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Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

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Parish Mission Statement

We the people of Our Lady of the Snows Parish are a Catholic Christian community who reach out to one another and to all people by teaching and giving witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to invite all to hear, share, and live the Word of God. We try to inspire an awareness of our faith and to encourage others to renew and energize that faith in Jesus and His Church. We want to welcome the entire community to enjoy the warmth and love of our parish by participating fully in the sacramental life of the Church.

Masses

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
and 5:30 PM Mass in Malayalam

Weekdays 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

Saturday Mornings 9:00 AM

Civil Holidays 9:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation See Parish Bulletin

Latin Rite Catholic Mass in Malayalam:

Each Sunday at 5:30 PM in Church.

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Following all Masses on Monday.

Eucharistic Adoration:

First Friday of the month from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Church. Also every Thursday from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM in the Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays at 1PM and on request.

Baptism:

Presently, please call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Marriage:

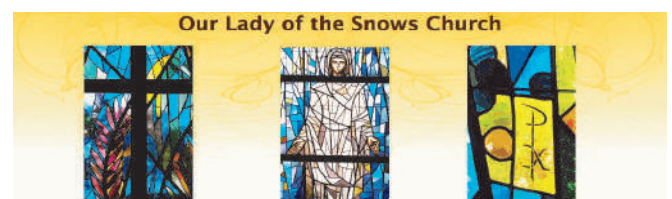
Please call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of the marriage date to make an appointment with a priest to discuss your marriage plans.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call (718) 347-6070 for arrangements.

Catholic Cemeteries:

For information and available options please call (718) 894-4888.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 23

8:00AM Alice Nolan

9:30AM Yolanda Hortta

11:00AM Collective Mass Offered for:

Mathew Daniel-Living, Mini Mathew-Living,
Steve Mathew-Living, Lucila Tecson, Nydia Gomez,
Michael Traynor, Nina Salonga, Barbara Scali

12:30PM People of the Parish

5:30PM All Souls in Purgatory

Monday, July 24

9:00AM James M. Geiger

12Noon Catherine Davidson and
Catherine Zegers

Tuesday, July 25

9:00AM Gerard McGee

12Noon William Krejci Sr.

Wednesday, July 26

9:00AM Regina Koilparampil-10th Anniversary

12Noon Mary Yeung

Thursday, July 27

9:00AM Thresia Kochupurackal

12Noon Robert E. Okajima

12:30PM Adoration

Friday, July 28

9:00AM Thresia Kochupurackal

12Noon Living and Deceased members of the
Kuzhiampilavil and Netticadan Families

Saturday, July 29

9:00AM Rachelle Landrin

5:00PM Purgatorial Mass

Sunday, July 30

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Josephine McGovern

11:00AM Collective Mass Offered for:

Basyl Puszkysdra, Samson Rodrigues,
Monica Mathew-Living, Mathai Philipose-Living,
Aleyamma Philipose-Living, Katherine Morrison,
Maryann Hall, Lucila Tecson,
In Thanksgiving-Gabrielle Avancena
12:30PM Living and Deceased Members of the
Charles DeRose Family
5:30PM

IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, homebound and hospitalized....

Fred Bedell, Jeanette Coletti, Gerard Hillenbrand,
Antoine L. Jean-Louis, Elizabeth Mamrosh,
Hope Lange Pierre, Karen Toomey, Robert Webb

All Our Faithful Departed Loved Ones....

Michele DeMeo, Mario de Souza Ferreira

THIS WEEK AT OLS

Sunday July 23

8:00AM..... Summer Blood Drive..... SJH

Monday, July 24

7:00PM..... GO Big Book Study..... BCH

Wednesday, July 26

7:00PM..... 75th Anniversary Committee Mtg PMR



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

for the week were donated

In Loving Memory of

SR. CLAUDE MARIA, CSJ

13th ANNIVERSARY

requested by the

Vollaro Family



THE ALTAR BREADS and

THE ALTAR WINES

for the week were donated

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KIYOKO OKAJIMA

requested by

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Academy

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

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SNOWS is included in today's bulletin and all are invited to pray these special healing prayers each day beginning this Thursday, July 27th in anticipation of our parish feast day on August 5th. What a beautiful way to rely on God's healing for ourselves and many others through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Snows.



ANNIVERSARY PRAYER CARDS

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER CARDS are available on the tables in the Gathering Space for every parishioner to take home and recite throughout the Year. Every Sunday this "Salve Regina" Prayer will be recited at the end of the Mass and we pray together to Mary-Our Life, Our Sweetness, Our Hope.

OLS Sunday Collection Report

Collection numbers to be published in next week's bulletin.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Soon enough we will celebrate our patronal feast of Our Lady of the Snows during our 75th Anniversary Year. Each year we print the Novena to Our Lady of the Snows and it is in today's bulletin. Please pray daily the Novena beginning this Friday, July 28th through Saturday, August 5th.

Besides our own parish under the patronage of Our Lady of the Snows there are many other churches and shrines dedicated to Mary, Our Lady of the Snow including Chicago, Illinois; Sun Valley, Idaho; Snowflake, Arizona; Bright Victoria, Australia; Belleville, Illinois; Reno, Nevada and others.

Closer to home, there are parish churches dedicated to Our Lady of the Snows in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania and Blue Point on Long Island. However, there is also a Society of Our Lady of the Snows in Williamsburg, Brooklyn that has a long and interesting history.

Located at 410 Graham Avenue, the Society of St. Mary of the Snow was formed in 1888 by Italian immigrants who came from Sanza located in the Province of Salerno. In their homeland the Sanzese citizens celebrated every year the feast of Our Lady of the Snows and continued it when they came to Williamsburg.

According to the Society's website the Sanzese were beginning to learn the language and customs of their new land and to raise their families in its ways. They continued to derive the necessary strength and courage to do so by honoring and adoring their Madonna in this time honored way each 5th of August. As this period in the society's history came to a close, the Sanzese were becoming more secure in America; and as their society and economic positions improved, they were not able to turn their attention to other matters. One of the first of these was their continued feeling of responsibility toward their native land, exemplified by the Society's substantial financial contribution to the citizens of Messina, Italy who had been left homeless by the terrible earthquake in 1907.

Each year, the Society of Our Lady of the Snow celebrates the feast day on August the 5th. The festivities begin on July 27th with a Candlelight procession through the streets of Greenpoint/Williamsburg to mark the start of the celebration. Then, each night, different events are held at the Society hall for members and guests of all ages. On August the 5th, the members of the Society proudly march the streets of Greenpoint/Williamsburg again to praise our Blessed Mother.

How wonderful for us to know of different faith communities preparing to celebrate in honor of Our Lady of the Snows in the days ahead. May our Novena prayers and prayers of many other people be answered through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Snows.

Father Mc Bruin

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE



SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE takes place in St. Joseph Hall today from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The New York Blood Center continues to be at a dangerous low level with its blood supply especially during the summer. Please consider participating if you are well and healthy and new donors are most welcomed.



THANK YOU



THANK YOU. The Indian Community at OLS would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in last weekend's celebration in honor of Saint Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception. Hundreds of parishioners and guests from other parishes were blessed with Holy Mass and street procession as well as celebrating a festive dinner in St. Joseph Hall. Thank you to the planning committee and volunteers who made the day so special and prayerful.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Ex 14:5-8, Mt 12:38-42
TUESDAY: 2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 20:20-28
WEDNESDAY: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15, Mt 13:1-9
THURSDAY: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b, Mt 13:10-17
FRIDAY: Ex 20:1-17, Mt 13:18-23
SATURDAY: Ex 24:3-8, Jn 11:19-27
SUNDAY: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12, Rom 8:28-30,
Mt 13:44-52

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SCHOOL OFFICE

SCHOOL OFFICE will be open for school registration, school tours and other information from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon, this **Tuesday, July 25th to Thursday, July 27th**. Also, school registration packets are available in the Parish Office. Feel free to drop off any paperwork in the mailslot at the front door of the school. Take the opportunity to offer your child a quality Catholic education at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Academy this Fall.

MINISTRY BROCHURES



Ministries

MINISTRY BROCHURES. Please feel free to browse the brochure rack located in the Gathering Space containing informative pamphlets about the ministries, societies, organizations and clubs taking place in the parish. This reference point is available for anyone who wishes to become involved and be a volunteer at Our Lady of the Snows. Take home the brochure(s), read and pray over the information, and feel free to contact the parish leader or Parish Office with any questions.

GIVE CENTRAL



Our Church is now accepting on line donations through GiveCentral, our new safe, secure, and paperless way to make your contributions. GiveCentral was designed specifically for Catholic organizations and hundreds of parishes have found success. The site allows you to make one time or recurring payments on a schedule that works best for you, using any credit or debit card or electronic (ACH) bank withdrawal.

We believe that having flexible giving options will make it easier for you to support our church. Please visit GiveCentral and take a few minutes to set up your contributions. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!

HERE'S HOW TO SIGN UP FOR GIVECENTRAL:

1. Visit www.givecentral.org and click on the **FIND MY CHARITY** button
2. Type our parish name in the search box and click on our picture when it appears below.
3. Choose an **EVENT** to which you would like to donate, entering the amount, frequency and date, then click **ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET**. You may **ADD MORE** or **CHECKOUT** at any time.
4. When you're ready, click **CHECKOUT** to view and verify your pending gifts. Click
5. **CONTINUE** then **COMPLETE PROFILE**.
6. Complete the simple registration form, then click **REGISTER AND CONFIRM GIFT** to submit.

That's it-you're registered! Check your email inbox for a GiveCentral welcome email from

support@givecentral.org

You can return to GiveCentral at any time to make changes to your information or contributions. Visit www.givecentral.org/login and enter your username and password to log in.

SACRAMENT VIDEO/PICTURE



FIRST COMMUNION VIDEOS and CONFIRMATION PICTURES.

Parents are reminded to stop at the Parish Office and take home their children's First Communion video and Confirmation picture.



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**Our Lady of the Snows
Parish Pastoral Council
sponsors its 6th Annual**

School Supplies Drive



All are invited to donate different school supplies
(notebooks, memo pads, binders, pencils and pens, rulers,
crayons and markers, back packs, etc.)
to help needy boys and girls begin the new school year
happy and well equipped!



**Place your donations in the yellow school bus
in the Gathering Space
and thank you for your generosity!**



SCAM LIKELY

If you receive an email or text from any of the priests or deacons, or any other member of Our Lady of the Snows pastoral staff requesting gift cards or donations, delete it immediately and block the caller's number or email. It is not from the church or school academy.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE



SUMMER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE. All adults are invited to participate in an exciting summer league of volleyball! Sponsored by Our Lady of the Snows CYO Program, this fun filled coed tournament is taking place in our air conditioned gymnasium on Wednesday nights, at 8:00 PM. The cost is \$50.00 per person and includes a dri-fit t-shirt for each player. Invite family members and friends to have a good time this summer playing volleyball and for more information please email Jim Reilly at reillyjamesjr@yahoo.com or call 516-355-8800

ANNIVERSARY BARBEQUE/PICNIC



ANNIVERSARY BARBEQUE/PICNIC On Sunday, August 6th following our Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:30 PM all are invited to share in a traditional summer barbeque including hamburgers, hot dogs, corn of the cob, salads, watermelon and much more. We will supply the food and music and you need only to bring your favorite beverages, lounge chair, and fun spirit! Tickets are only \$10.00 per person and children 2 years and under are free. Tickets are now available in the Parish Office and can be purchased following the Masses today in the Gathering Space. Please note tickets are limited, so don't delay!

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES



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DONATIONS. Once again throughout the summer the Pastoral Council (PPC) is accepting donations of school supplies (e.g., notebooks, memo pads, binders, pencils and pens, crayons and markers, school bags, etc.) to help needy boys and girls begin the new school year well-equipped and happy. Please place your donation in the yellow school bus in the Gathering Space of the church .

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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Here is the latest report as of
July 17, 2023

Amount of Goal: \$120,654.00

Amount Pledged: \$103,038.50

Amount Received: \$83,890.25

Number of Donors: 289



Our Lady of the Snows – Healing Novena Prayers

Day 1: July 28

Mary's journey of faith – The Annunciation – Mary freely accepts God's will for her.

A messenger was sent by God to tell Mary about His plan of salvation for the whole world. She was the intimate link to bring it about...if only she would say yes. Mary was startled by this and asked, "How does this fit in with Your other plans for me, dear Lord?" He answered, "I can take care of both your virginity and your future motherhood. Nothing is impossible with Me."

"Would you be mother to My Son in the flesh?" Mary didn't even know God had a Son. What a revelation! This Son wanted to be a member of our human family: "my delight is to be with the children of men." What a privilege to be so chosen! "The power of the Holy Spirit will come upon you..." She is the first person to learn of this great mystery: God is three-in-one: Father, Son and Spirit. She pondered this truth all through her life, just as we must "ponder" it and relate it to our lives.

"Yes, Lord... let it be done as you say." At that very moment Jesus came into the world as one of us. He took on our weaknesses and our ills. God learned what it was to be hungry, thirsty, exhausted, admired and praised by good people, rejected and murdered by leaders of those he came to save.

***Prayer** – Lord Jesus, give me a docile heart like Mary's that I may respond with a total "yes" to the will of the Father all through my life. Amen.*

Day 2: July 29

The Visitation – Mary's presence brings joy to her loved ones.

Through the voice of His mother, Jesus greets and sanctified His "voice in the wilderness" while they were both still in the womb. John is the "greatest among the children of men," the man who sums up all of the Old Testament, the last prophet to warn the Jews of their dignity which is being challenged... "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

Elizabeth: "How is it that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" How did Elizabeth know Mary was the "Mother of the Lord" except that the Spirit of God went ahead to prepare the way for His coming, as the Spirit always does. In this holy woman, Mary had a confidant, one with whom she could share the good news, the revelation of God's Son coming into our world.

"His name is John" ... and thus Zechariah had his voice restored to him. And what a speech he made (inspired by the Spirit, of course): "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for He has visited his people... to bring them knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins... this by the tender mercy of our God..."

***Prayer** – Lord Jesus, please send your Spirit into my heart to give "voice" to me, as he gave voice to your mother, to Elizabeth and Zechariah, and even to John, that I may spread Your Word everywhere. Amen.*

Day 3: July 30

The Magnificat – Mary praises God for His care for the lowly.

Mary's majestic hymn of praise proclaims "the greatness of the Lord" because He has literally turned the world upside down. God scatters the proud; He brings down the powerful; He sends the rich away empty.

But there is more. God looks with favor on the lowly. He shows mercy to those who depend completely on Him. He fills the hungry with good things. He fulfills the promises He had made to His faithful people.

The Magnificat calls us to imitate the example of God and the Blessed Mother. We are called to stand with the lowly, the hungry, the faithful – those who need the love and mercy of God and our love and mercy as well.

***Prayer** – My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exalts in God my Savior;
because He has looked upon His lowly handmaid.*

*Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is His name,
and His mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear Him.
He has shown the power of his arm, He has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.
The hungry He has filled with good things, the rich sent away empty.
He has come to the help of Israel, His servant,
mindful of His mercy, according to the promise He made to our ancestors
of His mercy to Abraham and to His descendants forever.*

Day 4: July 31

The Birth of Jesus – Mary becomes the Mother of God – and our Mother.

Mary called Joseph a “just man” ... i.e. God fearing, faithful, strong, loving. He was forbidden by law to take this pregnant maiden into his house as wife. But how could he save her from public shame? Once the angel spoke to him and manifested this Child as God’s offspring, Joseph bowed humbly and lovingly to this reality. He was the protector of Mary’s virginity... and his own. He was the primary example for the great manliness Jesus showed through His whole life.

Even the edict of Caesar for a census was part of God’s plan. The Scriptures said the Christ had to be born in Bethlehem. What a revelation for Joseph and Mary to find themselves in a stable for the birth of the Son of God. Surely there were profound reasons in God’s plan for this as well.

The angelic choirs invited the shepherds to this cosmic event... only a start to bring in the Wise Men from the East. Meanwhile, the world went round and round in its ignorance of the greatest fact that ever took place on the face of the earth. Let us learn that He reveals Himself to the “poor” and the “truly wise.”

Prayer – Lord Jesus, grant me the poverty of spirit which we find in Joseph and Mary... and the true wisdom of Your Spirit so we can find you in the “poor” and “truly wise.” Amen.

Day 5: August 1

The Presentation – Mary learns she must suffer for the love of her Son.

“Jesus is His name” (the angel said to both Joseph and Mary). After eight days they had Him circumcised and gave Him the name, Jesus (Joshua... Savior). After forty days they took Him to the temple to present Him to His Father and to offer two turtledoves in keeping with the law and the practice of the time. What a surprise awaited them!

“This child is destined to be a sign that is rejected.” When the light of His truth comes up against the darkness and sin of the world, He will be accepted by the good, but disowned and murdered by His own people. An old man, Simeon, was led by the Spirit into the temple and uttered these words. The Spirit had promised him that he would not die until he had seen the “Christ the Lord.” The same Spirit had given him prophetic insight into the suffering of Jesus.

“And a sword will pierce your own soul, too.” These words Simeon addressed to Mary. As mother to this special Child, she would share in His trials and even His death. Simeon also adds “that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.” Yes, how many holy and inspiring thoughts have come to the saints (and to all of us) as we contemplate the terrible sufferings of Son and Mother. Simeon looked up to the Lord: “Master, you can let your servant go in peace... my eyes have seen Your salvation.”

Prayer – Lord Jesus, the mystery deepens as it goes on; let the sense of mystery be with me as I contemplate Your whole life (along with Joseph and Mary). Amen.

Day 6: August 2

Finding Jesus in the Temple – Mary prepares Jesus for His mission in life.

Every year they used to go to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. Even as a boy, Jesus was a pilgrim. When He was twelve, their pilgrimage took on a special meaning. He became an adult in the eyes of the law. He was obliged to keep the law in its fullness, and to be a witness to His Jewish heritage.

He also did a surprising thing: He stayed behind while the huge caravan rolled on its way home. His parents thought He was with relatives. After three days of frantic searching they found Him in the Temple. His mother said, “My Child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for You.” Jesus replied, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be busy with My Father’s affairs?” (Lk 2:48-49) They did not understand.

Jesus went back to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. From this moment, every thought, every action of His was to prepare Himself for the "work of His Father." "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me." (Jn 4:34). The Father's will was to be a docile loving Son. "Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature and grace with God and men." (Lk 2:52)
Prayer – *Lord Jesus: Confirmation was my entry into the adult way of life; please send your Spirit to make me truly mature "in spirit and in truth." (Jn 4:23) Amen.*

Day 7: August 3

The Crucifixion – Mary grieves the loss of her only Son.

Why such a gruesome death? In God's plan this was the best way to win the largest number to salvation, based on love, not fear. The power of love itself will attract a response of love from those who have the least spark of goodness in themselves. "We preach Christ crucified, the power and the wisdom of God." (1 Cor 1:23)

"Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing". (Lk 23:34) Jesus gave His all in love and sacrifice. Now He asks His Father to "glorify" them both by pouring out the flood of mercy and love which He had won. Much of sin is based on ignorance and stupidity. Jesus appeals to the heart of His Father to let flow the healing water of His sacrifice.

"Woman, this is your Son... Son, this is your mother." (Jn 19:26) Jesus' great love for His mother now extends to every person in the world. She is now the mother to His whole Mystical Body. Each one must love and reverence her, just as He did. By giving Jesus to us, Mary is truly "our life, our sweetness and our hope." As she trained Him to become the perfect Son, the Spirit works through her to bring us to full maturity in Christ.

Prayer – *Lord Jesus, help me to become, like the Little Flower, the "very heart of Your Mystical Body," in response to the tremendous love which poured from your Sacred Heart." Amen.*

Day 8: August 4

Pentecost – Mary waits in hope for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus had said to Nicodemus, "The Spirit is like the wind... you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going." (Jn 3:8) When the Spirit appeared to Elijah it was like a gentle breeze... to indicate His intimacy with the prophets. Now He comes as a powerful wind... to bring to fulfillment all the oracles of the prophets in Jesus.

Fire: when Isaiah met with the presence of God, he exclaimed, "What a wretched state I am in... I am a man of unclean lips and my eyes have looked on Yahweh." A seraph took a live coal from the altar of the temple and touched his mouth with it, "see, this has touched your lips... your sin is taken away." When the priest absolves us from sin, it is the Spirit who sends a coal of fire to purify us.

The Spirit appeared to this select group in tongues of fire... and unloosened their tongues to speak the marvels of the Lord. Peter, fired by the same Spirit, preached his first sermon to 3,000 people who had gathered around because of the noise and the many tongues they heard. They were converted that afternoon because they were cut to the heart by what they had done to Jesus. They received baptism in Jesus' name, and were also fired by the Spirit to preach the Good News everywhere.

Prayer – *Holy Spirit God, I adore You; enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Amen.*

Day 9 – August 5

Feast of Our Lady of the Snows – Mary intercedes for us with her Son to answer our prayers.

We bring our needs to the altar, offering them up to God. This is our act of humility, our acknowledgement that we are not the most powerful force in the world, that there is One who is greater. Our Lady, by her willingness to do God's will, gave us an example of such humility. At the moment of her Annunciation, she sang praise for all the gifts of God: "For the Mighty One has done a great thing for me." (Lk 1:49)

God showers us with blessings. All that we have comes from this one Source. Our blessings are abundant; so should our thanks be. How can we give less than our all to the God who has given us everything?

To be sure, there are some lives in which the darkness seems overwhelming, in which the suffering seems endless. But we believe that no life goes untouched by God's goodness. Even the smallest mercies are worthy of gratitude.

It is good to reflect on the ways God has blessed us – when we feel we need healing, it reminds us that God has eased our suffering before, and this too shall pass. When we feel that we have been blessed by healing we thank God who is the Source of all healing and hope.

Prayer – *Open my eyes to see Your goodness always. Be with me so that I will know Your peace. Amen.*

MASS INTENTIONS



Mass Intentions

July to December 2023

MASS INTENTIONS. The opportunity to pray in a special way for the repose of the soul of a loved one or other prayerful intention is made available each day with announced Mass offerings. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary or birthday remembrance.

11:00 AM Collective Masses dates available are from **Sunday, August 27th to Sunday, December 31st.** Each offering is \$15.00.

Individual Mass Dates, December 29th, The offering is \$15.00.

Altar Wine remembrance are available the weeks of: **August 6th, September 10th, October 1st, 22nd, 29th, December 10th, 17th,** Each offering is \$50.00.

Altar Bread remembrance are available the weeks of: **October 29th, December 10th.** Each offering is \$50.00.

Altar Flowers are available the weeks of. **July: 30th August 13th, September 17th, 24th, October 8th, 22nd, November 5th, 26th, December 10th, 17th.** Each offering is \$130.00

Sunday 5:30 PM Malayalam Masses are available: **July 30th, August 20th, 27th, September 10th, 17th, 24th, October 8th, 22nd, November 26th, December 10th, 31st.** Each offering is \$15.00

AUTO DONATION



AUTO DONATION. The Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn will take any car, truck or van, running or not, and donate \$75 to \$200 per vehicle to Our Lady of the Snows. Any old or neglected vehicle sitting in your driveway or family member, friend or neighbor's driveway can be disposed of by calling (718) 491-2525. Free towing, any condition. IRS tax deduction

MASS IN MALAYALAM is celebrated in the church on Sunday evenings at 5:30PM. Those interested in attending the Malayalam Mass are encouraged to be present.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Calling all parents of public school children who are Catholic or would like to become Catholic. Give your child the beautiful gift of faith!

Registration is going on NOW for September 2023 classes. Classes for Grades Pre-K-8 are held on Sunday mornings. Classes for High School are held on Wednesday evenings.



Registration forms can be found in Church on the tables in the gathering space and on our website www.olsnows.org (Ministries, Faith Formation) You may submit your registration electronically. If you prefer, you can print the form and mail it to the Faith Formation Office at the address below, or drop it in the Parish Office door mail slot on 259th Street. First time registrants must submit a copy of their child's baptismal certificate.

Registration Fees are as follows:

One Child	\$110.00
Two Children	\$150.00
Three or more children	\$180.00

For more information please contact the Faith Formation Office at 718-347-3511

WHITE WELCOME ENVELOPES

WHITE WELCOME ENVELOPES are located in the Gathering Space for those who are new in the parish., for those who would like to receive weekly envelopes and for those who may forgotten their envelope today. Place the envelope and offering in the collection and thank you for your support.



CHURCH ETIQUETTE



CHURCH ETIQUETTE. A reminder to everyone to please turn off cell phones before entering the church and during Mass. Please refrain from sending or receiving text messages. It is very distracting to those who are praying. Also, we ask that before and after Mass greetings to each other should be extended in the Gathering Space as some parishioners may be praying privately in the church. Lastly, please be mindful of wheelchair seating in the church for the disabled and their caregivers. Thank you for your consideration.

CHURCH ENVELOPES



CHURCH ENVELOPES Church envelopes are mailed regularly to all registered parishioners who use the weekly envelopes. If you did not receive the mailing please contact the Parish Office. If you do not receive envelopes we encourage you to formally register in the parish as active parishioners and help support the parish throughout the year. Lastly, we kindly ask you to mark your offering on the front of the envelope each week. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity to Our Lady of the Snows Parish.

AIR CONDITIONING COLLECTION

AIR CONDITIONING COLLECTION takes place next Sunday, July 30th. The parish is fortunate to have a cool and comfortable church to worship in Sunday after Sunday and during the week. However, as you can guess, the expense for such air conditioning in a large church is very high. **YELLOW** air conditioning offering envelopes are available in the church. Thank you for your contribution.

SUMMER MISSION APPEAL

SUMMER MISSION APPEAL sponsored by the Propagation of the Faith Office will take place next Sunday. Sister Krystina, a member of the ecclesiastical community of Koinonia John the Baptist, will speak at all the Masses. Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Red Hook, Brooklyn is ministered by the priests and nuns of the ecclesiastical community. Koinonia John the Baptist serves the Zulu people in South Africa especially the children, bringing the Good News of Salvation. They preach and teach the Catechism, bringing food and water, clothing to the families and orphans of this community. We ask your support with this annual summer mission appeal.

CELEBRATING SAINT ROQUE

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(SAINT ROCCO) On Sunday, August 13th a special day will take place honoring Saint Roque beginning at 3:00 PM with the recitation of the Novena to Saint Roque, Holy Mass, and an outdoor street procession. We welcome Father Steven Neier, a newly ordained Oratorian priest as the main celebrant and homilist. All are invited to pray through the intercession of Saint Roque, a holy and humble saint of God, who endured much suffering with sickness and imprisonment. The San Roque Devotional Group in the parish also welcomes everyone to join in the Novena to San Roque beginning on Saturday August 5th with the following schedule: Saturday, August 5th to Saturday, August 12th at 11:00 AM in the church and on Sunday, August 13th following the Mass at 3:00 PM. To be a sponsor/leader, please call Luz Rebong at 718-217-9427 or 718-598-1795.



FREE SUMMER CONCERT

FREE SUMMER CONCERT,

sponsored by the Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk & Queens, takes place in Eisenhower Park at the Harry Chapin Theatre on Monday, August 7th beginning at 7:00PM. Featuring Pipe bands, Irish step dancers and the music of Tommy Mulvihill Band and Sean Quinn, it is to be a grand night of Irish music and melodies. Please be sure to bring your own lawn chairs and/or blankets.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

ST. ALPHONSA MEETING will take place on Wednesday, August 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room. All members are asked to attend and review this year's parish celebration in honor of Saint Alphonsa.

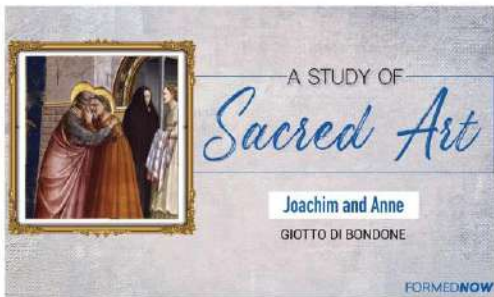
75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING takes place this Wednesday, July 26th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room. All members are asked to attend.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS. We are grateful to those merchants and businesses that support our weekly bulletin by placing an ad. We ask all parishioners to patronize these merchants and anyone is welcomed to take an advertisement by calling the bulletin company at (631) 249-4994.



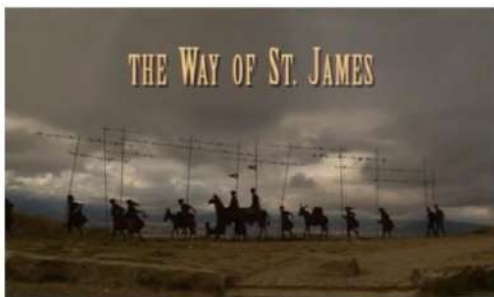
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of July 23, 2023



Sts. Joachim and Anne | Sacred Art

In this episode on FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this famous painting "Joachim and Anne Meeting at the Golden Gate."



The Way of Saint James

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



Catholic Parenting Tips w/ Catholic Sprouts | FORMED Now

Join Taylor Kemp and Nancy Bandzuch, who founded Catholic Sprouts alongside her husband Bill, for tips for raising Catholic children!

Registering for FORMED is simple!

Sign up for free at signup.formed.org

- Enter our parish zip code: "11004" then click on "Our Lady of the Snows Church"
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED!

WARM WELCOME



WARM WELCOME. If you are new to our parish please feel free to introduce yourself to one of the priests or deacons after Mass today. We kindly invite you to come to the Parish

Office and register as a member of Our Lady of the Snows. Registration is important for all parishioners because then we are able to issue sponsor letters for Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony. We can also give end of the year statements of your contributions to the church through regular use of the envelopes. We can also help you with letters of recommendation for employment, school, etc. Your registration will also help us with our parish census in knowing the number of Catholics in Floral Park and surrounding areas. Thank you and welcome!

BIG CITY CATHOLICS PODCAST



BIG CITY CATHOLICS PODCAST Bishop Brennan's weekly podcast offers listeners great insight into the heart of our Bishop as he walks with the faithful of Brooklyn & Queens to learn more about their personal stories, celebrate

Catholic life and discuss some of the challenges we all face in our every day lives. New episodes are available every Friday. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or go to

<https://podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org>.

TD BANK PARISH FUNDRAISER



TD BANK PARISH FUNDRAISER. If you are currently banking with TD Bank (checking, savings, money market, etc.) TD Bank will make an annual contribution to Our Lady of the Snows. This is how it works: During your next visit to TD Bank, mention to a representative the "Affinity Membership Program" and our parish's affinity code number **AG498**. Any existing accounts at any TD Bank branch and newly open accounts will earn credit whereby TD Bank will base its annual contribution to Our Lady of the Snows Parish. The more who bank with TD Bank the more money TD Bank will contribute to the parish annually. There are no costs involved and everyone's privacy is guaranteed. Thank you for your participation in this parish fundraiser!

PARISH/SCHOOL WEBSITES.

Visit www.olsnows.org and see an abundance of information about our parish including its history, parish ministries and special events, the weekly Bulletin and much more. Visit www.olscafp.org and find out important information about exciting upcoming school events. Happy Surfing!

RESPECT LIFE



If you are pregnant or a new parent and you need help, many resources are available to you. Unplanned pregnancy and parenting a young child can be scary and overwhelming but you are not alone. You have chosen life for your baby. It's a decision no

mother regrets. Let us walk with you on your journey.

Resources in Queens Pregnancy Centers include The Bridge to Life 14-02 124th Street, College Point, NY 11356 Phone 718-463-1810 or amin@thebridgetolife.org. Housing Young Mothers with Children Providence House III 159-23 89th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432 Phone 718-739-1348 and Help After Abortions (Rachel's Helpers) Forgiven and Set Free, a program for women who have had an abortion and are seeking a spiritual healing from this experience. For confidential help, please contact them at: 347-702-2352. For more information and resources in the Brooklyn Diocese and/or the Archdiocese of New York check the following website:

www.nyscatholic.org/helpformoms

CATHOLIC BROADCASTING

CATHOLIC BROADCASTING. There are a number of different Catholic programs on radio, cable, free downloads and live streaming which may be of great interest to family and friends including the following:

GREAT CATHOLIC MUSIC.ORG, a live streaming app containing traditional and contemporary Catholic hymn, 24/7, and no commercials!

SHALOM WORLD, a Catholic family television network with original programming including conferences, movies, concerts and much more. There is a variety of educational and instructional programs for all ages. Please visit www.ShalomWorldTV.org for more information and channel finder.

FORMED.ORG offering Catholic movies, documentaries, book and audio downloads, prayer opportunities, as well as an opportunity for parish groups to share their faith. See the Formed.org highlights in the bulletin each week.

RELEVANT RADIO, a network of talk radio and radio program involving the Catholic Church including daily Mass, devotions, Catholic topics and presenters, etc. Tune into 1430 on the AM dial.

