

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 24th
5:00 PM	Rosalia Houtchens
Sunday	April 25th
8:30 AM	Rose A. McNulty
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Filippo Zaccaria (1st Anniversary)
6:00 PM	Mickey Dowd
Monday	April 26th
7:00 AM	Ellen Kaestel
8:30 AM	Louise Foertsch
12:00 PM	Jody Marie Work
Tuesday	April 27th
7:00 AM	Michael Minischetti
8:30 AM	Michael, Caroline, Michael Sassi, Jr & Roland Pugliese
12:00 PM	Jimmy & Joseph Bellina
Wednesday	April 28th
7:00 AM	Ethel Rohr
8:30 AM	Jozef Grebowiec
12:00 PM	Nancy Palmese
Thursday	April 29th
7:00 AM	Michael Joseph Coyle
8:30 AM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
12:00 PM	Charles & Aurelia Bellina
Friday	April 30th
7:00 AM	Michael Paslawski
8:30 AM	Capt. Peter Sulewski (Living Intention)
12:00 PM	Albert Romano
Saturday	May 1st
8:30 AM	Seamus P. Mullarkey
5:00 PM	Martin Heaney (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday	May 2nd
8:30 AM	Catherine Spatola
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Felipo Esquen (1st Anniversary)
6:00 PM	William Lynam

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, Theresa Piro Gorman, Dan Hochstadt, Michael Ackkerman, Bridget Donaghy, Tina Ambrisano, Eileen Sullivan

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 Kilsa Ciprian, US Army, Sgt. 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

AnnaMarie Barbarito

ALTAR FLOWERS

Many thanks for this week’s flowers donation given for

Miczyzlaw Pawlak
by
Ilona Z. & John F. Killian

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – APRIL 25th**

- Fourth Sunday of EASTER.
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations.
- Brief reflection at all of the Masses by two of our Diocese’s seminarians.
- Children’s Liturgy at the 10:00 AM Mass.
- Appreciation Mass – 12:00 PM in Church
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- Second collection today for “Catholic Home Missions”.

MONDAY – APRIL 26th

- Easter season weekday liturgy at the Masses.

TUESDAY – APRIL 27th

- Easter season weekday liturgy at the Masses.
- “Holy Spirit” prayer group – rectory at 9:00 AM.
- “Awakening Faith” program session 8 – rectory meeting room at 7:30 PM.
- Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 28th

- Easter season weekday liturgy at the Masses.
- OLM Golden Age Club meeting – Parish Hall at noon.
- CCD religious instructions – assemble in church at 2:15 PM.

- “Divine Mercy” prayer group – church at 7:30 PM.

THURSDAY – APRIL 29th

- Commemoration at the Masses of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church.
- CCD Confirmation class – rectory meeting room at 4:00 PM.

FRIDAY – APRIL 30th

- Easter season weekday liturgy at the Masses
- OLM School “Race for Education”.
- Daisy Scouts – Parish Hall at 2:30 PM.
- “Movie Night” – Evening in Parish Hall. 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

SATURDAY – MAY 1ST

- Easter season weekday liturgy at the 8:30 AM Mass.
- First Holy Communion Mass at 10:30 AM.
- First Holy Communion Mass at 1:30 PM.
- Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.
- “Line Dancing” session – Parish Hall at 6:30 PM.

Dear Parishioners:

As you know, the Diocese of Brooklyn has embarked on an evaluation program entitled, Christ Jesus Our Hope. One element of that program is the convocation of a Parish Assembly. We held that Assembly last Sunday. Frankly, we were expecting about fifty people and over double that number attended. After a light lunch, everyone got down to business. Our mandate was to examine the strengths and weaknesses of our parish. The participants were asked to answer four basic questions and then to submit their answers on index cards. Several members of the Parish Pastoral Council remained after the Assembly in order to collate the hundreds of index cards that were submitted. This week the Pastoral Council and the Finance Board will meet to analyze the responses of our parishioners so that we can develop a critical reflection on our parish in the context of the larger Diocesan Church. That reflection will be forwarded to the Diocesan Planning Office along with those of almost two hundred other parishes in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens.

This vast amount of information will provide our Bishop with the tools that he needs to formulate a plan of action for the future. This plan must consider the personnel needs of the Diocese, demographic shifts in population, financial resources, and the participatory levels of the Catholic faithful.

I will try to keep you informed as we move forward but meanwhile I do wish to thank the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, under the direction of Mrs. Rubi Gadi Macauley for the Assembly preparations. Many thanks to our presenters: Rubi, Richard Karsten and Gerry Whelan. Needless to say, many people worked behind the scenes to prepare food, set tables, collate materials and to handle the details that insure a worthwhile and efficiently run Assembly. A special word of thanks goes to the hundred and six parishioners who gave up several hours of a beautiful Sunday afternoon to attend the Assembly.

Our Diocesan newspaper, The Tablet is issuing a summary of a four-part Diocesan Report, which began last week. (Last week's Tablet did not arrive on time so please take home today's issue as well as that of last week.) If you would like to read the entire text of Part One and Part Two, please visit: www.ChristJesusOurHope.com. Thank you all for your support and cooperation. I am gratified that so many have the welfare of our parish at heart.

In Christ,

Monsignor John A McGuirl

Welcome!!!!!!



One crucial element of the Christ Jesus Our Hope initiative is the promotion of worthy and good vocations to the Diocesan priesthood. It is not a healthy sign to have a predominately older priesthood. We must have younger candidates who come from the same cultural reality as our younger Catholics and who speak their language. In that way the Gospel will be effectively preached and the Sacraments worthily celebrated in the future. Younger men also have the energy and strength to act on the many aspects of parish life that the Diocesan Assemblies have considered.

This weekend marks World Day of Prayer for Vocations and we are delighted that two of our major seminarians will offer reflections on their vocations at each Sunday Mass. Both Mr. Raymond Flores and Mr. Paul Kim are First Theologians (the first of the four years of post college theological study) at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington New York. The majority of the Diocesan priests on Long Island did their post-collegiate theological work and formation at Huntington. Both Mr. Kim and Mr. Flores are twenty-three years of age so their message has a particular impact on our younger parishioners. Welcome to both of them.

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.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY EVENING REFLECTION

St. John's University is 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.

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: April 27th at 7:30 P.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room. (Date changed due to Tuesday evening Lenten Programs).

Next Morning Meeting: April 29th at 11:00 A.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Whatever your loss, we are here for you.

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

One among many signs of health in our Diocese and parishes is out-reach. That can take several forms, but one very important element is the support we give to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Among other things, the funds from this Appeal support our seminarians and the seminary system: Immaculate Conception Seminary; our Brooklyn/Queens students at the North American College in Rome; Cathedral House of Formation (college age students who take their courses at St. John's University); and the Pope John Paul II House of Discernment for older men who are considering a vocation to the Diocesan priesthood. It also gives some assistance to Catholic High School in Elmhurst. These funds are also utilized for the support and care of our aged and retired priests, who offered their lives in our service.

Our Goal mandated by the Diocese is the same as last year - \$71,021. One hundred and one family units already have pledged \$32,830.00 has been pledged and of this, \$26,190.00 has already been paid.

In effect this Appeal has become our biggest parish fundraiser because any amount over the goal is returned to the parish.

If you have not made your pledge, please consider doing so. No amount is too small.

Community News

-A **Sneak Peek Open House at Dominican Academy** will be held for 7th grade girls and their parents on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 4:30 PM at 44 East 68 Street in Manhattan. Dominican Academy is a Catholic, college preparatory school for girls founded in 1897 and operated by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. It is accredited by Middle States and has twice been designated a *Blue Ribbon School of Excellence* by the U.S. Department of Education. To RSVP or for further information, please contact Mrs. Jo Ann Fannon, Associate Director of Admissions, at 212-744-0195 or jfannon@dominicanacademy.org.

-A **Day of Retreat**, sponsored by Rosary for Life, Inc., will be given by Msgr. Andrew Vaccari at Good Shepherd Parish, 1950 Batchelder Street and Avenue S, Brooklyn, NY 11229 on May 22, 2010.

- The **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at the 12:05 PM Mass. All are welcome.

Community News

-**Harvest Houses** in Syosset, Long Island, created in 1985, is a model of housing for seniors. There are now three Harvest Houses on Long Island; the original in Syosset, Harvest Grove in Lake Grove and Harvest Park in Floral Park. Each serves eight well, independent elderly men and women, in a true experience of family. Each House offers affordable, gracious living with privacy and companionship, security and quality of life. There are openings at the Syosset and Floral Park Residences. Please contact: Sister Jeanne A. Brendel, O.P., CSW, Executive Director, at 1-516-496-9796.

-**Holy Cross High School** at 26-20 Francis Lewis Boulevard, Flushing is sponsoring a summer basketball camp. There will be four sessions. For further information and/or to request an application, call (718) 886-7250, ext. 525 or visit their website at www.holycrosshs.org.

-**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 and Paris, France and Burgos, Spain. For further information, call Priscilla Prichard at 718-275-6884 or e-mail prrichard19@hotmail.com.

-**The 1st Annual Community Earth Day Fair** will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2010 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Central Queens Y in Forest Hills. For more information on the Earth Day Fair, call 718-268-5011, ext. 151, e-mail pkurtz@cqvjcc.org or visit our website at www.cqvjcc.org.

-A **Neighborhood Flea Market**, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Forest Hills, will be held on Sunday, May 16, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (set-up at 7:30 AM) in the Maspeth Federal Savings Bank parking lot at 101-09 Metropolitan Avenue, Forest Hills. There is a \$20 non-refundable donation to the Forest Hills Kiwanis Club and a \$10 refundable clean up fee to reserve a space. For more information, call Victoria Grappone at Maspeth Federal at 718-520-1500

-The **10th Annual Sisters of Charity-Halifax Golf Outing** will be held on Monday, July 12, 2010 at Cherry Valley Country Club in Garden City, NY. The day includes brunch, links fees, evening reception and dinner. An evening reception and dinner only option is also available. Tickets are now on sale. For further information or to make reservations, please contact Lauren Manning at 718-424-1813 or e-mail lmanning@schalifax.ca.

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

Albert Romano
by
Walter & Josephine Bebirian

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSALS

For May 1st Communion at 10:30 A.M.

Tuesday, April 27th in Church – OLM & Public School Children: 3:00 P.M.

Evening Rehearsal for Parents and children – Church at 7:30 P.M.

For May 1st Communion at 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 28th in Church – OLM & Public School Children: 3:00 P.M.

Evening Rehearsal for Parents and Children – Church at 7:30 P.M.

For May 8th Communion at 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday, May 5th in Church for OLM & Public School Children: 2:30 P.M.

Evening Rehearsal for Parents and Children – Church at 7:30 P.M.

Please Note: There are two rehearsals for each group:

- Children must attend afternoon rehearsal and**
- Parents and children must attend evening rehearsal.**
- Each will last approximately one hour**

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
05-05-10	7:00 p.m.	DM Devotion, Chaplet
	7:30 p.m.	Healing Mass
05-12-10	7:30 p.m.	DM Cenacle
		Fellowship – Parish Hall
05-19-10	7:30 p.m.	DM Devotion, Chaplet
		Praise and Worship – Church
		Fellowship – Parish Hall
05-26-10	7:30 p.m.	DM Cenacle
		Fellowship – Parish Hall

News from the 112th Police Precinct Council:

Census Forms – Please mail back your completed census form. For each person who is not counted, the community loses \$30,000. In addition, the number of representatives for Queens is determined by the count.

Burglary Alert – keep yourself safe:

- Make sure all windows and doors are locked at night before going to bed
- Call 911 if you see anything suspicious
- Leave your front and rear lights on at night.
- Leave a radio and a light on when you are not at home
- If you have an alarm, activate it before going to bed and when leaving for the day

For a free security survey of your home, call Crime Prevention Officer Vailes at 718-520-9319

All About Queens – This is a weekly cable interview TV show, hosted by Heidi Chain, featuring discussions about topics that affect our residents, businesses and community. It can be seen on Monday at 9:00 PM on Channel 34 (Time Warner Cable) and Channel 82 (RCN). It can also be seen on Tuesday at 12:00 PM on Channel 56 (Time Warner Cable) and Channel 84 (RCN). E-mail Heidi Chain at heidichain@yahoo.com with ideas for topics or guests

Essay Contest – The 112th Precinct Council and Maspeth Bank are co-sponsoring an Essay Contest for students in grades 4 through 12. The topic of the essay is the prevention of cyberbullying. Essays must be 500 words in length, be written in pen, and contain the student’s contact information and grade. Essays must be submitted by May 14th to the 112th Precinct, 68-40 Austin Street.

Little Sisters of The Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor, who work with the elderly poor of our Diocese and throughout the world, invite you to an evening of *Broadway Classics* sung by Gay Willis at Bishop Kellenberg High School in Uniondale, Long Island at 2:00 P.M. on May 16th. For tickets and further information, please call 1-718-464-180 or E-mail: qpdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org

The Little Sisters also invite all golfers to their annual Queen of Peace Residence Golf Outing and Dinner on Monday, May 3rd, 2010 at the Hempstead Country Club. For more information, please call the Development Office at 1-718-464-1800.

HELPING HANDS

If you know someone who can use the following services please indicate name and information of person, and give form to Rectory Office:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

_____ Friendly Phone Call _____ Friendly Visit

_____ Shopper _____ Receive Cards in mail



Thank You- Sr. Ann Barbara and “Helping Hands” Ministry