

GOOD NEWS

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

September 2024

My Dear Sisters through the Blessed Virgin Mary,

I cannot recall how many years ago it was that I happened to find myself in Memorial Hall on a Sunday afternoon only to be met with who I now know as Anne Marie McGeever. Her bright smile and enthusiasm about the Rosary Altar Society won me over, so I put my name and number on her list. I received a call, shortly thereafter, inviting me to a Membership Meeting. At that meeting I learned about the Harvest Fair and decided to volunteer. My most vivid memory of that event was Kathi Insingo pulling me over at the end of the day and asking me to count money with her. And, here we are.

I must admit that there is very little as daunting to me as putting my thoughts and feelings into words. This short letter is no exception. (Thank you for being patient, Noreen!) So, when I am truly in a bind I seek out the sage words of others to help guide me. And, in doing so, I happened upon this quote, "I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things," which has been attributed to Mother Teresa.

Praying the Rosary has changed my life. It has brought me into a community of strong, kind, nurturing, faithful women. It has brought me closer to our beautiful Parish. And, it has helped to make me more faithful. Our devotion to the Blessed Mother unites us in prayer. We pray together monthly. Some of us pray together weekly. A few of us pray together daily. And, it is through the simple but beautiful prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary that we come together to help those around us.

The contributions and efforts of our organization are ever present in Our Lady of Victory Parish but not often attributed to us. The source of our clean church, crisp altar linens, beautiful flowers, and the physical Host, which is so sacred to us, are not often thought of; however, they are directly attributed to our physical efforts and financial contributions. Our Rosarian sisters support grieving families, assist in the distribution of Communion, bring the Word of God to life during Mass, inspire us through sacred music, and help to foster fellowship through various social events. We worship not only through our prayers but through our work. And it is this same worship that enriches our lives and the lives of those around us.

To say that I am both humbled and honored to have the opportunity to work for you, as your president, is an understatement. I look forward to continuing the excellent work done by my immediate predecessor, Tracy Bohack, and all of the presidents that came before. May we continue to serve our Parish, our community, and one another faithfully and humbly.

With love and gratitude,

Caterina Lafergola

Our Lady of Victory Rosary Altar Society Board Members 2024-2025

Position	Name	Phone Number
President	Caterina Lafergola	516-232-1311
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Treasurer	Suzanne Lynn	516-835-6701
Recording Secretary	Patty Drake	516-242-0851
Corresponding Secretary	Barbara Van Riper	516-375-7513

Committee Members

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 Santarelli	516-225-6377 917-543-9252
Memorial	Sue Doyle Dorothy Drumgoole	718-831-9692 516-384-4793
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 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:

<p>September 2023 Gerardina Biordi (9/9/24 at 8:30 am)</p> <p>October 2023 Emilia Merante (10/12/24 at 5:30 pm)</p> <p>November 2023 Marie Simone (11/3/24 at 12 noon)</p> <p>February 2024 Adrienne Kuczwak (12/21/25 at 12 noon)</p> <p>March 2024 Ellen Indelicato (3/20/25 at 8:30 am)</p>	<p>April 2024 Margaret Valente (4/4/25 at 8:30 am) Evelyn Brodman (4/12/25 at 5:30 pm)</p> <p>May 2024 Kathleen Finley (5/24/25 at 8:30 am)</p> <p>July 2024 Patricia Ann Russo (7/6/25 at 12 noon)</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.

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 2024/2025: Sept. 7th, Nov. 16th, Jan. 4th, Mar. 1st, May 3rd, July 5th, Sept. 13th, Nov. 1st.

2024-2025 CALENDAR FOR OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 2024

8 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall (all RAS members welcome); Our VP, Tracy S., will review our calendar and share a new activity.

28-29 MINISTRY FAIR in Memorial Hall after all Masses (RAS volunteers needed)

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

OCTOBER 2024

6 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)

12 OUTDOOR ROSARY - 12 noon in school yard

18 DROP OFF GOODS FOR HARVEST FAIR - Parish Center from 5 - 7 pm. (bakers/volunteers needed)

19 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.) Music by Mike Barry

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

NOVEMBER 2024

3 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.

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

23/24 ADVENT WREATH SALE in Memorial Hall on Saturday from 4 - 5 pm & Sunday from 8 am - 1pm (RAS volunteers needed to sell on both days)

DECEMBER 2024

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

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

JANUARY 2025

5 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); members will join in our Book Club discussion

25 RAS CRAFT NIGHT - tentative date; details to follow

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

FEBRUARY 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); Guest Speaker: TBD
- 24 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

MARCH 2025

- 1 PHAT SUNDAY PREPARATIONS - information to follow
- 2 PHAT SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Fundraiser for OLV Parish Outreach – pancakes, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate, etc., will be sold after Sunday Masses from 7 am - 12 noon; (open to all in OLV Parish)
- 9 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 2023-2024.
- 31 BOARD MEETING – 7 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

APRIL 2025

- 6 ROSARY MASS – 9:00 am in OLV Church, followed by MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 10 am in Memorial Hall (RAS members); Guest Speaker: TBD
- 10 DAY OF RECOLLECTION - tentative date; details to follow
- 25 BAKED GOODS DROP OFF FOR WHEEL INTO SPRING - in Parish Center 5 - 7 pm (bakers needed)
- 26 WHEEL INTO SPRING – 8 am set-up; event open from 10 am - 3 pm with vendors, cake sale, and activities for the whole parish. (RAS volunteers needed)
- 28 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

MAY 2025

- 4 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.
- 19 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)
- 26 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - All RAS members are invited and encouraged to march

JUNE 2025

- 1 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)
- 8 END OF YEAR DINNER - Details to follow.
- 30 CALENDAR MEETING – 7:00 pm in Parish Center (Board Members)

OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY
ANNUAL DUES FOR 9/2024 - 6/2025 - \$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):

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| 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 19, 2024

Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and 14 for \$10. Drop off at the Rectory by OCTOBER 13, 2024. 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 1, 2024

Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and 14 for \$10. Drop off at the Rectory by NOVEMBER 24, 2024. Please mark the envelope: **OLV ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY – CHRISTMAS PARTY SWEEPSTAKES**.

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ TOTAL NO. OF TICKETS _____



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