



Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

We hope you have felt at home in our church this weekend. Please feel free to join us as often as possible, you are most welcome. Church is open daily until 5pm.

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Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9am-5pm, 6:30pm-8:30pm;
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DAILY MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 7am, 9am, Saturday 9am
Public Holidays: 9am only

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: Vigil 5pm
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12noon



Holy Days: As Announced in Bulletin/Website

Confessions: Sat.: 4pm - 4:45pm or by appointment

Sacrament Information: See inside front cover

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Nativity of the Lord

He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race.
- Jn 1:2-4



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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We are a Tithing Parish

Sacraments and Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays: 7:30pm-8:20pm (use 203rd St. entrance)

Fridays: Begins after 9am Mass and ends at 10:30am.

Baptism: Instruction classes are held on the *last Saturday* of each month in the rectory at 11am. Parents should call the rectory to make arrangements before they attend the class and bring with them a copy of the child's birth certificate. Baptisms are administered monthly on alternating **2nd Saturdays at 11am** and **2nd Sundays at 1:30pm**.

Confession / Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM or by appointment with one of the priests.

Marriage: A couple must come to the rectory to make arrangements for their wedding **at least six months in advance of their proposed wedding date**. Please call the rectory to make an appointment. Marriage preparation (Pre-Cana) is available directly through OLBS as well as through the diocese. Please contact Laura (718 352-9247) or the rectory for information on the OLBS program. For information on the diocesan program, please log on to www.pre-cana.org

Anointing of the Sick: One of the priests should be called as soon as there is a sign of serious illness.

Communion of the Sick: Anyone who cannot attend Mass because of illness may receive the Eucharist at home on a regular basis. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests in this ministry. Please call Agnes, Communion of the Sick Coordinator, at 718 631-4793, or the rectory.

Genacles of Life: Mondays 7:30pm - Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration; and Saturdays at 8:15am Rosary in the church.

Rosary: Monday thru Friday after 9am Mass

Liturgy of the Hours: Monday to Friday before 9am Mass.

"Please pray for the sick..."

- Kelly Baumgart, Marie Defentis, Msgr. John Mahoney, Mary McLoughlin, Alexa Roberto, James Salamone, Daniel Sheridan
- Milagros Avila, Cindy Baselice, Carole Dorman Cressy, Joseph Gabriele, Jennifer Goldschmidt, Katlyn Gregory, Catherine Marin
- Natalia Birk, Florence Horton, Lou Tirella, Chris Kempfski, Debbie McGarry-Lahey, James Leung, Sheila Oliwenstein, Marie Tatti Rowland

RCIA - For information contact Deacon William Molloy - deaconbill@olbschurch.org

Dec. 2017 Mass Intentions—(Gift of)

- S-23rd 9am** Richard Hill (Stella & Richard Hill)
5pm Diego Yepes (Ana Yepes)
Joseph A. Spada (Donna Betts)
Leonardo Ranieri (Peggy Devine)
Antonietta, Giacomo & Vito Caputo (Lina Lozito)
Dec'd. Mbrs. of the Meehan & Traver Family
(Karen & Joe Traver)
- Su-24th 8am** For the People of our Parish
10am Shamus Kelly (M/M Domenick Ranieri)
12pm Lino & Silvia Flaim & Carmen Verez
(Lucia Magagna)
4pm, 6pm, 12am (Christmas Mass Intentions)
- M-25th 10am** Christmas Mass Intentions
12pm Christmas Mass Intentions
- Tu-26th 7am** M/M George Brust (Catherine Brust)
9am Peggy Halpin (John & Peggy Buckley)
- W-27th 7am** Dec'd. Mbrs. Carney Fam. (Fr. Bryan Carney)
9am Michael Coyne (Eileen Coyne)
- Th-28th 7am** Mary & Jim McLoughlin (Betty McLoughlin)
9am Rosa Castaldo (Rose M. Castaldo)
- F-29th 7am** Victor Suchy, Sr. (Tricia Kelly)
9am Elizabeth Rolston (M/M George Pappas)
- S-30th 9am** John Baginski (Eileen Baginski)
5pm Charles Broderick (Maher Family)
Ann Walsh (M/M Kevin Cadigan)
Shirley Farley (Nancy & Peter Gentile)
Peggy Wall (Sal & Liz Rizzo)
Caterina Celano (Brigida Celano)

TWO SEPARATE OBLIGATIONS!

The Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas are two separate obligations to attend Mass, even though Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year. Plan ahead. (see Fr. Bob's column today.)

THANK YOU FOR MEMORIAL GIFTS

Sanctuary Candle
Victor Suchy, Sr. - Gift of Tricia Kelly

Please Pray for our Deceased

Patricia Butler, Dee Costanza, Sister Margretta, RSM
Jean Horvath, Catherine Marin

Big Bucks—Bingo

Schedule - Jackpot Is \$1,000!

\$2,050 in prizes every 1st Friday (1/5)

(or 2nd Friday if 1st Friday is a 3-day weekend)

1st game starts at 7pm

Team 4 will work on Friday, 1/5/18

If you can volunteer, please call 718 229-5929 ext: 110

2017 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 4pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24th

4pm Family Mass

6pm Vigil Mass

Midnight Mass (Carols begin 11:30pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25th

10am and 12 noon Masses

Confessions: Saturday, December 30th at 4pm

MASSES

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, New Year's Eve, December 31st

8am, 10am, 12 noon

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Monday, New Year's Day, January 1st

10am and 12 noon (no Vigil Mass)

(Not a Holyday of Obligation This Year)

VOLUNTEER PARTY

The invitations to our annual volunteer party have been mailed out. Please remember to rsvp. Call the rectory of any errors or omissions.

CTC (Catholic Teen Community) News

High School students invited to meet Monday evenings, 7pm-8:30pm, convent basement teen room. Info: 718 229-5929 x-121.

Altar Servers

Sat., 12/30

5pm: Aaron Quijije, Kaleigh Colangelo, Monica LeGuernic

Sunday, 12/31

8am: Andrei Musat, Jana & Sean Lobmeyer

10am: Joshua Gomes, Kaitlyn Ferenc, Alex McBreen

12pm: Alex Allel, Mia Valerio, Alenka Sokosa

Monday, 1/1

10am: Joseph & Juliana Candela, Gabriella Celano

12pm: Jack Mulvey, Jaden & Serena Bazile

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Irish Dancing

Tues., 1/2 at 4:45pm - cafeteria - Thurs., 1/4 at 4:30pm

- Call 347 804-5464 for information.

SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

New seniors come on and join our club! Every Wednesday afternoon—next meeting: 1/3, 12-4pm, in our Parish Center (lower church) elevator accessible—meet new friends and play games (pokeno, scrabble, poker) for more information call Lou at 718 423-8848.

NEW - *St. Mother Teresa Workshop*

Would you like to join us on Wednesday mornings in the parish center from 9:30-11:30, starting 1/3/18, to crochet, knit, sew and make Rosaries to benefit the missions? Basic instruction will be provided. For information call Sally at 859 200-9820.

Parish Book Club

Please join us on Tuesday, January 30th at 7 pm in the lower church. Come prepared to discuss: *The Woman in Cabin 10*, by Ruth Ware. In this tightly wound story, Lo Blacklock, a journalist who writes for a travel magazine, has just been given the assignment of a lifetime: a week on a luxury cruise. With surprising twists, Ruth Ware offers up another intense read. Join us for great discussion, fellowship, and friendship.

Dear Parishioners,

As we again come to celebrate the birthday of our dear Lord Jesus, we thank God for sending His Son to us, ultimately to give His life on the cross so that we again can achieve Heaven that had been closed to us because of the sin of Adam and Eve. As we celebrate this Holy Season, we thank God for living in this country where we can celebrate our religion freely.

May God bless each of you in the Parish of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, priests, religious and laity and may all know the love of God in Christ Jesus, Our dear Blessed Mother, and St. Joseph, her wise spouse. Blessed Christmas.

Msgr. Vincent Keane

ARMED FORCES PRAYER LIST



If you would like prayers requested in the bulletin for a loved one in the Armed Forces, please call the rectory at ext: 110.

Jason & Allison Carter, Conor Crosby, Sheldon Diaz, Eric Hauser, Lieutt. Heather O'Donnell, Michael McHugh, Catherine McManus, Jennifer & Michael Minnick, Adam Mohler, Capt. Andrew Pesature, Lieut. Daniel Pesature, Robert Rendall, William Rendall, Shawn Smith, Major Vidhi Persaud, Bryson Ciampa, USMC, Luke Mixon, Rct. Sergio Geico, USMC, Paul Chapman, Lieut. Gavin White, 1st Lieut. Richard Dolan, 1st Lieut. Joseph (J.C.) Alessandro, 1st Lieut. Thomas McDowell, Nicole Shiminger

★ *Please visit:* www.woundedwarriorproject.org ★

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

<u>Gift of</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
M/M Joe Alessandro	Carlo & Mary Alessandro
M/M Michael Arnold	
Eileen Baginski	John Baginski
Mrs. Joseph Banome	Loreto Fiacco
M/M R. Barefoot	Peres & Barefoot Families
M/M Vincenzo Bartellino	Maria DeLuca
Betty Boroughs	Frampton & Boroughs Families
Phil & Joan Brady	Dec'd. Mbrs. Brady & Collins Fam.
M/M Joseph Brosi	Patty Brosi
M/M Karl Brunhuber	Marie Donohue & Alwina Brunhuber
Catherine B. Brust	M/M George M. Brust
	M/M George J. Brust, Anna King
Patricia Byrnes	Byrnes & Nodar Families
Diane Carbone	Guy & Claire Carbone
Barbara Carey	-
M/M Rino Cattabiani	William & Grace Bagnall & Rino L. Cattabiani
	-
M/M Bradley Chen	Kathleen O'Mara
M/M Daniel Clabby	Collins & Casserly Families
M/M Timothy Collins	-
M/M Rosario Conte	Cynthia Cupolo
M/M William Conti	John Conway
Mrs. John Conway	Cecilio & Lilia Custanos
M/M Rolette Cordero	Arthur Costello
Mrs. Arthur Costello	Michael Coyne
Eileen Coyne	Antonia & Alfonsina Carpinelli
M/M Peter Cuomo	Joan Burke
M/M Michael D'Alessio	Defenthis Family
Marie Defenthis	-
Georgina Diaz	Novielli Family
M/M Vito Dellino	-
M/M Anthony Di Re	Doherty Family
M/M C. Doherty	Peter & Mary Dolan & Mary Sherrock
M/M Peter Dolan	-
M/M Richard Dunne	-

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<u>Gift of</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
M/M Richard Frohnhoefer	
Ms. Gina Garcia	Leticia Munoz
M/M Peter Gentile	Casey & Gentile Families
M/M Steve Grgas	-
Lawrence Harrison	Harrison & Serracino Families
M/M Richard Hill	Kenneth Hill
Joseph Hock	Ryan Brunn
M/M Michael Inserra	Maria Gaetano Silvedi
Joseph Janos	Jean V. Janos
Mary Jordan	John & Bridget Carson
M/M Ernest Keller	Zitolo Family
Josephine King	-
Mrs. Mary Kobel	-
Barbara Lauria	Lauria & Lisa Family
M/M Vincent Lino	Christine Lino
M/M Robert Lizzul	Dec'd. Mbrs. Lizzul & McDonagh Fam.
M/M Jack Lodi	Lucia Lodi
Mary McLoughlin	Lillian & William J. McLoughlin
Drs. Foo Guey & Remedios Louie	Rita & Domingo Sideo
Robert Lysohir	-
M/M Daniel Maher	William Intemann
Peter Mallia & Fam.	Joyce Mallia
M/M Renan Mazorra	Elivra & Renan Mazorra & Maria & Jose Lopez
M/M Brian McCormack	Dec'd. Mbrs. Deliso McCormack Fam.
Patrick & Sheila McGuire	Frank McGuire & Stack Fam.
Betty McLoughlin	Mary & Jim McLoughlin
M/M John Meli	Giancola & Meli Families
Richard Mendonca	Mendonca Family
Margaret Molloy	-
M/M Patrick Moloney	Margaret & Michael Moloney
Antonio Mottola	-
M/M Edwrdd Mullaney	Edward J. Mullaney
Maria Murljadic	Anton Murljadic
Irene Murphy	Michael Murphy
M/M James Muskopf	Edith L. & Donald E. O'Brien
	Dorothy & John F. Muskopf
	John F. Muskopf, Jr.
Emily O'Sullivan	John O'Sullivan
Elizabeth Papagno	Rose & Pat Papagno
M/ Emanuele Pavone	-
Yolanda Pecunia	-
M/M Frank Peranio	All deceased
Carmela Piscopo	Martinovich & Piscopo Fam.
Ellen Quirke	-
Marie Randazzo	Randazzo & Basacchi Families
M/M Michael Reilly	Dec'd. Mbrs. Doerge & Reilly Fam.
M/M Edward Rice	Alice & William Synnott
Mrs. John Rice	-
Joseph Ricketts	-
M/M Giuseppe Rinaldi	-
Gladys Rivasplata	-

(to be continued in 12/31/ bulletin)

From the Pastor's Desk....



Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is a special season. "For unto us a Child is born," tells us that Jesus was born as God's gift to each one of us. Like the Wise Men, who sought truth and found Jesus, we are pilgrims on a journey toward Christ. We seek the wisdom, the peace, and the joy that only the spirit of Christ can provide.

We invite you to gather around the Lord's table with us to celebrate the richness of Christ's presence with all the people of God in our Parish family.

May this Christmas season find you abounding in love, rejoicing in hope, and secure in God's peace. May God's richest blessings continue with you through the coming year.

Yours In Christ, *Father Bob*

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas Flowers may be memorialized for those who would like someone remembered during the Christmas season. Please return the names in the envelopes which may be found at the main entrance of the church. All memorials will be published in the bulletin. You may place the envelope in any collection during the month of December.

CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS

If you would like to have someone remembered at all our Christmas Masses, Christmas cards are available at the main entrance of the church. The names may be returned in the collection basket or to the rectory.

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Number of Pledges: 230

Amount Pledged: \$83,148

Amount Paid To Date: \$81,903

Goal: \$93,090

We're So Close—Can You Help?

THANK YOU

Your generosity in the "My Christmas Gift to My Church" collection (\$9,441) is very much appreciated. If you were not able to give to this collection last weekend, please drop it in the collection basket at your convenience.

Respect Life Committee

This week as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Respect Life Committee wishes the parishioners of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church a very Merry Christmas!!!

JOIN US

MIDNIGHT MASS ON CHRISTMAS

Carols will begin at 11:30pm with special musical instruments to accompany our organ - timpani, oboe, trombone and trumpet.

Catholic Charities Collection - 12/25/17

The revenue from this collection supports programs and services provided by Catholic Charities that have literally transformed the lives of so many of our neighbors. Catholic Charities is one of the largest faith-based providers of affordable housing in the country providing housing units for the elderly, homeless, disabled and low-income families, and special needs housing.

STEWARDSHIP — A way of life

TITHING: God's plan for giving...

2016	3rd Sunday of Advent	2017
\$ 7,315.00	Collection	\$ 7,407.00
\$ 3,098.00	Faith Direct	\$ 3,222.90
747	Attendance	715

Words of Life!

“An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it’s important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. ... Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone’s life.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting,”

www.bit.ly/10WaysRespectLife Order Download

Laudato Si Care for our Common Home

As never before in history, common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning...Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.

ANNUAL ART AND PHOTO SHOW

Our OLBS Green Team is already beginning to plan for our next Art and Photo Show. Our themes will be Creation and care of the poor. Please continue to paint, draw, and take pictures throughout the year for our next show in the Fall.

! ONE PRE-K SEAT AVAILABLE !

One Pre-K Seat Available! - Child must be born in 2013
Call the school for more information - 718 229-4434.

Want your child to ... be curious, understand math, pray to God, love learning? Consider Catholic Kindergarten: dioceseofbrooklyn.org/schools/find-a-school



Sunday Mass Presiders: Dec. 30th/31st

schedule is subject to change - (in parentheses will preach)

Saturday, 12/30	5pm	Fr. Gallo (Dcn. Avallone)
Sunday, 12/31	8am	Fr. Gallo (Dcn. Molloy)
	10am	Fr. Whelan
	12pm	Fr. Matthias

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Around the Diocese

- *Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico, March 2-8, 2018 - 1-800 Catholic x-208 or Lucille@groupist.com
- *Pilgrimage: Our Lady of Guadalupe, 3/2-8/18 - 800 Catholicx208.
- *Pilgrimage: Holy Land & Rome, March 4-16, 2018 - join Fr. Peter Gillen - A & G Peace Tours \$3,999pp DO—Contact 718 423-5077
- *Pilgrimage: Holy Land, May 16-25, 2018 - join Fr. Francis Pizzarelli & Sr. Grace Rowland—Contact 631 654-199 growland@sjcny.edu
- *Catholic Charities Bayside Senior Center: 221-15 Horace Harding Expressway - 718 225-1144—FREE!
- *Retreats at Bishop Molloy Retreat House: 718 739-1229.
- *Retreats: St. Joseph Retreat Center: 718 720-1097.
- *Retreats: The Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May, NJ 08212
Call: 609 884-3829 or visit www.capemaymarianists.org
- *Diocesan Pre-Cana Information: Visit www.pre-cana.org
- *Adult Services: 718 229-7320 & 225-1144 - Catholic Charities affiliate.
- *Eucharistic Adoration: Sacred Heart Ch., Thursday evenings, 7:30pm.
- *Scholarship: For full-time law students: Applications available at: queenscounty@catholiclawyerguild.com
- *Camp Fatima/Bernadette: Boys/Girls ages 6-15 - Now accepting registrations for 2018 summer season - Lakes Region of New Hampshire - 603 364-5851 or brendan@bfcamp.com or www.bfcamp.com .

WORLD YOUTH DAY - Jan 21-28, 2019

Contact Paul Morisi, Office of Faith Formation

Youth Ministry 718 965-7300 x-5556 or

email pmorisi@diobrook.org

Deposit Deadline 1-31-18

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

Monday and Tuesday, December 25th and 26th

ADVENT POOR BOX DONATIONS

All donations during Advent will go to needy children.

Mass / Scripture Readings—Dec. 24, 2017

Mon., Nativity of Our Lord; Tues., St. Stephen, 1st Martyr;
Wed., St. John, Apostle and Evangelist' Thurs., The Holy Innocents, Martyrs;

Dec. 31 Col: 3:12-21 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40