

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH COMMUNITY

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 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.

OUR STAFF

Rev. Antonio L. da Silva, SDV
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VISITATION ACADEMY

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

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near, let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts, let him turn to the Lord for mercy, and forgiveness, and to our God who is generous in forgiving. ... Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel.

Seek ye first... Seek the Lord, that is our task. But where can I discover Him, how will I know if I have succeeded? The answer is quite clear and simple. I place my trust in His promise that He is so near, and He is searching for, reaching out for me at this very moment. I trust in His word of mercy and realize that He is present to comfort me in my every need.

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.

2026 ANNUAL APPEAL

Our goal for this year is \$52,906.06. As of now, we have received \$42,365. 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

TUESDAY: Centering Prayer 6:30pm

THURSDAY: Bereavement 7:00pm

SATURDAY: Rosary 8:30am
Mass 9:00am
Miraculous Medal 9:30am

SUNDAY: Assessment Collection
Catholic War Veterans 8:30am

THE VOCATIONIST FATHERS ANNUAL FUND RAISER is being held at The Birchwood Manor, in Whippany, on **Saturday, November 7**. Admission is \$100.00 per person. For tickets* please call Sandy Rembecky (201-697-8077) or Fe Roque (201-639-1321).

The **50/50 Raffle** is \$5 per ticket or \$20 per booklet of 6 (2x tickets free!). Raffle Booklets will be available in the pews. Please use the envelope to return the stubs with your contact information and payment,* to either the rectory or the collection basket.

The **Ad Journal** consists of several size options, including a Booster (\$75). Your Ad, whether to promote a business, a goodwill message, or a memorial for a loved one, will be seen by a wide viewership, and support our continual mission. Call Remy Rembecky (201-739-1021) for more information.

Raffles, Ads, and Dinner/Dance tickets will be available for purchase after weekend Masses. *If paying by check, make payable to: Vocationist Fathers or SDV.

2027 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Intentions should be submitted on a Mass Intention Request Form, which is available at the doors of the Church. **PLEASE NOTE: 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. Masses are available on Holy Days of Obligation at 7:00pm (Vigil) and 7:00pm (Day). Remember that Altar Candles, Altar Bread & Wine, and Sanctuary Lamp may be memorialized by visiting or calling the Rectory.**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.OLVPARAMUS.ORG**

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

We pray for the sick of the parish, especially Desirie DeBari, Joan Gallina, Peter Jamgochian, Anna 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 the Men and Women in Service to Our Country:

Please email 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: **9/24**, Inner Healing; **10/8**, What Makes Us Angry; **10/22**, Liberation of Grief.

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

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Finance Council Meeting on **Thursday, September 24, at 7:00m** in the Rectory. All members are encouraged to attend.

DE COLORES CURSILLISTAS!

Happy September! We will resume our monthly Group Reunions on **Saturday, September 26**. As usual, we will attend the 9:00am Mass in the Church and group in the Panel Room of the Rectory after Mass (approximately 9:30am). Feel free to bring a friend who is interested in coming back to Cursillo or may be interested in making a Cursillo. We will share prayer, fellowship, and Cursillo news. We can discuss the scheduled calendar (see below).

Please RSVP to me by Wednesday September 23, so that we will have a headcount for coffee and... Going forward, we will tentatively meet on the following Saturdays: October 24, November 28, December - No Meeting, January 23, February 27, March 20 (Easter is March 28), April 24, May 22, June 26. Thanks in advance for your participation! For more information, please contact Judy Faley at 201-289-0752 or jfaley59@aol.com.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

On **Wednesday, September 30, at 7:00pm**, the Pastoral Parish Council will meet in the Rectory.

KNIGHT OUT WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly invites you to A Knight Out with Friends and Family, **Saturday October 10**, in the OLV gymnasium. The event will follow 5:00pm mass and run from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. The evening will include an expanded menu of pasta, chicken, and steak, along with drinks, desserts, and live music! Cost is \$35 for adults, \$20 for kids and free for 6y/o and under. Reservations may be made by emailing EarlThuet@gmail.com. Tickets will be sold after each mass on the weekend of September 26-27. Catering by parishioner Domenick Rizzo's DR Catering.

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. 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 link to the calendar. Look for us in the Thomas Keating Meditation Chapel. For further assistance with registering, please contact peteremr2@verizon.net or 201 259-0677. Gratefully + Peter

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

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

HEALING MASS

The Annunciation Church Clergy and Social Concerns Ministry invites you to attend a Healing Mass on **Saturday, October 3, at 11:00am**, followed by a light lunch. Please arrive by 10:45am for check-in/seating. Register by **Thursday, September 24** at 201-261-6322 or email d.monticello@hotmail.com

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 or call the Rectory.

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 8:40am to 10:15am. If interested, please contact Charlene at cviger@olvparamus.org.

Catechists Needed for 6th & 7th Grade Faith Formation

Our Lady of the Visitation Lifelong Faith Formation is seeking volunteers to serve as Catechists for our 6th and 7th Grade classes. Catechists play an important role in helping

our young people grow in their faith and relationship with Christ. No prior teaching experience is necessary—training, materials, and support will be provided.

If you have ever felt called to share your faith and make a difference in the lives of our parish youth, we invite you to prayerfully consider this ministry.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Charlene Viger at cviger@olvparamus.org. Thank you for supporting the faith formation of our parish children.

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

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.



Saturday, September 19

5:00pm Roberto Alonso

Sunday, September 20

8:30am Digna Alidio Cuevas
10:30am Rose & Pasquale Tobia
12:00pm Sequiera/Freitas Families

Monday, September 21

7:00am Edgar Montalvo
8:45pm Novena Mass

Tuesday, September 22

7:00am Florencia Culiao
8:45am Mary Haslan

Wednesday, September 23

7:00am Novena Mass
8:45am Frank Cancalosi

Thursday, September 24

7:00am Novena Mass
8:45am Philip Thompson

Friday, September 25

7:00am Cathleen Perez
8:45am Mary Thompson

Saturday, September 26

9:00am Nick Magrogan
5:00pm John Savastano

Sunday, September 27

8:30am Catholic War Veterans
10:30am Robert Guidetti
12:00pm Barbara & Francesco Licini

SEPTEMBER NOVENA MASSES

Monday, September 21.....8:45am
Wednesday, September 23.....7:00am
Thursday, September 24.....7:00am
Wednesday, September 30.....8:45am

SEPTEMBER NOVENA MASS INTENTIONS

Emil J. Lovas	Anna Lovas
James P. McMahon	Francis J. Casey
Vincent & Ceil Casey	Luz Timmapuri
Bebita Molde	Dinah Armecin
Solomon Armecin	Victor D'Souza
James Rogers, Sr.	James Rogers, Jr.
Robert Rogers	Ariana Rogers
Robert Spitzer (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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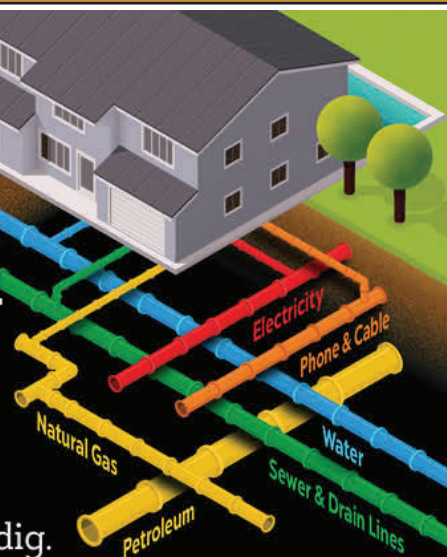
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