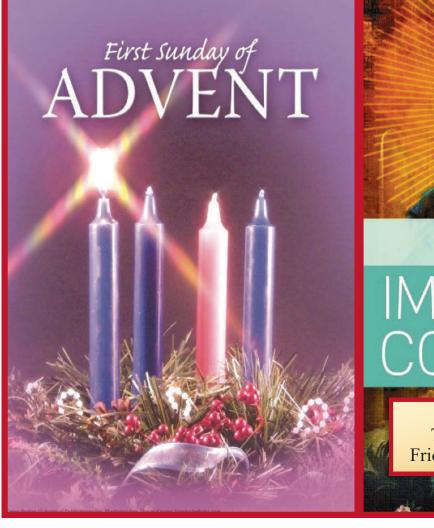


Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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.

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FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEP **Holy Day of Obligation**

Thursday - Dec. 7th - Vigil Mass Friday - Dec. 8th - 7am and 9am Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday—Friday: 7am & 9am, 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!

Rectory Office:

34-24 203 Street, Bayside, NY 11361-1152 PH: (718) 229-5929, Fax (718) 229-3354 Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm Deanery: www.queensdeanery5.org olbsbayside (a) olbsbayside

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Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church Bayside

Flocknote Text OLBSBAYSIDE to 84576 to join our weekly Newsletter

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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

December 2023



Sa –	2nd 9am 5pm			
Su –	- 3rd 8am	Peggy Buckley (Doris Friday) Healing of Rosati Family (Angela Rosati)		
	10an 12pn	 Peggy Buckley (Bill & Dorothy Molloy) Joseph Moran (Jean Marie & Alan Kessel) 		
	Dorot	hy Cowhey (Marina Bruzlone & Anita Ahthrens)		
M –	4th 7am 9am			
T - 5	5th 7am 9am			
W -	6th 7am 9am	Available Anton Murljacic (Maria Murljacic)		
Th -	- 7th 7am 9am 7pm	Dec'd of Celano Family (Brigida Celano)		
F – 3	8th 7am 9am	Available Vito Dellino-1st Ann (Dellino Fam)		
Sa –	9th 9am 5pm			
Su –	- 10th 8an 10an	 Narcis Bacci (M/M Stephen Bacci) Dec'd mem of Rosary Altar Society (RAS) Rose Gibbons (Elizabeth Rolston) Peggy Buckley (June Dunn) 		
	12	Linda Buback (Pat Buchholz) Peggy Buckley (Sophie Hamill)		
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Please Pray for our Deceased,				
	that t	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>

From the Pastor's Desk....

Dear Parishioners.



Welcome to the Season of Hope in this new year of grace. It has been said that man can endure almost anything but cannot live without hope. Hope is a theological virtue that requires action. We can observe Advent effectively by expressing our hope in virtues deeds. Yes, hope is a desire, a longing for some future happiness, but it is endowed with a confidence that brims over in holy moments. Our ultimate hope is for union with God in our Lord Jesus Christ, our true fulfillment. Reinforcing the habit of daily praver, scripture reading, celebrating Holy Mass and practicing the corporal 1 and spiritual works of mercy will strengthen hope. We must be a people of hope in a world of darkness, drawing ever nearer to the Christ who comes to us.

Please participate in this Sunday's blood drive and join us at the Rosary Christmas Party December 8th and the Tree Lighting and caroling with refreshments on December 9th. Remember that the patronal feast of our diocese and nation is on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

TREE LIGHTING AND CAROLS

There will be a tree lighting and carols on December 9 following the 5pm Mass in front of the Church

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.

Sunday Mass Presiders: Dec 9th/10th

schedule is subject to change - (in parentheses will preach) Sat, 12/9th 5pm Fr. Whelan Sun, 12/10th 8am Fr. Ajuluchukwu 10am Fr. Whelan 12pm Fr. Ajuluchukwu

2023 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE CONFESSIONS



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

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sunday, December 24'h **5pm Family Mass** 12am Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday; December 25th 10am & 12Noon (no 8am Mass)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 31st 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

Greens/wreaths/trees on Saturday, 12/9 at 10am Poinsettias and the rest, 12/23 (Saturday) at 10am *****

MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY CHURCH

This weekend. December 2nd & 3rd, there will be a special "My Christmas Gift to My Church" second collection. Your generosity in this collection is very much appreciated.

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

2022	33rd Sun in Ordinary Time	2023
\$4,834	Weekend Collection	\$ 4,829
\$4,521	Faith Direct	\$ 4,901
431	Attendance	627
2022	Christ the King	2023
\$5,268	Weekend Collection	\$ 5,499
\$4,521	Faith Direct	\$ 4,901
507	Attendance	447

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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, Baby Charlotte Lynch

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.

CTC) Catholic Teen Community

Looking to make new friends? Start off the new school year by joining our youth group! We will be meeting virtually for the time being. Interested 9-12th graders of the parish contact Kathleen at 917-816-6391 or kgiuliano@olbs-queens.org

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



This week in our Religious Education classes, the students will learn about the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is an important lesson for our children as some may confuse it, and believe that it refers to the birth of Jesus without sin. We remind them that on this special feast day, we celebrate our mother Mary's conception without sin in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. This means that Mary is free from the original sin that was handed down to all humanity from Adam and Eve. December 8th is a holy day of obligation and the children are encouraged to attend Mass.

- Jeannine Iocco

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

Please see the priest before Mass in the sacristy

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMORIAL GIFTS Altar Bread and Wine Mary Ellen Ryan (Nancy & Peter Gentile) Purgatorial Society

Fran Crook Mary Demambro

PARISH TEEN COMMUNITY

The parish youth group has made a small amount of advent wreath sets (wreaths and candles) available for \$20. Supplies are limited so please come to the rectory to purchase if interested

MOMMY & ME

Thursday, December 7th, 9:30am, OLBS Auditorium

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...

REFLECTIONS

Reflections is again looking for parishioner input. This time we ask you to look ahead to Easter and tell us what it is about Easter that you most love and look forward to. Please submit your response to <u>nealbarbok@aol.com</u> by December 15.

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

Please share your news with the Parish by leaving a note for Judy Reilly at the Rectory or by email: <u>jereilly@520@gmail.com</u>. She will include it in the next issue of Reflections.

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 praying the Rosary at 1pm on the Wednesdays of Advent: December 6, 13, and 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 FAQ 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.

"You are made in the image of God. Act accordingly!"

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENT PROMPT IS:

Do the right thing regardless of what others might think.

The greatest moments of history happened when people did the right thing, even in the face of great opposition. Now, it's your turn! If you're not sure where to start, here are a few ideas: change the subject when someone starts to gossip, unfollow social media pages that promote unholy moments, and always do what you feel is the right thing.

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>

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 <u>www.olbscyo.com</u>

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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What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. John Sehorn

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What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

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An offering from the PAUCUSTINI INSTITUTE and I gracitical process

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/registerat-our-parish</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:	
Phone:	
Email:	

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURES

First Reading:

In prayer, the prophet Isaiah grieves over our sins that separates us from God. What sorrow or distress have you experienced over the past week?

Second Reading:

Paul offers up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the many gifts the believers have received because of their faith in Jesus. As we begin the season of Advent, for what are you thankful?

Gospel:

Each Advent, the Gospel reading begins with Jesus instructing his disciples to watch carefully for the end times. How often do you think about the Second Coming of Jesus and judgment day?

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