

We come together as a community of faith to celebrate with praise and joy!

The Celebration of the Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 PM and Eve of Holydays 4:00-5:00 PM in the Church

Anytime by appointment-please call and speak with a priest.

On Becoming A Catholic

R.C.I.A. welcomes those interested in becoming a Catholic and/or anyone seeking to further their education in the Catholic Faith. Please leave your name and telephone number at the Rectory Office.

Parish Membership

All new families and individuals are welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the rectory 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

Communal Celebrations of Baptism are on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Beginning as of Sept 25th, 2016 All arrangements for Baptism must be made at the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

The Sacrament is celebrated on: Fridays: to be arranged. Saturdays: 10:30 AM, 12:30 and 2:30PM

Sundays: to be arranged. Arrangements must be made by personal appointment with one of the priests. Couples should make an appointment with the priest at least six months to a year in advance of the marriage date. Nuptial Masses as well as ceremonies are available on Friday and Saturday. Ceremonies only are available on Sunday.

Marriage Preparation Program at OLM

All engaged couples who plan to get married in the Catholic Church are required to complete **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.

FOCCUS dates for fall 2016 & spring 2017 are as follows: Sunday, Sept 25, 2016 at 6:45PM - Sunday, Feb 12, 2017 at 6:45PM. Fall Pre Cana Weekly format starts Friday October 28, 2016 at 7:30PM. Spring Pre Cana Weekend format runs Friday Mar 10 through Sunday, March 12, 2017

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament for the seriously ill and 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.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Parish priests and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the rectory to arrange for home visitation

Pastoral Council Members

Raymond Badra
Nick Perrotta
Timothy Snee
Donna Varney

To contact: pastoralcouncil@olmrcc.com

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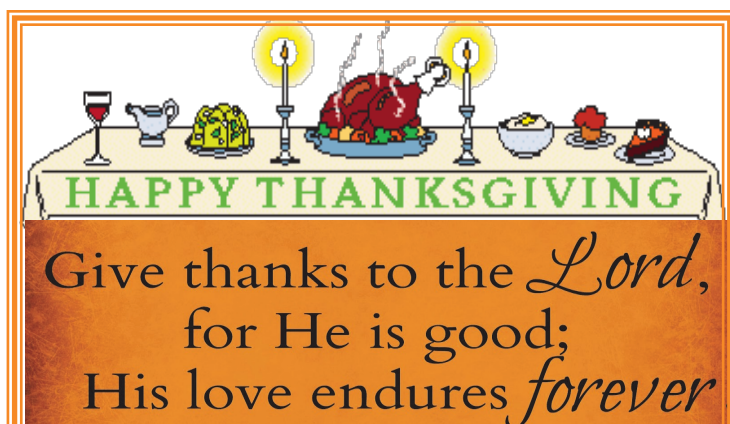
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Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us

Masses for the Week

Monday, Nov 21,

Rv 14:1-3,4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

7:00 AM Tirsa Lopez

8:00 AM Frederick Schober

9:00 AM Michael Marinaro, Sr



Tuesday, Nov 22,

Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

7:00 AM Helen D'Agostino

9:00 AM John Broderick

Wednesday, Nov 23,

Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

7:00 AM John Dettori

8:00 AM Joan Brancale

9:00 AM Jim Hegmann

Thursday, Nov 24,

Rv 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a/Lk 21:20-28

THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 AM Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

Friday, Nov 25,

Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33

7:00 AM Gloria Carroll, Sr.

8:00 AM Nina Emanuele

9:00 Am Linda Millis

Saturday, Nov 26,

Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

8:00 AM Pietrowski & Meyer Fams.

John Broderick

Donna L. Zappalla

Nancy Mulholland

Marie Coniguo (Healing)

4:30 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday, Nov 27,

Is 2:1-5/Pom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

7:30 AM Michael Ieronimo

9:00 AM Rose Loiacono

10:30 AM Rita & Albert Paul

12:00 PM Frank Donohue

5:30 PM Ralph Comunale

THE ATRIUM DOORS TO OUR LADY'S CHAPEL CHURCH ARE OPEN FROM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7am to 3pm



Loving Memory— You Rest In Peace— Mildred Crema, Giovannina Pellegrino, John P. Russo

the unborn and the victims of natural disasters throughout our country and the world.

Remember Our Sick Veronica Cocoman, Fr. Peter McCrann, SMM, Tommy Brown, Jim McCrann, Mary Lou Haggerty, Sam Canciola Jr., (Olivia Lo-Russo, Young Child), John Lombardi, Nancy Raber Lou Steinberg, Pauline Cristando, Thomas Grosso, Frank Cesare, Helene Crobet, James Sales, Sr. Annemarie Deane, Elizabeth Lyons

Long Term Illness: Please pray for our war casualties, all our sick, their caretakers, especially Sr. Joanne Deegan, Doris Repoli, Frances Linoli Sr. Patricia O'Connell, Vincent Perrone, Olivia Mannion, Lisa Pirrung, Lori Randazzo, Connie Naumann, Louis & Jean Venditto, Ellen Connors and all homebound and in nursing homes



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE
SECOND TIME**

Christopher Mascia—OLM and Jessie Ithler—St. Ignatius

William Mulligan—St. Anne Garden City, and Lauren Ingvoldstad—Formerly OLM

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20TH TO 26TH, 2016



**BREAD AND WINE
IN MEMORY OF
MARIE & ALEXANDRA ANDRE
DONATED BY
MARIE ANDRE**

**UC SANCTUARY LAMP
IN MEMORY OF
WILLIAM J. VILLELA
DONATED BY
NANCY & BOB RICCHINTI**



**LC SANCTUARY LAMP
IN MEMORY OF
ELAINE AMOROSO
DONATED BY
SONS & DAUGHTERS**

Brothers and Sisters:

This weekend one of our parishioners will be honored with the St. Agnes Medal at St. Agnes Cathedral. I am proud to announce that this year's recipient is Alice Fox. Alice has been active in so many ways over the years that she has made Our Lady of Mercy her home. Whether it's assisting in the cleaning of the altar linens or the sanctuary of the church, to working in our food pantry to working in the boutique Alice has shown herself to be a tireless member of our OLM family.



Thank you Alice for being a wonderful example of faith and good works! I must tell you, choosing a St. Agnes Medal recipient is not an easy task. It's not because we don't have enough worthy recipients –it's because we have too many! Alice is one of too many to name who do so much for us and our community. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who work to make our parish such an outstanding place! Here let me include a special thank you to all the ladies who work in our Boutique and to the men and women who give their time and talent in our Parish Social Ministry program. Thank you all for every act of kindness and for your tireless efforts to reach out to those in need!

Let me wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! I hope and pray that this very American feast will be a time to celebrate family, friends and of course (my favorite) FOOD! Thank you to all who participated in the drive for food for our pantry and the creation of Thanksgiving Baskets. Every year the need becomes greater and resources thinner, but your generosity and the generosity of our brothers and sisters in our local parishes helps fill the gap. We need to remember that in a land of opportunity and plenty there are still many who are struggling to make ends meet and many who can't find adequate work. Hunger is not just a problem at the holidays, but 365 days a year.

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to our Thanksgiving Mass. This is one of my favorite celebrations as we gather to give thanks, not because we have to, but because we want to! So please, before you get on the road to visit family or get too involved in the kitchen, pop the bird in the oven and come and join us. The Mass will be at 9:00 am. It is the only Mass that day. Our choirs have been working hard to prepare beautiful music. What better way to truly give thanks than to come to our family table to give thanks to the one who is the giver of all good gifts: God!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This feast marks the end of our liturgical year and the beginning of a new year with the First Sunday of Advent next weekend. The New Year is marked by a new cycle of readings from scripture. It is also the official end of the Year of Mercy established by Pope Francis. This weekend we complete cycle C readings and the emphasis on our Sunday gospel readings from Luke and next week we begin cycle A with the Gospel readings coming from the gospel of Mark.

This Solemnity was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in response to World War I and a growing nationalism that ultimately lead to the Second World War a few years later. Coming out one of the darkest periods to date in world history where the world saw war on a global scale, Pope Pius saw the need to refocus humanities gaze not on political power, but on God's true and eternal power. With the Second Vatican Council the solemnity was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time to mark the end of the Liturgical year. The celebration highlights Jesus as our King and Shepherd and this week's gospel is the wonderful parable of the sheep and the goats. From Jesus time even until today, Shepherds graze sheep and goats together. The goats needing warmth at night and the sheep preferring to the open air, the herds are separated. To Jesus community this would have been a normal sight. Sheep were a more valuable commodity as well. More attention would be given to them since both wool and meat could provide so much more. In the parable the sheep are given the privileged position of being on the right side of the shepherd since they had the greater value.

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This week's readings have a strong eschatological (the end of time) emphasis. Naturally, this is a reflection of the feast we celebrate, but also prepares us for the beginning of Advent which starts next Sunday. The Church asks us to look at our lives and take stock of where we are at in preparing to meet the Lord on judgment day. Like the sheep and the goats spoken of in the parable we will be asked to give an account of our actions in this life. This year I think this reading is especially significant given the Jubilee we have been celebrating. The list of characterizations of a good and faithful member of the Lord's flock has come to be known as the 'Corporal Works of Mercy'. So how have we done in this Jubilee Year? Have we grown more merciful? Are we Merciful like the Father, as Pope Francis has challenged us to be? Do we love our neighbor as our self? Just because the Jubilee Year is ended, the call to be merciful has not. If anything, this year should have refocused each of us for the enduring need for each of us to be more merciful. Today, as we begin to prepare to celebrate a new year in the life of the Church, let's keep the jubilee going! If each of us can be more merciful like the Father, how much more will God be prepared to say to us, "Come you who are blessed and enter the Kingdom prepared for you!"

Peace
Fr. Steve

**Our Lady of Mercy Joseph Lamb Council
Knights of Columbus
200 Christmas Club**

⌘ \$50 PER TICKET

⌘ MULTIPLE DRAWINGS

- Sept 25
- Oct 25
- Nov 25
- Dec 4

⌘ TO PARTICIPATE
CONTACT MIKE KENNEY

- E-Mail: mjkenney32@gmail.com
- Phone: (516)770-3904

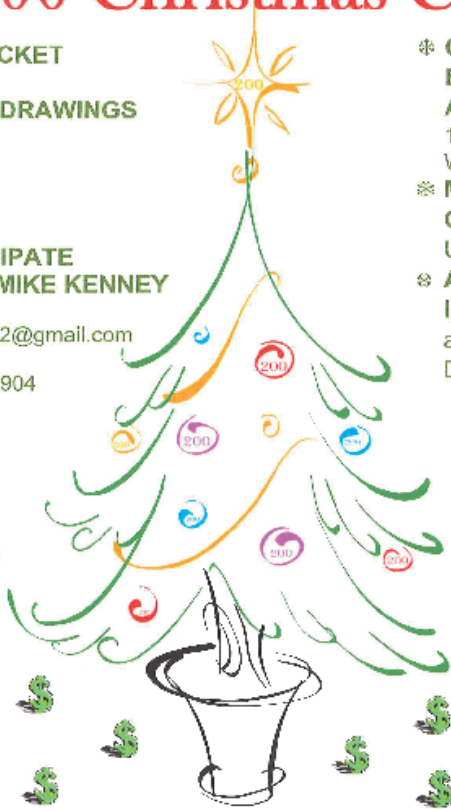
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AT \$50 EACH

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Winning a Cash Prize

⌘ MULTIPLE
CASH PRIZES
Up to \$1,500.00

⌘ ALL WINNERS
INVITED to Attend
a Special Christmas
Dinner

**Make
This
Christmas
Season
Extra
Exciting!**



**You Must
Be In It
to Win It
Don't
Miss Out!**



**WIN EXTRA MONEY
For the Christmas Season**



***Our Lady of
Mercy is step-
ping into the
21st Century!!***

Look for the OLM Parish

App

Coming the Weekend of De-
cember 2 & 3rd!!

On Stewardship Spirituality

Living Stewardship

Accountability

Sacrificial Giving
Offertory

Weekly Offering for:

- ◆ November 13, 2016: \$18,780
- ◆ November 15, 2015: \$14,802

Stewardship Spirituality is
faith in action.

Stewardship Prayer

Creator God,
At Baptism, we accepted the
call to follow Jesus.
Be with us as we move along
on our faith journey.
Send us your Holy Spirit,
that we might have wisdom
for the journey.
Help us to develop and share
our gifts as good stewards,
that we may use them in love
and service in your Kingdom.
We ask this through Christ,
our Lord, Amen.

Belong More Deeply

“Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light... in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” - Colossians 1:12-14

As we practice Stewardship Spirituality, we find that we grow in our relationship with God and our faith is deepened. As we come together this Thanksgiving, and then begin to prepare for Christmas through Advent, let’s take time to consider all the blessings we receive from God, and how we in turn thank God for His blessings.

Why Give Thanks?

Whether you Thank God or good fortune, you know that much of what you value most in life you have not earned on your own. It is a gift. *Really, you say, how is that?* No, it’s not *that* conversation. But it is to say that when we stop to consider the source of all that we have, and how we have come to where we are in our lives—if we truly understand that our abilities and our talents are gifts—then we understand that they are gifts to be shared gratefully acknowledged.

Once we understand the importance of the gifts we have received, we are able to see the importance of the gifts we give. It is easy to give to family and friends, of course, but our gifts are also important to those in need, and they are important to the future of our world.

Stewardship of our time talent and treasure is not limited to the Church. When we give of ourselves in the community, we are being stewards of God’s world. We can use the talents afforded us to accomplish great things. And the best way to give thanks for the priceless gifts we have received is to generously of them in return.

The Steward gives, not out of obligation or duty, but out of thanksgiving—the recognition that they are the recipient of something wonderful that should be shared. Take time this Thanksgiving week to respond to the call—as stewards and disciples of Christ—to thank God for all His great gifts.

Happy Thanksgiving!

~Contact us at SerenaOnStewardship@gmail.com for more on Stewardship!



In all things, Give Thanks, with A Grateful heart...



Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us



Our Lady of Mercy School
Faith ~ Academics ~ Service



Nursery - Grade 8, students at OLM said a thank you prayer, lit a candle to remember those less fortunate, and enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving feast due to the efforts of Mrs. Gorman and some very generous parents who assisted her!

Thank you, God of love, for the many gifts you have given us.
Help each of us take time to recognize these gifts
and work toward developing them.

May we be willing to reach out to others and share our many blessings. Amen.



Round 1 of Welcome Wednesday: Open Houses for the 2017-2018 School Year

- ◊ November 30th.....9:00 - 10:30 AM
- ◊ December 7th.....12:30 - 2:00 PM
- ◊ December 14th9:30 - 11:00 AM
- ◊ Other times by Appointment



TGIF Winners	November 18: \$100 - Begley Family (Grades 1, 4, and 6) \$75 - Gioglio Family (Grades 2 and 4) \$50 - Lino Family (Grade 7)
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Committed to educating students to become Christ Centered, Academically Strong,
Christian and Servant Leaders, Responsible Citizens

Our Lady of Mercy School thanks you for your continued financial and prayerful support.



Christmas Fundraiser 2016

Our Lady of Mercy School

516-433-7040

Below is an order form for our Annual Wreath Sale. The Wreaths come in many different styles and colors. Handmade of live brush, these wreaths are ideal for homes and businesses. In addition, we are offering decorated blankets, crosses, and window or door swags. The wreaths are made with quality fresh Fraser Fir branches.

With your order, you are supporting our school and we Thank You!!!

If you are interested in ordering with us, please return the completed order form below with your payment no later than **Wednesday, Nov. 23**. No orders will be accepted after that date. You may pick up your order at school on **Wednesday, Nov. 30** from 11:30am - 1:00pm and 3:00pm - 6:00pm. If you are not able to come during these scheduled times, feel free to call and let us know.

Have a Holy Christmas !!!

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Phone 1: _____
 Address: _____ Phone 2: _____

Description	Aprox. Size	QUANTITY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL COST
18" Decorated Wreath	18" diam.		18.00	
22" Decorated Wreath	22" diam.		27.00	
18" PREMIUM- Red Velvet	18" diam.		30.00	
Burgundy Velvet			30.00	
Mauve			30.00	
Plaid			30.00	
Silver			30.00	
Gold			30.00	
22" PREMIUM- Red Velvet	22" diam		39.00	
Burgundy Velvet			39.00	
Mauve			39.00	
Plaid			39.00	
Silver			39.00	
Gold			39.00	
Christmas Door Swag (red velvet) Vertical	20" hanging down		20.00	
Christmas Arch (red velvet) Horizontal Swag	28" across		30.00	
Cross - SMALL	1 ¼' x 2'		25.00	
Cross - MEDIUM (ORIGINAL SIZE)	2' x 3"		30.00	
Cross PREMIUM - Red Velvet	2' x 3"		39.00	
Pillow	13 ½" x 2 ¼"		29.00	
Blanket - Poinsettia Decorated	2 x 3 ½'		39.00	
Blanket - Premium	2 x 3 ½'		49.00	
Nativity Blanket	2 x 3 ½'		49.00	
TOTAL				

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us

Parish Services

Serving with Mercy

Mary Anne Scott

Thanksgiving Prayer



*Oh God, when I have food,
 Help me to remember the hungry;
 When I have work, help me
 To remember the jobless;
 When I have a warm home,
 Help me to remember the homeless;
 When I am without pain,
 Help me to remember those who suffer;
 And remembering, help me
 To destroy complacency
 And bestir my compassion.
 To help, by word and deed,
 Those who cry out
 For what we take for granted.*

Samuel F. Pugh

May you all be blessed with a joyous Thanksgiving Day shared with family and friends. Our Thanksgiving food distribution was completed yesterday. Thank you to all the donors and volunteers who made this possible. Any donations received now will be used for our Christmas distributions. Thank you for your generosity.



Giving Trees will be set up this Friday, November 25

Please consider joining with Parish Services and the parish St. Vincent DePaul Conference as part of your family’s Advent preparations for Christmas. The trees are decorated with tags listing types of gift cards needed for the people we serve. Please return the gift cards by December 9 to the Rectory or Parish Services office.

Medical Insurance-Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for 2017 coverage has begun and continues until January 31, 2017. Assistance is available through Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council local sites (St. Joseph’s Hospital, Bethpage-Nov. 28 at 4pm) on a first come-first served basis. An appointment can also be made to meet with a Navigator on L.I. by calling Community Service Society of NY at 1-888-614-5400 or Public Health Solutions at 1-646-632-5986. You can also enroll by phone by calling NY State of Health Customer Service Support at 1-888-355-5777. More information is available on the website www.coverage4healthcare.com.

Food Pantry needs: Canned fruit, shelf-stable milk, pasta meals & soap (bars). Thank you!

Parish Services	931-1306
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30AM-12:00PM, 1:00-4:30PM	
Pantry Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 1:30-3:30PM	
Wednesday & Friday 9:30-11:30AM	
Last Saturday of month 9:30-11:30AM—call to confirm date	

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Presider's Schedule for Weekend of Nov 26th — 27th, 2016

Presider Fr. Nasir G. Fr. P. Flanagan Fr. P. Flanagan Fr. Nasir G. Fr. P. Grace Fr. P. Grace

LifeNews.Com

New York Times Wants Nursing Homes to Starve Patients to death “Without Asking Permission”

If there is any aspect of the culture of death not supported and promoted by the *New York Times*, I haven't seen it.

Now, Paula Span, the Gray (Ashen?) Lady's “The New Old Age” columnist pushes suicide by starvation, known in euthanasia parlance as “voluntary stop eating and drinking.”

It is worth nothing here that Compassion and Choices, formerly known more honestly as the Hemlock Society, promotes VSED even for healthy elderly people who want to die.

Euthanasia death zealots have pushed various methods of becoming dead for a long time, of course. But it is shocking that a columnist on elderly issues for the nation's most prominent newspaper would join so enthusiastically in under the pretext of describing a VSED conference she attended. *From, “The VSED Exit: A Way to speed Up Dying Without Asking Permission:”*

Unlike aid with dying, now legal in five states, it doesn't require governmental action or physicians' authorization. Patients don't need a terminal diagnosis, and they don't have to prove mental capacity. They do need resolve. :It's for strong willed, independent people with very supportive families,” said Dr. Timothy Quill, a veteran palliative care physician at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

This is suicide by starvation, and it is agonizing. That is why it usually requires a doctor to provide palliation to make the process bearable. But that is assisting suicide just as much as supplying poison pills.

As I have written previously, death zealots even want nursing homes *required to starve their patients* to death who become incompetent if so instructed in as advance directive:

The question grows much murkier for patients with dementia or mental illness who have specified VSED under certain circumstances through advance directives. Several states, including Wisconsin and New York, forbid health care surrogates to stop food and fluids. (Oregon legislators, on the other hand, are considering drafting a bill to allow surrogates to withhold nutrition.)

Advance directives give instructions about medical treatments wanted or unwanted. Spoon feeding is not a medical treatment. It is humane care. Imagine the deleterious impact on the healthcare sector if those who wish to become nurses and caregivers knew they could be forced to starve their patients to death, even when they willingly eat and drink. The entire article fails to present one voice arguing against VSED, but sure boosts it:

A 2003 study of hospice nurses in Oregon who had cared for VSED patients. Rating their deaths on a scale from 0 to 9 (a very good death), the nurses assigned a median score of 8.

Nearly all of the Patients died within 15 days. The slower pace of death from fasting, compared with ingesting barbiturates, gives people time to say goodbye and, for the first few days, to change their minds. Several conference speakers described patients who had fasted and stopped a few times before continuing until death.

Geriatric depression is a terrible problem in our society. The last thing depressed oldsters need is a writer on aging issues pushing self-starvation as a splendid way out.

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SAVE THE DATE



**Come One, Come All, Be Happy, Be Merry
Attend Our Lady of Mercy's Annual
Crèche and Christmas Tree
Blessing, Lighting, and
Birthday Party for Jesus**

**Saturday December 3rd 2016
After the 4:30 Mass Outside By Our
Convent Driveway**

- ★ Beautiful Tree
- ★ Lots of Lights
- ★ Christmas Carols
- ★ Visit From Santa
- ★ Treat for the Kids
- ★ Hot and Cold Refreshments
- ★ Cookies
- ★ Birthday Cake
- ★ Fun For All



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IN AN UNFORGETTABLE WAY
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And Knights Of Columbus**



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**SUPER BONANZA WINNERS 2016
OUR LADY OF MERCY**

We are pleased to announce the following winners:



Nov 11, 2016 - \$25.00	Gerald F. O'Connell	San Jose CA
Nov 12, 2016 - \$25.00	Genevieve Collins	Hicksville
Nov 13, 2016 - \$25.00	M/M Phil Battista	Plainview
Nov 14, 2016 - \$25.00	Kathy Delakas	Oyster Bay
Nov 15, 2016 - \$25.00	M/M James Sabation	Syosset
Nov 16, 2016 - \$25.00	Andrew Baran	Hicksville
Nov 17, 2016 - \$25.00	Donna Louch	Jefferson NY

Congratulations to the winners, your ticket has been returned to the drum, and you have many more opportunities to win. Checks are being mailed to our winners this week

**SUPER BONANZA CONTINUES
FOR 2017**

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NEW SUPER BONANZA RAFFLE REGISTRATION

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Telephone _____

TO REGISTER, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN
WITH A \$25.00 DONATION

FIRST DRAWING JANUARY 1ST, 2017

Last week we mailed out the letters for Super Bonanza for the 2017 year. If you would like more cards you can find them in the plastic racks in the Church or you can pick them up in the Rectory. Thank you and Good Luck.

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NEW SUPER BONANZA!!

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PRIZES AWARDED DAILY FROM JANUARY 1 st THROUGH DECEMBER 31 st 2017			
Daily	\$25.00	July 4 th	\$500.00
Monthly	\$100.00	Thanksgiving Day	\$500.00
January 1 st	\$500.00	Christmas Day	\$750.00
Feast of Our Lady of Mercy	\$800.00		

You can win 362 times! Winners will be posted weekly in our Parish Bulletin.

MEMORIALS HYMNAL BOOKS

We are still accepting forms for the Memorial Hymnal Books. If you are interested in having yours, or your family's name inscribed you can stop by the Rectory and fill out the form.



BOOK CLUB MEETING

The book club will meet on Monday, November 28th, at 7:30pm, in Our Lady's Chapel meeting room. This months book selection is **White Walls** by **Judy Battalion**. All readers are welcome.

WE WANT YOUR BOXTOPS!!

Our Lady of Mercy School collects Box Tops year round to help support our education needs. We Thank you for your support. Collection bins are in the church for you to conveniently drop off your box tops when you come to mass. Please continue to bring in your box tops from the products you use at home or office. We appreciate your continued support for our school! Please keep them coming. For more information visit: www.btfe.com **THANK YOU!**



**YOUTH MINISTRIES
WYLDLIFE NEWS**



for Schedule go to:

youthministryolm.weebly.com



We meet twice a month on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in OLM Gym!

OUR LADY OF MERCY
&
ANGELS OF MERCY

OUR 3RD ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE
STARTING OCTOBER 10, 2016

ANGELS

WE WILL BE COLLECTING:
NEW AND GENTLY USED:
SCARVES, GLOVES, HATS
& "ONLY NEW SOCKS"!!

PLEASE WHILE SHOPPING AROUND INCLUDE A SET OF ONE OF THESE ITEMS
TO HELP MAKE THIS WINTER BE A LITTLE WARMER FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE.
ALL ITEMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH OUR "PARISH OUTREACH SERVICES"
THE ANGELS OF MERCY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH IN OUR LOWER CHAPEL WITH REFRESHMENTS ALWAYS SERVED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: ANGELA MANZI - 938-8106/JUSTKAUZE@AOL.COM

CIRCLE OF MERCY GALA

On Friday, December 2nd , at 8PM, OLM is kicking off a Wine and Cheese night!

OLM Parents and Parishioners are invited to socialize, enjoy refreshments, and purchase your Gala ticket for an Early Bird Discounted Price!

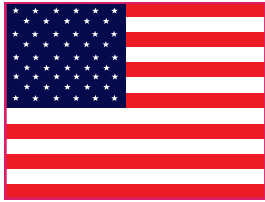
More details to follow! Kindly RSVP with name of guests to circleofmercygala@gmail.com

**YOUTH MINISTRY
LIFE Teen NEWS**

Life Teen has started for all High School Students!

We meet twice a month *right after 5:30 Mass in the Lower Church.*

For details & full schedule go to: youthministryolm.weebly.com



PRAYER FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

As we live daily enjoying the freedom of this country, many loved ones are giving themselves with unselfish love in places of perilous action. Lord, hold in your loving hands our troops and all those who try to respond to the needs of the less fortunate throughout the world. Bless them and their families for the unselfish acts they perform as they attempt to alleviate many global concerns. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. AMEN. (follow with Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

**SUPERMARKET GIFT CERTIFICATES
Thank You!**

To All Parishioners: GIFT CERTIFICATES may be purchased in the rectory during the week at regular office hours. Sales this past week were \$1325.00, of this the Parish earned \$66.25, **If you do not use supermarket dollars, please give it a try! Ask those who use it, how convenient it is!**

Unclaimed Supermarket Gift Ticket

as of: 11-14-2016

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Won by:

Mr. Fischer*



**Helping the Poor
Society of 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. 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 and candle 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The 2017 search is underway for

Longest Married Couple in the U.S.

Do you think you know who they are?

Maybe it's your parents... grandparents...

That nice couple who live down the street...

Nominating a couple is easy! Just send their names, wedding date and where they live and your contact information to:

wwmelmc2017@gmail.com

Nominations accepted until January 10, 2017.

Winners will be announced February 2017 to celebrate World Marriage Day.

Nominate a couple you know today!

Organizations

Music Ministries

OLM Adult Chamber Choir: Meets Tuesday afternoons at 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Upper Church.

OLM Children's Choir: Meets Wednesday afternoons at 2:45-3:30 PM in the School Music Room.

OLM Folk Group: Meets Sundays after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Lower Church.

OLM Rock Group: Meets Monday evenings at 8-10 PM in the Upper Church.

Parish Organizations

Angels of Mercy: Meet on 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 call Angela Manzi - 938-8106 or JUSTKKAUZE@AOL.COM

Hicksville/OLM Senior Club: Meets on Mondays 11:00AM-3 PM at the Bethpage Senior Center. For information contact Joan at 938-4261.

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. Phone: (516)405-OHNS(0467). Email: olmholyname@aol.com Web: www.olmholyname.org

Knights of Columbus: The Our Lady of Mercy Joseph F. Lamb Council # 5723 Knights of Columbus meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria. For information contact Jim Raber, Grand Knight, at 516/695-1022, or Kevin McAvoy, Deputy Grand Knight at 516/996-3489

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

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

OLM Ushers: If interested in becoming an Usher, please contact Jim Decker at 516/933-8143 or email at jimdecker@verizon.net

OLM Youth Council for Parish Sport. Contact Chris Fox at cfox411@icloud.com

Prayer Group: Prayer meetings are held on Tuesdays

at 7:30 PM in the Lower Church.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Contact the Rectory for information (931-4351 X 326).

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

Thrift Boutique: Mon-Sat 9:30 AM — 1:00 PM located in The Trailer Building

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous Groups

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:

Closed Meeting every Monday: 4:30-5:30 PM in the Convent Basement.

Step Meeting every Thursday: 4:30-5:30 PM in the Convent Basement.

Al-Anon:

Adult Children meet on Friday evenings: 7:30-10:00 PM in the School Cafeteria.

Emotions Anonymous:

Meets on Thursdays at 8-10 PM in the Convent Basement.

Families Anonymous:

Meets on Wednesdays at 7:30-9:30 PM. Convent Basement.

