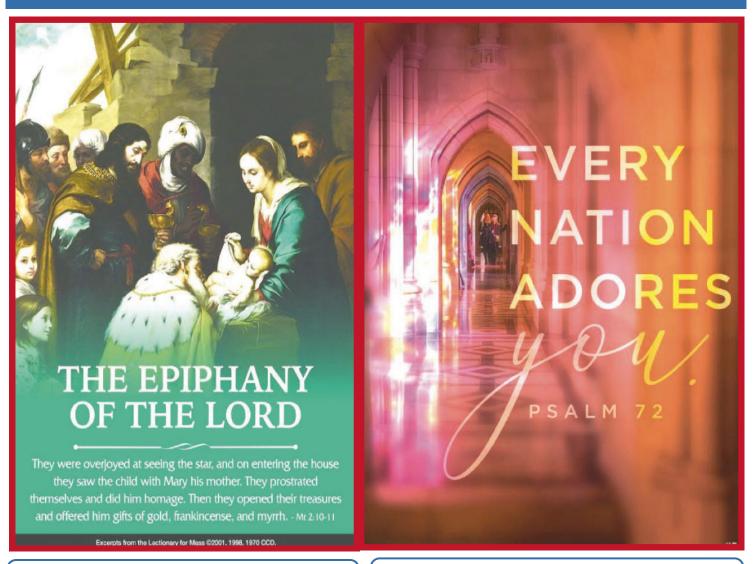


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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

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WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday—Friday: 7am & 9am,



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

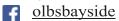
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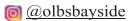
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Sacraments and Prayer

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.

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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Ext. 124 frbob@olbs-queens.org

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Jan 2024



Joseph Filic (Maria Trpic) Sa – 6th 9am

> **Purgatorial Society** 5pm

Su-7th 8am Available

> For the People of our Parish 10am

Herman Noriega (Elizabeth Kyrou) 12pm

> Gina Pappas (Buckley Family) John Connor (Betty McLoughlin)

Daniel Zgaljardic (Sonia & Maria Rubinic)

Available M – 8th 7am

> Gerard Dennis 9am

> > (Neighbors in the Bldg-Antonio Wong)

T - 9th 7am Lou & Tina Tirella (Tirella Family)

> Dolores, Gabriel, Anthony & Nick Mignella 9am

> > (Lina & Joe Mignella)

Peter & Nora Doherty (Nora Tully) W - 10th 7am

> Edward Crimmins (Nancy & Peter Gentile) 9am

Lillian & William McLoughlin Th - 11th 7am

(Mary McLoughlin)

Bridie Regan (Gina & Achilli DiLibero) 9am

John & Helen Corcorn (Nora Tully) F - 12th 7am

> Fay Costa (John & Paula Scolaro 9am

Sa – 13th 9am Ralph Ondrus Sr. (M/M Stephen Bacci)

> Christopher Schuck (Siobhan Eberle) 5pm

> > Ron Krivosheiw (Carol Anello Leder) Kathleen Griffin (Siobhan Eberle)

Rosaleen Mul Kerrins (Mike & Julia Quinn)

Ralph Manzi (Nancy & Peter Gentile)

Beverly Patay (Hallett Family) Su-14th 8am

> Josephine Proietto (Sonia & Maria Rubinic) 10am

For the People of our Parish 12pm

Please Pray for our Deceased, that they may be raised to eternal life

Jesus M. DeJesus, Gwendolyn Kelly, Robert McCarron, Frank Slisz, 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,

The Christmas Season culminates in the celebration of the Lord's Epiphany. The child born in Bethlehem is revealed as the Savior of the nations. Guided by the star, the Magi seek out this newborn king and worship him, offering worthy gifts of gold (royal kingship), incense (divinity), and myrrh (mortality). In doing so they model for us how to seek out Jesus by the light of faith and offer him worship through our participation at Mass.

Today we hear sung the Proclamation of the date of Easter and all the moveable feasts that flow from it. We also bless our church and its entrance doors, inviting Christ to dwell with us in this new year of grace. You can do so at home as well by chalking above your doorway 20+C+M+B+24 as you pray. It stands for Christus Mansionem Benedicat (Christ Bless this House) and refers to the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. You can google an Epiphany Home Blessing to make it a family prayer experience.

You are welcome to take home the beautiful poinsettia plants you donated to adorn the church. Please leave the ones on the three altars until the last Mass at noon so the church remains festive for all the Masses.

In Christ, Father Bob

COME SING IN THE CHORUS

The Community Singers of Queens is looking for new members! If you enjoy singing with others, can carry a tune, and like learning a variety of music, we may be the group for you. Rehearsals begin on 1/15/24. We practice Monday evenings 7:30-9:30 at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. We present our songs at a concert in May. For more info. Leslie 917-375-6917

Sunday Mass Presiders: Jan 13th/14th

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

Sat, 1/13th 5pm Fr. Ajuluchukwu Sun, 1/14th 8am Fr. Whelan

10am Fr. Ajuluchukwu

12pm Fr. Whelan

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TITHING: God's plan for giving...

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824	Attendance	383
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\$5.439	Weekend Collection	\$ 4,428
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SECOND COLLECTION

There is a diocesan mission collection this week. It helps to stir the faith in missionary diocese. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

OLBS PARISH CALENDAR

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMORIAL GIFTS

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Francisco Prieto
Clara Rico
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2024 Announced Mass Book

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

- Denis Carroll, Marie Felix, Mary McLoughlin, Neal O'Keefe, Anne Previdi, Michael Sottile, Genevieve Statelman, Maria Troina, Mary Vinson, Baby Charlotte Lynch
- Sandra Ceslowitz, Betty McAleer, Michael McAleer, Joan Morgan, Mary Piccone, Liam Sheehan, Rae Dellino Pitto, Kate Robilotta
- Robert Donohue, Tanner Jacob Kavon, Patrick Kelly, Patty O'Sullivan, Nicoletta Nagle, Connie Sarno

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.

MOMMY & ME

Thursday, January 11, 2024, 9:30am, OLBS Auditorium

CENTERING PRAYER

Be still & know that I am God!" Ps. 46:10

Centering Prayer helps us recognize & truly hear the still small voice of God in our lives. By being still & silent - quieting our mind & heart - we give our consent to God's presence & action within.

Come "rest in God" for a few minutes with us in church, in front of the Tabernacle on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings in January 2024. Jan. 3 & Jan. 17, 3:20 - 4:00 pm.

RAS HOSPITALITY

On Saturday, January 13, after the 5PM Mass and again on Sunday, January 14 after the 10 AM Mass the Rosary Altar Society will be hosting hospitality. Please join us Saturday for wine and cheese and on Sunday for coffee and bagels. Come down to the Parish Center and meet some of your fellow parishioners.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Iocco Family Tree 2023

This week we are so happy to welcome back Anne McGreevy, our Fifth Grade Catechist. Anne took a short leave from Religious Ed. to work with her family business, Anne's Treeland. My husband and I had the wonderful experience of visiting Anne's Treeland on Woodhaven Boulevard to purchase our Christmas tree. We were delighted to be able to park our car in their spacious parking lot. We were quickly greeted by Dan, who took the time to understand our space issues and the type of tree we were looking for. Dan's knowledge and patience helped us find the perfect tree from the numerous choices available. There were many families purchasing their trees and making memories. They were taking pictures and the atmosphere of this beautiful family run business was the perfect way to get us into the Christmas spirit. Anne runs a beautiful family business with her daughter Heather, son Patrick, niece Krista and Heather's boyfriend Dan. If you are anything like me, and are very particular about your Christmas tree, I would make Anne's Treeland your place to go next season; you will be very happy you did!

6th Annual Bayside Saint Patrick's Day Parade Dinner Dance

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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.

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!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

In the spirit of the USCCB's EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL, we will be presenting the video series, *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist.* Episode 1 -- *God Is with Us* examines God's saving presence with His People throughout salvation history, culminating in the Incarnation and His abiding real presence in the Eucharist. The question to ask is not only "What is the Eucharist?" but "Who is the Eucharist." All are welcome to view and discuss the episode on January 11 at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. Please register with this link:

https://forms.gle/
f8tR7ADBYCC78GaF9;

or by calling the rectory or using the QR Code.





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

"Surprise someone with a thoughtful note"

A surprise note, with God's timing, has the potential to do something unforgettable for you and the person who receives the note. Let's pause now for a moment and think about this question: "Who is the person you want to surprise with a thoughtful note? You're sure to make them smile!

Let's keep the Holy Momentum going!! Enjoy your week and may you be blessed with many holy moments!!

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Save the date for Catholic Schools Week January 28 - February 3, 2024

Please join us at the 10:00 A.M. Mass followed by refreshments and open house at the Academy from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

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

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.





What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

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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/register-at <u>-ou</u>r-parish

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OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK—REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURES

First Reading:

Isaiah foresaw a future when the Lord would use Israel as His instrument to shine His glory into the world. What could you do this week to show God's glory to others?

Second Reading:

Paul met a lot of resistance when he spoke of God's "revelation" that Gentiles are "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to outsiders?

Gospel:

In the story of the magi's visit, we see the prophecies of Isaiah (our first reading) fulfilled with the treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh given to the Holy Family. What gift do you give to the Lord? ©LPi

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