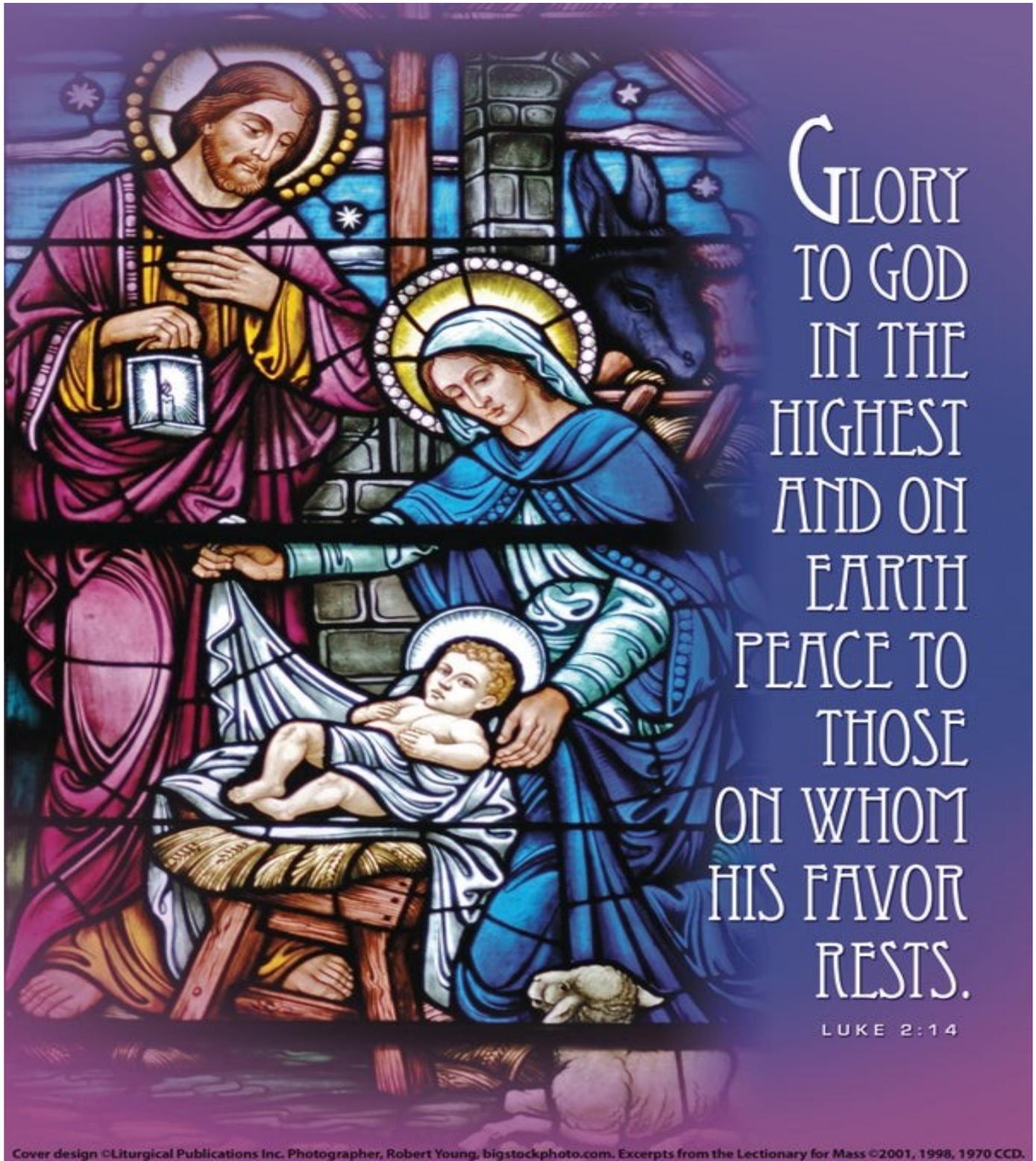


OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH



GLORY
TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
AND ON
EARTH
PEACE TO
THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

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OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE—OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

New Dorp, Staten Island, N.Y. 10306

718-351-1093

ABOUT OUR PARISH

WORSHIP

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening4:00 pm
Sunday7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am,
10:00 am at Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekdays

Monday through Friday8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation

Eve of Holy Day 7:00 pm
Holy Day..... 8:00, 12:00 noon
At Our Lady of Lourdes 7:00 pm
Cedar Grove Avenue

SERVED BY

Rev. Dominic Thomas.....*Pastor*
Rev. Sujan Joseph.....*Parochial Vicar*
Deacon Thomas Finnerty.....*Administrative Assistant*
Dee Caraballo.....*Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Denise Hall-Clarke.....*Secretary*
Terence Hurson.....*Trustee*
Richard F. McCahey.....*Trustee*

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Create an additional source of secure retirement income, while providing for Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Lourdes. To learn more, please call a gift planning specialist at (646)794-3317 or email: plannedgiving@archny.org.

PARISH ASSOCIATIONS

Holy Name Society/Father's Club - 8:00pm, First Monday after Second Sunday (Fr. Hopkins Hall)

Rosary & Altar Society (OLQP) - First Sunday following 9:00am Mass

Rosary & Altar Society (OLL) - 7:30pm Eve of First Friday (KofC Hall)

Sports Program - Olympic League, CYO, 8:00pm Second Monday (Cafeteria) Anthony Vinci—Email: OLQPSI.Sports@gmail.com.

The Secular Franciscan Order—First Thursday of the Month at 7:00pm



VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the rectory if you know of anyone who is sick at home or in the hospital and or homebound who would like a visit from one of the priests or deacons at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Sundays during Mass. Scheduling should be made as early as possible, to allow the parents to attend the preparation meetings.

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday | 7:30am-8:00am

Saturday | 3:00pm-3:30pm

(Our Lady of Lourdes) Sunday | Before 10:00am Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes)

MATRIMONY

The Catholic Church takes preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously. Please contact the rectory at least one year in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with one of the Parish priests. Participation in the Marriage Preparation Program offered.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The third Saturday of each month after the 4:00pm mass and on **First Fridays at 7pm Mass.**

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal | Monday evenings at 7:30pm and After morning Mass

Novena to St. Joseph | Wednesday after morning Mass

Novena to St. Peregrine | Thursday after morning Mass

Novena to the Sacred Heart | Friday after morning Mass

Divine Mercy | 7:30am on week Days

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary | After morning Mass

Legion of Mary | Monday 5:00pm in the Convent

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group | Friday 4:00pm

Eucharist Adoration | Monday through Friday 7:00am-8:00am

First Fridays | 8:00am-6:00pm Common Holy Hour and

Confession | 6:00pm-7:00pm Healing Mass | First Friday

of the month, 7:00pm Confessions are being heard on

week Days from 7am to 7:45am.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

From the Pastor's Desk...

Today, we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ, the first day in the octave of Christmas. Throughout Advent, we longed ardently for the coming of our Savior. Today we celebrate His birth with unrestrained joy. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The Son of God became man to give us a share in that divine life which is eternally His in the Blessed Trinity. Christmas time begins on December 24 with the first Vespers of the feast and ends on the feast of the Baptism of Christ. White vestments reappear in our church as a sign of joy. The Christmas feast is a festival full of joy. The Eternal Word has become Man and dwells among us. The longings of the patriarchs and prophets are fulfilled!

Our Advent time of waiting has come to an end. Let us pause to give thanks for all the blessings of this wonderful time of year. I am constantly amazed at the absolute, unconditional, and over-abundant love God has for us. Christmas is truly all about a joyful celebration of our Father's love, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. We are unconditionally loved by our heavenly Father, and by His new-born son, Jesus, who today lies in the wooden trough of the manger, and will one day hang on the wood of the cross to make our salvation, healing, and eternal life possible. So this is a time we should celebrate with all the joy of which we are capable!

Ponder deeply on His mercy, and let that carry you into the New Year with a deep joy in your heart. Perhaps you can resolve during the coming year to think often of this mercy, and let it be a constant source of conversion and the desire for true holiness in your life.

I most sincerely extend my prayers and best wishes to all of you and your families for a most blessed and joyous Christmas season and a prosperous New Year!

Fr. Dominic.



Blessed Christmas, Happy & Healthy 2023
From the Staff, the Deacon, Fr. Dominic and Fr. Sujan

Christmas Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, Wiseman. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

Christmas Gifts

Question: Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer: Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

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Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th

4:00PM and 5:30PM

9:00PM – Our Lady of Lourdes

Christmas Day, December 25th

7:00AM, 9:00AM, 10:00AM (OLL), 11:00AM & 12:30PM

WORSHIP TOGETHER

TODAY'S READING

FIRST READING

Isaiah prophesied of God's promise to send "a child to us" who will be "a great light" and bring us "abundant joy and great rejoicing." How will you show to others today your joy at the birth of Jesus?

SECOND READING

Paul teaches Titus that Jesus is "the grace of God" who has come to save all people. In response, we believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age." What makes this challenging to do in our time?

GOSPEL

We hear Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. Luke tells us how the message of the angel of the Lord frightened the shepherds. In response, the angel said, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people ..." How will your family celebrate today the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Messiah? ©LPi



Mass INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26—St. Stephen, The First Martyr

8:00AM † William T. Mackintosh

Tuesday, December 27—St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00AM † Alice & Julian D. Ayres

Wednesday, December 28—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00AM † Edna McAuliffe, Thomas Bluemke

Thursday, December 29—St. Thomas Bescket, Bishop & Martyr

8:00AM † Peter Petosa,
Vincent McDonnell—Healing

Friday, December 30—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00AM † Dolores A. Hess

Saturday, December 31—St. Sylvester I, Pope

4:00PM † Agnes, Helen & Katherine Tierney,
Joseph Farnan

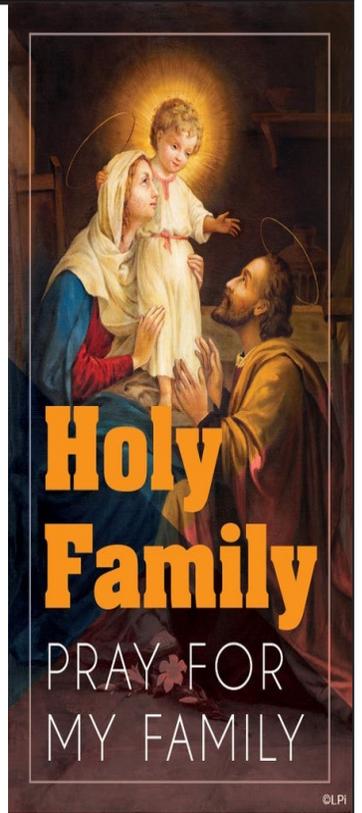
Sunday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

7:00AM † Dan & Mona Boylan & Margaret Keenan

9:00AM † Linda Carrique

10:00AM OLL † Deceased Members of the Merino &
Widlund Family

11:00AM † Edith Balzano, Susan Bove



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Tara LaBarca, Baby Gabriel, Gallagher, Ryan Richard, Blythe Finn, Rose Bierbaum, DMM, Charles Pomeroy, Peter

Orleman, Anthony Pelle, Jr., Danielle Quattrocchi, Sharonlee Davino, Helena Elsa Allen, Alyssa K, Baby Riley, Peter Bellina, Jr., Christina Grigoli, Melanie Chang., Shalini D'Souza, Jim Casper, Anthony Pelle, Lisa Bolton, John Nelson, Grayce Novaro, Karen Dalgin, Juan Cerda, John Klein, Raja Rajeswari, Peter Hagon, Marissa Bochichio, Frank & Barbara Jacobacci, Ron Cognetta, Daniel Hurley, Michael Quinn.

Exciting News



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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful to all who contribute so generously each week, thank you for your support! We do recommend that you use parish envelopes or Weshare. Please call the rectory to register.

Immaculate Conception \$1,801.00

December 11th

Sunday Collection \$5,643.18

Shrine Candles \$245.00

Retirement Fund \$1,801.00

Thank you for your generosity.
Parish Weekly Expense -\$11,056.00



Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Rest In Peace

**Florence Servodio,
Lillian Zippilli**



First Friday's Healing Mass

All are invited. Adoration after the 8AM Mass, Common Holy Hour at 6pm, priests are available for confessions. Healing Mass at 7:00PM—Here at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



100th Anniversary Celebration Cruise

Sail into Summer with family and friends to the paradise of the Atlantic – Bermuda. Enjoy iconic pink-sand beaches, crystal clear water and exquisite wonders within easy reach.

Sail from Cape Liberty, Bayonne, New Jersey Dockyard on Celebrity Summit Cruise ship to Royal Dockyard, Bermuda on Sunday, June 4th, 2023, and returning on June 11th, 2023.

Experience 21 square miles of socially distanced fun.

Balcony cabins \$1,942.00 and Ocean View No Balcony Cabins \$1,596.00 per person. Cost includes Taxes, Port Fees,

Classic Beverage Fees and Wi-Fi Service.

Call Bonnie McDermott: 718-979-3900 at Blue Ribbon Travel, 45 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island, NY to reserve your cabin.

Entertainment and Celebration is part of the 100th year of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish.



Our Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp, which is next to our Tabernacle, is a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus, the Light of the World, in our Parish Church. In accordance with tradition, this candle may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a particular person or persons, or for a special intention. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$20. There are several dates still open for dedication in the 2022 Book. Anyone who would like to plan for dedicating the Sanctuary Lamp should contact the Parish Office.

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week is donated in memory of the Deceased Members of the Hogan & Carannante Family.

BREAD AND WINE

We are accepting offerings for the Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$20. Any questions, please call the Parish office 718-351-1093.

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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.

Wedding Anniversary Blessings!

We will offer special prayers and blessings for married couples on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the 4pm Mass. Our parish family would like to honor and thank them and wish them continued love of Jesus in their heart, life and family. Invite all your beloved to join you at the blessing and renewal of your commitment.

THE 2023 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 Friday morning Masses are \$15.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be.

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NEWS AND EVENTS

PRAYER DURING CHRISTMASTIME

“And the Word was made flesh and lived among us.”
God, You sent Your Beloved Son to us. We thank You for Jesus, a Gift of Your Love. Jesus is the Word of God living with us. Praised be the Word of God!

“In a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes.”

Jesus, the shepherds heard the news and went to find You. We rejoice in the Good News of Your birth. Jesus is the Infant in the manger. Glory to God in high heavens!

“Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts.”

Lord, the angels sang their praises to God at Your birth. We praise and thank You for Your great gift. Jesus is the One who brings peace to our earth. Thanks be to God!



A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.



We Welcomed the Newly Baptized to our parish

Georgia Lorraine Baran



Calling all OLQP ladies. You are invited to join the Manresa Columbiettes. We are the Catholic Women's auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus. Our mission is to support people and organizations right here on Staten Island. Through fundraisers, such as Bling, Swap and Radio Bingo,

Spring Teas, Zumba and karaoke nights, Dine to Donate, Vendor Nights and more, we raise needed funds to help our Staten Island neighbors in need while having fun and meeting great new friends. Our Auxiliary also hosts a monthly Rosary night and masses with the Knights. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month and we are looking for ladies wanting to give back while having fun. Please contact Connie De Francesco at 917 903-8703 or Bonnie Ferretti at 718 351-3266 to learn how you can join one of the biggest and best Auxiliaries on Staten Island. We look forward to hearing from you.



Christmas Flower Offering

You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your envelope packet and in the back of the Church. Donations can be given in memory and/or in honor of your loved ones and your intentions will be remembered during each Mass throughout the Christmas Season. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

Christmas flower donations have been made in memory of their loved ones by the following:

Mrs. Patricia Strongreen, Ms. Linda Young, Rosangela Silvestre, Acuna Family, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Montanti, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pollio, Ms. Kathleen Brenneck, Mrs. Nancy Kinzler, Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Sikorski, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Riccardella, Mrs. James Holgan, Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Mikalauskas, Mrs. Patrice Hoelscher, Margaret DeStephen, Wagner Family, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Petti, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cobb, Ms. Gina Ferreri, Mr. & Mrs. Dionisio Freeo, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Cognetta, Mr. & Mrs. Pisani, Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Callahan, Mr. & Mrs. John P. Drury, Ms. Maria Molina, Mr. & Mrs. Domenic Digesaro, Rosemary Impellizzieri, Ms. Christine Wheeler, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tardio, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fago, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rizzi, Ms. Tatiana Ryan, Mr. & Mrs. Carmine Esposito, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Stomiolo, Mr. Salvatore Distefano, Mr. Nick Macula, Mr. & Mrs. Camela Raneri. To be continued...

Vocations: The Elijah Cup

In 1 Kings 17, during a drought, Elijah tells the poor widow of Zarapeth that if she makes him a small loaf of bread with the last of her flour and oil, her "jar of flour will not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the Lord sends rain upon the earth." In faith, the widow baked the bread and fed Elijah. For the next year, the widow, her son, and Elijah ate bread made from the bowl of flour and jug of oil. Like this poor widow, we pray in faith for vocations, believing that our cup will also never run dry.

Each week a parishioner will take the chalice home, put it in a prominent place, and pray daily for vocations. This is a wonderful way for families to pray for vocations and to unite the parish in perpetual prayer for priest and consecrated life. For more information or if you are interested in signing up, please call the rectory at 718-351-1093 and ask to be put in touch with Elizabeth Fennimore.

FATHER GANNON SCHOLARSHI FUND

This Fund helps students who attend OLQP School to remain in school when their family suffers a long term set back. Please make checks payable to: **OLQP/ Father Gannon Scholarship Fund.**

