



# OUR LADY OF MERCY

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

### PASTORAL TEAM

#### **Pastor**

Reverend John D. McCarthy

#### **Associate Pastors**

Reverend Joseph J. Nixon

Reverend Nasir Gulfam

#### **Deacon**

Deacon Ralph Elliott Colon

#### **Director of Religious Education**

Deacon Ralph Elliott Colon

#### **Choir Director and Organist**

Mr. Raymond J. Henderson, MA, M Div, CAGO

#### **Organist**

Mr. Thomas Beckner

#### **Director of Parish Services**

Mrs. Genevieve Feliciano

#### **Business Manager**

Mr. Carmine Serravalli

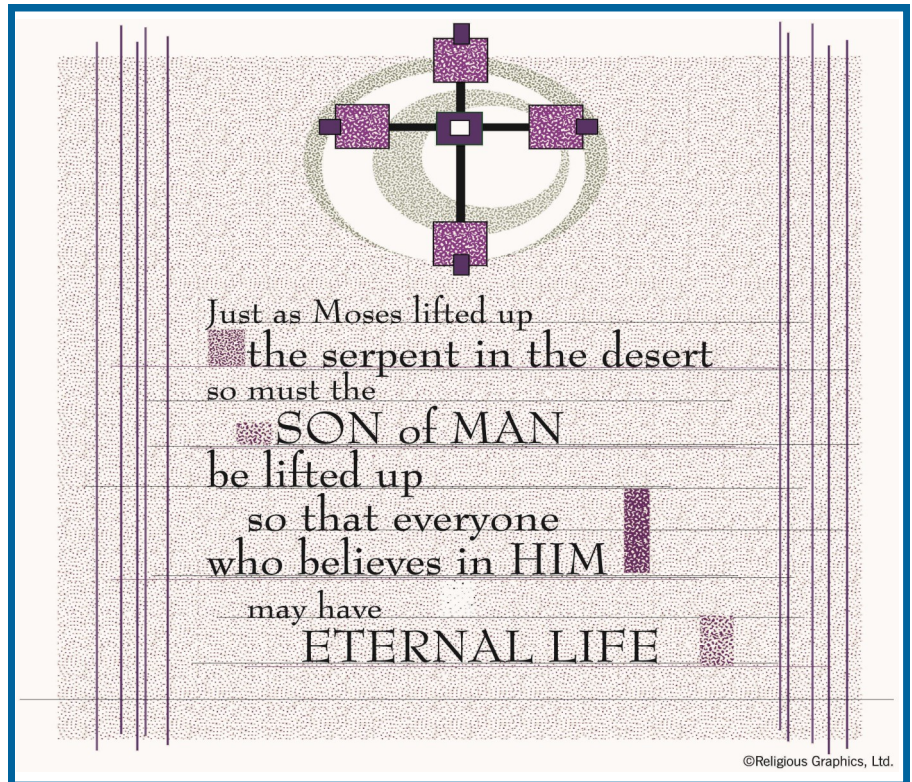
### OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF

#### **Rectory Secretary**

Mrs. Andrea T. Attivissimo-Karassik

#### **Religious Education Secretary**

Mrs. Cathy Basso



### CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

#### **Saturday**

8:00 AM & 4:30 PM

#### **Sunday**

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM,  
12:00 NOON & 5:30 PM

#### **Urdu Mass**

4:00 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month

#### **Family Mass**

10:30 AM

#### **Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday**

7:00 & 9:00 AM / Rosary after 9:00 AM Mass

#### **Holydays**

5:00 PM the evening before /

7:00 & 9:00 AM, 12 NOON & 7:30 PM

#### **National Holidays**

9:00 AM

#### **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

9:30 AM-12 PM & 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass

### RECTORY HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM -5:00 PM

Rectory Office Closed For Lunch 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Rectory Office Open Saturdays 8:30 AM -1:00 PM

#### **Rectory**

931-4351

Fax 433-8702

#### **Religious Education**

681-1228

681-1527

#### **Parish Services**

931-1306

#### **EMERGENCY ONLY**

782-1557

## We Come Together as a Community of Faith to Celebrate with Praise and Joy!

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:15-4:15 PM in Upper Church Sacristy.  
Anytime by appointment, please call the Rectory.

#### **On Becoming a Catholic or Completing Sacraments**

R.C.I.A. is a dynamic process of formation for those interested in becoming Catholic, as well as those who never received the Sacraments of Communion and/or Confirmation. Please leave your name and number at the Rectory Office.  
516-931-4351 Ex. 210.

#### **Parish Membership**

All new families and individuals are most welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the Rectory Office when you move into our community so that we can be of service to you. Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. The priests and ministers are here to serve your needs, to share your joy, and to help lighten your burdens.

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated on an individual basis. Please call the Rectory Office to schedule your Baptism. Baptism Prep classes are held either in-person or via Zoom.  
Please contact Deacon Ralph to set up a time for Baptism Prep class at [rcolon@olmrcc.com](mailto:rcolon@olmrcc.com)

#### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

The Sacrament is celebrated on Fridays: Time to be arranged.  
Saturdays: 12:00 Noon and 2:00 PM. Sundays: to be arranged.  
Arrangements must be made by a personal appointment with one of the priests or deacon.  
Couples should make an appointment at least six months to a year in advance of the Wedding date. Nuptial Masses, as well as ceremonies, are available on Friday and Saturday.  
Ceremonies are encouraged on Sunday.

#### **Marriage Preparation Program at OLM**

All engaged couples who plan to get married in the Catholic Church are required to complete a **Pre Cana Program**. Our program is offered twice a year. The Fall program meets once a week for 4 weeks; and the Spring program runs for an entire weekend. **FOCCUS**, a Communication study, is administered twice a year and is required for all couples.

#### **Pre Cana and FOCCUS**

The goal of the Pre Cana program is to strengthen the vocation of marriage and foster a deeper understanding of marriage as a sacrament by supporting couples throughout their married life.

<https://www.drvc-faith.org/marriage-ministry/>

#### **Sacrament of Anointing the Sick**

The Sacrament for people experiencing an illness as well as the elderly can be arranged by contacting one of the priests or at any time in an emergency. The Sacrament is also celebrated communally during the year, and on the 2nd Saturday each month after the 8:00 AM Mass.

#### **Ministry to the Sick and Homebound**

Parish priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the Rectory Office to arrange for home visitation, 516-931-4351.

#### **Parish Finance Committee**

Carmine Serravalli (Chairperson)

John Beaudette (Trustee)

Fred Anderson (Trustee)

Lorraine Anderson

Serena Perrotta

Joseph Vacca

#### **Maintenance Staff**

Kevin McAvoy

Bill Millis

Ben Karassik

#### **Sacristan**

Farah Primrose



*The parish of Our Lady of Mercy welcomes you,  
family, friends and guests as we celebrate the Liturgy each  
week. Please invite a family member or friend to participate  
with us next week in prayer.*

**E-mail submissions to [aattivissimo@olmrcc.com](mailto:aattivissimo@olmrcc.com)**

**10 days prior to the bulletin date,  
and it will be reviewed for inclusion as space allows.  
Please note the deadline is earlier for all holidays.**

## Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, March 10

2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

7:30 AM † Stephanie Yula

9:00 AM † William Callahan

10:30 AM † Patrick Flatley

12:00 PM † William Truley

4:00 PM URDU Shannon, Nayab, and Noor

5:30 PM † Lorraine O'Neill

### Monday, March 11

Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

7:00 AM † Denise Ferencik

9:00 AM † Philip M. Noto

### Tuesday, March 12

Ez 47:1-9,12 / Jn 5:1-16

7:00 AM Clare Reynolds and Violet Reynolds -  
Living

9:00 AM † Souad Kamel

### Wednesday, March 13

Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

7:00 AM † Flood Family – Living and Deceased

9:00 AM † Pietro Fornino

### Thursday, March 14

Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

7:00 AM † Salvatore Cesare

9:00 AM † Carmela Serani

### Friday, March 15

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

7:00 AM † Christopher Vacca

9:00 AM For Those Suffering from Depression  
and Anxiety

### Saturday, March 16

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

8:00 AM † Kathy Gardner

For the PreBorn and Their Mothers and Fathers

### In the Arms of God's Love and Mercy -

Edward J. Bucking, Thomas J. McCormick, Eleanor Bentrewicz,  
Robert F. Jaeger, Kate Garvin, Cecelia T. Went, Rosemarie Hartmann,  
John Azua, Thomas F. O'Shea, Christopher Vacca, the unborn, the  
victims of war, natural disasters through out our country and the world.

**Prayer Intentions:** For an End to All Wars and  
Peace and Unity in Our Country and World.  
For new and expecting mothers and fathers:  
May they lovingly accept and welcome the gift of their new child.

### Long Term Sick List

Please pray for our veterans, all our sick, their caretakers,  
especially, Barbara and Bill Stalter, Susan Bennett,  
Herb Goerke, Joe Vacca, Maria Cotromano,  
Dolores Muoio, Dina Velez, Frank and Sally DelVicario, Joe Olive,  
Rosemarie Casdia, Stephen Stark, William Ferguson, Ted Cioffi,  
Nelson W. Castro, Otto Schmidtman, Evelyn and Bob Werner,  
Patricia Barbera, Matthew Myer, Johnny Martin, JoAnn Mackin, Infant  
Hazel Lily Masotti-May, Lillian Bock, Brian Berardelli, Charlie Masterton,  
Pat Siniscalchi, Robert Eaton, Joseph Boninti, and all homebound and in  
rehabilitation /nursing homes.

### Short Term Sick List

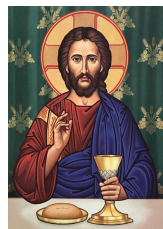
Marge Heenan, Frances Dolan, Collette O'Donnell,  
Sheila Ort, Michael Wood, Anne Madden,  
Jeanine Margiotta, Joan McQuire, Albert Buff,  
Margaret Palm Krotz, Michael Mastellone  
Mickey the Cook, Lorraine Maher, Ian Haberman, Ginny Brown,  
Roseann Ruvolo

**For all who are sick, including all names in our intention book  
that they may be restored to health and wholeness.**

**Prayer intention book can be found in the Upper Church on  
the Blessed Mother side at the halfway point.**

*Names of the sick will remain on the Short Term Prayer List for 3 weeks.  
Kindly notify the Parish Office if prayers are still requested after 3 weeks.*

### WEEK OF MARCH 10 - MARCH 16



### BREAD AND WINE

**In Memory of: STEPHANIE YULA**

**Donated by:**

**Jim and Marguerite Dione**

### Welcome!

**Are you new to our parish? Have you been participating  
in our parish but never registered? Do you need to  
update your contact information or add a  
family member?**

**Registration forms are  
available in our Rectory Office 516-931-4351.  
Visit our website: [www.OurLadyofMercy.org](http://www.OurLadyofMercy.org)**

**Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us**



**FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. JOHN D. McCARTHY**

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Family,

Greetings and Peace of the Lord be with you!

As we continue our Lenten pilgrimage together and navigate through these challenging times, yet we are a people filled with hope and encouragement to know that our all-loving and all-merciful God is in the eye of every storm we face in life. It seems we are living in an age of freedom with laws thrown to the wind and too many people deciding what is right and wrong on their own; we are correct in asking the question of what happened to the Ten Commandments. Do they really matter anymore or are they a bit old fashioned? The giving of the commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai signaled the birth of Israel as a nation. For the Jewish people, obeying the commandments was seen as an encounter to build a healthy and deeper relationship with a real personal God. Our society is obviously more advanced and sophisticated than was Israel at the time of Moses, but right and wrong is still the same, it hasn't changed. The Ten Commandments are the very roots of our faith. Perhaps during this Lenten season would be a good opportunity for us to refocus on these eternal laws from God. They are the bricks and mortar; the very foundation of a stable society where we can find true peace, good order and freedom.

In clearing of the Temple, Jesus shows great reverence in today's Gospel message for the House of God and leaves us an example of how we should respect our own places of worship. We should look upon these spaces as sanctuaries of genuine prayer. The Temple in Jesus' time turned into a noisy market place of buyers and sellers who were guilty of using the Lord's dwelling for their own selfish gains. All the commotion caused showed little or no regard for the true value of worship and respect. We see Jesus reasserting fierce reverence for God's holy name and for His house of prayer available for all people of every nation.

As a faith community we gather each Sunday to celebrate the sacred Eucharist and to thank God in prayer for the past week's events, as well as ask for His grace for the week ahead. Every time we gather around the Lord's sacrificial Altar should be like a step on the way up to Heaven, but is it? Are we closer to God by being here at Holy Mass or has our Sunday worship degenerated into an empty ritual or something we do because it's expected of us? The Sabbath should make us truly appreciate the God above us, the world He has given us, and all the people around us. God's true desire is for us to worship Him with more than words and external behavior. Worship virtually means saying to God; 'How great thou art.' It's our response when we recognize the goodness of God in our own lives and share His goodness and love with our neighbor. Worship and the way we live as Christian people are not meant to be cut off from one another; hence, we are called to be the Church in our society during the week as we strive each day to be a "living sacrament" of God's life and love to one another.

"Lent is about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – know this, this extraordinary moment is an act of charity." May Jesus, our Divine Physician, heal us of every illness and affliction; and in His great mercy forgive us, watch over us, and save us; and may our Blessed Mother Mary, Our Lady of Mercy, keep us always under the mantle of her love, care and protection into eternity.

With my sincere prayers, I remain truly yours in Christ,  
Father John McCarthy

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**PARISH OUTREACH • Serving with Mercy**

Help for those in need from our food pantry and outreach office is available free of charge to people of all faiths living within the geographic boundaries of our parish and to registered parishioners living within and outside our boundaries. All services are confidential. Our services are funded by donations made to Parish Services.

**Please consider donating an Easter Basket of candy or treats for a child served by our pantry as a Lenten activity.**

No unwrapped candy in baskets please. This year, we received 15 Baskets from the Lant family in memory of their mother who was a regular donor of beautifully decorated Easter baskets and those will cover most of our very young children. Thank you! The remainder of our kids are mostly pre-teen and teen boys and a few pre-teen & teen girls.

**Kindly drop off the Baskets at Parish Services or the Rectory office by March 20th so they may be distributed.**

--Also remember our seniors or disabled neighbors and consider calling or visiting them. Offer to transport him/her to Mass, medical appointment or supermarket.

--Please pray for our neighbors who need support & strength as they struggle with unemployment, physical or mental disabilities, serious illness, family conflicts or homelessness.

--Donation of hams or turkey breasts for Easter are appreciated. Please drop them off at the pantry by **March 20th** so they may be distributed in a timely manner.

--Donation of supermarket gift cards & gas cards are also appreciated.



**PARISH SERVICES • 516-931-1306 GENNY**

**Office Hours by Appointment**

**Pantry Hours:**

**Tue. 1:30-3:30 PM • Wed. 9:30-11:30 AM**

**Thurs. 4:30-6:30 PM • Fri. 9:30-11:30 AM**

**Email: [outreach@olmrcc.com](mailto:outreach@olmrcc.com)**

**Pantry Needs: Pancake Mix & Syrup, Jelly, Pork & Beans, Beets, Mayo, Spices, Cookies, Cake Mix & Icing, Soap, Napkins & Toilet Paper & Napkins.**

**Thank you!**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**Our Lady of Mercy Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's sole purpose is to help the poor of our community.**



**March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent:**

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

**Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollars are multiplied by money placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.**



Every dollar received goes toward help for those in need, there are no administrative expenses, all members of the conference are volunteers. Currently, poor box contributions are used to support our efforts. Please consider a gift to our conference so that we may continue to provide support to those in need.

**Make checks payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and mail them to the Rectory or deposit them in separate envelopes in the collection baskets at Mass.**

If you, or someone you know, needs assistance please contact us at (516) 931-4351, X 326.

All contact with St. Vincent de Paul is held in strict confidence. Thank you.

**Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us**

*Pray for Peace in Our Hearts* RESPECT *ALL* LIFE *Pray for Peace in the World*



# PRAY FOR LIFE

USCCB.COM/PRAYFORLIFE



O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honor and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen.

**"To adopt a child is a great work of love. When it is done, much is given, but much is also received."**

-St. John Paul II

## Prayer for Respect for Life

St. Gerard Majella, women of the world over have adopted thee as their patron in the joys and fears of childbearing. Today, we invoke thine intercession for the pro-life movement.

Pray that all will look upon human life as a great gift from God to be accepted and loved, not as an unwanted burden to be destroyed. Assist from Heaven the efforts of those on earth who are enlisted in the Christlike crusade of promoting the dignity and value of all human life, particularly the unborn.

This we ask through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## Ahead of 2024 Presidential Election

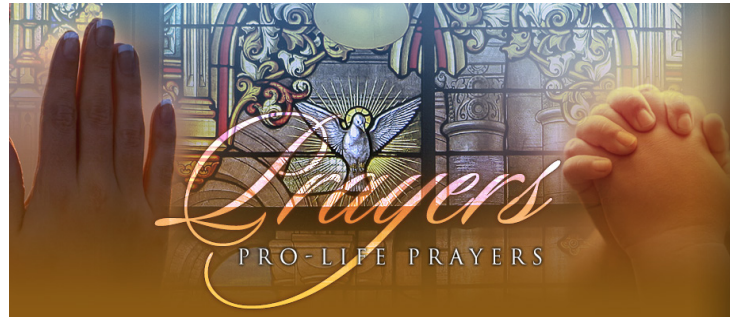
**New Poll Reveals American Voters Care about "Culture of Life" and Pro-Life Values**

**Continue to pray for All Life**

**[www.EndAbortion.US](http://www.EndAbortion.US)**

**"In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity."**

**-Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2022**



## Lenten Pro-Life Prayer

*Father of all mercy, we thank you for this season of grace and light. We know that sin has blinded us. Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance. Since you, O God, as light itself, give all your people a clearer understanding of what is sin, and what is virtue. Grant in particular that we may see, as never before, the profound dignity of every human life, including the vulnerable unborn children. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen*

*"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer..."*

- St. Pope John Paul II

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## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

#### Welcome God's Children to Our Family!

By Baptism we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ.



"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  
-Matthew 28:19-20

**February 25, 2024**

**Cordelia Louise Lax**

Child of Mr. and Mrs. K. Lax

### THE EUCHARIST



The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of Our Catholic Faith.

### CONFIRMATION



The prophets of the Old Testament foretold that God's Spirit would rest upon the Messiah to sustain his mission. Their prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus the Messiah was conceived by the Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus on the occasion of his baptism by John. Jesus' entire mission occurred in communion with the Spirit. Before he died, Jesus promised that the Spirit would be given to the Apostles and to the entire Church. After his death, he was raised by the Father in the power of the Spirit. Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. ... We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service.

~from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

### PRE CANA



PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

**Congratulations!**  
**You are engaged to be married!**

The goal of the Pre Cana program is to strengthen the vocation of marriage and foster a deeper understanding of marriage as a sacrament by supporting couples throughout their married life.

Prior to marriage, couples are asked to participate in sessions that cover topics intended to enhance their relationship and better prepare them for both the day of and the living out of their Marriage.

#### Sessions covered included:

- a) the call to marriage as vocation
- b) the 2-fold intention of God's gift of marriage
- c) marriage as a sacrament
- d) the permanence, fidelity and openness to children of marriage
- e) communication in a good relationship
- f) Ceremony or Mass – how to choose and particular choices

<https://www.drvc-faith.org/marriage-ministry/>

### MARRIAGE



Christ wants to be in the center of our relationships. There is no better example than between a husband and wife. When we make Him the center of our individual lives, His love fills our hearts so they overflow and His gift to us becomes a gift to others. This makes the bond in relationships stronger. It begins when we hear Him say "Come and see" Jn 1:39. That is the beginning of every good relationship with Him and with others.

*We are called • We are Chosen • We are Christ • for One Another*

**Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us**



## ADULT EDUCATION

### LIFE-TRANSFORMING ADULT ED SESSIONS AVAILABLE

#### DROP BY AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS!

SUNDAYS 10-11:45AM \*SCHOOL CAFETERIA\* 10/1 THRU 6/2

No registration fee. Materials optional.

A comprehensive and dynamic Adult Ed Program for all adults who seek a better understanding of the Catholic Faith (including those considering the decision to become Catholic, and those Catholics who never completed their Sacraments).

#### TOPICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

**MAR 3<sup>RD</sup> Reconciliation** What critical grace does this Sacrament dispense to us? How can you optimally be prepared for and gain the greatest benefits from this Sacrament? Join us as we clear up confusion and doubt on this indispensable lifetime "must".

**MAR 10<sup>TH</sup>** Learn about the "extraordinary in the most ordinary" and more on the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Many are taken aback or are dismissive of the idea that the priest has actually been given the power to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ as well as the power to forgive sins! Seeing this through the "eyes of faith" may be more challenging at this particular time. Did you realize that the Mass is where Heaven meets Earth? Gain a better understanding of all that is transpiring in order to gain fully from the Mass, the anchor that transforms our lives.

**MAR 17<sup>TH</sup> Eucharist/Holy Communion** Do you realize that a miracle, both literally and substantially, takes place each and every time the Priest consecrates the bread and wine? Christ left us REAL FOOD to transform us into His image.

Contact the Coordinators for Full Schedule and Questions!  
Peggy Clores [imcon630@aol.com](mailto:imcon630@aol.com) / 516-317-1740 or  
Chuck Ruppert 864-680-5597 [crupp0007@gmail.com](mailto:crupp0007@gmail.com)

## BIBLE STUDY NIGHTS

### Go Deeper Into the Scriptures



Drop in on any one or all

of the following Monday evenings:

10/2; 11/6; 1/8; 2/5; 4/8; 5/6; 6/3

Sessions utilize Formed Bible Study Segments

Followed by discussion with OLM's Clergy

7:30-9pm\* Convent Basement

Contact Coordinator for more information and for weather cancellations. Peggy Clores [imcon630@aol.com](mailto:imcon630@aol.com) 516-317-1740

## Pray for Vocations!



Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us



## Reconciliation Monday Set for March 25, 2024

In coordination with the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn, the Diocese of Rockville Centre will participate in the annual Diocesan Day of Confession on **Monday, March 25, 2024.**

The Sacrament of Penance will be available in every Catholic Church on that day at 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. For a list of parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, visit [drv.org](http://drv.org).



## LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

### Lenten Weekday Masses - Lower Church

Monday - Friday

7:00 AM Mass

9:00 AM Mass

Saturday

8:00 AM Mass

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent

9:30 AM Lower Church

7:30 PM Upper Church

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM Lower Church

**Reflect. Repent. Restore.**



## SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION BLESSING & DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

#### SATURDAY, March 23rd

Confessions - 3:15 - 4:15 PM

Upper Church- Mass - 4:30 PM

#### PALM SUNDAY, March 24th

Upper Church - Mass - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM

12:00 Noon, 5:30 PM

#### MONDAY, March 25th

Confessions - 2:00 - 4:00 PM and 6:00 - 9:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY, March 27th

Confessions - 7:30 - 9:00 PM

#### HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th

No Morning Masses

Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM

Concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM - followed by

Procession and Adoration until 11:00 PM

#### GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th

No Morning Masses - No Confessions

Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord and Communion at 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross - 7:30 PM

#### HOLY SATURDAY, March 30th

No Morning Masses

Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM

Blessing of Food in Lower Chapel - 9:30 AM

No 4:30 PM Mass

### RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

#### SATURDAY, March 30th

Blessing of the New Fire and Easter Vigil

8:00 PM - Upper Church

#### EASTER SUNDAY, March 31st

Upper Church - Masses - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM,

12:00 Noon, 2:00 PM Urdu Mass

There is No 5:30 PM Mass

**Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us**

## Lenten Thought

**Listen to Jesus  
Change our hearts  
Go and serve**

**As one who is  
Baptized, we are  
called to be a  
witness to Jesus.**

**Is my witness  
true, joyful,  
helpful to others?**

**Am I using the  
days of Lent  
to better myself?**



**2024**  
**CATHOLIC**  
**MINISTRIES**  
**A P P E A L**  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith –  
Renewed by the Eucharist*

Please consider making a gift to the  
2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

For more information, to watch our video  
or to make a donation,  
visit [www.catholicministriesappeal.org](http://www.catholicministriesappeal.org)  
or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296




## GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Brownies through Ambassador Girl Scouts are  
invited to the  
**Parish Girl Scout Sunday Celebration on  
Sunday, March 10, 2024 at the  
10:30 Mass.**

**Our Lady of Mercy Upper Church**

Join with your sister scouts to thank God for  
being a Girl Scout. All Girl Scouts should wear  
their vest or sash and meet in the vestibule of the  
church at 10:15 AM. A breakfast will follow after  
Mass. All Girl Scouts who attend will receive a Girl  
Scout Sunday patch payable the day of mass,  
for \$2.00.

**Text Nancy Heuser, Parish Girl Scout  
Coordinator @516-603-6916 to confirm by  
Friday, March 8th.**

### Helpful Phone Numbers:

- Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124
- Al-Anon Nassau County: 516-433-8003
- American Red Cross - LI: 516-747-3500
- Life Center of LI - 516-798-9100
- Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 516-785-4070  
or 1-800-550-4900
- Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800
- Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): (516) 733-7000
- Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480
- Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547
- Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542
- Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758
- Living Waters- Therapeutic Catholic Counseling: 631-271-0913
- L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833
- Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE
- Response Crisis Center: 631-751-7500 (Suicide Hotline)
- The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200

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**Our Lady of Mercy Holy Name Society**

**Sponsoring Parish Movie Night**

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

**Our Lady's Chapel Meeting Room**

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### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, MARCH 8

**St. Teresa of Ávila-** (born March 28, 1515, Ávila, Spain—died October 4, 1582, Alba de Tormes; canonized 1622; feast day October 15) Spanish nun, one of the great mystics and religious women of the Roman Catholic Church, and author of spiritual classics. She was the originator of the Carmelite Reform, which restored and emphasized the austerity and contemplative character of primitive Carmelite life. St. Teresa was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, the first woman to be so honoured.

**St. Edith Stein-** (born October 12, 1891, Breslau, Germany [now Wrocław, Poland]—died August 9/10, 1942, Auschwitz concentration camp; canonized October 11, 1998; feast day August 9), Roman Catholic convert from Judaism, Carmelite nun, philosopher, and spiritual writer who was executed by the Nazis because of her Jewish ancestry and who is regarded as a modern martyr. She was declared a saint by the Roman Catholic Church in 1998.

**St. Theresa of Lisieux-** (born January 2, 1873, Alençon, France—died September 30, 1897, Lisieux; canonized May 17, 1925; feast day October 1) Carmelite nun whose service to her Roman Catholic order, although outwardly unremarkable, was later recognized for its exemplary spiritual accomplishments. She was named a doctor of the church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. She is a patron saint of missions and of florists.

**St. Katharine Drexel-** (born November 26, 1858, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.—died March 3, 1955, Cornwells Heights; feast day [U.S.] March 3) was the American founder of the Blessed Sacrament Sisters for Indians and Colored People (now Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament), a congregation of missionary nuns dedicated to the welfare of American Indians and African Americans. She is the patron saint of racial justice and of philanthropists.

**St. Teresa of Calcutta-** Teresa (baptized August 27, 1910, Skopje, Macedonia, Ottoman Empire [now in Republic of North Macedonia]—died September 5, 1997, Calcutta [now Kolkata], India; canonized September 4, 2016; feast day September 5) founder of the Order of the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic congregation of women dedicated to the poor, particularly to the destitute of India. She was the recipient of numerous honours, including the 1979 Nobel Prize for Peace.

**God's Word remains the standard for anyone's view of women through the ages and can not present a system of higher regard for women than Scripture, no matter what the culture says or believes.**

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Bread & Soup



6:30PM  
Lower Chapel  
Mtg Rm

### Stations Of The Cross

**March 15**

**Bread & Soup - 6:30pm - LC Mtg Rm**

**Stations - 7:30pm - Upper Church**

Join us for an evening with the Lord as we meditate on the Stations of the Cross read by various groups at 7:30pm. Prior to the Stations join us for Bread and Soup at 6:30pm in the Lower Chapel Meeting Room.

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.**

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

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In the Eucharist, the Church claims that Christ is really present. Jesus says that Eucharist is: His Body, His Blood

The Church also describes the Eucharist as "the extension of the Incarnation". So, we have to choose the TRUTH.

Is the Eucharist Real Presence; or merely a "symbol"?

(Symbol or Substance?, Peter Kreeft, pgs. 156-157)

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## BOOK CLUB

The Father Marty Happy Book Club will meet  
**Monday, March 25**  
at 7:30 pm in  
Our Lady's Chapel Meeting Room.

This month's book is  
**Go As A River**  
by Shelley Read



For more information contact Gina at 347-210-3158 or [GMSepulveda17@gmail.com](mailto:GMSepulveda17@gmail.com).

*All readers are invited.*

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## Bible Study Group

### The Gospel of Mark

This year, we will study the Gospel According to Mark. It is likely the first of the gospels to be written and proceeds in a simple, fast-paced narrative style. It takes the reader directly to the central revelation of the mystery of Christ, one that has not lost its importance or relevance for us today and never could.

Instructor: Louis Mocci (n32456@verizon.net).

Admission is free.

**Classes will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Convent Basement beginning October 3 and continuing throughout the academic year.** If you are interested, simply attend the first class meeting and bring your Bible. Thank you.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

Mt 19:14

**Let the Children Come!**

**Pray for our children, their parents and teachers as they study and learn about their faith together.**

Visit: [www.OurLadyofMercy.org](http://www.OurLadyofMercy.org)

**Thank you and God bless you.**



*All life is a gift from God.*



*Family*

"The family, which is founded and given life by love, is a community of persons: of husband and wife, of parents and children, of relatives. Its first task is to live with fidelity the reality of communion in a constant effort to develop an authentic community of persons."

-Pope Saint John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, 1981.

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

### WEEKEND OF MARCH 3, 2024

Collections at our Masses was \$12,446.00 Collections that have come in through the Rectory Office by mail was \$3,505.00, and our Online Giving Collection total was \$1,806.00.

#### Our Total Collection was allocated to the following:

Regular Offertory: \$14,908.00  
 Mercy's Future: \$1,357.00  
 Catholic Relief Services: \$30.00  
 Food Pantry/Outreach: \$60.00  
 Holy Land: \$45.00  
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## ORGANIZATIONS

### MUSIC MINISTRIES

**OLM Adult Choir:** Meets Tuesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 pm in the choir loft.

**OLM Folk Group:** Meets Sunday mornings after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Lower Church.

**OLM Rock Group:** Meets Monday evenings from 8:00 to 10:00 PM in the Upper Church.

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

**Angels of Mercy:** Meets every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in Our Lady's Chapel with refreshments served.

Corporate Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:00 AM. For more information please e-mail Eileen Millis, President, at [eileenangelsofmercy@gmail.com](mailto:eileenangelsofmercy@gmail.com)

**OLM Ministry of Consolation:** Men and women who offer support for funeral Masses. We are looking for individuals to help us. For more information please call the Rectory.

**Hicksville/OLM Senior Club:** Meets on Mondays from 10:30 AM-2:00 PM at the Bethpage Senior Center.

**Holy Name Society:** Corporate Mass and Communion on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 AM Mass. Membership meetings on the following Monday at 7:30 PM in the Lower Church Meeting Room. For more information call Michael Trimarco, President, at 516-757-1655 or [matrimarco@gmail.com](mailto:matrimarco@gmail.com)

**Knights of Columbus: Our Lady of Mercy**

**Joseph F. Lamb Council # 5723,** meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria.

For more information contact Jerry Kramer, Grand Knight, at 516-931-0229 or [vgkramer7@gmail.com](mailto:vgkramer7@gmail.com)

**Legion of Mary:** Meets on Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM in the Lower Church. First Saturday Fatima Devotions: 7:40 AM.

**Nocturnal Adoration:** First Friday of the Month: 8:00 to 9:00 PM (Exposition & Group Prayer and /or 9:00 PM to 10 PM (Silent Prayer and Benediction) in Our Lady's Chapel, in the Lower Church.

**OLM Ushers:** If interested in becoming an Usher, please contact Jim Decker at 516-933-8143, or email at [jimdecker@verizon.net](mailto:jimdecker@verizon.net)

**OLM Prayer Group:** Meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM in Lower Church. Eucharistic Adoration is conducted the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Contact Maureen Decker at 516-933-8143.

**Holy Face Adoration:** Holy Hour every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 5:30-6:30 PM OLM Lower Chapel. Contact Susan Chin at [suebill2@msn.com](mailto:suebill2@msn.com) or 516-728-1796.

**CYO Youth Council for Parish Sports:** Contact Chris Fox at [cfox411@icloud.com](mailto:cfox411@icloud.com).

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Contact the Rectory for more information 516-931-4351 X 326.

**The Men of St. Joseph:** Meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in Lower Church Meeting Room.

**Adult Education Classes:** Classes are held Sundays from 10:00-11:45 AM in the Convent Basement. Contact Peggy Clores at [imcon630@aol.com](mailto:imcon630@aol.com).

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### Alcoholics Anonymous Groups

**Families Anonymous:** Hope for troubled families. FA is a self-help support group for families and friends of people with a current, suspected, or former drug problem. Guided by the principles of the FA program, family members learn how to find relief from their seemingly insurmountable burdens. They become able to enjoy some peace of mind and a degree of serenity, despite unresolved problems. They discover, too, that as they themselves change, so do the dynamics of their family.

Meets every Wednesday: 7:30-8:30 PM in Convent Basement.

**First Things First:** . Open Meeting every Friday: 8:00-9:00 PM in the Convent Basement. Closed Meeting every Sunday: 7:00-8:00 PM in the Convent Basement.

**Our Own Group:** Linda Cronin 516-790-2587. Closed Meeting every Monday: 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the Convent Basement.

**Step Meeting** every Thursday: 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the Convent Basement. Contact: Linda Cronin 516-790-2587.

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