

GOOD NEWS

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

September 2022

Dear Rosarians,

As I gaze out at the beauty in front of me, this peaceful New Hampshire lake and lush green mountains, I am grateful for the gift of summer. Though it is coming to a close, I look back in awe of God's creations and look forward to a new year ahead...for they are both blessings from above. I extend a very warm welcome to all new members and a welcome back to all you beautiful friends as we begin a new year of praising our Lord and maker, honoring Mary our Blessed Mother, and giving of our time and talents to this very special parish of OLV. Thank you for putting your faith and trust in me to lead our group through another successful, spirited, and meaningful year. It means a great deal...perhaps more than you know.

Once again, we have a wonderfully busy year planned, beginning with hosting the Centennial Wrap up Reception in Memorial Hall on October 7th. Two weeks later is our Annual Harvest Fair, so please start praying now for agreeable weather. You will see the entire calendar of events scheduled as you read on. Laura Hagan has spent the summer arranging for some very thought provoking speakers that we are certain you will all enjoy. Thank you, Laura, for taking time out of your busy schedule to make this happen.

I ask that you please read through this newsletter thoroughly (thank you, Noreen Dodson) as there are some slight changes. Speaking of change, I hope you all have begun to embrace the change of seasons that is before us and in doing so, I also ask that you embrace and understand a few of the changes that have been implemented this year, starting with the date of our first RAS Mass and Membership Meeting. September 11th is a significant day for so many and the Board felt it should be kept to a day of reflection and remembrance. We will begin our year the following Sunday. We have also implemented a Mission Statement and (slightly) amended our Constitution. Both will be discussed at our meeting on September 18th and the amendments to the Constitution will be voted on at the October meeting.

What I would like to impart most is the request for all active members to share their time and gifts (from God). I am not asking for much...just volunteering or baking for one event. And while that may seem small, it's huge. The incredibly charismatic best selling author, Matthew Kelly, said "Your part may be small. I don't know. You don't either. We never really know until we start doing it. Mother Teresa didn't set out to become a global icon and champion of the poor. She just set out to do her part." If anyone has a concern about this, please come to me. I often reflect back on the words Fr Tom spoke at our last Mass in June before break, "The Rosary Altar Society in OLV is a powerhouse of women who storm heaven with their prayers and who can accomplish any task asked of them for the benefit of the parish." I never tire from hearing that. If all you can do at this time is pray...that's certainly enough and very appreciated. If you have any ideas or concerns you can ALWAYS call me at 516-209-1649 or email at Tracy8077@aim.com.

In closing, as I now gaze out at the Peconic Bay, I am truly grateful for Long Island and all the beautiful Rosarians that reside here. I love you all and ask God to help me be ever more grateful for my blessings (thank you, Pat Murray, for allowing me to borrow your line). And, in living our ever busy lives, I pray that we all can understand the love God has for us...for this vast ocean of love cannot be measured or explained, but it can be experienced.

Prayerfully yours and God bless,

**Tracy Bohack
President**

"If you want happiness for an hour...take a nap. If you want happiness for a day...go fishing. If you want happiness for a year...inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime...help someone else." - excerpt from Matthew Kelly's book, The Generosity Habit

Our Lady of Victory Rosary Altar Society Board Members 2022-2023

Position	Name	Phone Number
President	Tracy Bohack	516-209-1649
Vice President	Laura Hagan	718-986-3892
Treasurer	Caterina Lafergola (Cathy)	516-232-1311
Recording Secretary	Rita Mulhall	516-359-3867
Corresponding Secretary	Ellen McNamara	516-328-3614

Advisors: Andrea Mulligan (516-354-7091), Anne Marie McGeever (515-225-6377), Pat Murray (516-328-8281)

Committee	Chairperson(s)	Phone Number
Altar Bands	Kathi Insingo	516-849-6451
Altar Linens	Liz Cusumano	516-328-8505
Closet/Coffee	Fran Buscemi	516-369-6114
Door	Felina Tucci Eileen Stephens	516-775-4979 516-974-3631
Hospitality	Gail Silverman	516-314-4690
Membership	Anne Marie McGeever	516-225-6377
Membership List/Volunteers	Peggy Santorelli	917-543-9252
Memorial	Mary McCarthy Dorothy Drumgoole	718-831-9692 516-305-5158
Newsletter	Noreen Dodson	516-532-4417
Pilgrim Statue of Mary	Fran Buscemi	516-369-6114
Publicity	Debbie Sawicki	516-354-9112
Servicemen's League	Melanie Herger Anne Marie McGeever	516-488-3304 515-225-6377
Set Up	Fran Buscemi Sue Doyle	516-369-6114 516-384-4793
Ways & Means Communion Breakfast/ Christmas Party	Kathi Insingo	516-775-5764

Memorial Committee - Funerals for Deceased Rosarians

The memorial masses for the following Rosarians who have died in December 2021 and so far in 2022 are in brackets after their name:

<p>December 2021 Laura Rassiga (12/1/2022 at 12 noon) Elizabeth Coon (12/25/22 at 12 noon)</p>	<p>May 2022 Regina Fitzgerald (5/27/23 at 5:30 pm)</p>
<p>January 2022 Mary Powderley (9/27/22 at 12 noon)</p>	<p>July 2022 Muriel Graham (7/10/23 at 12 noon)</p>
<p>April 2022 Alice McDermott (4/27/23 at 12 noon) Sister Philip Kiely (2/13/23 at 12 noon) Joan Rosenberg (2/17/23 at 12 noon)</p>	<p>August 2022 Margaret Aquino (6/10/23 at 8:30 am)</p>

If you would like to be on the list to be called in the event of a Rosarian's death, please contact Dorothy Drumgoole to be added to the phone chain.

Servicemen's League

Melanie Herger and Anne Marie McGeever are collecting new, unused items for setting up new homes for our servicemen. Please bring to the meetings new household items (kitchen items, utensils, cleaning supplies, etc.). For more information, please call Melanie at 516-488-3304. If you have used clothing or used household items that you no longer need, please call Vietnam Veterans of America (800-915-4007) or United War Veterans Council (888-881-8982). Dates for Servicemen's Masses in 2023 are: January 7, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, and November 4.

2022-2023 CALENDAR FOR OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

AUGUST 2022

29 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board members). Bring your own beverage!

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 10 Bake for OLV Parish Picnic Drop off baked goods (must be individually wrapped) at Parish Center between 7:00 - 9:00 pm on Sept. 9th, or at the park (under Shelter House) @ 9:00 am on September 10th.
- 18 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church (all RAS members). MEMBERSHIP MEETING to follow at the Knights of Columbus (all RAS members welcome).

OCTOBER 2022

- 2 ROSARY MASS and INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS at 9:00 am in OLV Church (all RAS members), followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (all RAS members are welcome). Guest Speaker: Captain Timothy Jaccard, Founder/President of the *AMT Children of Hope Foundation*
- 7 CENTENNIAL WRAP-UP hosted by RAS at 7:00 pm Mass and Reception in Memorial Hall
- 15 OUTDOOR ROSARY - 12 noon sharp in school yard
- 21 Set up for HARVEST FAIR in Memorial Hall from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please also bring in donations of new and gently used items as well as any baked items between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm (RAS volunteers needed)
- 22 HARVEST FAIR – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in Memorial Hall. (RAS volunteers needed.) Tables available at \$40.00 for vendors/\$30.00 for Rosarians who want a space (bring your own table for outside vendors). Please contact Janice Harnett at 516-437-3955 if you want to reserve a table. (NOTE: Please bring in baked goods before 10:00 am.) Everyone is welcome – spread the word! (RAS volunteers needed.)

NOVEMBER 2022

- 6 ROSARY MASS - 9:00 am in OLV Church (all RAS members). MEMBERSHIP MEETING to follow in Memorial Hall (all RAS members welcome). In observance of Veterans Day, we will be collecting household and clothing items for soldiers and veterans. Guest Speaker: Patti Ann Browne, author of [Write Your Own Story: How I Took Control By Letting Go](#)
- 19 ADVENT WREATH SALE with Right to Life Bake Sale in Memorial Hall from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm (need 4 RAS volunteers)
- 20 ADVENT WREATH SALE with Right to Life Bake Sale in Memorial Hall from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm (need 4 RAS volunteers)
- 28 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board members). Bring your own beverage!

DECEMBER 2022

- 3 SET UP FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY - 1:00 pm in Memorial Hall
- 4 ROSARY MASS - 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by our CHRISTMAS PARTY in Memorial Hall (open to all RAS members).
- 19 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members). Bring your own beverage!

JANUARY 2023

- 8 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church (all RAS members) followed by FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING of the new year at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (all RAS members welcome). Guest Speaker: TBD.
- 21 RAS CRAFT NIGHT - 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm in Memorial Hall
- 30 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members). Bring your own beverage!

FEBRUARY 2023

- 5 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church (all RAS members) followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING in OLV Church (all RAS members welcome). Guest Speaker: Douglas Lambert, M.D.
- 18 SET UP FOR PHAT SUNDAY in Memorial Hall from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 19 PHAT SUNDAY in Memorial Hall – Fundraiser for OLV Parish Outreach – pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be sold after Sunday Masses from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon – details in OLV Bulletin (open to all in OLV Parish)
- 27 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board members). Bring your own beverage!

MARCH 2023

- 5 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall – St. Patrick's Day Event (all RAS members) – Guest Speaker: TBD.
The Nominating Committee will announce the proposed slate of officers for 2022-2023.
- 27 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board members). Bring your own beverage!

APRIL 2023

- 2 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church. MEMBERSHIP MEETING to follow at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (all RAS members). Guest Speaker: TBD.
- 9 EASTER SUNDAY
- 22 WHEEL INTO SPRING – 7:00 am to 4:00 pm; Event opens at 9:00 am with vendors, cake sale, and activities for the whole parish. (RAS Volunteers needed)
- 24 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board members). Bring your own beverage!

MAY 2023

- 7 ROSARY MASS - 9:00 am in OLV Church followed by COMMUNION BREAKFAST (all RAS members and guests are invited). Guest Speaker and details re: venue, cost, etc., will be announced in the OLV Parish Bulletin.
- 22 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board members). Bring your own beverage!
- 29 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - all RAS members are invited and encouraged to march!

JUNE 2023

- 4 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church – INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING & YEAR-END PARTY at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (all RAS members welcome).
- 11 END OF YEAR DINNER at Swing the Teapot (details re: cost, etc. will be announced in the OLV Parish Bulletin).
- 26 CALENDAR MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Innovative Members). Bring your own beverage!

SWEEPSTAKES FOR ROSARY ALTAR CHRISTMAS PARTY (12/4/2022)

TICKETS ARE 6 FOR \$5.00, 14 for \$10.00 OR \$1.00 EACH. DROP OFF AT THE RECTORY BY NOVEMBER 27, 2022. PLEASE MARK THE ENVELOPE: **OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY – CHRISTMAS PARTY SWEEPSTAKES.**

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ TOTAL NO. OF TICKETS _____



OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY
ANNUAL DUES FOR 9/2022- 6/2023 - \$15.00

Please drop off at the Rectory with a check for \$15.00 to Rosary Altar Society 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 _____ BEST WAY TO CONTACT ME: _____

I WILL VOLUNTEER FOR (CIRCLE AT LEAST ONE):

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| Altar Bands | Harvest Fair – Oct | 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 | Painting Event Assistance | Receptions – anytime |
| Memorial Committee | Communion Breakfast Set Up | Communion Breakfast Clean Up | Unable to Help |

Other talents: _____

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

SWEEPSTAKES FOR ROSARY ALTAR HARVEST FAIR (10/22/2022)

TICKETS ARE 6 FOR \$5.00 OR \$1.00 EACH. DROP OFF AT THE RECTORY BY OCTOBER 15, 2022. PLEASE MARK THE ENVELOPE: **OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY – HARVEST FAIR SWEEPSTAKES.**

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