

GOOD NEWS

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

September 2023

Dear Beautiful Rosarians,

Perhaps the most heartwarming tradition in college football happens at the University of Iowa. The Stead Family Children's Hospital sits next to Iowa's Kinnick Stadium, and the hospital's top floor has floor-to-ceiling windows offering a great view of the field. On game days, sick children and their families fill the floor to watch the action below, and at the end of the first quarter, coaches, athletes, and thousands of fans turn to the hospital and wave. For those few moments, the children's eyes light up. It's powerful to see the athletes, with a packed stadium and thousands more watching on TV, pause and show they care.

I liken this act to so much of what the Rosary Altar Society does here at OLV. While the scenario may not be like the one displayed on the football field, I cannot tell you how many times a rosarian sister will mention how much the card or letter they received, or meal prepared, lifted their spirits and made their day. How the offer to lend a hand, be the chauffeur, or simply pray with or for them, helped them through a difficult time. This is our philosophy because it's what we want and choose to do. What a beautiful sight it was to see this past July 5th at the 8:30 am Mass, at least 20 rosarians scattered throughout the church donning RAS shirts, to honor, support and celebrate the 100th birthday of Kitty Walsh. Kitty was overwhelmed with gratitude from the love of not just "us" but dozens of parishioners as well. This parish is a gift...this organization is a gift. I am so pleased to be a part of it and honored to be your president, one final year.

This year will be no different with our activity as we begin with our first Mass and Membership meeting on September 10th. Our VP Caterina (who does not need a last name) has been working hard this summer putting together speakers for us to enjoy. Thank you, Caterina, for taking time out of your very busy summer to make this happen. I ask that you all read through this newsletter (thank you, Noreen) thoroughly, as we have a few date changes from our June calendar meeting. We are very excited to install our new members this October and many who have been participating this past year but have yet to be made "official." Harvest Fair is always our biggest fundraiser and we would love to have as many of you involved as possible. It's always a great day...especially when the weather cooperates. We will pray for the sun to shine on us October 28th.

Lastly, as the summer closes in on us, I welcome you back hoping that you were all able to take time to be with family and surround yourselves with those you love. We all know that life goes by so fast...so take your time with what's most important. I read somewhere that sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths, or the turning inwards in prayer for five short minutes, or voicing the simple: Thank you, God. I look forward to another year where we can all pray together to Mary and give praise to our Lord and Savior for all the blessings He has given us...one of them being each other.

Prayerfully yours,

Tracy Bohack

PS: The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and theologically rich in Biblical content. I beg you to pray it. - Pope John Paul II

Our Lady of Victory Rosary Altar Society Board Members 2023-2024

Position	Name	Phone Number
President	Tracy Bohack	516-209-1649
Vice President	Caterina Lafergola (Cathy)	516-232-1311
Treasurer	Suzanne Lynn	516-835-6701
Recording Secretary	Rita Mulhall	516-359-3867
Corresponding Secretary	Barbara Van Riper	516-375-7513

Advisors: Andrea Mulligan (516-424-3269), Anne Marie McGeever (516-225-6377), Pat Murray (516-382-2517)

Committee	Chairperson(s)	Phone Number
Altar Bands	Kathi Insingo	516-849-6451
Altar Linens	Tracy Bohack	516-209-1649
Closet/Coffee	Fran Buscemi	516-369-6114
Door	Ro Merino Eileen Stephens Felina Tucci	516-946-5262 516-974-3631 516-775-4979
Hospitality	Gail Silverman	516-314-4690
Membership List/Volunteers	Anne Marie McGeever Peggy Santorelli	516-225-6377 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	Anne Marie McGeever	516-225-6377
Set Up	Fran Buscemi Sue Doyle	516-369-6114 516-384-4793
Spirituality	Pat Murray	516-328-8281
Ways & Means	Tracy Bohack Caterina LaFergola	516-209-1649 516-232-1311

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:

<p>September 2022 Ellen Caraci (9/24/23 at 12 noon)</p> <p>October 2022 Camille Gagliano (10/4/23 at 12 noon) Margaret Hinchy (10/15/23 at 12 noon)</p> <p>February 2023 Mary Ann Reid (1/30/24 at 12 noon) Angela Mazzella (2/20/24 at 8:30 am)</p>	<p>March 2023 Claire Wirenius (3/6/24 at 8:30 am) Patricia Ann Selock (3/16/24 at 12 noon)</p> <p>July 2023 Mary Mooney (7/9/24 at 8:30 am)</p>
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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 to be added to the phone chain.

Servicemen's League

Anne Marie McGeever is 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 Anne Marie at 516-225-6377. 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).

Servicemen's Masses in 2023 are: September 2th and November 4th.

Servicemen's Masses in 2024 are: January 6th, March 2nd, May 4th, July 6th, September 7, and December 16th.

2023-2024 CALENDAR FOR OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

AUGUST 2023

28 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

SEPTEMBER 2023

10 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: Sr. Mary Alexander, Little Sisters of the Poor

25 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

OCTOBER 2023

1 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); Guest Speaker: Retired FDNY Battalion Chief Bobby Bohack

14 OUTDOOR ROSARY - 12 noon in school yard

27 BAKED GOODS DROP OFF FOR HARVEST FAIR in Parish Center from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. (RAS volunteers needed)

28 HARVEST FAIR – 10:00 am to 3:00 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.)

30 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

NOVEMBER 2023

5 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; No Speaker: Create Advent Wreaths.

18/19 ADVENT WREATH SALE in Memorial Hall on Saturday from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm & Sunday from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm (RAS volunteers needed to sell on both days)

27 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

DECEMBER 2023

3 ROSARY MASS - 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by a CHRISTMAS PARTY; details to follow

18 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

JANUARY 2024

7 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); Guest Speaker: TBD

20 RAS CRAFT NIGHT - Details to follow

29 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

FEBRUARY 2024

4 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: Dr. Laura Hagan

11 PHAT SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST - EARLY AM SET-UP IN MEMORIAL HALL FOR TODAY'S EVENT - Fundraiser for OLV Parish Outreach – pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be sold after Sunday Masses from 7:00 am - 12 noon; (open to all in OLV Parish)

26 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

MARCH 2024

3 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall – St. Patrick's Day Event (RAS members); Guest Speaker: TBD

* *The Nominating Committee will announce the proposed slate of officers for 2023-2024.

25 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

APRIL 2024

7 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (RAS members); Guest Speaker: Debbie Nieves, Dedication to Saint Faustina.

11 DAY OF RECOLLECTION - tentative date; details to follow

26 BAKED GOODS DROP OFF FOR WHEEL INTO SPRING - in Parish Center (bakers needed)

27 WHEEL INTO SPRING – 7:00 am set-up; event open from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm with vendors, cake sale, and activities for the whole parish. (RAS volunteers needed)

29 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

MAY 2024

5 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.

20 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

27 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - All RAS members are invited and encouraged to march

JUNE 2024

2 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church with INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING & YEAR-END PARTY at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (RAS members welcome); Guest Speaker: TBD

9 END OF YEAR DINNER - Details to follow.

24 CALENDAR MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY
ANNUAL DUES FOR 9/2023- 6/2024 - \$15.00

Please note that you only need to pay dues once for the calendar year.

Please drop off at the Rectory with a check for \$15.00 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 28, 2023

Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and 14 for \$10. Drop off at the Rectory by OCTOBER 22, 2023.
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 3, 2023

Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and 14 for \$10. Drop off at the Rectory by NOVEMBER 26, 2023.
Please mark the envelope: **OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY – CHRISTMAS PARTY SWEEPSTAKES**.

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ TOTAL NO. OF TICKETS _____



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