



# OUR LADY OF MERCY

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy

April 27, 2025

### PASTORAL TEAM

#### **Administrator**

Reverend Rejimon K. Benedict, OIC

#### **Associate Pastors**

Reverend Joseph J. Nixon

Reverend Joseph Noble, OIC

#### **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 and 4:30 PM

#### **Sunday**

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

#### **Family Mass**

10:30 AM

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

7:00 and 9:00 AM /

Rosary after 9:00 AM Mass

#### **Holydays**

5:00 PM the evening before /

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

#### **National Holidays**

7:00 and 9:00 AM

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

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

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass

### RECTORY HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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

Rectory Office Open Saturdays and Sundays 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

#### **Rectory**

516-931-4351 Ext: 210

Fax: 516-433-8702

#### **Religious Education**

516-681-1228 Ext: 213

#### **Parish Services**

516-931-1306

Fax: 516-681-1527

#### **EMERGENCY ONLY**

516-782-1557

## 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**

O.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 and Pre Cana**

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

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

#### **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

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 27**

Acts 5:12-16 / Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / Jn 20:19-31

**7:30 AM** † Manetta and Cona Families -  
Living and Deceased

**9:00 AM** † Arthur Crisci

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

**12:00 PM** † Maria and Giuseppe Giorlandino

**5:30PM** For the Parishioners of  
Our Lady of Mercy

**Monday, April 28**

Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8

**7:00 AM** † Rose and John Secreti

**9:00 AM** † Michael Doncer

**Tuesday, April 29**

Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15

**7:00 AM** † Michael Walsh

**9:00 AM** † Roseann Ruvollo

**Wednesday, April 30**

Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

**7:00 AM** † Michael Lee

**9:00 AM** † Ro and Terry Catalano

**Thursday, May 1**

Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36 / Gn 1:26—2:3 / Mt 13:54-58

**7:00 AM** † Angela, Paul, and Joseph Manetta and  
Angelo Saggese and Family Living and Deceased

**9:00 AM** † Frank Scala

**Friday, May 2**

Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15

**7:00 AM** † Margaret Clark

**9:00 AM** † Barbara DeGregorio

**Saturday, May 3**

1 Cor 15: 1-8 / Jn 4:6-14

**8:00 AM** † Albert Buff

† Paul Manteria

† Jillian Bert

† Evelyn Milano

Diane Braccia and Debbie Graziosi and Family  
For Healing - Living and Deceased

**4:30 PM** † Patrick Kilkenny

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

Sheila Ort, Mattia Marino, Robert Michael Eaton, Margaret Kelly, George Michel, Jillian Bert, Lois Zaccardo, the unborn, the victims of war, natural disasters through out our country and the world.

**Prayer Intentions:** Let us pray for our nation, no matter where we stand politically or our beliefs, we will not resolve our differences with acts of violence.

May God bless America, her leaders and people to unity and healing as One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### Long Term Sick List

Please pray for our veterans, all our sick, their caretakers, especially, Barbara and Bill Stalter, Susan Bennett, Joe Vacca, Maria Cotromano, Dina Velez, Sally DelVicario, Joe Olive,

Rosemarie Casdia, Stephen Stark, William Ferguson, Ted Cioffi,

Nelson W. Castro, Otto Schmidtman, Bob Werner,

Patricia Barbera, Matthew Myer, Johnny Martin, JoAnn Mackin,

Infant Hazel Lily Masotti-May, Lillian Bock, Brian Berardelli,

Charlie Masterton, Pat Siniscalchi,

Claudine Costa-Soto, John M, Malachy McNamee,

Carmen and Joseph Wilkonski, Jim McCrann, Maria Biancamano, Lucia Flavin, Janet McHugh, Angela Vacca-Trivitis, Kathleen Schwab,

Marion Fox, Larry Freiberg, and all homebound and in  
rehabilitation /nursing homes.

### Short Term Sick List

Kathy Dolan, Collette O'Donnell, Michael Wood,

Jeanine Margiotta, Joan McQuire, Amy Lesieur,

Mickey the Cook, Lorraine Maher, Ian Haberman,

Eileen Nalepa, Maureen Decker, Frank Spinelle, Irene Arcas,

Anthony DeGennaro, Alice Johnson, Nancy Dettori, Margaret Clark,

Bill Gundel, Patrick Krammer, Frank Henry,

Baby Macklin Staples

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.

### WEEK OF APRIL 27 - MAY 3



### U.C. and L.C. SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of:

ATTIVISSIMO and KARASSIK FAMILIES



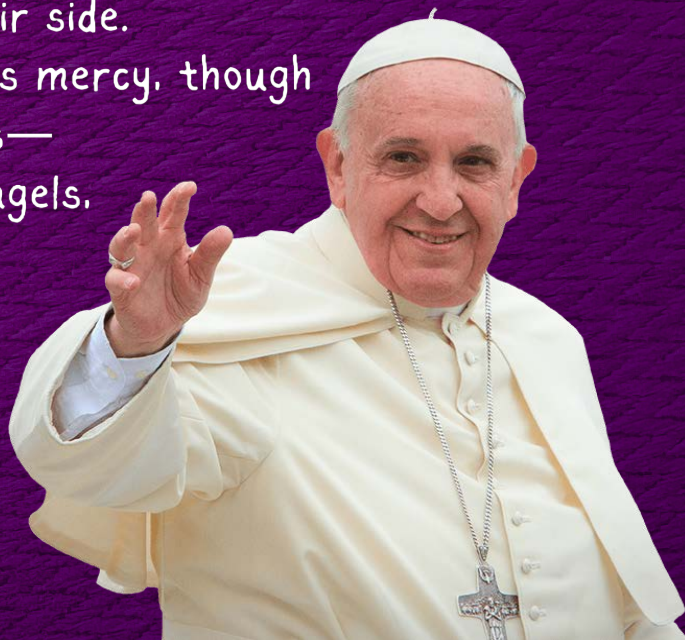
**HE IS RISEN!**  
**ALLELUIA!!!**

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# We Miss you

“ We miss you, Pope Francis,  
your light so pure and kind.  
A shepherd of compassion,  
with peace upon your mind.  
You walked with grace among us,  
with arms so open wide.  
Lifting up the broken,  
standing always by their side.  
Your voice still whispers mercy, though  
you're beyond the skies—  
A soul now with the angels,  
where love never dies.



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## A LETTER FROM FR. JOSEPH NOBLE, OIC

### From Fear to Faith: Encountering the Risen Christ

Dear OLM Family Members,

The Gospel of **John 20:19-31**, presents one of the most powerful post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. The disciples are gathered behind locked doors, paralyzed by fear, when suddenly, Jesus stands among them and says, **"Peace be with you"** (John 20:19). This moment transforms them from frightened followers into bold witnesses. Yet, one disciple, Thomas, is absent and refuses to believe until he sees and touches Jesus himself. A week later, Jesus appears again, inviting Thomas to put his hands in His wounds, leading to Thomas' profound declaration: **"My Lord and my God!"** (John 20:28).

This passage, often known for **"Doubting Thomas,"** is much more than a lesson about belief. It is about how Jesus meets us in our fear, doubt, and weakness, offering us His peace and the invitation to trust Him. This theme is echoed in Acts 5:12-16, where the once-fearful disciples now boldly proclaim the Gospel, and in Revelation 1:9-19, where the Risen Christ appears in glory to John, dispelling fear with His divine presence.

How often do we find ourselves locked in fear—fear of the unknown, fear of failure, fear of suffering? Jesus' first gift to His disciples is not a plan of action, but peace. He does the same for us. He enters the locked doors of our hearts, offering the peace that the world cannot give. But we must allow Him in.

Jesus doesn't just bring peace—He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, empowering them for mission: **"As the Father has sent me, so I send you"** (John 20:21-22). The once-timid disciples become courageous messengers of the Gospel, as seen in Acts 5:12-16. No longer hiding, they now heal the sick and boldly proclaim Christ, despite opposition.

This is the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. We, too, are called to move from fear to mission. The world needs witnesses of Christ's mercy, and we are sent, just as the first disciples were.

Thomas was absent when Jesus first appeared. Perhaps he was grieving alone, struggling to process everything that had happened. When told of the resurrection, he refuses to believe without physical proof. A week later, Jesus meets Thomas in his doubt, inviting him to touch His wounds. Thomas responds with the greatest profession of faith: **"My Lord and my God!"**

Thomas represents all of us in moments of doubt. Sometimes, faith feels difficult, and we struggle to trust in Christ's presence. But notice that Jesus does not reject Thomas—He meets him where he is and gently invites him deeper into faith. Jesus does the same with us, revealing Himself in ways that strengthen our belief.

The same Risen Christ who appeared to the disciples also appears to John in Revelation 1:9-19. John, now in exile, sees Jesus in His full glory—His face shining like the sun, His voice like rushing waters. Overwhelmed, John falls at His feet, but Jesus reassures him: **"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I was dead, and now look; I am alive forever and ever!"** (Revelation 1:17-18).

Jesus' victory over death is not just a past event—it is an eternal reality. He reigns in power and walks among His people. His words to John remind us that no matter what trials we face, He is with us. When you feel overwhelmed, meditate on Jesus' words: **"Do not be afraid."** Trust in His victory and presence in your life.

Jesus tells Thomas, **"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe"** (John 20:29). This blessing extends to all of us. Unlike the first disciples, we do not see Jesus physically, but we encounter Him in the Eucharist, in Scripture, in the love of others, and in the quiet stirrings of our hearts. Faith is not about having all the answers—it is about trusting in the One who is faithful.

The journey from fear to faith is one we all walk. Like the disciples, we may struggle with fear. Like Thomas, we may wrestle with doubt. But Jesus meets us where we are, offering His peace, His Spirit, and His presence. He calls us to trust in Him, to be transformed by His love, and to go forth as witnesses to the world.

As we continue through the Easter season, let us open our hearts to the Risen Christ. Let us allow **His peace to replace our fears, His Spirit to empower our mission, and His love to deepen our faith.** And may we, like Thomas, proclaim with conviction: **"My Lord and my God."**

**Fr. Joseph Noble OIC**

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

**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.

Almsgiving is our response to Jesus' teaching that encourages us to reach out to those in need. Cultivating the spirit of generosity helps put us in communion with others and to understand that we are all members of the Body of Christ. Below are some suggestions:

- Pray for our neighbors who need support & strength as they struggle with unemployment, physical or mental disabilities, serious illness, family conflicts or homelessness.
- Call or visit a senior or disabled neighbor. Offer to transport him/her to Mass, medical appointment or supermarket.
- Place extra change in the poor boxes to help our neighbors in need.
- Make an Easter Card for a homebound or hospitalized senior. Simply sign "Our Lady of Mercy, name of class, or group".
- Include an extra food, toiletry or paper product for the pantry in your weekly shopping.
- Donate an Easter Basket to help us bring Joy to the children served by the pantry this Easter. Please call Barbara at (516) 495-9938 to be assigned a child and **kindly drop off the basket by April 6th.**
- Donate your free Shoprite ham, turkey breast, roaster chicken or a supermarket gift card.

**Pantry Needs: Canned soups, chili, beef stew, pork & beans, white beans, beets, pineapple, cereal, oatmeal, pancake syrup, rice/pasta sides, spices, ketchup, mayo, salad dressing, gravy, kids juice boxes, cookies, cake & brownie mixes, frostings, Jell-O & pudding, soap, deodorant, toilet paper, napkins.**

**Thanks for your continued support!**

**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)**

**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.**



**Second Sunday of Easter/  
Divine Mercy Sunday**

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says:

"Peace be with you!"

Indeed, the mercy of God centers our hearts in peace.



**In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Paul was able to help the poor celebrate the peace of Easter, by assisting many families by providing food, Easter baskets for the children and funds for utility and rent bills.**

**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.

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## ADULT EDUCATION

### LIFE-TRANSFORMING ADULT ED SESSIONS

AVAILABLE

**DROP BY AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS!**

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

No registration fee. Materials optional.

A comprehensive and dynamic Adult Ed Program for all adults who seek a better understanding of the Catholic Faith

**APRIL 6th** The Blessed Mother Called out of history, time, and eternity. Her fiat, her courage, her story.

**APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>** 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 Chuck Ruppert 864-680-5597



"Happiness is  
looking towards  
God,  
Sadness is  
looking towards  
yourself."

- Carlo Acutis, *The First  
Millennial Saint*

## 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 5, 2025**

**Valeria Alessandra Villalobos**

Child of Mr. and Mrs. C. Villalobos

**Miranda Sofia Villalobos**

Child of Mr. and Mrs. C. Villalobos

**APRIL 26, 2025**

**Millicent Regina Cerbone**

Child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cerbone

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE



**1<sup>st</sup> BANN**

**Ronald Fornino** - Our Lady of Lourdes, W. Islip, NY

**Gianna DeCarlo** - Our Lady of Lourdes, W. Islip, 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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## Ongoing Renovation

Renovations take who we are...  
...and what we already have  
and make changes and  
improvements!

Easter is a time to update who  
we already are  
by upgrading all the qualities  
that make us  
who God has  
uniquely created us to be.

It's a time to leave  
all of the stories, labels  
and judgments we've placed  
on ourselves  
in the tomb.

It's a time to come out  
into the light  
and become that person  
God created you to be:  
**Yourself!**

**Happy Easter!!!**

(adapted from Refresh and Renew Your Life, p 47)

## SACRED ART

“Sacred art is true and beautiful when its form corresponds to its particular vocation: evoking and glorifying, in faith and adoration, the transcendent mystery of God—the surpassing invisible beauty of truth and love visible in Christ, who “reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature,” in whom “the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.” This spiritual beauty of God is reflected in the most holy Virgin Mother of God, the angels, and saints. Genuine sacred art draws man to adoration, to prayer, and to the love of God, Creator and Savior, the Holy One and Sanctifier.”

### Visio Divina- Divine Seeing

The Resurrection

Visio Divina: Praying With Art



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon

Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

—John 20:1-9

**The Resurrection, C.1715-16, by Sebastiano Ricci,**  
Dulwich Picture Gallery

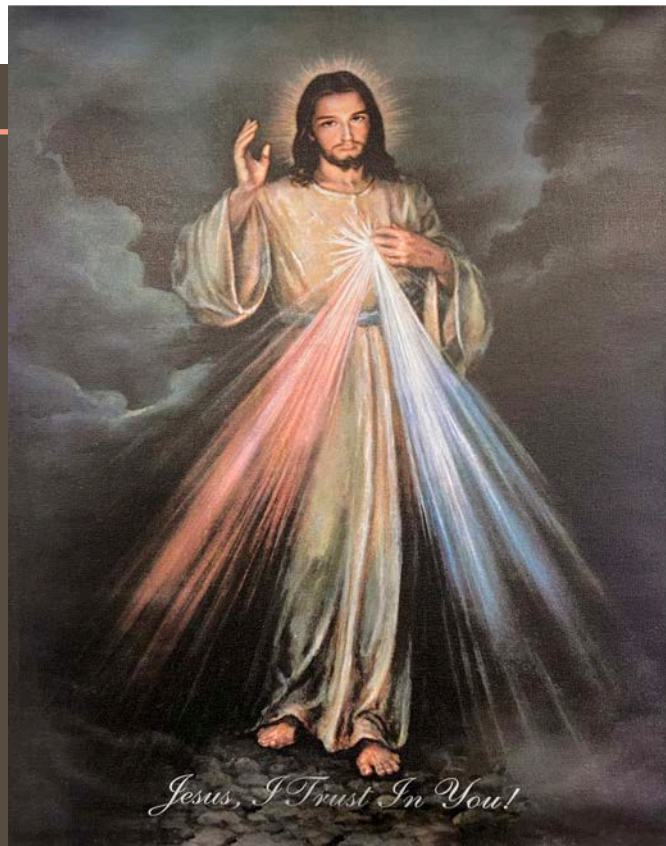
**Visio Divina.** Latin for “divine seeing.” It is simply the practice of incorporating seeing a work of art in prayer. Here we use our sense of sight and imagination while in prayerful contemplation. We can have a real spiritual encounter on how we see the beauty, truth and goodness in the world around us and grow in close relationship with God.

#### **5 Steps to the Practice of Visio Divina:**

Visio: Looking at the image  
Meditatio: Being attentive to God’s Word  
Oratio: Praying from the heart  
Contemplatio: Resting in God’s presence  
Actio: Asking God how to live out this prayer

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# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 27, 2025

3:00 PM

Upper Church

JOIN US AT OUR LADY OF MERCY FOR THE  
DEVOTION TO DIVINE MERCY

- Confessions
- Divine Mercy Chaplet



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## **JOIN US AS FR. LIAM MCDONALD PREPARES US TO MORE OPTIMALLY SHARE IN CHRIST'S MISSION**

**Effective guidance will be provided to aid our spiritual conversions, to grow in our faith, and to strengthen our personal relationship with Jesus.**



**Fr. Liam is well known throughout LI for his Healing Masses and his many talks on identifying our charisms and gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

Fr. Liam is the pastor of St. Therese of Lisieux parish in Montauk. Prior to this appointment, he served as Chaplain for Holy Trinity Diocesan H.S. and as Associate Pastor for Holy Family Parish in Hicksville. He currently serves as Chaplain for the Padre Pio Prayer Group, Life Center, Bikers for Life, and is a volunteer for the Montauk Fire. Dept. Father was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Rockville Centre in 2017.

**MONDAY APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> 2025 7:30-9PM\*LOWER CHURCH**

**OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH 500 S. OYSTER BAY RD. HICKSVILLE**

**LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. DROP INS WELCOME!**

**Contact Peggy Clores for more information:** [imcon630@aol.com](mailto:imcon630@aol.com)/516-317-1740

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## JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



### Pilgrimages

The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage **to any sacred jubilee site:**

- ➊ TO ONE OF THE FOUR MAJOR PAPAL BASILICAS
- ➋ TO ONE OF THE THREE BASILICAS IN THE HOLY LAND
- ➌ TO THE LOCAL CATHEDRAL OR CHURCH DESIGNATED BY THE LOCAL ORDINARY

from DECREE ON THE GRANTING OF THE INDULGENCE, POPE FRANCIS

**PRAY FOR  
ALL PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN THIS  
JUBILEE 2025**

*"Hope does not disappoint"*

Romans 5:5

### Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope

- ➊ Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral
- ➋ Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross
- ➌ Be spiritually detached from sin
- ➍ Receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- ➎ Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions

*"This is the Jubilee. This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord."*

POPE FRANCIS



The faithful of Long Island can attain this Plenary Indulgence by making a pilgrimage to

**THE CATHEDRAL  
of  
ST. AGNES**

*and praying at the*

**2025 JUBILEE YEAR CROSS**

*enshrined at the Cathedral and installed  
by Bishop John O. Barres.*



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Please Join Us

## Praying for Priests

United in Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday: April 29, 2025

Parishes of the Rockville Centre Diocese are answering Our Lady's Call to pray for our Shepherds. All are invited to adoration to pray for our priests by name



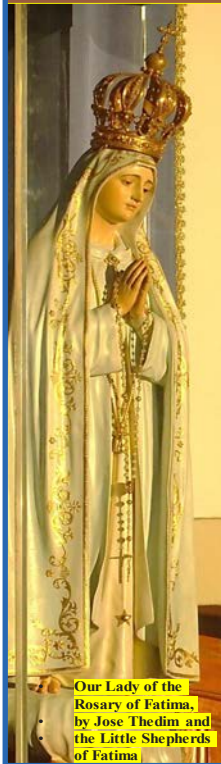
**\*Eucharistic Adoration Open Hours at  
Our Lady of Mercy Church  
from 5:30-8:30PM**

**We are also blessed to have two holy relics of  
St. Augustine and St. Monica to view and to  
touch**

Contact **Rob Palasciano at (516) 238-0281** if you would like to volunteer to be a reader of Priests names.



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Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, by Jose Thedim and the Little Shepherds of Fatima

OUR LADY OF MERCY

LEGION OF MARY

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

**FOR SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025**

**WILL BE HELD**

**IN THE LOWER CHURCH**

**STARTING AT 7:30 am**

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

**(3 decades before the**

**8 am Holy Mass and**

**2 decades after the Mass.)**

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



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- Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): (516) 733-7000
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- Living Waters- Therapeutic Catholic Counseling: 631-271-0913
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- Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262
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- The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200
- Pregnancy Support 24/7 - 631-476-LOVE



**SAVE THE DATE**

**A Marian Morning of Prayer and Reflection**

Monday, May 5, 2025  
Formal invitation to follow



**Our Lady of Mercy Summer Fair**

Church & School Parking Lot 500 South Oyster Bay Rd. Hicksville

**MUSIC, FOOD, BEER & WINE, RAFFLE PRIZES, & RIDES**

Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM-10:00PM, Friday July 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM-11:00PM

Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM-11:00PM & Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00PM-10:00PM

**Parish Stewards Interested in Volunteering for this year's Summer Fair please contact Mike Trimarco cell phone #516 757-1655 or by email at [matrimarco@gmail.com](mailto:matrimarco@gmail.com)**

**FOOD:** MIKE TRIMARCO  
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**TUESDAY, May 27th, 2025**  
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## ANGELS OF MERCY

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May 3rd after the 4:30 Mass  
May 4th after the 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Mass

We will be raffling 3 baskets. Italian Basket, Beach Basket and Theatre Basket ( 2 tickets to the John W. Engeman Theatre at Northport)  
We will be in the lobby of the church.  
Please stop by and support us.

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)

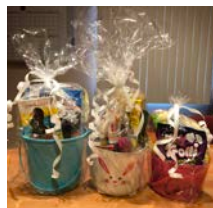
Thank you and God bless you.



Our 2nd graders receive their Communion pins on Sunday, April 6, 2025 at the 10:30AM Family Mass.



Mrs. DeAgresta's class donated 3 baskets to the Food Pantry for Genny to give to the children for Easter. Children think about other children, they are a blessing to us all!



## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Please know that your contributions are greatly appreciated in these challenging times. We will post any previous week's numbers within the next two weekends.

"I will abundantly bless her provision:  
I will satisfy her poor with bread."

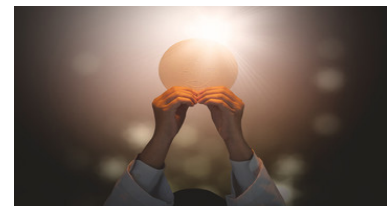
-Psalm 132:15

**BLESSED EASTER TO ALL!  
HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!**

**Next 2nd Collection: May 4  
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

## PRAYER GROUP

**"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 6, 2025**

**7:30 PM**

Our Lady's Chapel

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

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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 Denise Schulz, President, at [deniseangelsofmercy@gmail.com](mailto:deniseangelsofmercy@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 Rectory

**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 School Cafeteria. 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. Contact: Mary Troffa 516-457-5743.

**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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