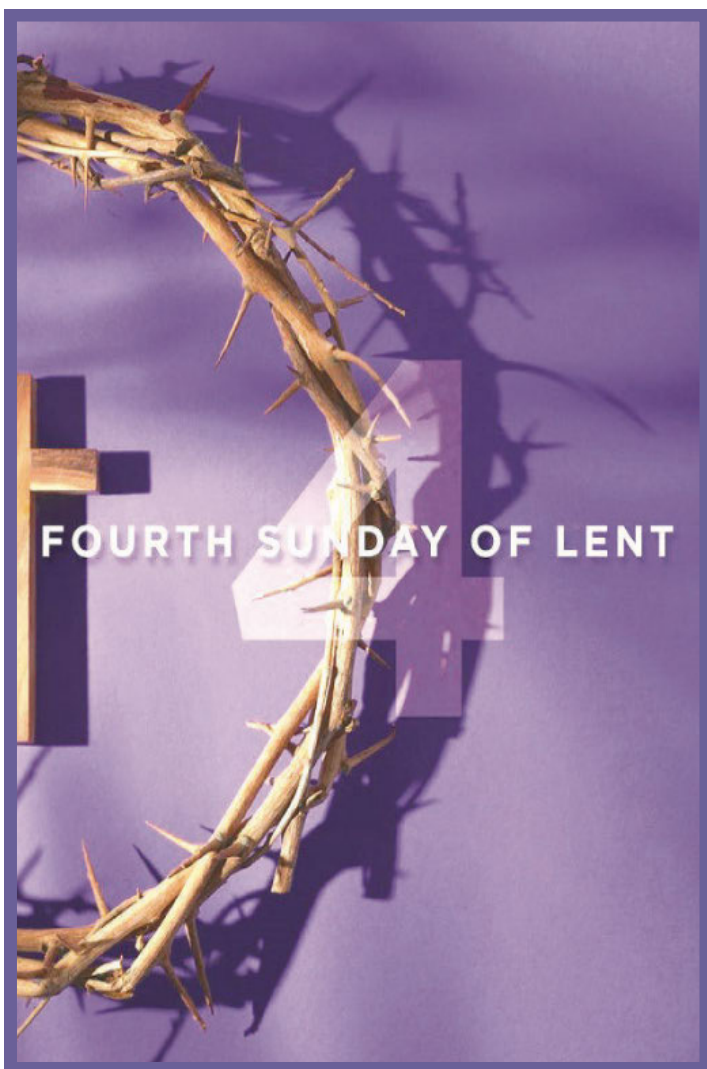


# Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

## 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.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2024

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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:

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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# We are a Tithing Parish

## 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*

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**March  
2024**



Sa – 9th	9am	James McNally (M/M P. McNally)
	5pm	Mary O'Sullivan (Wall Family)
		Todd Koehler (Richard Boyce)
		Mike Schmid (Pat Zaccone)
		John Steingasser (Logan Kessel)
		Anna Sara Grygiel Mahar (Teresa Cantante)
Su – 10th	8am	Facini/Maricevic Fam (Ante & Mirjana Facini)
	10am	Vito & Lucy Perridillo (Madeline & John Wrzesc)
		Isabella Muggeo (Madeline & John Wrzesc)
		Alexa Roberto (Madeline & John Wrzesc)
		Laura Di Michael (Madeline & John Wrzesc)
		Loretta & Frank Wrzesc (Madeline & John Wrzesc)
		Angelo Buzzeo (Gloria Buzzeo)
	12pm	For the People of our Parish
M – 11th	7am	Available
	9am	Available
T – 12th	7am	Cristeto Reyes (Marsha Quilang)
	9am	John Casey Jr. (Nancy & Peter Gentile)
W – 13th	7am	Gina Pappas (George & Agnes Pappas)
	9am	John Baginski (Eileen Baginski)
Th – 14th	7am	John Steingasser (George & Agnes Pappas)
	9am	Peggy Wall (Wall Family)
F – 15th	7am	Laura Di Michael (Pilar Aguirre)
	9am	Robert Di Libero (Smykowski Family)
Sa – 16th	9am	Scalice & Mallia Families (Gloria Mallia)
		Nora Mangan (Wall Family)
	5pm	John Steingasser (M/M John Scolaro)
		Liv/Dec'd Mem of McAleer & Cassidy Fam
		(Betty McAleer)
		Lucy Miglioccio (Fam of Scott & Antoinette Gallo)
		Maria Rubinic (Carmela Petulla)
Su – 17th	8am	For the People of our Parish
	10am	Robert & Mary Lynch (Ranieri Family)
	12pm	Mary & Carmine Del Basso (Flora Nicolich)
		Lillian & William McLoughlin (Mary McLoughlin)
		James Caffrey (Ray & Eileen Caffrey)
		Coglielmina Cirelli (M/M Vittorio Paradiso)
		Johnny McKeon (Betty McLoughlin)

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

*Aldo Magnani, Andrea Tautonico  
and ALL who have died.*

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RCIA** - For information contact Deacon William  
Molloy - [deaconbill@olbs-queens.org](mailto:deaconbill@olbs-queens.org)



## From the Pastor's Desk....



Dear Parishioners,

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent the Church continues to prayer for the catechumens throughout the world who have become the Elect in preparation for their baptism at this year's Easter Vigil. They undergo a scrutiny, or minor exorcism, to drive out sin. We who are already baptized will recognize a similar need for such cleansing in preparation for our renewal of baptismal promises at Easter. We hear St. Paul's words to the Ephesians this Sunday: "God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ ..." (2:4). The name of this Sunday in Latin, Laetare, comes from the first word of the entrance antiphon: Rejoice. The feast of our salvation is near. (By the way, we have become used to saying the RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The new translation about to be published changes that to OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, to better reflect that the Order has many Rites.)

Thank you to the donors who quickly came forth to offer memorial gifts to purchase the new set of Altar Frontals for Easter. They will be announced soon.

Congratulations to our newly confirmed young adults. We had two beautiful Confirmation Masses on Saturday with Bishop Witold Mroziwski, an Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn.

In Christ, Father Bob

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

We will have the opportunity this weekend to help refugees in war-torn nations make a new life. Your generosity is sorely needed and much appreciated.

## EASTER GIFT TO MY CHURCH

The Easter Gift to my Church will be collected on Palm Sunday March 24th instead of Easter Sunday March 31st. There was an mistake in the printing on the envelopes. Your generosity is most appreciated.

## Sunday Mass Presiders: March 16th/17th

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

Sat, 3/16th 5pm Fr. Whelan

Sun, 3/17th 8am Fr. Ajuluchukwu

10am Fr. Whelan

12pm Fr. Ajuluchukwu

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## 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Number of Pledges: 35

Amount Pledged: \$23,447

Amount Paid To Date: \$11,831

Goal: \$98,266

Thank you for your support!

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to this year's ACA. We encourage all to watch the brief 2024 ACA Video online at: [www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo](http://www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo)



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## STEWARDSHIP — A way of life

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2023	3rd Sunday of Lent	2024
\$6,923	Weekend Collection	\$ 6,681
\$5,319	Faith Direct	\$ 5,013
841	Attendance	571
(includes confirmation)		

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 15th 7:30pm

## 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

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

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

- Joan Callahan, Denis Carroll, Kathy Dolan, Marie Felix, Mary McLoughlin, Genevieve Statelman, Maria Troina
- Sandra Ceslowitz, Nora Leddy, Edward McAleer, Joan Morgan, Mary Piccone, Liam Sheehan, Rae Dellino Pitto, Kate Robilotta
- Robert Donohue, Linda Farrell, Patrick Kelly, Patty O'Sullivan, Betty McAleer, Nicoletta Nagle, Connie Sarno, Mary Vinson

## 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC 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*

## 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.

## MOMMY & ME

Thursday, March 14th, 9:30am, OLBS Auditorium

## IRISH DANCING

Irish dancing lessons on Thursdays at 4:30pm for more information 347-804-5464 [CiaraGreene@ymail.com](mailto:CiaraGreene@ymail.com)  
<http://www.CiaraGreeneSchool.com>

## Woman's Welcome Retreat III

**A FRIEND LOVES at All times. Proverbs 17:17**  
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. **Past Participants of the retreat are also welcome to attend again.** 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.



JOIN US

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



On February 27<sup>th</sup>, our second grade classes went to Church for a baptism demonstration given by Fr. Nathaniel. They are learning about the baptism of our Lord and looking at pictures in their books of Jesus being baptized in the Jordan. They are also discussing their own baptisms and were asked to find pictures of themselves on the day they were baptized to share with the class. The demonstration was engaging and allowed them to ask questions to get a better understanding of what actually happens during the sacrament. The kids loved the experience and we want to give Fr. Nathaniel a big "thank you" for being so wonderful and patient with the students.

- 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 [mmartinka@olbs-queens.org](mailto:mmartinka@olbs-queens.org)

## PILGRIMAGE TO MOTHER ANGELICA EWTN & SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

3/10/24 Rosary General Meeting

### Save the Dates:

RAS Baby Shower for Bridge to Life 4/22/24.

Radio Bingo 5/17/24.

### CHRIST'S COMPANIONS LOVE MORE A LENTEN REFLECTION

Given by Sister Ave Clark, OP

Come join us in the Parish Center on  
Sunday March 10, 2024 after the 10 AM Mass

The **SPRING SUPER 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!

## 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](mailto:Nealbarbok@aol.com) - or leave at the rectory  
- by March 15.

## VIDEO SERIES : FORGIVEN

We conclude the video/discussion series, **FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession**, this  
Thursday, March 14, at 7:00 P.M., with a special bo-  
nus video by Dr. Tim Gray. Dr. Gray is the president  
of the Augustine Institute, and a well-known scripture  
scholar and Catholic speaker. All are welcome!

## 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)



## Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Academy

shared by Sister Donna Smith, D.C.

**The students had a Superhero Day Fundraiser  
for the Ronald McDonald House. This is a special  
fundraiser each year and this year the results  
were wonderful!! The students raised \$3,190!!  
A Holy Moment indeed!**

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENT PROMPT IS

**"Tidy up a place that is messy."**

Maybe that means your desk, or your bedroom, or your  
garage. Spend just a few minutes each day tidying up a  
different spot and you'll be amazed at the difference it  
makes!

**Let's keep the Holy Momentum going!!**

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

## CENTERING PRAYER

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

*"There is a time for everything.....a time to be silent and  
a time to speak..." Ecc. 3:8*

*Let's step back awhile from a noisy, chaotic world. Let's  
make silence a part of our lives. Embrace & cherish  
being silent & still because "silence is the guardian of  
prayer, study, and spiritual life."*

Embrace silence & stillness with us as we do Centering  
Prayer for a few minutes **in church, in front of the  
tabernacle on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each  
month. Meetings in March 2024: March 6 &  
20 (3:20 -4:00pm)**

## 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

## 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 scan the QR code  
and type 63603. Your donation will  
save multiple lives!





## HOLY SEASON OF LENT

### HOLY WEEK

#### **PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY, March 24th**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm

#### **CONFESSIONS**

**EVERY SATURDAY AT 4:00pm**

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY, March 25th**

After the 7am and 9am Masses,  
4:00pm through 8pm

*Last scheduled confessions before Easter  
Confessions will be heard upon request*

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

#### **HOLY THURSDAY: March 28th**

9am - Morning Prayer

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Eucharistic Adoration until 11pm - Auditorium

#### **GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION: March 29th**

9:00am - Morning Prayer

12 noon - Stations of the Cross  
(Outdoor Procession)

3:00pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

#### **HOLY SATURDAY: March 30th**

9:00am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Church Decorating

7:30pm - The Great Vigil of Easter

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

#### **OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION: March 31st**

Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm

## 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 or scan the QR code <https://olbs-queens.org/register-at-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.

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Phone:** .....

**Email:** .....

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURES

### First Reading:

We hear how God reacted strongly against Israel's disobedience and infidelity, ultimately sending them to exile in Babylon. But God also showed mercy to Israel in sending king Cyrus of Persia to rescue them. As we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent, for what do you need God's mercy in your life?

### Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that by God's mercy and grace, we have been saved through Christ for the good works that God has prepared for us. Where in your life do you feel like you are doing God's work?

### Gospel:

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God loves the world and desires to save it. In what ways do you show love and respect for our world?

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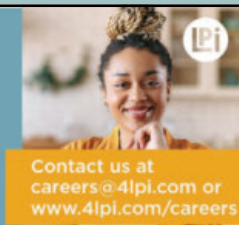
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