Welcome to Our Lady of Victory 2 Floral Parkway, Floral Park Ny

WEBSITE: www.olvfpny.org

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

Christmas 2024

PASTORAL STAFF Rev. Thomas M. Fusco Pastor Rev. Daniel Opoku-Mensah Associate Pastor Lawrence P. Mulligan Deacon Rev. John V. O'Farrell Pastor Emeritus

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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

CONTACTS Rectory Office & Hours 516-354-0482 Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm Rectory Fax: 516-354-7450 School Office: 516-352-4466 Faith Formation Office: 516-352-0510 Parish Outreach Office: 516-352-5400

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!"







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			O'Brien			Victor Brosokas
			e Rohan			Dorothy Younshans
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			Eileen F. Fitzgerald			
			Mulligan Family			
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			Patricia & Frank Fuchs			
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			Michael Tresca			Ciro & Maria Angela Sivio
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Wedn	esday	Chris	stmas Day December 25			Evergreen Vase in memory of
7:30	am		Deceased members of the			Thomas & Mary Cawley
			Marchello Family			Thomas & Mary Curvey
9:00	am		Rita & Angelo Cutone			
10:30	am		Parisi & Adams Family			
10:30	am Cl	hapel	Intentions of the Fleming Family	Ma	ass fron	n OLV live-streamed on YouTube
12	noon		Living & Deceased members of			Saturday at 5:30 pm
			the Tesori Family			Saturuay at 5.50 pm
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			Margaret & Charles Mascioli			the Church will be live-streamed
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Hayden & Foster Family noon Chapel Delanie Fekert

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4:00 pm Church	Fr. Daniel
4:00 pm Chapel	Fr. Collins (visitor)
4:00 pm Gym	Fr. Tom

5:30 pm Church	Fr. Tom
5:30 pm Chapel	Fr. Daniel



The Diocese of Rockville Centre will be



The Congress will pilgrimages from the 31st and converge at

ney. Please look for further information about the pilgrimages and the Congress in upcoming bulletins. For now - please

OLV Outreach Christmas & Sisters of Life Gift Card Collection 2024

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the parish family of Our Lady of Victory.

Your generous gift card donations helped to make a difference to so many this Christmas. We helped over 65 families!

Outreach Collection Cards collected 464 Total \$16,035

Sisters of Life Cards collected 134 Total \$4,530 Plus donations on Amazon Gift Registry

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Christmas Eve—Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm Chapel Fr. Daniel Fr. Collins Yeboah Fr. Tom Fr. Tom Fr. Daniel

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Midnight Mass

Fr. Tom/Daniel

Christmas Day—Wednesday, December 25, 2024

7:30 am		Fr. Tom
9:00 am		Fr. Daniel
10:30am		Fr. Daniel
10:30am	Chapel	Fr. Tom
12 noon		Fr. Tom
12 noon	Chapel	Fr. Daniel
1:30 pm		Fr. Tom

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31, 20245:30pmFr. Daniel

 Wednesday, January 1, 2025

 8:30
 am

 10:30
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 12
 noon

 7:00
 pm

Fr. Tom

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Dear Parishioners.

As we are fast approaching Christmas, I sometimes need to stop and reflect on all I have to be grateful for and to look forward to, apropos considering it is Advent, after all! It has been such an incredible first four months of my time here thanks to all of you, the parents, the clergy & staff, and (of course!) our students! Our daily Advent prayer services are a constant reminder of the beauty of the season - how we await in the thrill of hope for the Savior and, to continue to quote one of my favorite carols, anticipate a new and glorious morn!

And so, as Tiny Tim in A Christmas Carol observed: God bless us, everyone! And God has, and God does, and God will. May you and your families have a caring, sharing Christmas filled with peace and love, and may the love of Christ live forever in your souls.

In Christ Through His Blessed Mother.

Mr. Ryan Fedak Principal

> The annual 10K Giveaway Raffle is underway! Please scan to code for details and to purchase your tickets:



SAVE THE DATE! OLV School OPEN HOUSE Sunday, January 26th-11:30 am

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,

that we may share in the song of the angels,

the gladness of the shepherds,

and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate

and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift

and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing

which Christ brings,

and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children.

and Christmas evening bring us to our beds

with grateful thoughts,

forgiving and forgiven,

for Jesus' sake.

Amen

- Robert Louis Stevenson

Wishing you the gift of faith, the blessings of hope, and the peace of His love at Christmas and always!

Please scan this code for a special message from the students at your parish school:



Please visit olvfp.org more details





DIRECTOR MAUREEN RUSSELL 516-352-5400

Pantry HoursMon - Thurs 11am - 1:00pm201 Plainfield Ave, Floral Park



"Christmas is the privileged occasion to highlight one of the most influential Christian values: with the birth of Jesus, in the simplicity and poverty of Bethlehem, *God gave back dignity to every human being's existence*. He offered to all people the possibility to participate in His same divine life. May this immeasurable gift always find hearts ready to receive it!" *Pope John Paul 2nd*

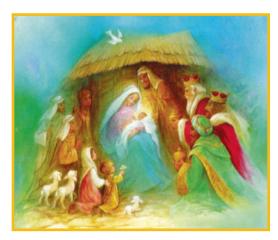
"Caring for the needs of the less fortunate by empowering our parish community to answer that call."

A powerful line from our Mission Statement ... We accomplish this here at OLV's Outreach because of our generous parishioners, and our Floral Park community. We are blessed to be able to fulfill this important statement.

Merry Christmas! Maureen Russell & all our Outreach Volunteers



O Come, Let Us Adore Him



Christmas Blessing

May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ-child be God's gifts to us and to people everywhere this Christmas. And may the blessing of the Christ-child be upon us always.

Wishing all of you the gifts of joy and peace this Christmas Season!

Reminder

Classes Resume on Monday, January 6th





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF THE RISHOP

Christmas 2024

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

Last Christmas, we celebrated the 800th anniversary of that glorious and historic night when St. Francis of Assisi arranged the first Nativity creche scene in a small cave outside the Italian village of Greccio in Italy.

St. Francis was inspired to do this after visiting the historical place of Christ's birth on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land – the humble stable in a Bethlehem cave.

The large creche set in St. Peter's Square last year commemorated this 800th anniversary by having the figure of St. Francis of Assisi expressing adoration, awe and wonder across the Crib from Mary and Joseph.

Last September, we celebrated the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis receiving the gift of the "stigmata" – the mystical wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. In 2026, we will celebrate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' death.

There is always a powerful connection between the Manger Crib and the Golgotha Cross of our Savior. St. Francis of Assisi lived this connection so powerfully.

In Admirabile Signum, Pope Francis writes: "Indeed, the place where this first nativity scene was enacted expresses and evokes these sentiments...from the time of its Franciscan origins, the nativity scene has invited us to 'feel' and 'touch' the poverty that God's Son took upon himself in the Incarnation. Implicitly, it summons us to follow him along the path of humility, poverty and self-denial that leads from the manger of Bethlehem to the Cross. It asks us to meet him and serve him by showing mercy to those of our brothers and sisters in great need (cf. Matthew 25:31-46)." (3)

As we spiritually draw near to Bethlehem at the end of this year, we pray for those who suffer in the Holy Land and the Middle East, in Ukraine and all war-torn areas of the world.

We pray too for the persecuted Church around the world and we pray for religious liberty in our country and in all countries.



St. Francis of Assisi understood the problems of the world and more than 800 years later, after he created the first creche, he is still close to the Church and to the world.

Many of you have seen the bronze statue of Atlas directly across from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

It was created by the sculptor Lee Lawrie and installed in 1937. The sculpture portrays the mythical ancient Greek Titan Atlas holding the burden of the heavens on his shoulder.

St. Francis of Assisi is no myth, but at times he has been compared with Atlas in how, through the centuries, he carried the burdens of the Church on his shoulders with his radical and pure Gospel witness.

In fact, Pope Innocent III, after meeting St. Francis, had a dream that St. Francis was holding up St. John Lateran Basilica, the visible sign and symbol of the universal Church, amidst the storms and earthquakes of history and crisis.

Configured to Christ crucified and having lived daily with the stigmatic wounds of Christ, St. Francis helps to animate and inspire the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church through the centuries.

St. Francis of Assisi intercedes for each of us at every moment to help rebuild the Biblical and Eucharistic evangelizing mission of the Church that Jesus Himself founded on Long Island and beyond.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

May the Light and Love of the Christ Child animate and guide our global Catholic Missionary Spirit this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Joh O. Banes

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

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.

WEDDINGS

Jenna Colasante Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park Nicholas Benitez St. Gregory the Great, Bellerose

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 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 SweeneySgtCapt. David MorrisSgt.Lepl. Calum GribbinLep

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

PROOF OF CLAIM DEADLINE

Anyone who believes they have a Sexual Abuse Claim against a Parish arising prior to December 3, 2024, the claim form to submit and related information can be found at:

https://dm.epiq11.com/case/drvc/info

under the "**Proof of Claim Form**" heading. The deadline for filing claims is **January 13, 2025**, at 11:59 pm

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Margaret Anne (Peggy) Gribbin





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