

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 15th
5:00 PM	Sabino, Mary, John, Mary Ann & Yolanda Camporese
Sunday	May 16th
8:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Maria Pinzon
6:00 PM	Mary Hickey
Monday	May 17th
7:00 AM	Michael Joseph Coyle
8:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena
12:00 PM	Denise Durando
Tuesday	May 18th
7:00 AM	Ellen Madden
8:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena
12:00 PM	Eleanor Shavel and George & Elizabeth Schaber
Wednesday	May 19th
7:00 AM	Andrew Cariello & Mary K. Miller
8:30 AM	Terri Luczak
12:00 PM	William J. Kirby & Leonard V. Quigley
Thursday	May 20th
7:00 AM	Richard Kelly
8:30 AM	Theresa Luczak (1st Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Rosemary Sauro & Mary Russomanno
Friday	May 21st
7:00 AM	Rita O'Melia
8:30 AM	Dec'd Members of Szabados Family
12:00 PM	Mary Clifford Zarnitz
Saturday	May 22nd
8:30 AM	Fr. Nicola Antoni
5:00 PM	John Crummy
Sunday	May 23rd
8:30 AM	Ada Tarroux
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Terri Luczak
6:00 PM	Betty Martinez

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, Larisa Matatov, Christine Alzati

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Victorio Alessi

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Jason A. Almeida - OLM
Shines Marin - OLM

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – MAY 16th**

-Seventh Sunday of EASTER.
-No Children's Liturgy today.
-Annual OLM Home School Association sponsored *FASHION SHOW* – Parish Hall at 1:00 PM.
-Second collection today is for "CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS."

MONDAY – MAY 17th

-Easter season weekday liturgy at the Masses.

TUESDAY – MAY 18th

-Easter season weekday liturgy at the Masses.
-"Holy Spirit" prayer group – Rectory – 9:00 AM.
-Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM
-Scripture Study Group – Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY – MAY 19th

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

-"Divine Mercy" prayer group – church at 7:30 P.M.

-Yoga class – School – 7:30 PM.

THURSDAY – MAY 20th

-Easter season weekday liturgy at the Masses.
-"Helping Hands" meeting – rectory at 10:30 AM.
-CCD Confirmation class – rectory at 4:00 PM.

FRIDAY – MAY 21st

-Easter season weekday liturgy at the Masses.
-Daisy Scouts – Parish Hall at 2:30 PM.

SATURDAY – MAY 22nd

-Easter season weekday liturgy at the 8:30 AM Mass.
-Teen Club sponsored CAR WASH – Juno Street – 11:00 AM to 3:00PM (Rain date – Sunday – 5/23).
-Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.
-Memorial Mass for Marie Lapitino (Sister Francis Rose's mother) church at 11:00 AM.
-St. Lawrence Ruiz sponsored "FLORES de MAYO" – Procession – Mass - Reception - Parish Hall - all beginning at 6:30 PM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

The last day for our Wednesday classes will be May 19th. We will celebrate with Mass at 2:30 P.M.
Parents are most welcome to attend.

Dear Parishioners:



Summer will soon be upon us and hopefully many of us will have a chance, no matter how brief, to stretch our wings and plunge ourselves into the beauties of God's creation, be it through travel or simply planting ourselves for a while at the seashore or in the mountains. Nevertheless, during the vacation period, parish life continues, though in a somewhat reduced scale. What never seem to see a reduced scale are the expenses of running the parish. Recently and unexpectedly, I received notice that the St John Vianney and Good Shepherd Diocesan Funds, which underwrite various aspects of the expenses of our elderly clergy, were at their inception undersubscribed. The downturn in the stock market exacerbated that problem. Now our parishes, who are the contributors to these funds, must contribute more. A similar situation exists with the Workmen's Compensation Fund and again our contribution must rise. The City of New York has legislated that all hydraulic elevators must have a failure detection system. The latter will monitor the level of hydraulic fluid which is the dynamic element in our parish elevator. The City may require such a monitor but we will pay for it. I mention these things as the type of items that were unexpected and yet draw upon our parish resources.

There is no buried treasure. If anyone knows of one, please do give me a ring! Our parish investments have improved with the resurgence of the market and now they equal a little over four hundred thousand dollars. As promising as this may sound, we would not have enough in reserves to support our parish for six months if normal sources of income (the collections) were impeded. There are about forty thousand dollars in other smaller accounts. If we had a major or ruinous expense that obliged me to draw from those funds we were would be in poor financial shape.

Two weeks ago due to the diligence of our Parish Planning Council, the parish had a magnificent Parish Assembly. Over a hundred parishioners took an active part planning for our parish's future. Our attendance was one of the largest of which I am aware. The parishioners were enthusiastic and vocal. In time their suggestions will be sent to Bishop DiMarzio to be incorporated into a larger Diocesan plan of Strategic Planning for the Future. One indication (and I emphasize that it only one indicator!) of parish health is finances. If people do not contribute to the parish in which they worship their God, educate their children and draw hope and comfort for themselves, then it is possible that they are dissatisfied or unhappy. Hopefully this is not true. Earlier in this year we had an increased Giving Campaign in our parish (and every other Diocesan parish). For awhile our weekly collection increased by over a thousand dollars. This expedited the payment of our normal running expenses and helped to augment a Repair Fund in a local bank. Lately it has begun to slip a bite. I do implore those who committed themselves to increase their weekly contribution, to continue to do so, if their means permit.

Many parishioners have found it convenient to enter the Parish Pay Program. If you use this program, you have no more worries about leaving the wallet on the bureau at home or forgetting the weekly envelopes! You need not worry about absences due to vacations, travel or indisposition! The Parish Pay Program provides that the amount you determine will be withdrawn weekly from an account that you also determine. Not only may this be a convenience to you (especially our younger parishioners who transact much of their financial life electronically) but it guarantees that the parish has a steady income. Automatically your contribution will arrive at your spiritual home! For further information on this innovative program, please call the parish office (7180268-6143) or contact us at: www.mercyhills.org during business hours.

In the past months I have indicated in the bulletin or *Mercy Mirror*, those parishioners who increased their weekly contributions as a result of the Increased Giving Program. Therefore before closing I would like to thank Ms Katharina Feger who recently submitted her commitment to raise her weekly contribution.

In Christ,

Monsignor McGuire

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





OLM Teen Car Wash

TEEN CAR WASH -- MAY 22ND

The Teen Club is having their annual Car Wash Fundraiser on Saturday May 22nd from 11 am to 3pm.

We hope to see you there. You can't get a better deal than \$5 per Car Wash.

If you have towels to donate, we appreciate if you leave them at the Rectory anytime next week. Also, if you are interested in volunteering for this event, contact Rubi Macaulay at 718-300-5685 or email olm.teenconnect@gmail.com.

Free Meals Available

New restaurant serves free dinners from 4pm-9pm on Sunday-Thursdays. Masbia is located at 98-08 Queens Blvd. and serves 3 course, freshly cooked meals. People of all ages and faiths are welcome. It is a sit down dinner with waiter service.

If you or anyone you know is in need of a hot meal, please make use of this great service and spread the word to others who may be in need. For more info contact Sr. Ann Barbara.

Book Club



Our parish book club is reading *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Set in 1962 during the early days of the Civil Rights movement, this book explores with subtlety and courage, the relationships that exist among homeowners and their maids in a time when both women's roles and black rights are on the brink of change. Next meeting to discuss

this book is June 10th at 7:30pm in the Library. Grab a copy, curl up for a great read and come for a challenging chat!

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: May 25th at 7:30 P.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Next Morning Meeting: May 27th at 11:00 A.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Whatever your loss, we are here for you.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR MARIE LAPITINO

On Saturday, May 22 at 11:00 AM, we will celebrate a special Memorial Mass in memory of Marie Lapitino, the mother of Sister Francis Rose Lapitino, IHM, who has taught the Pre-K class in our parish school for many years. Sister's Mom passed away on April 27 in Scranton, PA and her funeral Mass was celebrated there. The Memorial Mass here will give our parish community the chance to express our sympathy and condolences to Sister Frannie and her family. All are welcome to attend.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

Beginning on Tuesday, May 18 (and Monday evenings thereafter), the Scripture Study Group will be studying, **The Gospel of John**, using an audio program presented by Father Donald Senior, C.P., an renowned biblical scholar and President of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Each session will consist of a talk by Fr. Senior and time for group reflection and discussion. A study guide will be provided. All are invited – no need to pre-register, just come!

OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
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

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

Kathie Vesely
by
Bernadette Boyle

Timmy Dorsey
by
Jim Murphy

Father Edward W. Troike Leadership Program – 2010

For thirty five (35) years, Cathedral Preparatory Seminary High School at 56-25 92nd Street, Elmhurst (behind the Queens' Center) has sponsored a summer leadership program for sixth and seventh grade boys. For seventh grader boys the classes are designed to assist students prepare for the TACHS (Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools) and also sharpen basic skills in preparation for 8th grade. A new program for sixth (6th) grade boys has been developed to give them a taste of high school life. There is also a daily sports' clinic (softball, basketball and game room). The program hopes to instill qualities of Christian and community leadership. Cost is \$500 from the entire program from July 6th to July 30th. For further information, please call: Father John P. Cush at (718) 592-6800, ext120

Save The Day

Cathedral Prep. High School, Elmhurst, will honor Father John Fullum, the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Glendale at a "Dinner & Wine Tasting Event" on Tuesday, June 1st, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. This gala event honors Father Fullum as long-time former faculty member and for his outstanding devotion both to the Cathedral and to pastoral ministry in our Diocese. This gala event will be held at *Abbracciamento's Restaurant* at 69-96 Woodhaven Boulevard, Rego Park. The cost will be \$75.00 for a full dinner and wine tasting. For further information, please call the Development & Alumni Office at 718-592-6800, x137 or register online at www.cathedralprepalumni.com. *Cathedral Prep is the only Day Prep Seminary in the United States of America and it has been named one of the Top 50 Catholic High Schools in the country by the National Catholic Honor Roll.*

MERCY COOKS

Join the fun! Send in your favorite American or International recipes for the *new* OLM Cookbook. Enclose your typed recipe in an envelope labeled "OLM Cookbook" and drop it off at the Rectory. An e-mail address (mercycooks@earthlink.net) is provided for those who would prefer to send their delightful and scrumptious recipes via e-mail. Help us cook up some good *eats* to benefit Our Lady of Mercy Church and School.

Community News

-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.

-**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.

-The **Parkside Players** are presenting the Marx Brothers play **Animal Crackers** at Grace Lutheran Church, 103-15 Union Turnpike, on May 21, 22, 28 & 29 at 8:00 PM and May 16 & 23 at 2:00 PM. Admission is \$17 (\$14 for Seniors). For tickets and reservations call 718-497-4922 or reserve online at www.parksideplayers.com.

-**Franciscan Spirit Tours** is sponsoring several pilgrimages to holy sites around the world: Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more information, contact Franciscan Spirit Tours at 646-736-7964 or 646-861-3634 or info @ FranciscanSpiritTours.com or on the web at www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com. Mention you were referred by the bulletin and the parish will receive a contribution.

-**Father John Mendonca, Pastor of Our Lady of the Angelus in Rego Park**, is hosting a **9 Days Pilgrimage to Florence, Assisi and Rome from November 10-18, 2010**. Cost is \$1,979 per person – space is limited at this special price. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. John Mendonca at 718-897-4444 or e-mail: pola@nyc.rr.com.

-**Church-in-the-Gardens** (50 Ascan Avenue between Burns Street and Greenway North) will be showing "No Impact Man: The Documentary," the next film in the *Earth Matters: Films on the Environment* film series. It will be shown on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 8:00 PM in the Lounge of the Church-in-the-Gardens' Parish House. The film series is free, informative and interesting. Brown baggers are welcome. Water and apple juice will be provided – as well as parking passes!

-A first ever **Healing Mass and Devotion to St. Dymphna**, patron saint of mental health, will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the main altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral, 460 Madison Avenue, NY, NY. Dymphna is a 7th century Irish saint who is patroness for those suffering from emotional and psychological difficulties, as well as any illness of the mind such as Alzheimer's or Autism. Such individuals, their families, friends and mental health professionals will find comfort and support at this upcoming Mass which includes a blessing with her relic and the communal rite of the anointing of the sick.