

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 10th
5:00 PM	Anne Daly
Sunday	July 11th
8:30 AM	Thomas E. Byrne
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	William Surowiec
6:00 PM	George Shookster
Monday	July 12th
7:00 AM	Robert Jones
8:30 AM	Joseph DiCapua
12:00 PM	Esther Beato & Edward Beato
Tuesday	July 13th
7:00 AM	William Lee, Sr.
8:30 AM	William Walters
12:00 PM	Hannah & Jack A'Hearn
Wednesday	July 14th
7:00 AM	Ines Cabrera & Santo Solo
8:30 AM	Andrew Cariello
12:00 PM	Sean Reidy
Thursday	July 15th
7:00 AM	Eugenia Ardelean
8:30 AM	Victtorio Alesi
12:00 PM	Hector Belardo
Friday	July 16th
7:00 AM	Clemensa & Dumitri Ardelean
8:30 AM	Beth Ann Nicholl
12:00 PM	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday	July 17th
8:30 AM	Eleni Philis (1st Anniversary)
5:00 PM	Carmen Scerri
Sunday	July 18th
8:30 AM	William J. Kirby & Leonard V. Quigley
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	William Surowiec
6:00 PM	Thomas Vetell

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

James Schnepf, Ann Sullivan, Adam Sobel, Ann Kelly, John Vecchione, Rev. James Moran, Anthony Bair, Maria Let, Thomas O'Niall, Ceil Koluch, Marian Herman, Cindy Schneider, Laurence Vono, Jean Buff Norton, Mary Aloisi, Maria Vega, Remington Stafford, Maureen Albert, Philip Califano, Grace Zerbo, Charles Sullivan, Concetta Alesi, Rose Bruno, Andy Brunetti, Joan Garone, Michael Gaynor, III, Marco Caban, Yoshie Powell, Janis Wallenstein, Sarah Donahue, 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, Rachael Kugel, Elvira Klein, Allan Remsen, Rose D'Amico

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, Major Patrick L. Davis, U.S. Army (JAG), Patrick Hedderman, Lt. Brendan T. Cremins, U.S. Navy, Capt. Peter Sulewski, U.S. Army, S/Sgt. Harry Cruz, 82nd Army Airborne, William Kasten, U.S. Navy, Vincent Adamovich, U.S. Navy, Cory Eisler, U.S. Navy, Major Andrew L. Mattson, USAF NJANG

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Brian Pine

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Aran Darling
Jelena Kristic - OLM

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – JULY 11**

-Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY – JULY 12

-Ordinary Time Weekday

TUESDAY – JULY 13

-Ordinary Time Weekday / Optional Memorial of St. Henry

-Children's Summer Movie Program – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Lower Church Hall

WEDNESDAY – JULY 14

-Memorial of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

-Golden Age Club Meeting – 12:00 PM – Lower Church Hall

-Divine Mercy Prayer Group – 7:30 PM – Lower Church Hall

THURSDAY – JULY 15

-Memorial of St. Bonaventure

-Baptism Instruction Meeting – 7:30 PM – Rectory

FRIDAY – JULY 16

-Ordinary Time Weekday / Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

-OLM School Garden Club "Weed & Water Night" – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM – School Courtyard

SATURDAY – JULY 17

-Ordinary Time Weekday

-Baptisms – 1:00 PM – Church

-Confessions – 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM – Church

**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 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.

BEREAVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and need support and Understanding, please join one of our Bereavement Groups.

Our last meeting for the Summer months will be held on July 29th at 11:00 A.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Our meetings will resume in September.

Whatever your loss, we are here for you.

From The Pastor's desk;

This Sunday we meet again the "Good Samaritan". Everyone knows the story of the despised stranger who helps the victim of a mugging. But because we have heard it so often the parable loses some of its impact.

Many centuries before the birth of Jesus, the Kingdom of Israel had split into two small states: a northern kingdom, which retained the name Israel and a southern kingdom, Judah, ruled by a descendent of King David. Seven hundred years before the birth of Our Lord, the northern kingdom was overcome by a race of people called Assyrians. Typical of their policy, they deported many of the Israelites and replaced them with people from other parts of their empire.

Eventually in the territory of the former north kingdom, intermarriage took place and a new mixed people evolved, known as Samaritans. Though the Samaritans practiced a form of Judaism, the people of Judah never really accepted them. Two hundred years later, the southern Kingdom was overcome by the Babylonians. Though there were deportations, new settlers were not introduced and the remnant maintained some control of the sacred city of Jerusalem. Like cousins in a bitter family feud, the Samaritans and Jews barely spoke to one another. The parable of today's Gospel draws its dramatic strength from the bitterness of this feud.

The mugged man is lying at the side of the road. Surely, we think, one of his fellow Jews will assist him. As Jesus tells the story, a Jewish priest and then a Levite both bypass the man. Levites were minor clergy and did many of the physical tasks at the Temple in Jerusalem. Both the priest and the Levite may have traveled long distances on foot or on the uncomfortable back of a domestic animal. In order to perform their functions at the temple, they had to be ritually "clean". Part of that ritual cleanliness code was to avoid contact with blood or a potentially dead person. In this light we can understand their reluctance to stop. All this distance they had traveled and now if they assist this battered man, they cannot do what they set out to do.

Who does stop? The hated Samaritan! The mugged man might rather have died than have this man assist him. Yet the Samaritan does help and does so with full knowledge of the nasty relationship between his own people and their Jewish neighbors. Jesus' listeners might have been able to understand the reluctance of the priest and Levite to assist the victim, but they would never have expected that the Samaritan would come to the rescue. And not only did he come to the rescue but he went well beyond it. From his own resources he houses the victim at an inn and when he returns promises to pay the owner whatever might be owed.

The story was a radical reversal of what was expected. Many of Our Lord's parables were meant to shock his listeners out of their lethargy. The Jews and Samaritans lived cheek by jowl but they despised each other. Much of the bitterness of their conflict is lost to us but we do get the point: the Good Samaritan is the one who reaches out to someone in need regardless the victim's race, or religious background.

The Samaritan of the parable is nameless and we know nothing else about him except this act of mercy. Followers of Christ are meant to identify with the Good Samaritan and perhaps in the future all that will be remembered of us are our acts of mercy. In God's eyes those acts seem primary and if He remembers us for nothing else then all the better.

Monsignor John A. McGuirl

Confirmation News

We wish to bring to the attention of the Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors, that Bishop DiMarzio will visit us to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, December 4th, 2010 at a 3:00 P.M. Mass. The late date is probably due to the illness of two of the auxiliary Bishops; nonetheless, it will give us more time to catechize our young candidates and also it will give their families more time to make the appropriate arrangements.

Annual Catholic Appeal

As I mentioned in my letter last week, I am delighted to be able to inform our parishioners that once again we have exceeded the goal of \$71,021 mandated by the Diocese. As of June 30th, 2010, 161 registered families have pledged \$91,245.00! These generous folks represent 14% of our registered parish families. \$79,010 has already been collected. I am particularly grateful to one parish family that pledged \$25,000 to the Appeal and I wish to thank them publicly. Had these generous folks not made their annual pledge, there is a fairly good chance that we might not have made goal. That would not be good. The funds raised in this Appeal are dedicated and may not be used for any but the stated purposes. In my humble estimation, chief among those purposes are the surfacing and training of good, solid, holy vocations for the future. Similarly there is the care of those priests who served us with their dedication and who are now elderly or infirm. Not to be ignored is the fact that our parish stands to receive a percentage of the funds over goal. In a time of Diocesan reconfigurations and financial constraints, this consideration is important.

We have gone over goal but every bit more is helpful. No gift is too small so even if you take an Appeal envelope and put only a few dollars in it, this is helpful. You will be taking your part in providing for the religious evangelization of the generations ahead. Appeal envelopes can be found on the radiator covers at the doors of the Church.

Thank you,
Monsignor McGuirl

FLOWER MEMORIALS

Thank you for your beautiful response to our weekly Flower Memorials for the Church. There are many dates available during the Summer months.

If you have a loved one you wish remembered please contact the Rectory at 718-268-6143. The cost of this donation is \$150.00 for two arrangements for our altar. The name of your loved one will appear in a notice in the weekly bulletin.

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.

Community News

-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.

-St. Agnes Academic High School, College Point, Home of the 2010 CHSAA Cheerleading Champions, will hold a **Summer Cheerleading Clinic** for 7th and 8th grade girls from Monday, August 9 through Friday, August 13. The clinic will be held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon each day. The cost is \$75.00. For more information, contact Mrs. Susan Nicoletti at 718-353-6276 Ext. 12.

-The Beginning Experience provides help for the heartache of divorce, separation and widowhood – a weekend away for a lifetime of change. The next weekend is August 20 – 22, 2010. For information and reservations, call John at (516) 822-0635, Karen at (201) 736-8200 or Jim at (718) 474-3779.

-The St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be sponsoring free Speech and Hearing screenings from June 21, 2010 through August 9, 2010. During the same time period, the Center will also be offering free Hearing Aid Help for anyone who has a hearing aid and may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it. Please call (718) 990-6480 to schedule an appointment and to get directions. The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY.

-Our Lady Queen of Martyrs' St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 after the 12:05 PM Mass. All are welcome.

-The Parents Association of St. Agnes Academic High School in College Point is sponsoring a "Crafts Fair" on Saturday, November 13, 2010. Craft vendors take note – don't be left out – reserve your space now! For information, call Lori at 718-353-1337.

2011 MASS BOOK

The 2011 Mass Book is now open. If you would like to arrange for 5 or more Masses in 2011, you can submit your request in writing to the Rectory Office.

POOR BOX

Calls for assistance will continue during the summer months. Please remember the poor and make a donation to the Poor Boxes at the entries of the Church. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

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 are available at the church entrances. 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!

DOMINICAN VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

Dominican Village, a not-for-profit, non-sectarian, **Independent and Assisted Living Residence Rental Retirement Community**, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic, is holding an Open House from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on July 15, 24 & 29 and August 7 & 12. For more information, contact Emily in the Community Relations Office at 631-842-6618

ADVANCE NOTICE BLOOD DRIVE

**Blood
DRIVE**

Our Lady of Mercy has sponsored several very successful Blood Donation Drives in the past. There is still a **CRITICAL BLOOD SHORTAGE** and the New York Blood Center is asking again for our help. Our Lady of Mercy will be sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE on Sunday, August 1, 2010** from 8:45 AM until 2:45 PM in the Lower Church Hall. Please consider giving the gift of life by making a blood donation. For more information and/or to make a blood donation appointment, please call Sue Karcher at the Rectory Office (268-6143).

HONOR LIST**GRADE 5****FIRST HONORS**

SARAH GALLAGHER, FIONA GOLDEN,
SANDRA ILKAN, ANTHONY MILEVOI,
MALAI O'KEEFFE, ELENA ROSSI

SECOND HONORS

SOPHIA ALESSANDRI, SHANIA ALLISON,
RAY DEGENNARO, MATTHEW DEWICK,
DANIEL ESSLINGER, ISABELLA GARCIA,
JACQUELINE GIRARDIN, PAYTON MCHUGH
CHRISTIAN MORALES, JACOB MUSOVIC,
KATHERINE PACE, SAMANTHA RAMOS
TOMMY SCHUMUCK, JACK TURNER

HONORABLE MENTION

MELINDA ACUNA, JILLIAN APPLEBY, RACHEL KEI,
CHRISTOPHER KRAWCZYK, NORA ZDONOWSKI

GRADE 6**FIRST HONORS**

ARIANA ALESSANDRI, DANIELLE CASEY,
DOMINIQUE DEGENNARO, ISABELLA GARABEDIAN,
MARY GARRITY, SIOBHAN HART, DYLAN KELLY,
EMILY LUNDIN, ALESSANDRA PUGLIA, PETER STRBIK

SECOND HONORS

CHRISTOPHER ARENA, ANGELINA CRAWBUCK,
SEAN DELCASTILLO, KRISHEN KHURANA,
SAMANTHA PATTERSON, ISABEL SANTOS
OLIVIA SANTOS, NICOLE ZIVKOVIC

HONORABLE MENTION

CHRISTOPHER HABE, MARTIN KARASEWICZ,
MADISON LUNDIN

GRADE 7-304**FIRST HONORS**

JARED MUSOVIC, PAUL RAMIREZ

SECOND HONORS

KATHARINE KEANE, ISABELLA MEZZETONE,
JEFFREY PALJEVIC

HONORABLE MENTION

CYNTHIA NAVARRO, ALEXIS WALKER

GRADE 7-305**FIRST HONORS**

DEANNA ALIPERTI, CLAUDIA CHALECKI,
SEBASTIAN CHAMORRO, BRIDGET GOLDEN,
KATHARINE LABARGE, LIANA LIANG
AMANDA MILEVOI, DAVID YEFROYEV

SECOND HONORS

JACQUELINE BURGOS, KEVIN KARASEWICZ,
NICOLE MELE, MICHELLE PONTINO, OLIVER ZHAO

HONORABLE MENTION

KEVIN MALICI, KRISTEN WEGNER

Interested in Being a Catechist?

We have a small, friendly group of children from the local Public Schools who come for Religious Education on Wednesdays from 2:15 to 3:30pm. We are always looking for teachers who would be willing to work with our children at this time. We will help you prepare to do this with special materials that support learning.

If you are free and interested in teaching a small class of children, please fill out the information below and Sr. Ann Barbara will contact you. Thank You.

Check the task you are willing to do:

Yes, I am willing to teach _____

I am willing to substitute _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Please return to Rectory or Convent as soon as possible.
Thank You...Sr. Ann Barbara

SEMI-ANNUAL 50-50 PARISH RAFFLE PROGRAM

Our semi-annual 50-50 RAFFLE PROGRAM for the second half of 2010 is about to begin. The cost to participate is \$50 for a six-month period (July thru Dec). Monthly drawings are held with three attractive prizes being awarded each month. Prize amounts are determined by the amount of participation. The prizes for the first half of the year were: 1st Prize: \$483, 2nd Prize: \$290, and 3rd Prize: \$193.

Please support this program by completing the application form, which can be found at the back of the church, and returning it to the Rectory Office with your \$50 donation by July 23.

Hold The Date

The 9th Annual Stephen "Coach" Hoffman Golf and Tennis Classic will be on Monday, July 26th 2010 at the Muttontown Country Club. The proceeds of this annual event helps to support the activities of the Queens Falcons Youth Football Program. The late Stephen Hoffman was a life-long member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish and he lost his life in the tragic terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on September 11th, 2001. Mr. Hoffman coached in the "Falcons" Program for years. Information and reservation may be made by contacting:

Greg Hoffman - Tel: 917-589-8406

Paul Krische - Tel: 347-996-9294

Jim Hoffman - Tel: 917-217-9412

Flyers may also be found at the doors of the Church