

**This Week**

**Monday**

7:30PM Miraculous Medal Novena

**Thursday**

7:00PM Legion of Mary Meeting – Rectory

**COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE  
SUNDAY, July 30, 2017**

**Saturday**

4:00PM Dan Clifford  
7:00PM Barbara Orleman

**Sunday**

7:30AM Larry Waldorf  
9:30AM Bill Mirabello  
11:30AM Maria Peronich  
1:15PM Paula Mitkowski  
10:00AM OLL Rosanne Allen

**SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY, July 30, 2017**

**Saturday**

4:00PM Nancy Kinzler  
7:00PM Edwin Hall-Clarke

**Sunday**

7:30AM Cathy McGill  
9:30AM Cathy Lavelle  
11:30AM Theresa Maleady  
1:15PM Caroline Ferreri  
10:00AM OLL Raymond Eger

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY CARE COMMITTEE**  
On - duty the week of July 23 to July 29 - Joe



**BREAD AND WINE & SANCTUARY LIGHT**

We are accepting offerings for the Sanctuary Light and Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. Any questions, please call the rectory 718-351-1093.

**THE 2018 MASS BOOK IS OPEN**

**Mass offering is to be made when the Mass is arranged in the Rectory during office hours.** Weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation Masses are still \$25 and Monday through Saturday morning Masses are \$15.

**The Cenacle of Life Prayer Group meets every Friday at 4:00PM in the Chapel to recite the Rosary.**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27**

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

**Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43**

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the “reign of God” in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the “reign of God” had been established, it grew and spread.

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**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 23, 2017**

**VOCATION VIEW**

There are many weeds growing with the wheat of our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God’s voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life. If you would like to be a priest or have questions about the priesthood, please contact the Vocation Office at (914) 968-1340 or [www.NYPRIEST.COM](http://www.NYPRIEST.COM) “The World Needs Heroes”

***We Welcomed the Newly Baptized  
to our parish***

Michelle Adebowale

**PRAYER OF PARENTS**

God of all life, we thank You for the gift of the children You have entrusted to our care. Guide us to help them grow into compassionate and responsible adults, strong in their Catholic faith and confident in the goodness and abilities You have given them.

Grant that they may be ever aware of Your presence in their lives and Your unconditional love for them.

Fill them with your choicest blessing. Enrich their souls with Your grace. Inspire them with Your wisdom. Lead them to grow in virtue each day, so that we may be always united with You and with each other, in this life and in the next.

Amen.

## *From the Pastor's Desk ...*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is already last week of July and there are no machines in the Church parking lot and no work started to get the planned elevator project going for the convent. I really thought by the beginning of July there would be disruptions to our daily activities in the Church and chapel due to heavy digging in front of Fr. Hopkins Hall. But, so far no work begun as planned. Just this week only, we finished the rain related damage to the sacristy, Fr. Hopkins Hall bathroom and the store room. Let me explain in detail.

I began planning all the renovations needed for the Parish already in 2007 when I arrived here. At that time we had only 370 children in the school. It was proposed to combine the classes and make it into one class per grade school. After we tried to work hard for the school, the enrollments in 2008 went up to 480 children. We needed new rooms to accommodate the three year olds and the two kindergarten children. We renovated one floor of the old convent and accommodated them. Lack of resources forced us to move the renovation of the top two floors to a later time. Three years ago Mayer De Blasio introduced the full day Universal Pre-K and we had to give up one of our UPKs due to lack of class rooms. The offer of one extra room in the second floor of the old convent was not acceptable then. That is when I seriously considered total renovation of the convent and extend the school fully. What was initiated in 2004 took nearly three years to get the final approval to go ahead with the plan.

Now a new scenario has emerged. This year our school student enrolment has come down to approximately 360 children. There is going to be only one Kindergarten. The school may not require this building any more. So the original purpose for which the plan was approved is reevaluated by the Archdiocese. After so many meetings and discussions, the proposal is to wait for another year with the elevator plan and just complete the interior renovation of the top two floors. This work has already begun last summer itself. Once the plumbing work is completed, the proposed fire alarm set up will begin. I hope to complete this part of the renovation by this August. I want all our parishioners to pray as the Archdiocese seriously considers re-purposing the use of the old convent so that the parish resources are not wasted but used very wisely for the benefit of all in the parish.

God Bless You  
Fr. Pancrose

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Collection (July 16 <sup>th</sup> )	\$9342.00
Shrine Candles	\$85.00
Poor Box	\$136.00
Air-condition Envelops	\$325.00

## **What is prayer all about?**

Clement of Alexandria, a popular teacher of the early Church, put it simply: "Prayer is conversation with God." Like any conversation, it goes both ways. We talk to God, and He talks to us. God loves us more than we can imagine. He wants us to get to know and love Him as a Father. Like any loving parent, He wants to spend time talking with His children.

## **What Kind of conversation am I supposed to have?**

Think of it this way: Imagine that someone saved your life through an act of great personal sacrifice. What kind of conversation would you want to have with that kind of Benefactor?

You would no doubt want to offer an earnest thank you. You would be eager to praise the person's kindness, generosity, and selflessness. You would probably ask, "How can I ever repay you?"

Now think about what God has done for us. He created us and gives us life. Every good gift we have is from Him. When the human race turned away from Him and lost its way because of sin, He made the most precious sacrifice possible to save us and bring us back to Himself: He sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us.

What kind of conversation should you have with that kind of Benefactor? For starters, you can express to Him sincere praise and thanks.

## **Doesn't prayer include asking God for something?**

Of course! Think of a small child who is hungry. If the child comes to Daddy asking for food, he's delighted to answer that request. And if human fathers, Jesus reminded us, know how to give good gifts to their children when asked, "how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:9-11).

In fact, most of the Our Father is devoted to this important aspect of prayer: petition. We ask God to provide for us ("our daily bread"), guide us ("lead us not into temptation"), and protect us ("deliver us from evil"). He cares about us, and He's delighted to answer our prayers. "Have no anxiety about anything," St. Paul insisted, "but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). Just tell God what you need.

**For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and love, embracing both trial and joy.**

-- St. Therese of Lisieux

**Monday, July 24 – Saint Sharbel Makhhluf, Priest**

7:00AM Gary and Ronnie Garofano  
8:30AM Robert Capiabincio

**Tuesday, July 25 – Saint James, Apostle**

7:00AM Mary Ryan Hicks  
8:30AM Marie Taverna

**Wednesday, July 26 – Saint Joachim and Anne,  
Parents of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary**

7:00AM Parish families  
8:30AM Julian D. Ayres

**Thursday, July 27**

7:00AM Helen and Albert Bossert  
8:30AM Doreen Desteffano

**Friday, July 28**

7:00AM African Missions  
8:30AM Adrian J. Maleady

**Saturday, July 29 – Saint Martha**

7:00AM All Missionaries  
8:30AM Frances Carbonaro

4:00PM Julie Petosa – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

7:00PM John Andrews

**Sunday, July 30**

7:30AM Joseph Mulligan  
9:30AM Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary  
11:30AM Raffaella Cosenza  
1:15PM Baby Anthony Joseph Ferreri Jr.  
10:00AM OLL People of the Parish

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of our deceased parishioners and God's comfort for their families*

**Especially Stella De Crescenzo, Vita Marie Falcone, Frances Anna Saladino**



2. Lauren Lyngholm & Niall Crowe

**NO GREATER LOVE**

By Mother Teresa

“God has chosen me for a purpose. I know it.”

Silence of our eyes  
Silence of our ears  
Silence of our mouths  
Silence of our minds.  
In the silence of the heart God will speak.  
Silence of the heart is necessary so you can hear  
God everywhere – in the closing of the door,  
in the person who needs you,  
in the birds that sing,  
in the flowers, in the animals.  
Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Judith Stapleton, Frank Comparato, Joseph Cali, Patricia De Laurentis, Anthony Magno, William Fannon Jr., Michael Camera, James Adrian, Salvatrice Galatro, Shannon Craig, Joseph Bilotti, Jr., Al Tabbanella, Ernest Velez, Clara Guglielmi, Jayce Monty, Emily Driscall, Daniela Vanico, Toniann Vigneri, Michael Bifalco, Joseph Bifalco, Susan Moore, Ann Margaret Zaino, Kelsey Heaney, Joe Scirone, John Mandato, Matilda Costanza, Anthony DeAngelis, Jeremy Castillo, Leila Idelfanso, Lorraine Costa, Michael Volpe, Rosaria Sepulveda, Esteban Gonzalez, Paul Rydell, Peter Discenza, Ursula Torre, Frank Aiello, Rose Sgarlato, Danny DeMeo, Patricia DeMeo, Jodiann Altamura, Rose Mattered, Pauline LaFonte, Anthony Schiavone, William Fallon, Angela Ricca, Sophia Madeline Sanzone, Jeanne Stern, Lillian Bilotti, Violet Buzzanca, Paul Gregis, Christina Corrieri Paradino, Thomas Ciotola, James Remias, Melodi Roy, Marie Diloia, Gerald Frederick, Suzzane Astuo, Derrill Roy, Xavier Castelli, Nicole Viola, Pauline Cipriano, Daniel Woods, Carmen Ramos, Katherine Nikatas, Kriss Murphy, Theresa Raimondi, Michael Cianci, Jr., Andre Bocchiaro, James Anthony Parker, Carmen Oliveras, Anna Indio, William Gonzalez, Amy Altuna, Carol Wetmore, John Pape, Cameron King, Valerie Schiavone, Frank DiGregorio, Grace Turner, Elsa Griswold, Joseph Esposito, Baby Juliette Florio-Perez, Rose Stingo, Palma Milano, Christie Schaff, Rose Sullivan, Joel Rivera, Anthony Gerard Donato, Grace Bruno, Craig Inducci, Tom LaMantia, Concetta Friscia, Antoinette Olmeda, Corrine Alaimo, Marlene Olivieri, Thomas DeAngelis, Christina Blumstein, John Schiera, Michael Goldstein, Katie, Frank Ambrosio, Jenna Esposito, Anthony Bocchetti, Steve Sgarlato, Carol DeCastro, Katherine McHugh, Thomas Keenan, Carol Gilroy, Ann Gray, Alanna Shea, Kathleen Burke, Thomas Gaither, Michael Esposito, Baby Cameron Helmuth, Kejsi Mesutllari, Josephine Dedicos, William Cianci, Anna Vetter, Mary Pollina, Gabriela Surowiec, Rita Scalzo, Janet Logon, Victor Raimondi, Nicholas Ilijic, Michael Spatola, Yolanda Mazza, Rosina Agunzo, Kathleen Fusco, Andrew Biancomano, Muriel McKeon, Salvatore Turturici, Caroline DiBella, Antonia Pistone, Nicky Focillo, Roseanna Whalen, Deborah Arnold, Robert Arnold, J.R., G. Fraschilla, Rita Orlando, Robert Antonucci, Baby Juliette Tighe, Alfonso De'lia Vicky Sgarlato, Meg, John Rizzo, Cathy Sartzetaks, Maria Guzman, Maria Riggio, Marty Petosa, Peter Petosa, Joseph Sgarlato, Carol Iacobelli, Lisa Bolton, Josephine Nalbone, Philip Defonte, Marie Pernice, Paul Cobb, Clifford Fusco, Baby Charlie, Donald Giovanello, Susan Piscopo, Michael Bochetti, Fr. Ronald Lee Green, Michael Hansen, Jack McHugh, Marie Presto, Ralph Romano, Celeste Presto, Enrique Soto.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, July 23, 2017**

**Saturday**

4:00PM A. Giambrone, J. Milillo  
7:00PM M. Rojas, J. Riley

**Sunday**

7:30AM C. Boyle, N. Boyle  
9:30AM M. Scafuri, A. Gumb  
11:30AM L. Moskowitz, K. Batista  
**1:15PM V. Koppie, F. Iurlaro**

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, July 30, 2017**

**Saturday**

4:00PM A. Russell, O. Fadell  
7:00PM M. Sheehan, R. Sheehan

**Sunday**

7:30AM A. Sciortino, L. Kuhn  
9:30AM J. Ursino, C. Lombardi  
11:30AM B. Bencivenga, J. DeGuida  
**1:15PM L. Carl, A. Carl**

# RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS

## Parish Religious Education Program Registration Parish Confirmation Candidates - Parish Service Opportunities

### Pew Cleanup after the Masses

Clean up the pews after Mass. Put the books back in place and collect the discarded Church Bulletins. One of the ushers will sign your service sheet. You can do this every week when you attend Sunday Mass. You do not sign up for pew cleanup. This service really is important because it helps us to maintain a clean and inviting worship space.

### Summer Craft Work

Please call Mrs. Orleman at 718-979-0989 if you are good at cutting and gluing and would like to do some craft work over the summer.

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## New Families

### Registration for September 2017 classes needs to take place in July or August

For questions, please call 718-979-0989 and speak with or leave a message for Mrs. Barbara Orleman, coordinator.

**Religious Education Classes are held on the following days:**

Wednesday- Grades 1 through 4: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Thursday- Grades 5 through 7: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

### PLEASE NOTE:

You must be a registered parishioner of OLQP using your Church envelopes.



## Come and Join Us for Outdoor Rosary

The Legion of Mary will continue the monthly outdoor rosary on the fourth Friday of each month, June through September, at 7pm in the Blessed Mother Prayer Garden. The dates are as follows: July 28<sup>th</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup>. All are welcome. In case of inclement weather, the rosary will be indoors.

## 50/50 Monthly Drawing

The 50/50 drawing will be held on the last week of every month. Yellow 50/50 envelopes are provided in your envelope package and also at the back of the Church. The cost is \$5.00. To be eligible to win, please be sure to get your entry in soon! Good Luck to all.

## PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Heavenly Father, bless our parish family.  
Unite us with your Son as one body.  
Fill our hearts with love for one another.  
Help us to spread the Gospel  
And to foster vocations to the Priesthood and  
Religious Life.

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother,  
May our families stay united in love.  
May our children grow in faith.  
May our elderly and homebound be cared for.  
May our sick be healed  
And may our grieving parishioners be consoled  
As they share in the cross of Christ.

Bless our Pope, our Cardinal and all Bishops  
As they shepherd the faithful throughout the world.  
Bless all Priests, Deacons and Religious-  
Especially those who have served  
And are serving the people of our parish now.

Mary our Mother  
Queen of Peace, Our Lady of Lourdes  
Protect us, inspire us and lead us to your Son.  
Be with us now and always. Amen.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

### Archdiocesan Catechetical Office

for Baptized adult Catholics who have already received  
First Holy Communion - Meetings will be held at

**Our Lady of Pity Church  
1616 Richmond Avenue**

Monday evenings 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
From September 18<sup>th</sup> through November 7<sup>th</sup> and  
Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>  
Confirmation Mass at Our Lady of Pity  
Monday, November 27, 2017

Registration **must** be done through the Archdiocese –

**For requirements to register**, go to

[www.nyfaithformation.org](http://www.nyfaithformation.org)

For more information, contact Liliana Cruz,  
Administrative Assistant,

Catechumenate, Family Catechesis at 646-794-2692  
Catechetical Office

Archdiocese of New York

1011 First Avenue New York, New York 10022

**Online Registration Deadline Wednesday –**

**Sept. 20, 2017**