

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 24th
5:00 PM	Dorothy Grimm
Sunday	July 25th
8:30 AM	Pauline & Louis Pfohl
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Isabella Allegro
6:00 PM	Marie Paetow
Monday	July 26th
7:00 AM	Denise Durando
8:30 AM	Henry Foertsch
12:00 PM	For the Holy Family
Tuesday	July 27th
7:00 AM	Jennie Ponzio
8:30 AM	Michael, Caroline, Michael Sassi, Jr. & Roland Pugliese
12:00 PM	For the Holy Family
Wednesday	July 28th
7:00 AM	Ethel Rohr
8:30 AM	Peter Sweeney
12:00 PM	Eleanor Shavel and George & Elizabeth Schaber
Thursday	July 29th
7:00 AM	George Inserra (25th Anniversary)
8:30 AM	Dec'd Members of the Flood Family
12:00 PM	Myrna Geronimo
Friday	July 30th
7:00 AM	Andre Shah
8:30 AM	Robert Boland
12:00 PM	Mary Russomanno
Saturday	July 31st
8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
5:00 PM	Kay Butler (13th Anniversary)
Sunday	August 1st
8:30 AM	Joseph Belcastro
10:00 AM	Parish Mass
12:00 PM	Martin W. Flynn
6:00 PM	Sulewski & Corronte Families

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

James Schnepf, Ann Sullivan, Adam Sobel, Ann Kelly, John Vecchione, Rev. James Moran, Anthony Bair, Maria Let, Thomas O'Neill, 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

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Jeanne Minett, Mary Hughes
Tai Nguyen, Hilario Santiago Rosa

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Michael Erensen
Cynthia M. Pfohl –OLM

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 WEEEK IN THE PARISH**SUNDAY – JULY 25th**

-Seventeenth Sunday in ORDINARY liturgical time.

MONDAY – JULY 26th

-Commemoration at the Masses of Sts. Joachim & Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary.

TUESDAY – JULY 27th

-Ordinary liturgical season weekday liturgy at the Masses.

-"Faith & Film" series for children – Parish Hall – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

-Parish Cookbook Meeting – Rectory Dining Room at 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY – JULY 28th

-Ordinary liturgical season weekday liturgy at the - Masses.

-Golden Age Club Meeting – Lower Church Hall at Noon

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

THURSDAY – JULY 29th

-Commemoration at the Masses of Saint Martha.

FRIDAY – JULY 30th

-Ordinary liturgical season weekday liturgy at the Masses.

SATURDAY – JULY 31st

-Commemoration at the 8:30 AM Mass of St. Ignatius Loyola, Founder of the Jesuits.

-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, 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-USCENTCOM



Dear Parishioners

Within the next two weeks the large fir tree on the Juno Street lawn adjoining 70th Avenue will be taken down. It troubles me very much to do this but I have no choice. The tree was planted much too close to the sidewalk so that during its growth it was shaded by the older curbside trees. In order to seek the sun, this fir tree leans at a precarious angle toward the east. Because of its height, over ten feet were taken from the top several summers ago but the tree continues to lean eastward. Its slant makes it vulnerable to a heavy storm and if it blew over during school time or while people were leaving Mass, the result could be catastrophic. Even if no human life was involved, if the tree fell, it might damage parked cars and its roots rip up the sidewalk. In addition, at least one heavy limb near the top of the tree has broken off and is entangled in the branches beneath it. If it breaks loose, it could hurt someone on the ground.

It is my hope to plant some other trees on our grounds. Far too many trees in this community have disappeared including the one that fronted the house in which I was raised. Because of age, or dangerous condition, some had to be taken down. Unfortunately many have not been replaced. The trees make the neighborhood. To lose too many of them would redefine our community, which now enjoys an almost rural setting. People move to Forest Hills (particularly south of The Long Island Railroad) in part because our neighborhood has maintained beautiful tree-lined streets. For this reason, I was reluctant to take the action mentioned above; yet public safety comes first so it is unavoidable. The cost will be \$2,200, which will include the cutting and removal of the tree as well as the grinding of the stump. Hopefully there will be no other unanticipated but necessary repairs or alterations.

In another area, I am looking to obtain a canopy for Eucharistic processions, especially for Holy Thursday and Corpus Christi. When I was a boy, our Parish had such a canopy but like so many other beautiful parish artifacts it disappeared during the first of the two renovations. Does anyone know the location of the magnificent large candles that stood to either of the tabernacle, or the branched candles (used at Benediction) or the large brass standing Vigil Lamp that used to be in the sanctuary?

Some parishioners have enquired about the murals that Father Molloy had installed in the sanctuary. Older parishioners may recall that they illustrated scenes from the life of Our Blessed Mother and that the central mural pictured Mary as "Our Lady of Mercy". Judging by the present texture of the walls, the murals were not covered with paint. They too disappeared! In an age of very reduced parochial resources, it is not possible to replace many items that were lost. Ecclesiastical appointments and vestments are extremely expensive because the need is not all that extensive. The parish is just holding its own financially, so I cannot justify purchases for this sort but gradually here and there, I hope to be able to restore some of our parish's patrimony. If anyone has any knowledge of these items, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Monsignor John A. McGuire

The Annual Catholic Appeal

As of July 13th, 2010, our parishioners had pledged \$92,905 which exceeds our Diocesan mandated goal of \$71,021 by \$21,884. This is a truly magnificent showing especially at time of economic downturn! However it must be mentioned, that were it not for the gift of one family, we would have barely reached goal. I have repeatedly mentioned how very important it is for our parish to reach if not exceed the goal. To reach goal is one indication of our commitment to the promotion of vocations and to the care of our elderly clergy. To exceed goal is one indication of our commitment to our parish, since a great part of the balance over goal is returned to the parish. In fact that return has become one of our major "fund raisers". Including your parish priests, 166 family units have contributed to the Appeal. This number represents 14% of our enrolled families! I am told that this is the highest percentage ever! Yet it is a little below the Diocesan average.

Many families are facing financial stress so I have tried to be respectful of that when making the Annual Appeal. While a few dollars in one of the Appeal envelopes probably will not bankrupt anyone, it will be seen as one indication of the vitality and financial stability of our parish.

Again I appeal to the one thousand and twenty one (1,021) other registered families that have not contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal to do your part for our parish and for the encouragement of both our older clergy as well as those contemplating a vocation. While there are other beneficiaries of the Appeal (Catholic Charities, Migration Office etc.), our own parish, the care of our elderly clergy and the encouragement of worthy and good future vocations should concern each and every parishioner.

Please do not let the 166 contributing families stand alone! I have ordered more Appeal envelopes and you will find them on the radiator covers at each door of the Church. No contribution is too small - the circumstances of every family are different but even a small contribution is very helpful.

God bless you.

Monsignor McGuire

Blood DRIVE

ADVANCE NOTICE 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).

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.

Care For Our Older Sisters and Brothers

Cabrini Center For Nursing & Rehabilitation sent the following:

*Are you or a loved one in need of homecare? Whether short term rehabilitative care or long term skilled nursing care is required, **Cabrini Center For Nursing and Rehabilitation's Long Term Home Health Care Program** offers individuals health services in the comfort and privacy of their own home. Our highly trained and professional staff members take great pride in the high-quality reliable home care services they have been providing for residents throughout Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens since 1997. **For a free phone consultation or for more information please call: 212-358-6290.***

and in the same mail Harvest House also wrote:

*A New Experience of family Living For Independent Elders - **Harvest Houses Residences for Well-Elders** offers to seniors 65+, affordable gracious living. Every Harvest House is home for eight well, independent women and men living together in a true atmosphere of family. Harvest Houses offer companionship, support, security, nutritious meals and private rooms. **An opening is now available in the Floral Park Residence. For more information visit our web site: www.harvesthouses.org, or call Sister Jeanne A. Brendel, O.P., CSW at (516) 496-9796** Harvest Houses are located in Syosset, Floral Park, and Lake Grove, New York.*

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!

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.

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

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

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 29 and August 7 & 12. For more information, contact Emily in the Community Relations Office at 631-842-6618

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.

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

**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

Date: July 27th

Time: 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Cost: \$10.00 per child per session – includes snack

If there are any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 718-261-6285.

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.

-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.

-Catholic Charities Community Center (23-40 Astoria Blvd, Astoria) is hosting a **Kid's Fun Day** on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Free activities include clown and balloon creations, safety kits and fingerprinting, fire safety education, crafts, games, raffle prizes, giveaways, face painting and much more. For more information, call 718-726-9790.