

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 22nd</b>
5:00 PM	John Crummy
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 23rd</b>
8:30 AM	Ada Tarroux
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Terri Luczak
6:00 PM	Betty Martinez
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 24th</b>
7:00 AM	Dorothy Mele
8:30 AM	Claire Scott
12:00 PM	Louis & Pauline Pfohl
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 25th</b>
7:00 AM	Philomina Karcher (Birthday Remem)
8:30 AM	Philip Ferrato
12:00 PM	Eleanor Shavel and George & Elizabeth Schaber
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 26th</b>
7:00 AM	Michael Joseph Coyle
8:30 AM	Bolivar & Robert Almeida
12:00 PM	Terry Eltanal & June Nonan (Living Intention)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 27th</b>
7:00 AM	Hilda Wulinski
8:30 AM	Michael, Caroline & Michael Sassi, Jr. and Roland Pugliese
12:00 PM	Pasquale Iorio
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 28th</b>
7:00 AM	Ethel Rohr
8:30 AM	Andrzej Witkowski
12:00 PM	Mark Knight
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 29th</b>
8:30 AM	John F. Murphy
5:00 PM	Eleanor King
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 30th</b>
8:30 AM	Gerald McDonald (6th Anniversary)
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Rose & Ralph Illuminato
6:00 PM	Rolando Guadamuz

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

James Schnepf, Ann Sullivan, Adam Sobel, Ann Kelly, John Vecchione, Rev. James Moran, Anthony Bair, Dr. Otto von Habsburg, Maria Let, Thomas O’Niall, Ceil Koluch, Marian Herman, Cindy Schneider, Laurence Vono, Jean Buff Norton, Mary Panny, Mary Aloisi,

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS**

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, Virginia Castronova, Eileen Griffin, Carl Moller

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Many thanks for this week’s flower donation given in memory of

Philomina Karcher  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
by  
Harvey & Sue Karcher

**“THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH”****SUNDAY – MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

-Pentecost Sunday.  
-Confirmation at the 10:00 AM Mass – three parish candidates.  
-Monthly Teen Mass at 6:00 PM followed by Teen Club meeting – Parish Hall.

**MONDAY – MAY 24<sup>th</sup>**

-Ordinary time (8<sup>th</sup> week) liturgy at the Masses.  
-Boys’ Swim Team registration – Parish Hall – 7:00 to 9:00 PM.  
-Scripture study/prayer group – rectory meeting room – 7:30 PM.

**TUESDAY – MAY 25<sup>th</sup>**

-Ordinary time (8<sup>th</sup> week) liturgy at the Masses.  
-“Holy Spirit” prayer group – rectory at 9:00 AM.  
-Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.  
-Bereavement meeting – Rectory at 7:30 PM

**WEDNESDAY – MAY 26<sup>th</sup>**

-Commemoration of St. Philip Neri, Priest, at the Masses.  
-OLM Golden Age Club meeting – Parish Hall at noon.  
-“Divine Mercy” prayer group – church at 7:30 PM.  
-Yoga lessons – School meeting room -7:30 PM.

**THURSDAY – MAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

-Ordinary time (8<sup>th</sup> week) liturgy at the Masses.  
-Bereavement meeting – rectory meeting room at 11:00 AM.

**FRIDAY – MAY 28<sup>th</sup>**

-Ordinary time (8<sup>th</sup> week) liturgy at the Masses.

**SATURDAY – MAY 29<sup>th</sup>**

-Ordinary time (8<sup>th</sup> week) at the 8:30 AM Mass.  
-Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

**ARMED SERVICES**

Edy Claudio & Robert Claudio, 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, 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, S/Sgt. Harry Cruz, 82nd Army Airborne



*From the  
Pastor*



## Dear Parishioners;

It has been several weeks since I updated you on this year's Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Presently of the 1,187 registered parish families, 118 have contributed to the Appeal. This represents a participation of 9.94% of the parish! Our Diocesan goal, which is based on our ordinary income (. i.e. Sunday and holy day collections) is \$71,021. \$42,915.00 has been pledged which is 60.43% of the goal. Already \$35, 207.50 has been received by the Diocese. This amount is 49.57% of the Goal but 82.04% of the pledges that have been made.

Many parishioners have been impacted by the downturn in the economy; therefore, I do not ask anyone to do more than your priests are doing or that your means allow. Everyone's means are different. The folks that look prosperous could be facing a serious financial difficulty but manage to keep a good public front; while the person who appears to need assistance might be in good financial condition. Indeed, you cannot tell a book by its cover! The same is true of our parish. We live in a beautiful section of Queens. We may look great but that can disguise the actual situation

Like many of you, I was raised here. Recently I told our First Communicants "I was baptized and received first Communion right in the very same place as you." Having been sent "home" by our Bishop, I feel a strong desire to see our parish not only survive but flourish. I want it to flourish so that our children and grandchildren will find here what we found and that is, a warm, personal environment in which they are able to worship, be educated and ultimately grow closer to our God, Who was manifested most fully in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Each year, I stress three very important aspects of this Appeal. The funds are dedicated and cannot be used for anything but for the purposes stated. As a former Diocesan Vocation Director (1978-83), one of those purposes close to my heart is the surfacing and preparation of the priestly vocations of the future. It should be very clear that our own rectory is staffed by men in their mid or upper sixties. Both Father John and I are thankful for the continued assistance of the pastor emeritus, Monsignor Langelier. Our situation is not unusual and it does not bode well for the future. In business, if you had firm wherein the majority of the officers were over sixty years of age, you would not be planning for a long future. WE ABSOLUTELY NEED MORE VOCATIONS!! But not just any vocations, rather devout, prayerful, normal and dedicated people. And the same qualities must characterize the women and men who enter consecrated religious life. To that end, two major seminarians, Reverend Mister Alonzo Cox (a transitional deacon who, God willing, will be ordained a priest in May) and Mr. Sean Suckiel (whose article appeared in April's *Mercy Mirror*) will speak next week to the youngsters in our school about their vocations.

The seminary training system is expensive. Our college age seminarians live in community at Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston and study at St. John's University. College age or older men, who are still struggling to discern a vocation, live at John Paul II House of Formation in Highland Park, Cypress Hills. Our post-collegiate theologians study for four years plus an additional year of parish immersion before priestly ordination. Usually they study at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, Long Island or at the Pontifical North American Seminary in Rome. In order to maintain reasonable costs, and not discourage anyone by years of financial indebtedness, the major seminary is a scholarship program and the pre-theologate programs, including Cathedral Preparatory High School in Elmhurst, have tuition rates that are deliberately modest. These are our priests of the future. When Father John, Monsignor Langelier and I have been called to our final Destiny, these men will be serving our Church in Brooklyn and Queens. Their success depends on our prayers and our financial support. The Appeal funds are used for that purpose.

Last week, I received a jolt in the mail. The Diocesan Personnel Office sent a questionnaire to all those in active service who were born in 1945 or before. The questionnaire sought to determine as much as possible what housing and ministerial plans we had at either 71 (the first opportunity for retirement) or 75 years of age (when a priest must submit his resignation from administrative responsibilities). This is the first official recognition of the "march of time" and it hit like a thunder bolt. I really had not considered any of these things. Like most priests I do not wish to retreat from all ministerial service to God's people but I am more than willing to jettison the financial and managerial aspects of parochial life. Like many I would hope to continue to assist in a parish well beyond my seventy first year but more at a pace reflecting the passing of years. Frankly, to relinquish the CEO aspects of parochial administration will be welcome.

To spare our parishes further financial obligations, the expenses of our older priests, whether still in part-time active ministry or infirm, are supported from two Diocesan funds, both of which are partially funded by this Appeal.

While the Appeal assists other Diocesan programs, Catholic Charities, chaplaincies, Migration Ministry etc., I consider the two mentioned above the most essential. If we have no priests we will have no Church or at best a very limited Church devoid of sacramental life. And in justice we have an obligation to those who gave their lives in service to us.

But there is one final aspect, which I have continuously emphasized: the Support of our Parish. Many volunteers work extremely hard throughout the year on various parish and school fund-raisers; yet the Appeal raises much more than any other fund-raiser. Once again anything over our goal is returned to the parish. Last year, our generous parishioners raised over \$100,000 dollars for the Appeal and the bulk of the balance between our goal of \$70,00 and \$100,000 was returned to the parish.

If you have not made a pledge, please pick up an Annual Catholic Appeal pledge envelope from the radiators at the doors of the Church. If we run short of those envelopes, I will happily order more. If you were contacted by mail and have not made a pledge, please consider doing so. If we fall short of the goal, we cannot afford to make up the difference from the parish reserves that we are slowly struggling to augment.

For those who have made their pledges, you have my sincere thanks and appreciation. But you should also thank yourselves because you have significantly assisted in keeping our parish and Diocese financially solvent.

**In Christ,**

**Monsignor John A. McGuirl**

### **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.

### **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

### **Confirmation on Pentecost**

We congratulate the new Confirmandi who receive the Sacrament this weekend at the 10:00 Mass and ask you to pray for them as they seek to live out this important commitment: Robert Moffa, Mia Hamden and Ricky Franco. May all of us seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we strive to serve and grow in holiness.

### **SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP**

Last week, the Scripture Study Group began a study of The Gospel of John, using an audio program presented by Father Donald Senior, C.P., a renowned biblical scholar and President of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Each session consists of a talk by Fr. Senior and time for group reflection and discussion. A study guide is provided. All are invited – there's still time to join. There's no need to pre-register, just come!

### **CARS FOR HELP DONATE YOUR OLD CAR HELP OTHERS RECEIVE TAX DEDUCTION**

It's fast, it's easy, and it requires only one phone call or visit at our website. Cars for Help, a 501c3 not-for-profit charity, is working through Catholic Relief Services to help alleviate human suffering. If you would like to donate your vehicle, or just have questions, please call 630-595-9272 or visit us on the web at [www.CarsForHelp.com](http://www.CarsForHelp.com). Together we can make a difference!

### **OLM DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
05-26-10	7:30 p.m.	DM Cenacle Fellowship – Parish Hal

### **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

Marie Lapitino  
by  
Dennis & Mary Griffin



## Movies at Mercy

On June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm we will be showing the film AVATAR, the recent blockbuster hit, in our parish hall. Admission is \$10 and includes a drink and popcorn for the show. Enter the

fantastic, blue world of Avatar, and become part of the worldwide community sharing in this fantasy visit to the lush world of Pandora where conflict rears its ugly face. Watch the Na'vi try to reclaim the peace of their world and teach our world a thing or two about what matters in real life. You can pre-register by filling out a form and returning it to school or Rectory or you can simply come to the door that evening. Contact Sr. Ann Barbara for more information.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## Third Order Carmelites

The **Third Order Carmelites** invite women and men, 18 and older, single or married, to Ozanam Hall, Bayside, at 7:30 PM, Friday, June 18, 2010. If you wish to follow the Lord more closely, in a special way of life, and in the spirit of the Order and its guidance, please contact Ann at 718-971-2750.

## Community News

**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](http://www.holycrosshs.org).

-The **Parkside Players** are presenting the Marx Brothers play **Animal Crackers** at Grace Lutheran Church, 103-15 Union Turnpike, on May 28 & 29 at 8:00 PM and May 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](http://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](http://FranciscanSpiritTours.com) or on the web at [www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com](http://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](mailto:pola@nyc.rr.com).

-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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

- The **112<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council May Meeting** is a trip to the FDNY training facility. Please mark your calendar and call community affairs to reserve your place at our special May meeting. We are going to the FDNY training facility on May 25<sup>th</sup>. As we are providing free lunch for you, we need you to RSVP to this meeting. Please call community affairs at 819-520-9321 to confirm that you will be joining us. We will be meeting at the precinct. There will be transportation provided to Randall's Island. We will have lunch there and get a tour of the facility. Please remember that this trip is the May meeting and that we will **not** be meeting at night at the precinct.