

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 27th
5:00 PM	Elizabeth Walters
Sunday	February 28th
8:30 AM	Susan Sweeney (Birth Remembrance)
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Ethel Rohr
6:00 PM	John Hickey, Sr.
Monday	March 1st
7:00 AM	Edna Martin
8:30 AM	Joseph & Maria Labay
12:00 PM	Bridget Gilmartin Doran
Tuesday	March 2nd
7:00 AM	Michael Minischetti
8:30 AM	Domenico LoRusso & DeBellis Family
12:00 PM	Elizabeth Pasciuto
Wednesday	March 3rd
7:00 AM	Michael Minischetti
8:30 AM	Margherita Belcastro
12:00 PM	Joseph Ceravolo
Thursday	March 4th
7:00 AM	Michael Minischetti
8:30 AM	Mike & Frances Albano
12:00 PM	Eufrocina Perez (Living Int—Birthday)
Friday	March 5th
7:00 AM	Michael Steffy
8:30 AM	Michael Minischetti
12:00 PM	Vincent Lileika
Saturday	March 6th
8:30 AM	Helen Petti
5:00 PM	Vicki & Lew Kohlwey
Sunday	March 7th
8:30 AM	George Van Nostrand, Sr.
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Rose & Ralph Illuminato
6:00 PM	Maria Garrido

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, Charles Sullivan, Concetta & Vittorio Alesi, Mary O’Driscoll, Zoraya Esplait, Dina Fabiitti, Rose Bruno, Andy Brunetti, Joan Garone, Michael Gaynor, III

ARMED SERVICES

Edy Claudio & Robert Claudio,
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

William Surowiec

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of February 2010:
Aidan Emilio Rojas

BREAD AND WINE

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

Mary Baltrus
By
The Zalner Family

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 28**

-Second Sunday of Lent
-Blood Drive – 8:45 AM to 2:45 PM – LCH
-“Jesus of Nazareth” Film & Discussion – 3:00 PM – Church
-Teen Mass – 6:00 PM – Church
-Teen Club 2nd Anniversary Party – after the 6:00 PM Mass – Lower Church Hall

MONDAY – MARCH 1

-Lenten Weekday
-RCIA – 7:30 PM – Convent

TUESDAY – MARCH 2

-Lenten Weekday
-Prayer Group – 9:00 AM – Rectory Meeting Room
-Altar Server Training – 3:00 PM – Church
-Cub Scouts – 7:00 PM – Lower Church Hall
-“Awakening Faith” program (Session 2) – 7:30 PM – Rectory Meeting Room
-Lenten Retreat DVD program with Fr. Ron Rolheiser – 7:30 PM – Convent Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 3

-Lenten Weekday / Optional Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel
-Golden Age Club Meeting – 12:00 PM – LCH
-CCD – 2:15 PM – Church
-Divine Mercy Prayer Group – 7:30 PM – Church

THURSDAY – MARCH 4

-Lenten Weekday / Optional Memorial of St. Casimir
-CCD Confirmation Class – 4:00 PM – Rectory
-Stations of the Cross for the School – 1:30 PM – Church

FRIDAY – MARCH 5

-Lenten Weekday
-Stations of the Cross – after the 8:30 AM Mass – Church
-Daisy Scouts – 2:30 PM – Lower Church Hall
-Gardens Group A.A. Anniversary Party – 6:00 PM – LCH

SATURDAY – MARCH 6

-Lenten Weekday
-First Penance Service – 11:00 AM – Church
-Confessions – 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM – Church
-Line Dancing- 6:00 PM – Lower Church Hall

SNOW SHOVELING

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

Dear Parishioners:

The 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal begins this Sunday. This year, more than ever, our Diocese faces a financial fall-out. The economic turndown, continuous demographic changes plus aging personnel and infrastructures are factors in this economic reversal. In the past the Diocese of Brooklyn directly subsidized some parishes in order to maintain a Catholic presence in certain areas. Other parishes existed on partial subsidies. Areas once Catholic are no longer so. Yet the Diocesan Church, which includes all Catholics within the boundaries of Brooklyn (Kings) and Queens Counties, must proclaim the Gospel message in good times and in bad. We are reminded of this in the theme of the 2010 Appeal which is *God's love shines through us.... We are Priestly People.*

The ministerial priesthood is unique in the Catholic community. Under the guidance of the chief priest of the Diocese, our Bishop, the priests have a role of leadership, of Sacramental celebration, and proclamation of the Gospel. These roles exist to support and strengthen the People of God. Yet by Baptism and Confirmation every Catholic has the vocation of making Christ known in the world. Jesus Himself was the human Presence of God. Each of us is called to incarnate Christ again in our Forest Hills, Rego Park, Richmond Hill, Kew Gardens, or Glendale, neighborhoods. Others should encounter Christ when they experience our words, our actions, and our generosity.

The funds raised through Annual Catholic Appeal are dedicated funds and may not be used for any but the programs indicated. Those programs are:

Catholic Charities – addiction services; Center for Pregnant Women; Child Care Services; Parish & Community Services; Prison Ministries and Services for the Elderly.

Catholic Migration Services – assisting new-comers with legal, educational and pastoral services.

Catholic Education – Over 49,000 children are enrolled in our Diocesan Catholic grade schools. For some this is a major financial difficulty – funds are made available for needs-based scholarships

Faith Formation and Pastoral Life – Catechist Training; Diaconal Formation; evangelization programs; Lay Leadership Formation; Pre-Cana Marriage Programs; Office of the Sick; Pastoral Planning; Respect Life Education; Adult Faith Formation and the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO).

Chaplaincies – in our high schools and hospitals (For an example: a full-time chaplain is desperately needed at nearby Northshore/LIJ Hospital on 66th Road in north Forest Hills. Presently incomplete coverage for the Anointing of the Sick is rendered by the priests in the three parishes of our cluster and Holy Communion is brought by lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. But no priest is presently assigned full-time to walk the journey of suffering with those in that Hospital.) Chaplains are a desperately needed.

Finally an area that is fundamental to the life of our Church: **Vocations, vocations, vocations!!!!** To be blunt – no priests, no Church! Funds from this Appeal are utilized for scholarships for our major (post-college) seminarians; for the Cathedral Seminary Residence (College Age Seminarians) at Douglaston; the Vocation Office (Your pastor held the position of Vocation Director from 1978 to 1983.); assistance to Cathedral Preparatory High School in Elmhurst; and support of the John Paul II House of Discernment for men in college or at work, who are trying to discern the Lord's plan for them.

Our goal is the same as last year - \$71,021. If we exceed that amount, the balance over that amount will be returned to the Parish. This year we exceeded the goal by \$30,000, which in fact made the Diocesan Appeal our most successful parish fund raiser!

Everyone's circumstances are different so I simply ask you to do your best. Each year, Msgr. Langelier, Fr. Cremins and I make sacrificial contributions to this Appeal. We are agreed that we will not ask you to do something unless we do it also. Join us again this year.

Thank you,

Monignor John A. McGuire

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent de Paul clothing truck will be in front of the Church on Sunday, March 14th.

Clean clothing in good condition may be brought from 8:30 A.M. to Noon. Take time to clean closets of unused or outgrown clothing and share it with the needy. Perhaps your children can help in this worthwhile service activity. Your generosity is always appreciated.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Requests for help with food continue and our supplies are low. Our needs are: soups, rice, pasta, cereal, canned meats or fish, canned fruits and vegetables, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Please drop off one or more items in the boxes in the rear of the Church.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Book Club for Lent

Our next book club selection for Lent is *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Explore the meaning of temptation as letters are exchanged between two demonic forces, Screwtape and his nephew, Wormwood. Through sharp insight and humor, Lewis helps us understand the dynamics of temptation, and how to recognize and dispel the tempter. Please join us in reading this spiritual classic!



SOUP SUPPER

Our Lenten "Soup Supper" will be held Monday, March 15th at 6:30 P.M. in the Church Hall. Together we share a simple meal, express our care for our needier brothers and sisters and listen to the Lord's desire:

"Whatsoever you do to the least amongst us,
that you do unto me".

Sr. Eileen Coleman, IHM, will be the presenter. Proceeds from the Soup Supper will benefit the Haitian Earthquake recovery. Through our simple sharing of prayer, fasting and almsgiving we can make Soup Supper 2010 a living witness to our care for a larger world. When we increase love, we increase peace. All are welcome to join us. Please return the response form to the Rectory by Noon on March 11th

LENTEN RETREAT

Come on a simple Lenten Retreat with Fr. Ron Rolheiser's DVD Program. Sr. Ann Barbara will lead the reflections on *The Passion and The Cross* on March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 7:30 PM in the Convent Meeting Room. Registration forms are available at the doors of the church.

AWAKEN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Looking for an opportunity to explore, deepen or reconnect with your faith?

Awakening Faith may be just right for you. This six-session series includes topics such as "Spirituality: What's the Buzz?" "Can I Accept God's Mercy?" "Can the Mass Make My Life Meaningful?" and "The Church and Me." You can learn and ask questions...all in a friendly and confidential setting with other Catholics. Join us for the next five Tuesdays of Lent – Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 – at 7:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room.

BLOOD DRIVE

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 is sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE TODAY** Sunday, February 28, 2010 from 8:45 AM until 2:45 PM in the Lower Church Hall. Walk-ins are welcome so even if you didn't make an appointment, please consider giving the gift of life by making a blood donation.

LENTEN STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Set aside some time this Lenten season to join us as we study and reflect upon the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus as portrayed in the Franco Zeffirelli film *Jesus of Nazareth*. We are viewing the film on Sunday afternoons of Lent – February 28 and March 7, 14, 21 & 28 – at 3:00 PM in the church. Along with the showing of the film, there will be time for prayer, personal reflection and group discussion. There is no need to register for this study opportunity – just come. All are welcome!

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Congratulations if you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 40th or 50th (or above!) wedding anniversary. You are invited to celebrate your great day with Bishop DiMarzio at a special Mass scheduled for April 24th, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. at Our Lady of the Angels Church, 7320 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11209. Per-registration is necessary by March 31st, 2010. Please call the rectory office to register. (718)268-6143. Congratulations to all those wonderful couples.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Margaret Church (66-05 79 Place, Middle Village) is sponsoring "The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion", a contemporary expression of the Stations of the Cross. The service is being offered by Creative Ministries, a troupe of Christian actors, musicians and dancers. All are invited to re-live and reflect upon the Passion of our Lord. The service will be on March 14, 2010 at 3:00 PM. We hope you will be able to join us for this live dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross. It is for people of all ages.

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

1st Prize:	Ron & Martha Casabianca	\$483.34
2nd Prize:	M/M Charles Crawbuck, Sr.	\$290.00
3rd Prize:	Cornelia Facinelli	\$193.33

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

03-03-10	7:00 p.m.	DM Devotion
	7:30 p.m.	Healing Mass
03-10-10	7:30 p.m.	DM Cenacle
		Fellowship – Parish Hall
03-17-10	7:30 p.m.	DM Devotion and Chaplet
		Praise and Worship
		Fellowship – Parish Hall
03-24-10	7:30 p.m.	DM Cenacle
		Fellowship – Parish Hall
03-31-10	7:30 p.m.	DM Devotion
		Praise and Worship
		Fellowship – Parish Hall

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!

**OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL
REGISTRATION**

FOR THE 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Our Lady of Mercy School has space available in some grades. Please call the school office (718-793-2086) for information and an appointment. The following items are needed for registration: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization record, and recent report card (for students applying for grades 1-8). Diocesan Financial Aid is available for those who qualify (forms are available from the school office). We also offer Early Drop Off and After School Care.

Our Lady of Mercy School has excellent Pre-School Programs available for 3 & 4 year olds. Half day sessions (Monday through Friday from 8:15 AM to 11:00 AM) or full day sessions (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8:15 AM to 2:30 PM and Wednesday from 8:15 AM to 1:00 PM) are available. Classes Kindergarten through Grade 8 meet Monday through Friday from 8:15 AM to 2:30 PM except for Wednesday dismissal at 1:00 PM.

Save Money For Our School

As with Target, you can allot a portion of your purchases at Shop &Stop to Our Lady of Mercy School It's simple, quick and easy.

- Go to stopandshop.com
- Click on "our stores"
- Click on "A + Rewards"

Register your S&S card, (which is free and gives frequent discounts on groceries.)

- i. Enter the first three letters of your last name
- ii. Enter the 13 numbers on the back of your card
- iii Enter our school code: 08718

It can take up to seven days for your registration to become active, and the program ends on March 26th, so please be sure to register your cards a.s.a.p. **THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING!** - The Home School Association



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

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TEEN CLUB NEWS



OLM TEEN CLUB IS 2 YEARS OLD!!!

The Teen Club is having its 2nd Year Anniversary Party and is inviting All Teen Alumni of OLM Class 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 and Friends to come and celebrate!

FOOD, DANCING AND MUSIC

by
DJ MrJCool and his Gang (OLM 2007 Grads)
Feb. 28th after the 6pm Teen Mass.

**FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND
INDIVIDUAL THERAPY**

Professional therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 92 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the Diocese for the past 35 years for the convenience of parishioners. Services are provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or Diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503 or go to our website at <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.