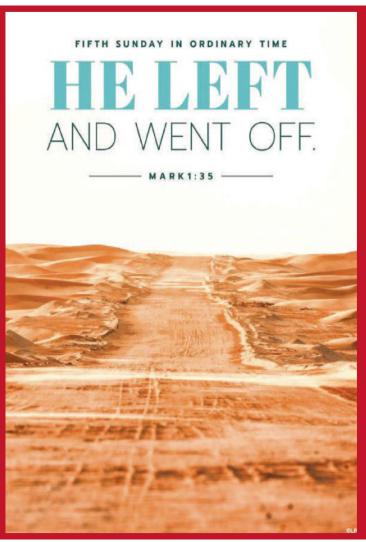


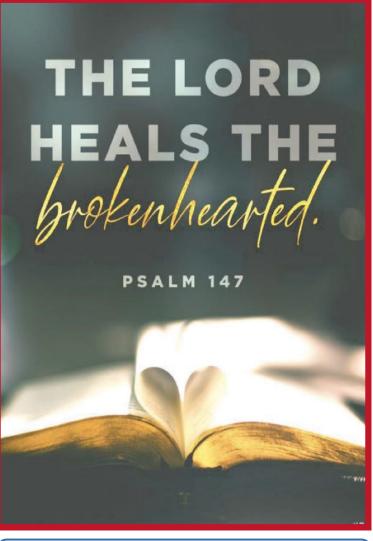
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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

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,

Saturday 9am Public Holidays: 9am only

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: Vigil 5pm | Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon LIVESTREAM:

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Mon-Sat 9am | Sat 5pm & Sun 10am Holy Days: As Announced in Bulletin/Website

Sacrament Info: See inside

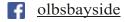
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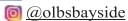
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Sacraments and Prayer

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.

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.

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February 2024



Sa – 3rd 9am Ivan Trpic (Maria Trpic)

5pm For Members of Our Purgatorial Society

Su-4th 8am Mary Farley (Dennis Farley) 10am For the People of our Parish

12pm Anna M. Brust (Catherine Brust)

Mary & Carmine DelBasso (Sanja Pazin) Genoveffa Liubicic (Angelo Liubicic) Regina Pappas (Ray & Eileen Caffrey) Evelyn Telepan (Nick & Mary Ranieri)

M-5th 7am Lino Flaim (Lucia Magagna)

9am Elvira Mignella (Mignella Family)

T-6th 7am Available

9am Anthony & Ethel Panettiere (Cronan Family)

W - 7th 7am Lou & Tina Tirella (Tirella Family)

9am John Tuley (Death Ann) (Sr. Margaret Tuley)

Th - 8th 7am Lillian & William McLoughlin

(Mary McLoughlin)

9am Vito Dellino Bday (Antonia Dellino)

F – 9th 7am John Steingasser (Alberta Cooper)

9am Marie Genna Cartin (Helen Long)

Sa – 10th 9am Available

5pm Mary Cotter (Wall Family)

James Faranochi (Rosary)

James Williams (Dorothy & Bill Molloy) Marie Genna (Nancy & Peter Gentile) John Steingasser (Marsha Quilang)

Su- 11th 8am Available

10am Angela Ranieri (Ranieri Family)

Maria Rubinic (Flora Nicolich) Herman Noriega (Elizabeth Kyrou) John Steingasser (Farley Family)

12pm For the People of our Parish

Please Pray for our Deceased,

that they may be raised to eternal life

Charles Annibale, Harold Mahoney (Father of Eileen Mahoney), Carl Modjeska (Father of Karen Alessandro), John Michael Steingasser (Jean Marie Kessel's Father), 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,

Last Autumn you may remember the bulletin insert of a letter addressed to all the faithful of the diocese from Bishop Brennan. He brought to our attention pressing issues such as the decline in mass attendance, the decline in the number of priests, and a decline in financial resources. One possible solution is to create partnerships among parishes so that resources and personnel may be shared. In today's bulletin, or on Flocknotes, you will see another letter, this one from our Regional Episcopal Vicar, Fr. Costello. He shares with us some discussion points from a meeting with clergy a few months ago. Please take a look and keep abreast of this developing situation. Your Parish Staff, Parish Council, and Finance Council have been discussing the issue and weighing a possible partnership with one of our neighboring parishes. Nothing has been decided at this early stage, but it seems clear that eventually all our parishes will be in partnership with another or others, and some of these partnerships will lead to mergers. In the meantime, let's do everything in our power to strengthen our active membership and financial footing and so secure a pastoral presence here for a long time to come.

In Christ, Father Bob

ASH WEDNESDAY: Feb 14th Distribution of Ashes

Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am, 7:00pm Prayer Services: 11am, 3pm

BEST LENT EVER

Sign up for a daily Lenten Message on your cell phone/computer at BestLentEver.com

REFLECTIONS

In anticipation of Grandparents Day, Reflections asks, "Grandparents feel that their grandchildren are precious treasures. Explain how your grandparent is your treasure." Please submit your response to Nealbarbok@aol.com - or leave at the rectory

- by March 15.

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Sunday Mass Presiders: Feb 10th/11th

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

Sat, 2/10th 5pm Fr. Whelan Sun, 2/11th 8am Fr. Ajuluchukwu 10am Fr. Whelan

10am Fr. Whelan 12pm Fr. Ajuluchukwu

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Purgatorial Society

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2024 Announced Mass Book

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK

- Sandra Ceslowitz, Caterina and Mario D'Andrea (Marisa Avallone's parents), Vivien Kobel, Nora Leddy, Joan Morgan, Mary Piccone, Liam Sheehan, Rae Dellino Pitto, Kate Robilotta, Karen Anne Salvio
- Robert Donohue, Patrick Kelly, Patty O'Sullivan, Michael McAleer, Nicoletta Nagle, Connie Sarno, Mary Vinson
- Joan Callahan, Denis Carroll, Marie Felix, Mary McLoughlin, Neal O'Keefe, Michael Sottile, Genevieve Statelman, Maria Troina

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

With GOD all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

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

JOIN US

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. Please sign up by 3/15/24. Questions please call: Sister

3/15/24. Questions please call: Sister Margaret Tuley 716 200 2488; Dorothy Molloy 718 224 5136; Kathy McNally 718 229 5562.

MOMMY & ME

Thursday, February 8, '24, 9:30am, OLBS Auditorium

Come sing with the Comm. Singers of Queens

The Community Singers of Queens is recruiting new members to sing in our Spring Concert on May 4, 2024. If you enjoy singing with others, can carry a tune and like learning a variety of good music we may be the group for you. Rehearsals have begun and are held on Mondays at 7:30pm right here at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. If you have any questions, please feel free to call, Margaret Abel at (718) 840-8351.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



The Religious Ed office is buzzing with so many wonderful things. First Penance preparations, Confirmation retreat, Confirmation interviews, Saint reports, the list goes on and on. In the middle of the "organized chaos" I found a small slice of heaven. My friend, Estella Portes, introduced me to the Labyrinth at Sacred Heart Parish. If you are like me, I was not familiar with this type of prayerful, walking mediation. As I entered the Parish Hall, I was greeted by two ladies who were very knowledgeable with the process. The mood was perfectly set with light music playing and lighted candles. All I had to do was walk through the many paths of the Labyrinth to reach the center. It is at the center where we reach the fullness of God's love. The journey is marked with leaves that remind us of the many obstacles in our lives. We try to get closer to the center, but can easily get led in another direction. The center has six petals that hold different meanings. The experience was moving, peaceful, spiritual, and emotional all at once. If you ever have an opportunity to experience this ancient spiritual tool that helps one walk with God, I would highly recommend it.

- Jeannine Iocco

2023 Contribution Statements

The rectory office has mailed your statement of contributions for the past year of 2023. Please keep it for your tax purposes. Mistakes do occur, so kindly notify the bookkeeper of any discrepancies that ought to be rectified. Thank you for your support to OLBS Church.

MEMORIAL ROSARY GARDEN

New orders for memorial bricks are welcome now. Commemorate births, deaths, anniversaries, parish membership, etc. Forms are available in church or rectory or click this link https://bit.ly/3yGeoUN
The deadline is Easter Sunday if you would like the brick to be ready for placement and blessing during May. Although bricks can be ordered throughout the year, we can only place them once a year due to the cost of installation. Please use this link https://bit.ly/3wNRuel to pay online (please put Memorial Rosary Garden on the note section)

Rosary Altar Society

All welcome to the RAS. Mass on 2/4/24 at 10 am and general meeting to follow in The Cafeteria. There will be a guest speaker on Women's Health. Breakfast will be served.

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.

Do you have Prayer Petitions? Join us Wednesday's for the 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!

CENTERING PRAYER

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

"Through the practice of Centering Prayer - quieting my mind & heart by entering into silence & stillness -I consent to not only God's presence in my life but also to God's action in my life."

Come "rest in God" with us for a few minutes in church, in front of the tabernacle on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings in February 2024: Feb. 7 & Feb. 21 at 3:20 -4:00pm

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THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENT PROMPT IS

"Give your best in an activity you don't like"

This one might push you out of your comfort zone. Whether the activity you dislike happens in school, at work, or even at home ... do your best to give your very best effort. Who knows? Your experience might be totally transformed!

Let's keep the Holy Momentum going!!

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

Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Saturday March 2, 2024 6:30 PM in the Auditorium

Honorees:

Sister Donna Smith Michael and Philomena Durkan Dan and Kathleen McGovern Francis McLoughlin Jeff Reinhart

Tickets: \$65 Adults \$35 Children
On sale after the Masses starting Feb 10--11
Music: By our own Shannon Breeze

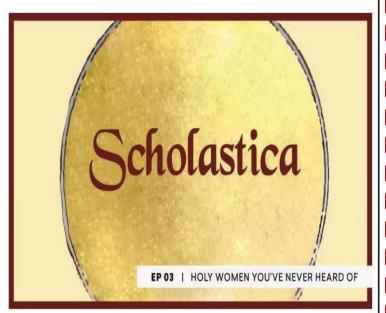
Entertainment:

Ciara Greene School of Irish Step Dancing
Raffle prize donations are requested:
gift cards, Liquor, gift certificates
Please call Betty 347-613-1303 or Eileen 718-358-1381

Parish Book Club

Please join us on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7pm in the Parish Center below the church. Come prepared to discuss The Stranger in the Lifeboat, by Mitch Album. What would you do adrift for 3 days with nine others after your ship exploded and when crying out...God actually appears! Get your copy at the Auburndale Library by saying you are with the OLBS Book Club. Join us for great discussion, fellowship and friendship. Questions? Call Pat at 917 863-7857.





St. Scholastica | Holy Women You Never Heard Of | Episode 3

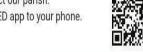
Dive into the lives of Holy Women You've Never Heard Of with Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Dr. Jessica Murdoch. St. Scholastica is the sister of St. Benedict. Holy siblings and holy families change the world!

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURES

First Reading:

Job was overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and despair. How does your faith help you get through difficult times?

Second Reading:

Paul sees his "gospel" (the good news of Jesus Christ) as the center of his life. What do you think is the focus of your life?

Gospel:

At the start of Jesus's public ministry in Galilee, we hear he was purpose-driven in performing many healings and exorcisms, as well as preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. What could you do this week as an intentional act of charity or kindness?

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