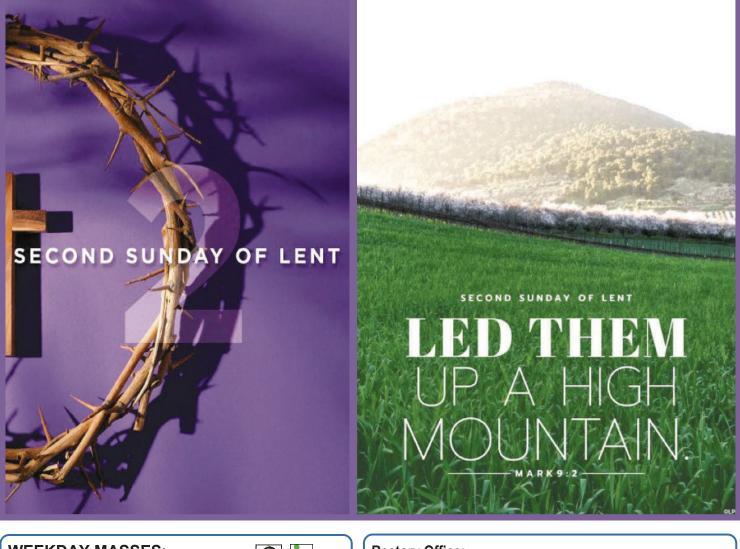


Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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.

February 25, 2024 | 718-229-5929 | www.olbs-queens.org | secretary@olbs-queens.org



WEEKDAY MASSES: <u>E</u> Monday—Friday: 7am & 9am, 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:

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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 – 24th 9am 5pm	Bobby Pinerio (M/M R. Robilotta) Christopher Schuck (Nancy & Peter Gentile) Emilio Celso (Maria Celso & Fam) John Steingasser (Nancy & Peter Gentile Steve Grady (Laura Marzulli) James O'Connor (Ronnie & John Steingasser)	
Su– 25th 8am 10am 12pm	Mary Hui (Mary Hui) Patrick McAleer (Betty McAleer) Eugenia Madonna (Rosa Del Greco) For the People of our Parish Peggy Buckley (Nancy & Peter Gentile)	
M – 26th 7am 9am	Available Olga Mallozzi (Gina & Achille DiLibero)	
T - 27th 7am 9am	Angela Romano (Francesca Frisina) Jane & James O'Connor (Mary Mullaney)	
W - 28th 7am 9am	Miller Kelly Compton McCombs (Michael Culkin) Hector Luis Gonzalez (McMahon Fam)	
Th– 29th 7am 9am	Available William Farewell (M/M Kevin O'Connell)	
F – 1st 7am 9am	Living & Dec'd of Fr. Bryan Carney Family (Fr. Bryan Carney) Arthur McNally (M/M Peter McNally)	
Sa – 2nd 9am 5p m	Mary & Peter Dolan (Betty McLoughlin) For Members of Our Purgatorial Society	
Su– 3rd 8am 10am 12pm	Eugenia Madonna (Frank & Marilena Lugo) For the People of our Parish Peggy Buckley (Ortensia Ciccone) Angela Larocca (John Bacareloa) Riko Licul (Marvin & Sonia Rubinic) Sonia Rubinic (Dorothy & Bill Molloy) James O'Connor (Dorothy & Bill Molloy	
Please Pray for our Deceased,		
that they may be raised to eternal life		

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Lucia Migliaccio (mother of Maria Nitti) and ALL who have died.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMORIAL GIFTS

Purgatorial Society James O'Connor Teresa Desmoineaux

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

From the Pastor's Desk....

Dear Parishioners,

The Church sets before us the wonder of the Lord's Transfiguration on the Second Sunday of Lent. We are climbing that holy mountain with those first disciples as we journey this uphill portion of our 40 days. From the mountaintop we can see our journey's goal, the glory of Easter and beyond, and Jesus himself strengthens us to be faithful despite the cross ahead. Abraham displays this fidelity in the first reading from Genesis when he obeys God's command, not withholding even his only son. Yet God will display for us even greater fidelity by substituting his only begotten son in sacrifice for our sins. This is the love that leads us on our journey through Lent and all the days of our lives. "Listen to him" the voice of the Father thunders from heaven. We grow in trust as we follow Christ's voice in all we do.

In Christ, Father Bob

LENTEN POOR BOX OFFERINGS

Almsgiving and acts of charity are an important element of our Lenten Penance. This Lent we will be accepting donations for the poor and needy.

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Easter Flower envelopes may be returned at any time. Your memorial donations will help defray the cost of our church flowers and decorations for Holy Week and the Easter Season and will be published in our bulletin.

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

Sunday Mass Presiders: March 2nd/3rd

schedule is subject to change - (in parentheses will preach) Sat, 3/2nd 5pm Fr. Whelan Sun, 3/3rd 8am Fr. Ajuluchukwu 10am Fr. Whelan

12pm Fr. Ajuluchukwu

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

We encourage everyone to view the 2024 ACA Video online at www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo.

Your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal make a significant impact, aiding individuals in Brooklyn and Queens in ways beyond the capacity of any single parish.

Let us pray for the success of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, envisioning a triumph that not only empowers us to extend love to those in need but also enables our hearts to respond to Jesus, who calls us to be in Communion, Participation and Mission.

We invite you to stand with Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in supporting the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. To donate, visit www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text DONATE to 917-336-1255.

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

2023	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2024
\$7,370	Weekend Collection	\$ 4,743
\$4,687	Faith Direct	\$ 5,013
505	Attendance	444

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 1st, 7:30pm

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.

MEMORIAL ROSARY GARDEN

New orders for memorial bricks are welcome now. Commemorate births, deaths, anniversaries, parish membership, etc. Forms are available in church, rectory or click this link <u>https://bit.ly/3yGeoUN</u> or use the QR Code. The deadline is Easter Sunday if you would like the brick to be ready for placement and blessing during May. Bricks can now be ordered throughout the year. Please use this link <u>https:// bit.ly/3wNRueI</u> to pay online (please put Memorial Rosary Garden on the note section)

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

- Sandra Ceslowitz, Caterina and Mario D'Andrea (Marisa Avallone's parents), Vivien Kobel, Nora Leddy, Edward McAlleer, Joan Morgan, Mary Piccone, Liam Sheehan, Rae Dellino Pitto, Kate Robilotta, Karen Anne Salvio
- Heleme Cann, 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

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

Trust in the Lord with all of your heart; lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him; and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 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 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 29, '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.GOOD LUCK!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Our Religious Education classes were cancelled last week for winter break. While we were off, we celebrated President's Day. I would like to share this short poem with you written by Andrea Crawford:

> President's Day: Today we honor two presidents Who helped our great country To become a nation to freely live, A home for you and me.

George Washington led the way For all of us to be free. That is why he is known As the Father of Our Country.

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president. He helped all people be free To live and work each day. He was as honest as can be! Thank you to all of the presidents Who helped shape our country. We honor you on this day For helping us be free!

- Jeannine Iocco

Annual Day of Service Save the Date - May 11, 2024

Please mark your calendars now. In the next few weeks you will be asked to sign up to choose one of several work sites for the day. There will be a variety of choices to match your age levels and ability. The past days of service were a wonderful experience for all who participated. Please help us continue this great tradition of service to our parish and community.

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>

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

3/10/24 Rosary General Meeting Following the 10am Mass in the Parish Center. All are welcome for the Lenten Reflection with Sr. Ave Clark, O.P. of Heart to Heart Ministry. Light Breakfast will be served.

The Spring SUPPER RAFFLE has begun. 400 tickets at \$100. a ticket will be sold. The winner gets \$20,000. (Share tickets are available) The raffle takes place on 5/17/24. All tickets paid in full by 4/22/24 will be eligible for a special drawing of \$100. To reserve your lucky number Linda 718 225-8452 or Dorothy 718 224-5136

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!

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

VIDEO SERIES : FORGIVEN

The video/discussion series FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession, continues on February 29 with Session Two: An Encounter with Mercy. Sin always damages our relationships with God and with others, and, depending on the gravity of the sin, it may even rupture these relationships. Jesus calls us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation not only to forgive us and wash away our sins, but also to heal our wounds and the root causes of our sins. We are not defined by our mistakes; we are defined by the Father's love for us! Join us at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

Catholic Teen Community

All 7-12th graders are welcome to join our teen group. Come to hang out with friends and make new on es! We meet Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Please call or text Kathleen at 917-816-6391 or email kgiuliano@olbsqueens.org for further info.

BLOOD DRIVE

Please come out to support our youth group sponsored blood drive on Monday March 11th. 3:15pm-7:45pm (School Cafeteria). Please call or text Kathleen 917-816-6391. Or use the OR code. Your donation will save multiple lives!



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. Angelus and Rosary guides will be provided.

PILGRIMAGE TO MOTHER ANGELICA EWTN & SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Birminham, Alabama - April 16-19, 2024 1,999.00 per person (double occupancy) Single Room \$2,299.00; (\$250.00 deposit per person) A & G Peace & Tours Inc. 718-423-5077

GETAWAY BUS TRIPS

Two Great Early Springtime Trips 3/2 -- Philadelphia Flower Show 'N Luncheon 3/16 -- St. Paddy's Celebration in the Irish Catskills 'N Luncheon 'N Entertainment! All ages 'N singles most welcome! Come meet new friends! Early RSVP a must! Call Barbara (718) 747- 0941.(St. Luke's Parish - Whitestone)

FLUSHING FIRST FRIDAY CLUB

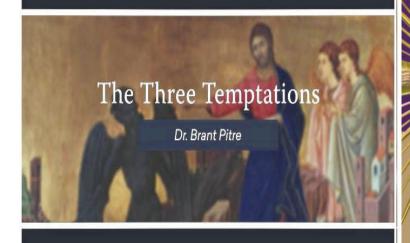
The Flushing First Friday Club will meet at 12 Noon on March 1. at Verdi's of Whitestone for the Celebration of Mass, immediately followed by lunch. Cost is \$45. Our Speaker is the Rev. Alonzo Q Cox, Pastor of St. Martin de Porres.

FRIENDS OF RADIO MARIA NEW YORK

Siete tutti invitati ad una (GIORNATA DI SPIRITUALITA) **SABATO 24 FEBBRALO, 2024** (10am-3:30pm) Sara' una giornata di preghiera e di riflessione in preparazione alla Santa Pasqua Basilica of Regina Pacis (1230 65th Street Brooklyn, NY 11219)







The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



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JOIN US FOR THE 2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimag

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:

Abraham passed God's test to offer his beloved son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. Have you ever felt tested by God?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of God's generous love and affection for us, ever willing to defend and protect us. As we continue the Lenten journey, to whom might you offer some comfort and care this week? **Gospel:**

After witnessing Jesus' transfiguration, hearing God's voice, and commanded to silence, Peter, James, and John must have been spiritually and emotionally drained. What helps energize you spiritually? ©LPi



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