

LIVESTREAM:

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

Church open weekdays until 4pm

All are welcome!

Sacrament Info: See inside

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholíc 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.

February 11, 2024 | 718-229-5929 | www.olbs-queens.org | secretary@olbs-queens.org



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Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church Bayside

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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

February 2024



Sa – 10th 9am 5pm	For the People of our Parish Mary Cotter (Wall Family) James Faranochi (Rosary) James Williams (Dorothy & Bill Molloy) Marie Genna (Nancy & Peter Gentile) John Steingasser (Marsha Quilang)	
Su– 11th 8am 10am 12pm	For the People of our Parish Angela Ranieri (Ranieri Family) Maria Rubinic (Flora Nicolich) Herman Noriega (Elizabeth Kyrou) John Steingasser (Farley Family) Carl Modjeska (Mr. & Mrs. Alessandro) For the People of our Parish	
M – 12th 7am 9am	Available Mary V. Robilotta (M/M R. Robilotta)	
T - 13th 7am 9am	James O'Connor (Joseph Brandimarte) Robert DiLibero (Gina & Achille DiLibero)	
W - 14th 7am 9am 7pm	Jim McLoughlin (Betty McLoughlin) Catherine & Charles Broderick (Maher Family) Available	
Th – 15th 7am 9am	Pat Flavin (Siobhan Eberle) Marie & Bill Bowe (M/M R. Robilotta)	
F – 16th 7am 9am	Joseph Ragusa (Theresa & Bob Hutter) Marijan Kleva (Mirjana & Ante Facini)	
Sa – 17th 9am 5pm	Thanksgiving for Jermaine Quilang-Bday (Marsha Quilang) James Faranochi (Rosanne & Ramona Martone) Frank Slisz (Rosanne & Ramona Martone) Joseph Colindreler (Rosanne & Ramona Colindreler) Michael Ryan (Nancy & Peter Gentile) John Steingasser (M/M Kevin Cadigan)	
Su– 18th 8am 10am 12pm	For the People of our Parish Edward Crimmins (Joan Finley) Armand Villa (M/M R. Robilotta) Regina Pappas (M/M Richard Robilotta) Angela Altman Eager (Irmgard Petolino) John Steingasser (Siobhan Eberle) James O'Connor (Carolyn Rosas)	
Please Pray for our Deceased,		
that they may be raised to eternal life		
Carl Modjeska (Father of Karen Alessandro), Frances Moran and ALL who have died.		

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR ADULTS -RCIA - For information contact Deacon William Molloy - <u>deaconbill@olbs-queens.org</u>

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From the Pastor's Desk....

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus continues his healing spree in the first chapter of St Mark's Gospel. It's a good reminder as Ash Wednesday approaches this week that divine help is only a simple request away. We might consider what needs healing in our lives, especially that which is caused by sin and unhealthy habits. Lent is a spiritual campaign during which we arm ourselves with the weapons of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Today is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, since February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Lady is not on the calendar this year since it falls on a Sunday but in prayer we commend all who are ill to the Lord's healing grace. Anyone at the weekend Masses in need of the Anointing of the Sick, please remain in the front pew near the Holy Oils after Mass and you can receive this sacrament of healing. By a quirk of the calendar, today is also World Day of Marriage, since it falls on the Sunday before St. Valentine's Day. No, I am not going to invite those who wish to be married to come up after Mass, but we pray for our married couples and thank them for their faithful witness that reveals God's fidelity to us. And we pray also for marriages in need of healing, may our Lord Jesus and Our Lady of Lourdes watch over you and guide you to a renewed life together. P.S. Please don't ask for a dispensation from fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday to celebrate Valentine's Day. I suggest going out to dinner on Tuesday evening instead.

In Christ, Father Bob

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT 2024 (The full schedule is in the Bulletin Insert) ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14 Distribution of Ashes

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

PALM

The palm you received on Palm Sunday may be returned to church this weekend to be burned for ashes which will be distributed on Ash Wednesday



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday, February 16th, 7:30pm

Sunday Mass Presiders: Feb 17th/18th

schedule is subject to change - (in parentheses will preach) Sat, 2/17th 5pm Fr. Ajuluchukwu Sun, 2/18th 8am Fr. Ajuluchukwu 10am Fr. Ajuluchukwu 12pm Fr. Ajuluchukwu





OLBS PARISH CALENDAR Link: https://bit.ly/3QIdNdS



MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS Link: <u>https://bit.ly/3FZF0np</u>

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

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Sth Sunday in Ordinary Time2024Weekend Collection\$ 6,349Faith Direct\$ 5,151Attendance508

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.

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.

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

Knights of Columbus Lenten Angelus and Rosary Recitation

The Knights will be praying the Angelus followed by the Rosary at 12 Noon every Tuesday and Thursday during the season of Lent. Please join us in the Rosary Garden, weather permitting, or in the Church in front of the statue of our Blessed Mother. All welcome.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

- Robert Donohue, Patrick Kelly, Patty O'Sullivan, Betty McAleer, Nicoletta Nagle, Connie Sarno, Mary Vinson
- Joan Callahan, Denis Carroll, Marie Felix, Mary McLoughlin, Neal O'Keefe, Michael Sottile, Genevieve Statelman, Maria Troina
- 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

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

ASK, and it will be given to you, SEEK, and you will find, KNOCK, and it will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

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. Please sign up by



There is no overnight. Please sign up by 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, Feb 15, '24, 9:30am, OLBS Auditorium

OLBSCA MARCH MONEY MADNESS IS BACK!

There will be one daily drawing for the month of March. Winning amounts range from \$50 to \$500. Raffles are 1 ticket for \$10, 5 tickets for \$40, and 10 tickets for \$80. Make checks payable to OLBSCAPA and give payment in marked envelope stating March Money Madness with your name and phone number to the school's office or rectory. Or you can Zelle <u>OLBSAPATREASURER@gmail.com</u> (put in memo that it is for March Money Madness with your name & phone number). Please have your payment and tickets in by Wednesday, February 28th, 2024. **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**





Before

After

The Religious Education office would like to send a big thank you to Mr. Al Lombardi for his beautiful work restoring our Nativity set. I asked Al at the volunteer appreciation party if he could possibly repair the hand of our St. Joseph statue that broke when I was packing it away after Christmas. He was more than happy to fix it. Al called a few days later to ask if this statue was part of a set, which it was, and he offered to clean and paint the entire set for us. The following week he sent his wife Fran, one of our 5th Grade catechists, to return the newly-painted statues. I was amazed by the beautiful work he did on all three pieces. They look brand new and I didn't want to put them away! Thank you so much Al for sharing your God-given talent and generosity with the Religious Education Office. It means more to us than you know!

- Jeannine Iocco

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHOIR (HOLY WEEK AND EASTER)

Have you ever thought of joining our choir? If yes, this may be the time for you to give it a try! By joining, you will experience the Holy Week and Easter liturgies in a whole other way. Join our choir and sing music that is sure to enhance your spiritual life! Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7pm in the church.

For more information, please contact: Michael Martinka at <u>mmartinka@olbs-queens.org</u>

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 <u>https://bit.ly/3yGeoUN</u> 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 <u>https://</u> <u>bit.ly/3wNRueI</u> to pay online (please put Memorial Rosary Garden on the note section)

GOOD LUCK!

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

VIDEO SERIES : FORGIVEN

This Lent, join us for a Life-Changing Study! FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession is a 4-week video and discussion series beginning on February 15. Session One: Where Are You? Explores the question, "What are we to do with guilt?" Is it to be ignored, or does it present an opportunity we don't want to miss? The truth is, God seeks us out when we have sinned, not to scold or punish us, but to offer us his healing and his forgiveness. It's certainly true that God is omnipotent and just, but before all else he is our loving, merciful Father. All

are welcome at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. Please register by calling the rectory (718)229-5929, using the link or the QR code. <u>https://</u> forms.gle/6gptEdDxFXms4b8k8





Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Academy shared by Sister Donna Smith, D.C.

"It is time to stop searching for worldly solutions to spiritual problems."

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENT PROMPT IS

"Smile at someone today!"

Mother Teresa said: "We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do." And it's true! A smile can turn someone's day around. Doing little things with great love like smiling is a great Holy Moment.

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

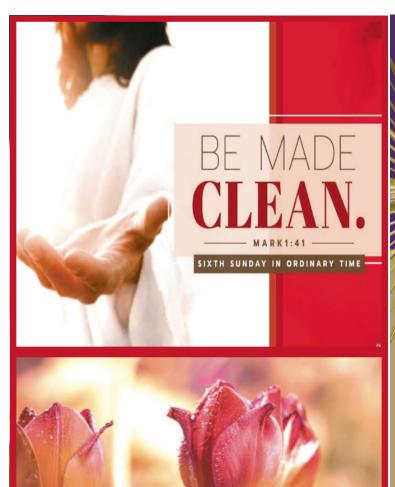
Saturday March 2, 2024 6:30 PM in the Auditorium **Honorees:** Sister Donna Smith Michael and Philomena Durkan Dan and Kathleen McGovern Francis McLoughlin Jeff Reinhart **Tickets:** \$65 Adults \$35 Children On sale after the Masses starting Feb 10--11 **Music:** By our own Shannon Breeze **Entertainment:** 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.



THE JOY OF SALVATION. PSALM 32

JOIN US FOR THE 2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimago

February 14 to March 27

Visit 39 churches throughout Brooklyn and Queens for a celebration of the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Journey to a different parish each day during Lent (except Sundays) and journey with hundreds of Catholics as we prepare for Easter.

Plan Your Pilgrimage Today!





For complete details and a list of designated station churches, visit: dioceseofbrooklyn.org/Lent or scan the OR code.

Keep the conversation on social media and share your pilgrimage journey using **#ChristisHere**, **#RealPresence**, **#ChristinNYC**, **#Lent2024**

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURES

First Reading:

We hear how ancient Israel was concerned about purity laws and the spread of disease, such as leprosy. How do you support people in your life who are suffering from disease or isolation?

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be selfless and kind to each other as a practical way of living out their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker who could benefit from your generosity toward them?

Gospel:

The healed leper disobeyed Jesus' command to remain silent and as a result, Jesus had to stay outside towns and in "deserted places." How do you deal with people in your life who disappoint or frustrate you? ©LPi



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