

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholíc Church

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

November 12, 2023 | 718-229-5929 | www.olbs-queens.org | secretary@olbs-queens.org



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

 "Lord, Lord, open the door for us!" But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." - Mt 25:11-12

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 Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm

 Deanery: www.queensdeanery5.org

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Monday—Friday: 7am & 9am, Main 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!

*Flocknote T*ext **OLBSBAYSIDE** to 84576 to join our weekly Newsletter

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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November 2023



Sa – 11th 9am 5pm				
Su – 12th 8an 10an 12pn	 Sebastian Colagrande (Suzanne Secor) Phyllis Wade (Mary & John Barry) Patrick & Sheila McGuire Anniversary William Tolan (M/M Peter Giuliano) Charles Joseph Zerbo (Catinelle Family) 			
M – 13th 7an 9am				
T - 14th 7am 9am				
W - 15th 7am 9am	Antonino Frisina & Fam (Francesca Frisina) Adolfo Loccona (Lucia Patti)			
Th – 16th 7an 9am				
F – 17th 7am 9am	Available Thanksgiving Mass (Pilar Aguirre)			
Sa – 18th 9am 5pm				
Su – 19th 8an 10an 12pn				
Please Pray for our Deceased,				
that they may be raised to eternal life				
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Margaret Ann Irwin, Pierre Mazarin and Ehiby Odeh Mustafa and ALL who have died.

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

From the Pastor's Desk....

Dear Parishioners,



The Word of God this Sunday invites

us to receive wisdom. The reading from the Book of Wisdom, where she is personified as a woman, says she is" seeking those worthy of her." Wisdom is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. My 8th grade students in confirmation class each week contemplate one of those gifts. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom, Proverbs tells us. If we truly want to be wise we must humble ourselves before God and ask for this gift, following the lead of the Holy Spirit. Living the full life God offers us is only possible with wisdom, as the parable of the ten virgins demonstrates. Living only for the moment and not planning ahead may lead us to be locked out of the Wedding Feast. Embrace Holy Wisdom by patiently trusting in the Lord's plan for your life.

Rite of Enrollment Mass

All 8th Grade students preparing to be confirmed are required to attend our Rite of Enrollment Mass at 5PM on November 18th. Please invite family and friends to join you at this celebratory Mass. The front of the Church will be reserved for you and your families.

GENTLY USED CLOTHING Sunday, November 19th | 8:00am - 1:00pm

The St. Vincent DePaul truck will be outside the church to collect clothing for the poor.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed \$2,263 to the World Mission Sunday and \$1,465 to the Catholic University. Your donation is greatly appreciated

Sunday Mass Presiders: November 18th/19th

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

Sat,	11/18th	5pm	Fr.	Whelan
Sun,	11/19th	8am	Fr.	Whelan
		10am	Fr.	Whelan
		12pm	Fr.	Whelan

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

Number of Pledges: 164 Amount Pledged: \$105,066 Amount Paid To Date: \$100,967 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	31st Sun in Ordinary Time	2023
\$ 5,410	Weekend Collection	\$ 5,099
\$ 4,210	Faith Direct	\$ 4,696
447	Attendance	537

WELCOME TO OUR RECENTLY BAPTIZED Maire Fiorentina McGarvey Samara Layla Camacho

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS *Carolyn Abel and Robert Kreytak*

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

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.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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.

ETERNAL REST

The art of dying well is also the art of living well. In this video series, *ETERNAL REST: The Art of Dying Well*, we will explore the Catholic perspective on death. All are welcome to participate on Thursday evenings at 7:00 in the parish center, November 2, 9, 16, 30. Register by using the QR code, link, sign-up

sheet in the back of the church or by calling the rectory at (718) 229- 5929. Registration is required if you would like to order a participant study guide for \$6.00. https://forms.gle/hb455VeJ27a7dYGd9



COMMUNITY SINGERS OF QUEENS

The Community Singers of Queens will be performing a Concert of varied selections, including Holiday, Sacred and Popular Music.The Concert will take place on Saturday, December 2 at 8:00pm here at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance, \$20 at the door. Children under 13 are \$10. For tickets contact Margaret Abel at (718) 840-8351.

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,

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



This weekend we remember and pray for all those who serve in the military, most especially during these tumultuous times we are living in. For my family, we remember my dad who served in Vietnam and fell sick in 2010 from a rare lung cancer, most likely caused from his exposure to Agent Orange while serving.

> On Veterans Day we honor all. Who answered to a service call. Soldiers young, and soldiers old, Fought for freedom, brave and bold. Some have lived, while others died, And all of them deserve our pride. We're proud of all the soldiers who, Kept thinking of red, white and blue. They fought for us an all our rights. They fought through many days and nights. And though we may not know each name, We thank ALL veterans just the same. (Cheryl Dyson)

> > - Jeannine Iocco

MOMMY & ME

Thursday, November 16th, 9:30am, OLBS Auditorium

Santa Sack is Back!

So many great gift cards to win! Winnings range from \$80 to \$500. Buy raffle tickets from now till November 30th, 2023. 1 ticket for \$10 or 5 for \$40 or 10 for \$80. Give in your raffle tickets and payment marked Santa Sack to the rectory or to OLBS Catholic Academy. If you have any questions, call the OLBSCA School (718) 229-4434. Flyers may be found at the church entrance.

COME SHOP WITH US!

OLBS Catholic Academy's Christmas Boutique Thursday, December 7th, 2023. From 12PM to 8PM OLBSCA Auditorium 203rd St. & 35th Ave. Variety of goods being sold: Jewelry, Personalized Goods, Toys, Baked Goods, Wood Crafts, Christmas Decor, Clothes, Soaps, Knitted Goods, and so much more...

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS 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!

NICARAGUA MISSION TEAM

The Mission Team Members will be at the doors of the church after all the Masses on November 11th and 12th. We are unable to travel to Nicaragua because of civil unrest but the financial needs of the children still need to be met. So we will once again be asking for your always generous support

Checks can be made payable to OLBS with Nicaragua in the memo. Thank you for your continued support of these most vulnerable children

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual OLBS Advent Day of Prayer will be December 2 at 9:30 A.M. Watch the bulletin and Flocknote for details!

CENTERING PRAYER

"Be still & know that I am God!" Ps. 46:10 God speaks to us through His word in the bible, the writings of saints & Church Fathers, our Catholic tradition & other people in our lives. He also speaks to us in a "tiny whispering sound" we might only hear within our heart, as Elijah experienced. Centering Prayer practice helps us recognize & truly hear the still small voice of God in our lives.

Come spend a few minutes "resting in God," being still & silent in church, in front of the tabernacle. Focus on God's presence and action within through Centering Prayer. Please join us every 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month. Meetings this month: Nov. 1 and Nov. 15 at 3:20-4pm

TURKEY & HAM DROP-Queen of Peace Residence Saturday, November 18 (9am—3pm)

Sister and Volunteers will greet you at the curb to accept your donation of turkeys and hams which will be used for Thanksgiving and future meals for our Residents. We will also be selling pumpkin, apple and blueberry pies for your Thanksgiving Dessert Table. (Little Sisters of the Poor— 110-30 221st Street Queens village, NY 11429)



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

"It is time to stop searching for worldly solutions to spiritual problems."

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENT PROMPT IS:

Forgive someone!

Wow – sounds like a tough one, doesn't it? Sometimes we have to forgive people in a really major way, but this prompt can also be about forgiving someone who did something really small – someone who talked over you, or cut you off in the hallway, or made a mistake. "LET GO, AND LET GOD" - which means let it go and let God begin to heal the hurt.

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>

FEAST OF ST. FRANCES CABRINI

Patron Saint of Immigrants November 11 & 12, 2023 - St. Frances Cabrini Shrine 701 Fort Washington Avenue New York, NY 10040

FOOD COLLECTION FOR ST. KEVIN'S

Please bring in the items listed for St. Kevin's Marketplace Collection on Sunday, November 18/19. Thanksgiving Baskets will be prepared and distributed to those who are in need of assistance. Thanks for your ongoing generosity! The list is found in the church entrances.

OLBS Senior Club

We meet every Wednesday at 12 pm till 3pm in our Parish Center. Meet new friends & play games, Bingo, 50-50 (pokeno, sevens, poker, rummikub, nokrummy). Call Dom at 917-509-6827 or 718-631-3905

St. Mother Theresa Workshop

St. Mother Teresa Workshop will be meeting every Wednesday. The group will meet every from 9:30-11:30 AM in the Parish Center. We knit, crochet, and sew for those in need. No experience necessary to join. Basic instruction will be provided.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.



Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.

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An offering from the 😽 AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and 🍈 gracticus 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. 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:

Wisdom is presented as a virtue seeking to be found. How might you search for wisdom this week?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be comforted in the belief that believers will be raised from the dead and live eternally with the Lord Jesus. What family members, friends, or co-workers need to hear these words of comfort?

Gospel:

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus is teaching about the importance of being prepared for his Second Coming. In what ways is this directive from Jesus a challenge for you?

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