OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH COMMUNITY Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025



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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For information Call the Rectory

Office

Welcome to our Parish Community

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.



HIS WORD TODAY

Rev. William J. Reilly

"Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God. Yes, I affirm that Christ, became the servant of the Jews because of God's faithfulness in fulfilling the promises of the patriarchs, whereas the Gentiles glorify God because of his mercy. As scripture has it 'therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing to your name.'"

We continue this season of anticipation and expectation. How special it is. Saint Paul reminds us of those in former times, how they longed for, yearned for the one who was to come as Messiah and Savior of us all. He later would tell us that we are no different, but all are one in Christ Jesus.

Today when there is such hate, division, and separateness, we need to seek Jesus who unites not divides. May this be part of our advent prayer this week.

'Come Lord Jesus.'

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Please consider enrolling in electronic giving. For information, see the DONATE link on our website, www.olvparamus.org. Peter Emr is our online giving coordinator. If you are having difficulty contact him at peteremr2@verizon.net.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

A Lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belegeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, IL. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY: Rosary Society Mass 8:30am - and Meeting
Baptism Prep. 1:30pm

MONDAY: Immaculate Conception Masses

7:00am, 8:45am, 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:15pm

THURSDAY: Bereavement 7:00pm

SATURDAY: Rosary 8:30am

Mass 9:00am

Miraculous Medal 9:30am

SUNDAY: Holy Name Society Mass 8:30am

Baptisms 1:30pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Monday from 6:30pm -7:30pm we pray for our parish. All are encouraged to join us!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Articles for the Bulletin may be submitted to <u>bulletin@olvparamus.org</u> no later than 11:00am on the Monday prior to the Sunday you wish the item published.

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.OLVPARAMUS.ORG

FACEBOOK

Our Lady of the Visitation is now on Facebook. Please "like" our page to stay informed of what's happening in our parish.

We pray for the sick of the parish, especially Edward Carletto, Caye Condon, Desirie DeBari, Joan Gallina, Peter Jamgochian, Anna & Andrzej Krecki, Lynne McGarry, Zolio Magpantay, Amelia Martello, Paul Morra, 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

Please email <u>bulletin@olvparamus.org</u> or call the Rectory, if you have a loved one serving in the armed forces of the United States.

HOLIDAY PHOTO SHOOT

Troop 138 is hosting a Holiday Photo Shoot. **Dec 7** from 9:00am – 2:00pm in the gym. For \$20 you will receive high-resolution digital files to print, share, or use online. This package does not include printed photos.

FROM GRIEF TO HOPE

Our parish Bereavement Ministry meets on **Thursday 7:00pm - 8:00pm** in the Rectory as follows: **12/11**, Grief; **12/18**, Holidays Are Holydays.

If you would like to join us, call Carol Russell 201-652-2549, Blanca Diaz 917-838-9524, or Joan Carlson, 201-248-9743.

ROSARY SOCIETY



The Rosary Society December meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 7**, following the 8:30am Mass. Rosarians are requested to gather in the back of the church before Mass to process into the church. Following Mass, a light breakfast will be provided at the meeting.

Please bring nonperishable items to be collected and donated to the needy.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Parish Council on **Thursday, December 18, at 7:00pm** in the auditorium. Please make every effort to attend.

CENTERING PRAYER

The contemplative practice of meditation and prayer is available in the Zoom Meditation Chapel on Monday evenings at 7:15pm. You are encouraged to consider joining our group which is made up of parishioners and neighbors from near and far.

The Home page for the meditation chapel can be found at MeditationChapel.org. At the bottom of the home page is a link to the Getting Started Page that has the Steps 3 has the link to Register as a Meditation Chapel User. This page contains the link to The Mail Chimp Registration Page. There you will fill in the necessary information — email, name, meditation tradition, etc. Click Subscribe and in a brief period of time you will receive your links to the Meditation Chapels.

There are several different meditation chapels that will be available to you offering a variety of prayerful experiences. To find our group choose the <u>Peace Chapel</u> on Monday evenings at 7:15pm. If you have any questions or need assistance with registering, please contact me at <u>peteremr2@verizon.net</u> or 201 259-0677. Gratefully + Peter

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

Mark Anderson is available on Thursday nights. Please contact him by email at mark@talentbeacon.net.

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION



The Faith Formation Program at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish is an eight-year journey of growing in faith, designed for students in grades 1 through 8. This program is a cooperative effort between families and our parish community, working together to nurture our children's understanding and love of God.

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is closed. Registration for the new year will start on June 1, 2026. For more information regarding Faith Formation classes please contact Roberta at ccd@olvparamus.org or call the Rectory.

We are also seeking volunteers who feel called to share their faith with our children; all are welcome! Please reach out to Charlene or Fr. Antonio for more information. High school students looking to earn service hours or simply wanting to volunteer are invited to serve as class aides or hall monitors on Sunday mornings from 8:55 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. If interested, please contact Charlene at cviger@olvparamus.org.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)

The OCIA program at OLV will warmly welcome you and guide you on your faith journey. Please consider joining us for OCIA (JOURNEY IN FAITH). Leave a message at the Rectory or email deacontoddr@gmail.com.

WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



Monday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.



Saturday, December 6

5:00pm Steven Powers

Sunday, December 7

8:30am Rosary Society 10:30am John Iachetti 12:00pm Dennis Breen

Immaculate Conception,

Monday, December 8

7:00am Cesar, Francisco & Vilma Perez

and Family

8:45am James Rogers 7:00pm For Vocations

Tuesday, December 9

7:00am Lenny Pierro 8:45am Novena Mass

Wednesday, December 10

7:00am People of the Parish 8:45am James Rogers

Thursday, December 11

7:00am Sebastian Ynigo Perez – Birthday Thanksgiving 8:45am James Rogers

Friday, December 12

7:00am Novena Mass 8:45am Neha Xavier

Saturday, December 13

9:00am Brian Villanueva (L) 5:00pm Ana Schaffer

Sunday, December 14

8:30am Holy Name Society 10:30am James V. Powers 12:00pm Dan Ciaramella

DECEMBER NOVENA MASSES

Tuesday, December 9	8:45am
Friday, December 12	
Wednesday, December 17	7:00am
Thursday, December 18	8:45am
Wednesday, December 24	7:00am
Friday, December 26	8:45am
Monday, December 29	7:00am

DECEMBER NOVENA MASS INTENTIONS

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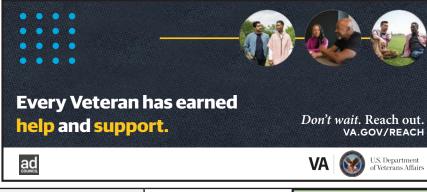
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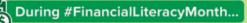
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