



OUR LADY OF MERCY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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

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

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 18

Acts 14: 21-27 / Rv 21:1-5a / Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

7:30 AM For the Parishioners of OLM

9:00 AM † Pierino and Giuseppina Palmieri

10:30 AM † Gladys Dzurilla

12:00 PM † Mother's Day Novena

5:30 PM † Frank DelVicario

Monday, May 19

Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26

7:00 AM † Family of Richard Guevara

9:00 AM † Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 20

Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a

7:00 AM † Collen (Deceased) and JP (Living) Scarisbrick

9:00 AM † Jele and Justo Bogovic

Wednesday, May 21

Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8

7:00 AM † Souls in Purgatory

9:00 AM † Tommy Murphy

Thursday, May 22

Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11

7:00 AM † Joseph Ronald Swierski

9:00 AM † Ann Rochfort

Friday, May 23

Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17

7:00 AM † Panagiotis Kalogeresis

9:00 AM Damon Kronowitz for healing

Saturday, May 24

Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15: 18-21

8:00 AM † Richard Hunter

Debbie, Diane and Brooke

† Abby Watters

† Charles McGuigan

4:30 PM For the Parishioners of OLM



Jesus, I trust in you

In the Arms of God's Love and Mercy -

Loretta Ferrari, Fr. Bob Holz, Nancy Dettori, Sr. Sharon Kelly, RSM, 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, Margaret Clark,

Bill Gundel, Patrick Krammer, Frank Henry,

Baby Macklin Staples, Nancy Quinn, Jeanette Quaranta

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 MAY 18 - MAY 24



The Sanctuary Lamp is constantly burning in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

There is an opportunity to remember a loved one any week during the year in either the Upper or Lower Church for \$15.00.

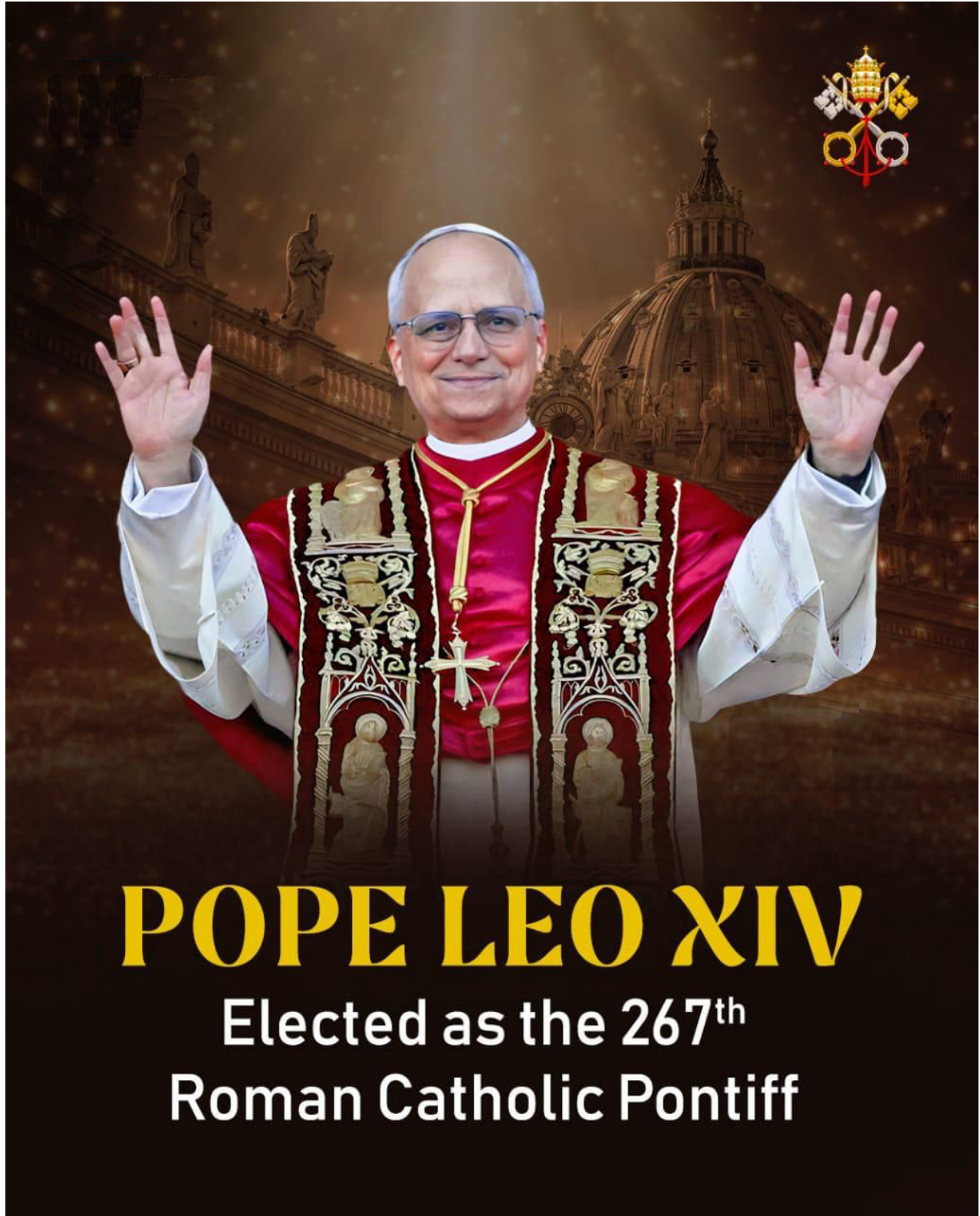
Bread and Wine Offering is \$50.00.



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

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us

HABEMUS PAPUM!



POPE LEO XIV

Elected as the 267th
Roman Catholic Pontiff

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us

A LETTER FROM FR. JOSEPH J. NIXON

Dear Parishioners,

May 18, 2025

“He is Risen, as He said! Alleluia!!!”

On Saturday (May 10), some of our younger children celebrated their **First Holy Communion**. All the Sacraments and all the ministries of the church flow toward and around the Eucharist. Please pray for our young parishioners and their families - that they will **make the choice to come each week to receive Jesus** at the table of the Lord. On May 13 we celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** with some of our older students. We all are called to be open to God’s Spirit. Let us use the gifts of the Spirit...wisdom, knowledge, right judgment, courage, understanding, reverence and wonder & awe in God’s presence; the gifts Confirmation brings, as we strive to witness to God, the true source of our joy, goodness and strength.

On May 27th we celebrate **Ascension Thursday**, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Jesus’ return to the right hand of the Father means the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church and to us.

Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life...that those who are being called to “shepherd” God’s people (especially anyone from our parish) will be generous in responding to God’s call!!!

Remembering is key concept for next weekend! **Memorial Day Weekend** provides us with a chance to show our thanks to the many family members, friends and fellow citizens/parishioners who over the years have insured our freedom and protected us from those who might take it away. We especially remember those who gave their lives protecting our freedom. Remembering is good because it moves us to appreciate what we have...and to respect and use what we have been given.

Don’t forget **Father’s Day** is almost upon us (**June 15th**)! To remember a Dad, grandfather, god-father...or anyone who takes on that role, please consider our Father’s Day Novena of Masses. Simply fill out the envelope you received in the mail...or pick one up by the doors of the Church – and return it to the Rectory or put it in the collection. We will pray for our fathers for 9 days, starting on Father’s Day. Fr. Joe

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

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.



May 18th The Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another....This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you show that you have love for one another, especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are a disciple of Jesus.



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.

ADULT EDUCATION

DROP BY AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS!

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

No registration fee. Materials optional.

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

TOPICS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY-JUNE

MAY 4TH New Age Dangers We are in an era of tremendous confusion. Christ entered human history to protect us from the limitations of our human reasoning and lead us safely to our ultimate destiny. Topics covered will include the Catholic perspective on Psychics, Mediums, Channeling, Reiki, Labrynth, Tarot Cards, Horoscopes, Reincarnation, the Occult and more.

May 18th Life Everlasting What is the safest and most effective path to our ultimate destiny. What are our entire lives and mission on earth ultimately all about. This closing session of the year will change your life.

May 19th MONDAY EVENING 7:30PM LOWER CHURCH MEETING ROOM
Forgiveness How do we forgive the unforgiveable? That person who has betrayed us or let us down? A crisis that causes unspeakable suffering when evil or mental illness is visited upon us? Learn why Christs calls us to forgive *in all things* ad how to more effectively Confront such a challenging command.

June 1st Final Guidance/Luncheon 10-1pm
 This extended session provides guidance on how to continue to grow in your education and formation in the Catholic Faith For our planning, contact the Coordinators if you additionally plan to join us for the luncheon portion (Noon-1pm).

Contact the Coordinators for Full Schedule and questions!

Peggy Clores imcon630@aol.com 516-317-1740 Chuck Ruppert 864-680-5597

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

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| <p>MAY 3, 2025
 Lillian Marie Greene
 Child of Mr. and Mrs. Greene</p> | <p>MAY 10, 2025
 Harper Lily D'Astolfo
 Child of Mr. and Mrs. S. D'Astolfo</p> |
| <p>MAY 4, 2025
 Rayla Lillian Kotapka
 Child of Mr. and Mrs. Kotapka</p> | |
| <p>Avery Noelle Miata
 Child of Mr. and Mrs. Miata</p> | |

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



1st BANN

Thomas Anthony Austin- Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville, NY
Christina Michelle Hollins- St. Thomas More, Hauppauge, NY

Nicky Sebastian

Anu Mareen Bobby - Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville, NY

3rd BANN

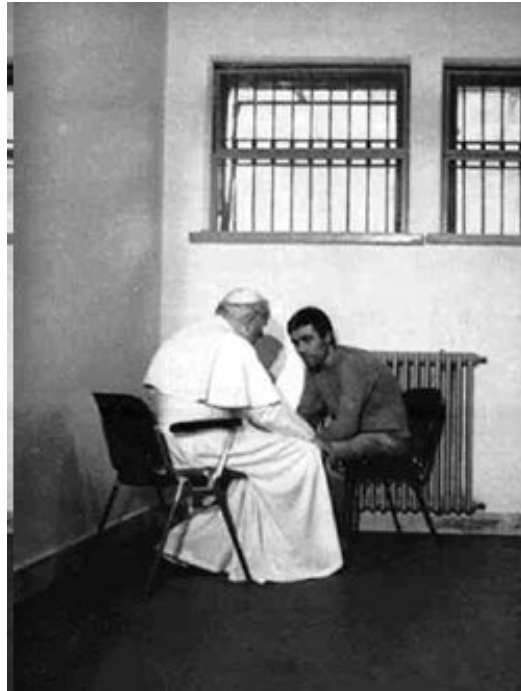
Jack Doyle - Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville, NY
Geraldine Genovese - Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville, NY

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

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us

A LIFE-CHANGING ADULT FORMATION PRESENTATION**“FORGIVENESS”**

How do we forgive the unforgivable? That person who has betrayed us or let us down? A crisis that causes unspeakable suffering when evil or mental illness is visited upon us? Learn why Christ calls us to forgive *in all things* and how to more effectively confront such a challenging command.



Saint John Paul II Forgiving the Man Who Attempted to Kill Him

MONDAY MAY 19TH 2025 7:30-9PM*LOWER CHURCH

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

PRESENTER: Chuck Ruppert is the Co-Coordinator of OLM's Adult Formation/RCIA Program, a seasoned catechist and a man transformed in wisdom. This is a presentation not to be missed on a critical and difficult topic. We invite you to speak to the Coordinators following the presentation if you need additional guidance with particularly difficult situations.

Contact Peggy Clores for more information: imcon630@aol.com/516-317-1740

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SACRAMENTS



FIRST COMMUNICANTS 2025

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| Charles Amaturio | Sofia Maggi |
| Lindsey Barrera | Juliana Michalski |
| Maya Cappelmann | Enzo Olacchea |
| Ashlyn David | Dylan Oliva |
| Kelly De La Cruz | Olivia Opyt |
| Nicholas De Rosa | Vincent Pammer |
| Lana Fable | Keily Portales-Lopez |
| Joseph Famiglietti | Adam-Ishaq Qureshi |
| Riley Hare | Emily Rapisarda |
| Virginia Hernandez | Dylan Reda |
| Skyla Ortiz-Howard | Mason Salcedo |
| Alexander Limage | Cesar Andres Sanchez-Hernandez |
| Vincent Lodico-Tetro | Noah Vargas |
| Skylar Lynn | Avan Vaz |
| Sofia Rosario | Valeria Villalobos |
| | Miranda Villalobos |

Congratulations to the Children who Received the Eucharist at Our Lady of Mercy for the First Time on May 10, 2025



CONFIRMANDI 2025

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| Gabriella Bellofatto | Cristian Meza-Ramirez |
| Kayla Binsol | Leyna Nguyen |
| Taylor Cardone | Matteo Ortellado |
| Elaine Casaula | Lily Pfeffer |
| Gabriella Cazzola | McKayla Raab |
| Carlos Duran | Justin Rodriguez |
| Jason Eguizabal | Eva Rojas |
| Rosanna Fiore | Nicole Tesoriero |
| Frank Greenberg | Jillian Violo |
| Lily Griffith | Kaitlyn Wright |
| Kyle Lanzisera | Adrian Zalewski |
| Eliana Mancuso | |

Congratulations to Our Young Adults who Received the Sacrament of Confirmation Conferred by The Most Reverend John O. Barres at Our Lady of Mercy on May 13, 2025

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS BEHOLD 2025

with Guest Speakers:







PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 8  **10AM-5:30PM**
Saint Anthony's High School, South Huntington 

Admission is free but registration is required.

All are invited for a day of prayer, catechesis, Adoration, and Holy Mass with Bishop John O. Barres. This congress will deepen devotion and equip attendees to share the graces of the Eucharist through inspiring talks, witness testimonies, worship, fellowship, and the culmination of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

For registration, schedule, and more details, visit: www.drvc.org/congress



**Pray to the Blessed Mother
To Jesus, through Mary**

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EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

PILGRIMAGE

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

REVIVAL NIGHTS

PRAY WITH JESUS. WALK WITH JESUS.

<p>NASSAU</p> <p>Saturday, May 31 8:00 pm Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport</p> <p>Sunday, June 1 7:00 pm Maria Regina, Seaford</p> <p>Monday, June 2 7:00 pm Holy Family, Hicksville</p> <p>Tuesday, June 3 7:00 pm Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead</p> <p>Wednesday, June 4 7:00 pm Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park</p> <p>Thursday, June 5 7:00 pm Notre Dame, New Hyde Park</p> <p>Friday, June 6 7:00 pm St. Patrick, Glen Cove</p>	<p>SUFFOLK</p> <p>Saturday, May 31 7:00 pm Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, South Huntington</p> <p>Sunday, June 1 7:00 pm St. John the Baptist, Center Moriches</p> <p>Monday, June 2 7:00 pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue</p> <p>Tuesday, June 3 7:00 pm St. Patrick, Smithtown</p> <p>Wednesday, June 4 7:00 pm St. Joseph, Babylon</p> <p>Thursday, June 5 7:00 pm St. Anne, Brentwood</p> <p>Friday, June 6 7:00 pm St. Philip Neri, Northport</p>
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Each night will have:

- Eucharistic Adoration
- Eucharistic Preaching and Catechesis
- Eucharistic Processions
- Nocturnal Adoration

Learn more and see the full schedule at drvc.org/congress 

<p>Saturday, May 31 Opening Mass at St. Therese Montauk 10:00 am Procession through Montauk 11:00 am - 12:00 noon</p> <p>Opening Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral 5:00 pm Procession to St. Christopher, Baldwin 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm</p> <p>Procession from Our Lady of Poland to Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Southampton 6:00 pm</p> <p>Sunday, June 1 Mass at St. Isidore, Riverhead 10:30 am Procession to St. John, Riverhead 11:30 am</p> <p>Mass at Cure of Ars, Merrick 7:30 am Procession to St. Barnabas, Bellmore 8:30 am</p> <p>Mass at St. Barnabas, Bellmore 10:30 am Procession to St. William the Abbot Seaford 12:00 noon</p> <p>Monday, June 2 Mass at St. Raphael, East Meadow 7:30 am Procession to Holy Trinity High School 8:30 am</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 3 Sts. Philip and James, St. James Procession to St. Patrick, Smithtown 11:00 am</p> <p>Wednesday, June 4 Mass at Corpus Christi, Mineola 7:30 am Procession to Chaminade High School 8:45 am</p> <p>Thursday, June 5 St. John of God, Central Islip Procession to St. Anne, Brentwood 6:00 pm</p> <p>Friday, June 6 Mass at St. Gertrude, Bayville 8:30 am Procession to St. Dominic, Oyster Bay 9:30 am</p> <p>Saturday, June 7 Closing Mass at St. Hugh of Lincoln, Huntington Station 8:30 am</p> <p>Closing Procession and Benediction St. Patrick, Huntington 11:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Walk with Jesus</i></p> <p>Mark your calendars for days of public witness, walking with Jesus on the roads of Long Island.</p>
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Learn more and see the full schedule at drvc.org/congress 

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The Diocese of Rockville Centre
**GOLDEN WEDDING
 ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2025 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis M. Romero

Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2025

Sunday, June 1, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre

Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2025

Register online at drvc-faith.org

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.org



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 Ascension of Christ
 Visio Divina: Praying With Art



Giotto, *The Ascension of Christ*, c. 1305, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy

So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

-Acts 1:6-11

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



Bread & Wine Memorials

Who's the person you want to THANK God for?
 Who is it that makes your life easier?
 Who helps to make your life better?
 What better way to show gratitude than to
 follow the example of Jesus, who gives Himself
 to us in the Eucharist!!!

Did you know that we have a wonderful way to
 remember a loved one, living or deceased?
 For a donation of \$50, you can offset the cost of
 the Bread & Wine we use at Mass for a week.
 This will be published in our Bulletin.

Parent Internet Safety Nights

What Parents Need to Know

Dates & Locations:

7:00PM
Wednesday, May 7
Holy Angels Regional School
1 Division Avenue, Patchogue

Thursday, May 8
Trinity Regional School
1025 Fifth Avenue, East Northport

Thursday, May 15
St. Patrick's School
6 N. Clinton Avenue, Bay Shore

Wednesday, May 28
Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional School
2 St. John's Place, Center Moriches

About

Suffolk County Police will discuss how to respond appropriately to concerning statements about schools posted on social media, along with the potential consequences of making such posts. The session will also address what steps to take if you or your child sees or receives these types of comments online. An overview of the Suffolk County Police Department's investigation procedures will be provided.

Planning and practice keep schools safe. Schools are safe. It is important not to live in fear. We will talk about the difference between lockout and lockdown. It is easy to get the words mixed up especially in the height of a situation. The evening will end with information about the Suffolk County Police response and our roles in schools.

No registration required - all are welcome.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS
Msgr. James E. Boesel
Golf Outing- May 27
Get your Early Bird Raffle Tickets Now!

Eucharistic Congress
 We are excited to announce that our Diocese will host a Eucharistic Congress on Sunday, June 8th, 2025, at St. Anthony's High School in Huntington, as part of the National Eucharistic Revival.
 *See page 8 for details



"Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier."

-Saint "Mother" Teresa of Calcutta



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 24th 6:00PM-10:00PM, Friday July 25th 6:00PM-11:00PM

Saturday July 26th 6:00PM-11:00PM & Sunday July 27th 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

- FOOD: MIKE TRIMARCO
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- BEER & WINE: RAY & MOANA BADRA
- ENTERTAINMENT: TOM BECKNER
- CHURCH VIGIL: SUSAN CHIN
- BLESSED MOTHER: LEGION OF MARY
- FACILITIES SET/UP: CARMINE SERRAVALLI

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, May 27th, 2025
(Tuesday After Memorial Day – Make It An Extra Long Weekend!)

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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!

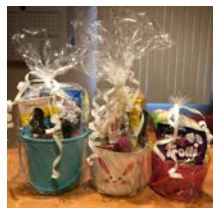
Pray for our children, their parents and teachers as they study and learn about their faith together.

Visit: www.OurLadyofMercy.org

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

WEEKEND OF MAY 11, 2025

Collections that have been collected at Mass was \$9,882.00
Collections that have come in through the Rectory Office by mail was \$3,040.00, and our Online Giving Collection total was \$891.00

Our Total Collection was allocated to the following:

- Regular Offertory: \$12,992.00
- Catholic Communications: \$685.00
- Catholic Elementary Schools: \$35.00
- Feast of the Ascension: \$35.00
- Mercy Future: \$66.00

Total Collection: \$13,813.00

Thank you and God Bless!

"I seek Veronica to wipe and venerate
My Divine Face which has but few adorers!"

Our Lord to Sr Mary of St. Peter -October 27th, 1845



Holy Hour of Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 5:30PM-6:30PM

Our Lady of Mercy Church
500 S Oyster Bay Rd
Hicksville

Contact Susan Chin for information @ 516-728-1796

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

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

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

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

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 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.

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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