



# OUR LADY OF MERCY

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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

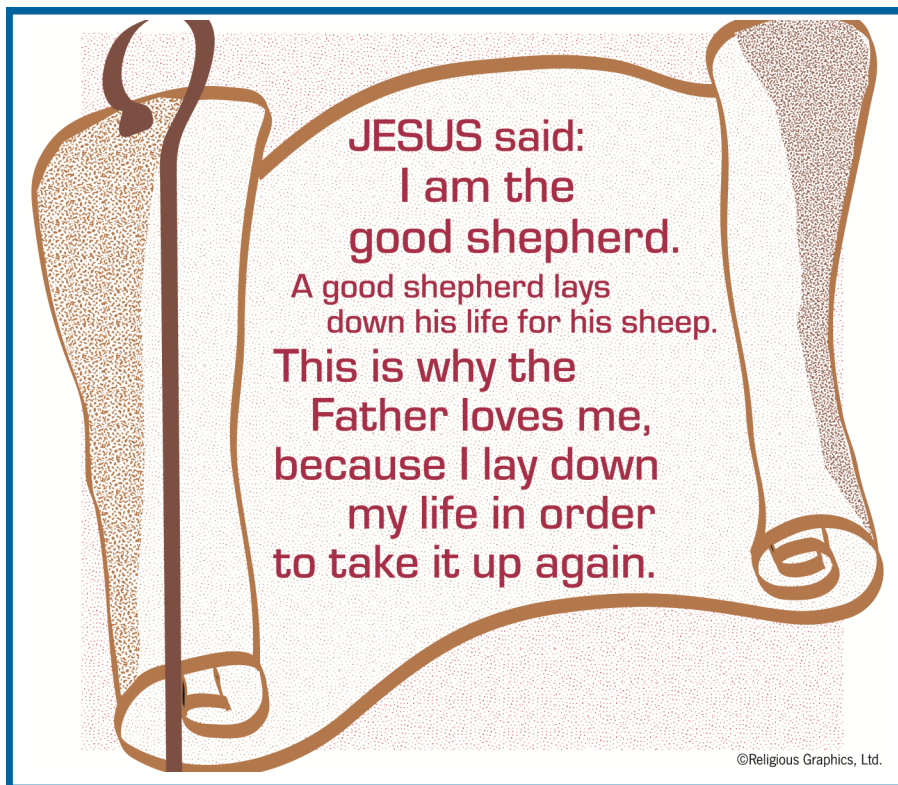
### OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF

#### **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

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**Sunday, April 21**

Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18

**7:30 AM †** Kate Garvin

**9:00 AM †** Jennifer McAvoy

**10:30 AM †** James and Katherine McDade

**12:00 PM †** Delores Ruda

**5:30 PM †** Maria Twohig

**Monday, April 22**

Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10

**7:00 AM †** Dr. Joseph Varacalli

**9:00 AM †** Matthew Bosco

**Tuesday, April 23**

Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30

**7:00 AM †** Jorge E. Ruiz

**9:00 AM †** Thomas Mulackal

**Wednesday, April 24**

Acts 12:24—13:5a / Jn 12:44-50

**7:00 AM** For Those Being Called To Vocations

**9:00 AM †** Annette Giordano

**Thursday, April 25**

1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mk 16:15-20

**7:00 AM †** Joey Dunleavy

**9:00 AM †** Matthew Bosco

**Friday, April 26**

Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6

**7:00 AM †** Ruth Loesch

**9:00 AM †** Leslie Martinez

**Saturday, April 27**

Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14

**8:00 AM**

**†** Leslie Martinez

**†** Thomas Flood

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

Alexandra J. Kwiat, Michael Ferrari, Jane T. Botta, Peter Montague,  
Anthony Mangiaracina, Robert J. Burns,  
Virginia M. Brown, Nelson Taday, Eileen Abatelli, 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, John Beggs, 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, Roseann Ruvolo,  
Pat Ciani, Eileen Nalepa, Maureen Decker

**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 APRIL 21- APRIL 27**



### **U.C. SANCTUARY LAMP**

**In Memory of: MATTHEW D. TEDESCO**  
**Donated by: Mary Anne and Tony Alloggio**

### **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**

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

## A LETTER FROM FR. JOSEPH J. NIXON

**Dear Parishioners,      Good Shepherd Sunday    April 21, 2024**

**"He is Risen, as He said! Alleluia!!!"**

Weldon Keller's book *A Shepherd Looks at Psalms 23* [Zondervan Publishing, 1997] gives some very interesting insights into the habits of a flock sheep of that can be compared to Jesus' role as the Good Shepherd.

1. Sheep depend on the shepherd for their wellbeing.
2. Sheep are social animals that travel together in a large flock but not too close together; they like their personal space.
3. Sometimes sheep lose their connection to the flock and tend to stray which can lead to disaster.
4. Often sheep are unaware of the dangers of the world. In spring, just before sheering, when the streams and rivers are full and running deep the shepherd must keep the sheep away from swiftly moving water. Otherwise, the sheep, in their thirst, will wade out into the swiftly moving water and with their thick wool coats absorb too much water they will fall over and drown.
5. The sheep learn the sound of the voice of their shepherd so that when he calls to them, they will come to him, but they will run from the voice of a stranger.

**Today, we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray that those who are being called to a vocation within the Church...to marriage, as a religious sister or brother, as a deacon or priest, or as a single person...will be generous in saying "yes" to the Lord's call. Also, if you know someone who "has the makings" please encourage them to consider taking the next step.**

Beginning on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 12) and continuing for 9 days, we will remember our Mothers, living and deceased, at Masses each day.

We will soon have the great joy of welcoming another group of our younger parishioners to the table of the Lord, as they receive their **First Holy Communion**. This is a special day for them, their families...and for our parish! Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time means that they can now join us at the altar every week. Let us pray that their parents will be faithful in bringing them to Mass each weekend, so we can all celebrate our membership in the Body of Christ. **Fr. Joe**

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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.

Our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your support and generous contributions. Your food donations make a difference in the life of many. With your kindness and generosity we were able to collect an abundance of Easter goodies for the children whose family we serve at the Outreach. We are grateful for your continued support.

**Residential Energy Affordability Partnership (REAP) Program Limited Time Offer!**  
Receive a \$50 bill credit after completion of a REAP Home Energy Survey, when qualified.

REAP helps income-eligible customers lower their energy costs by finding household energy-saving opportunities. If you qualify to participate, a REAP technician will visit your home or connect remotely, to determine the energy efficiency of your appliances and other devices. Customers may qualify to have energy-saving appliances and devices installed in their homes for FREE.

### Qualifications

Both renters and homeowners may participate in REAP. You are eligible for REAP if you have a current PSEG Long Island customer account, live within our service territory, not had a REAP visit within the last five years and you meet the 2024 income guidelines (80% of State Median Income).

### Volunteer Opportunity

Physical stamina required for unpacking deliveries and restocking pantry shelves.

If you are interested, email Genny at [outreach@olmrcc.com](mailto:outreach@olmrcc.com) or call (516) 931-1306.

**"Whatever you do to the least of my brothers or sisters you do to me".**

- Matthew 25:40

### 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: Soups, Chili, Baked Beans, White Beans, Chef Boyardee, Beets, Cereal (lower sugar/no Raisin Bran), Kids' juice boxes, Jelly, Soap, Toilet Paper.**  
**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.**



### April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families by providing food and money for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!**



### St. Vincent DePaul, Our Lady of Mercy Conference

On the radiators or window sills of the Upper Church you will find pre-addressed envelopes for any donations you may have for St. Vincent DePaul. Please know that 100% of our donations go to helping our neighbors in need. The envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets, dropped off at the rectory or mailed.

Thank you in advance for any and all donations you are able to make.

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



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THE GOOD SHEPHERD



## Life Center of Long Island

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**LIFE CENTER  
OF LONG ISLAND**  
A Voice for the Unborn  
on Long Island

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### THE RAINBOW AFTER THE STORM

We all face storms throughout our lifetime and hope they will produce beautiful rainbows. One such storm occurred on a rainy February day. Marco felt called to endure heavy rain, wind and bitter cold standing outside Planned Parenthood. He spotted a car exiting the parking lot, approached the car and motioned to the driver. She rolled her window down, and immediately was trying to communicate her concerns and needs in Spanish. Just by her demeanor, he knew she needed help. Marco handed her our information flyer which outlines all the free services and assistance we offer individuals facing unplanned pregnancies. She understood he was there to offer her help by his kind voice and the peaceful look in his eyes while he directed her to our center down the street.

Visibly shaken and soaking wet, Marco led Lisa\* into our office and introduced her to Juana, who spoke Spanish and immediately welcomed her with compassion, making Lisa feel comfortable, secure and accepted. Marco knew well that Lisa was now in excellent hands and offered her rosary beads before leaving. Lisa immediately understood that there would be no judgement passed upon her. She willingly began to share her turbulent past and unfortunate events that led her to this very moment. Finally, someone was sincerely interested in her and her feelings.

Most recently, Lisa had been separated from her abusive husband, with whom she had a five-year-old daughter. Although Lisa had begun seeing another man, her husband continued to contact her and encouraged her to meet with him. Against her better judgement, she agreed. Lisa was unaware of the evil intent her husband had in mind for their meeting. This was a night that would forever change her life. Sadly, Lisa endured a considerable amount of violence, abuse, and manipulation which resulted in a horrific attack resulting in rape.

Lisa became pregnant. Filled with panic and terror, Lisa made several different attempts to abort her pregnancy. She purchased the morning after pill, drank a rare tea that she heard would induce abortion, and went to a doctor who referred her for a surgical abortion at Planned Parenthood. However, the huge expense was not something she could afford. By the Grace of God, she encountered Marco and he led her to the Life Center. Juana told her the baby was a gift from God despite her husband's despicable actions. Her focus now should be on her sweet 5-year-old daughter who would now have a sibling. Juana pointed out that Lisa had already been managing on her own with one child, and that the risks and ramifications of abortion would be more traumatic than the rape. Lisa learned about the grief and depression that often continues for years, even decades, following an abortion, and how alcohol, drug abuse and even suicide rates increase dramatically for women who have an abortion.

Juana asked Lisa to watch a new endoscopic video together about gestational development called "See Baby Grow". With the education and support provided, Lisa agreed to an ultrasound and saw the miracle of her 11-week-old baby moving around in her womb. In that moment, Lisa knew she would keep her child, and thanked God that her abortion attempts had failed. "This baby is going to be special," says Marco. "Just think, four attempts to end the life of this child... the morning after pill, some strange tea, going to a doctor that she thought could do an abortion, and then to Planned Parenthood."

Through the storm, by God's grace, came the rainbow.

\*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality

Marco



Juanita Hernandez  
Hempstead Staff



Hello Everyone,

**ALL GLORY AND HONOR TO GOD!!!**

LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT and with the presence of sidewalk counselors, prayer warriors and the assistance of the counselors at the Women First Pregnancy Center, **WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN.**

We had two babies (that we know of) saved from abortion and eighteen women referred to Women First Pregnancy Center for counseling, pregnancy tests and baby items. Also, numerous Women First pamphlets were given to people entering Planned Parenthood and to people in the community.

The **40 Days for Life** closing vigil will take place on **April 20th at 11am** in front of the Hempstead Planned Parenthood. Father Lawrence of the CFR's will lead us in prayer. Please join us!

God Bless You,  
The Pro Bikers for Life

THE LIFE CENTER  
OF LONG ISLAND

*Change for Life*



**Our Mission...**

"To promote, encourage, and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life... from conception to natural death."

Donor Site: [www.lifecycleli.org](http://www.lifecycleli.org) • Client Site: [www.womenfirstpregnancyoptions.org](http://www.womenfirstpregnancyoptions.org)



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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 8, 2024  
The Annunciation of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We know that the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy can seem insurmountable. This is especially true when it feels like there is no support for a pregnant woman struggling to appreciate the precious gift of life she carries and may compel her towards a regrettable decision. But genuine empowerment of women comes only through recognizing the dignity of the human person at every stage of life and this is most poignantly illuminated through the blessings of motherhood.

In this, it is with great joy that I announce the **FIAT Pregnancy Support Program** at Catholic Health. This program, in partnership with the Diocese of Rockville Centre, comprises a dedicated help line designed to assist women access the **counsel, resources, and encouragement needed to choose life** when facing a pregnancy with unexpected or difficult circumstances. **The Pregnancy Support Team is available 24x7, 365 days of the year** to assist callers in accessing the services needed to help them see that every new life is a blessing, even when there are challenges.

Any expectant woman in need of help can call the FIAT Pregnancy Support Program and be confident that, **regardless of age, religion, immigration status or ability to pay**, she will receive compassionate, non-judgmental, and *life-affirming* care. Most of all, she can be assured that she will not be alone through her pregnancy, and she will not be abandoned after she delivers her child. If she is overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy, contemplating abortion pills on her college campus, distressed with an adverse prenatal diagnosis, experiencing a miscarriage, worried about feeding her child, regretting a past abortion or other pregnancy-related distress, FIAT is there to help her sort things out and get the care she needs. It only takes the courage of a phone call to find real hope: **631-476-LOVE (5683)**.

It is my prayer that the **FIAT Pregnancy Support Program** be recognized across the Diocese of Rockville Centre as the first step a woman takes when facing challenging circumstances during pregnancy. There are promotional materials available at every parish and on-line, but we ask for your help to make this resource known widely through your prayers, your witness, and your word-of-mouth, for every one of us has an important and serious responsibility to spread the Gospel of Life. Let FIAT lead the way.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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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

**APRIL 7, 2024**

**John David LaPoma**

Child of

Mr. and Mrs. D. LaPoma

**Noah Alexander Reyes**

Child of

Mr. and Mrs. C. Reyes

**APRIL 13, 2024**

**Luca Genaro Cerra-Ramirez**

Child of

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ramirez

### 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/>

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> BANN

**Vincenzo Ruggiero** - Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville, NY

**Gianna Loiacono** - St. Joseph's, Babylon, NY



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*

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## ADULT EDUCATION

### 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 APRIL

**APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> Mysticism and Miracles** Do miracles happen today and how do they factor into the big picture and the conversion of our hearts? How do we place evil and suffering in a greater and more effectively lived context? Are we at all aware of the Sacred Drama unfolding throughout history and are we processing personal and global trials in the context of that drama?

**APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> Sacrament of Marriage** (Extended Session) Whether you are thinking about marriage, getting married, married for many years, experiencing challenges or a crisis in your marriage, divorced, separated, or have children who are married, you will gain a great deal from this session!

**APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> The Blessed Mother** Called out of history, time, and eternity. Her fiat, her courage, her story.

**APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Topic) Social Justice** A rightly ordered perspective.  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Topic) **Bioethical Issues** How do we ethically distinguish between ordinary and extraordinary means of care? What is the Church's teaching on assisted nutrition and hydration? What is a Living Will and are there preferable options for Catholics who want to safeguard morally ethical treatment for themselves and their loved ones? What is Catholic teaching on Assisted Suicide ("Mercy Killing")? What is the Church's teaching on In Vitro Fertilization? Are there alternative means to treat infertility?

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)

### LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

DROP INS WELCOME!

ARTWORK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THIS PRESENTATION! A BEAUTIFUL VARIETY OF SAINT PRAYER CARDS & LARGE FRAMED PRINTS. OLM'S ADULT FORMATION TEAM IS EXCITED TO HOST ONE OF OLM'S GRADUATES!

## MYNDFULMYSTIC

FEATURING GRAPHIC ARTIST & OLM ALUMNUS: MATTHEW SMITH

### AN ARTISTIC EVENING

MON. APRIL 22 7:30-9PM

OUR LADY OF MERCY LOWER CHURCH MEETING HALL  
500 S. OYSTER BAY RD, HICKSVILLE NY 11801

Matthew, a 2010 OLM alumnus, recently donated an image of Bl. Frederic Ozanam to our community. Join him, as he goes into detail on his artistic process, what inspires him, and how he integrates his faith into his artwork both as a Brand Manager and entrepreneur. Catholic Saint prints and prayer cards will be for sale.



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MINISTRIES  
APPEAL  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith -  
Renewed by the Eucharist*



May 2024

Dear Parishioners,

As Catholics, we are called to spread the Good News to all those we meet. Jesus says to His Apostles (and all of us), *“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, until the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:19-20).

**How are you answering this call in your life?** As members of the Catholic Church on Long Island, we can answer this call and help spread the Faith to our youth and young adults, as well as many others who depend on us, by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Your gifts help to fund formation programs that bring people closer to Christ. One such program is **Camp Quo Vadis** for our youth. This camp is so vital to the mission of the Church because it quenches the spiritual thirst that so many young people on Long Island have. The more our young people seek out Christ and the more the Church helps them to navigate their journey—the better our future will be.



*“The camp revitalizes the faith by helping young people understand who God is and develops their relationship with Him. It keeps young people close to God by learning more through the sacraments by offering Mass and time for Eucharistic Adoration. Seeing their faith grow and seeing faith through the eyes of our youth strengthens my faith.”*

- Father Sean Magaldi, Vocations Director

There are many other ministries that are funded by the CMA. Ministries that not only help in the formation of youth and young adults, but also seminarians and those preparing for the Diaconate. I invite you to visit the website for the CMA to learn more about what the CMA does: <https://www.catholicministriesappeal.org/>.

Let us come together to spread the Good News to the people of God on Long Island, so that we can build a solid foundation for the future of our Catholic Community.

Please know that I thank you for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please know that no gift is too small, and every gift makes a difference in the lives of our young people - the now and the future of our Catholic Church.

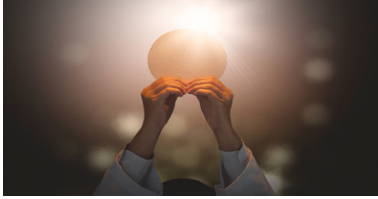
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Reverend John D. McCarthy*

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## PRAYER GROUP NEWS

*"Come let us worship and bow down.  
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker." Ps.95:6*



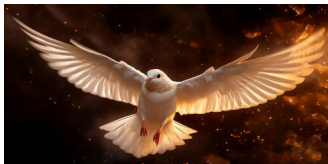
**Come and join  
Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Group  
for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
in atonement for the sin of abortion.  
During that time, we will be praying  
the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.**

**May 7, 2024**

**7:30 PM**

Our Lady's Chapel

**PLEASE JOIN US. ALL ARE WELCOME!**



  
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**Please join us for a Mass and Brunch Fund-  
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the Mass will be the  
Most Reverend Bishop John O. Barres,  
Bishop of Rockville Centre.**

**April 27, 2024 at 11:00AM  
St. Agnes Cathedral  
29 Quealy Pl, Rockville Centre, NY 11570**

**Contact:  
Barbara Kilarjian, (516) 678-5800,  
bkilarjian@drvc.org**



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**FOR SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024**

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*(Prior to the 8:00 am Holy Mass:*

*3 decades before the Holy Mass &  
2 decades after Holy Mass.)*

*Console the Immaculate Heart  
of your Most Sorrowful Mother  
and join us in praying for peace.*



## Pray for Vocations!

### Helpful Phone Numbers:

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- 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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# Holy Trinity Reverse Raffle

Saturday, April 27th at 6:30 pm

**Reverse Raffle Tickets: \$100**

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(based on 500 tickets sold)

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Questions? Contact

[htalumni@holyltrinityhs.org](mailto:htalumni@holyltrinityhs.org)

or

516-433-2900 x 177

[holyltrinityhs.org/reverse-raffle](http://holyltrinityhs.org/reverse-raffle)

Scan to  
buy tickets



## BOOK CLUB

**The Father Marty Happy Book Club  
will meet**

**Thursday, April 25**

**at 7:30 pm in**

**Our Lady's Chapel Meeting Room.**

**This month's book is**

**The Magnolia Palace**

by Fiona Davis.

For more information contact **Gina**

at 347-210-3158 or

**GMSepulveda17@gmail.com.**

*All readers are invited.*



## WHAT WE BELIEVE

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**"What a wonderful majesty!**

**What stupendous condescension!**

**O sublime humility!**

**That the Lord of the whole universe,**

**God and Son of God,**

**should humble Himself**

**like this under the form of**

**a little bread,**

**(which becomes His Body)**

**for our salvation."**

**St. Francis of Assisi**

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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 APRIL 14, 2024

Collections from our Masses was \$10,828.00, Collections that have come in through the Rectory Office by mail was \$1,850.00 and our Online Giving Collection total was \$1,413.00.

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

**Regular Offertory: \$13,616.00**

**Mercy's Future: \$80.00**

**Easter: \$395.00**

**Total Collection: \$14,091.00**

**God Bless Each and Every Good and Faithful Servant!**

**Thank you!**

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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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