

We come together as a community of faith to celebrate with praise and joy!

The Celebration of the Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 PM and Eve of Holydays 4:00-5:00 PM in the Church

Anytime by appointment-please call and speak with a priest.

On Becoming A Catholic

R.C.I.A. welcomes those interested in becoming a Catholic and/or anyone seeking to further their education in the Catholic Faith. Please leave your name and telephone number at the Rectory Office.

Parish Membership

All new families and individuals are welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the rectory when you move into our community so that we can be of service to you. Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. The priests and ministers are here to serve your needs, to share your joy, and to help lighten your burdens.

Sacrament of Baptism

Communal Celebrations of Baptism are on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Beginning as of Sept 25th, 2016 All arrangements for Baptism must be made at the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

The Sacrament is celebrated on: Fridays: to be arranged.
Saturdays: 10:30 AM, 12:30 and 2:30PM

Sundays: to be arranged. Arrangements must be made by personal appointment with one of the priests. Couples should make an appointment with the priest at least six months to a year in advance of the marriage date. Nuptial Masses as well as ceremonies are available on Friday and Saturday. Ceremonies only are available on Sunday.

Marriage Preparation Program at OLM

All engaged couples who plan to get married in the Catholic Church are required to complete **Pre Cana Program**. Our Program is offered twice a year. The Fall program meets once a week for 4 weeks: and the Spring program runs for an entire weekend. FOCCUS, a communication study, is administered twice a year and is required for all couples.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament for the seriously ill and elderly can be arranged by contacting one of the priests or at any time in an emergency. The Sacrament is also celebrated communally during the year.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Parish priests and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the rectory to arrange for home visitation

Pastoral Council Members

Raymond Badra

Nick Perrotta

Timothy Snee

Donna Varney

To contact: pastoralcouncil@olmrcc.com

Parish Finance Committee

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Susan Bennett



Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us

Masses for the Week

Monday, April 3,

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,33-62/Jn 8: 1-11
 7:00 AM Eileen Mullan Lawlor
 9:00 AM Anne O'Connor
 Joseph Cheriyl
 Filomena Battista



Tuesday, April 4,

Nu 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
 7:00 AM Patricia Ann Smith
 9:00 AM Carol Barback (1st Ann)
 Mary Murphy
 Sr. Ave Maria SSJ

Wednesday, April 5,

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
 7:00 AM Bill Heenan
 9:00 AM Gagliardo Fam.
 Mildred Jonew (Liv. Sick)
 Frank Guerra Sr.

Thursday, April 6,

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
 7:00 AM Eleanor Faber
 9:00 AM Jonathan Legg
 Eleanor Carney
 Kathleen Jennings

Friday, April 7,

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
 7:00 AM Mary Loperuto
 9:00 AM Jonathan Legg
 William Dillon
 Louise Quintana

Saturday, April 8,

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
 8:00 AM Joan Vacca
 Jack Dickson
 Christopher Kahn
 Charlie Mitchell
 James McElwee

4:30 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday, April 9,

Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66
 7:30 AM Lena Perrotta
 8:45 AM Gino & Vanda Coletti
 9:00 AM William Dalton
 10:30 AM Andrew Betz
 12:00 PM Joseph Adduci
 5:30 PM MEI Kontonis



Loving Memory— You Rest In Peace— Eugene Pietrowski, Jillian Lambert
 the unborn and the victims of natural disasters throughout our country and the world.

Remember Our Sick Mary Lou Haggerty, Christopher Cucci, John Lombardi, Christine Henry, Robert DeMarco, Grace DeSalvo, Christine Oplj, Infants Hollis and Anderson Miller, Anne Eggar, Marge Heenan, Kathleen Donato, Peter Manetta, Dorothy Blank, Thomas Dunleavy, William Kranak, Rose Hartmann, Elaine Marzoli, Barbara Murphy, Anna Raheb

Long Term Illness: Please pray for our war casualties, all our sick, their caretakers, especially Sr. Joanne Deegan, Sr. Patricia O'Connell, Frances & Anthony Linoli, Vincent Perrone, Olivia Mannion, Louis Venditto, Gerry McNamee, Allison Miller, Sebastian DeLuca, Adrian Keenan, John Pascullo, John O'Sullivan, Ada Azua and all homebound and in nursing homes.

WEEK OF APRIL 3rd TO APRIL 9TH, 2017



**U.C. Sanctuary Lamp
 In Memory of
 Joseph Sarlo
 Donated By
 Judy Colocino**

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 In Memory of
 Carole Barback
 Donated By
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BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST TIME

Jose Castillo - St. Martin of Tours & Allison Marie Amato St. Martins of Tours

Joseph Andrei Char—St. Michael's Flushing, & Chen I. Chen - Flushing

Mario Fazzari - OLM & Theresa Tattoli—OLM



PASTORS LETTER

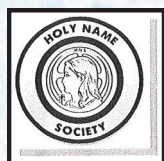


Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It was with a heavy heart that I had to share the news of my transfer to be the Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs this coming Spring. Again, I assure you that Bishop Barres did not do this without much prayer, consultation and consideration of your feelings and the needs of the Diocese. The responsibility for ensuring that everyone of our 133 parishes has a good and capable pastor is no small feat. I am grateful to him for his confidence in me, but even more for his thoughtfulness on your behalf. Change is difficult and can be painful, I know that he understands how difficult this will be for each of us. For my part, I wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you that I will work my hardest in these next few months to ensure that this transfer of Pastorate be as smooth and painless as possible.

Fr. John McCarthy is a good man, a wonderful priest, and a man who truly has the joy of the gospel in his heart. I know he will be a wonderful pastor to you and serve you and the Lord with gladness for years to come.

Again, I humbly ask your support by your prayers, for me, Fr. John, and each other.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

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**Our Guest Speaker will be
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Palm Sunday/Holy Week



Singing Hosanna

Lord our God,
 King of the Universe,
 bless our branches and make them holy.
 You who have blessed our lives
 by your goodness in the world,
 so bless us today as we proclaim Christ our King.
 May we proclaim your majesty anew
 and welcome you into our cities and homes
 as ruler, as prophet, and as our Messiah.
 Strengthen our hearts to be with you
 in the coming days;
 May we not abandon you, but continue to praise you
 with our Hosannas.
 Through Christ our Savior and Lord,
 for ever and ever. Amen.



April 9, 2017

Humbled and Exalted

Today's Readings: Matthew 21:1–11; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Matthew 26:14–27:66. In the beautiful canticle from Philippians that comprises today's Second Reading, the dichotomy of humility and exaltation is highlighted. This is the tension of Palm Sunday: we welcome Christ as a king entering the grand city of Jerusalem, and then we proclaim the Passion account where our voices say, *Crucify him*. Christ Jesus, God and man, is exalted as both a human king and the Messiah, Savior of us all. We clutch our palms tightly and remind ourselves that he is indeed our king.

Hosanna is not just a welcome to the city. *Hosanna* is our Eucharistic proclamation in which we verbally wave our palms. Palm Sunday is the opportunity to raise our palm branches as we process into church, as we stand in awe and horror through the Passion account, and as we sing once again "Hosanna in the highest."

Throughout the world, whatever branches are in season are gathered and waved today: olive branches, palm branches, pussy willows, flowering bushes. Palm Sunday begins our last few days of Lent. As we approach the Sacred Paschal Triduum, today is our prelude to the glory that is Death-Resurrection. Palm and Passion weave a tension that highlights Christ Jesus, who humbled himself in obedience to the Father, to death on

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Holy Week at Home with the Word



Monday, April 10

The Meal at Bethany

As you reflect on today's readings, you might want to take time to visualize the meal at the home of Lazarus in Bethany. Martha is serving; Lazarus is at the table; Mary is anointing Jesus' feet with perfume; Judas is protesting Mary's action; and Jesus is quieting Judas. The scene occurs just before Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his Passion and Death. How are you preparing to spend time with Jesus as Holy Week begins? Will the week center on prayer? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.*

Tuesday, April 11

Betrayal and Denial

The setting for today's Gospel takes us to another meal, a meal very unlike the one in Bethany. At this meal, Judas leaves early to betray Jesus and Peter is told that he will deny the Lord. As we move closer to Good Friday, we need to consider our faithfulness. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 14, 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38.*

Wednesday, April 12

Servanthood

"It is the Lord God who helps me." Throughout today's First Reading, Isaiah attributes what he has and does to God. Because of what God has done, Isaiah can sustain the weary with his words and listen "as those who are taught." These are the thoughts of a servant who humbly acknowledges his place before God. Do you recognize what God is doing in your life? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10; 21-22, 32, 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.*

Thursday, April 13

Holy Thursday

The Sacred Paschal Triduum begins this evening. As we observe the washing of feet tonight, we consider how our reception of the Eucharist calls us to service. May we not only serve but allow others to serve us. *Today's Readings: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

Friday, April 14

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Our focus is on the Cross. We spend time in silence from noon until 3 pm, to unite ourselves to Christ's suffering. At the service in the parish, we hear the Passion of the Lord proclaimed and we adore the cross. Today is not business as usual, for we commemorate Christ's Death. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.*

Saturday, April 15

Easter Vigil

At the Easter Vigil, we hear the story of salvation history, the account of how God has remained faithful to us. To prepare for the night, spend time in prayerful reflection with at least one of the readings. Consider how the reading tells of how God keeps the covenant with his people. Sit quietly as you prayerfully respond. *Today's Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24-35; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Psalm: Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Matthew 28:1-10.*

On Stewardship Spirituality

Living Stewardship



Accountability

Sacrificial Giving Offertory

Weekly Offerings:

Due to timing constraints with our publisher, we are unable to provide current offertory info. Please check back here after Easter Sunday for an update.

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.

~Consider This ~

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal is a way to do the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy—the cornerstone of our Parish. Your CMA gift helps those in need of food, clothing, shelter & counsel. Your CMA gift means YOU are helping build His Kingdom here on earth—right here on Long Island.

“Morning after morning, He opens my ear that I might hear, and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.”— Isaiah 50:5

All will have their faith shaken. Christ tells the apostles this at Gethsemane. Peter says not him, he will stand firm with Jesus, even to death. But at the first inquiry, Peter wavers. He is afraid. And by the end of the night, he is so distraught by his own lack of faith that he weeps bitterly.

Do we stand up for our faith? Do we share our belief in Jesus as Savior, or would we rather sit quietly in the shadows and hope that no one inquires.

The Lord is My Help

The Scripture this week is full of moments of doubt, feelings of weakness, failure and humility. Behold, your king comes to you, meek... He emptied himself, he humbled himself, obedient to the point of death... And Peter went off, weeping bitterly. All of this, and yet, there is hope as well: *The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced... All who see me scoff at me, they mock me, but with faith I will proclaim your name... I will praise You!*

What does it take for us to accept Jesus Christ as our Savior. I mean to truly believe in our heart of hearts that Jesus is there for us, protecting us, caring for us and forgiving us when we falter.

In our quest to grow with God, we will certainly stumble along the way. It is not an easy journey, this life of Stewardship. We may even weep bitterly when we fail, as Peter did. But Peter did not let that moment define him: he found his way and served the Lord.

Will we stand up for our faith like Isaiah, or have the confidence of Peter? The steward, the disciple will, in following this path, meet failure and disappointment—with others and ourselves. We may not always feel we have the strength to stay the course. If we let these moment define us, we cannot succeed. So we need to seek God to help us in our unbelief—to take away our fear, our doubt and our shame.

As we begin Holy Week, and prepare to celebrate Easter, the Resurrection, it is important that we continue to embrace and understand all that Jesus’s Passion represent—triumph, joy, death, Resurrection and salvation. This is a time when we should have a full appreciation of

what it means to be a steward—to accept the Lord as our Savior, to recognize that we are gifted, and to commit ourselves to sharing those gifts with others, and to take the light of Christ and bring it to all we know and meet. Now is the time for us to proclaim, *“Truly, this is the Son of God.”*

~For more information on Stewardship, email us at SerenaOnStewardship@gmail.com!

O My God, I do believe

- ◇ *Take away my fear*
- ◇ *Take away my doubt*
- ◇ *Take away my shame*

Help me in my unbelief



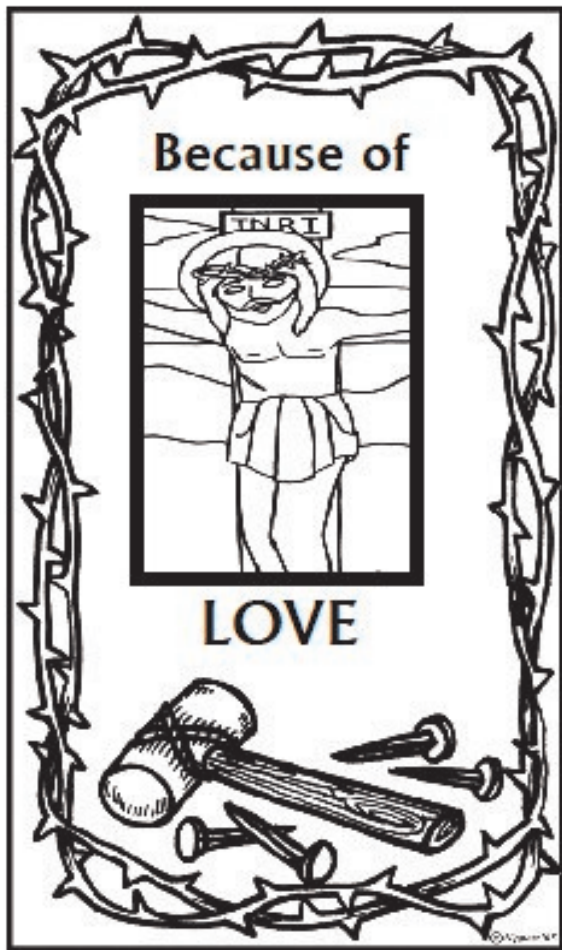
Truly this is the Son of God.
—Matthew 27:66
Hosanna in the Highest!

Make the Commitment to Belong More Deeply to Christ and His Church

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us



Our Lady of Mercy School
Faith ~ Academics ~ Service



As part of Holy Week, OLM students participate in, what we call, a mini Seder experience. Students share in eating some matzo (unleavened bread), radish (bitter herb), lettuce (greens), and grape juice (wine) while viewing a 15 minute video enacted by some of our fifth grade students.

Following this, the children go to the school auditorium where they participate in a prayer service which involves song, prayer, and a liturgical dance. The prayer ends with the reminder that Jesus not only died for us; he also rose from the dead.

This year, we invite any parishioner who would like to share this Holy Week prayer experience to join us.

If you would like to come, please **contact the school at 433-7040**. This will enable us to **set up chairs and prepare the foods** so you can **fully participate** in the experience.

Guests are asked to be in school at **9:30 AM on Wednesday, April 12th**. The entire prayer experience should be completed by **11:00 AM**.

**TGIF
Winners**

- April 7: \$100 - Goodman Family (Grade 8)
- \$75 - Faderl Family (Grade 5)
- \$50 - Shea Family (Grade 7)

Committed to educating students to become Christ Centered, Academically Strong, Christian and Servant Leaders, Responsible Citizens

Our Lady of Mercy School thanks you for your continued financial and prayerful support.

Parish Services

Serving with Mercy

Mary Anne Scott

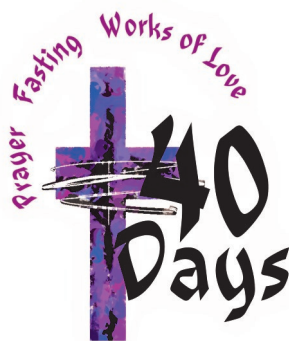
Sometimes we are tempted to be that kind of Christian who keeps the Lord's wounds at arm's length. Yet Jesus wants us to touch human misery, to touch the suffering flesh of others. (Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel)

Loving God, . . . When I see my neighbor struggling to put food on the table, when I see the stranger longing for a safe and welcoming place to call home, when I see the person held captive by fear, addiction, loneliness, human failings, I am looking directly into your face. You challenge me to let go of avoidance or the pretense of not seeing. You challenge me to recognize, name and welcome your body in the crucified people of our world. Amen.

Pope Francis Living Lent with Love



Easter Preparations



Thank you to the parishioners of all ages who served others this Lent by performing corporal works of mercy as they donated beautiful Easter baskets for children served by our food pantry, donated hams, turkeys and other food for Easter dinner or to restock our pantry and prepared Easter cards for the home-bound.

Families will be receiving their Easter baskets, food and supermarket gift cards this week letting them know that they have not been forgotten by Our Lady of Mercy Parish Family.

All Easter distributions will be concluded by Thursday, April 13 and the Food Pantry will be closed Good Friday, April 14.

Memorial Donations

If you are looking for a way to honor the life of a friend or family member for a birthday or anniversary or express sympathy, consider a memorial donation in any amount to Parish Services. Cards acknowledging the donation are available at Parish Services or can be mailed directly to the family.

Donations such as these make it possible for us to provide emergency financial assistance to families in our community. Monetary donations to Parish Services were used to purchase \$2,500 worth of ShopRite gift cards in \$25 denominations which are being distributed to families to supplement the foods available in our food pantry this Easter.

Food Pantry needs: Pancake mix, rice, toothpaste & shampoo. Thank you.

Parish Services

931-1306

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30AM-12:00PM, 1:00-4:30PM

Pantry Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 1:30-3:30PM

Wednesday & Friday 9:30-11:30AM

Last Saturday of month 9:30-11:30AM—call to confirm date

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us

Presider's Schedule for Weekend of April 8th – 9th, 2017

Fr. Nasir G.	Fr. P. Grace	Fr. Aaron	Fr. Steve P.	Fr. Nasir G.	Fr. Steve P.	Fr. P. Grace
Mass Time: 4:30 PM	7:30 AM	8:45 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon	5:30 PM

EAT, DRINK AND BE GIVING



Save the Date
Saturday April 22
7:30-10:30pm

Enjoy live entertainment and refreshments, while tasting dishes from local restaurants.

Saturday, April 22, 2017
 as we dine in honor of

Our Lady of Mercy School

\$45 person
 7:30 to 10:30 PM
 All of the proceeds will be donated to
 Our Lady of Mercy School

Name: _____

Email or Phone Number _____

_____ Number of guests that will attend

_____ I am unable to attend, but would like to donate to this wonderful event and cause.

Amount being donated: _____

Please visit our website to purchase your ticket: <http://www.olmevents.org/taste-of-the-town.html>

Or

Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy School and send to:
 Our Lady of Mercy School
 500 South Oyster Bay Road
 Hicksville, NY 11803



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Holy Week 2017



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, April 10th, 3:00 to 5:00PM and 7:00 to 9:00PM

Wednesday, April 12th, 7:00 to 9:00PM

(Please Note: No Confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday)

Palm Sunday

Celebrate with us the start of Holy Week as we recall
Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem

Saturday, April 8th, Upper Church - 4:30PM

Confessions - 3:00 to 4:15PM

Sunday, April 9th, Masses Upper Church - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM

12 Noon and 5:30PM

Morning Prayer

The rich tradition of the Church has as part of its foundation the recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours. During the Triduum, (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) the Church only allows one Eucharistic celebration per day. Since daily Masses are not allowed on these days many parishes have opted to invite their parishioners to join in praying Morning Prayer which consists of the recitation of psalms and prayers. Please join us on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday for morning prayer in the main church at 9:00 AM.

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM, Church

Concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM, Church

Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to Our Lady's Chapel Immediately following Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel till 11:00 PM

Good Friday

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Church

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord and Holy Communion 3:00 PM, Church

Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM in the Church

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM, Church

Blessing of Easter Foods immediately following Morning Prayer (Approx. 9:30 AM)

Easter Vigil 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Masses for Easter Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

There will be an additional Mass in Our Lady's Chapel (lower church) at 10:30 AM

Mass in Urdu 4:00 Upper Church

There will be no 5:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday Evening.

Please join us and celebrate God's abundant love for us!

A Happy and Blessed Holy Week and Easter to you and your family!

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY MAY 30TH 2017

(Tuesday After Memorial Day – Make It An Extra Long Weekend!)

**OUR LADY MERCY'S
MSGR. JAMES BOESEL
MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC**

SPONSORED BY THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY
GOD BLESS YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR LADY OF MERCY
PARISH & SCHOOL!

**TOWN OF OYSTER BAY GOLF COURSE
WOODBURY NEW YORK**

9:00 AM REGISTRATION
9:00 AM BREAKFAST
9:00 AM DRIVING RANGE OPENS
9:30 AM PUTTING CONTEST
11:00 AM SHOTGUN START
5:00 PM – COCKTAIL HOUR
6:00 PM CHAMPION FOR LIFE DINNER,

- HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE
- BARBECUE AT THE TURN
- IMPRESSIVE RAFFLE PRIZES
- AND MUCH MORE

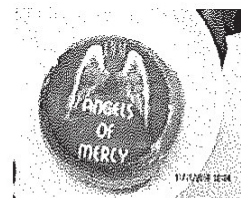
LIMITED NUMBER OF OPENINGS - ACT NOW!

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JOHN THOMAS BAKE SALE

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SATURDAY APRIL 22 & SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017

SATURDAY @ 3:30 pm & AFTER 4:30pm MASS

SUNDAY @ 7:00am & AFTER ALL MASSESS TILL 1:30pm

THERE WILL BE >>>> A RAFFLE PRIZE & 50/50

THERE WILL BE BAGELS / CAKES/ COOKIES AND SO MUCH MORE FOR PURCHASE. HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE SIT AND HAVE A BITE TO EAT WHILE MINGLING WITH MANY OF THE PARISH FAMILIES THAT WILL BE THERE!! WE PROMISE THAT YOU WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME, WHILE SUPPORTING OUR ANGELS AND OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH.

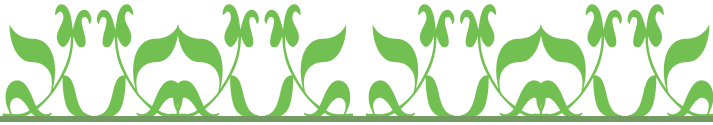
WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US & GOD BLESS



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN

OR CALL ~ ANGELA MANZI 938-8106

CAROL LEONE ~ 433-2653



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Queen of Angels
 will be hosting
 a Prayer Service at St. Ignatius Parish, Hicksville,
 featuring Bishop Andrzej
 on
Divine Mercy Sunday—April 23, 2017
 From 3:15—5:15
 The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday.
 Find the prayers for the Novena and the Chaplet in the following link:
<https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/mercy/novena.htm>
 Mass will begin immediately following the conclusion of the prayer service.
Plan on joining us in prayer!



When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving, to be generous, to love others, we instill virtue in their souls and reveal the image of God within them. This, then, is our task: to educate both ourselves and our children in godliness; otherwise what answer will we have before Christ's judgment-seat?



OUR LADY OF MERCY MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

MANY OF OUR PARISH WOMEN AND MEN ARE PART OF THIS WONDERFUL MINISTRY, TO HELP FAMILIES DURING THEIR TIME OF LOSS. TO BE THERE TO OFFER SUPPORT TO FAMILIES IN SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT MOMENTS WE FACE IN LIFE.

IF YOU HAVE READ THE LETTER FROM FATHER STEVE IN THE BULLETIN YOU WILL ALSO KNOW HOW MUCH THIS MINISTRY MEANS TO SO MANY FAMILIES AND HOW APPRECIATIVE THEY ARE FOR OUR SUPPORT.

WE INVITE YOU ALL TO BE PART OF THIS MINISTRY..

YOU DON'T NEED ANY EXPERIENCE EXCEPT A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

THIS MINISTRY IS OPENED TO ANYONE IN OUR PARISH. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PART OF ANY OTHER GROUP OR MINISTRY TO SUPPORT THESE FAMILIES.

WHAT ROLES ARE NEEDED FOR THIS MINISTRY IS:

- 1 – WOMEN & MEN WHO CAN ACT AS USHERS & GREETERS.
- 2 – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – "PARISH MINISTRY REQUIRED".
- 3 – LECTORS AT TIMES.
- 4 – ALTERS SERVERS.
- 5 – HOSPITALITY & CAKE BAKERS.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT ME AT THE NUMBER BELOW



THANK-YOU & MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!!

ANGELA MANZI (COORDINATOR MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION)

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Why do we genuflect in church?

In medieval Europe, one demonstrated respect for a king or noble by going down on one knee.



Building on that tradition, we bend on the right knee to show reverence for the Lord in the Eucharist when it is on the altar, in the tabernacle, or in the monstrance. (We also genuflect before the cross from Good Friday through the Easter vigil.)

Note: While the right knee is reserved for Jesus, we genuflect on the left knee before the pope, cardinals, or bishops.

Why do we get ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday?

To ancient Jews, wearing sackcloth and covering themselves or sitting in ashes showed repentance and humility, and acted as a penance. Thus, the early Church adopted the practice of wearing ashes at the start of Lent to show repentance, too.

But as he places the ashes on our foreheads, the priest says, "Remember you are dust and unto dust you will return," to remind us that our time on earth will pass away but our life in Heaven will last forever.

Why do Catholics give the Sign of Peace during Mass?

The first words Jesus said to his apostles after his Resurrection were, "Peace be with you" (John 20:21). After that their fear disappeared.

By offering each other the Sign of Peace at Mass, we share that peace with the entire Body of Christ.



Jesus also told us to reconcile with one another before approaching the altar of God (Matthew 5:23). Thus, the

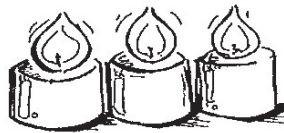
Sign of Peace is a gesture of Reconciliation with those around us before coming to the altar to receive Holy Communion.

Why do we say "Amen" at the end of some prayers?

In Hebrew, the word "Amen" shares the same root as the word "believe." This root also expresses trustworthiness and faithfulness.

When you read the gospels, you'll see that Jesus sometimes used the word "Amen" twice in a row to emphasize the trustworthiness of his teaching. He wanted his listeners to pay special attention.

So when we say "Amen" at the end of a prayer, we reinforce our faith in what we just said. We also express our confidence that God will hear our prayers.



Why do we light votive prayer candles in church?

A person can only pray for so long. Lighting a candle serves to prolong that prayer beyond our presence in the church. The candle remains behind and symbolizes the desire for the prayer to continue.

So when we light candles in prayer, our intentions remain present even when we are gone. Next time you pass a candle rack, help prolong others' prayers by offering one for the intentions of the people who lit them.

Why do priests wear different colored vestments throughout the year?

The colors of the vestments help bring to mind the sacred mysteries we celebrate throughout the liturgical year. Each color highlights a particular aspect of the season or a specific

mystery of the faith.

For example, white and gold symbolize rejoicing and purity of soul. They are worn during Christmas and Easter. Red calls to mind Christ's blood and is worn on Good Friday and to commemorate those saints who were martyred for our faith.

Red also signifies the burning fire of God's love. Thus red vestments are worn on Pentecost.

Why do we call our priests, "Father"?



According to Our Sunday Visitor Catholic Encyclopedia, those in the early Church who gave special witness to the faith were called "Father." In fact, St. Paul said, "For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (1 Corinthians 4:15-16).

The practice of addressing priests this way was brought to the U.S. in the 19th century by Irish immigrants who called their priests, "Father." Today this title reminds us that we are all united as family under Christ, his Gospel, his Church, and his representatives on earth.

Why do Catholics baptize babies?

"Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

Baptism is the gateway to life in the Spirit, the Church, and the other Sacraments. So it makes sense that it be conveyed as early as possible.

While a child obviously can't consciously choose Baptism, her parents can choose for her. In so doing, they accept for her the priceless gift of becoming a child of God.



Our Lady of Mercy Church
For the Saints in the Pews



LENT 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>	<p>March</p>	<p>I Ash Wednesday Attend an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes for the rest of the day.</p>	<p>2 Start a prayer book and record those for whom you pray or for whom you pray. Also keep track of how God answers your prayers.</p>	<p>3 It is our Christian responsibility to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent as a form of penance.</p>	<p>4 St. Casimir was a prince of Poland who used his power for God's interests rather than worldly ones. Ask for the grace to put God's interests first today.</p>	
<p>5 After Mass, pick one thing that prevents you from loving God "with all your heart ... soul ... [and] mind" (Matthew 22:37). Resolve to conquer it this Lent.</p>	<p>6 Pick a charity to which you would like to donate and set up a donations jar in your home. Try to fill it by the end of Lent.</p>	<p>7 Make a list of ways to simplify your lifestyle to make more room for God.</p>	<p>8 Improve your spiritual vision: resolve to go the whole day without judging or criticizing anyone.</p>	<p>9 Despite suffering deep losses, St. Frances of Rome trusted God would work things out. Entrust your worries to God, knowing he will take care of them.</p>	<p>10 In today's busy world, older people who have become less active tend to be overlooked. Visit a senior you know, take them out to lunch and just listen.</p>	<p>II Today, pick one or two things on your to-do list that you've been putting off and do them. Offer them up for your prayer intentions.</p>
<p>12 Offer going to Mass today for someone you know is going through a rough time or facing a difficult challenge.</p>	<p>13 Find an unfamiliar term in the glossary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and read about it until you explain it to someone else.</p>	<p>14 Support your parish's special Lent collections, whether it is the Bishop's Lenten campaign, Operation Rice Bowl or a mission collection.</p>	<p>15 Resolve to say (and think) only positive things about yourself today.</p>	<p>16 Consider making today a day of fasting between meals. When you feel tempted to snack, remind yourself of those for whom hunger isn't a choice.</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day – St. Patrick was influential in evangelizing Ireland. In his honor, evangelize by wearing a sign of your faith.</p>	<p>18 Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, taught to St. Faustina to help repair the hurt caused by sin. Find it at www.usccb.org.</p>
<p>19 After Mass today, go out for coffee or breakfast with other parishioners from your parish.</p>	<p>20 St. Joseph was a man of action; what God said, he did. Resolve today to fulfill your responsibilities without complaining.</p>	<p>21 Deny yourself something you would like to buy. Give the money you have saved to the poor.</p>	<p>22 Read today's Gospel reading, Matthew 5:17-19. Write down two things you learned and keep it with you throughout the day.</p>	<p>23 Spread joy. Smile at everyone you meet, regardless of how you feel.</p>	<p>24 Attend a Stations of the Cross service if your parish offers one. If not, find them here: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/devotionals/stations-of-the-cross/</p>	<p>25 "Yes" to God, when she agreed to become the mother of Jesus. Pray for the courage to respond faithfully to whatever God asks.</p>
<p>26 <i>Laetare Sunday!</i> Make today special. Invite friends and neighbors over for a potluck brunch to celebrate the midpoint of Lent.</p>	<p>27 Take stock of your Lenten sacrifices and renew your commitment to them.</p>	<p>28 Do a thorough Examination of Conscience, using the Ten Commandments and the eight beatitudes as a guide.</p>	<p>29 Browse a Catholic bookshop and find a good book to read during the rest of Lent.</p>	<p>30 Clean your closet of clothes you no longer need. Donate gently used items that you no longer wear to charity.</p>	<p>31 Observe a reverential silence from noon to 3pm out of respect for the three hours Jesus hung on the Cross.</p>	<p>April I Attend a Reconciliation Service or go to Confession on your own. Make a sincere confession and experience God's forgiveness.</p>
<p>2 Read one of the seven penitential psalms (Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143) each day this week.</p>	<p>3 Pick a day this week and attend daily Mass. It may mean getting up earlier than usual, but it will be worth it.</p>	<p>4 Lent is a stressful time of year for priests. Offer to perform some act of service for your parish. Ask at the rectory for suggestions.</p>	<p>5 Instead of focusing on unanswered prayers, recall what God has already done for us. Make a list of all you're grateful for; it comes from God.</p>	<p>6 Fill a small Easter basket with treats and give to a friend. If appropriate, include a prayer card, a rosary, a religious book.</p>	<p>7 Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, waits for us in the tabernacle of every Catholic church. Make time to visit with him, if only for a little while.</p>	<p>8 Start spring cleaning for Easter. Vacuum, dust, and straighten the rooms of the house you use the most to prepare for Jesus' resurrection.</p>
<p>9 Today's Gospel narrates the important events of Holy Week. Place yourself in the scene and "walk through" Holy Week with our Lord.</p>	<p>10 Tonight and every night this week, say an extra prayer for those entering the Church this Holy Saturday</p>	<p>II Take a walk and look for signs of new life.</p>	<p>12 Try to read an entire Gospel in one sitting.</p>	<p>13 Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the priesthood. Celebrate by going to church tonight.</p>	<p>14 Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Read and compare all four Gospel accounts of the passion and death of Jesus.</p>	<p>15 Our Lenten sacrifices end with Lent, but our efforts to seek God don't have to. Pick an "Easter challenge" to continue to help grow closer to God.</p>




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Our Lady of Mercy School collects Box Tops year round to help support our education needs. We Thank you for your support. Collection bins are in the church for you to conveniently drop off your box tops when you come to mass. Please continue to bring in your box tops from the products you use at home or office. We appreciate your continued support for our school! Please keep them coming. For more information visit: www.btfe.com **THANK YOU!**



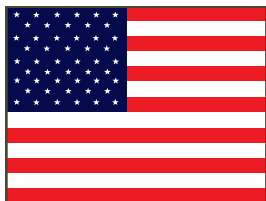
**Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track
2017 SPRING REGISTRATION**

The mission of the Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track Program, located in Hicksville, is to provide a fun, relaxed environment where boys and girls, kindergarten through 8th grade, can learn the basics of track and field while also developing sportsmanship and teamwork skills. No experience required.

The 2017 Season runs from April-June. Track meets are held outdoors on weekends at fields throughout Nassau and Suffolk. All athletes competing in meets will receive medals and/or ribbons. At the conclusion of the season we will have a small celebration.

To register your child, contact Director Gynni Farrell at: ourladyofmercytrack@gmail.com
Deadline to register is April 20th





PRAYER FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*As we live daily enjoying the freedom of this country, many loved ones are giving themselves with unselfish love in places of perilous action. Lord, hold in your loving hands our troops and all those who try to respond to the needs of the less fortunate throughout the world. Bless them and their families for the unselfish acts they perform as they attempt to alleviate many global concerns. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. AMEN.
(follow with Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)*

**SUPERMARKET GIFT CERTIFICATES
Thank You!**

To All Parishioners: GIFT CERTIFICATES may be purchased in the rectory during the week at regular office hours. Sales this past week were \$940.00, of this the Parish earned \$47.00, **If you do not use supermarket dollars, please give it a try! Ask those who use it, how convenient it is!**

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Helping the Poor
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our Lady of Mercy Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's sole purpose is to help the poor of our community. Every dollar received goes toward help for those in need, there are no administrative expenses, all members of the conference are volunteers. Currently, poor box and candle contributions are used to support our efforts. Please consider a gift to our conference so that we may continue to provide support to those in need.

Make checks payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and mail them to the Rectory or deposit them in separate envelopes in the collection baskets at Mass.

If you, or someone you know, needs assistance please contact us at (516) 931-4351, X 326. All contact with St. Vincent de Paul is held in strict confidence. Thank you.

Saint Anthony's High School
Franciscan Brothers

Spring Concert
of
Instrumental
and
Choral Music

Friday
April 28, 2017

Saturday
April 29, 2017

Auditorium
7:30 PM
Donation \$10.00

Organizations

Music Ministries

OLM Adult Chamber Choir: Meets Tuesday afternoons at 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Upper Church.

OLM Children's Choir: Meets Wednesday afternoons at 2:45-3:30 PM in the School Music Room.

OLM Folk Group: Meets Sundays after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Lower Church.

OLM Rock Group: Meets Monday evenings at 8-10 PM in the Upper Church.

Parish Organizations

Angels of Mercy: Meet on every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in Our Lady's Chapel with refreshments served. Corporate Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:00 AM for more information please e-mail, JUSTKKAUZE@AOL.COM or call Angela Manzi at 938-8106

Hicksville/OLM Senior Club: Meets on Mondays 11:00AM-3 PM at the Bethpage Senior Center. For information contact Joan at 938-4261.

Holy Name Society: Corporate Mass and Communion on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 AM Mass. Membership meetings on the following Monday at 7:30 PM in the Lower Church Meeting Room. Phone: (516)405-OHNS(0467). Email: olmholyname@aol.com Web: www.olmholyname.org

Knights of Columbus: The Our Lady of Mercy Joseph F. Lamb Council # 5723 Knights of Columbus meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria. For information contact Jim Raber, Grand Knight, at 516/695-1022, or Kevin McAvoy, Deputy Grand Knight at 516/996-3489

Legion of Mary: Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in the Lower Church. First Saturday **Fatima Devotions:** 7:40 AM.

Nocturnal Adoration: First Friday of the Month - 8 to 9 PM (Exposition & Group Prayer and /or 9 PM to 10 PM (Silent Prayer and Benediction) in Our Lady's Chapel.

OLM Ushers: If interested in becoming an Usher, please contact Jim Decker at 516/933-8143 or email at jimdecker@verizon.net

OLM Prayer Group: Meets every Tuesday night 7:30 PM in Lower Church Contact Maureen Decker 516/933-8143

OLM Youth Council for Parish Sport. Contact Chris Fox at cfox411@icloud.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Contact the Rectory for information (931-4351 X 326).

The Men of St. Joseph: Meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in Lower Church Meeting Room.

Thrift Boutique: Mon-Sat 9:30 AM — 1:00 PM located in The Trailer Building

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous Groups

First Things First:

Open Meeting every Friday: 8:00-9:00 PM in the Convent Basement.

Closed Meeting every Sunday: 7:00-8:00 PM in the Convent Basement.

Our Own Group:

Closed Meeting every Monday: 4:30-5:30 PM in the Convent Basement.

Step Meeting every Thursday: 4:30-5:30 PM in the Convent Basement.

Al-Anon:

Adult Children meet on Friday evenings: 7:30-10:00 PM in the School Cafeteria.

Emotions Anonymous:

Meets on Thursdays at 8-10 PM in the Convent Basement.

Families Anonymous:

Meets on Wednesdays at 7:30-9:30 PM. Convent Basement.

