

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 3rd
5:00 PM	No Mass
8:00 PM	Solemn Easter Vigil
Sunday	April 4th
8:30 AM	No
10:00 AM	Mass
12:00 PM	Intentions
6:00 PM	No Mass
Monday	April 5th
7:00 AM	Annette Taliercio
8:30 AM	Harry & Florence Lubeck
12:00 PM	Albert Romano
Tuesday	April 6th
7:00 AM	Andrew Cariello (3rd Anniversary)
8:30 AM	James Butler
12:00 PM	Henry Jagiello
Wednesday	April 7th
7:00 AM	Michael Minischetti
8:30 AM	Gaetano Fazio, Sr. (1st Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Dec'd Mem of Bush & Conway Families
Thursday	April 8th
7:00 AM	Michael Minischetti
8:30 AM	Dec'd Mem of Szabados Family
12:00 PM	Rose McNulty
Friday	April 9th
7:00 AM	Madeleine Dowling
8:30 AM	James Sweeney, Sr. (Birth Remem)
12:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Divine Mercy Community
Saturday	April 10th
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua
5:00 PM	Vincenzo & Angela DiGraci & Family
Sunday	April 11th
8:30 AM	Porfira Acosta
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Thomas Francis Gordon
6:00 PM	Clorinda Facinelli

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, Jean Buff Norton, Mary Panny, Mary Aloisi, Dr. Anthony Bennardo, Maria Vega, 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, Marco Caban, Yoshie Powell, Janis Wallenstein, Sarah Donahue, MaryAnn Schnepf, Denise Duranto, Theresa Piro Gorman, Dan Hochstadt

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 Kilsil 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, U.S. Navy, Timothy M. Gorman, Chief Hospital Corpsman, U.S. Navy, Capt. Peter Sulewski, U.S. Army

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Michael Paslawski, Arthur Burke
Maureen Crowley, Margaret Disco

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Shawn Kevin McGready - St. Anthony, Northport
Vaness Matsis - OLM

BREAD AND WINE

Many thanks for this week's donation for the Bread & Wine given lovingly in memory of:

Andrew Cariello
Love,
Carolyn

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4th**

-THE GREAT FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD!

- The Masses today – 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM & 12:00 noon. Note that there is no evening Mass today.

- Annual “Easter Egg Roll” on the Juno Street lawn following the 10:00 AM Mass.

- The second collection today is for the retired Brooklyn Diocesan Priests' Fund.

MONDAY – APRIL 5th

-Easter Season weekday Masses.

-Easter week recess for OLM School students.

TUESDAY – APRIL 6th

-Easter Season weekday Masses.

-No Prayer Group today

-No Cub Scout meeting today.

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 7th

-Easter Season weekday Masses.

-OLM Golden Age Club meeting – Parish Hall at noon,

-No CCD religious instruction classes today.

-Divine Mercy at 7:30 PM in Church.

THURSDAY – APRIL 8th

-Easter Season weekday Masses.

-No CCD Confirmation class today.

FRIDAY – APRIL 9th

-Easter Season weekday Masses.

SATURDAY – APRIL 10th

-Easter Season weekday Mass at 8:30 AM.

-Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

-“Line Dancing” – Parish Hall at 6:30 PM.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 4, after the 10:00 AM Mass for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children ages 4 and under should line up along Juno Street on both sides of the Lower Church Hall steps; older children should line up along the Juno Street and 70th Avenue corner. Please bring 2 surprise filled eggs for each child and some extras for our visiting friends and families.

Dear Parishioners:

Rejoice and be glad! This Sunday is the Sunday of Sundays, the one of which all others are reflections! It is the Day of Days! Jesus the Christ has conquered death! Two days ago, as we celebrated the Passion and death of the Lord, it seemed that sin and darkness had prevailed. Now they are dispelled by the light of the Resurrection.

The Resurrection is the keystone of our Faith. It is the central belief on which all others are built. To paraphrase St. Paul, if Christ did not rise from the dead then our faith is in vain and we are the greatest of fools. Many year ago, in one of his earlier theological works, Father Andrew Greeley, the American priest-sociologist, referred to Easter as the "Great Affirmation". Young or old, conservative or liberal, man or woman, educated or not, rich or poor, today we gather to rejoice in God's loving plan. A plan that affirms our deepest hopes and desires: that life is meaningful and that it is not totally contained in the number of years we have here.

The Cross and Passion are very real and in various ways we can relate to Jesus' suffering. On some level we have or will share in them. But today proclaims that death does not have the final word. The God, Who called us into life, intends that our lives be renewed in a new and glorious way.

Jesus was intimately involved in the life of His Father and Jesus lives. Through Baptism we are bound to Jesus and we are also called to live anew. Jesus leads us in a battle against sin and darkness that often scars us with its crosses but the Resurrection transcends and overrides them.

At this time of the year, even the annual rebirth of nature seems to correspond to the mystery of Faith. In fact, in early English, the word "Easter" meant springtime. As nature renews itself, reminders are all around us that we too will be renewed. That rebirth is beyond our ability to completely grasp or describe it. The Gospels do their best to present this new reality. Yet the powerful experience of the Risen Lord transformed a group of fearful disciples into a powerhouse that launched a worldwide movement that finds its hope renewed in the Good News. So convinced were the early disciples that they were willing to face martyrdom for this belief. They believed death was not the end but rather as St. Paul again wrote: "the eye has not seen, nor the ear has heard, nor the human heart felt what God has prepared for those who love Him". We proclaim with hearts full of joy and hope: "Jesus Christ, the Lord, has risen today, alleluia".

In the spirit of Easter joy, Monsignor Langelier, Father Cremins, Deacon Ed, our Sisters and our entire parish and schools staffs join me in wishing all of our parishioners, their friends and families a glorious and Happy Easter!

Monsignor John A. McGuire

**PARISH WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

At our glorious Easter Vigil, seven members of our RCIA Program became initiated in the Catholic faith:

Rince Calder, Carol Edwards, Jenny Lin, Kristin Bruno, Liana Ascarrunz, Jessica Ascarrunz and Milton Patterson.

Having come to love the Gospels and formed themselves around faith in Jesus Christ, we welcome them as "new life" in our community and send them our support and prayers for their continued growth in the faith. May the God who calls them strengthen them, and all of us as we seek to live as faithful disciples.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Each year we provide an opportunity for adults who, for whatever reason, were never Confirmed. Any adult who is interested in being prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is urged to contact Sr. Ann Barbara at 718-261-6285. Classes will be held in the Convent and conclude with the reception of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010. If you or someone you know can benefit from this opportunity, please contact Sister as soon as possible.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The "Holy Trinity" Paschal Candle
burns in Loving Memory of

Helen and Frank Dubiel
and

Helen and James Freeley

by the
Dubiel and Freeley Families

**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

Annual Catholic Appeal - 2010

We are doing quite well in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. So far, 86 parish families have pledged \$27,755.00 against our mandated goal of \$71,021. We are almost at the half-way mark! Of that, \$22,397.50 has already been paid. For an Appeal that is less than a month old, this is excellent. Our success, among other things, will continue to demonstrate to our Diocesan authorities the fiscal solvency and viability of our parish. As I often have emphasized, this Appeal actually becomes our largest fund-raiser because any funds over the Goal are returned to the parish. Last year over \$20,000 was returned to us. Among other things, this Appeal assists our retired clergy - those who gave their lives for their people - as well as those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. If we love our Church and our parish, we must be concerned about an increase in worthy, devout vocations to the priesthood. It can not be stated more bluntly: "No priests = no Church". We can not afford to fail those who are contemplating Christ's call "to follow Me" in the priesthood. Financial times are not easy so I only ask that each parishioner do what is appropriate for them in their circumstances.

As always my thanks for your continued generosity and support.

Monsignor McGuirl

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY – GRADUATE SCHOOL OF RELIGION

"Summer Transformation at Fordham University" – During the Summer Session at Fordham University, outstanding faculty provide a rich array of courses on theological and ministerial topics. Classes are available at multiple New York locations. Online courses are also available. Take one class or complete an M.A., Ph.D., M.Div. or certificate in one of many areas of specialization. For further information, or to register for a course, call 718-817-4800, e-mail: gre@fordham.edu, visit www.fordham.edu or visit our Rose Hill campus and meet our faculty, students and staff in person.

FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 102 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the Diocese for the past 36 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>.

Book Club for Lent



**BOOK
CLUB**

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. We will meet on April 15th at 7:30 P.M. in the School Library. Please join us in reading this spiritual classic!

CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE

An 8-week Leadership Course for Adults is being offered by The Christophers on Wednesday nights from April 21 through June 9 in the Wall Street area. Climb out of the winter doldrums! Build confidence, improve speaking skill and strengthen your interpersonal abilities. Friendly learning environment. Early bird registration by April 8, cost is \$100; after April 8, cost is \$125 per person. Cost includes manual and materials. For more information or to register, call toll-free (888) 298-4050, Ext. 249, log on to the website www.christophers.org/leadership or e-mail leadership@christophers.org.

DOMINICAN VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

Dominican Village, a not-for-profit, non-sectarian, Independent and Assisted Living Residence Rental Retirement Community, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic, is holding an Open House from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on April 8, 17, 22 & 29. For more information, contact Emily in the Community Relations Office at 631-842-6618.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY – "THREE THINGS TALKS"

"Three Things Talks," sponsored by St. John's University, is a series which addresses issues of Catholic belief and teaching. The talks are primarily intended for adult Catholics who want to know more about their faith, and also for those who are interested in what Catholics believe. The next "Three Things Talks" will focus on "The Development of Eucharistic Liturgy." The talks, given by St. John's University Theology Department faculty, will be held at St. Thomas More Church on the Queens Campus of St. John's University on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The first talk, "Liturgy after the Last Supper," will begin at 10:00 AM, the second talk, "The Mass: Trent to Vatican II," will begin at 11:00 AM and the third talk, "Celebrating Eucharist after Vatican II," will begin at Noon. Following each presentation, there will be a brief period of questions and discussion and a short break for refreshments. You are welcome to attend any or all of the talks. There is no charge. For more information, go to www.stjohns.edu/threethings.

St. John's University is also sponsoring a "Year for Priests" Evening Reflection on "Meals in Luke: Lessons on Eucharist." The Evening Reflection will be given by Fr. Patrick J. Griffin, CM on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Thomas More Church on the Queens Campus of St. John's University. There is no charge. All are welcome.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory Of

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His Son, George

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Castillo Family

Leonor Alvarez and
Garrity Family



COMMUNITY NEWS

-Our Lady of the Angelus, Rego Park has organized a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal for the October 13th Feast Day. The tour also includes Lourdes & Paris, France and Burgos, Spain. For further information call: PRISCILLA PRICHARD AT: 718-275-6884 or e-mail: pprichard19@hotmail.com

-A Job Fair, sponsored by New York State Senator Joseph Addabbo, Jr., will be held on Friday, April 9, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Aqueduct Racetrack, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd, South Ozone Park. Over 100 potential employers are expected, so bring plenty of resumes. Business attire suggested. For more information, contact Peter in Sen. Addabbo's District Office at 718-738-1111.

-Holy Child Jesus School, located at 111-11 86 Avenue in Richmond Hill, will be hosting a Rummage Sale on Friday, April 16 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and on Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the gym. For more information, call Jennifer at 917-743-2311.

-St. Francis of Assisi School, located at 21 Avenue and 46 Street in Astoria, will be hosting its annual Spring Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday, April 24 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Tables are available for \$50 each. If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Lucy at 917-335-2695 or Angie at 917-841-5219 as soon as possible.

-A Trip to the Cape Cod Irish Village, lead by Father Vincent Daly from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in South Ozone Park, will take place from May 10 to 14, 2010. Call Father Daly or Martha at 718-843-1212 for more information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH
ASSEMBLY**

Christ Jesus, Our Hope

ON APRIL 18 AT 1:00 PM – PARISH HALL

We invite you to help us review the pastoral and financial life of our parish and provide input on questions and planning regarding our future. We will begin with a light lunch at 1:00 PM followed by prayer and group discussion.

Add your voice to this reflective conversation about

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

1 st Prize: G. Bynoe	\$483.34
2 nd Prize: M. & C. LaPunzina	\$290.00
3 rd Prize: Anne & Frank DiMarco	\$193.33

Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home in Bayside is pleased to announce that the 13th Annual Rose of Carmel Benefit Gala will be held at Russo's on the Bay on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. All proceeds will benefit The Ozanam Geriatric Foundation. For further information or tickets, please contact Gail D. O'Donovan, Sr. Charlotte Michael or Kathleen Baratta in the Development Office at 718-971-2020 / 2021 or 2022.