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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2024

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Deacon Ralph Elliott Colon

Director of Religious Education

Deacon Ralph Elliott Colon

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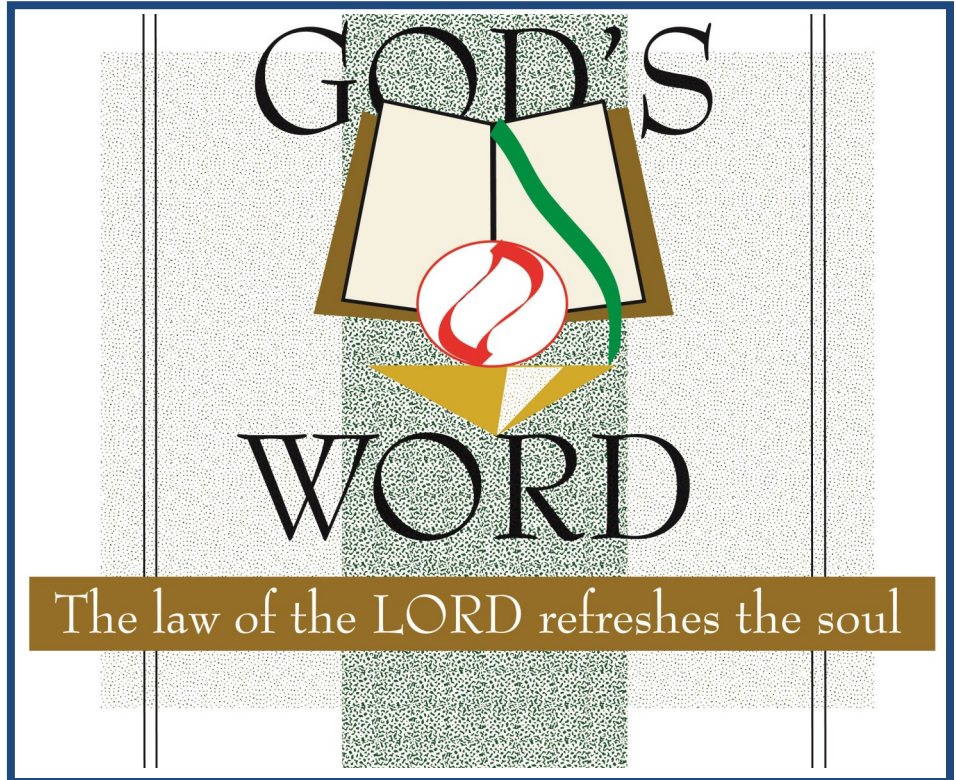
OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF

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

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)

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Ben Karassik

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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
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

Sunday, September 29

Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45,47-48
7:30 AM Maryanne and Tom Perillo -
 45th Wedding Anniversary
9:00 AM † Staszek and Zbyszek Wierzei
10:30 AM † Pat Ciani
12:00 PM † Ruth and Teresa D'Angelo
5:30 PM † Jacqueline Mercandetti

Monday, September 30

Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50
7:00 AM Michelle Chin - Living
9:00 AM † John O'Keefe

Tuesday, October 1

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 / Lk 9:51-56
7:00 AM † Kate Garvin
9:00 AM † Frances DiScala

Wednesday, October 2

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Mt 18:1-5
7:00 AM Anna Manetta and Manetta Family -
 Living and Deceased
9:00 AM † Michael Faderl

Thursday, October 3

Jb 19:21-27 / Lk 10:1-12
7:00 AM † Kate Garvin
9:00 AM † Joseph Cipolla - 1st Anniversary

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Friday, October 4

JB 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5 / LK 10:13-16
7:00 AM † Kate Garvin
9:00 AM † Donna Lee

Saturday, October 5

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Lk 10: 17-24
8:00 AM
 Charles Rosina - Healing
 † Michael Kenney
 † Josephine Davis
 Anna Manetta and Manetta Family -
 Living and Deceased
 † Chris Sayers
 Kevin McAvoy - Healing

In the Arms of God's Love and Mercy -

Robert William Heagemeyer, Annie Doonan, Laurie Garrigan Lofaro,
 John McKinney, Salvatore Pietro Lavoratore,
 Rosemarie Ann Balling, John Grady,
 George, J. Austin, Jennifer Lynn Franc, 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, Lorraine Maher, Laura Hartman.

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 SEPTEMBER 29- OCTOBER 5



LC SANCTUARY LAMP
 In Memory of: CONRAD and BING FELIX
 Donated by: Camnze

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

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.

Back to School

Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Program would like to thank our generous parishioners for helping us meet the needs of the families and children who will be going to school in September. They will be so eager to get back to learning and have the tools they need for success!

Thank you again!

Thank you for all the generous donations to the Friars Suppliers to help those in Haiti.
God bless you abundantly for your support to our programs!

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

Pantry Needs: Baby diapers-size 5 & wipes, Pancake mix & syrup, Kids' cereal, Family size juices/ice tea, pasta and Toilet paper. 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.



September 29 -

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward." On September 27, the Church will celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul.

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families by providing food and funds for utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!



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

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Pray for Vocations!

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



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

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer..."

- St. Pope John Paul II

"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

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us

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

SEPTEMBER

James Daniel Purtz

Child of Mr. and Mrs. D. Purtz

Zoey Murphy Goessmann

Child of Mr. and Mrs. S. Goessmann

Francesca Hart Cashman

Child of Mr. and Mrs. K. Cashman

Derek James Withers

Child of Mr. and Mrs. D. Withers

Aubrey James Burke

Child of Mr. and Mrs. C. Burke

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



3rd BANN

Nicholas Jeffrey Schoen - St. Vartan Cathedral, NY
Gabrielle Nicole Gherardi - 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

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us

ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT ED CLASSES STARTING UP!

Take advantage of complete program or **drop by** as time allows

No registration fees. Materials optional.

GENERAL INFORMATION NIGHT

MONDAY SEPT 30th * 7:30PM*LOWER CHURCH

A compelling and dynamic Adult Ed Program for all those seeking a better understanding of the Catholic Faith and a deepening of their spiritual life.

**Learn how to turn suffering into triumph!*

**Discover the real secret to success and happiness!*

**Forgive the unforgiveable! Become the best version of yourself!*

**Get great answers to your challenging questions about the Catholic Faith!*

Who can attend?

-Any and all Adults(especially those whose formal education in their Catholic Faith ended in 8th grade)

-Those considering becoming Catholic

-Adults who have never received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation

CLASSES ARE HELD ON SUNDAYS AT 10AM Contact us for questions or for additional Adult Formation options!

Peggy Clores 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 516-317-1740

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 6TH Is the Catholic Faith opposed to Science and Reason?

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

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

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

Contact the Coordinators for Full Schedule and questions!

Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

*O*n the weekend of **September 29^h & 30th**, Our Lady of Mercy Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide?

- ✓ Free pregnancy test kits
- ✓ Free sonogram
- ✓ Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- ✓ Medical care referrals
- ✓ Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items
- ✓ Male advocates available to speak with fathers



We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.
(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON
 OCTOBER 26TH AND 27TH**

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.

*Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give the
 gift of life to her preborn baby!*

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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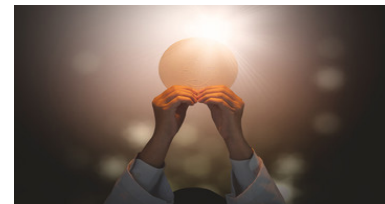
St. Christopher (Baldwin), Our Lady of Lourdes (Malverne),
St. Raymond (East Rockaway), St. Peter of Alcantara (Port Washington),
St. Joseph (Hewlett), St. Catherine of Sienna (Franklin Square), St. Aidan (Williston Pk)

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LEGION OF MARY
**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION FOR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
WILL BE HELD IN THE LOWER CHURCH
STARTING AT 7:30 am
Prior to the 8:00 am Holy Mass
(3 decades before the
8 am Holy Mass and
2 decades after the Holy Mass.)
PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE**

MIRACLE OF THE SUN,
OCTOBER 13, 1917
PHOTOS PUBLIC
DOMAIN

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

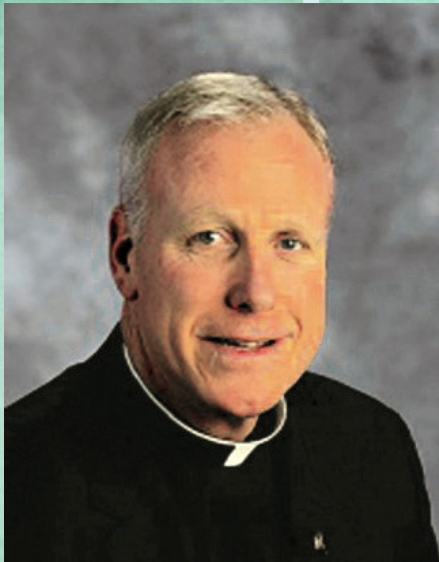
7:30 PM

Our Lady's Chapel

PLEASE JOIN US. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us

The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
Wishes You,
Father John, Many Blessings!



This year at our Super Bux event on September 29th with deepest gratitude we will also be celebrating our Pastor **Reverend John D. McCarthy** for his 7 years of spiritual leadership and tireless dedication to Our Lady of Mercy at the **12 noon Mass on September 29th, 2024.**

We thank him for shepherding our congregation with wisdom, love, and grace.

Please join us in celebrating Reverend John D. McCarthy following the 12:00 noon Mass in the OLM School Gym.

Our own Cafe Gianni will be providing a BBQ lunch starting at 1:00PM in our school gym. All are welcome as we give thanks to Reverend John D. McCarthy for his ministry to Our Lady of Mercy.

May God bless Reverend John D. McCarthy abundantly with His love, mercy and kindness. May he also be protected under the Mantle of Our Lady of Mercy as he begins his new journey at St. Francis of Assisi in Greenlawn, NY.

All are Welcome!

In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

-1 Thessalonians 5:18

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.

Our Lady of Mercy - Angels of Mercy

White Post Farm Fall Fundraiser

Please return order form to rectory office by October 3, 2024



Make check payable to: OLM Angels of Mercy

Pick up Tuesday October 8th from 12:00 to 3:00

@Church parking lot

Name: _____ Ph# _____

Address: _____

9" Hardy Mums - \$8.00 each or 3 for \$20.00

Yellow _____	Qty _____	Cost _____
Bronze _____	Qty _____	Cost _____
Red _____	Qty _____	Cost _____
Purple _____	Qty _____	Cost _____
Pink _____	Qty _____	Cost _____

8" Ornamental Kale - \$8.00 each or 3 for \$20.00

Red _____	Qty _____	Cost _____
White _____	Qty _____	Cost _____

12" Hardy Mums - in decorative Container Qty _____ Cost _____
- Assorted colors \$25.00

Pumpkins

Small 3-4 lbs. \$6.00 _____	Qty _____	Cost _____
Medium 4-10 lbs \$10.00 _____	Qty _____	Cost _____
Large 11-15 lbs \$12.00 _____	Qty _____	Cost _____
X-Large 16-20 lbs \$15.00 _____	Qty _____	Cost _____

Thank You for Your Support

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 1st and continuing throughout the academic year.



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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Please know that your contributions are greatly appreciated in these challenging times. We will post any previous week's numbers within the next two weekends.

"I will abundantly bless her provision:
I will satisfy her poor with bread."

-Psalm 132:15

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."

Mt 19:14

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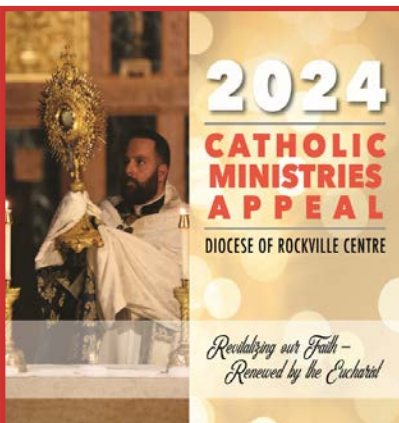
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Open House Schedule

September 2024

Sunday, Sept. 22 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. -
St. Mary's College Preparatory High School
Saturday, Sept. 28 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. -
St. Anthony's High School

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



**PRAYER TO
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Lord, make me an instrument of
your peace:
where there is hatred, let me
sow love; where there is injury,
pardon; where there is doubt,
faith; where there is
despair, hope; where there is
darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. St. Francis cared for the poor and sick, he preached sermons to animals, and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God.
St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, was born in Italy around 1181 or 1182.

**Blessing of the Animals
on
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FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Catholics Care. Catholics Vote.

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 to read the statement and access helpful resources, such as a video on life issues.



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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

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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

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

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

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

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 or 516-728-1796.

CYO Youth Council for Parish Sports: Contact Chris Fox at 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.

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.

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