

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholíc Church

DYNAMIC PARISH (2018-2023) We are a pilot parish with Dynamic Catholic

October 8, 2023 | 718-229-5929 | www.olbs-queens.org | secretary@olbs-queens.org



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:

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October 2023



Sa – 7th	9am 5pm	Joyce & Peter Mallia (Gloria Mallia) For Members of Our Purgatorial Society	
Su – 8th	8am 10am 12pm	Fr. Vincent Gallo (Patricia Buchholz) Fr. Brendan Forde (Dorothy & Bill Molloy) Jack Shea (Patricia Buchholz Bridie Regan (Dorothy & Bill Molloy) For the People of our Parish	
M – 9th '	7am 9am	Federal Holiday—No Mass Lou Tirella (Tina Tirella)	
T - 10th	7am 9am	For the People of our Parish Mary Saunders (Estela Portes)	
W - 11th	7am 9am	Loreto & Rosa Fiacco (Josephine Banome) Margaret & Owen Mullaney (Mary Mullaney)	
Th – 12th		Carol Ann Terrana (Tess & Rudy Montevirgen) Our Lady of the Pillar (Pilar Aguirre)	
F – 13th	7am 9am	People of the Parish Marion Hurley (M/M Peter McNally)	
Sa – 14th	9am 5pm	Philip Brady-3rd Ann (Wagner Family) Joyce Mallia (Gloria Mallia) Wai Man Wong (Fiona)(M/M Bradley Chen) Maria Garcia_Bday (Daisy Garcia) Laura DiMichael (M/M C Lee) Gary J. Courtenay (Eileen B. Kelly)	
Su – 15th	10am	Rev. Martin Schuck (Dorothy & Bill Molloy) For the People of our Parish Mary Saunders (Estela Portes) Anthony Debonis (D) Assunta Menno (M) Patrick Long (Helen Long) Raul & Rodrigo Henao (Family)	
Please Pray for our Deceased			

Please Pray for our Deceased,

that they may be raised to eternal life

Deacon Antonio Gonzalez, Joseph Hock, James J. Kennedy and ALL who have died.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR ADULTS -RCIA - For information contact Deacon William Molloy - deaconbill@olbs-queens.org

From the Pastor's Desk....

Dear Parishioners,



It is profitable to meditate on the image of God as the heavenly cultivator, as we hear in Isaiah's vineyard and the vineyard in the Gospel parable. It leads us to the metaphor of the Church as God's vineyard today. God provides everything needed for a good harvest but we must heed the warning of those two stories. It is too easy to forget God's gracious care and view ourselves as independent and self-sufficient. The commands of worship, prayer, and bearing the fruits of justice and charity may seem burdensome or unnecessary, intruding on our time and convenience. But the branches that are not connected to the vine that is Christ will wither and die. Pope Francis convened a Synod in Rome on the Feast of St. Francis, saying that the church is in need of repair and renewal. It was a similar call that young Francesco of Assisi heard and responded to with great zeal, embracing the humility and poverty of Christ. Let's pray that the Holy Spirit working among the synod participants will lead us to more faithfully follow Christ and witness to his presence in the world.

In Christ, Father Bob

WELCOME TO OUR RECENTLY BAPTIZED Julian Quinn Leila Spielberg

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMORIAL GIFTS

Altar Bread and Wine

Alice Jones (Cathy Jones) - Oct. 1 Alice Jones (Cathy Jones) - Oct 8

Purgatorial Society

James Ronessi Patrick O'Sullivan Tina Tirella Julia Joyce Paul V. Kane Jr.

Sunday Mass Presiders: October 14th/15th

schedule is subject to change - (in parentheses will preach)

Sat, 10/14th 5pm Fr. Ajuluchukwu

Sun, 10/15th 8am Fr. Whelan

10am Fr. Ajuluchukwu 12pm Fr. Whelan

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

If you wish to remember deceased family/friends at our Masses for All Souls offered on Nov. 2nd, please drop the special envelope in the regular collection basket. The envelopes are available at the doors of the church. October 8, 2023 -p3

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

Number of Pledges: 157 Amount Pledged: \$102,206 Amount Paid To Date: \$95,948 Goal: \$98,266

Thank you for your support! Thank you to all who have made a pledge to this year's ACA. We encourage all to watch the brief 2023 ACA Video online at: <u>www.CFBQ.org/</u> <u>ACAVideo</u>

Congratulations! We have exceeded our goal, we will now receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.

Text ACA to (917) 336-1255 Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church (5165)

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

2022	26th Sun in Ordinary Time	2023
\$ 4,521	Weekend Collection	\$ 6,058
\$ 4,537	Faith Direct	\$ 4,981
421	Attendance	475

RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED

October 9, 2023 - Monday—Columbus Day There is no 7am Mass

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.

2024 Announced Mass Book

The 2024 Mass Book is open. Please send in your request to the rectory-attention: Mary. We will be taking 7 am Masses only through July 3. The Summer Schedule will be in effect from July 4th through Labor Day. Weekdays - 9 am; Weekend - 5 pm and Sun 9 am and 11 am We will have two collective Masses weekly, per Diocesan regulations. We will do our best to fulfill your request at the closest date possible. Please be sure to include your phone, address and your check payable to *Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church* with your request. The donation requested per Mass is still \$15. Any questions please call 718-229-5929 ext. 111

New Liturgical items presented to the parish as memorials of Gifts:

Processional Crucifix. In Loving Memory of Joan and Phil Brady. Gift of their children.

Processional Altar Candlestick. In Loving Memory of Father Vincent Gallo. Gift of his friends.

Processional Altar Candlestick. Gift of Thelma and Honofre Delfin

Altar Missal Stand. In Loving Memory of John Baginski. Gift of his wife, Eileen.

Thurible Stand and Incense Boat. In loving Memory of Joyce and Peter Mallia. Gift of Gloria Mallia and the LaGreca Family.

Altar Candlestick for Blessed Sacrament Altar. In Loving Memory of Philip and Mary Jane Reilly. Gift of Michael and Judith Reilly.

Altar Candlestick for Blessed Sacrament Altar. In Loving Memory of Frederick and Dorothy Doerge. Gift of Michael and Judith Reilly.

Holy Water Bucket and Sprinkler. Gift of Nancy and Peter Gentile.

Altar Vase for Blessed Virgin Mary Altar. Gift of Michael and Judith Reilly.

Altar Vase for Blessed Sacrament Altar. In Loving Memory of Frederick (Rick) Doerge. Gift of Michael and Judith Reilly.

Leatherbound Book of the Gospels. In Loving Memory of Susan and Charles Pistone. Gift of their children.

Roman Missal, leatherbound for Altar. Gift of John and Paula Scolaro.

Roman Missal, Presider's Chair Edition. In Loving Memory of Father Vincent Gallo. Gift of Father Bob Whelan.

Many thanks for these donations to enhance the sacred liturgy and the beauty of the church's altars. Thanks also to others who made offers, we will keep you in mind for future needs: Betty McLaughlin, Jim and Barbara Saur, Elizabeth Sommer, and Andrew Mussalli.

New Brick Memorials are on order after a long delay in finding a new provider. Donors will be notified when they are installed and ready to be dedicated and blessed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



On October 15th at the 10:00 AM Mass, we will resume the Separate Liturgy for Children. During this Mass we bring the children from Pre-K to Grade 4 to the Parish Center to read and discuss the Gospel at an age appropriate level. On the day of their Baptism, it was our wish that they were to become part of the Body of Christ. As the first teachers of our faith to our children, it is our job as parents to be sure that we are at Mass each week. We invite you all to join us every week in the celebration of the Liturgy. It has been said that if you do something three or more times it becomes a habit. Let us all try to get back into the habit of attending Mass.

- Jeannine Iocco

CENTERING PRAYER

"Be still & know that I am God!" Ps. 46:10 "The Holy Spirit does not speak to a soul that is distracted and garrulous. He speaks by His quiet inspirations to a soul that is recollected, to a soul that knows how to keep silence." Diary of St. Faustina #552 Leave the noise & distractions of the streets for awhile and spend a few minutes being still & silent in church, in front of the tabernacle. Focus on God's presence and action within through Centering Prayer. We invite you to join us every 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month. Meetings this month: Oct. 4 and Oct. 18, 3:20-4pm.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Please join me in welcoming our new cantor Frank Wiederhold!

Frank grew up in Glendale, Queens, where his love for music was sparked by singing in the children's choir at St. Matthias Church. Following this passion for singing, he attended a performing arts high school to receive classical training. He recently graduated from Queens College with his bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance, and is currently pursuing certification for music education. Frank is very excited to be a cantor for Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament!

YOUTH CHOIR

The OLBS Music Ministry is seeking 6-8 graders to join its Youth Choir! No experience is necessary, only a willingness to sing and participate! Members will have an opportunity to learn and perform a variety of musical styles while actively participating in the liturgy. Rehearsals begin Monday, October 16th Arrival 3:15 in the Parish Center, Rehearsal 3:30-4:45 To register and for more information please contact Mr. Michael Martinka at: <u>mmartinka@olbs-queens.org</u> Come and discover the joy of singing while making great friends!

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

- October 15 Italian Dinner (1pm—5pm) Call Madeline Wrzesc 917-685-1644 Eileen Baginski 646-872-0856
 - 27& 28 Cake Sale after all Masses **ITALIAN DINNER**

October 15, 2023 1pm in the Auditorium Come celebrate our honorees Fr. Nathaniel Ajuluchuckwu, Jeannine and Eddy Iocco Betty McLoughlin, Al and Fran Lombardi Stephan and Elisa Perratore

SAVE YOUR TREASURES

Time to start gathering your treasures to sell at the RAS parish garage sale in the auditorium on Sunday, November 12th from 8am to 3pm. More details to follow.

Parish Book Club

Please join us on Tuesday, 10/24 at 7pm. Enter at 203 St. door below the church. Come prepared to discuss, No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency, by Alexander McCall Smith. Botswana's P.I. Ramotswe investigates the poisoning of an important government official and the moral character of four beauty contestants. A copy awaits you now at the Auburndale Library. Say you are with the OLBS Book Club. New members are most welcome! Join us for great discussion, fellowship and friendship.



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

"The wisdom of Holy Moments will teach you how to become a great decision maker."

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENT PROMPT IS:

Do something extra to help out at home.

Helping out at home is a big responsibility. Let's take some time now to think about something that needs to get done at home, like the dishes or the laundry or cleaning up around the house...that ongoing "To Do" list. Now, think about how much it would help the people you live with if you completed that task!

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. <u>OLBSAcademy.org</u>

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. We have been praying the Rosary for three years now once a week. It is a perfect way to Honor our Blessed Mother. We originally were doing daily for an end to

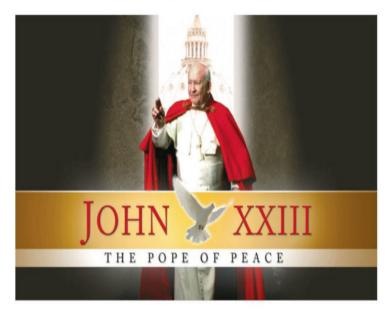
the Covid Pandemic. Please join us in prayer for your special intentions. We are blessed to pray The Rosary weekly as you will be blessed to join us. Praying the Rosary is a special Grace!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider sharing your time for Moms & Babies In Need. Turn your passion into a mission. Volunteer Today. THE BRIDGE TO LIFE. 14-02 124th Street College Point, NY 11356. 718-463-1810. www.thebridgetolife.org



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.



John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.

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An offering from the PAUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and Decators press

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-at-ourparish</u>

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. If you decide you want donation envelopes we can also issue a tax report of your contributions that you have offered during the year.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK—REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURES

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah uses the metaphor of a vineyard to express God's anger with Israel. How do you communicate your displeasure with a loved one?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and a positive attitude is key to settling our anxious hearts and minds. What have you been anxious about this week that using Paul's advice could help?

Gospel:

In the parable of the tenants, Jesus harshly criticizes the chief priests and elders of Jerusalem and traps them with their own judgment. How well do you accept legitimate criticism? ©LPi



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