

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 29th
5:00 PM	Eleanor King
Sunday	May 30th
8:30 AM	Gerald McDonald (6th Anniversary)
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Rose & Ralph Illuminato
6:00 PM	Rolando Guadamuz
Monday	May 31st
7:00 AM	Maurice Rooney
8:30 AM	Anna Weslowski
12:00 PM	NO MASS
Tuesday	June 1st
7:00 AM	Michael Joseph Coyle
8:30 AM	Claire Scott
12:00 PM	Frances Rinaldi
Wednesday	June 2nd
7:00 AM	Martita Lozada
8:30 AM	Rose O'Hagan & Tracy Samaritano
12:00 PM	Eileen Hipp
Thursday	June 3rd
7:00 AM	Michael Paslavsky
8:30 AM	Anne Sweeney (Living Intention)
12:00 PM	Anna Herzig
Friday	June 4th
7:00 AM	Anna Herzig
8:30 AM	Harry & Florence Lubeck
12:00 PM	Anna Herzig
Saturday	June 5th
8:30 AM	William Surowiec
5:00 PM	Vincenzo DiGraci, Sr.
Sunday	June 6th
8:30 AM	Michael Minischetti
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Tom & Grace Grande
6:00 PM	Rose McNulty

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, 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, Angela Martini, Maureen Cahill

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Rev. James Rooney

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY MAY 30th**

-Feast of the MOST HOLY TRINITY.

MONDAY – MAY 31st

-Commemoration at the Masses of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
-Memorial Day observance.
-OLM School, Rectory, School & Religious Ed offices all CLOSED for the day.

TUESDAY – JUNE 1st

-Commemoration at the Masses of St. Justin, Martyr.
- "Holy Spirit" prayer group – rectory – 9:00 AM.
- New Parish Cookbook committee meeting – rectory meeting room – 7:30 PM.
-Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 2nd

-Ordinary liturgical time liturgy at the Masses.
-"Divine Mercy" prayer group – church at 7:30 PM.
-YOGA session – school meeting room -7:30 PM.

THURSDAY – JUNE 3rd

-Commemoration at the Masses of St. Charles Lwanga and his companions, Martyrs.

FRIDAY – JUNE 4th

-Ordinary liturgical time liturgy at the Masses.
-First Friday of June – Exposition and Adoration the Most Blessed Sacrament following the 12:00 noon Mass – Benediction at 4:00 PM.
-"Movie Night" – Parish Hall – 6:00 PM.

SATURDAY – JUNE 5th

-Commemoration at the 8:30 AM Mass of St. Boniface – Bishop & Martyr.
-Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.
-At the 5:00 PM Mass – Feast of CORPUS CHRISTI – at the conclusion of the Mass a special Corpus Christi procession with the Blessed Sacrament – First Communion children and members of the congregation participating – Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall as the conclusion of the procession.

ARMED SERVICES

Eddy 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

Dear Parishioners;



Next weekend marks the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ). The feast was established in the middle ages in order to emphasize the great gift of the Lord Jesus, Who gave us Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. From the earliest days, the Church has believed that in the Eucharist, Jesus is uniquely present (in the words of the Old Baltimore Catechism: He was present in His body, blood, soul and divinity.) or in other words, Jesus is fully present in His Resurrected state in the consecrated Eucharistic species of bread and wine. Theologians described this “real Presence” as "transubstantiation". The appearances (accidents) of bread and wine remain the same while the underlying reality (substance) is the Lord Jesus.

The earliest written narrative of the institution of the Eucharist is in St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul wrote his letters before the Matthew, Mark and Luke wrote their Gospels. In his letter to the Church he had established at Corinth (Greece), he states that he has handed on to them what was handed on to him (1 Cor. 11:23-34). Within a generation of the Resurrection, the Eucharist was already an established tradition of the early Church.

The feast of Corpus Christi focuses our attention on this great but familiar mystery. Because of our regular participation in the Eucharist, we may at time become blasé about the great gift the Lord has left us. In our meals at home, we recall family memories and we eat the food that sustains our lives together. In the Eucharist, we do likewise, the Scripture readings put us in touch with the Church's family history and then we receive the Food from heaven, which sustains us on our earthly journey.

Next Saturday, at 5 :00 P.M. we will celebrate the Vigil Mass for Corpus Christi. After Mass there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament from the main doors of the Church along Kessel Street to 70th Avenue, along 70th Avenue to Juno Street and on Juno Street to the Church Hall. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated in the Church Hall. Hopefully some of our new First Communicants will join us in the procession. Following Benediction, a reception will take place for all the participants. Join us in adoration of our Eucharistic Lord and also have another chance to share fellowship with our brothers and sisters.

A gentle reminder about the Annual Catholic Appeal: of our 1,187 registered families, 118 have made a gift to the Appeal. This is slightly less than 10% of all our registered parishioners. Against the mandated goal of \$71,021 (the same as last year), \$42,915.00 has been pledged, of which \$35,207.40 has already been paid. 60.43% of the goal has been pledged and 49.57% of the goal has been received. It is imperative that we not only meet our goal but also exceed it, if our parish is to gain from the Appeal. Aside from the crucial support the Appeal gives to our seminary system and to our elderly and infirm priests, and other ministries; any amount over the goal is returned to the parish.

If you have not made a pledge, please consider doing so. No amount is too big or too small. Pledge Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. **Again, I cannot express more forcefully how important the Appeal is to the Diocese of Brooklyn and also to our parish here at Our Lady of Mercy!**

In Christ,

Monsignor McGuirl

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the couples married during the month of May 2010:

Peter E. Yuskevich & Katherina Irina Seleznirov

Daniel Patrick O’Connor & Jillian Theresa Sullivan

Patrick M. Rooney & Paola N. Flores

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community all those who were baptized in the month of May 2010:

- Teague Gallego Flores
- Rebecca Lia Castrillon
- Addison Flanagan Cameron
- Elizabeth Marie Corrigan
- Liam Antonio Delaney
- Stefan Carlos Delaney
- Joseph Anthony Ciancimino
- Anthony Patrick Bruno
- Elysa Maldonado

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

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. Together we can make a difference!

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE **NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE** **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** **WASHINGTON, DC** **OCTOBER 29 – 30, 2010**

Our Lady of Mercy, along with the parishes of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Our Lady of the Angelus and Ascension in Elmhurst, will be participating in the **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION in Washington, DC**. This is an overnight trip – we will be leaving on Friday morning, October 29 and returning on Saturday evening, October 30. The price of the trip includes: transportation via motor coach, hotel accommodations at the Hilton Garden Arlington, dinner on Friday evening, full breakfast at the hotel on Saturday morning, a four hour guided tour of Washington or leisure time at the Smithsonian Museums, visit to the Franciscan Monastery and Gardens or the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, and Mass on Saturday at the Shrine with Bishop DiMarzio. The price for the trip, per person, is: Single - \$315.00, Double - \$249.00, Triple - \$219.00, Quad - \$199.00. Reservation flyers will be available in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Sue Karcher at (718) 268-6143. Give yourself a spiritual mini-vacation – those who came on the trip in 2008 had a great time. Consider joining us – you'll be glad you did!

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

William Fitzgerald

by

Dick & Betty Goudin



Movies at Mercy

On June 4th 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.

Book Club



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!

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Join us for a special parish celebration of the beautiful Feast of Corpus Christi on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at the 5:00 PM Mass. Since this feast specifically highlights the Eucharist, various signs and symbols surrounding the Eucharist will be presented at the Offertory. As the Mass concludes, all are invited to walk in procession as the Blessed Sacrament is carried out to Kessel Street via the main aisle of the church and around the block to the Juno Street entrance to the Church Hall. The procession will proceed to the Church Hall for Benediction. The children who received First Holy Communion earlier this month will participate in the procession and form the Honor Guard for the Blessed Sacrament in the Church Hall. A reception, sponsored by the Eucharistic Ministers, will follow in the Church Hall. **ALL ARE INVITED!**

50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

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

1 st Prize:	Maryellen & Ray Schillo	\$483.34
2 nd Prize:	Nanette Casey	\$290.00
3 rd Prize:	Cecilia Koluch	\$193.33

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.

-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.

-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.