

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH COMMUNITY

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024



OUR STATEMENT OF MISSION

We, the people of Our Lady of the Visitation Church, inspired by Jesus' and Mary's example of openness to the will of God the Father and the Holy Spirit, desire to be faithful stewards of God's gifts to us; and believe our mission is: To understand the word of God through study; to become examples of Christ's love in the world by caring for one another through our communal sharing and service; and to celebrate our joy of understanding and caring through sacraments and prayer.

Everyone is welcome to become a member of our community of steward-disciples and to participate in our parish life and worship. Please take the time to register your family at the rectory office.

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gsabak@olvparamus.org

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VISITATION ACADEMY

Phone: 201-262-6067

Fax: 201-261-4613

Office Hours:

Daily, 8:15 am - 3:15 pm

Web: visitationacademyparamus.org

SACRAMENTS

The Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30, 10:30 am &
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses: As announced in
bulletin

Weekdays: 7:00 & 8:45 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Marriage

Arrangements should be made with
one of the priests one year before
the date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the rectory for a priest to
anoint anyone who is seriously ill.

Reconciliation

Celebrated on Saturdays from
4:00 - 4:30 pm, or by appointment

Baptism

Celebrated at 1:30 pm on the
second Sunday of each month.
Instructions for parents and
sponsors the prior week 1:30 pm
in the Rectory, first Sunday of
each month. Pre-registration at the
Rectory is necessary prior to
Baptism instruction.

*Welcome to our
Parish Community*

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father and I will lay down my life for the sheep... This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

The beautiful image of the role of the shepherd: giving life, protecting life, feeding and leading the flock. Jesus described Himself, but His work continues in the church today. As He speaks of knowing the Father, He also knows us and our needs as part of the flock. May we come to know the shepherd, appreciate His role, and follow Him as we walk our journey. He left ninety-nine in search of the one, and I may be that one.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Please consider enrolling in electronic giving. For information, see the DONATE link on our website, www.olvparamus.org.



MARCH INCOME/EXPENSES

Total Income	\$72,858.63
Total Expenses	\$49,652.52
Net Income	\$23,206.11

ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2024 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$35,378.00 already pledged. This is approximately 64.95% of our goal of \$54,471.00.

The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

If you have yet to give, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing or scan the QR code below.

Thank you for your prayers and support.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE TIME FOR FULFILLING THE PASCHAL PRECEPT (EASTER DUTY) EXTENDS TO THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, MAY 26.

ASSESSMENT COLLECTION

Starting on the 4th Sunday of May and continuing on the 4th Sunday of each month we will have an assessment collection. This collection is to help our parish financially to fulfill its obligation to the archdiocese.

Please be generous with your donation and may God bless you abundantly.

FEAST OF THE VISITATION

MAY 31, 7:00PM MASS

Join us in praying "A Triduum for Life" on May 28, 29, and 30 at 7:00pm.

After mass on May 31 an International Potluck dinner will be held in our school cafeteria. All are invited to attend and bring a dish of your favorite delicacy. Please call the church office to sign up and register for the potluck.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Centering Prayer 7:15pm

**THURSDAY: Bereavement 7:00pm
Employment Ministry
By Appointment**

**SATURDAY: Rosary 8:30am
Mass 9:00am**

COMMUNITY BUILDING

2024 MASS BOOK

Masses at 8:30am on the first, second, and last Sunday each month are for the Rosary Society, Holy Name Society, and Catholic War Veterans. There will be no intentions listed for Easter or Christmas masses, as those masses will be for all parishioners living and deceased.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
PARISH INFORMATION**

FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES

BULLETINS*UPCOMING EVENTS

WWW.OLVPARAMUS.ORG

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Every family participating in the spiritual life of our parish is encouraged to register at the Rectory. Also, please inform us if you are moving.

We pray for the sick of the parish, especially Caye Condon, Desirie DeBari, Peter Jamgochian, Anna & Andrzej Krecki, Michael McGarry, Amelia Martello, Paul Morra, Mary Nese, Remy Sellona, Elaine Schevon, Richard Wall, Paul Walter.

Please call the Rectory with the name of any family member who is sick so we can include them on our prayer list.

We pray for our Emergency, Medical, First Responders, and Essential Workers



We Pray for those Serving our Country:

1st Lt. Christopher J. Kalman, USMC

If you have a loved one serving in the armed forces of the United States, please email bulletin@olvparamus.org or call the Rectory.



RCIA

Are you interested in signing up for God's plan of mercy? We have the perfect plan for

you – RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). RCIA is a special program for adults who are not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you have not received all of your sacraments, or are interested in learning more about receiving God’s mercy, leave a message at the Rectory for Deacon Todd or email deacontoddr@gmail.com.

CHOIR NEWS

Come Join the Choir - Please sign up with Gary Sabak, Music Director, after Mass or email him at gsabak@olvparamus.org.

FROM GRIEF TO HOPE

Our parish Bereavement Ministry meets on **Thursday’s 7:00pm - 8:00pm** in the Rectory as follows: **4/25**, Grief; **5/2**, Loneliness; **5/9**, Anger; **5/16**, Guilt; **5/23**, Inner Healing; **5/30**, What Makes Us Angry. If you would like to join us, call Deacon Peter at 201-259-0677.

FEAST OF THE VISIATION

On **May 31**, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. Join us in praying "A Triduum for Life" on **May 28, 29, and 30 at 7:00pm**. This Respect For Life Triduum is in honor of this feast. Every night Mass and prayers are dedicated to life through the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

On **May 31** after Mass, an International Potluck dinner will be held in our school cafeteria. All are invited to attend and bring a dish of your favorite delicacy. Please call the church office to sign up and register for the potluck.

DE COLORES MY FRIENDS!

Our April Cursillo Group Reunion is scheduled for **Saturday, April 27** after the 9:00am mass. As usual, we will meet in the Rectory at about 9:30am. We will discuss upcoming events.

Please RSVP to me ASAP for a headcount for coffee and goodies. I look forward to our gathering!

Jfaley59@aol.com
201-289-0752

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

Many of us are faced with uncertainty and challenges with our jobs and employment situations. One of our parishioners, Mark Anderson, is available on Thursday nights for parishioners who would like to discuss their current job, next job, employment market, training, or college situation. Please contact him by email at mark@talentbeacon.net.

VISITATION ACADEMY NEWS

WE ARE FILLING UP!

Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year for grades PreK3 - 8!
Grades PreK3 - Full and Half Days
PreK4 - 3 or 5 Full Days
Kindergarten - 5 Full Days

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Performances will take place at the Inserra Theater on the campus of St. Joseph Regional HS, on **May 10, 7:00pm, May 11, 3:00pm & 7:00pm, and May 12, 2:00pm.**

Discounted tickets are available for all shows for groups of 10 or more by contacting asseltaj@sjrnj.org. Regular tickets are \$17 (rear auditorium) & \$23 and are ON SALE NOW purchased through <https://sjr.booktix.net/> or one half-hour before each show.

There is a special Senior Citizen's Preview Performance on **Wednesday, May 8, at 3:00pm** for \$10. *NEW TICKETING PROCESS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN PREVIEW* Tickets can now be purchased in advance through <https://sjr.booktix.net/>. Tickets can also be purchased in the SJRHS lobby during school hours in the weeks leading up to the show. All tickets are reserved and seats are assigned. Questions should be sent to SJRTheater@sjrnj.org or by calling 201-391-7422.

FAITH FORMATION



Registration for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation Program (Religious Education) for new students will begin May 2024. Catechists are needed for all grades 1-8.

Catechists pay a discounted rate to register their children. To become a catechist please call the Office of Faith Formation, 201-265-3812.

Classes for grades 1-6 are held either Sunday, 9:00am – 10:15am or Monday, 3:45pm – 5:00pm. Classes for grades 7 & 8 are held Monday evening, 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Children need to attend CCD for all their elementary school grades.

For new family registration, please pick up a form in the Rectory or visit our website at OLVparamus.org.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 11, 11:00am

Confirmation

Wednesday, May 22, 7:00pm

Auxiliary Bishop Michael Saporito,

Celebrant

WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday:**First Reading: Acts 9:26-31**

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.



MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

	<u>Saturday, April 20</u>
5:00pm	John C. Savastano
	<u>Sunday, April 21</u>
8:30am	Patrick Costello
10:30am	Zenaida N. Ecal (L)
12:00pm	Adelaide R. Ward - 4 th Anniv.
	<u>Monday, April 22</u>
7:00am	Linda Ferguson
8:45am	Novena Mass
	<u>Tuesday, April 23</u>
7:00am	Yves Herve
8:45am	Joanie Rogers (L)

	<u>Wednesday, April 24</u>
7:00am	People of the Parish
8:45am	Terry Rogers Cantone (L)

	<u>Thursday, April 25</u>
7:00pm	For Vocations
8:45pm	Mary Rogers (L)

	<u>Friday, April 26</u>
7:00am	Novena Mass
8:45am	Stephan Kasagrande

	<u>Saturday, April 27</u>
9:00am	Fermina Virtucio
5:00pm	Mary McKiernan

	<u>Sunday, April 28</u>
8:30am	John V. Albano
10:30am	Patrick Costello
12:00pm	Michael Pavin

MEMORIALSAltar Candles

Patrick Costello

As Requested by Claire Rennar

Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread & Wine

Thomas Tormey

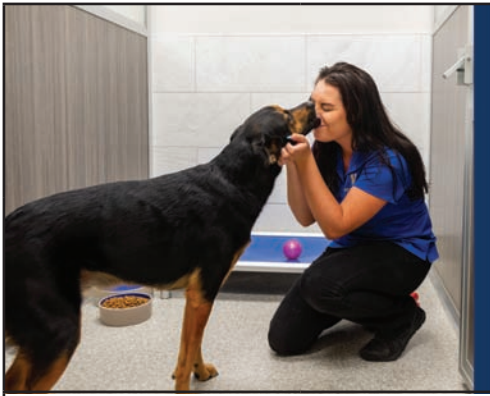
As Requested by Sarah Passante

APRIL NOVENA MASSES

Monday, April 22.....	8:45am
Friday, April 26.....	7:00am
Monday, April 29.....	7:00am

**APRIL NOVENA
MASS INTENTIONS**

<i>Emil J. Lovas</i>	<i>Anne Lovas (L)</i>
<i>James McMahon</i>	<i>Francis J. Casey</i>
<i>Jose Ecal</i>	<i>Rose Ciulla</i>
<i>Ana Schaffer</i>	<i>Bernard J. Ferrara</i>
<i>Frank Gaudioso</i>	<i>John Rennar</i>
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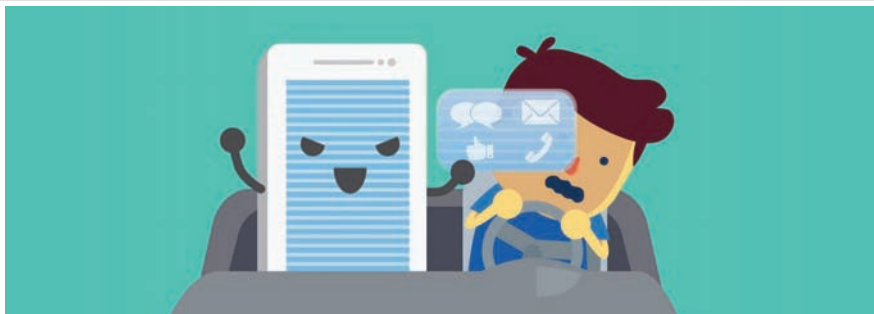


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