

# OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH COMMUNITY

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
May 3, 2026



## 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

## 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

Rev. William J. Reilly

*Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to ministry of the word.*

The proposal was acceptable to the whole community...They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands upon them.” The Acts of the Apostles, the story of the life of the primitive church, discloses an important step in the growth and structure of the church. Here we discover the choice of the first deacons, part of the sacrament of Holy Orders. As we reflect on the inspiration of the Spirit and the response of the community, may we look to the needs of the church today.

How aware we are of the need of disciples to serve the church today and for tomorrow. It is a concern for all Catholics. May I take a moment and ask myself, when did I encourage a person to follow the Lord as a priest, deacon or the religious life of a brother or sister? Rather than lament the lack of vocations, may I pray for and encourage others to listen to the call of the Lord. May we pray that those who the Lord is calling today, and He is, may hear and respond.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

## 2026 ANNUAL APPEAL

Our goal for this year is \$52,906.06, and our stretch goal is \$68,777.88. As of now, we have received \$27,560. We are grateful for your generosity and rely on it because it helps support essential ministries and programs in our Archdiocese.

Your support helps us accomplish across the Archdiocese what we would not be able to do alone. You can opt to make a one time gift or a pledge.

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

### ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY:**      Rosary Society Mass 8:30am  
                    & Meeting  
                    Baptism Prep. 1:30pm
- TUESDAY:**     Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- THURSDAY:**   Bereavement 7:00pm
- SATURDAY:**   Rosary 8:30am  
                    Mass 9:00am  
                    Miraculous Medal 9:30am  
                    Confirmation May 9 5:00pm Mass
- SUNDAY:**      Holy Name Society Mass 8:30am  
                    Baptisms 1:30pm

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[WWW.OLVPARAMUS.ORG](http://WWW.OLVPARAMUS.ORG)

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### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Articles for the Bulletin may be submitted to [bulletin@olvparamus.org](mailto:bulletin@olvparamus.org) no later than 11:00am on the Monday prior to the Sunday you wish the item published.

### CALLED BY NAME

Last weekend was Called By Name Sunday, an initiative to honor faithful young men who may be open to the priesthood. Cardinal Tobin has invited parishioners of every parish in the Archdiocese of Newark to submit names of young men who have shown a love for God and a desire to serve their neighbor.

Parishioners may submit the names of faithful young men ages 15 – 30 on the Called by Name cards which were placed in the pews. Those under age 18, please write their parent’s name and return the cards as soon as possible. Thank you for your help in this important campaign.

#### CLARIFICATION ON SPECIAL MEMORIAL COLLECTIONS

Our life *won't* come with a map, but it comes with a *promise*. If we follow God, His goodness *will* follow us all of the days of our lives.

SARAH FRAZER

*“The offerings received for [Mother’s Day/Father’s Day/All Souls Day] will be distributed to the priests of the parish, who will offer prayers for the intentions of the loved ones for whom the offerings have been made.”*

**GROUP OF FRIENDS OF SAINT JUSTIN  
MARIA ROSSOLLILO, S.D.V.**

This is a new group in our parish to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, and to support those who are in their process of formation. Please come at 7:00pm on Fridays to pray the Rosary by the Blessed Mother Grotto.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION  
MAY 31**

Join us in praying a Triduum on **May 28 and 29, at 7:00pm, and May 30 at the 5:00pm Mass**, followed by an International Pot-Luck Dinner in the parish hall. During that mass Brother Hery and Brother Jean Christian will make their perpetual vows in the Society of Divine Vocations, aka Vocationist Fathers.

**We remember in our prayers those who died in the month of March & April and pray for their families:**

*Loretta Sotell Elizabeth Jenkins  
Aida Barros Noreen Patricia Dailey  
Carmen Roldan Lydia Michalowski  
Edwin Valdez Rosemarie Zaita  
Carlos Ong*

**We welcome into our community all who were baptized during the month of April and extend our congratulations to their families:**

*Giovanni Luca Roupelian Brooke Victory  
Austin Sandman Julianna Rose Loncaric  
Emilia Avitable John Matthew Americo Sabino*

**We welcome our recently registered friends:**

*The Matthew Family*

**We extend our congratulations to the following couples who were recently married:**

*Franklin & Rebecca Roque  
Thomas & Francesca Calderone  
Sebastian & Jessica Hull*

**We pray for the sick of the parish**, especially Edward Carletto, Caye Condon, Desirie DeBari, Joan Gallina, Peter Jamgochian, Anna & Andrzej Krecki, Carol Lorenzo, Lynne McGarry, Zolio Magpantay, Karen Mahr, 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:**

*1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Christopher J. Kalman, USMC*

Please email [bulletin@olvparamus.org](mailto:bulletin@olvparamus.org) or call the Rectory, if you have a loved one serving in the armed forces of the United States.

**FROM GRIEF TO HOPE**

Our Parish Bereavement Ministry meets every other **Thursday 7:00pm - 8:00pm** in the Rectory as follows: **5/7**, Suggestions for Helping Yourself Through Grief; **5/28**, No Shortcuts to Mourning; **6/11**, Comfort for Those Who Mourn; **6/25**, After the Funeral (Article). If you would like to join us, call Carol Russell, 201-652-2549 or Blanca Diaz, 917-838-9524.

**CENTERING PRAYER**

The contemplative practice of meditation and prayer is available in the Zoom Meditation Chapel on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm**. 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](http://MeditationChapel.org). At the bottom of the home page is a link to the [Getting Started Page](#) that has the [Steps To Follow](#). Step 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. For further assistance with registering, please contact [peteremr2@verizon.net](mailto:peteremr2@verizon.net) or 201 259-0677. Gratefully + Peter

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5680  
SATURDAY, MAY 9**

A Beefsteak Dinner Annual Fundraiser event will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 102 Park Street in Haworth, NJ 07641. Dinner, beer, wine, soda, and desert will be provided. Cost is \$50 per person. For ticket information, please call Don Ulisse at 201-784-9823 or email [kc9021@aol.com](mailto:kc9021@aol.com). Thank you for your consideration, Earl Thuet, DGK, Council 5680.

**EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY**

Mark Anderson is available on Thursday nights. Please contact him by email at [mark@talentbeacon.net](mailto:mark@talentbeacon.net).

**LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION**



The Lifelong 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 is open. For more information regarding our religious classes please contact Roberta at [ccd@olvparamus.org](mailto: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](mailto:cviger@olvparamus.org).

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (FORMERLY RCIA)**

If you have not received the sacraments in the Catholic Church or if you know anyone who is interested in receiving the sacraments in the Catholic Church, please call the Rectory Office or speak with Fr. Antonio, Fr. Prince, or Deacon Todd. God Bless You!

**WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**



**Monday**

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

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

**First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

Philip preaches to the people of Samaria, who accept his word after witnessing the miracles he performs.

Peter and John pray that they will receive the Holy Spirit.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18**

Christians are urged to remain steadfast in their allegiance to Christ, giving evidence always of gentleness and hope.

**Gospel: John 14:15-21**

In his words to the apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus promises to send them a comforter, a Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them always.



**Saturday, May 2**

5:00pm Ignacia Malabayoc

**Sunday, May 3**

8:30am Rosary Society  
10:30am Carmen Palumbo  
12:00pm Alfonso Piccinich

**Monday, May 4**

7:00am Lilli Beth Velasco  
8:45am Helen & Mario Balabat (L)

**Tuesday, May 5**

7:00am Novena Mass  
8:45am Ashton Rogers Bonila (L)

**Wednesday, May 6**

7:00am Yolanda Jurkota  
8:45am Walter Hiel

**Thursday, May 7**

7:00am For Vocations  
8:45am Philip Thompson (L)

**Friday, May 8**

7:00am Yolanda Jurkota  
8:45am Novena Mass

**Saturday, May 9**

9:00am Barbara Michalska  
5:00pm Clementina Giansetto & Margaret Mullin

**Sunday, May 10**

8:30am Holy Name Society  
10:30am Mothers of Rembecky & Angulo Families  
12:00pm Irene Gora

**MAY NOVENA MASSES**

Tuesday, May 5 .....7:00am  
Friday May 8 .....8:45am  
Wednesday, May 13 .....7:00am  
Thursday, May 14 .....8:45am  
Monday May 18 .....7:00am  
Friday May 22 .....7:00am  
Wednesday, May 27 .....8:45am  
Friday May 29 .....7:00am

**MAY NOVENA MASS INTENTIONS**

Emil J. Lovas	Anna Lovas
Maggie Friedland	Eileen Benson
Richard Belina	James P. McMahon
Francis J. Casey	Vincent & Ceil Casey
Delphine Fernandes (L)	Robert Spitzer (L)
Leticia S. Dizon	Elaine Schevon
Peter Romaine	Alice Christodoro
James Rogers, Sr.	Ariana Rogers
Robert Rogers	James Rogers, Jr.
Lilli Beth Velasco	Siegfried & Philipp Scharf
Frank & Francis Roque (L)	

***GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON TO SAVE US. PLEASE LET US LOVE GOD BY PARTICIPATING IN THE MASS FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END. THE MASS STARTS WITH "IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON..." AND FINISHES WITH THE BLESSING, "IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON..."***

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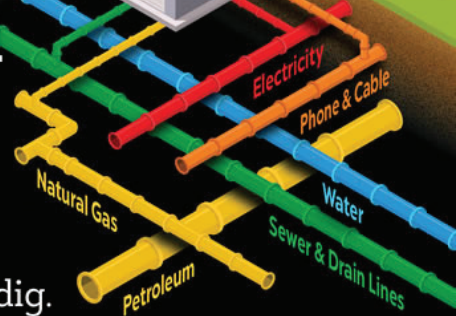
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