

## First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024

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## MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES Monday—Friday: 8:30 am & 12 noon

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday: 8:30 am, 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon & 5:30 pm

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## **PARISH VISION STATEMENT**

*WE*, the parish of Our Lady of Victory, proclaim with joy the presence of Jesus in the world through Word, Sacrament, and deed. It is through our discipleship that we recognize our connection to God, our neighbor, and our deepest spiritual selves.

WE seek to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ by: + Welcoming all with kindness, compassion and hospitality + Nourishing the faith life of the community through prayer, fellowship and education + Reverencing the dignity of each person by celebrating the beauty of life from conception to natural death + Nurturing the gifts of all so that each person may live out his or her unique and personal call from God +Caring for the needs of the less fortunate by empowering our parish community to answer that call.

WE, do this in the name of Jesus Christ and the mandate: "See those Christians how they love one another!"

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 2024







<b>Saturo</b> 4:00 5:30	lay pm pm	<b>November 30</b> Biggin & Schurr Family Andrew Charles Giuntini Margaret & Charles Mascioli	<b>Thurs</b> 8:30 12	day am noon	<b>December 5</b> Francis & Judith Coleman Msgr. Charles J. Nosser
		Antoinette & George Sheyon Jamie Guilfoyle Theresa Orsogna	<b>First F</b> 8:30 12	F <b>riday</b> am noon	<b>December 6 Saint Nicholas</b> Francis & Judith Coleman Peter D. Gambino
<b>First S</b> 7:30 9:00	am am	of Advent December 1 DeOrio & LaGrande Family Rosary Altar Society & OLV Parishioners	First S 8:30 4:00	aturday am pm	<b>December 7</b> Saint Ambrose Arthur S. Samos Deceased members of the Long & O'Keeffe Family
10:30 12	am noon	Michael J. D'Elia Sean D. O'Brien James Levey John Basta Raymond Kane Kelley Letcher	5:30	pm	Douglas F. Leary Nicholas Paul Zaccheo Henry M. Brodersen Edward Ronan Margaret Lisante
5:30	pm	Mary Elise Millus Donna Gardenfeld-Roller	Second 7:30 9:00	d Sunda am am	y of Advent December 8 Mary B. Zacchea Gerald Capozzi
<b>Monda</b> 8:30 12	ay am noon	<b>December 2</b> Eleanor & Croce LaRocco William Gallagher	10:30 12	am noon	Parishioners of OLV Lucy & John Questore Christine Staszak Doris Haropulos
<b>Tuesd</b> 8:30 12	am noon	<b>December 3</b> Saint Francis Xavier Catherine A. Zacchea Rose & Harry Breskin	5:30	pm	Bernadette Askin Mary Ann Cifarelli Mary Elise Millus Ciro Sivio
Wednesday 8:30 am 12 noon		<b>December 4 Saint John Damascene</b> Thomas Pallattumadam Jim O'Neill		-	



## MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory of John Hoare

## Weekend - November 23/24, 2024

Collection: \$ 19,889 Online: \$ 5,913 Total: \$ 25,802

## **Presider Schedule**

Saturday, November 30 4:00 pm Fr. Daniel 5:30 pm Fr. Tom

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Saturday, December 7 4:00 pm Fr. Tom 5:30 pm Fr. Daniel

Mass from OLV live-streamed on YouTube Saturday at 5:30 pm

## Dear Parishioners,

Let me begin by giving a brief report on the pilgrimage/tour that 34 of us took to Prague, Vienna, Salzburg and Bavaria. All went well and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. Special thanks to Kathy Petronis for organizing the trip and to Peter's Way Tours for their professional job!

I will hit upon the highlights for me of each part of the trip.

In Prague I celebrated Mass at the Church of Our Lady Victorious, in the presence of the statue of the Infant of Prague. I can now add that statue to my collection!

In Vienna we enjoyed a live performance of Mozart's music while enjoying dinner in a luxurious dining hall.

In Salzburg we stopped at various locations associated with the Sound of Music including celebrating Mass at the magnificent church where the wedding scene was filmed.

In Bavaria there were two highlights, each very different. We had the profound experience of visiting the Dachau concentration camp and celebrating Mass at the convent of the Carmelite sisters who are now there. And on the other end of the spectrum I enjoyed a festive Bavarian Christmas Market.

I am grateful to everyone who made this enjoyable experience so memorable!

## Advent Activities at OLV



Please take note of parish Advent opportunities for prayer, almsgiving and community.

Advent Prayer Mondays, Dec. 2nd, 16th & 23rd - 7 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rosary Confessions Meditative Music Benediction

Friday, December 6 - 6 pm Blessing of the Creche Sunday, December 8 - 12:45 pm Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

### Monday, December 9

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception* Masses: 8:30 am, 9:30 am School Mass, 12 noon & 7:00 pm

Monday, December 9 - 7:30 pm Inaugural meeting of the Padre Pio Prayer Group in the Parish Center

Thursday, December 12 - 7 pm Lessons & Carols

## Advent Almsgiving Opportunities

## Parish Outreach Gift Card Drive

Gift cards requested for the benefit of our Parish Outreach clients. Please return the gift cards by next Sunday, Dec. 8th.

## Sisters of Life Gift Card Drive

Gift cards requested for the benefit of the Sisters of Life ministry. Please return the gift cards by next Sunday, Dec. 8th.

## Holy Land Support Weekend of Dec. 7-8

Items made in the Holy Land will be available for purchase after the Masses on the weekend of Dec.7-8. This will help support the Christians in the Holy Land who are struggling in many ways due to the war there.

**Advent Community Events** 

*Friday, December 6 - 6 pm* Village Christmas Tree Lighting

*Friday, December 13* Respite Night Christmas Party

*Saturday, December 14 8 am - 8 pm* Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Memorial Hall

> Praised be the name of Jesus Christ now and forever! Fr. Tom



## DIRECTOR

MAUREEN RUSSELL 516-352-5400 Pantry Hours Mon - Thurs 11am - 1:00pm 201 Plainfield Ave, Floral Park



Our Lady of Victory Outreach Volunteers wish to express their thanks to all who donated food for our Thanksgiving food boxes. Thank you to our Faith Formation students, St. Vincent de Paul Society for their delivery skills, Mercy Workers, and to **YOU** our parishioners for donating dinner items that helped to make Thanksgiving Day special for so many families. Your generosity knows no bounds....

We also wish to thank our parishioner volunteers who helped with our Thanksgiving Day dinner. Cheers to our cooks, servers and clean-up crew.

Maureen Russell





OLV Senior Club celebrating a 92nd Birthday Keeping a check on our health



Next meeting - Monday, December 9 at 1pm.



## The Advent Wreath



One of the time honored traditions for Catholics is the Advent Wreath. The custom of using candles in Advent dates back to the 16th century. Today, the beauty of the wreath is a reminder of the

richness our Church has to offer with signs and symbols. The circle of the wreath symbolizes God, who has no beginning and no end; nor does His love for us. Evergreens are often used in the Advent wreath—green is the symbol of hope. The evergreen, even though it dies, stays true to its color, just as Christ died but is with us now. The purple candles are a reminder that Advent is a time of penance and preparation for the coming of Christ. The pink candle reminds us that through this toil of preparation what we are waiting for is truly wonderful.

Praying together as the family lights the Advent wreath is a good way to keep Advent at the forefront of our daily lives leading up to Christmas.

## Prayer While Lighting the Advent Candle

God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us as we wait for His coming.

Amen

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Thursday, December 12 at 7:00pm



Tuesday, December 17 Confessions 7-9 pm





## BLOOD DRIVE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024 | 8 AM - 8 PM

Floral Park Knights of Columbus Council 2345

THE HANCE FAMILY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Lady of Victory Memorial Hall 2 Bellmore Street | Floral Park, NY

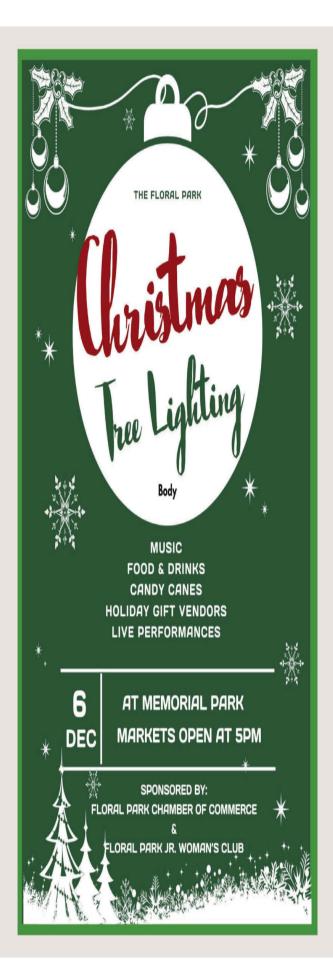


To make an appointment, contact **Joe Pelletiere** at (516) 840-9883 or scan here:

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OLV Outreach Christmas Gift Card Drive Choose a Gift Card Ornament - Drop your donation gift card in the collection basket by December 8. Use Rectory Mailbox for later drop off

Note dollar amount of card with receipt.





## **SISTERS OF LIFE**

The Sisters of Life are asking for your help this Christmas season. The Christmas Giving Basket is to benefit pregnant women and their families served by the Sisters of Life.

Collection will take place on the weekends of November 23/24 & November 30/December 1.

Please choose a gift tag from the Giving Basket below. Purchase the gift card indicated on the tag and drop it off in the Rectory Mailbox no later than return date:

Return Date: Sunday, December 8, 2024



Take a picture of the QR code above Or visit www.sistersoflife.

The Sisters are also offering the option of giftgiving through their <u>Amazon Gift Registry</u>. The items purchased through the registry are automatically set up for shipping to their Apostolic Center.

www.sistersoflife.org/registry

Thank you for joining us in supporting new moms and their families this Christmas.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord's unmerited call." Our Holy Father shared these words in his recent message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In doing so, Pope Francis made clear what lies at the heart of every vocation: God's initiative. He calls. He invites. In freedom, we simply respond.

Our Religious Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre heard God's call and responded generously. They have selflessly dedicated their lives to serving the Lord and his people. Through their devotion to Christ and greater configuration to Him in their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, they have lived out their call of discipleship and service in education, healthcare, parochial ministry, and so many other apostolates.

We are grateful for the countless ways they have served and ministered among us, and we are grateful for their witness to us! As you prayerfully reflect on how your life has been touched by the ministry and witness of our consecrated religious men and women, I would ask that you consider making a gift to the Religious Retirement Fund.

In the name of our dedicated and faithful Religious Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your generosity! May God to bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ,

Aph O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres



The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting on the 2nd Sunday in December unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon. As candles are lit on December 8th, 2024 at 7:00 pm local time, hundreds of thousands of people commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon.

The Bereavement Ministry of St. Gregory, O.L. of Snows and OLV invite you to a Prayer Service and Candle Lighting on Sunday, December 8 at 7pm—hosted by St. Gregory the Great, 242-20 88th Ave, Bellerose.

Refreshments and fellowship to follow.



## OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL

A PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

www.olvfp.org

516-352-9452

## Dear OLV Parishioners,

OLV School recently hosted its Early Childhood Open House, and what a great turnout it was! Such an amazing group of prospective families looking to add their families to ours, and even asking about older grades in addition to our youngest; if that isn't proof that we are the place to be, then I don't know what is! What I was most impressed about is how they were all in search of what our mission as a Catholic school provides: excellent academics rooted in faith in Christ. Huge thanks must be extended to the following people: to our Early Childhood Team who did an incredible job presenting our school and program to the families who visited– Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. Masetti, Ms. Kuveke, Mrs. Lenti, and Ms. Cardalena. To Ms. Boyle, Mrs. Perez, and Mrs. Bowe for all their hard work in the preparation behind the scenes and at the event itself! And to our Student Council Executive Officers for giving such thorough tours and being so welcoming: Matthew Reda, Milena Frisina, Olivia Zilinek, Robert Donovan, and Liam McCormack. We look forward to our schoolwide Open House on January 26th—all are welcome!

Hopefully you are enjoying all the moments of gratitude that come with this Thanksgiving Holiday. To those of you who once worshipped at Our Lady of Victory Church and have traveled from a distance to celebrate mass with your family and friends—welcome home! If you are also an alumni of OLV School, please scan the code on this page to visit the school's Alumni page. You can update your contact information and find out how the school can assist with aspects of any reunions being planned.



For Victory!

In Christ Through His Blessed Mother,

Mr. Ryan Fedak - Principal



Pleas scan this code to see OLV School's "Our Year So Far" slideshow:



SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, January 26th Mr Lady of Victory School **OPEN HOUSE** 

11:30 am—1:00 pm

Attention: prospective families, current families, and alumni—please join us! Following the 10:30 am Family Mass at OLV Church

We look forward to seeing you!

## SACRAMENTS

## BAPTISMS <u>Sundays at 1:30 pm</u>

To arrange for a baptism, a copy of child's birth certificate must accompany your date request. Please call the rectory office to make these arrangements. You may also use our fill-in Baptism Registration Form on our website: www.olvfpny.org

## **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Our OCIA process welcomes adults not baptized who wish to join the Catholic Church. We welcome, as well, baptized adults seeking the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Please contact Janet Cordano at 516-294-4266.

## **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays:	3-3:45 pm
Eve of Holy Days & Eve of First Fridays	3-3:45 pm

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

We encourage those planning a wedding at Our Lady of Victory parish to contact the rectory office at 516-354-0482 before booking a wedding reception facility. All plans with our church must be made at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

The priests are available at any time to discuss the call to Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious Life. Please call the rectory office at 516-354-0482.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If a home visit is needed, please contact the rectory office at 516-354-0482.

## **DEVOTIONS**

- Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction Every Friday from 12:30pm- 5pm in the Church.
- Holy Hour from 7 pm 8 pm every Friday in Church concluding with Benediction at 8 pm.
- The Angelus is recited each weekday at 12 noon
- The Rosary is prayed weekdays after the 12 noon Mass and on Monday evenings at 7 pm.
- The Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed on Monday after the 12 noon Mass.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Umberto Anaia Anthony Annunziata Daaron John Artino Luisa Asaro Minetta Batle Rosemarie Bates Ashley Benkin Henry Breuer Arthur Carter Jim Conway Bridget Ferguson James Galini Baby Neomi Gilman Peggy Gribbin Gina Guerette Florence Guilfoyle Isabella Ieraci

Kevin & Dolores Johnson Alexa Kropf James Long Deacon Michael A. McKenna Angela Page Mike Polo Gusippi Raele Robert Sarro Gianna Scalice Luigi Tiberia Monica Van Dervoort Carol & Bill Ziegler

#### PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Army: Lt. Brian Greene Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Welch Spec. Angelo J. Arroyo Capt. George Radford Major. Thomas Safina PFC. Scott Naab Capt. Matthew Hartke 2nd Lt. Michael DeLeo Lt. Col. Christopher Altavilla

Capt. Chris Greene Capt. Keith Grant Pvt. Stephen Pendelton Sgt. John Patrick Riffle 1st. Lt. Brendan J. Kalaf Sgt. Rocco Vaglica Special Forces Tyler Buffolino SPC. Jonathan Stephens

Navy: Commander Malachy J. Soller LCdr. Emily Beth Lipsky ENS. Ryan Bacci

Marine Corps:Sgt. Frank PhillipsMajor Michael SweeneySgt.Major Matthew SweeneySgCapt. David MorrisSgtLcpl. Calum GribbinLcp

Sgt. Andrew Thorndike Sgt. Ryan H. Potter Sgt. Liam Gribbin Lcpl. Matthew Ennis

Air Force: Master Sgt. Michael Torre Master Sgt. Matthew Ashmore Capt. Kevin Groom Capt. Gerald Weaver Airman 1st Class Christopher Buffa Capt. Lawrence King Major Christopher Darconte

## WEDDINGS

James FaroOur Lady of Victory, Floral ParkDiana LoyolaSt. Joan of Arc, Jackson Heights, NY

## **Pray for the Deceased**

Christopher Falco

Anthony Perez



