We come together as a community of faith to celebrate with praise and joy!

The Celebration of the Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:30-4:15 PM and Eve of Holydays 4:00-5:00 PM in the Church
Anytime by appointment—please call and speak with a priest.

On Becoming A Catholic
R.C.I.A. welcomes those interested in becoming a Catholic and/or anyone seeking to further their education in the Catholic Faith. Please leave your name and telephone number at the Rectory Office.

Parish Membership
All new families and individuals are welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the rectory when you move into our community so that we can be of service to you. Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. The priests and ministers are here to serve your needs, to share your joy, and to help lighten your burdens.

Sacrament of Baptism
Communal Celebrations of Baptism are on the second and last Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. All arrangements for Baptism must be made at the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage
The Sacrament is celebrated on: Fridays: to be arranged. Saturdays: 10:30 AM, 12:30 and 2:30 PM Sundays: to be arranged.

Arrangements must be made by personal appointment with one of the priests. Couples should make an appointment with the priest at least six months to a year in advance of the marriage date. Nuptial Masses as well as ceremonies are available on Friday and Saturday. Ceremonies only are available on Sunday.

Pre Cana-OLM Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program, is offered twice a year in the Fall and early Spring. Please inquire in the Rectory for dates.

Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament for the seriously ill and elderly can be arranged by contacting one of the priests or at any time in an emergency. The Sacrament is also celebrated communally during the year.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound
Parish priests and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the rectory to arrange for home visitation.

Pastoral Council Members
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Mr. Kevin McAvoy
Mr. David Mullan

Rectory Cook
Michelina Gambale

Convent Cook
Susan Bennett
## Masses for the Week

### Monday, 14th
Dn 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
7:00 AM    Salvatore Cesare
8:00 AM    Stella M. Grace
9:00 AM    Mary & Larry Millis, Sr.

### Tuesday, 15th
Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
7:00 AM   Eleanor Faber
9:00 AM    Meehan & Dunn Fams

### Wednesday, 16th
Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Jn 8:31-42
7:00 AM   Eleanor Faber
8:00 AM   Anita Paterno (1st Ann)
9:00 AM   Frank Meehan

### Thursday 17th
Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
7:00 AM   Melissa & Jennifer McAvoy
9:00 AM   Sullivan & Tuohy Fams L&D

### Friday, 18th
Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
7:00 AM   Eleanor Faber
8:00 AM   Anita Paterno
9:00 AM   Eileen O’Grady

### Saturday, 19th
2Sm7:4-5a,12-14a,16/Rom 4:13,16-18,22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,24a
8:00 AM   Frank Buano
            Angela & Giuseppe Cona
            Marie Thomson
            Elizabeth Mullan
            Edward Loesel

4:30 PM    Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

### Sunday, 20th
7:30 AM    Patrick Kearney
9:00 AM    Linda Molesky
10:30 PM   Salvatore Cerrito
12:00 PM   Ferdinand Mancusi
5:30 PM    Pasqualina Orologio

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### Loving Memory
- William Bulger, Doris
- Josephine Loughlin, Josephine A. Marut, Rest In Peace - the unborn and the victims of natural disasters throughout our country and the world.

### Remember Our Sick
Sr. Patricia O’Connell, Sr. Joan Doody, Carol Marie Burns, Josephine LaNash, Zachary Wasser, Joseph Wilkonski, Denise Capponi, Joan Maute, Maria Paladino, James O’Brien, Mary Crawford, Tim Heenan

### Long Term Illness:
Please pray for our war casualties, all our sick, their caretakers, especially Sr. Joanne Deegan, Frances Limoli, Lisa Pirrung, Irene Allison, Loir Randazzo, Doris Repolli Fiorigio Trimarco, William Roth, Ray Drago, John Lombardi, John Grodeski and all homebound and in nursing homes.

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### Week of March 13th Through March 19th, 2016

**U.C. SANCTUARY LIGHT**
In Memory of
Meehan & Dunn Families
**Donated By**
Meehan Family

**L.C. SANCTUARY LIGHT**
In Memory of
Robert Paul Amoroso
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### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**THIRD TIME:**
Robert Louis Oberg, Jr.—St. Edward confessor, Syosset and Joy Kohn—St. Barnabas, Bellmore

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THE ATRIUM DOORS TO OUR LADY’S CHAPEL CHURCH ARE OPEN FROM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7am to 3pm

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Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us
Brothers and Sisters:

First… Happy St. Patrick’s/St. Jospeh’s Day! Days that no matter what our ethnic background, we are all a little Irish (or Italian)! As a person of Irish decent – yes, I am Irish. (There aren’t many naturally green eyed, redheaded Polish people!). I want to take an opportunity to invite you look a little closer at the life of such amazing paragons of faith and courage. In our Lenten journey I would ask that as you prepare to lift a pint (or a glass of Chianti), in the honor of these great men, that you take a few minutes and “google” their names on the internet and read up on their extraordinary lives.

These last two weeks of Lent our gospel lessons have revolved around forgiveness. Last week we had the story of the Prodigal Son, with the focus being on forgiveness from the Father. This week we also look at forgiveness, but from a very different angle: judging others. This scene from the gospel of John, like the parables from the gospel of Luke shows Jesus at his best. The Pharisees and Scribes have been looking to catch Jesus in his teaching. They believe that bringing the woman who has been caught in adultery before Jesus that they can put him in a position where they can finally renounce him publicly. If he denies the rule of the law of Moses that stated that any woman caught in the act of adultery should be stoned, he risks being labeled as a heretic. They also know that if he sides with the law and condemns this woman that people will believe that he is just a charlatan and that all of his teachings about God’s love and forgiveness have been empty words, which even he can’t live up to. So here he stands in the midst of an angry crowd, rocks in their hands ready to pass the judgment they have already made on the woman, waiting for the final victory - discrediting him. And what does he do? He bends down to write in the dirt. Did he need time to think? Was he hesitating? Did they finally catch Jesus unprepared? The crowd waited, rocks gripped in their hands, thinking “we finally have him! What is he waiting for? Give up! We’ve got you!” They are impatient; they have a taste for blood, for hers, and ultimately his! They have already made up their minds and they have judged the woman and Jesus, and their judgment is death. The moments pass, the rocks are gripped and ready, their muscles tensed, pure hatred and fury blinding them, just waiting for Jesus to side with them, waiting for him to fall into their trap. And what does he do? He continues to write in the dust. They are impatient, convinced of their victory, the tension mounts. And as they grow irritated, ready for blood, the moments pass and he finally he stands and speaks. “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her”. BAM!!! It was a flawless response! They never saw it coming and those simple words hit them right between the eyes! With that he returns to his writing in the dust as one by one, deflated, angry, and guilty; they drift away leaving the woman and Jesus alone.

The scene is classic, but all too true to life. Maybe we are not standing with stones waiting to condemn someone to death, but all of us make judgments against others. Sometimes we are motivated by fear or prejudice. Sometimes we are motivated by a need to feel superior to someone else and sometimes it’s just motivated by a perceived feeling of having been wronged. Whatever the reason, making ourselves the judge and jury over others sets us up on a very high and narrow pedestal. In fact, we place ourselves so high sometimes it’s a wonder we don’t get a nosebleed! Being that high up often makes it hard to see the ground and makes for a very great fall. The shame is, that when we fall from such lofty heights there doesn’t seem to be a parachute big enough or strong enough to break the fall. There is another thing about setting ourselves so high above others: being so high up blinds us to the reality that we really resemble the people we think we are worthy of judgment. In the end it also makes it that much more difficult for others to find forgiveness for us when we ultimately fail... and we do.

So, how high is your pedestal? Who is it who needs your acceptance, your forgiveness? And isn’t it time to come back to earth. Trust me. The company can be wonderful.

Sláinte!
Fr. Steve
We have ‘sprung forward,’ changed the clocks and made the unofficial leap into springtime. Now we are anticipating longer days, warmer weather and all the joys of outdoor life. We are truly looking to the future. And if there is one consistent message this week, it is about looking to the future.

The Challenge—Follow God’s Way

As God’s stewards, we do just that—anticipate the future and His Kingdom. It is our challenge to forgive the past and to live the present with our minds and our hearts open to His Word. And as we do this with our past and present, we can ensure that our focus for the future is on, as Paul put it, “the prize of God’s upward calling.”

In some ways, it is as difficult to be a Christian steward today as at times past. Religious faith is an important facet in the lives of many people, but our dominant secular culture often contradicts those traditional values. Ours is a culture where destructive “isms” - materialism, relativism, individualism, consumerism—are extremely powerful influences. They overshadow individual morality and can certainly throw off your compass, leaving you to founder.

There is a strong tendency to privatize faith, apologize for faith, push faith to the margins of society, confine faith to people’s hearts or homes, while excluding it from the marketplace of ideas where social policy is formed—where men and women acquire their view of life and its meaning. Often children and teens don’t even know their parents have faith because it isn’t discussed or expressed.

We need to counteract these trends and regain our focus. We can’t change where we’ve been, but we can change where we are headed. The present and the future are ours!

It is our challenge as Catholic stewards of God’s church to live our lives with focus. Focus on forgiveness and letting go of the past. Focus on truly living our faith each day—out loud, without apology—and growing in our relationship with Christ. Focus on your future and the promise held in the Resurrection—and acting on it.

We need to remember that Stewardship Spirituality is a way of life, a calling. We are called to a life of love—to love all, without reserve and without judgment. Let the one without sin cast the first stone.

~For more information on Stewardship, email us at SerenaOnStewardship@gmail.com

For His sake I have accepted the loss of all things and consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own, but that which comes through faith in Christ... and the power of his resurrection”   —Philippians 3:8-10

Accountability

Sacrificial Giving Offertory

Weekly Offering for:
♦ March 6, 2016: $17,457
♦ March 8, 2015: $17,772

Living Stewardship

Pray a decade a day of the Rosary.
Contemplate the Mysteries.
Seek Forgiveness
Make the commitment!
To celebrate the third annual National Catholic Sisters Week which is being held from March 8-14, 2016, Father Steve has invited us to share some information of who we are and what we do. We, the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, are an international community of women. Inspired by the life of Jesus and by our foundress, Catherine McAuley, we envision and advocate a just world for people who are poor, sick, and uneducated. In addition to the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience that all Catholic Sisters take, as Sisters of Mercy, we also take a fourth vow of service.

Sixty-two years ago, Father Schweibius, our founding pastor, invited the Sisters of Mercy of Brooklyn to staff his religious education program here at OLM. In response, five Sisters arrived, lived in the building that is our present parish center, and taught religious education in the “barn.” Eight years later our school opened, and now 54 years later, the Sisters of Mercy still continue to be actively present here.

Thank you to all of our benefactors, co-workers, and “saints in the pews” who have supported, inspired, and accompanied us on our Mercy journey. By collaborating with you in works of mercy, we continually learn from you how to be more merciful. We invite you to join with us as we pray that the hearts of young women today be ignited to answer the call to live a life dedicated to the common good through community and sharing ministry. May the seeds that have been planted here come to great fruition . . . for

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Our Lady of Mercy
Class of 2016
presents
“Our Lucky Stars”
8th Grade Fashion Show

Cocktail Hour~Dinner~Modeling~Raffles
“Cash Bar Available”

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016
Time: 6:30 – 10:30 pm
Place: The Crest Hollow Country Club
Cost: $50 Adults / $35 Children (13 & under)

To Purchase Tickets, Kindly Contact:
Pattieann Lederman
(516) 694-5392
pattieann@optonline.net

Italian Mass is Back!
La Santa Messa Italiana e’ tornata!
La Santa Messa Italiana sara’ celebrate la seconda domenica del mese nell capella inferiore alle 8:45am.
Siamo molto lieti di avere Padre Aaron con noi e vi aspettiamo tutti!
Vogliamo crescere la communita’ degl’italiani.
Date delle prossime messe: 10 aprile.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Holy Week 2016

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us
Our Lady of Mercy School
Faith ~ Academics ~ Service

Box Tops for Education: Due to the efforts of many of our school parents and many of our parishioners, Our Lady of Mercy School will be receiving $1,400 from Box Tops for Education. Thank you for your support, and please keep those Box Tops coming!

Palm Crosses and Easter Plants: Palm Crosses and Easter plants will be delivered this Wednesday, March 16th. If you ordered anything, you may pick it up in the school lobby from 11:00 AM-6:00 PM. If you were away or forgot to order, it’s not too late. Have your order in by Tuesday, March 15th, and it will be here in time for pick-up on Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support!

Changes and Improvements:

Phase I:
♦ Over the Easter vacation, security cameras will be installed at our school exit sites. Funding is being provided through the use of Safe School funds via the State of New York.

Phase II: (awaiting final grant approval)
We plan to
♦ enhance the main entrance area with a beautiful awning and planters
♦ paint a portion of the first floor corridor
♦ install new window treatments
♦ create a science lab classroom
♦ improve the lobby lighting

March 11: $100 - Chhabra Family (Grades Pre-K, 3)
$75 - Hernandez Family (Grades 4, 7)
$50 - Zaza Family (Grade 1)

TGIF Winners

Committed to educating students to become Christ Centered, Academically Strong, Christian and Servant Leaders, Responsible Citizens

Our Lady of Mercy School thanks you for your continued financial and prayerful support.

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us
Serving with Mercy

Lenten Reflection:
I am about to create a new earth. The things of the past will not be remembered. . .Instead there shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create. . .No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there, or the sound of crying. . .Isaiah 65:17-19

“Who will create this ‘new earth’ in today’s United States of America? In a world seemingly filled with violence and greed, who will bring an end to all the weeping and crying? . . .Our Catholic faith says we are co-creators with the Lord. So, with God’s mercy, we will create the ‘new earth.’” The Christian contemplative tradition tells us that every act of love, every minute uplifting of the heart raises the whole world nearer to God, nearer to that ‘new earth.’ We will create this new earth. We will bring an end to the sound of weeping and the sound of crying as we accompany every person who is poor that we are blessed to encounter. . . .We won’t erase the ‘old’ earth, but we are creating the ‘new’ every day. We are helping to ensure that ‘The things of the past will not be remembered’ when we help to replace them with a today and a tomorrow to look forward to. We will be all the more effective when we remain close to our Center, close in prayer and meditation with Jesus who loved the poor first.” Catholic Charities USA Daily Lenten Reflections

Easter
Thank you to everyone who has already donated an Easter basket. All Easter baskets must be delivered to us by March 15 as they will be given out starting March 18.
Food for Easter will also be given out starting this Friday in our food pantry so if you have any donations intended for the holiday, please bring them in as soon as possible.
All Easter distributions will be concluded by Thursday, March 24 and the food pantry will be closed Good Friday, March 25.

Support Groups at St. Raphael’s Parish, Newbridge Rd., East Meadow

Monthly Caregivers’ Support Group-3rd Tuesday of month (March 15) 7-8pm
Join with others caring for a spouse, parent or other relative to share resources, prayer and support.
Cancer Survivors’ Support Group-Every other Tuesday (Next meeting March 22) 1:30-3pm
A trained facilitator leads this group of people who are dealing with all types and stages of cancer.
Call St. Raphael’s Parish Social Ministry at 308-3808 for information about either support group.

**Food Pantry will be open this Saturday, March 19 from 9:30-11:30am.**

Food Pantry needs: Toilet paper, instant mashed potatoes, and juice boxes. Thank you.
OLM THRIFT BOUTIQUE

Half Price Clearance Sale
Everything Half Price Sale Great Clothing buys
Gently used! Except Religious Articles

*February 29th to March 19th, 2016

*Time 9:30 AM to 1 PM

*All Sales are Final

OUR LADY OF MERCY
500 S. OYSTER BAY ROAD

Sacred Heart Academy
Hempstead, New York
Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course
August 22-26, 2016
September 10, 2016 and October 15, 2016
Cost: $200 (includes all materials)
Two sessions are available.
For information and applications, please call: 516-483-7383 ext. 249

In addition, we are offering a PSAT review course for any student entering his/her Junior year in September 2015. If space allows, please place the following information into your bulletin:

Sacred Heart Academy
Hempstead, New York 11550
PSAT Review Course
August 15-19, 2016
September 10, 2016 and September 24, 2016
Cost: $200 (includes all materials)
Student must bring their own calculators.
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Prepare, Respond, Recover:
What to Do When Disaster Strikes

Join us for a comprehensive overview on how to prepare for natural and man-made disasters and how to respond to and recover from them.

The session will provide information on types of common disasters, ways to prepare as an individual, family and community member, and what to do when disaster strikes.

Presented By:

WIDOWS AND WIDowers, DIVORCED AND SINGLE CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND
OUR 40TH YEAR
NASSAU COUNTY CHAPTER NO. 1
P.O. BOX 2031
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER
CHAIRPERSON – LUCILLE FERRARA
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
NON-DENOMINATIONAL-ALL ARE WELCOME
TUESDAY MARCH 22ND 8:PM
THE MEETING IS HELD EVERY FOURTH TUESDAY AT ST FRANCES DE CHANTAL SCHOOL
1309 WANTAGH AVE. IN WANTAGH, NEW YORK
PLEASE BRING PROOF OF SINGLE STATUS TO JOIN
REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER MEETING
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL CAROL @ 516-794-4933
OR BARBARA @ 516-798-2858

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us
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Lenten Film Festival

Third Film to be viewed: Places in the Heart
When: Sunday, March 20th 2:00
Place: Convent Meeting Room

Edna Spalding finds herself alone and broke on a small farm in the midst of the Great Depression when her husband the Sheriff is killed in an accident. A wandering black man, Moses, helps her to plant cotton to try and keep her farm and her kids together. She also takes on a blind boarder, Mr. Will, who lost his sight in the first World War. She must endure storms and harsh labor to try and make her mortgage payment on time. Sally Field won the Oscar for this performance. Join us for this very timely story of mercy, family, and love. Admission is free and there will be free popcorn.

CALLING ALL MEN OF THE PARISH

Come to a Holy Name Society Meeting

MONDAY MARCH 14TH, 2016
AT 7:30 PM
IN OUR LADY’ CHAPEL MEETING ROOM

Guess Speaker: Charles Mailloux

Topic: The Mercy and Forgiveness Challenge

Refreshments served at every meeting.

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for us
Presider’s Schedule for Weekend of March 26TH, - March 27TH, 2015

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Wealthy News

Planned Parenthood Took Teens to Lobby Their Legislators, They Got a Message They Didn’t Expect

When a group of teens walked in to lobby a Washington state lawmaker for the abortion business Planned Parenthood, they received feedback that they didn’t expect.

Washington state Rep. Mary Dye tried to impress upon the teens the value of abstinence and sexual responsibility, according to the Seattle Times. The teens were visiting state lawmakers Monday as part of the abortion group’s annual Teen Lobbying Day to push for a bill to expand insurance coverage for birth control, according to the report.

Dye, a Republican from Pomeroy, Washington, listened to a group of students present their case for the bill, and told them that she did not support their agenda. Then, she asked the students about abstinence, virginity and responsible sexual choice as young adults, the report states.

“Following the conversation they initiated on birth control for teenagers, I talked about the empowerment of women and making good choices—opinions shaped by my mother and being a mother of three daughters,” Dye said in a statement after the meeting.

Unsurprisingly, Planned Parenthood officials were outraged. They said the state Congresswoman also asked students if they were virgins and suggested that one was not, according to the report.

“I’ve never been in any type of meeting, especially with teens, where an adult, especially an adult legislator, was so incredibly disrespectful and inappropriate,” Todd, a Planned Parenthood worker who accompanied the teens.

“After she made the statement about virginity, all of my teens looked at me.” said Todd, an education specialist for Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho. “And I said, ‘You don’t have to answer that. You don’t have to answer that.’”

Dye apologized for asking about the students’ virginity but maintained that she does not support Planned Parenthood’s agenda. (to be continued next week)

Youth Ministries

WYLDLIFE News

The following are the date for WYLDLIFE Meeting in 2016

From 7:00 to 9:00 PM

On

April 1st, & 29th.

We want your Box Tops!!

Our Lady of Mercy School collects Box Tops year round to help support our education needs. Recently we received a check in the amount of $1,404.00. We Thank you for your support. Collection bins are in the church for you to conveniently drop off your box tops when you come to mass. Please continue to bring in your box tops from the products you use at home or office. We appreciate your continued support for our school! Please keep them coming. For more information visit: www.btfe.com THANK YOU!
SUPER BONANZA WINNERS 2016
OUR LADY OF MERCY

We are pleased to announce the following winners:

Mar 04, 2016  $25.00  Carol Barbuck  Plainview
Mar 05, 2016  $25.00  Marie Baumgart  Hicksville
Mar 06, 2016  $25.00  Maria Baran  Hicksville
Mar 07, 2016  $25.00  John Waugh  Plainview
Mar 08, 2016  $25.00  M/M Glenn Spinella  Seaford
Mar 09, 2016  $25.00  Vivienne Geib  Hicksville
Mar 10, 2016  $25.00  Frances Scalisi  Plainview

Congratulations to the winners, your ticket has been returned to the drum, and you have many more opportunities to win. Checks are being mailed to our winners this week.

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ’s birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity’s holiest sites and for God’s people in the Holy Land. Please be generous.
SUPERMARKET GIFT CERTIFICATES
Thank You!

To All Parishioners: GIFT CERTIFICATES may be purchased in the rectory during the week at regular office hours. Sales this past week were $905.00, of this the Parish earned $45.25, If you do not use supermarket dollars, please give it a try! Ask those who use it, how convenient it is!

Unclaimed Supermarket Gift Ticket
as of: 2-29-2016

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Won by: Mrs. T. Calalano*

Fifth Sunday in Lent

In today’s Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins place by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

For more information call 516/931-4351

THE LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE is holding a GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF UNBORN CHILDREN on MARCH 25, 2016, from 10:30AM to NOON, in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow). Pro-life women, men and children take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions committed at NUMC and throughout Long Island. We stand on the public sidewalk - a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided. Information: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.
Music Ministries

**OLM Adult Chamber Choir:** Meets Tuesday afternoons at 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Upper Church.

**OLM Children’s Choir:** Meets Wednesday afternoons at 2:45-3:30 PM in the School Music Room.

**OLM Folk Group:** Meets Sundays after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Lower Church.

**OLM Rock Group:** Meets Monday evenings at 8-10 PM in the Upper Church.

Parish Organizations

**Angels of Mercy:** Meet on every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in Our Lady’s Chapel with refreshments served. Corporate Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:00 AM for more information please call Angia Manzi-938-8106 or JUSTKKAUZE@AOL.COM.

**Hicksville/OLM Senior Club:** Meets on Mondays 11:00AM-3 PM at the Bethpage Senior Center. For information contact Joan at 938-4261.

**Holy Name Society:** Corporate Mass and Communion on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 AM Mass. Membership meetings on the following Monday at 7:30 PM in the Lower Church Meeting Room. Phone: (516) 405-0HNS (0467). Email: olmholyname@aol.com Web: www.olmholyname.org

**Knights of Columbus:** The Our Lady of Mercy Joseph F. Lamb Council # 5723 Knights of Columbus meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria. For information contact Mike Trimarco, Grand Knight, at 938-6067.

**Legion of Mary:** Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in the Lower Church. First Saturday Fatima Devotions: 7:40 AM.

**Nocturnal Adoration:** First Friday of the Month - 8 to 10 PM in Our Lady’s Chapel Church.

**OLM Ushers:** If interested in becoming an Usher, please contact Jim Decker at 516/933-8143 or email at jimdecker@verizon.net

**OLM Youth Council:** Council for Parish Sports. Contact Jennifer Chapman 516/931-4351

**Prayer Group:** Prayer meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Lower Church.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Contact the Rectory for information (931-4351).

**The Men of St. Joseph:** Meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in Lower Church Meeting Room.

**Thrift Boutique:** Mon-Sat 9:30 AM — 1:00 PM located in The Trailer Building

Support Groups

**Alcoholics Anonymous Groups**

**First Things First:**
Open Meeting every Friday: 8:00-9:00 PM in the Convent Basement.
Closed Meeting every Sunday: 7:00-8:00 PM in the Convent Basement.

**Our Own Group:**
Closed Meeting every Monday: 4:30-5:30 PM in the Convent Basement.
Step Meeting every Thursday: 4:30-5:30 PM in the Convent Basement.

**Al-Anon:**
Adult Children meet on Friday evenings: 7:30-10:00 PM in the School Cafeteria.

**Emotions Anonymous:**
Meets on Thursdays at 8-10 PM in the Convent Basement.

**Families Anonymous:**
Meets on Wednesdays at 7:30-9:30 PM. Convent Basement.