

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH 2 FLORAL PARKWAY, FLORAL PARK NY



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERMAY 4, 2025

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Jesus said to Simon Peter, ""Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"" Simon Peter answered him, ""Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."" Jesus said to him, ""Feed my lambs."" He then said to Simon Peter a second time, ""Simon, son of John, do you love me?"" Simon Peter answered him, ""Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."" Jesus said to him, ""Tend my sheep."" Jesus said to him the third time, ""Simon, son of John, do you love me?""

Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, ""Do you love me?"" and he said to him, ""Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."" Jesus said to him, ""Feed my sheep

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



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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!"

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 4, 2025







Saturday		May 3	Thurs	day	May 8
4:00	pm	Handlin & Wengert Family	8:30	am	Joan A. Ryan
5:30	pm	Christine Kenney	12	noon	William & Lawrence Gallagher
		Anthony Roselli Millie Bonagura	Friday	/	May 9
		Neil W. Scahill	8:30	am	Ungano, Lamicella & Shea Family
		George Clancy	12	noon	Deceased members of the Herbert Family
Third Sunday of Easter May 4					
7:30 9:00	am am	George M. Herger Rosary Altar Society	Saturo	day	May 10 Saint John of Avila & Saint Damien de Veuster
10:30	am	Eileen Morrissey	8:30	am	Rita Mary Hayden
12	noon	Joseph Questore	4:00	pm	Marinacci & Špaziani Family
		Fran & Àl Rinaldi	5:30	pm	Peter Morton
		Arthur & Carole Fromann		•	Richard Matthew McGrade
		Anthony Roselli Timothy Boyle			Living & deceased members of the McElduff Family
5:30	pm	Parishioners of OLV			Cecilia Ali
					Claire Boyle
Monday May 5				·	
8:30	am	Arthur & Carole Fromann	Fourt	h Sunda	y of Easter May 11
12	noon	Julie Caira			Mother's Day
			7:30	am	Mother Day Novena
Tuesday		May 6	9:00	am	Fay Hotchkiss
8:30	am	Rita C. O'Connor & son	10:30	am	Living & deceased member of the
12	noon	Callaghan Family			Calamari & Sarro Family
					Bill & Terry Crowley
Wednesday		May 7			Rose Battaglia
8:30	am	Carmela Liberta & Rita Cutone			O'Brien & Sikula Family
12	noon	Spletzer & Sciattera Family			John O'Dwyer
			12	noon	Fr. Tom - 40th Anniversary of Priesthood
Presider Schedule			5:30	pm	Parishioners of OLV

Presider Schedule

 Saturday, May 3
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 4:00 pm
 Fr. Tom
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 Fr. Daniel
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Sunday, May 4 7:30 am Fr. Tom

 9:00 am
 Fr. Daniel

 10:30 am
 Fr. Tom

 12 noon
 Fr. Daniel

 5:30 pm
 Fr. Tom

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- <u>Sunday, May 11</u>
- 7:30 am Fr. Daniel
 9:00 am Fr. Tom
 10:30 am Fr. Daniel
 12 noon Fr. Tom
 5:30 pm Fr. Daniel

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



MEMORIALS

Altar Bread & Wine donated in memory of James Joseph Farrell 10th Anniversary

Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory of Laura Ragona & Lee Cordaro

Weekend—April 26/27, 2025

Collection: \$ 17,064 Online: \$ 7,312 Total: \$ 24,376

Dear Parishioners,

I'd like to share with you my homily from the parish Memorial Mass for Pope Francis.



This Mass gives me the opportunity to express my devotion to Pope Francis who has been a spiritual father to me for the past 12 years and whose servant leadership of the Church provides an extraordinary example and model for every Pope, Bishop, Priest and Deacon in the Church.

He led us, in Jesuit-style, to dialogue and to discern the action of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives and in the Church and in the world.

He never fit into any of the boxes that people wanted to put him into – labelling him as right or left; conservative or progressive. Faithful Catholics follow the Holy Father, respectful of his papal authority and trusting in the work of the Holy Spirit! So tonight let us be sure to hear Pope Francis' messages – perhaps challenging, but undoubtedly guided by the Holy Spirit!

One of the things that I tend to do at funeral Masses is to speak about how God used the person to bring God's love and goodness into the world. I'd like to use that same approach tonight – because it's so easy to do when speaking about Pope Francis.

You've heard all this before about him – especially this past week – but when it appears all at once – you really sense the goodness, the holiness of the man.

Joy, Mercy, Hope, the Poor, the Periphery, the environment, dialogue, accompaniment, encounter, and peace – that's the quick summary as to how Pope Francis brought God's love and goodness into the world.

His first encyclical was entitled The **JOY** of the Gospel – The Good News is just that, GOOD – it should fill us with **JOY** and excitement. and with a desire to evangelize – to share it with others. His smile, his calm, his quick wit, his appreciation of humor – were all signs of his **JOYFULNESS** in proclaiming the Gospel!

Mercy – He declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy for 2016 and wrote the book The Name of God is Mercy. And then he expressed it reaching out to the marginalized – remember the image of him visiting prisoners and washing their feet on Holy Thursday, and by asking "Who am I to judge?" by listening to those abused by clergy, and by invoking God's mercy in an empty St. Peter's Square at the start of the Pandemic of 2020. He was all about **MERCY**.

Hope – that's the title of the Pope's autobiography – **HOPE**. Not being overwhelmed by the challenges of our modern world, but being hopeful that God reigns and is our ultimate goal. This book provides everything you need to know about the man, Jorge Bergoglio – and how his experiences shaped his papacy.

The Periphery & The Poor – the Holy Father never forgot the people who others overlooked – indigenous persons, the people of Oceania, the migrants, the refugees. No group of people were insignificant to him – his outreach was to all – including what we see as the periphery. He never forgot or overlooked a person who was poor – from providing showers for them in the Vatican to dining with them in his residence to embracing them with affection.

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The **Environment** – Pope Francis, keeping in the spirit of his patron, St. Francis of Assisi, knew and taught of our common responsibility to care for the environment created by God – and to do it, not as a political statement, but for our own sake and for the sake of future generations. God saw what He created and He said it was good. Pope Francis just wants us to keep it that way!

Encounter – Accompany – Dialogue. Those three words, that Pope Francis used so often, need to guide us in acknowledging the brotherhood, the fraternity, we are called to share with all people.

First, encourage everyone to **encounter** the Lord in their spiritual lives, then to travel the road with them, to **accompany** them, and to listen and talk to them in genuine **dialogue.** Talk around the table is as important as talk from behind a podium. I pray this synodal process will guide our decision-making throughout the future.

And the final message that I want to share today is his message of **Peace**. Pope Francis was a constant voice calling for **Peace** – whether by challenging world leaders in talks and homilies, or conversing with the parish priest in war-torn Gaza on the phone each night – his message was consistent – **Peace** must be the answer – War is insanity. **Peace** was his message right up until his final blessing on this Easter, the day before he died.

In all these areas, we have much more work to do – but our Holy Father Francis has set us on the right path. May we listen to him and continue his legacy!

He always asked us to do only one thing for him – to pray for him – so let us continue to do just that.

May Almighty God forgive him his sins, and reward him with eternal life!

Praised be the name of Jesus Christ now and forever!

Fr. Tom



40th Anniversary of Ordination

Next Sunday, May 11th will be the 40th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood - and there is one thing *(and one thing only)* that I would like from you, my

parishioners - a Spiritual Bouquet. This is a promise of prayers or devotional acts done by you for me! Together with offering the noon Mass on May 11th, the only other gift I request is the promise of prayers and devotional acts on my behalf. Will you consider doing that for me?

Fr. Tom





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



Food Pantry Needs . . .

Canned Chicken Coffee Canned Fruit Jelly Oatmeal Shampoo Toothpaste

"You pray for the poor and then you feed them. That's how prayer works." Pope Francis

Update on Senate Bill S138— Medical Aid in Dying Act

This bill is currently in the Health Committee on the Senate Floor and is on the floor calendar of the Assembly.

This bill is moving along—and if we don't watch the bill it will be passed to the Governor of NYS.

Contact Michaelle Solages, our district Assembly Representative at 516-599-2972 to veto this bill. OLV's Community Players are holding Auditions for:



Tuesday, May 27 from 7 pm – 9 pm Call backs Wednesday, May 28 from 7 pm – 9 pm

Be prepared to sing 20 bars and read/sides provided Our Lady of Victory, 2 Bellmore Street In GYM

All Roles are Open, High School thru Adult Questions, contact Donna Lindskog 917-373-0720

> Performance Dates: July 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

MRS. DODSON'S NURSERY CLASS ... TAKING A BREAK ON THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY DONATED BENCH AFTER THEIR CHURCH VISIT! THANKS FOR THE GREAT SEATING LADIES!!!





DIRECTOR: CHRISTINE FUCHS



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First Communion Practice Schedule

Children receiving Communion Saturday, May 10th at 11:00 am,

Will practice Tuesday, May 6th at 4:30pm

Children receiving Communion Saturday, May 10th 1:00 pm,

Will practice Wednesday, May 7th at 4:30pm

Please remember children must be accompanied by a parent to the practice.



"May Jesus come to bless you on your First Communion Day. May you feel His presence in a very special way...and as you strive to follow in His footsteps may He bless your life with many graces and a lasting happiness."



The month of May is both named for and dedicated to Mary, and Catholics have long honored the Blessed Mother by placing a crown on her image. Crowning a statue of the Lord's Mother is symbolic of the honor we give her as the one chosen by God to bear His Son, our Salvation.

Please join us on <u>Mothers Day</u>, <u>Sunday, May 11th</u> at the <u>10:30 am Mass</u> as we honor the Blessed Mother.

We would like to invite all the children who received their First Communion this May to attend our Parish May Crowning. Please wear your First Communion outfits and take part in the procession.



Our Lady of Victory Bible Camp Summer 2025



ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR BIBLE CAMP: THURSDAY, May 1st, at 9:00 AM PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION AND SEE THE QR Codes BELOW!

All children entering **PreK through those entering 2nd grade in September 2025** are invited to attend OLV Bible Camp. Campers will listen to Bible stories and learn about how Jesus would want us to treat our neighbors. They will participate in indoor/outdoor recreational activities, make art projects, sing songs, and dance! A registered nurse will be on staff.

Please note that you may register your child for 1 week only. We will accept a maximum of 60 campers per week. Once you are registered, please send payment to the Rectory at your earliest convenience. Cost is \$170 per camper...checks payable to Our Lady of Victory Church. Please indicate your child's name/camp week on both the envelope and check. You will be contacted via email once your payment is received with additional information about what to expect at camp.

Any questions? Please email Noreen Dodson at ndodson5628@olvfp.org

Week 1: July 7th - 10th Week 2: July 14th - 17th Week 3: July 21st - 24th *Camp is from 9 AM - 12 Noon each day.

Please note:

- Snacks (pretzels, goldfish) and drinks (apple juice/water) will be provided. Campers may bring their own labeled water bottles or snacks. Please be sure to label all items!
- We are accepting 60 campers per week; register your child for <u>only 1 week, please</u>.

The registration form can be accessed by scanning the corresponding QR Code below ON MAY 1st.

July 7 - July 10



July 14 - July 17



July 21 - July 24





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 For appointment call Rectory 516-354-0482

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 12:30 pm– 3:00 pm in the Church.
- First Friday Holy Hour & Confessions from 7 pm 8 pm concluding with Benediction.
- 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 Diane Capua Arthur Carter Jim Conway Elena DeFilippis Jennie DeLeon Barry Del Mastro James Galini Baby Neomi Gilman Gina Guerette Isabella Ieraci Kevin & Dolores Johnson Christopher Kearney Alexa Kropf Nancy Massaro Deacon Michael A. McKenna Rav Neufeld John Nickels Maria Nguyen Angela Page Mike Polo Gusippi Raele Robert Sarro **Gianna Scalice** Luigi Tiberia John Turadek 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

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 Major. John M. Herger

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

Marine Corps: Major Michael Sweeney Major Matthew Sweeney Major David Morris Lcpl. Calum Gribbin Sgt. Frank Phillips Sgt. Andrew Thorndike Sgt. Ryan H. Potter Sgt. Liam Gribbin Lcpl. Matthew Ennis

Air Force:Master Sgt. Michael TorreMaster Sgt. Matthew AshmoreCapt. Kevin GroomCapt. Gerald WeaverSsgt. Christopher BuffaCapt. Lawrence KingMajor Christopher DarconteAirman 1st Class Brian Rattigan

WEDDINGS

Julia DiBari Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park Jack Tobin St. Joseph, Garden City Therese Russell Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park Gabriel Cusumano Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Newark, NJ Karla Lira Rangel Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park Frank Garofalo St. Anne, Garden City, NY

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Rita Mazza



