

Our Lady of the Assumption Church

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IMPORTANT

*New Summer Mass Schedule
and Registration Info
See page 4 Inside*

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.



*****See Page 4 of bulletin for NEW Summer Mass Schedule and Registration Info*****

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

May 10-14

Mon 8am Trevor Matthews

Tues 8am For the Parish

Wed 8am Eileen Elizabeth Lynch Reardon

4pm Patricia "Trish" Gavel, Guild Mass

Thurs 8am Patricia Bianchi

Fri 8am John Ganey

May 15-16

Sat 4pm James Stefanik

Sun 9am Living and Deceased Members of the

King and Kennedy Families

11am Ann and Jim Mellyn

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

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

May 10-15

Mon 9am Joseph Murphy and Kathleen Sullivan

Tues 9am Carmela and Philip Bradley

Wed 9am Grace Carney

Thurs 9am Dorothy Toline

6pm People of the Parish

Fri 9am Philip F. Bradley, Jr.

Sat 9am Community Mass

Catherine Mayo

May 15-16

Sat 4:30pm People of the Parish

Sun 9am Aram Najarian

11am Joseph and Jane Farland

5:30pm Kathleen Ayer

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 9: No second collection

May 16: Marriage Ministry

May 23: The funds collected at the second collection this week will be used towards the **Diocesan Assessment. The monthly Assessment for OLV is \$9498; OLVH: \$526 and OLA: \$4288.**

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 Burgmaier

John Ganey



ASCENSION
of the Lord

Our Lady of the Assumption

Wednesday, May 12, 4pm

Thursday, May 13, 8am

Our Lady of Victory

May 13, 9am and 6pm

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate Mother's Day. As Catholics, we hold Our Lady as the model of motherhood. Let me share with you Father Michael Van Sloun's article, "How is Mary the greatest role model for Christian mothers?"

Mother's Day has a deep spiritual dimension. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the greatest of all mothers. Motherhood has always been a sacred and noble vocation, but Mary raised it to even greater stature when she became the Mother of God. As the mother who is "blessed among women" (Lk 1:42), Mary gives us the clearest and most inspiring picture of what the ideal mother should look like, and every Christian mother would be wise to take her cues from the one who excelled at motherhood like none other.

Mary was "full of grace," or put more simply, God lived within her. This came naturally because of her upbringing. St. Ann was Mary's mother, and the elder Ann taught her young daughter to be loving and kind, attentive to God's Word, and obedient to God's will. With such a firm foundation, Mary was so favorably disposed to God that when the archangel Gabriel appeared to her and said, "You will bear a son," with deep faith she trustingly replied, "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:31,38). Every Christian mother loves God with all her heart and responds favorably whenever God calls.

Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit (Lk 1:35); it was by the grace of God that she conceived. Every conception is a miracle, and every Christian mother knows that she is a partner with God in the ongoing work of creation, deeply aware that her child is a gift from God. As a result, when a Christian woman is blessed with a pregnancy, she rejoices in her child as Mary rejoiced in Jesus, she completes her pregnancy rather than end it in abortion, and cares for her unborn child with good nutrition, medical check ups, and the avoidance of smoking, alcohol, or any drugs that could have a harmful effect.

Once Mary became pregnant, she immediately went to visit Elizabeth, her relative, who also was pregnant (Lk 1:39-45). Christian mothers do not focus solely on themselves and their own families. Instead, they have the marvelous ability to assist relatives and friends who are in need.

Not long after Mary became pregnant, she offered a magnificent prayer to God, one of the most beautiful prayers in all of Scripture, the Magnificat (Lk 1:46-55). Mothers who follow Mary's example are deeply prayerful, and speak to God from their hearts day-by-day.

On the first Christmas Mary gave birth to her Son, and she immediately wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes (Lk 2:7), and thereby cared for his physical needs. Christian mothers care for their children's physical needs as they feed them, clothe them, change their diapers, rock them to sleep, take them to doctor's appointments, and nurse them through illness.

Several weeks after Jesus was born, Mary, along with her husband Joseph, presented their newborn Son Jesus to the priest in the Temple (Lk 2:22-38). By doing this, Mary consecrated Jesus to God, she acknowledged that God had a plan for her Son and agreed to do everything in her power to cooperate with God's intended purpose for him. Likewise, Christian mothers consecrate their children to God in the Sacrament of Baptism, and promise to do everything possible to help their children do what God wants in their lives.

Next, evil King Herod tried to kill Jesus, so Mary fled to Egypt to protect her son (Mt 2:13-15). Christian mothers keep their children away from evil forces that could harm them: violent or abusive adults, undisciplined playmates, and bad television programs, to name a few.

Mary and Joseph took their son Jesus to the synagogue in Nazareth each week in observance of the Sabbath (Lk 4:16), and they took him to the Temple in Jerusalem once a year for Passover (Lk 2:41). For Mary, regular church attendance was automatic. Mothers who follow Mary's example go to Mass each week, and they take their children with them, because it is so important to pray with others and be connected to other faith-filled families.

The gospel says that Jesus was obedient to Mary (Lk 2:51), which implies that Mary was firm and demanding with her Son. Christian mothers do not let their children do whatever they want, but have high standards for Christian conduct, have a set of house rules, and insist upon them.

When Jesus was crucified, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross and suffered with him (Jn 19:25). She never abandoned her child, even during adulthood, particularly when things were at their worst. This sort of enduring love is exemplary for Christian mothers. Children get into trouble, sometimes for the right reasons, sometimes not, as children or as adults. Mothers like Mary stand with their children throughout life, especially when things go bad, even if they are unable to alter the course of tragic events, to offer love and support in whatever way they can.

-Deacon Keith

First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain: *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.



**From the first hour
to the last,
Jesus' life is enfolded
in the nearness
of his Mother.**

-Romano Guardini

Verse

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another."

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 now ends at Noon 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 Noon 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.

 **Summer Schedule**

June 20, 2021– September 5, 2021

Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00AM, 9:30AM and 11:00AM

Our Lady of Victory

Saturday 4:30PM

Sunday 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 5:30 PM

Our Lady of Hope

Saturday 4:00PM Sunday 10:00AM



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 09, 2021

See through God’s eye

God does not see as we see, the prophet Isaiah reminds us. To harness the divine perspective, native peoples of western Mexico wove yarn on crossed sticks to represent the eye of God (ojo de Dios), which sees in four directions and in all elemental mediums: earth, wind, fire, and water. A God’s eye became the portal through which God views the supplicant, or through which those who pray might share the divine vision. Sharing a God’s-eye perspective on the world remains the goal of every believer. Practice seeing others as our compassionate God sees them.

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever . . . acts uprightly is acceptable to him.”

Monday, May 10, 2021

MEMORIAL OF DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST

Pray for those who heal

The story of Saint Damien de Veuster, a Belgian priest who missioned to quarantined lepers in Hawaii and died of the disease, is extraordinary—although often echoed these days as legions of medical professionals all over the world put themselves in harm’s way to treat the sick and dying of COVID. Father Damian is a “martyr of charity,” and we’ve been blessed with multitudes of fearless, generous heroes like him who’ve expended themselves physically and emotionally to get us through this pandemic. Give thanks to God for our modern martyrs of charity and ask for Father Damian’s intercession to keep them safe and send them spiritual strength. “And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Cultivate an appreciation of rural traditions

Though they’ve disappeared from most modern calendars, two older Catholic observances converge today. One is the petitioning of the “Ice Saints”—Boniface of Tarsus, Pancras, and Servatius—so named because their feasts fall during what were believed in some northern nations to be the last days of spring when a cold snap might damage spring plantings. The other observance, beginning on the Tuesday before Ascension Thursday, is known as the Minor Rogation Days. These two, along with the Catholic observance of Ember Days, are religious celebrations more commonly tied to the rhythms of rural life. They include the blessing of fields for a good harvest and prayers for good weather. Learn more at .org. “His household rejoiced at having come to faith in God.”

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

MEMORIALS OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS; PANCRAS, MARTYR

Religious freedom is a timeless concern

Sometimes it is difficult to relate to the martyrs of the early church because their lives are so different from our own. Nereus and Achilles were Roman soldiers who had participated in carrying out persecutions of Christians. In a “miracle of faith,” they were converted and died their own martyred deaths in the late first century. Pancras was a 14-year-old martyr of the same era who was beheaded because he publicly affirmed his faith in Jesus Christ. On this Easter weekday, give thanks for the ability to freely worship and pray for those around the world who do not enjoy such freedom. “But when he comes, the Spirit of truth . . . will guide you to all truth.”



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

Thursday, May 13, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Rise to the occasion

Today’s Feast of the Ascension gives wide recognition to a rather complex idea—that Christ both ascended to heaven and remains with us. In fact, we get a taste of heaven when we unify ourselves with Jesus in spirit and action. Saint Augustine taught “although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace.” From attending Mass to aiding the needy, on this feast day we can all take a step toward unity with Christ.

“So then the Lord Jesus . . . was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.”

Friday, May 14, 2021

FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Abstinence makes the faith grow stronger

Although self-denial is celebrated in all major religions as a virtue, the value isn’t so much in the practice as in the motivation. For Christians the virtuous motivation for abstinence of food, drink, or particular desires comes from love. We deny ourselves for God’s sake and for the sake of others. Saint Matthias, patron of alcoholics, encouraged abstinence as a way to grow closer to God. He kept his focus on his vocation to spread the gospel and let little distract him from his purpose. What can you do today to keep your focus on love?

“This I command you: love one another.”

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Honor the forces of reconciliation

Pope Saint John XXIII taught that wars are never justified. Pope Saint John Paul II wrote to President George W. Bush that the Iraq War was unjust. Pope Benedict XVI questioned whether any war could be called just. Pope Francis, speaking in Hiroshima during his 2019 visit, repeated the positions of the previous popes. Christians face a dilemma, wanting world peace but also needing some protection from those who don't think the same way. The church recognizes a need for the military. But the task of the military should be to maintain peace and set the conditions for reconciliation. **On this Armed Forces Day, pray for all our military service members. They have a difficult job.**

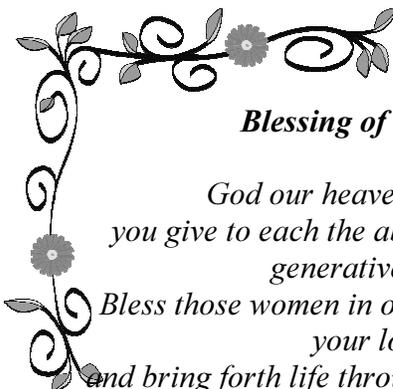


“For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God.”

Mother's Day



During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them.



Blessing of Mothers

*God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share your
generative love.*

*Bless those women in our lives who mirror
your love
and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.
Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift
of life and the gift of a mother's love.
May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them his unfailing love.*

*We ask this through Jesus,
God's Son and our brother . Amen.*

Reading for the Week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 **Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28



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



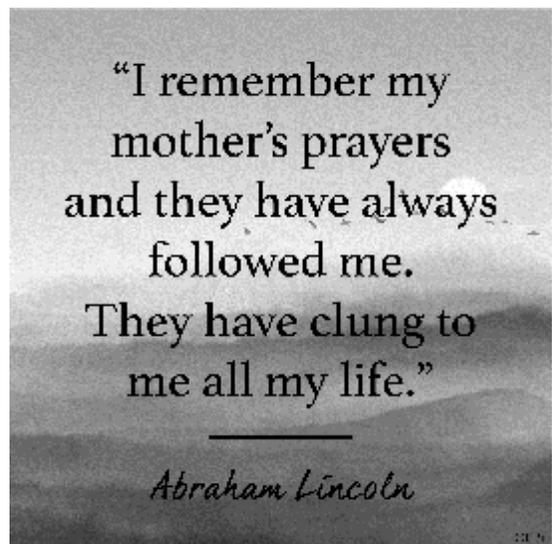
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 Barbara Korkuch
 Brenda Liakos
 Barbara MacLean
 Brad Martin
 Patricia O'Connell
 Victoria Whalen
 Anele Rucker
 Beatrice Savio
 Mary Sekerak
 Denise West

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.*



Bible Study...Continues and Returns In-Person

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

Beginning May 25 through June 29, In-Person Bible Study class will be meeting for the two sessions on Tuesdays: 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. 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

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



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 funded by the Appeal provide compassionate care to our neighbors in need, such as hospital chaplaincy and pastoral care in our nursing homes, programs that uphold and protect a culture of life, food services for the hungry, care for children in crisis, and much more. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at: www.givefrdiocese.org/2021

Knights of Columbus

K of C Council 2525, 500 Club monthly raffle April winners are: \$250: Alma O'Reilly, Osterville; \$100: David Letsch, Centerville; \$50 each: Peter Scofield, Scituate, RI; Kathleen Pawloski, Osterville; Patrick Colebourn, Brewster. You can join anytime for \$50.00 and you are in 12 consecutive Monthly drawings with 60 chances to win. Applications are available in the parish office or in the box outside of the K of C Hall entrance. For more information email Council2525@yahoo.com or call 508-775-4054

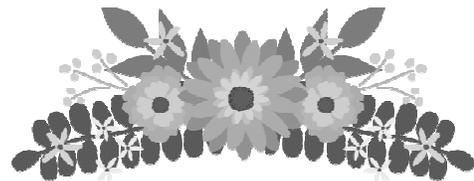
Happy Mother's Day

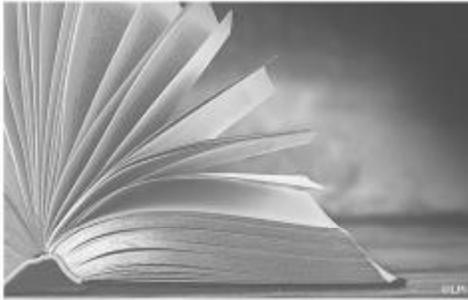
These mothers, living and deceased, are remembered in an extra special way at all Masses this Mother's Day Weekend.

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| Theresa K. Ankner | Lisa McGrath |
| Margaret Awad | Gladys McKeen |
| Lisa Bigounis | Tracy McKeen |
| Muriel Bower | Jaimie Medina |
| Dotty Boyle | Colleen Mulgrew |
| Teresa Burroughs | Wendy O'Keefe |
| Betsy Butera | Meredith O'Toole |
| Patricia Butler | Barbara Piscuskas |
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Let us pray that God will bless all the mothers of this earth and in heaven, that the example of their devotion and love will shine forth and that we may honor them always with profound respect and remembrance.





FIRST READING

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)



PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)



GOSPEL

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:12-13)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Remain in my love," and "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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