

# Our Lady of the Assumption Church

## Osterville, Massachusetts

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Monday - Friday  
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### Our Lady's Guild

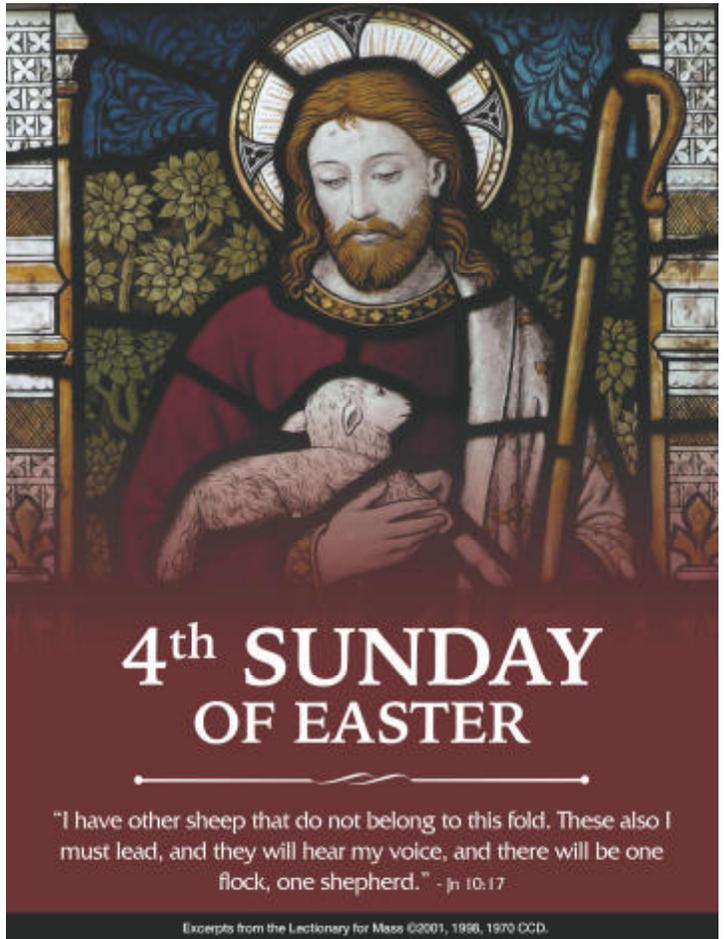
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### Bulletin Submissions

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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**

**April 24-25**

Sat 4pm Jane Davis Gavin

Sun 9am Joseph Mladinich  
11am Rita Connolly

**April 26-30**

Mon 8am For the Parish  
Tues 8am Ermelinda A. Couto  
Wed 8am Maureen Ehnstrom  
Thurs 8am Special Intention  
Fri 8am Living and Deceased Members of the  
McNamara and Christie Families

**May 1-2**

Sat 4pm The End of the Year of St. Joseph  
  
Sun 9am Freddie Rivers, Jr., Theodorina Mendes, and  
Antonio and Marian Monteiro  
11am Mary Gralton

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY**

**April 24-25**

Sat 4:30pm John J. "Jack" Pendergast  
  
Sun 9am Manuel and Deolinda DeMelo  
11am Grace Carney  
5:30pm People of the Parish

**April 26-May 1**

Mon 9am Mary and Charles Bisenius  
Tues 9am Barbara Kiely  
Wed 9am Richard Raterman  
Thurs 9am George Gill  
Fri 9am Theresa Zeglen  
Sat 9am Community Mass  
Patricia Cadigan, Donald McKeag

**May 1-2**

Sat 4:30pm The End of the Year of St. Joseph  
  
Sun 9am Jacqueline Nunes  
11am People of the Parish  
5:30pm Maura Hitzenbuhler

**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**

**April 25: Parish Mission and Development.**  
**May 2: Parish Air Conditioning /Maintenance**  
**May 9: No second collection**

**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.

***Dr. Barbara Rockett***

*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.*

Michael Kent’s adaption from *Bringing the Word to Life* has these words...One of the most enduring symbols in Christian tradition is Christ the Good shepherd. The gospel reading recalls this touching image and gives us assurance that Jesus will never abandon His followers. We, the sheep of his flock, are eternally under his guidance and protection. This pledge can be of great comfort to us yet a problem can arise when we misconstrue the image of the Good Shepherd and believe it encourages us to remain sheep-like in our lives especially in terms of our discipleship as Christians. We need to remember that Jesus charged his followers with a mission- one that would entail commitment, hardship and even sacrifice. We need to do our part to help Jesus to build the kingdom of God.

The Good Shepherd does not make us dependent but supports our independence in working for the good of the kingdom wherever we find ourselves as His witness. We are witnesses when we can invite someone to look into our lives and find Jesus there. We are witnesses when we allow ourselves to be touched by folks who are lost and afraid. We are witnesses when we live in a way that defies any explanation other than the presence of the risen Christ within us.

The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John  
are read by more than a few.  
But the one that is most read and commented on  
is the gospel according to you.  
You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day,  
by the things that you do and the words that you say.  
People read what you write, whether faithless or true.  
Say, what is the gospel according to you?  
Do others read His truth and His love in your life?  
Or has yours been too full of malice and strife?  
Does your life speak of evil, or does it ring true?  
Say, what is the gospel according to you?

We are witnesses in our own gospel saying. So look, touch, see, believe ! It isn’t a ghost. It’s the living God.

God Bless,  
*Deacon Jim*

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Each of our parishes, for many years, have had a St. Vincent de Paul Society. This Society made up of lay women and men who deal with our brothers and sisters in the Parish, who for one reason or another are in need of help. In both parishes they are funded by your generous donations: at Our Lady of the Assumption from the Holy Day collections and at Our Lady of Victory from the monthly Harvest collections. In the last year, the expenditures were:

**Our Lady of the Assumption**

Rent, Utilities, Medical, Fuel, Insurance	\$6,304.00
New Furnace (shared cost)	\$2,000.00
Food Cards, Food Pantries	\$4,500.00
Total	\$12,804.00

**Our Lady of Victory**

Utilities, Rent, Insurance	\$39,010.00
Food Cards	\$9,500.00
Total	\$48,510.00

A special word of thanks to the members of St. Vincent de Paul and especially all who have donated this past year. Your donations were well spent.

Sincerely,  
*Msgr. Perry*

**First Reading**      Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:  
“Leaders of the people and elders:  
If we are being examined today  
about a good deed done to a cripple,  
namely, by what means he was saved,  
then all of you and all the people of Israel should know  
that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean  
whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead;  
in his name this man stands before you healed.  
He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders,*  
    *which has become the cornerstone.*  
There is no salvation through anyone else,  
nor is there any other name under heaven  
given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Refrain:** *The stone rejected by the builders has become  
the cornerstone*

**Second Reading**      1 Jn 3:1-2

Beloved:  
See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.  
Yet so we are.  
The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.  
Beloved, we are God’s children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like  
him, for we shall see him as he is.



**Verse**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said:

“I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd

and whose sheep are not his own,

sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away,  
and the wolf catches and scatters them.

This is because he works for pay and has no concern 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.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,  
and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me,

because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own.

I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up  
again. This command I have received from my Father.”

**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](http://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](mailto:massregistration@assumption-capecod.org)

**For OLV Masses:**

508.775.5744 x107 or email [massregistration@olvparish.org](mailto: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**

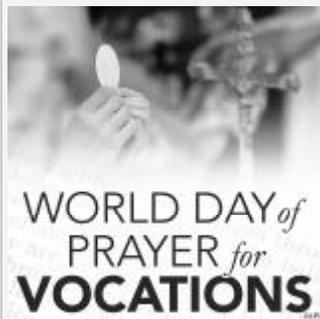
Regularly scheduled confessions are available. Parishioners will have the opportunity to speak face to face or use a screen and social distance will be maintained.

**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, Apr 25, 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

*Live with purpose*

Collecting a paycheck may be important to make a living, but will it alone make a life? Some Catholics hear the invitation to choose a different path.

They're nudged by family members, religion teachers, and homilists. They have opportunities to learn about priesthood and apostolic life, about missions and monasteries and cloisters. They'll encounter members of Third Orders and engage in service projects that put them in touch with those consecrated to spreading the Good News. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let's be sure to issue the invitation—and to receive it. "No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down on my own."

**Reading for the Week of April 25, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

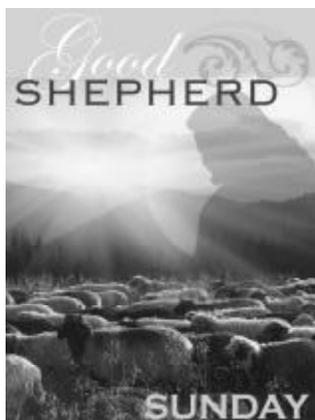
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11 ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14



**Monday, Apr 26, 2021**

*Nothing need limit your devotion*

The life of Saint Rafael Arnáiz Barón was interrupted by illness. Having endured a pandemic, we know what that's like—we ourselves have had to put some of our own living on hold. Rafael was born in Spain in 1911 and died at 27. He was a talented artist and studied architecture, then decided to become a Trappist. Severe complications from diabetes prevented him from taking vows as a monk. He accepted God's will, joined as an oblate instead, and died young of his illness. In him you can find an example of surrender, trust, and devotion in the face of loss and disappointment that makes him a model for our times a century later. "Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."

**Tuesday, Apr 27, 2021**

*Plant the seeds of belief*

The Syrian city of Antioch played a pivotal role in the growth of the early church. A cross-cultural safe haven, it was here that many of Jesus' first followers—all of them Jewish—took refuge after Stephen was martyred, fleeing Jerusalem as they too became targets. Antioch was a cosmopolitan hothouse, its Jews enjoying friendly interactions with the city's many Gentiles. Once new Jews arrived, bearing witness to Jesus, local Gentiles couldn't help but be intrigued. Soon, the fledgling church of Antioch began evangelizing Gentiles intentionally, planting the seed of belief in unexpected places. Where might you plant such seeds? "It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians."



**Wednesday, Apr 28, 2021**

**MEMORIAL OF PETER CHANEL,  
PRIEST, MISSIONARY, MARTYR**

*Let your life bring light to others*

There is good reason that Peter Chanel (1803-41) is the patron saint of Oceania. A parish priest from France who later joined the Marist missionaries, Peter was missioned to Western Oceania to convert people who worshipped other gods. Peter's missionary method was low key: He learned the language of the people and cared for their sick. For a few years, all was fine until small groups of native people began to be baptized, in particular, the son and daughter of the island king. Peter was then considered a threat to the island's power elite. On this day in 1841 he was murdered. That is not the end of Peter's story. Within two years of his death, the entire island had become Catholic. How do "I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness."

**Thursday, Apr 29, 2021**

**MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA,  
VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

*Not how long a life is, but how good*

Saint Catherine of Siena led a remarkable life for a person of any era but particularly for a woman of the 14th century who only lived 33 years. Mystic, nurse, Dominican, counselor, arbitrator, writer, ambassador—she was all these things. Ordinary people came to her for spiritual council and advice in conflicts, leading her to eventually settle fierce church disputes, becoming a confidante of popes. Central to her strength was her union with Christ, which she wrote about in the classic, *The Dialogue*. Find a quiet moment today to—like Catherine—commune with Jesus, who offers wisdom and strength to all.

“Whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”

**Friday, Apr 30, 2021**

*Try a little tenderness*

When God became flesh and dwelt among us, a revolution was started. Not a military coup that some people expected, but a revolution that would strike deep at the heart. This “revolution of tenderness,” as Pope Francis called it in *Evangelii Gaudium*, urges each and every one of us to give of ourselves, to be part of community, to serve, and to be reconciled in our relationships with others. In what ways can you respond to Jesus’ call to a revolution of tenderness?

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.”

**Saturday, May 01, 2021**

**MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH THE  
WORKER**

*Wanting for a job*

Today’s memorial honors Saint Joseph the carpenter, standing in solidarity with all working people on the traditional “May Day” dedicated to laborers around the world. At this time last year, more than 30 million Americans had lost their jobs due to the pandemic, the largest unemployment crisis in the country’s history. Many of those jobs have not returned and likely are gone forever. What can you and your faith community do to support those whose livelihoods were lost to the virus?

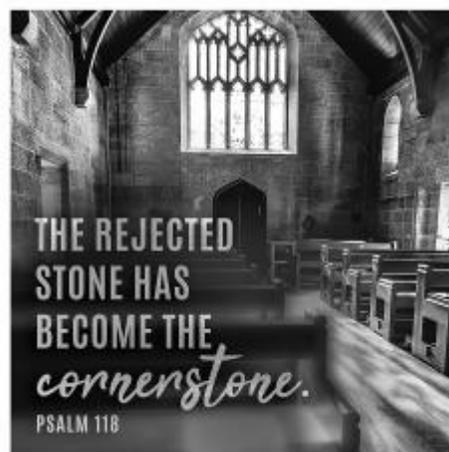
“If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.”



## LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life’s questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.





**Our Men and Women  
in the Service**

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

Pvt Louis Barrett  
 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  
 Peter F. Brady  
 Emily Calamari  
 Donald Capobianco  
 Joe Carpentieri  
 Irene Farrell  
 Rose and Steve Farrow  
 Nancyjane Fox  
 Mark Garafano  
 Patricia "Trish" Gavel  
 Lorraine Gregoire  
 Robert Gregoire  
 Barbara Korkuch  
 Jennifer Kuehne  
 Shaun Laughlan  
 Brenda Liakos  
 Barbara MacLean  
 Brad Martin  
 Patricia O'Connell  
 Victoria Whalen  
 Eileen Reardon  
 Anele Rucker  
 Beatrice Savio  
 Mary Sekerak

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.**

**Our Lady’s Guild**

The mission of Our Lady’s Guild is to bring the women of our parishes together in community and to promote our spiritual, charitable and social activities. We WELCOME your participation! If you have interest or questions please call Nuala Quinn (774-361-8838) or Rosalyn Doran (508-428-2757). Membership is golden! One of our ongoing charitable activities is to procure and deliver dinner for the sixty residents of St. Joseph House. **We are currently in need of volunteers for this activity.** Our meal donation commitment is for the third Monday of the month; you would be reimbursed for food costs. Please contact Carol Hickey at (508-428-1302) if you are able to help us with this program.



**Seat Ambassadors**

Due to COVID, we have started a new Ministry, *Seat Ambassadors*. Once we were allowed to celebrate public Mass in the Church we have had them at every Mass. These men and women ensure that we are all safe through social distancing and contact tracing. They have learned your names and even know where you sit. Please take time to say “thank you.” They are a great group and are looking for people to join them. Please contact billb@olvparish.org if you are interested joining this ministry.



**Time to Gather, Time To Heal, Time to Love**

The 80th Catholic Appeal begins May 1. Since 1942, the Appeal has helped people in all phases of life—from children, to youth, to parents, to the elderly. Your support sustains the numerous agencies, programs and ministries providing food and shelter, educating children and adults, and meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of thousands. We encourage you to support the Appeal as generously as you can. You can make a one-time gift, or a pledge with convenient payments throughout the year. You can give by mail, use a contribution card located in church, or go online: [www.givefrdiocese.org/2021](http://www.givefrdiocese.org/2021)



**From Rome With Love: Pope Francis on Twitter**

In the midst of the contradictions and perplexities we must confront each day, the din of so many words

and opinions, there is the quiet voice of the Risen Lord who keeps saying to us: “Peace be with you!” @Pontifex April 13, 2021

**Special For Mother’s Day**

On Mother’s Day we honor our mothers and the women who shaped our lives. Let them know your gratitude and love for them by requesting a special Mass in their honor. We will remember them when we celebrate the Eucharist at Masses on Mother’s Day weekend, May 8 and 9. Special Spiritual Gift Mother’s Day cards are available for \$10 at both Our Lady of the Assumption and Our Lady of Victory. Purchase one and send it in time for Mother’s Day. Contact Gillie, OLA, 508-428-2011 or Barbara, OLV Office, Barbara@olvparish.org or 508-775-5744 x 200.



**OLV Scholarship Applications Available**

Thanks again to an anonymous donor, Our Lady of Victory is able to give deserving graduating high school seniors scholarships.

You could receive one of these scholarships if you meet these requirements: 1) Your family is registered in the parish. 2) You submit a complete application package by the due date and 3) You have been active in the parish since Confirmation. The OLV Scholarship is awarded upon successful completion of a four year college or university. Deadline is May 14, 2021. Applications are available by emailing billb@olvparish.org

**May Day Food Drive**

Saturday, May 1 from 10am -1pm  
The Osterville Business and Professional Association announces a May Day Food Drive on Sidewalk Sale Day at Rockland Trust Bank Drive-Thru, 22 Wianno Avenue, Osterville (across from Lilly Pulitzer). All unexpired dry, canned goods , and toiletries are appreciated. Donations will be delivered to St. Joseph House and food pantries.

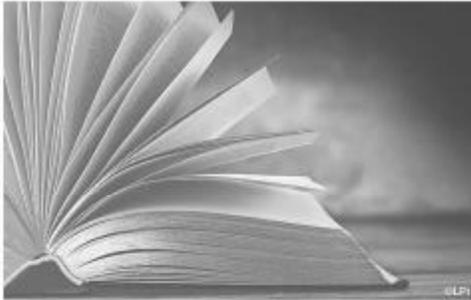
**The Green Team**

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# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING:

"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)



## PSALM:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)

Or Alleluia.



## SECOND READING:

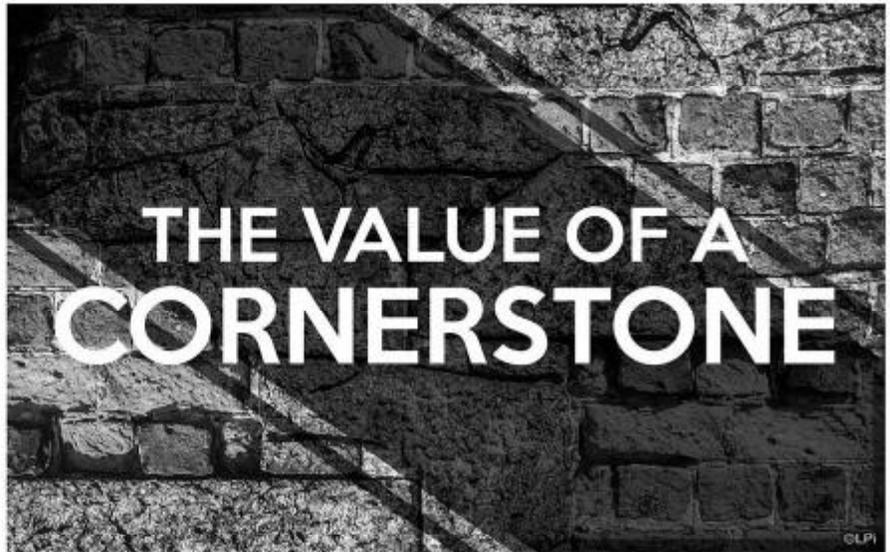
Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)



## GOSPEL:

"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." (Jn 10:14-15)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

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