

## Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholíc Church

#### **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**

We hope you have felt at home in our church this weekend. Please feel free to join us as often as possible, you are most welcome.

December 17, 2023 | 718-229-5929 | www.olbs-queens.org | secretary@olbs-queens.org



# Rectory Office: 34-24 203 Street, Bayside, NY 11361-1152 PH: (718) 229-5929 Fax (718) 229-3354

Saturday 9am Public Holidays: 9am only WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday: Vigil 5pm | Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon LIVESTREAM: Mon-Sat 9am | Sat 5pm & Sun 10am Holy Days: As Announced in Bulletin/Website Sacrament Info: See inside

Church open weekdays until 4pm All are welcome!

Monday—Friday: 7am & 9am,

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## We are a Tithing Parish

#### **Sacraments and Prayer**

**Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays**: Begins after 9am Mass and ends at 10:30am.

**Baptism:** During pregnancy, approach any priest or deacon after Mass for a special blessing of the child in the womb. Soon after birth, call the secretary to arrange an interview with a staff member and details on STARTING POINT, our parent enrichment program.

**Confession / Reconciliation**: Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 4pm to 4:45pm, or by appointment with one of the priests.

**Marriage:** Soon after engagement, approach any priest or deacon after Mass for the special blessing of an engaged couple. Call the secretary at least six months prior to the desired wedding date to begin BETTER TOGETHER, our couple's enrichment program.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the rectory to arrange for a priest to celebrate this sacrament due to serious illness, a planned medical procedure, or advanced age. Communion of the Sick: The clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion attend to the homebound sick. Please call Jane at 718-762-2252 or the secretary to arrange temporary or long-term coverage.

#### We are served by:

Rev. Robert J. Whelan, Pastor Ext. 124 frbob@olbs-queens.org Rev. Nathaniel Ajuluchukwu, Parochial Vicar Ext. 118 frnathaniel@olbs-queens.org Mrs. Joan Kane, OLBS Catholic Academy Principal 34-45 202 Street, Bavside, NY 11361-1152 (718) 229-4434 Office www.olbsacademy.org Mrs. Jeannine Iocco, Coordinator of Religious Education (718) 225-6179 religioused@olbs-queens.org Mrs. Jean Marie Kessel, Secretary **Deacon Ernesto Avallone** deaconernesto@olbs-queens.org **Deacon William J. Molloy** deaconbill@olbs-queens.org Mrs. Kathleen Giuliano, Youth Ministry kgiuliano@olbs-queens.org Mr. Michael Martinka, Director of Music Ext. 117 mmartinka@olbs-queens.org Mrs. Marsha Quilang, Administrative Assistant Ext. 110 secretary@olbs-queens.org bookkeeper@olbs-queens.org **Receptionist, Daily Volunteers** During Office Hours, Ext. 111 In Residence, Rev. Bryan J. Carney (Flushing Hospital Chaplain) Ext. 120

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#### that they may be raised to eternal life

ALL who have died.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR ADULTS -RCIA** - For information contact Deacon William Molloy - <u>deaconbill@olbs-queens.org</u>

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

Dear Parishioners,



Rejoice in the Lord always is the theme

off this Third Sunday of Advent. We don our rosecolored vestments and light the similar colored candle to signify the nearness of the Christmas Feast. While life still has its miseries, we choose to look at the blessings that grace affords, most especially the love, mercy and salvation that come to us through the Savior, Jesus Christ. Spread the cheer and enlighten the darkness around you. The cry of St. John the Baptist is heard this Sunday, "Prepare the way of the Lord." Reconciliation Monday this week is an opportunity to do just this by confessing and receiving absolution.

In Christ, Father Bob

#### **CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS**

If you would like to have someone remembered at all our Christmas Masses, Christmas cards are available at the main entrance of the church. The names may be returned in the collection basket or to the rectory.

#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Christmas Flowers may be memorialized for those who would like someone remembered during the Christmas season. Please return the names in the envelopes which may be found at the main entrance of the church. All memorials will be published in the bulletin. You may place the envelope in any collection during the month of December.

#### **CENTERING PRAYER**

**Be still & know that I am God!" Ps. 46:10** Centering Prayer helps us recognize & truly hear the still small voice of God in our lives. By being still & silent - quieting our mind & heart - we give our consent to God's presence & action within. Come "rest in God" for a few minutes with us in church, in front of the tabernacle, every 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month. Meetings this month: Dec. 6 and Dec. 20 at 3:20-4 pm

#### Sunday Mass Presiders: Dec 23rd/24th

schedule is subject to change - (in parentheses will preach) Sat, 12/23rd 5pm Fr. Whelan Sun, 12/24th 8am Fr. Ajuluchukwu 10am Fr. Whelan 12pm Fr. Ajuluchukwu December 17, 2023 -p3

#### 2023 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE CONFESSIONS

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Saturdays 4pm Reconciliation Monday, December 18th after the 7am & 9am Masses, and 4pm to 8pm

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

Sunday, December 24th 5pm Family Mass 12am Midnight Mass

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

Monday; December 25<sup>th</sup> 10am & 12Noon (no 8am Mass)

#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 5 pm, Vigil Saturday, 8am, 10am and 12noon Sunday

#### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st (New Year's Day) 11am (Not a Holyday of Obligation this year since it falls on a Monday)

#### **Come Help Us Decorate**

Poinsettias and the rest, on Saturday, 12/23 at 10am

#### **STEWARDSHIP** — A way of life TITHING: God's plan for giving...

2022	33rd Sun in Ordinary Time	2023
\$6,197 \$4,521	Weekend Collection	\$ 9,184
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411	Attendance	532

#### PLEASE MAIL WEEKLY OFFERINGS OR SIGN-UP FOR FAITH DIRECT

It's so convenient, saving checks, time, mailings, and trips to the rectory. Now you can **Text-To-Give** from your smart phone! Simply text the word **enroll** to 929-429-4700. You can make a one-time gift or enter recurring gifts. It can be used also for Religious Education Fees, Mass Cards & other services and Catch-up Offerings. You can also continue to sign-up online at faithdirect.net using our parish code NY339, or call 866-507-8757.

#### ANNUAL REPORT 2023 Link: <u>https://bit.ly/47VuhGC</u>

#### OLBS PARISH CALENDAR Link: <u>https://bit.ly/3QIdNdS</u>

#### MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS Link: <u>https://bit.ly/3FZF0np</u>

#### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

- Denis Carroll, Marie Felix, Mary McLoughlin, Genevieve Statelman, Maria Troina, Mary Vinson, Baby Charlotte Lynch
- Sandra Ceslowitz, Joseph Gallagher, Betty McAleer, Michael McAleer, Joan Morgan, Maryane Peranio, Mary Piccone, Michael Reilly, Liam Sheehan, Rae Dellino Pitto, Kate Robilotta
- Robert Donohue, Tanner Jacob Kavon, Patrick Kelly, Patty O'Sullivan, Nicoletta Nagle, Connie Sarno

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

If you have a family member you wish to be prayed for, please let us know immediately and we will be happy to pray for them. The names will remain on the sick list for three weeks and thereafter repeated as 'requested. Please call the rectory at 718-229-5929 if someone is in the hospital, nursing home or at home and wishes a visit from a priest or parish minister.

#### Woman's Welcome Retreat III

On April 13-14, 2024 at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center; it would be a blessing if you join us on the Welcome Retreat. Take time for yourself to welcome God's Grace in your life. The Welcome Weekend is an incredible experience that will help you discover what's been missing from your life or what you can add to enrich your life. There is no overnight. Questions please call: Sister Margaret Tuley 716 200 2488; Dorothy Molloy 718 224 5136; Kathy McNally 718 229 5562.

#### HOSPITALITY

Hospitality will resume again in January 2024 after the 10 AM Mass once a month. If your organization would like to host(with our help if needed) please let us know. If you would like to join the Hospitality Team give us a call and we will gladly put your host or hostess skills to work.

Warm regards,Barbara O'Keefenealbarbok@aol.com718 352-0210Nancy Gentilekc647@aol.com718 873-3823

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



The last couple of weeks our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students have been doing Bible work. The 7<sup>th</sup> Graders are reading and studying the healing miracles and our Confirmation class is summarizing passages of their choice. It made me think about my Bible that sits on my nightstand and doesn't get read as often as it should. I recently saw a Facebook challenge that stated, if we start reading the Gospel of Luke on December 1<sup>st</sup> and read one chapter a day, by the time Christmas arrives, we would have read through all 24 chapters. I decided to accept the challenge and began re-reading this Gospel. It is not too late to catch up and accept the challenge as well. If your Bible is not handy, you can go to biblegateway.com and read it online. It is a great activity to include in your Advent preparations.

- Jeannine Iocco

#### MOMMY & ME

Thursday, December 21st, 9:30am, OLBS Auditorium

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

All are invited to a Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour every Friday Morning 9:30am closing with Benediction

#### **LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE** *Please see the priest before Mass in the sacristy*



## SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK

For each car, truck or van, running or not, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul

will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call 718 491-2525

#### **OLBS SENIOR CLUB**

Millie Rigoli turns 100 years old - Dec 15, 2023. She was the Former Treasurer of the Senior Club for many years and also taught Catechism for many years - Dom Devito (President of the Senior Club)

#### **NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH**

Please share your news with the Parish by leaving a note for Judy Reilly at the Rectory or by email: iereilly520@gmail.com. She will include it in the next issue of Reflections.

#### **ROSARY ALTARY SOCIETY BLOOD DRIVE**

Thank you to all who participated in the blood drive on December 3. There were 53 donations accepted.

#### **COMMUNAL WEEKLY ROSARY**

Join our Communal Rosary Recitation by Zoom app or call in every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Phone number is 646-558-8656 Prompt is ID 832 6419 5478 Next prompt is pass code 90 For Zoom ID and passcode the same Any difficulties call Kathy 917 561 8805 as I will be ready to assist. Please join us in prayer for your special intentions. We are blessed to pray The Rosary weekly as you will be blessed to join us. Praying the Rosary is a special Grace!

#### **Knights of Columbus** Wednesdays of Advent Rosary Recitation

The Knights will be praving the Rosarv at 1pm on the Wednesdays - December 20. Please join us in the Rosary Garden, weather permitting, or in the Church in front of the statue of our Blessed Mother. Why not make this part of your Advent journey.

#### Join us in Indianapolis! JULY 17-21, 2024 DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Diocese Pilgrimage Led By Bishop Robert Brennan National Eucharistic Congress For general info and FAO visit: Www.eucharisticcongress.org/faqs



#### **6TH ANNUAL BAYSIDE** SAINT PATRICK 'S DAY PARADE **2024 Parade Dinner Dance**

Friday February 9th, 2024 Leonard's 555 Northern Blvd. Great Neck, NY 11021 Email: kcadigan3@verizon.net - Phone: 917-599-7532



**Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Academy** shared by Sister Donna Smith, D.C.

"Too often we are bold when we should be timid, and timid when we should be bold. Holy Moments require boldness."

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENT PROMPT IS:

#### Name two things you like about yourself

There are so many amazing things about each and every one of you...and this is a great opportunity to name the things that make you unique and special. Let's start today! In your head right now, name two things that you like about yourself. Don't underestimate this Holy Moment!!

#### Let's keep the Holy Momentum going!!

Enjoy your week and may you be blessed with many holy moments!!

#### **OLBS** Catholic Academy

OLBS Catholic Academy offers an excellent faith-based education in Kindergarten through the 8th Grades. Tuition assistance is available. Please call 718-229-4434 for more information or to schedule a tour. OLBSAcademy.org

#### **Intro 2 Hoops Basketball**

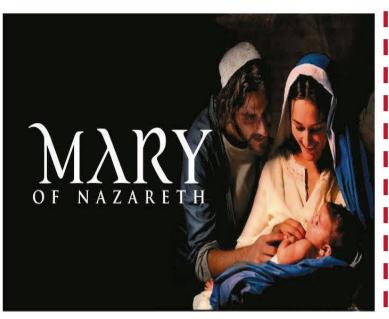
Our Saturday morning CYO Boys & Girls Beginner Basketball clinic, for K to 2nd graders is open for registration. Clinic starts at 10 a.m. in the gym. Instruction will be provided by OLBS Basketball Alumni who have went on to play at High school/ College level. Program goes until March. All kids will receive a t-shirt. For info, check out www.olbscyo.com

#### **Parish Book Club**

Please join us on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 7pm in the Parish Center below the church. Come prepared to discuss The Whole Town's Talking, by Fannie Flagg. Something strange is happening at this small Missouri town's cemetery which is anything but still. Meet Lordor Nordstrom, Katrina and their neighbors and descendants as they live, love, die and carry on in mysteriously surprising ways. Join us for great discussion, fellowship and friendship. Call Pat at 917 863-7857 if needed.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.



## Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.

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# Welcome!

We welcome visitors who have joined us today! If you wish to join our faith community, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket during mass or drop it off at the Rectory. You can also click this link to fill out this form online: <u>https://olbs-queens.org/register-</u> at-our-parish

Being officially registered in the parish allows us to testify on your behalf in letters of recommendation, reference, and testimony. It also allows us to contact you with news of our parish life. Please let us know if you decide to use offertory envelopes or Faith Direct (Online giving), we issue a tax report of the contributions that you have offered during the year.

Name:	
Address:	
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Phone:	
Email:	

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURES

#### **First Reading:**

Isaiah rejoices over God's call in his life and the promise of restoration for all nations. As we continue in the season of Advent, what has brought some joy to you or your family?

#### **Second Reading:**

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be people of prayer and joy, open to the work of the Holy Spirt in their lives. Is there anything recently that has brought you joy?

#### Gospel:

John presents the religious leaders of Jerusalem as puzzled and uncertain as to who John the Baptist was. How do you approach friends or family in your life who are confused or questioning the faith?

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