

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | June 5th |
| 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 |
| Monday | June 7th |
| 7:00 AM | Marie Lapitino |
| 8:30 AM | Martin Flynn |
| 12:00 PM | Agnes Casey |
| Tuesday | June 8th |
| 7:00 AM | Marie Lapitino |
| 8:30 AM | Pauline Eppich |
| 12:00 PM | Fred Caputo |
| Wednesday | June 9th |
| 7:00 AM | Marie Lapitino |
| 8:30 AM | Louis & Pauline Pfohl |
| 12:00 PM | Rebecca Jean Larsen |
| Thursday | June 10th |
| 7:00 AM | Marie Lapitino |
| 8:30 AM | Joseph DiCapua |
| 12:00 PM | Frank Morison |
| Friday | June 11th |
| 7:00 AM | Malfalda Sumaljig |
| 8:30 AM | Sylvester Cleary (1st Anniversary) |
| 12:00 PM | Anna Herzig |
| Saturday | June 12th |
| 8:30 AM | James, Margaret & James J. Reilly |
| 5:00 PM | James & Mary Kelly |
| Sunday | June 13th |
| 8:30 AM | John Hoffman |
| 10:00 AM | Parish Mass |
| 12:00 PM | Maria Pinzon |
| 6:00 PM | Frank Simko |

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

Florence Reilly
Peter Sweeney

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – JUNE 6th**

-Solemn Feast of “CORPUS CHRISTI”– The Eucharistic Body & Blood of the Lord.

-The second collection today is the annual Bi-Diocesan (Brooklyn & Rockville Centre) sponsored RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND.

MONDAY – JUNE 7th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday liturgy at the Masses (except today’s 7:30 PM Mass)

-Confirmation candidates’ Special Service Mass – 7:30 PM.

-Parish Cookbook Meeting – Rectory at 7:30 PM

-Scripture study/prayer group – rectory meeting room at 7:30 PM.

TUESDAY – JUNE 8th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday liturgy at the Masses.

-“Holy Spirit” prayer group – rectory meeting room at 9:00 AM.

-OLM School Garden Club meeting – 2:30 to 3:15 – school courtyard.

-Cub Scouts – Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 9th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday liturgy at the Masses.

-Golden Age Club Meeting – Lower Church Hall at Noon

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

-Yoga class – school meeting room at 7:30 PM.

THURSDAY – JUNE 10th

-Ordinary liturgical time weekday liturgy at the Masses.

FRIDAY – JUNE 11th

-Solemn Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SATURDAY – JUNE 12th

-Commemoration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the 8:30 AM Mass.

-Confessions – 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

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

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. The feast emphasizes that core belief of our Catholic Faith: that the resurrected Jesus is fully present under the appearances of bread and wine at the Eucharist. He is present to nourish and feed us in much the same way that natural food sustains our daily activities. The Eucharist (Mass) is the central sacramental celebration of the Church. All the other Sacraments either lead to or flow from the Eucharist. To be baptized and not attend the Eucharist would be like being born and then never eating. Just as our family meals bring us into an intimate relationship with one another, so too the Eucharist unites us as God's Family. At our own tables, we hear the history of our families; we discover who we are. At the Eucharist, the Scripture readings bring us into contact with our history as a Christian people. In our family meals, the food we eat not only sustains us but also forms an intimate bond between us. The celebration of Mass, the Eucharistic Food unites us with Christ and with our sisters and brothers in faith.

Let us take a page from the Passover celebrations of our Jewish friends and neighbors. The Passover makes present to each generation of Jewish people what God has accomplished in their history, particularly the life-saving events of the Exodus. The First Eucharist (the Last Supper on the Thursday before the Crucifixion) was either a Passover or Passover-like meal. In it, the New Covenant in Jesus' blood is made present to each generation of believers. It is now through Jesus, not the blood of sacrificed animals, that we have concourse with God. Jesus' life, death and resurrection illustrate in human terms God's commitment to us. In Jesus, the divine has entered into human history, even to sharing in suffering and death. The Resurrection is in a sense God's seal of approval on the life of Jesus. To live like Jesus is to share His life and His resurrection. That New Covenant is reaffirmed and made present to each generation of Christians

But anything we do regularly can become routine. The feast of Corpus Christi is meant to jolt us into a renewed appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist. Just as God was made vulnerable in the human life of Our Lord, Jesus is now made vulnerable for us under the simple appearances of two ordinary common foods: bread and wine. He makes Himself present to nourish and support us on our life-long journey as His disciples.

The Church is also the Body of Christ in the world. Through her teachings and the life of her members, Christ is made present in each time and age. But Church ultimately boils down to the local community of disciples. Our Sacramental celebrations, our outreach programs, and even our social events and sports' teams are elements in the development of our Christian community. Our parish has numerous dedicated, selfless volunteers and workers.

In the last few months, our parish has had several liturgical and social events, which would not have taken place without the often unheralded work of our generous volunteers. We must thank the "Irish Committee" for another terrific St Patrick's Celebration in March. Similarly last month the Officers and Members of the Saint Lawrence Ruiz Society again sponsored a spirit-filled Flor De Mayo Liturgy and reception in honor of Our Blessed Mother. Our Parish Liturgy Committee has been hard at work on the liturgical celebration of Corpus Christi this weekend. The Fashion Show was another great success due to the hard work of the Home School Association, many of whom are also busy with the school graduation preparations. The very well attended Parish Assembly indicates the enthusiasm and love of our people for their parish. The Assembly would not have taken place without the diligent work of the Parish Pastoral Committee. Finally a word of sincere thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of the "Ad Hoc Social Committee" for again sponsoring and presenting a very enjoyable and well organized Appreciation Luncheon for all of our parish volunteers.

Without these truly generous men and women, the voice of Christ would be considerably muted in our community.

God bless you.

*Monstignor John A. McGuire
Pastor*

RCIA INVITATION

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or desires to become a Catholic, the RCIA is a program of welcome, prayer and reflection that can help you take the next step. This program is also available for baptized Catholics who may have never received First Communion or Confirmation. It is our joy to help you be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. Please contact Sr. Ann Barbara at 718-268-6285 to learn more.

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!

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.

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>.

OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB GARDEN TOUR/ GOURMET BAKE SALE



Our Lady of Mercy School Garden Club invites you to a **Garden Tour/Gourmet Bake Sale** on Sunday, June 13, 2010 in the Children's Garden on Kessel Street after the 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. You will be able to tour the Children's Garden and purchase baked items, fresh fruit surprises and local honey. In the event of rain, this event will be held in the main lobby of the school.

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!

CHILDREN'S SUMMER MOVIES OLM FAITH AND FILM SERIES

Through the use of Bible stories and feature film, children from K to Grade 6 can enjoy a Bible theme, time for sharing, and a feature film that shows how we can understand God's message in a modern way.

- Where:** OLM Church Hall
- Dates:** July 6th, July 13th, July 20th and July 27th
- Time:** 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- Cost:** \$10.00 per child per session – includes snack

Please see flyers for registration form. If there are any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 718-261-6285.

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!

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

-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.

-Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services WIC Program offers food vouchers, nutrition and health education, counseling and referrals for medical and dental care to low income families. Call 718-657-2580 or e-mail rkaiser@ccbq.org for more information.