and Wii tournaments at this meeting! (Bring your favorite games.)

Grades 8 and up only please.

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 by Monday, February 1, 2010. Hope to see you all there and feel free to bring a friend or two!

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.

**ADVANCE NOTICE
BLOOD DRIVE****MARK YOUR 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).

