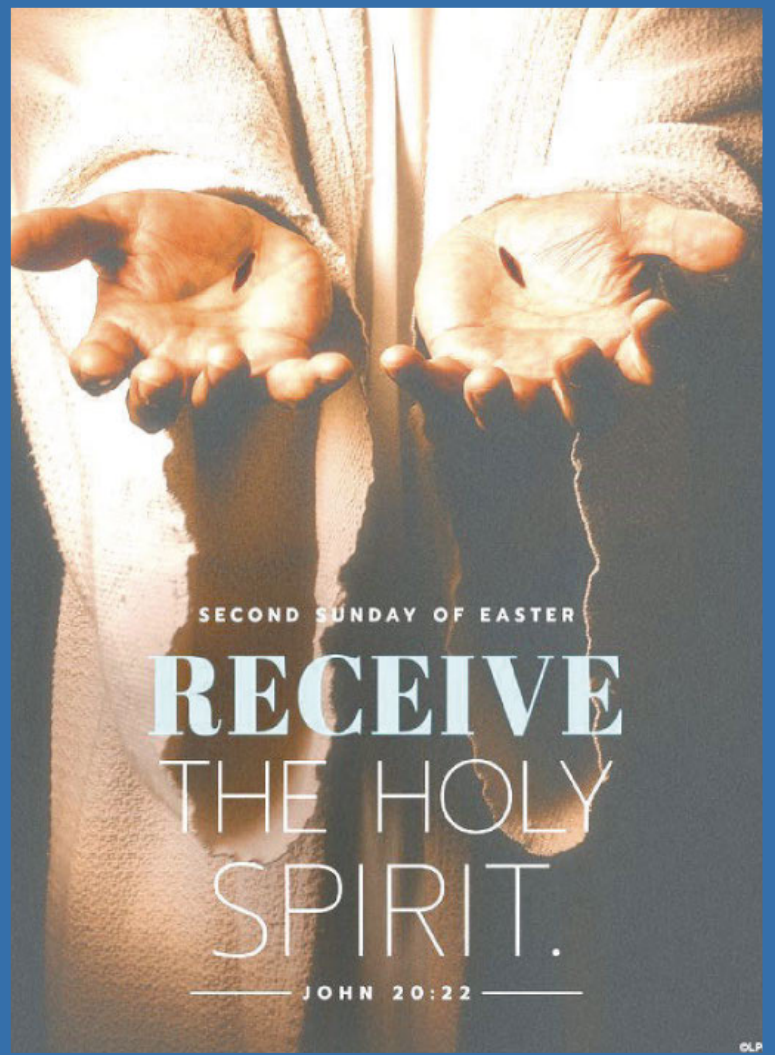
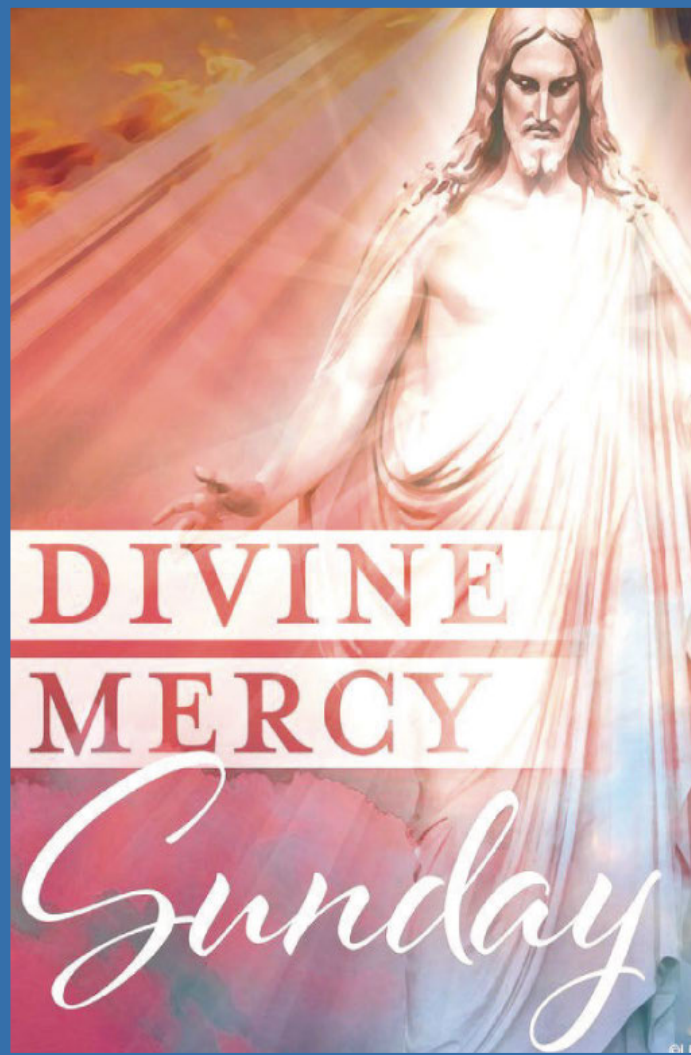


Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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.

April 7, 2024 | 718-229-5929 | www.olbs-queens.org | secretary@olbs-queens.org



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!



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Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm

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Our Lady of the Blessed
Sacrament Church Bayside

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to join our weekly Newsletter

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:

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April
2024



Sa – 6th	9am	Michael Devine (Peggy Devine)
	5pm	For Members of Our Purgatorial Society
Su – 7th	8am	Andrea Tautonico (Maria Tautonico) Harold Mahony (Rosary Society) P. Molloy (Michelle Landi) Michael Sessa (Terry & Shari) Robert Boroughs (Betty Boroughs)
	10am	For the People of our Parish
	12pm	Maureen McNally Higgins (M/M P. McNally) Hannah O'Shea (Siobhan Eberle) John Steingasser (Nick & Mary Ranieri) Anthony Robilotta (M/M R. Robilotta) Graziella Liubicic (Angela Liubicic)
M – 8th	7am	Available
	9am	Deceased Daughters of the Charity (Daughters of Charity Bayside)
T – 9th	7am	Lou & Tina Tirella (Tirella Family)
	9am	Virginia Konior (McMahan Family)
W – 10th	7am	Elaine Moronzoni (Peggy Devine)
	9am	Dorothy Doerge (Mike & Judy Reilly)
Th – 11th	7am	Joe & Kitty Sullivan (Mary Sullivan)
	9am	Bea & Frank Armstrong (Mary Mullaney)
F – 12th	7am	James Caffrey (Eileen & Ray Caffrey)
	9am	Francis O'Rourke (Betty McLoughlin)
Sa – 13th	9am	Maria Mirobile (Lucia Patti)
	5pm	Monica Lopoyda (Betty Boroughs) Theresa Farewell (M/M Kevin O'Connell) Antonia Randazzo (Denise Hoffman) Gina Pappas (Gina & Agnes Pappas) Fr. Frank Lynch (Mary Sullivan)
Su – 14th	8am	Nello Rubinic (Sonia & Maria Rubinic)
	10am	Mary & Carmine Del Bassi (Janet & Joey Badinich) Bobby Pinerio (M/M R. Robilotta) Callahan Family James Caffrey (George & Agnes Pappas) John Steingasser (Carol White)
	12pm	For the People of our Parish

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

Beverly Kerrigan, Anton Kolinger Sr.,
Catherine Groppi, Baby Savannah Grace
and ALL who have died.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR ADULTS

For information contact Deacon William Molloy -

deaconbill@olbs-queens.org

From the Pastor's Desk....



Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, the octave, as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Risen Lord appears to his disciples who had abandoned him and says, "Peace be with you." On this day we are encouraged to trust in God's merciful love which pours from the wounds of Jesus' glorified body. By drawing near we not only receive mercy but are sent to offer it by performing spiritual and corporal works of mercy for our neighbors.

All are welcome to march with the parish and academy in the Bayside St Patrick Parade this Saturday, April 6, on Bell Blvd. We will muster at 214th Place above 35th Avenue at 12:30pm. Look for the Rosarians' green sweatshirts. Come out and honor three of the Aides to the Grand Marshal who are parishioners: Deacon Bill Molloy, Joe Brosi and Marty Stein. You are also welcome to the 10am Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215th Place and 38th Avenue, with all the parade honorees and dignitaries. No rain allowed.

In the Risen Christ, Father Bob

CONGRATULATIONS

To Michael & Margaret Abel on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. (Blessing at 12pm Mass this Sunday)

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Fr. Bob will confirm adults on Pentecost Sunday; register now by calling Deacon Bill at the Rectory or DeaconBill@olbs-queens.org To prepare we offer a four week mini-course to catch you up on your faith. (One hour weekly on Zoom/in person. No cost.) Confirmation is a prerequisite for marriage and for acting as a sponsor for the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

Sunday Mass Presiders: April 13th/14

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

Sat, 4/13th 5pm Fr. Whelan
Sun, 4/14th 8am Fr. Ajuluchukwu
10am Fr. Whelan
12pm Fr. Ajuluchukwu

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Number of Pledges: 66

Amount Pledged: \$43,037

Amount Paid To Date: \$30,119

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



Text ACA to (917) 336-1255

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church (5165)

STEWARDSHIP — A way of life

TITHING: God's plan for giving...

2023	Palm Sunday	2024
\$10,312	Weekend Collection	\$ 6,604
\$ 5,319	Faith Direct	\$ 4,672
826	Attendance	857
2023	Easter Sunday	2024
\$ 11,077	Weekend Collection	\$ 9,793
\$ 4,689	Faith Direct	\$ 4,672
1,088	Attendance	1,116
\$ 12,775	Easter Gift	\$ 13,380
\$ 2,493	Easter Flowers	\$ 4,250
\$ 3,732	Easter Support-Senior Priests	\$ 3,448
\$ 2,151	Holy Places on Good Friday	\$ 1,680

CONGRATULATIONS

To Millie Pagan, Ethan Frey and Liam Sanchez on receiving their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMORIAL GIFTS

Altar Bread and Wine

Michael Sessa (Kay Stein)

Purgatorial Society

Tommy Gallagher

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

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be held in our church on Sunday, April 7th, at 3pm. A copy of the Novena may be found on the church bookrack.

PASCHAL CANDLE DONATION



Gift of In Loving Memory Of

Peggy Devine and Flood Family
Mary Moranzoni

2024 EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Gift of In Memory of

Michael Abel Calogero Asaro	Maria & Domenico Oliva; Providenza & Salvatore Asaro; Giovanna Oliva; Antonia & Conatta Oliva; Salvatore & Lucia Bombara
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M/M D. Carroll Rose M. Castaldo	Giuseppe & Rosa Castaldo; Domenica Chiodi
M/M Rino Cattabiani	William & Grace Bagnall; Rino Cattabiani
Gina Codelia M/M Benny Celano	John Vansycke Antonino Frisina, Mona & Leonardo Celano
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M/M Rolette Cordero	Lilia & Cecilio Castaños; Hunter Cordero; Carina Tadoy
Rosemary Costello Mrs. Arthur Costello	Gerard Costello Costello, Cafarelli & Minieri Families

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Eileen Coyne

John Cronan
Eileen Cullen

Cathy Jones
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M/M Ante Facini

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Thomas & Vivien Kobel
Mary Koenig
Annette Kos-Culkin

Christie Lee
Joseph Licari
Frances Locurcio
Kathy Lobmeyer
Consolata Lomangino
M/M John Lomangino

In Memory of

Michael Coyne; William & Veronica Woods; Tom and Pat Woods

Jennifer Russo; Mom & Dad;
Brother and Sister

Patricia Jones
M/M Peter Cuomo; Mrs. Antonia Carpinelli; Antonia Carpinelli; Mr Donald Cuomo

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Gerry Pacillo; Giovanni Novielli
Jean De Luca, Vincent Capuano
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Patrick Dowling
Mary & John Rattigan;
Ann & Michael Durkan

Michael Page; Roko Boncich;
Facini Family; Maricevic Fam
All my Grandparents; Aunt Lorraine;
Uncle Jill; Frank
Danuta Chmielewska
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Carl J.Bedigan

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Eddie & Carmel Kelly
John Steingasser; Eileen Kelly;
Virginia Port; Brendan Kelly

Richard King; Charles Annibale;
Marianna Annibale; Angelo Annibale
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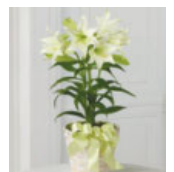
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M/M John McManus	Fitzpatrick, McManus Winkler, Dailey Families; Maryann Feldman; Mary McMullen, Greene & McNally Families; Pelky Family Annie Flynn
Peter McNally M/M Winston Mei	Paulus Johanes Widajat; Antonius Stephen Widajat; Henry Tanzil; Bi Qin Mei
James Minogue Sally Minor Alex Mirasol Dorothy & Bill Molloy M/M Patrick Moloney	Edward Minor; Sally & John Sisler Margaret & Michael Moloney; Harold Mahoney
M/M Michael Monteverdi	Anthony Montever, The Grandparents, Cesar & Shelly Cardoza; Laura Torres
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M/M Emanuele Pavone M/M Stephan Perratore	M/M V. Perratore; Mr. Salvatore Mazzara
Diogo Pinheiro James Petro John Primo	Caslin & Petro Family

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Angelina Scarola	Ed Schlesinger
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Sister Donna Smith DC Kathleen Stein M/M John Steingasser	
Maria Widajat Tanzil	PJ Widajat, A. Stephen Thomas Tanzil, Veronica Tanzil
Felice Teta M. Tuite	Rosa Della Pokka Evelyn Tuite; The Warde Fam; Tuite Fam; Pauline Moore
M/M Steven Ubertini	Noelle Ryan, John Guy & Alfred Ubertini
Anthony Valeri	Stalo & Dora Valeri & Natividad, Dacanay, Mariv & Anna Voce Andrew Giovanniell; Eileen Joyce
M/M Louis Velez M/M Anthony Vitobello M/M Ron Wagner Rosalie Winslow John Yacovone Patricia Zaccone Mrs. Charles Zucaro	Phil & Joan Brady Mike Schmid Charles Zuccaro; Minnie Caccavale; Joseph Caccavale



PRAY FOR THE SICK

- Pat Byrnes, Sandra Ceslowitz, Nora Leddy, Edward McAleer, Joan Morgan, Mary Piccone, Liam Sheehan, Rae Dellino Pitto, Kate Robilotta
- Robert Donohue, Patrick Kelly, Patty O'Sullivan, Betty McAleer, Tulio Moronzoni, Nicoletta Nagle, Connie Sarno, Mary Vinson
- Joan Callahan, Denis Carroll, Kathy Dolan, Marie Felix, Eva Macakova, Mary McLoughlin, 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.

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



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

MOMMY & ME

Thursday, April 11th, '24, 9:30am, OLBS Auditorium

Woman's Welcome Retreat III

This is the Day the Lord has made; let us be Glad and Rejoice. Psalm 118

Please pray for all the participants who will be attending the Women's Retreat at OLBS that they have a beautiful faith-filled, spiritual retreat on 4/13-4/14. Also please keep the members of the Welcome Team in your prayers as they bring to fruition their year-long planning and meeting for the Welcome Retreat at OLBS. If anyone can donate food/beverages for the Women's Welcome Retreat, please call the rectory and leave a message for Judy Reilly. Questions please call: Sister Margaret Tuley 716 200 2488; Dorothy Molloy 718 224 5136; Kathy McNally 718 229 5562.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



On March 9th, our Parish celebrated Confirmation with two Masses to accommodate our 49 candidates and their families. Bishop Witold was very personable and spoke to each candidate as they were being anointed with Chrism. It really added a personal touch to the sacrament. A special thanks to Deacon Bill for practicing with us and making sure everyone was well prepared. We would also like to thank Fr. Bob, Fr. Nathaniel, all of our altar servers, lectors and ushers, as well as Betty May, Michael Martinka, and the music ministry that made our day an amazing and memorable celebration!

- Jeannine Iocco

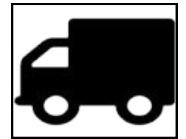
Annual Parish Day of Service May 11, 2024

Please sign up for our 3rd annual day of Service. Forms can be found in this week's bulletin and at the doors of the church. Looking forward to you joining us for this service event. Please place completed forms in the collection basket or drop off at the rectory.

GENTLY USED CLOTHING

Sunday, April 14th 8:00am - 1:00pm

The St. Vincent DePaul truck will be outside the church to collect clothing for the poor.



SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK

For each car, truck or van, running or not, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call 718 491-2525.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Save the Dates:

Rosary General Meeting 4/22/24 at 7:30pm in the School Auditorium. We will have a Baby Shower for Bridge to Life. New and gently used baby items are needed

Radio Bingo will be held at OLBS on 5/17/24 at 7pm.

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!

CENTERING PRAYER

Be still & know that I am God!" Ps. 46:1

"The psalmist says God is the still small voice within. So often our lives are so noisy we can't hear that voice. We need to be intentional about creating it. Shutting off phones, music, television, keeping still to listen to the silence. Silence can be like a bath of energy to dry the weary bones." Rev. John Pentland
Come enter into silence with us through Centering Prayer for a few minutes **in church, in front of the tabernacle on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings in April 3 & April 17 (3:20 - 4:00pm)**

The Community Singers of Queens

The Community Singers of Queens will be performing a Concert of varied selections, including Broadway, American Classics, Sacred and Popular Music. The Concert will take place on Saturday, May 4 at 8:00pm here at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$10.00 Children under 13 years. For tickets contact Margaret Abel at (718) 840-8351.



Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Academy

shared by Sister Donna Smith, D.C.

"Make choices that are easy to live with. Make choices you can look back on longingly, like you do upon the best of times with the best of friends."

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENT PROMPT IS

"Start a project that you've been putting off without complaining"

This won't be easy but imagine how good it will feel to check that difficult thing off your to-do list! Today's the day. Turn off your phone or anything else that is distracting you so you can get your project done.

Let's keep the Holy Momentum going!!

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

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

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

Parish Book Club

Please join us on Tuesday, April 30th at 7pm in the Parish Center below the church. Come prepared to discuss Horse, by Geraldine Brooks. A painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest race-horse in American history are pulled together in this sweeping story of spirit, obsession and injustice across America. Get your copy at the Auburndale Library. Say you need the OLBS Book Club book. Join us for great discussion, fellowship and friendship. Questions? Call Pat at 917 863-7857

Catholic Teen Community

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

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

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Inspiration for the Week

We find unfathomable mercy and everlasting love in the wounds of Christ — even when we are skeptical, even when we carry doubt. God meets us there in the confusion. He reaches for our hand and places them at his side. We just have to call his name.

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Observances for the week April 7, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy)
Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:
Saturday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Flocknote

We'd like to connect with you! Keep in touch with us via email and text. We'd like to keep you informed about our community and events. You can expect one weekly newsletter every Friday morning about the coming weekend events, funerals, and the Sunday bulletin. On rare occasions we may send an urgent and timely message. You can subscribe at <https://olbsbayside.flocknote.com> or text **OLSBAYSIDE** to 84576. If you have any questions, please email Marsha at secretary@olbs-queens.org or call 718-229-5929 ext.110

APRIL 8, 2024



ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



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>

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURES

First Reading:

We hear how the early Christians lived in unity and holiness, bearing witness to Jesus, and living in community as friends. Which of these traits do you see at work in your faith community?

Second Reading:

John teaches his community that our faith in Jesus helps us “conquer the world.” What struggles are you facing that you need to confront and defeat?

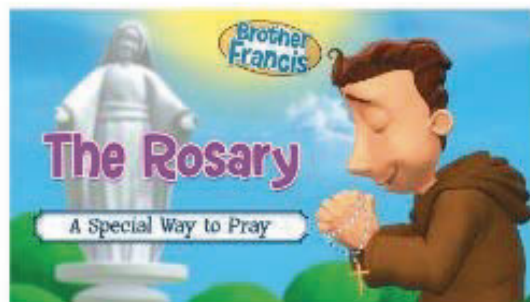
Gospel:

The risen Jesus meets Thomas in the midst of his doubt and encourages him to believe. Who could you encourage this week to have faith in the resurrection of Jesus?

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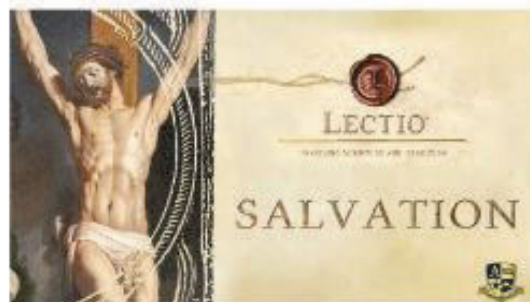
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Not Just a Legal Transaction | Lectio: Salvation | Episode 5

After the Fall, each person is born not only with the stain of sin on their soul but also with a fallen human nature. Thanks be to God that his gift of salvation not only frees us from Original Sin but also transforms us from the inside out, healing the root of our brokenness: our hearts. As we will see in this session, salvation is not simply a legal transaction by which we are declared righteous, but by the gift of God's Spirit we are actually made righteous.

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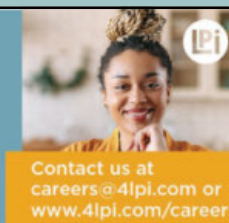
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