

Our Lady of the Assumption Church

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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

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

May 3-7

Mon 8am Joan Aselton Staab
Tues 8am Mary and Arthur Lawler and Michelle Creamer
Wed 8am For the Parish
Thurs 8am Special Intention
Fri 8am Celeste Elizabeth O’Keeffe and Richard O’Keeffe

May 8-9

Sat 4pm All Mother’s Living and Deceased
Sun 9am All Mother’s Living and Deceased
11am All Mother’s Living and Deceased

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

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

May 3-8

Mon 9am John Wilcox
Tues 9am Connie Roberts
Wed 9am Special Intention
Thurs 9am Sheila Murphy
Fri 9am Mary E. Keating
Sat 9am Community Mass
Christina Lord, Edward Lariviere,
J. David Crawford

May 8-9

Sat 4:30pm Bernadette Couwels and All Mother’s Living and Deceased
Sun 9am Angelo Medeiros and All Mother’s Living and Deceased
11am Mary Jeanne Welch and Elizabeth Sarafin and All Mother’s Living and Deceased
5:30pm All Mother’s Living and Deceased

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

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.

Steve Farrow
Patricia “Trish” Gavel
Eileen Reardon

*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.*

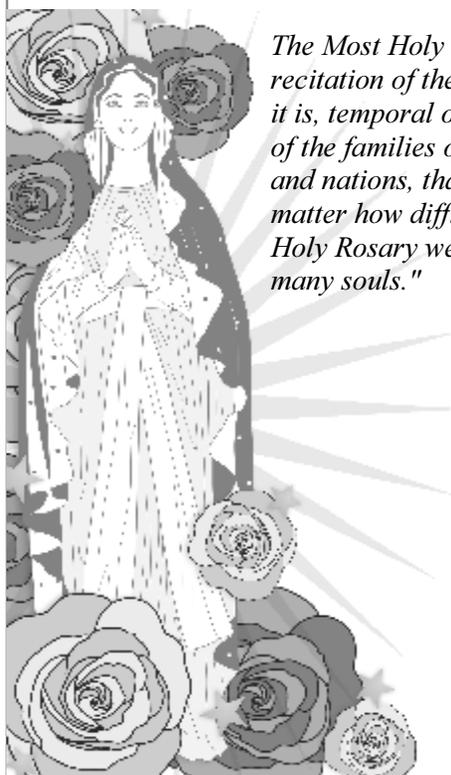
May is the month that we dedicate to Our Blessed Mother. Just as we honor our mothers next weekend, for all of their love, patience and tireless efforts, so too do we honor our spiritual Mother, Mary. To some this might seem overly pious, nostalgic or even cliché... but you can be assured the Our Lady takes her role as mother very seriously.

On the Cross, we told the Our Lord looks down upon the Beloved disciple (whom history has long associated with St. John the Evangelist) and upon his mother. He looks at Mary and says, "Behold your son." And then, looking to St. John, "Behold your mother." And we're told from that day forward St. John took her into his home. We know that every word Jesus spoke on the Cross caused great anguish to speak. Jesus would have had to lift himself up by the nails in order to breathe and speak, so whatever he said was very intentional.

The next time that we see Our Lady in Scripture is in the upper room where Our Lord celebrated the Last Supper. She is there with the other disciples leading them in prayer as they wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We see that Mary is not only the spiritual mother of St. John, but now the other disciples, and soon the whole Church. Just as the Holy Spirit came down upon Mary at the Annunciation and formed Jesus in her womb so at Pentecost the Holy Spirit comes down upon the Apostles and forms the Body of Christ, the Church, in the spiritual womb of Mary.

Throughout the ages Christians have always called upon Our Lady to help them in danger, to console them in suffering, to help them advance in holiness. And just like any mother she is always attentive to the cries of her children. Think, for example, of her words to St. Juan Diego when she appeared in Mexico in the 16th century. In the midst of several apparitions Juan Diego's uncle was sick and Juan went out in search of a doctor. Knowing that the Blessed Mother had already appeared in a certain location, he went another way to look for the doctor not wanting to be 'slowed down' by the Mother of God. She, of course, was not fooled and still appeared to him on his way and lovingly chided him with simple, yet profound words, "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" Mary reminds us that she is always close and she takes her role as spiritual mother very seriously.

Or, perhaps the words of Our Lady when she appeared at Fatima in 1917... When Our Lady appeared in Portugal she pleaded with the children to pray the Rosary every day. Mary appear six times to the children in the summer/ fall of 1917 and every time she asked them to pray the Rosary. She said that the Rosary, prayed daily and prayed well would bring an end to the war (WWI). She wanted the world to turn to her as a mother so she could bring her children closer to her Son. Later on Sr. Lucia, one of the three visionaries, said the following about the Rosary and Our Lady's motherly intercession:



The Most Holy Virgin, in these last times in which we live, has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, temporal or especially spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families, of the families of the world or of the religious communities, or even of the life of peoples and nations, that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary we will save ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls."

During this month of May let us strive to turn to Our Lord with greater confidence, to turn away from sin and toward her Son. Let us remember that her maternity over us is not just some pious, antiquated notion but real and very powerful. And let us turn to the Rosary, striving to pray it well. If you need help praying the Rosary there is an excellent book, that I have personally found very helpful recently: "Praying the Rosary Like Never Before" by Edward Sri.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

God bless,
Fr. Matt

First Reading **Acts 9:26-31**

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples,
but they were all afraid of him,
not believing that he was a disciple.
Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles,
and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord,
and that he had spoken to him,
and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.
He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem,
and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord.
He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists,
but they tried to kill him.
And when the brothers learned of this,
they took him down to Caesarea
and sent him on his way to Tarsus.
The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria
was at peace.
It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord,
and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading **1 Jn 3:18-24**

Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.
Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth
and reassure our hearts before him
in whatever our hearts condemn,
for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.
Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence in God
and receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments and do what
pleases him.
And his commandment is this:
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.
Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and
he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us
is from the Spirit he gave us.

Verse

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine,

so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither;

people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my

words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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, May 02, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Search for the truth

We've entered an age when discovering the truth feels more complicated than ever. Some of us are leery of "facts," knowing how easily they can be manufactured, massaged, or politicized. Traditional sources of truth—government, news media, even organized religion—have proven to be subject to the same failures to which we ourselves are prone. How do we sort out truth from all the political noise that distorts what we hear? John says the Spirit's been given to us for precisely this task. Pray for the gift of holy discernment.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

Reading for the Week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Monday, May 03, 2021
FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

Don't think less of others
Poor James the Lesser. The other apostle named James—the Greater—got the better nickname. We don't even know anything about James the Lesser, other than his name and that Jesus picked him to be one of the 12—but that alone speaks volumes about this James. We've all experienced what it feels like to have labels attached to us that make us feel less in the eyes of others, if we even feel seen or known at all. But God looks past those labels to the truth of our identity. That's where you'll find your value and dignity, even if others don't seem to. Remember that, like James, you are God's chosen.

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"



Tuesday, May 04, 2021

May their force be with us

Today is Teacher Appreciation Day, recognizing teachers as a force for good—especially in this pandemic year. Through John Baptist de La Salle, patron saint of all teachers, we might say the best educators naturally follow a "Lasallian" philosophy of education. "The Lasallian tradition emphasizes the fact that all people, especially the young, have an inherent dignity which comes from their being created in the image of God," explains St. Mary's College of Winona. "Education is a means of developing this dignity for the well-being of each student as well as for the well-being of our society." Thank a teacher today.

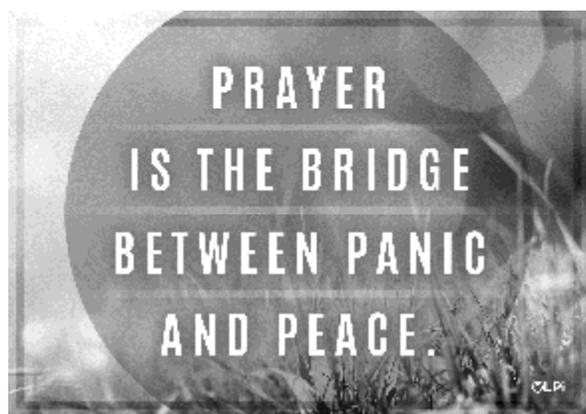
"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

Wednesday, May 05, 2021

Celebrate the dignity of diversity

Though today's "Cinco de Mayo" celebrations commemorate but a single Mexican victory over France at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, in the United States it has become an opportunity to honor the heritage and culture of Mexican people. As folks revel in parades and festivals, enjoying Mexican cuisine and music, we recall these words from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Human interdependence is increasing and spreading through the world . . . embracing people who enjoy equal natural dignity." Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a prayer of gratitude for the richness of human diversity.

"I am the vine and you are the branches."



Thursday, May 06, 2021

Focus on the essentials

One of the earliest conflicts in the church had to do with whether Gentiles should have to follow the laws and customs of Judaism. Because Christianity grew out of Judaism, early church leaders had a hard time sorting out what was essential to the emerging Christian faith and what was simply the “way we’ve always done it.” This question continues to vex church leaders to this day and has gone through many iterations—from questions about ritual practices, to prayers and social norms. What is essential to the faith? That we love God with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and love our neighbor as ourselves. Everything else may well be a matter of custom. When it comes to faith, take time today to get back to the basics.

“It is my judgment, therefore, that we ought to stop troubling the Gentiles who turn to God.”

Friday, May 07, 2021

Connect with creation and Creator

If you have a garden, you might be checking the forecast these days to see if conditions are right for planting. Gardens play an outsize role in the Christian imagination. From the Garden of Eden to the Garden of Gethsemane, key events happen in gardens. For centuries communities of sisters, brothers, and priests have cultivated gardens for food, edification, and connection to a major metaphor for spiritual development. Seek out a patch of green, and whether you plant a seed or enjoy a bloom, connecting with creation will connect you with the Creator.

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.”

Saturday, May 08, 2021

Elevate your spiritual gaze

Blessed Teresa Demjanovich (1901-27) has been called America’s “Little Flower.” Like Thérèse from Lisieux, France, Teresa from Bayonne, New Jersey was a spiritual writer of great insight who also died young. Because of her virtue, her writings, and a miracle healing attributed to her intercession, she was beatified in the Newark cathedral in 2014, the first-ever such ceremony held in the United States. Her elevation to sainthood awaits confirmation of a second miracle. Teresa’s mother died in the 1918 pandemic, which killed well over 500,000 Americans. Sound sadly familiar? Ask Blessed Teresa’s intercession for all who have suffered because of COVID-19.

“You do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world.”

Pope Urges Global Month Long Prayer Marathon to End Pandemic



Pope Francis has invited Catholics worldwide to take part in a marathon of prayer during the month of May for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. This global prayer initiative calls for a daily recitation of the Rosary in this month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Each day in May at 12 noon EDT on Vatican online media platforms, there will be a livestream broadcast from a different Marian shrine around the world to lead the Rosary prayer. Bishop da Cunha is encouraging the faithful of the Fall River Diocese to take part, joining their prayers to this critical cause. People can join the Vatican online platform at noon, they can pray on their own at a convenient time, they can gather as family or as a group at home to pray, or they come together as a parish community to pray in the church. Please use whatever means fits your particular situation.

<https://www.catholicnews.com/pope-calls-for-monthlong-global-prayer-marathon-for-end-of-pandemic/>



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.

May 2: Bishop Edgar da Cunha, SDV

May 3: Rev. Arnold Medeiros

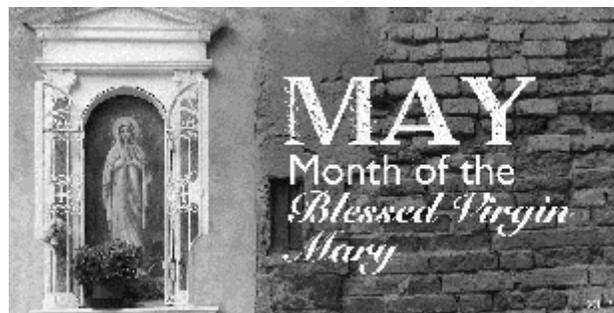
May 4: Rev. Jay Mello

May 5: Rev. Bradley Metz, CSC

May 6: Rev. James Morse

May 7: Rev. Juan Montoya

May 8: Rev. Edward Murphy





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



Rose Farrow
 Nancyjane Fox
 Chris Gallagher
 Mark Garafano
 Lorraine Gregoire
 Robert Gregoire
 Barbara Korkuch
 Brenda Liakos
 Barbara MacLean
 Brad Martin
 Patricia O'Connell
 Victoria Whalen
 Anele Rucker
 Beatrice Savio
 Mary Sekerak
 Denise West

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. Additions to "Our Sick" list will be printed for three months.

*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.

Bible Study...Continues and Returns In-Person

Bible Study will meet online each Tuesday through May 18, 6pm-7:15pm.

In-Person Bible Study class will be on May 25 from 6pm-7:15pm. Then for June 1-29, Tuesdays, we will be meeting in-person for the two sessions: 9:30am-10:45am and again 6pm-7:15pm. Choose which session time works best for you. All sessions will meet in the OLV Parish Center. Bible Study will be on vacation for July and August. Keep an eye on the bulletin for more information about the new session beginning September 2021! FMI: eleanorubaldini@gmail.com

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.



80th ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

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

The 80th Catholic Appeal is underway. Please *gather* with your fellow parishioners in bearing witness to those in need in our communities, and *heal* and *love* through your generosity. The agencies and apostolates supported by the Appeal provide services such as individual and family counseling, pregnancy support, abuse prevention, refugee resettlement, and emergency, transitional, and long-term housing. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at: www.givefrdiocese.org/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

**An Oberammergau Passion Play
Invitation**

Fr. George Bellenoit and Fr. Marcel Bouchard invite you to join them for an exciting and holy adventure. "We are filled with so much hope at being able to travel again that a focus on the mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord would be a great opportunity to grow in faith."



From **September 28 – October 8, 2022**, we will be traveling to Germany and Italy. In Germany, we will participate in the *Oberammergau Passion Play*. This world famous reenactment of the Passion of Jesus takes place every 10 years. Because of the Covid pandemic, the play was postponed for two years. From Germany, we will fly to Rome to visit sites in Assisi and Rome. We will be in Assisi for the Feast of St Francis! For a complete itinerary, or more information, please contact Randy Pinto at randypinto1@gmail.com

Walk For Hope

Registration will open on Saturday, June 26. The Walk for Hope Registration Party on Thursday, May 13 from 4pm- 5pm via Zoom. Our staff will share how easy it is to get involved. RSVP deadline is Friday, May 7. Visit our event webpage - <https://haconcapecod.org/events/walk-for-hope/>

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. (Acts 9:26)



PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)



GOSPEL

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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