



# OUR LADY OF MERCY

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024

### PASTORAL TEAM

#### **Pastor**

Reverend John D. McCarthy

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Reverend Rejimon K. Benedict, OIC

Reverend Joseph J. Nixon

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Deacon Ralph Elliott Colon

#### **Director of Religious Education**

Deacon Ralph Elliott Colon

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Mr. Raymond J. Henderson, MA, M Div, CAGO

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Mrs. Genevieve Feliciano

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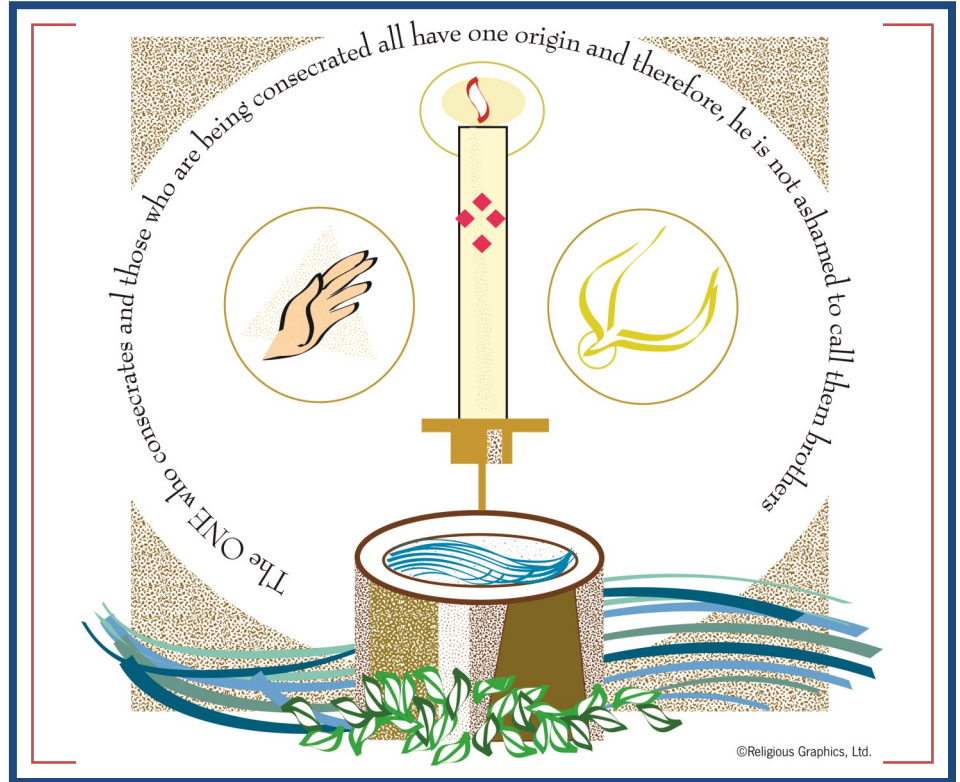
### OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF

#### **Rectory Secretary**

Mrs. Andrea T. Attivissimo-Karassik

#### **Religious Education Secretary**

Mrs. Cathy Basso



### CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

#### **Saturday**

8:00 AM & 4:30 PM

#### **Sunday**

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM,  
12:00 NOON & 5:30 PM

#### **Family Mass**

10:30 AM

#### **Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday**

7:00 & 9:00 AM / Rosary after 9:00 AM Mass

#### **Holydays**

5:00 PM the evening before /

7:00 & 9:00 AM, 12 NOON & 7:30 PM

#### **National Holidays**

9:00 AM

#### **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

9:30 AM-12 PM & 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass

### RECTORY HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM -5:00 PM

Rectory Office Closed For Lunch 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Rectory Office Open Saturdays 8:30 AM -1:00 PM

#### **Rectory**

931-4351

Fax 433-8702

#### **Religious Education**

681-1228

681-1527

#### **Parish Services**

931-1306

#### **EMERGENCY ONLY**

782-1557

## We Come Together as a Community of Faith to Celebrate with Praise and Joy!

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:15-4:15 PM in Upper Church Sacristy.  
Anytime by appointment, please call the Rectory.

#### **On Becoming a Catholic or Completing Sacraments**

R.C.I.A. is a dynamic process of formation for those interested in becoming Catholic, as well as those who never received the Sacraments of Communion and/or Confirmation. Please leave your name and number at the Rectory Office.

516-931-4351 Ex. 210.

#### **Parish Membership**

All new families and individuals are most welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the Rectory Office 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**

Baptisms are celebrated on an individual basis. Please call the Rectory Office to schedule your Baptism. Baptism Prep classes are held either in-person or via Zoom.

Please contact Deacon Ralph to set up a time for Baptism Prep class at [rcolon@olmrc.com](mailto:rcolon@olmrc.com)

#### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

The Sacrament is celebrated on Fridays: Time to be arranged.  
Saturdays: 12:00 Noon and 2:00 PM. Sundays: to be arranged.  
Arrangements must be made by a personal appointment with one of the priests or deacon.

Couples should make an appointment at least six months to a year in advance of the Wedding date. Nuptial Masses, as well as ceremonies, are available on Friday and Saturday. Ceremonies are encouraged on Sunday.

#### **Marriage Preparation Program at OLM**

All engaged couples who plan to get married in the Catholic Church are required to complete a **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.

#### **Pre Cana and FOCCUS**

The goal of the Pre Cana program is to strengthen the vocation of marriage and foster a deeper understanding of marriage as a sacrament by supporting couples throughout their married life.

<https://www.drvc-faith.org/marriage-ministry/>

#### **Sacrament of Anointing the Sick**

The Sacrament for people experiencing an illness as well as the 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, and on the 2nd Saturday each month after the 8:00 AM Mass.

#### **Ministry to the Sick and Homebound**

Parish priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the Rectory Office to arrange for home visitation, 516-931-4351.

#### **Parish Finance Committee**

Carmine Serravalli (Chairperson)

John Beaudette (Trustee)

Fred Anderson (Trustee)

Lorraine Anderson

Serena Perrotta

Joseph Vacca

#### **Maintenance Staff**

Kevin McAvoy

Bill Millis

Ben Karassik

#### **Sacristan**

Farah Primrose



*The parish of Our Lady of Mercy welcomes you, family, friends and guests as we celebrate the Liturgy each week. Please invite a family member or friend to participate with us next week in prayer.*

**E-mail submissions to [aattivissimo@olmrc.com](mailto:aattivissimo@olmrc.com)**

**10 days prior to the bulletin date, and it will be reviewed for inclusion as space allows. Please note the deadline is earlier for all holidays.**

**Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

**Sunday, October 6**

Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16

**7:30 AM †** Kathleen Slattery

**9:00 AM †** Maria Pia Paladino

**10:30 AM †** Grace Badamo

**12:00 PM †** Josephine and Christopher Sayers

**5:30 PM** Lucille and Fred Seden -

68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

**Monday, October 7**

Gal 1:6-12 / Lk 10:25-37

**7:00 AM †** Angela and Paul Manetta and Family -  
Living and Deceased

**9:00 AM †** John and Nancy Dettori -  
Deceased and Living

**Tuesday, October 8**

Gal 1:13-24 / Lk 10:38-42

**7:00 AM †** Albert Buff

**9:00 AM †** Michelle Morrone

**Wednesday, October 9**

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 / Lk 11:1-4

**7:00 AM** Kevin McAvoy - Healing

**9:00 AM †** Helen Ogdon

**Thursday, October 10**

Gal 3:1-5 / Lk 11:5-13

**7:00 AM †** Natalie C. Nixon

**9:00 AM †** Martin and Catherine Looney

**Friday, October 11**

Gal 3:7-14 / Lk 11:15-26

**7:00 AM †** Carmelo and Carmela Moncado

**9:00 AM †** PJ Looney

**Saturday, October 12**

Gal 3:22-29 / Lk 11:27-28

**8:00 AM**

For Healing of Our Nation

† Barbara and Francesco Lavoratore

† Anthony Farrice

† Rina Sparacio

† Salvatore Lavoratore

**4:30 PM**

For All the Parishioners of OLM

**In the Arms of God's Love and Mercy -**

Lauren Elizabeth Andruzzi, John McKiski,  
the unborn, the victims of war, natural disasters through out  
our country and the world.

**Prayer Intentions:** Let us pray for our nation, no matter where we  
stand politically or our beliefs, we will not resolve our differences with  
acts of violence.

May God bless America, her leaders and people to unity and healing  
as One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**Long Term Sick List**

Please pray for our veterans, all our sick, their caretakers,  
especially, Barbara and Bill Stalter, Susan Bennett, Joe Vacca,  
Maria Cotromano, Dolores Muoio, Dina Velez,  
Frank and Sally DelVicario, Joe Olive, Rosemarie Casdia, Stephen Stark,  
William Ferguson, Ted Cioffi, Nelson W. Castro, Otto Schmidtman,  
Evelyn and Bob Werner, Patricia Barbera, Matthew Myer, Johnny Martin,  
JoAnn Mackin, Infant Hazel Lily Masotti-May, Lillian Bock,  
Brian Berardelli, Charlie Masterton, Pat Siniscalchi, Robert Eaton,  
John Beggs, Claudine Costa-Soto, Patrick Kilkenny,  
Carmen and Joseph Wilkonski, Malachy McNamee,  
John M, and all homebound and in rehabilitation /nursing homes.

**Short Term Sick List**

Marge Heenan, Kathy Dolan, Collette O'Donnell, Sheila Ort,  
Michael Wood, Anne Madden, Jeanine Margiotta, Joan McQuire,  
Mickey the Cook, Lorraine Maher, Ian Haberman, Roseann Ruvolo,  
Eileen Nalepa, Maureen Decker, Frank Spinelle

For all who are sick, including all names in our intention book  
that they may be restored to health and wholeness.  
Prayer intention book can be found in the Upper Church on  
the Blessed Mother side at the halfway point.

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 6- OCTOBER 12**

**U.C. SANCTUARY LAMP**

Blessings for the  
MCAVOY FAMILY

Donated by: Sisters of Mercy of OLM Convent

**L.C. SANCTUARY LAMP**

Blessings for the  
MCAVOY FAMILY

Donated by: Sisters of Mercy of OLM Convent

**BREAD AND WINE**

Blessings for the  
MCAVOY FAMILY

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**Sunday, October 6 is Respect Life Sunday  
and there will be a 2nd Collection, a day  
dedicated to reflecting on the sanctity and  
dignity of all human life.**



**Jesus, I trust in you**

**Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us**

**PARISH OUTREACH • Serving with Mercy**

Help for those in need from our food pantry and outreach office is available free of charge to people of all faiths living within the geographic boundaries of our parish and to registered parishioners living within and outside our boundaries. All services are confidential. Our services are funded by donations made to Parish Services.

**Homeowners Exemption Liaison Program (H.E.L.P.)**

Department of Assessment staff will be at the Jericho Public Library **October 22 from 1:00-3:00pm** to provide one on one assistance to homeowners wishing to file for Veterans, Senior Citizen, Cold War Veterans, Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers, or limited Income Disability exemptions. For information or to receive a list of necessary documentation, call Nassau County Department of Assessment at **(516) 571-1500.**

**Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**

Regular HEAP will soon open. Any household that contains a member in active receipt of ongoing Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federally Funded Temporary Assistance (TA), or Code A Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is considered Categorically Income Eligible (CE) for HEAP. If one household member is in receipt of one of these programs, the entire household is considered categorically income eligible. A household must meet the monthly HEAP Income Guidelines. For more information & to apply visit **<https://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin>** or if 60 & over call the Office for the Aging at **(516) 227-7386.**

**PARISH SERVICES • 516-931-1306 GENNY**

**Office Hours by Appointment**

**Pantry Hours:**

**Tue. 1:30-3:30 PM • Wed. 9:30-11:30 AM**

**Thurs. 4:30-6:30 PM • Fri. 9:30-11:30 AM**

**Email: [outreach@olmrcc.com](mailto:outreach@olmrcc.com)**

**Pantry Needs: Soups, Canned Chicken & Tuna, Shelf stable milk, Beets, White Beans, Stuffing, Knorr Sides, Chef Boyardee, Tomato Sauce, Hot Cocoa, Tea, Coffee, Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo. Thank you!**

**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.**



**October 6-  
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time:**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

**This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and in need.**



**St. Vincent DePaul, Our Lady of Mercy Conference**

On the radiators or window sills of the Upper Church you will find pre-addressed envelopes for any donations you may have for St. Vincent DePaul. Please know that 100% of our donations go to helping our neighbors in need. The envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets, dropped off at the rectory or mailed.

Thank you in advance for any and all donations you are able to make.

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 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.

**Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us**

Pray for Peace in Our Hearts RESPECT ALL LIFE Pray for Peace in the World



PRAY FOR LIFE

USCCB.COM/PRAYFORLIFE

Pray for Vocations!



Join the 2024 Public Square Rosary Crusade

Please join us again to pray the rosary for America. As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God through His Holy Mother asking for His urgent help.

Where: In front of Our Lady of Mercy Church

When: Oct. 12, 2024 @12 PM

Over 22,000 groups around the country will be praying with us!

For more information contact Susan Chin @516-728-1796

"The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and dispel heresy." — Our Lady to Saint Dominic

"As our country continues to advance along the path to a more just society, we cannot ignore the discrimination that is taking place against the vulnerable unborn babies who some view as 'less than' others. In order to create a more just society, we must recognize that equality begins in the womb." — Jeanne F. Mancini, President, March for Life

Ahead of 2024 Presidential Election

New Poll Reveals American Voters Care about "Culture of Life" and Pro-Life Values

Continue to pray for All Life

www.EndAbortion.US

A Prayer for the Children

Lord, Thank you for the innocent minds of children. Remind adults to embrace that innocence and bring it into their own lives. Help us to love unconditionally like the children do, and to do everything we can to help protect them from all harm. Amen.

"To adopt a child is a great work of love. When it is done, much is given, but much is also received."

-St. John Paul II

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer for Respect for Life

St. Gerard Majella, women of the world over have adopted thee as their patron in the joys and fears of childbearing. Today, we invoke thine intercession for the pro-life movement.

Pray that all will look upon human life as a great gift from God to be accepted and loved, not as an unwanted burden to be destroyed. Assist from Heaven the efforts of those on earth who are enlisted in the Christlike crusade of promoting the dignity and value of all human life, particularly the unborn.

This we ask through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

"Happiness is looking towards God, Sadness is looking towards yourself."

- Carlo Acutis, The First Millennial Saint

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## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

#### Welcome God's Children to Our Family!

By Baptism we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ.



"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  
-Matthew 28:19-20

#### OCTOBER

**Nicholas Paul Prianti**

Child of Mr. and Mrs. A. Prianti

### THE EUCHARIST



The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of Our Catholic Faith.

### CONFIRMATION



The prophets of the Old Testament foretold that God's Spirit would rest upon the Messiah to sustain his mission. Their prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus the Messiah was conceived by the Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus on the occasion of his baptism by John. Jesus' entire mission occurred in communion with the Spirit. Before he died, Jesus promised that the Spirit would be given to the Apostles and to the entire Church. After his death, he was raised by the Father in the power of the Spirit. Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. . . . We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service.

~from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

### PRE CANA



PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

**Congratulations!**  
**You are engaged to be married!**

The goal of the Pre Cana program is to strengthen the vocation of marriage and foster a deeper understanding of marriage as a sacrament by supporting couples throughout their married life.

Prior to marriage, couples are asked to participate in sessions that cover topics intended to enhance their relationship and better prepare them for both the day of and the living out of their Marriage.

#### Sessions covered included:

- a) the call to marriage as vocation
- b) the 2-fold intention of God's gift of marriage
- c) marriage as a sacrament
- d) the permanence, fidelity and openness to children of marriage
- e) communication in a good relationship
- f) Ceremony or Mass – how to choose and particular choices

<https://www.drvc-faith.org/marriage-ministry/>

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> BANN

**Dean Neigel** - Church of the Little Flower, NJ

**Kathleen DeGennarro** - Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville



Christ wants to be in the center of our relationships. There is no better example than between a husband and wife. When we make Him the center of our individual lives, His love fills our

hearts so they overflow and His gift to us becomes a gift to others. This makes the bond in relationships stronger. It begins when we hear Him say "Come and see" Jn 1:39. That is the beginning of every good relationship with Him and with others.

*We are called • We are Chosen • We are Christ • for One Another*

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**ADULT EDUCATION**

**LIFE-TRANSFORMING ADULT ED SESSIONS**

**DROP BY AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS!**

**SUNDAYS 10-11:45AM \*SCHOOL CAFETERIA\* 10/6 THRU 6/1**

No registration fee. Materials optional.

A comprehensive and dynamic Adult Ed Program for all adults who seek a better understanding of the Catholic Faith (including those considering the decision to become Catholic, and those Catholics who never completed their Sacraments).

**TOPICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

**OCT 6<sup>TH</sup>** Is the Catholic Faith opposed to Science and Reason?

**OCT 13<sup>th</sup>** How do I find and sustain authentic happiness?(1<sup>st</sup> Topic) Why does God permit suffering? What is it's power, purpose, and meaning? (2<sup>nd</sup> Topic)

**OCT 20<sup>th</sup>** Gain an adult perspective on the incredible master plan for the human race (1<sup>st</sup> Topic) Discover how the reality of Original Sin has a great bearing on all that we are and all that we do! (2<sup>nd</sup> Topic)

**OCT 27<sup>TH</sup>** Did God reveal a very specific plan to the human race? Can we have full confidence in what He has revealed? (1<sup>st</sup> Topic) How can we be sure the Scriptures are divinely inspired? (2<sup>nd</sup> Topic)

**Contact the Coordinators for Full Schedule and questions!**

Peggy Clores [imcon630@aol.com](mailto:imcon630@aol.com) 516-317-1740 Chuck Ruppert 864-680-5597

**BIBLE STUDY NIGHTS**

**Go Deeper Into the Scriptures**



Drop in on any one or all of the following Monday evenings:  
**10/7; 11/4; 1/6; 2/3; 5/5; 6/2**

Sessions utilize Formed Bible Study Segments Followed by discussion with OLM's Clergy  
7:30-9pm\* Convent Basement

Contact Co-Coordinator for more information and for weather cancellations. Peggy Clores [imcon630@aol.com](mailto:imcon630@aol.com) 516-317-1740

"I seek Veronicas to wipe and venerate My Divine Face which has but few adorers!"

Our Lord to Sr Mary of St. Peter -October 27th, 1845



**Holy Hour of Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus**

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 5:30PM-6:30PM  
Our Lady of Mercy Church  
500 S Oyster Bay Rd  
Hicksville

Contact Susan Chin for information @ 516-728-1796

# BLESS A CHILD WITH A BOX OF JOY



**PICK UP YOUR  
BOX OF JOY TODAY  
CAMPAIGN STARTS  
OCTOBER 12-13 WEEKEND**



FOR CHILDREN WHO WISH  
FOR JUST ONE GIFT

Pack a **BOX OF JOY** for a child in need!  
Send a Christmas blessing that says,  
"God loves you, and so do I!"

**Kindly bring filled boxes to the Rectory or to the ushers at Mass  
no later than October 26-27 weekend.**

**The Catholic Outreach Box of Joy initiative is now in progress. As in past years  
the Knights of Columbus here at OLM have partnered with the  
Catholic Outreach to give needy children some Christmas Joy.**

**Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us**



# *Our Lady of Mercy*

## **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND**

The Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center of Long Island will be completed with collection of the filled bottles on the weekend of:

# OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup>



*Please continue to say the prayer attached to the bottle.*

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. Be assured it is making a **BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE** with the mothers and fathers served by our pregnancy care centers!

**Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us**

*~ Pro-Life and Catholic ~  
Insights for Catholic Youth*



Presented by  
**Jozef Zalot, PhD, MEd**  
Director of Education and ethicist with  
National Catholic Bioethics Center

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**  
**1:00pm - 3:30pm**  
**St. Christopher, Baldwin**  
11 Gale Avenue (off Merrick Rd.)

Bring  
your  
questions

➔ **Inviting Catholic Teens and Young Adults**  
Dr. Zalot will help us navigate ethical decision-making  
on current pro-life issues.

Pre-Med / Nursing  
students welcome

Light refreshments  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
*Bring your friends!*



For Information contact:  
cbifnotnowhen@gmail.com (Celeste) or (516) 457-0678 (Marilyn)  
RSVP requested (not required but helpful for planning purposes)

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St. Raymond (East Rockaway), St. Peter of Alcantara (Port Washington),  
St. Joseph (Hewlett), St. Catherine of Sienna (Franklin Square), St. Aidan (Williston Pk)

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

God our Father,

We thank you for calling men and women to serve  
in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and  
consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond  
generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of  
sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, forever and ever.

Amen

**PRAYER GROUP NEWS**

*"Come let us worship and bow down.  
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker." Ps.95:6*



**Come and join**  
**Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Group**  
**for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**in atonement for the sin of abortion.**  
**During that time, we will be praying**  
**the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.**

**October 1, 2024**  
**7:30 PM**  
Our Lady's Chapel

**PLEASE JOIN US. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**BOOK CLUB**

**The Father Marty Happy Book Club**  
**will meet**  
**Thursday, October 24**  
**at 7:30 pm in**  
**Our Lady's Chapel Meeting Room.**



**Book this Month:**  
**What Happened to the**  
**Bennett's**  
by Lisa Scottoline

For more information contact Gina  
at 347-210-3158 or  
GMSepulveda17@gmail.com.

*All readers are invited.*



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## Proposal 1: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

### *A statement of the Catholic Bishops of New York State*

On November 5, faithful citizens throughout the nation will have the opportunity once again to exercise their sacred right to vote. Pope Francis has reminded us that as thoughtful Catholics, we must participate in the public square for the sake of the common good. Every Catholic is called to do the work of properly informing his or her conscience and voting for candidates and policies that will best advance the natural law, the protection of human rights, the dignity of the human person, the sacredness of all life, and the teachings of Christ and His Church. It is a presidential election year, and there are important votes to be cast for Congress and the state Legislature as well. Importantly, in New York, like several other states, there is also a critical referendum on the ballot.

Educating oneself will be especially important in the case of Proposal 1, sometimes referred to as the "Equal Rights Amendment." The title suggests a noble cause, as all children of God should be treated equally under the law. However, this proposed amendment to the state Constitution is broadly written and could have dangerous consequences if enacted, which is why we oppose it and urge you to vote no. The measure would, effectively, permanently legalize abortion without restriction and up until the moment of birth in New York. Aside from being redundant in a state that already has stripped away all abortion limitations, the amendment would render impossible any change to the law if the hearts and minds of New Yorkers were ever to shift toward protecting the child in the womb.

The amendment's sweeping language and inclusion of "age" as a protected class could also lead to parents' rights being stripped away. Courts could decide that parents have no authority over their minor children on important matters and permit children to make destructive and permanent decisions on their own which they could well live to regret, including but not limited to so-called "gender affirming" treatments and surgeries. The relationship between parents and their children is sacred. Parents must be able to support and guide their children in accord with the natural law, without interference from the government or courts, which would be reaching beyond their competency.

Proposal 1 is a wolf in sheep's clothing that could lead to darkness for many New York families. This amendment disregards the lives of unborn and struggling children in the name of political agendas. It could have dangerous consequences for these children and their parents. As they look to make their voices heard in the public square, faithful Catholics should consider these consequences and vote no. Likewise, they should thoughtfully vote their informed conscience up and down the ballot so that we might usher in change for good.

*September 5, 2024*

*Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Archdiocese of New York • Diocese of Albany • Diocese of Brooklyn • Diocese of Buffalo  
Diocese of Ogdensburg • Diocese of Rochester • Diocese of Rockville Centre • Diocese of Syracuse

**Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us**



## Liturgical Minister Training~ Fall 2024

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A** - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors. You may not take EMHC Part A and the Lector Workshop on the same day.

### Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

**Tuesday, Oct. 22 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm**

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

**Tuesday, Oct. 29 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm**

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

**Thursday, Nov. 14 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm**

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

**Wednesday, Dec. 4 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm**

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

**Saturday, Dec. 7 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall**

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A - 9 am - 12 noon
  - Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B - 1pm - 4 pm
- (there will be NO Lector Workshop offered on this date)*

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. Walk-ins, on the day of training, without prior registration is NOT permitted. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Please do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

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### Bible Study Group

#### The Epistles of the New Testament

This year, we will read selections from both St. Paul's Letters and the Catholic Letters. In studying these communications of the early Church, we hope to gain insight into the theological understanding and moral exhortations that formed the foundation of the Church today. We owe a great debt to these beginnings, a debt we can only appreciate with humility.

Instructor: Louis Mocci (n32456@verizon.net).

Admission is free.

Classes will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Convent Basement beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing throughout the academic year.



If you are interested, simply attend the first class meeting and bring your Bible. Thank you.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

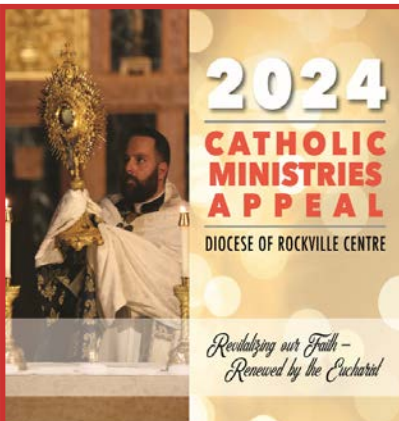
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## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

### WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Collections Collected from our Masses was \$8,398.00, Collections that have come in through the Rectory Office by mail was \$830.00 and our Online Giving Collection total was \$791.00.

**Our Total Collection was allocated to the following:**

- Regular Offertory: \$9,974.00**
- St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility: \$25.00**
- Respect Life: \$10.00**
- World Mission Sunday: \$10.00**
- Total Collection: \$10,019.00**

### WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Collections Collected from our Masses was \$11,566.00, Collections that have come in through the Rectory Office by mail was \$1,175.00, and our Online Giving Collection total was \$1,116.00.

- Regular Offertory: \$13,729.00**
- St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility: \$103.00**
- Mercys Future: \$10.00**
- Respect Life: \$5.00**
- World Mission Sunday: \$10.00**

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- Life Center of LI - 516-798-9100
- Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 516-785-4070 or 1-800-550-4900
- Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800
- Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): (516) 733-7000
- Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480
- Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547
- Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542
- Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758
- Living Waters- Therapeutic Catholic Counseling: 631-271-0913
- L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833
- Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE
- Response Crisis Center: 631-751-7500 (Suicide Hotline)
- The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200
- Pregnancy Support 24/7 - 631-476-LOVE

## HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

### Open House Schedule

#### October 2024

- Saturday, Oct. 5 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. -  
Chaminade High School
- Saturday, Oct. 5 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. -  
Kellenberg Memorial High School
- Saturday, Oct. 5 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. -  
Sacred Heart Academy
- Sunday, Oct. 6 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. -  
St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School
- Sunday, Oct. 6 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. -  
St. Dominic High School
- Saturday, Oct. 19 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. -  
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School

# respect life month novena



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respectlife.org

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can people come to know God."*

*-Pope Francis*

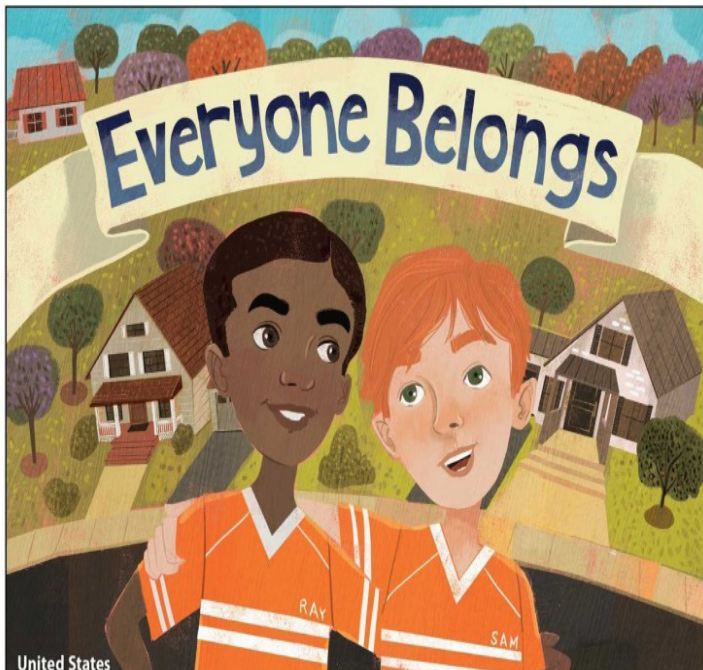
## FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

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#### Learn about Life Issues.

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops apply Catholic teaching to many important issues affecting human life and dignity. One issue is the "continuing destruction of unborn children through abortion and other threats to the lives and dignity of others who are vulnerable, sick, or unwanted" (Introductory Note).

Visit [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org) to read the statement and access helpful resources, such as a video on life issues.



## ORGANIZATIONS

### MUSIC MINISTRIES

**OLM Adult Choir:** Meets Tuesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 pm in the choir loft.

**OLM Folk Group:** Meets Sunday mornings after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Lower Church.

**OLM Rock Group:** Meets Monday evenings from 8:00 to 10:00 PM in the Upper Church.

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

**Angels of Mercy:** Meets 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 Denise Schulz, President, at [deniseangelsofmercy@gmail.com](mailto:deniseangelsofmercy@gmail.com)

**OLM Ministry of Consolation:** Men and women who offer support for funeral Masses. We are looking for individuals to help us. For more information please call the Rectory.

**Hicksville/OLM Senior Club:** Meets on Mondays from 10:30 AM-2:00 PM at the Bethpage Senior Center.

**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. For more information call Michael Trimarco, President, at 516-757-1655 or [matrimarco@gmail.com](mailto:matrimarco@gmail.com)

**Knights of Columbus: Our Lady of Mercy Joseph F. Lamb Council # 5723,** meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria. For more information contact Jerry Kramer, Grand Knight, at 516-931-0229 or [vgkramer7@gmail.com](mailto:vgkramer7@gmail.com)

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

**Nocturnal Adoration:** First Friday of the Month: 8:00 to 9:00 PM (Exposition & Group Prayer and /or 9:00 PM to 10 PM (Silent Prayer and Benediction) in Our Lady's Chapel, in the Lower Church.

**OLM Ushers:** If interested in becoming an Usher, please contact Jim Decker at 516-933-8143, or email at [jimdecker@verizon.net](mailto:jimdecker@verizon.net)

**OLM Prayer Group:** Meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM in Lower Church. Eucharistic Adoration is conducted the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Contact Maureen Decker at 516-933-8143.

**Holy Face Adoration:** Holy Hour every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 5:30-6:30 PM OLM Lower Chapel. Contact Susan Chin at [suebill2@msn.com](mailto:suebill2@msn.com) or 516-728-1796.

**CYO Youth Council for Parish Sports:** Contact Chris Fox at [cfox411@icloud.com](mailto:cfox411@icloud.com).

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Contact the Rectory for more information 516-931-4351 X 326.

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

**Adult Education Classes:** Classes are held Sundays from 10:00-11:45 AM in the Convent Basement. Contact Peggy Clores at [imcon630@aol.com](mailto:imcon630@aol.com).

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### Alcoholics Anonymous Groups

**Families Anonymous:** Hope for troubled families. FA is a self-help support group for families and friends of people with a current, suspected, or former drug problem. Guided by the principles of the FA program, family members learn how to find relief from their seemingly insurmountable burdens. They become able to enjoy some peace of mind and a degree of serenity, despite unresolved problems. They discover, too, that as they themselves change, so do the dynamics of their family.

Meets every Wednesday: 7:30-8:30 PM in Convent Basement.

**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:** Linda Cronin 516-790-2587. Closed Meeting every Monday: 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the Convent Basement.

**Step Meeting** every Thursday: 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the Convent Basement. Contact: Linda Cronin 516-790-2587.

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