

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 17th</b>
5:00 PM	Carmen Scerri
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 18th</b>
8:30 AM	William J. Kirby & Leonard V. Quigley
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	William Surowiec
6:00 PM	Thomas Vetell
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 19th</b>
7:00 AM	Rose D'Amico (Living Intention)
8:30 AM	Marie Lapitino
12:00 PM	Connie Hickey & Mickey Dowd
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 20th</b>
7:00 AM	John Koluch (Special Intentions)
8:30 AM	Dana & Tom Grabowski, Jr. (Living Intention - 8th Wedding Anniversary)
12:00 PM	Elaanor Shavel and George & Elizabeth Schaber
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 21st</b>
7:00 AM	Anthony H. Koluch (48th Anniversary)
8:30 AM	John J. Murphy
12:00 PM	Maria Thomas
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 22nd</b>
7:00 AM	Jose Francisco, Jr.
8:30 AM	Peter Joseph Sweeney
12:00 PM	In Thanksgiving to St. Jude
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 23rd</b>
7:00 AM	Salvatore Vecchione
8:30 AM	Joseph Beleastro
12:00 PM	Joseph Ryan
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 24th</b>
8:30 AM	Bolivar & Robert Almeida
5:00 PM	Dorothy Grimm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 25th</b>
8:30 AM	Pauline & Louis Pfohl
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Isabella Allegro
6:00 PM	Marie Paetow

**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, Maria Vega, Remington Stafford, Maureen Albert, Philip Califano, Grace Zerbo, Charles Sullivan, Concetta & Vittorio Alesi, Mary O'Driscoll, Zoraya Esplait, 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, Rachael Kugel, Elvira Klein, Allan Remsen, Rose D'Amico

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Concetta Alfano  
 Msgr. Anthony Danna  
 Marie Patricia Montero

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Cynthia M. Pohl –OLM  
 Michael Erensen

Aran Darling  
 Jelena Kristic - OLM

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Many thanks for this week's flower donation given in memory of  
 Grace, Stephen & Brian Pine  
 By  
 The Ippolito Family

**BREAD AND WINE**

Many thanks for this week's donation for the Bread & Wine given lovingly in memory of:  
 Kay Butler  
 13th Anniversary Remembrance  
 By Susan Butler

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****Sunday – July 18th**

-Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday – July 20th**

-Ordinary Time Weekday

**Tuesday – July 20th**

- Saint Apollinaris – Bishop and Martyr  
 - Children's Summer Movie Program – 10:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M. – Church Hall

**Wednesday- July 21st**

-St. Lawrence of Brindisi – Priest and Doctor  
 - Golden Age Club – 12:00 P.M. – Church Hall  
 - Divine Mercy Devotion and Chaplet - 7:30 P.M. – Church

**Thursday – July 22nd**

- St. Mary Magdalene

**Friday – July 23rd**

- St. Bridget of Sweden, religious

**Saturday – July 24th**

- St. Sharbel Makhluif, priest  
 - Filipino Mass- 6:30 P.M. – Church  
 - Summer Night Dancing after mass in Church Hall

**ARMED SERVICES**

Edy Claudio & Robert Claudio, Pvt. Ronald Palumbo, S/Sgt. Teague A. Liming, USAF, Pvt. Jonathan Mezzanello, 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



*Dear Parishioners,*

*From the  
Pastor's Desk*



This Sunday the Scriptures expose us to two odd Biblical events. The first reading relates the story of two visitors whom Abraham, the patriarch of the Jewish people, receives. There seems to be a knitting together of two traditions in this story because there is alternation of the plural with the singular. First it is the Lord who appears at Abraham's tent near the terebinth (oak) of Mamre, then it is three visitors yet they are addressed in the singular "Sir". Undoubtedly the final editor of the book of Genesis realized this discrepancy but kept the ambiguity in order to illustrate the transcendence yet closeness of God.

In the arid reaches of the ancient Near East, hospitality was of paramount importance. Traveling could be very difficult and hazardous; therefore hospitality to the traveler was a major social obligation. That tradition of hospitality lives in Arabic countries today, especially among the nomadic Bedouin, where a traveler is always accorded a warm and generous welcome.

Even by the standards of the ancient world, Abraham treats these travelers or Traveler to an exorbitant welcome. In return, they (or He) reiterate the promise that was made in the previous chapter of Genesis: that Sarah would have a child (Isaac) through whom God's promise would continue. Though not in today's reading, Sarah overhears this promise and laughs (by the standards of their time, both she and Abraham are considered too old to have children). In an earthy aside Sarah comments: "Now that I am so withered and my husband is so old, is pleasure to come my way again?" The Lord overhears Sarah, who then denies that she was scoffing. These are very earthy people living in the desert among their flocks. The facts of life were all around them and like many country folks they lacked any degree of prudery. The answer to Sarah's question is from God, Who states that nothing is too marvelous for the Lord.

The Gospel's link to first reading probably lies in the fact that it too deals with demands of hospitality. But now Jesus, the fulfillment of the promises made through the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Old Testament (Abraham and Sarah and their son Isaac and their grandson Jacob, known as Israel) is present. He is visiting His friends Mary and Martha in their home.

This part of Luke's Gospel comes immediately after Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan which we heard last week. The Samaritan unexpectedly broke all social conventions in order to help the man who was mugged on the road to Jericho. In this narrative, conventions are also overturned. After Martha greets Jesus, she retreats to the kitchen in accord with the usual custom. Mary however, sits at the Lord's feet listening to His words. This was not conventional. In first century Judaism, it was remarkable that a woman would assume the posture of a disciple. And equally unusual is that Jesus seems to praise her for this. When Martha complains that she is left to do the kitchen work, Jesus reminds her that she is "anxious and worried" about many things. Obviously Jesus is not discouraging the demands of hospitality but rather how Martha pursues those demands "anxious and worried". More than likely each of us have visited homes in which the host or hostess virtually disappeared for the evening in order to cook, serve, clean up and wash the dishes. While these things are necessary, they should not cause us to worry or be anxious; otherwise, we may well lose sight of the very point of the visit.

Jesus undoubtedly enjoyed the company of others at table since the Scriptures often mention it. Yet His purpose was not only to enjoy a meal but also to use the opportunity to teach His fellow diners. Teachers need listeners but Martha was not listening; rather she is anxious and worried

In a modern corollary of this, at major liturgical celebrations, I often wonder: Do the masters of ceremonies, choir directors and other ministers have time to pray or are they too concerned with the details? Certainly planning is necessary but not to the extent that we forget why or what we are celebrating. Martha apparently forgot that the Lord wanted to spend quality time with her and her sister. Mary chose "the better part and it will not be taken from her." Martha is invited to remember for Whom she labors so that even in her business she can hear His words. At the Eucharist we need this time, without fretting about all the competing demands of life, to open ourselves to the One Who is present in Word and Sacrament among us.

*Monsignor John A. McGuire*

## 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 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).

## 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**-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.

## **-KID'S FUN DAY!**

Wednesday – August 11, 2010

Time: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

For More Information: 718-726-9790

Hosted by Catholic Charities Community Center

**RAFFLES! GIVE AWAYS! FACE PAINTING!**

### **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

### **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: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$483, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$290, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**.

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>

**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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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>.