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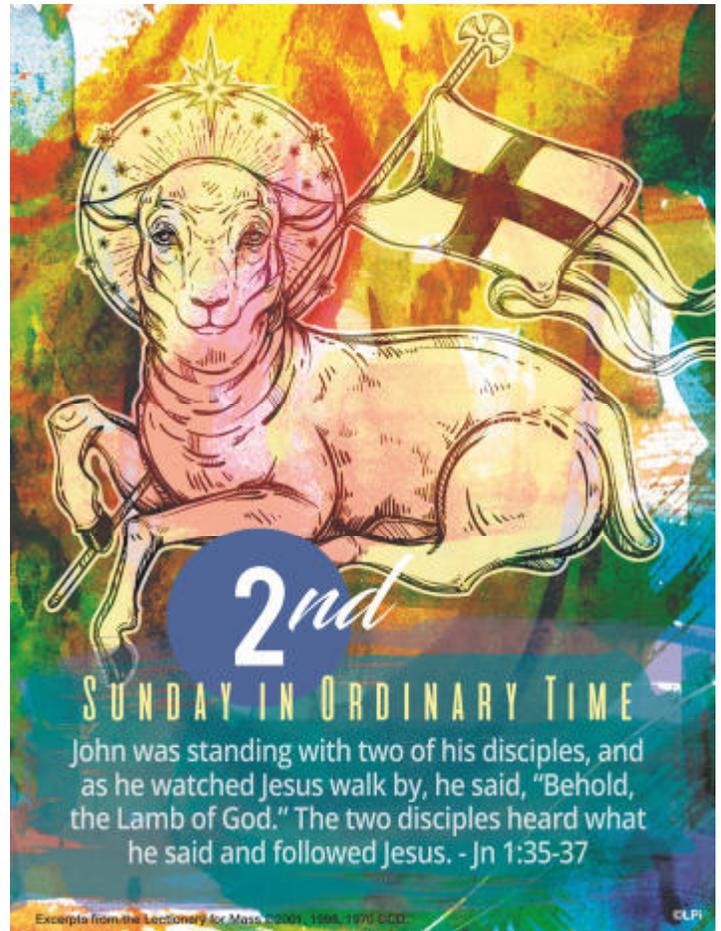
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Celebration of the Eucharist

See pre-registration details in the bulletin

Saturday, Vigil, 4pm

Sunday, 9am and 11am

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday at 8am

Masses will continue to be Livestreamed on
olvparish.org

Confessions: Saturdays from 3pm to 3:40pm in the Parish Annex building. Please enter through the Annex and be seated at an appropriate distance from others as you wait for the Sacrament.



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

January 16 and 17

Sat 4pm Special Intention
Sun 9am Joseph J. Lotuff
11am Michael Walsh, Ladies Guild

January 18-22

Mon 8am Thomas Vanderslice
Tues 8am Dorathea Bianchi
Wed 8am For the Parish
Thurs 8am George Hodgkinson, Sr.
Fri 8am Krissy Esposito

January 23 and 24

Sat 4pm Eleanor and Fred Bean and
Michael Patrick Wetson
Sun 9am Michael Herrity
11am Michael Coppinger

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

January 16 and 17

Sat 4:30pm John Jamar

Sun 9am Roger Queeney
11am Emily Canty
5:30pm

January 18-23

Mon 9am Clara Duffy
Tues 9am Daniel Sheahan
Wed 9am Jonathan Segura
Thurs 9am Mary A. Keathing
Fri 9am Thomas F. Fosbre and Ann E. Flaherty
Sat 9am Community Mass
Karen Sweeney

January 23 and 24

Sat 4:30pm Meghan Sullivan McCormack

Sun 9am Arlene DeMelo
11am Special Intention
5:30pm Special Intention

ALL ARE WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

We are blessed at Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Victory and at Our Lady of Hope to have thoughtful, generous parishioners who support the good works of our faith community with their time, talent and treasure. Thank you for your spiritual and financial commitment to our Parishes.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 17: Catholic Communication Campaign.

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally.

January 24: Parish Heating. Fund collected are used towards the costs of heating our Parish.

Electronic Giving

We understand this is a challenging time. If your means allow and you would like to mail your offering to the parish office, we are still checking our mail each day. We are also pleased to offer WeShare as a method to contribute electronically.

Visit our website:

<https://www.assumption-capecod.org/>
and see link to the We Share at the bottom of the homepage. *Thank you.*



Kindly remember in your prayers the recently deceased and all those who have asked for our prayers.

George Hodgkinson, Sr.

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day;
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
They are always in our hearts, so dear.*

From Fr. Matt

As we endure and persevere through yet another month of the COVID pandemic many have been very hopeful and relieved to know that vaccines are on their way. We hope and pray that these vaccines will help to save lives, especially those who are vulnerable in our society: our elderly and those whose health is delicate and compromised. With the prospect of spreading far and wide these vaccines there have been some who have raised questions about the ethics of how they have been prepared. These questions and concerns are worth mentioning and investigating.

The ethical concerns are related to certain a line of cells, known as HEK 293. This cell line was derived from the kidney of an aborted child from the Netherlands in 1972. Both of the current vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna make use of this cell line in their testing phase. AstraZeneca, unfortunately, makes use of this cell line in both their development and testing phases.¹

Many Catholics are surprised to learn about these ethical problems and begin to wonder, what choices am I left with? The US bishops in a recent memo have explained that there is indeed a connection to abortion, however, “it is relatively remote.” For those on the receiving end of the vaccine “it is morally permissible to accept vaccination when there are no alternatives and there is a serious risk to health.”²

However, even if we receive these vaccines, we are still left with the responsibility to express our objections to the use of these unethical cell lines. We should always seek out the least morally compromised and make known our serious moral reservations regarding the use of these cell lines when there are other lines that are not problematic. We as Catholics should never be content to settle for that which is merely, “permissible.” Rather, we should want to promote a culture of life for all, including children in the womb. Speaking to our doctors and pharmaceutical companies and urging them to use uncompromised cell lines is a powerful way to fulfill our responsibility to be the salt of the earth and light of the world.

For those seeking more information, the following articles may be helpful:

Moral Considerations the New COVID-19 Vaccines.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Must Catholics Refuse a COVID-19 Vaccine Made with a Cell Line from an Abortion?

Fr. Tad Pacholczyk

The Morality of the COVID-19 Vaccines

Dr. Janet Smith

¹For a full listing of vaccines and their ethical analysis see Fr. Tad Pacholczyk’s article, “Must Catholics refuse a COVID-19 vaccine made with a cell line from an abortion?”

² Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines. Bishop Kevin J. Rhoades and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann (USCCB).

Please Read... Important Information

Please note that the *Mass registration email and phone lines are not checked after the 6 pm Friday deadline. Sending an email or leaving a message after that time does not constitute a registration.* It takes time to respond to emails and phone calls, type the lists, sort them alphabetically and by family, print, and get the lists for seven Masses to the two churches. All this is done between 6 pm Friday and 10 am Saturday. These lists are being created for your safety, to ensure we are complying with state, local, and diocesan guidelines, and will be used in the event we need to alert attendees to a possible exposure. By your attendance at Mass, you are agreeing that neither you nor anyone you have come into contact with has any symptoms of illness, and you will alert either your physician, the local board of health, or OLV or OLA mass registration line (can be anonymous) with the date, time and church of the Mass you attended if you test positive for COVID-19.

First Reading 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was.
The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am."
Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me."
"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep."
So he went back to sleep.
Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli.
"Here I am," he said. "You called me."
But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."
At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet.
The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me."
Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth.
So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply,
Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."
When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"
Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters:
The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body;
God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality.
Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body.
Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?
For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Alleluia

R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*
We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Gospel Jn 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."
The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?"
They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?"
He said to them, "Come, and you will see."
So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day.
It was about four in the afternoon.
Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.
He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —.
Then he brought him to Jesus.
Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

St. Thomas Aquinas Prayer After Communion

I thank You, Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, for having been pleased, through no merit of mine, but of Your great mercy alone, to feed me, a sinner, and Your unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for my judgment and condemnation, but for my pardon and salvation.
Let this Holy Communion be to me an armor of faith and a shield of good will, a cleansing of all vices, and a rooting out of all evil desires. May it increase love and patience, humility and obedience, and all virtues. May it be a firm defense against the evil designs of all my visible and invisible enemies, a perfect quieting of all the desires of soul and body. May this Holy Communion bring about a perfect union with You, the one true God, and at last enable me to reach eternal bliss when You will call me. I pray that You bring me, a sinner, to the indescribable Feast where You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, are to Your saints true light, full blessedness, everlasting joy, and perfect happiness. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Masses at Our Lady of the Assumption and Our Lady of Victory parishes. The temporary schedule for each parish continues as follows with pre-registration for Sunday Mass required.

Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Assumption:

Saturday, 4pm

Sunday, 9am and 11am

Our Lady of Victory:

Saturday, 4:30pm

Sunday, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm

*All Masses at Our Lady of Victory will continue to be Livestreamed on olvparish.org

Daily Mass Schedule

Our Lady of Victory: Monday through Saturday at 9am.

Our Lady of the Assumption: Monday through Friday at 8am.

Registration for daily Mass is not required at this time.

The Rosary will take place as normal before Mass and we ask that people arrive 10-15 minutes early for daily Mass.

Registration for weekend Masses begins on Sunday at noon and ends at 6pm on Friday, and at this time you must register each week.

Please note that the Mass registration email and phone lines are not checked after the 6 pm Friday deadline. Sending an email or leaving a message after that time does not constitute a registration

For OLA Masses:

Please call 508.428.2011 x201 or email massregistration@assumption-capecod.org

For OLV Masses:

508.775.5744 x107 or email massregistration@olvparish.org for OLV Masses.

PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH EACH REGISTRATION:

- Names of all attendees
- A Phone number
- And Date, time and church of the Mass you wish to attend

Please wear a face covering into church, bring hand sanitizer, and arrive 20 minutes early.

What do I need to do for Mass?

- **Please bring and wear a face covering into church.** A face covering is not primarily for yourself but for those around you.
- **Please bring hand sanitizer.** We will have sanitizer at the doors of the church, however this supply must be used prudently and carefully for all parishioners for several weeks.
- **You MUST come 20 minutes early.** This is crucial. We will not be able to keep social distancing if everyone shows up exactly at the time of the Mass.
- **Please follow the instructions of the staff/volunteers/signs.**

Confessions

Regularly scheduled confessions are available. Parishioners will have the opportunity to speak face to face or use a screen and social distance will be maintained.

OLA Confessions: Saturdays from 3pm to 3:40pm in the Parish Annex building. Please enter through the Annex and be seated at an appropriate distance from others as you wait for the Sacrament.

OLV Confessions: Saturdays after the 9am Mass and from 3:30pm to 4:15pm in the Parish Center. Please enter through the Parish Center door (*not the main office door*) and be seated at an appropriate distance from others as you wait for the Sacrament.

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH!

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Jan 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lifestyles of the brave and mobile

Media coverage is thick concerning the lifestyles of the rich and famous. The lives of the truly heroic, on the other hand—faithful spouses, conscientious parents, the working poor, folks who turn their lives around after addiction or costly misdirection—are mostly hidden from view. Faithful discipleship requires effort, quiet persistence, and most of all, movement in the spirit. Followers don't stand still, unchangeable in opinions or behaviors. Growth is required. The terms of the deal are as follows: "Come—and see." "Rabbi . . . where are you staying?" He said to them, 'Come and you will see.'

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Monday, Jan 18, 2021

Abide your time this week

For more than 100 years, Christians around the world have been observing annually the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25). For Catholics, this week is an opportunity to also ponder the Decree on Ecumenism from Vatican II. Is your diocese or parish participating in this healing effort? For resources, visit the World Council of Churches at of Prayer for Christian Unity. As you pray, call to mind this year's theme: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit."

"Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?"

Tuesday, Jan 19, 2021

Pray the pope's prayer for peace

Exactly 60 years ago tomorrow, John F. Kennedy gave an inaugural address that quoted Romans 12:12, reminding citizens to be "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation." One year later, Pope John XXIII became a secret intermediary between Kennedy and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, speaking a message of peace to the entire world during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Haunted by the experience, he penned his final encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*, stressing the church's Christian duty to address international issues of peace and human rights—speaking to all persons "of good will," not only Catholics. Pray for peace and the perseverance of hope. "Hold fast to the hope that lies before us."

Wednesday, Jan 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR

Be open to the Spirit of surprise

In the year 236, Fabian left his farm and headed to Rome. He wanted to be in town for the election of a new pope. The furthest thing from his mind, or anyone's mind, was that he would be elected. Legend holds that as clergy discussed worthy candidates, a dove landed on the head of bystander Fabian. Thinking it was a sign from the Holy Spirit, the crowd elected Fabian by acclamation. A kind and capable administrator, he had the respect of both the faith community and three different emperors in a period of rare peace. Although that peace eventually ended and persecution cost him his life, Fabian's legacy endures. Be open to unexpected visitations of the Holy Spirit! "Come up here before us."



Thursday, Jan 21, 2021

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Draw inspiration from women of faith

Today we honor both Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr, and, in some places, Our Lady of Altagracia, protectress of the Dominican Republic. The devotion to both grew from grassroots popularity; that is, ordinary Christians were moved by their stories and lifted them up for veneration. Saint Agnes was executed for her faith in the fourth century. Our Lady of Altagracia is an image of Mary in the Dominican Republic that, according to legend, kept mysteriously moving to an orange grove until a church was built there. Centuries later memories of both women continue to inspire the faithful. Take a moment to reflect on women of faith who inspire you.

“Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him.”

Friday, Jan 22, 2021

Embracing your inner apostle

How many apostles did Jesus call? If you said 12, well, you are sort of correct. Indeed, Jesus appointed 12 followers to be his close companions, to learn from him, and to preach the Good News. But it doesn't stop at 12. Jesus continues to call forth apostles in the church. We have bishops who continue the mission via the tradition of apostolic succession. We also have every single person in the church, including you! “The whole church is apostolic, in that she remains . . . in communion of faith and life with her origin: and in that she is ‘sent out’ into the whole world,” says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. How will you respond to your call to apostleship?

“Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him.”

Saturday, Jan 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, RELIGIOUS

Remarkable, two times over

Imagine leaving all that is familiar to minister in a far-off land. Now imagine doing it twice! German-born Marianne Cope came to the United States as a young woman and, as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, New York, became a founding leader of St. Joseph's Hospital in the city, one of the first general hospitals in the country. Then in 1883 she relocated with six other sisters to Hawai'i to care for persons suffering leprosy and to help develop the medical infrastructure of the island chain. Pray today for an ounce of the courage and sacrifice she modeled for us all. “Jesus came with his disciples into the house.”

From Rome With Love

It is striking that the Lord spent most of his time on Earth living an ordinary life, without standing out. It is a beautiful message that reveals the greatness of daily life, the importance in God's eyes of every gesture and moment of life, even the most simple. @Pontifex January 11, 2021



The Green Team

Polyester, nylon, and acrylic are common materials used in clothing—and some of the main sources of plastic pollution. Of the estimated 1.5 million tons of primary microplastics contaminating oceans each year, about 35% originate in synthetic clothes. Laundry is one of the main culprits. You can use a microplastic-catching laundry bag or a microplastic filter attachment for your washing machine. Wash clothes on cold, as recent research indicates that shorter, cooler washes reduce microplastics' release by a third. Source: Sierra

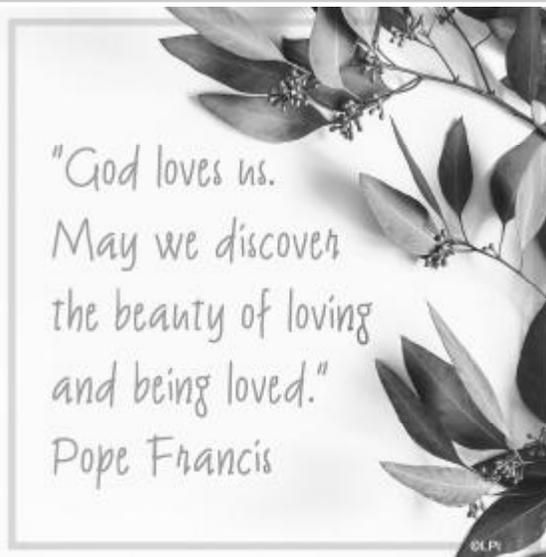


Please Pray For A Priest Each Day

Lord God, Let us pray that our gratitude for those in ordained life may inspire us to serve with open hearts.



- January 17: Rev. Msgr. Daniel Hoye
- January 18: Rev. John Andrews
- January 19: Rev. Henry Arruda
- January 20: Rev. Msgr. Stephen Avila
- January 21: Rev. Freddie Babiczuk
- January 22: Rev. Bernard Baris, MS
- January 23: Rev. Stephen Banjare, SSSC





Our Men and Women in the Service

Our parishes pray for those currently serving, at home and abroad, in the military.

Pvt . 1st Class Michael Bilodeau, USM
 LT Marius Bernotas, USN
 ENS Andrius Bernotas, USN
 Capt. Tyler Jean Nauss, USA
 Capt. Sean Villano, USAF
 Capt. Jonathan S. DeMille, USA
 Sgt. Evan Salvaggio USA
 2nd Lt. Liam G. Furey, USA
 Spec 4 Charles Furey, National Guard, USA
 Capt. Matthew Cavanaugh, USA
 Maj. Dennis Williams, USA
 1st Lt. Ian Horkan, USA
 Colonel Paul J. Nugent, USMC
 Capt. Justin M. D'Olimpio USAF
 Maj. Andrew Ryan Wing, USMC
 Sgt. Andrew Bowman USMC
 Cpl. Brian J. Sullivan, USMC
 Pvt. Jack DeLorey; RCT Patrick MacNeely
 Warrant Officer Matthew Plicque, USA
 2nd Lt Peter Murphy, Airborne
 Chaplain Bob Monagle
 Capt. Billy Murphy, USN
 Cpl. Patrick J. Kelley
 LCpl Andrew J. Kelley
 LCPL Robert Connolly IV
 Captain Sean P. Kelley, USN
 PFC William Russell Perry
 Sgt. Jacob W. Morash
 Capt. Jared A. Ripperger
 PFC Cory Briggs
 Lt. Kalen Kropa
 Capt. Michael Mayo Taylor, USA
 Brig. General Benjamin T. Watson, USMC

Major John B. VanderVoort
 PFC Tim Strong, USN
 LCDR Conor O'Neil
 1st Lt. Hannah E. MacLeod-Pryg USA
 1st Lt. Lucas Pryg, USA
 Warrant Officer Steve Capt. Matthew Antil Goodwin, USMC
 2nd Lt Thomas O. Mullen, USAF
 Staff Sgt. Joseph Moore
 Pvt. Jake Bryan, USA
 SO1 Michael Reeves USN
 CO Rusty Williamson, USN
 Spc. Alexander Kelsall, USA Surgeon
 Capt. Michael D. Crowley, USMC
 Capt. Christopher Roy
 SPC Tucker McLoughlin, USA
 Lt. Robert Havens, USAF
 Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Noddin Poulin, USN
 Lt. Kalen Kropa, USN
 Lt. Katherine Noddin Poulin, USN
 Lt. Stephen Noddin Poulin, USA
 Spc. Brooks Noddin Poulin, USA
 Lt. Cmdr. Catherine Long, USN
 Matthew Tutunjian, CG;
 QM2 Daniel-Lee Searfoss, USN.

To add a loved one or to let us know when they are no longer serving: kim@olvparish.org



Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parishes



Mary Ann Barbara
 John W. Best
 Betty Brady
 Peter F. Brady
 Emily Calamari
 Donald Capobianco
 Joe Carpentieri
 Stephen DeVeer
 Irene Farrell
 Steve Goveia
 Barbara Korkuch
 Jennifer Kuehne
 Shaun Laughlan
 Brenda Liakos
 Barbara MacLean
 Brad Martin
 Patricia O'Connell
 Elizabeth Garvey Olsen
 Victoria Whalen
 Eileen Reardon
 Richard Shea
 Fred B. Williams

All Members of the Cancer Support Group
All those affected by COVID-19

If you or your immediate family member need to be added to the list or removed, please contact, kim@olvparish.org.

*Almighty and Eternal God,
You are the everlasting health of those
who believe in You.*

*Hear us for Your sick servants for who we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER SHAWL REQUEST

If you wish to request a prayer shawl, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket. You may also contact Priscilla DeLeon-Vinson at 774-836-8030 or pdv@comcast.net



Name of recipient: _____

Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____

Phone number needed for delivery of Prayer Shawl.

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Parish Offices Are Closed

The OLV and OLA Parish Offices are closed for in-person business at this time. You can reach us via email or by leaving a phone message (contact information listed on front of bulletin) and we will be happy to assist you.

On-Line Book Club—Open to All

Our book club is going strong. We welcome new participants. Below is some information on the new book as well as videos.

Our next book will be: *JESUS and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* by Brian Pitre. Here is the video link about the book by the author on Formed: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/jesus-and-the-jewish-roots-of-the-eucharist>

Meeting Sessions for this book: January 13, January 27, February 10 and February 17. If you would like to join us or have any questions, or need to purchase a copy of the book, contact Billb@OLVparish.org

Bible Study On-Line Meetings:

All Are Welcome

Weekly Bible Study meets each Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm via Zoom meeting. We are using the workbook, *Understanding the Scriptures* by Scott Hahn, Ph.D. Workbooks are available in the OLV Office for \$15 cash/check. (Please call the office to make arrangements.) It is a review of the Bible, from Genesis to the early Church, and it will accompany the Catholic Bible. For more info and to sign up for Zoom meeting, please contact: Eleanor Ubaldini, eleanorubaldini@gmail.com or 508-827-7926

Join Us For The Year of the Eucharist

An opportunity for parishioners to gain a deeper spiritual knowledge of their faith through the Blessed Sacrament. We are holding **Eucharistic Adoration** at both parishes. **Our Lady of the Assumption:** Fridays, after 8am Mass until 10am
Our Lady of Victory: Wednesdays, 3pm until 6pm

Fr. Davignon

Fr. Davignon called on New Year's Eve. He was grateful for all the cards, best wishes and prayers. The reason he has not responded as he usually does is that he fell the week before Christmas and was unable to answer your cards. He is undergoing day surgery on Thursday, January 9 to repair the tendon in his knee cap. This will enable him to walk without a brace. Once again his gratitude for everything and continues to ask your prayers in his recovery.

Weather Cancellations

During the week, if Barnstable schools are cancelled, Masses are cancelled as well.

If schools are delayed, morning Mass is cancelled. On the weekends, we will make the decision as early as possible.

In any case, please use your best judgment on travel, since conditions can change rapidly. We will post closings on the TV on WCVB, and on the radio stations WXTK, WCOD and Cool-102, as well as WQRC, WOCN, WKPE, and capecod.com. If we are able, we will also post on Facebook as well as our websites.



Tax Donation Letter

If anyone would like to request their tax donation letter for OLV, they can do so by calling the parish office, 508-775-5744 or emailing Kelley at kjs@olvparish.org. Those that need a letter from OLA, contact Gillie at 508-428-2011.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate



intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Father of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in

our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really can't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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