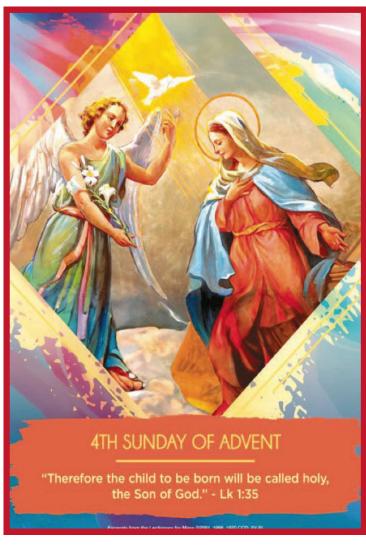


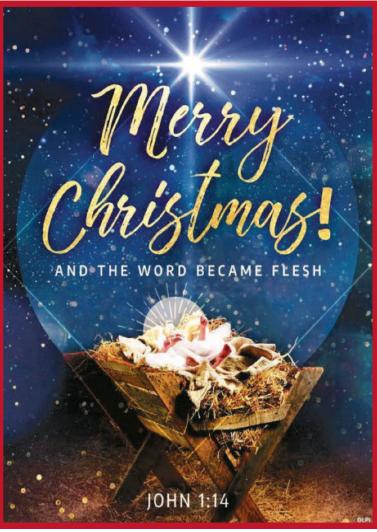
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#### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday—Friday: 7am & 9am,

Saturday 9am Public Holidays: 9am only

**WEEKEND MASSES:** 

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LIVESTREAM:

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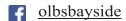
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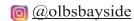
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## **Sacraments and Prayer**

**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.

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

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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.

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## December 2023



Sa – 23rd 9am Delfin Bulan (Cresencia Quilang)

5pm Diego Yepes (Family)

Rosa Castadlo (Rose Castadlo)
Peggy Buckley (M/M John Scolaro)

James Farnochi (Ronnie & John Steingasser) Ron Krivosheiw (Carol Anello-Leder)

Su- 24th 8am For the People of our Parish

10am Fr. Vincent Gallo (Eileen Baginski)

12pm For the People of our Parish

5 pm Christmas Intentions12 pm Christmas Intentions

M – 25th 10am Christmas Intentions

12pm Christmas Intentions

T - 26th 7am No 7am Mass

9am M/M George M. Brust (Catherine Brust)

W - 27th 7am Available

9am Jim & Mary McLoughlin (Betty McLoughlin)

Th – 28th 7am Bernt Nygaard (Leyla Nygaard)

9am Michael Coyne-20Yr.Ann.(Eileen Coyne)

F – 29th 7am Available

9am Carmela, Gerald & Jerry Modica (Lou Tirella)

Sa – 30th 9am Carmello Falzone (Lucia Patti)

5pm Ron Krivosheiw (Carol Anello-Leder) Roy Richter (Jean-Marie & Alan Kessel) Josephine Arkwright (Domenick Ranieri)

Su-31st 8am For the People of our Parish

10am Thanksgiving (M/M Bradley Chen)

James Robert Rolston (Elizabeth Rolston)
Stephen Carousso (Carousso Family)

Peggy Buckley (Kevin & Kathleen Cadigan)

Thomas A. Jones (Philip Curto)

12pm Jennifer Russo (Eileen Cullen)

<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.

Since the Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve this year, allow me to get right to the point. A blessed and Merry Christmas to all our beloved parishioners and your loved ones. I am grateful for your faith-filled participation in the worship and life of the parish and for your generous support of our mission to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. I look forward to celebrating Christmas Masses with you. The Midnight Mass - yes, at midnight - is particularly lovely with its glorious music and traditions. Please join us!

In Christ, Father Bob

## Catholic Charities -Dec. 25, 2023

The revenue from this collection supports programs and services provided by Catholic Charities that have literally transformed the lives of so many of our neighbors. Catholic Charities is one of the largest faith-based providers of affordable housing in the country providing housing units for the elderly, homeless, disabled and low income families, and special needs housing.

### RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

Mon/Tues December 25 & 26th Christmas Day & Day After Christmas

## **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 30th/31st**

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

Sat, 12/30th 5pm Fr. Ajuluchukwu

Sun, 12/31st 8am Fr. Whelan

10am Fr. Ajuluchukwu

12pm Fr. Whelan

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## 2023 Christmas Schedule



#### **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 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)

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Mike Schmid (Pat Zaccone)
Altar Bread & Wine

Fr. Vincent Gallo (M/M Michael Reilly)

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

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#### **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: https://bit.ly/3FZF0np

#### 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.

### 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 nealbarbok@aol.com 718 352-0210 Nancy Gentile kc647@aol.com 718 873-3823

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



Merry Christmas from all of us in the Religious Education Office. May God's blessings shower you and your families this Christmas season and always!

- Jeannine Iocco

Christmas isn't showy gifts
Or glittering decoration;
It's honoring our Savior, Jesus Christ
In humble adoration.

It's serving those less fortunate, Meeting their needs before our own; It's making sure at Christmas time That no one is alone.

It's taking what we would have spent On things that no one needs, And using it to help someone With service and good deeds.

Our Savior showed us how to live With charity, faith and service. It makes the holidays a joy, More peaceful, and less nervous. So, let's remember Christmas is About our Savior's birth; That's the way to happiness, The way to peace on earth

By Joanna Fuchs

#### **MOMMY & ME**

Thursday, January 4, 2024, 9:30am, OLBS Auditorium

## NICARAGUA MISSION TEAM THANK YOU

The Nicaragua Mission Team wishes to thank you, our fellow parishioners, for your generosity in the recent collection for the children and young adults in Diriamba, Nicaragua. Your donations totaling \$7,674 will do so much for these children who have so little. God Bless you all.

#### FIRST FRIDAY CLUB

"The Flushing First Friday Club will meet on Jan. 5, 12 Noon, at Verdi's of Whitestone for the Celebration of Mass followed by lunch. Our Speaker is Rev. Msgr. Kevin Noone, Ret., in residence at St. Mel's Parish."

## 2024 Announced Mass Book

The 2024 Mass Book is open. Please send in your request to the rectory - Attention: Mary. Please be sure to include your phone, and address. Please also include 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

### **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.

### **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

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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!

## 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.

""The spirit of Christmas is Christlike love.

The way to increase the Christmas spirit
is to reach out generously to those around us
and give of ourselves.

The best gifts are not material things but gifts of listening, of showing kindness, of remembering, of visiting, of forgiving, of giving time."

— Bonnie L. Oscarson



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## St. Kevin's Food Pantry-Thank You

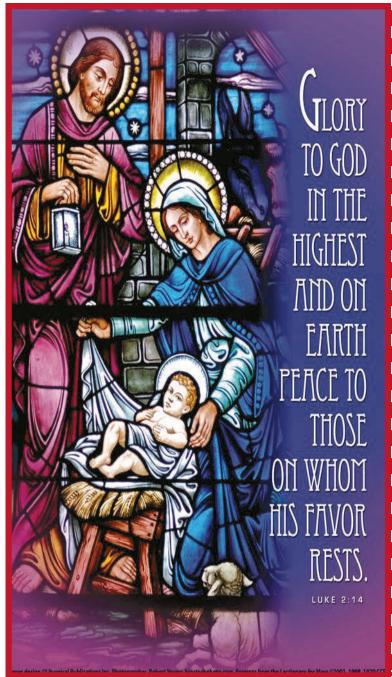
Thank you so much for your support and donation for our food pantry. We are able to feed almost 80 families monthly and over 200 for Thanksgiving! Wishing you a Blessed Advent! - St. Kevin's Food Pantry

## **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 <a href="https://www.olbscyo.com">www.olbscyo.com</a>

### **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.



## 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

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.

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## Prayer for Christmas

Dear Lord,

You came to us in humility and silence, setting aside your majesty so that we might approach with wonder.

Allow us to grow ever closer to you this Christmas, and always.

Amen.

## Inspiration for the Week

Christ was born for you, exactly as you are. But he has come to offer you a new life. A better life. Don't be afraid to cast off the darkness. Step into the light of Christ's love.

## Observances of the Week

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent;

Christmas Eve

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr Wednesday:St. John, Apostle and

Evangelist

Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop

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Saturday:

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's

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