

GOOD NEWS

**Our Lady of Victory RAS Newsletter
Our Lady of Victory Church
2 Floral Parkway
Floral Park, NY 11001**

September 2025

My Dear Sisters through the Blessed Virgin Mary,

The month of January represents a new beginning for many. This is not the case for me, or I suspect, for many educators. Instead, September is the herald of a new year and a fresh start. And so it seems an appropriate time to pen (Am I dating myself with this phrase?) my welcome back letter.

One of Pope Francis' final acts as pontiff was to declare 2025 a Jubilee Year as a way of inviting Catholics to celebrate hope and deepen our faith. As "Pilgrims of Hope" we are called to strengthen our faith and enter into a deeper communion with God by engaging in acts of mercy and participating in prayer and reflection. I am going to go out on a limb and suggest that the amazing, faithful women that are the backbone of our organization are the embodiment of "Pilgrims of Hope".

Our own Father Daniel is fond of reminding us that our Blessed Mother is the conduit to Jesus. And so, our devotions to the Blessed Mother, both in prayer and practice, bring us closer to God and inspire hope in others. I am confident that we will continue to support our parish and our community corporeally and spiritually through our prayers and fundraising activities such that we will exceed the amazing contributions to various organizations that we were able to accomplish last year.

And, although we make the work of praying for the sick, consoling the families of the faithful departed, assisting in the liturgical services, and fundraising look easy; it is not. All of these ministries require the time and talent of our membership. I sincerely hope that you will be able to join our first meeting of the year on Sunday, September 7, 2025, where we will host an RAS Ministry Fair. During this fair you will have an opportunity to see how you can contribute to our organization and become a pilgrim of hope.

I encourage you to embark on this new year in RAS with a spirit of joy and leave you with these words from Romans 15:13: *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."*

With love and gratitude,

Caterina Lafergola

Our Lady of Victory Rosary Altar Society Board Members 2025-2026

Position	Name	Phone Number
President	Caterina Lafergola	516-232-1311
Vice President	Tracy Schmid	516-448-5736
Treasurer	Marie Mrwik	917-601-1267
Recording Secretary	Patty Drake	516-242-0851
Corresponding Secretary	Anouchka Mecklembourg	516-808-7701

Committee Members

Committee	Chairperson(s)	Phone Number
Altar Bands	TBD	
Altar Linens	Tracy Bohack	516-209-1649
Closet/Coffee	TBD	
Door	Ro Merino Felina Tucci	516-946-5262 516-775-4979
Hospitality	Gail Silverman	516-314-4690
Membership List/Volunteers	Anne Marie McGeever Peggy Santarelli	516-225-6377 917-543-9252
Memorial	Sue Doyle Dorothy Drumgoole	516-384-4793 718-926-0551
Newsletter	Noreen Dodson	516-532-4417
Pilgrim Statue of Mary	TBD	
Publicity	Debbie Sawicki	516-354-9112
Servicemen's League	Anne Marie McGeever	516-225-6377
Set Up	TBD	
Spirituality	Pat Murray	516-328-8281
Ways & Means	Tracy Bohack Peggy Santarelli	516-209-1649 917-543-9252
Advisors	Andrea Mulligan Anne Marie McGeever Pat Murray	516-424-3269 516-225-6377 516-328-8281

Memorial Committee - Funerals for Deceased Rosarians

The Memorial Masses for the following Rosarians who have died in the past year are in brackets after their names:

February 2024 Adrienne Kuczwak (12/21/25 at 12 noon) November 2024 Jean Bertonline (11/22/25 at 5:30 pm) December 2024 Frances Cardillo (12/20/25 at 5:30 pm) January 2025 Julia Foley (12/27/26 at 12 noon) Florence Guilfoyle (1/4/26 at 12 noon)	February 2025 Lillian Porcelli (2/21/26 at 5:30 pm) Audrey Baumann (2/21/26 at 5:30 pm) Mary Beatrice Kelly (2/26/26 at 12 noon) April 2025 Josephine Locurto (4/16/26 at 12 noon)
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If you would like to be on the list to be called in the event of a Rosarian's death, please contact Dorothy Drumgoole.

Servicemen's League

We are collecting new, unused items for setting up new homes for our servicemen. Please bring to the meetings new household items (info to follow or you can contact Anne Marie McGeever). You may also call Vietnam Veterans of America {800-915-4007} or United War Veterans Council (888-881-8982).

Servicemen's Masses in 2025/2026: Sept.13th, Nov.1st., Feb,7th, May 2nd, Aug.1st, Oct.3rd, Dec.12th at 8:30 am

2025-2026 CALENDAR FOR OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 7** ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (all RAS members welcome); RAS Ministry Fair.
- 29** BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

OCTOBER 2025

- 5** ROSARY MASS and INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS at 9:00 am in OLV Church; MEMBERSHIP MEETING to follow at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (all RAS members welcome)
- 11** OUTDOOR ROSARY - 12 noon in school yard
- 24** DROP OFF GOODS FOR HARVEST FAIR - Parish Center from 5 - 7 pm. (bakers/volunteers needed)
- 25** HARVEST FAIR – 10 am - 3 pm in OLV Schoolyard. (RAS volunteers needed) Vendor space for \$40/\$50; \$30 for Rosarians. Please contact Janice Harnett at 516-437-3955 to reserve a space.
(NOTE: Please drop off baked goods before 10:00 am to the Parish Center.)
- 27** BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

NOVEMBER 2025

- 2** ROSARY MASS - 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (all RAS members welcome). In observance of Veterans Day, we will be collecting household and clothing items for soldiers and veterans; members will create Advent Wreaths.
- 17** BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)
- 22/23** ADVENT WREATH SALE in the church vestibule on Saturday after 4 pm & 5:30 pm Masses & Sunday after all Masses (RAS volunteers needed to sell on both days)

DECEMBER 2025

- 7** ROSARY MASS - 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by a CHRISTMAS PARTY at Villa D'Este
- 15** BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

JANUARY 2026

- 4** ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING of the New Year at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (all RAS members welcome)
- 26** BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)
- 31** RAS CRAFT NIGHT - tentative date; details to follow

FEBRUARY 2026

- 1 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church; followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (all RAS members welcome); Guest Speaker: TBD
- 14 SET-UP FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST at 6:00 pm in Memorial Hall
- 15 PHAT SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Fundraiser for OLV Parish Outreach – pancakes, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate, etc., will be sold after Masses from 7 am - 12 noon; (open to all in OLV Parish)
- 23 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

MARCH 2026

- 1 ROSARY MASS – 9 am in OLV Church, followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 10 am in Memorial Hall – St. Patrick's Day Event (RAS members); Irish Soda Bread and Scone Bake-off, plus Irish Dancers
* *The Nominating Committee will announce the proposed slate of officers for 2025-2026.
- 30 BOARD MEETING – 7 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

APRIL 2026

- 9 DAY OF RECOLLECTION - tentative date; details to follow
- 12 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 10 am in Memorial Hall (RAS members); Guest Speaker: TBD
- 17 BAKED GOODS DROP OFF FOR WHEEL INTO SPRING - in Parish Center 5 - 7 pm (bakers needed)
- 18 WHEEL INTO SPRING – Event open from 10 am - 3 pm with vendors, cake sale, and activities for the whole parish. (RAS volunteers needed)
- 27 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

MAY 2026

- 3 ROSARY MASS - 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by COMMUNION BREAKFAST (RAS members and guests are invited). Details re: venue, cost, etc., will be announced in the bulletin.
- 18 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - All RAS members are invited and encouraged to march

JUNE 2026

- 7 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church with INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS/MEMBERS, followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (RAS members welcome)
- 14 END OF YEAR DINNER - Swing the Teapot; details to follow.
- 22 CALENDAR MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY
ANNUAL DUES FOR 9/2025 - 6/2026 - \$20.00

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ONLY NEED TO PAY DUES ONCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR.

Please drop off at the Rectory with a check for \$20.00 to "Rosary Altar Society" at your **earliest convenience** or **bring it to the September meeting**. Please mark the envelope: **OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY DUES**. Should you wish to donate an additional amount, it is most appreciated. THANK YOU!

NAME _____

INSTALLED (mm/yyyy) _____ BIRTHDAY (mm/yyyy) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER (home) _____ (cell) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

I WILL VOLUNTEER FOR (CIRCLE AT LEAST ONE):

Altar Bands	Harvest Fair – October	50/50 & Raffle Sales	Meeting Set Up
Altar Linens	Harvest Fair Setup/Cleanup	Advent Wreath Sale	Meeting Clean Up
Baking Team	Parish Center Clean Up	Craft Event Assistance	Receptions – anytime
Memorial Committee	Communion Breakfast Set Up/Clean Up		Unable to Help

Other talents: _____

ALSO, _____ I NEED A RIDE TO MEETINGS. _____ I CAN DRIVE SOMEONE TO MEETINGS.

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SWEEPSTAKES FOR ROSARY ALTAR HARVEST FAIR ~ October 25, 2025

Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and 14 for \$10. Drop off at the Rectory by OCTOBER 19, 2025.
Please mark the envelope: **OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY – HARVEST FAIR SWEEPSTAKES**.

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ TOTAL NO. OF TICKETS _____

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SWEEPSTAKES FOR ROSARY ALTAR CHRISTMAS PARTY ~ December 7, 2025

Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and 14 for \$10. Drop off at the Rectory by NOVEMBER 30, 2025.
Please mark the envelope: **OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY – CHRISTMAS PARTY SWEEPSTAKES**.

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PHONE NUMBER _____

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