

## 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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#### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday—Friday: 7am & 9am,

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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

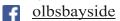
Church open weekdays until 4pm

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

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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

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Rev. Nathaniel Ajuluchukwu, Parochial Vicar Ext. 118 frnathaniel@olbs-queens.org

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# December 2023



Sa – 9th 9am Lou Tirella (Tina Tirella)

5pm Mary Anne Lynch (Ranieri Family)

Rocco Gentilella (Carmella Kissimmis) Peggy Buckley (Ronnie & John Steingasser) Peggy Coffey (Ronnie & John Steingasser)

James Farnochi (Alan & Jean Marie Kessel)

Su - 10th 8am For the People of our Parish

10am Narcis Bacci (M/M Stephen Bacci)

Dec'd mem of Rosary Altar Society (RAS)

Rose Gibbons (Elizabeth Rolston)
Peggy Buckley (June Dunn)
Linda Buback (Pat Buchholz)

12pm Peggy Buckley (Sophie Hamill)

M – 11th 7am Joseph Senica (Melissa Senica)

9am Olga Mallizzi (Rose & Vinceuzo Laucella)

T - 12th 7am Riki Licul (Nick & Mary Ranieri)

9am Harry Callahan (Tina Tirella)

W - 13th 7am Available

9am Thanksgiving to St. Lucy (Brigida Celano)

Th – 14th 7am Available

9am Harry Callaghan (M/M John Buckley)

F – 15th 7am Available

9am Edward J. Mullaney (Mary Mullaney)

Sa – 16th 9am Anthony F. Robilotta (M/M Richard Robilotta)

5pm Robert B. Lynch (Ranieri Family) Mickey Rodeshini (Siobhan Eberle)

Anna M. Brust (Catherine Brust)
Peggy Buckley (Jean & Alan Kessel)

Peggy Coffey (Jean & Alan Kessel)

Su – 17th 8am John Baginski (Eileen Baginski)

10am For the People of our Parish

12pm Dec Mem of the Sullivan Fam(Mary Suillivan)

Peggy Buckley (Nick & Mary Ranieri) Ellen Mary Buchholz (Pat Buchholz) Helen Sweeney (Pat Buchholz)

Trina Kelly O'Connor (Den, Kara & Nancy Comerford)

<u>Please Pray for our Deceased,</u> that they may be raised to eternal life

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.

The Second Sunday of Advent focuses our attention on John the Baptist and how we can prepare a highway for our God to enter our hearts. Repentance for sin opens our lives to divine mercy which in turn brings joy and hope. Even the best Christmas gifts cannot compete with the lasting joy that God wants to give us. We ought now examine our consciences and prepare to make a good confession before Christmas, either on a Saturday or on Reconciliation Monday.

Help decorate the church with trees, wreathes and evergreen roping Saturday morning at 10am in time for our Tree Lighting following this Saturday's 5pm Mass, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Hot chocolate, mulled wine and refreshments will be served while we join in singing some carols.

In Christ, Father Bob

#### RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

This weekend, your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious will help with living expenses and the cost of health care for elderly religious who have no pension and only minimal Social Security benefits. Please be generous in the collection for our Elderly Religious.

#### 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.

#### **Sunday Mass Presiders: Dec 16th/17th**

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

Sat, 12/16th 5pm Fr. Ajuluchukwu (Dcn. Molloy)

Sun, 12/17th 8am Fr. Whelan

10am Fr. Ajuluchukwu (Dcn. Avallone)

12pm Fr. Whelan

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## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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, on Saturday, 12/23 at 10am

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMORIAL GIFTS

Rosary Garden Candle

Msgr. George Deas (Wrzesc Family)

#### 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: <a href="https://bit.ly/47VuhGC">https://bit.ly/47VuhGC</a>

#### **OLBS PARISH CALENDAR**

Link: https://bit.ly/3QIdNdS

#### MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3FZF0np">https://bit.ly/3FZF0np</a>

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

- 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
- Sandra Ceslowitz, Joseph Gallagher, Betty McAleer, Michael McAleer, Joan Morgan, Maryane Peranio, Mary Piccone, Michael Reilly, Liam Sheehan, Rae Dellino Pitto, Kate Robilotta

#### 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'Keefe <u>nealbarbok@aol.com</u> 718 352-0210 Nancy Gentile <u>kc647@aol.com</u> 718 873-3823

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



This week our second grade students will learn how to "Examine their Conscience" in preparation for their First Reconciliation in February. They will come to realize that God blessed each of them with a gentle internal voice that encourages them to do good and to avoid evil. The lesson goes on to state that following their conscience will make them happy and avoiding it may make them restless and unhappy. God does not want them to be unhappy so he gives us the gift of Reconciliation so that he may fill us with His joy. What a great lesson for all of us to remember during this Advent season.

- Jeannine Iocco

#### 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 14th, 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

#### 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 <a href="mailto:nealbarbok@aol.com">nealbarbok@aol.com</a> 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: <a href="mailto:jereilly520@gmail.com">jereilly520@gmail.com</a>. 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 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

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#### Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Academy

shared by Sister Donna Smith, D.C.

"Begin today. One of the beautiful things about the idea of Holy Moments is that you can implement it immediately. You do not need to study it for year.

No special qualifications are necessary."

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENT PROMPT IS:

## Give your full attention to others every day.

Whether you struggle to pay attention a lot, or just a little, take time every day this week to fully focus: sit straight. Look up. And do your bet to put in all your effort. These small moments will grow over time, and you'll be amazed at how you improve.

Let's keep the Holy Momentum going!!

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

#### **OLBS Catholic Academy**

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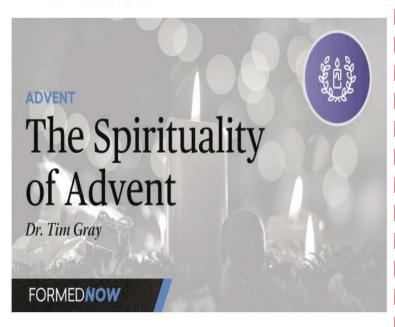
#### **Intro 2 Hoops Basketball**

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 Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.

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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:

https://olbs-queens.org/registerat-our-parish

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# QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURES

#### **First Reading:**

The prophet Isaiah offers comfort and hope to the Israelites who were captive in Babylon in proclaiming that the glory of the Lord is returning to Israel. Do you have family or friends who could use words of encouragement from you?

#### **Second Reading:**

Peter speaks of being at peace while we wait for the promise of new heavens and a new earth when Christ returns. What gives you peace of mind these days?

#### Gospel:

Fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed the arrival of Jesus, "one mightier than I...(who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Where do you sense the Holy Spirit present in your life? ©LPi

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