



### ***Served by the Pastoral Staff***

**Pastor:** Rev. Kevin F. McBrien

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Peter Okajima

**Weekend Assistant:** Rev. Msgr. John Gildea

**Deacons:** Matthew Oellinger, Steven Borheck, John Warren, Kevin Hughes, Timothy Gladson

**Pastoral Associate:** Mrs. Regina Moreno

**Academy Principal:** Mr. Joseph Venticinque

**Human Concerns Director:** Ms. Doreen Walz

**Youth Director:** Ms. Ninane Boscia

**Director of Music:** Mrs. Lisa Kelly

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Melissa Spengler

**Secretary:** Ms. Teresa Peveraro

**Hours:** Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Parish Office is closed weekdays from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Sunday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Parish Office** (718) 347-6070

For emergencies call (718) 347-6070 ext. \*842

**Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Academy**  
(718) 343-1346

**Secretary:** Mrs. Marlene Fernandez

**School Website:** [www.olscafp.org](http://www.olscafp.org)

**Faith Formation Office**  
(718) 347-3511

**Secretary:** Mrs. Esther Liberto

**Human Concerns Center**  
(718) 347-6229

**Secretary:** Mrs. Virgilia Rillera

## ***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:***

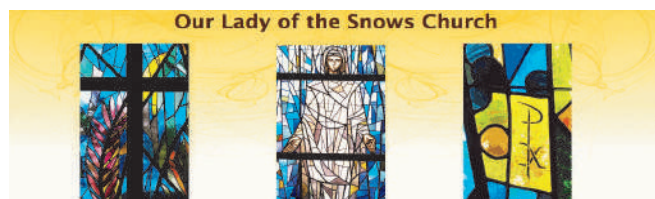
Please call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of the marriage date to make an appointment with a priest to discuss your marriage plans.

### ***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 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday, July 30

8:00AM People of the Parish  
 9:30AM Josephine McGovern  
 11:00AM Collective Mass Offered for:  
 Basyl Puszkudra, 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 Dr. Celine Paulus-Birthday Celebration

#### Monday, July 31

9:00AM Rose DeLima Joseph  
 12Noon Margaret Reilly

#### Tuesday, August 1

9:00AM Joseph Cortina  
 12Noon Anthony J. Costanzo

#### Wednesday, August 2

9:00AM William Gribbin  
 12Noon Juan Pablo Garcia

#### Thursday, August 3

9:00AM Thresiakutty Thomas  
 12Noon Lucille Mule'  
 12:30PM Adoration

#### Friday, August 4

9:00AM Len Elsom  
 12Noon Philip Van Praag  
 7:00PM Nocturnal Adoration

#### Saturday, August 5

9:00AM Priests and Nuns of  
 Our Lady of the Snows  
 5:00PM Purgatorial Mass

#### Sunday, August 6

8:00AM Bruno DeFranceschi  
 9:30AM People of the Parish  
 11:00AM Collective Mass Offered for:  
 Robert Tallarico, Deceased members of the  
 Thomas and Mathew Families, K.K. Daniel,  
 Ann S, Nunziata-83rd Birthday Remembrance,  
 Reynaldo Millora Cruz, Thomas Palumbo,  
 Chinnamma Daniel, Betty Hall, Joseph DeMichele,  
 Salvatore Capodanno  
 12:30PM Nazario Vargas  
 5:30PM Davis Vithayathil-3rd Anniversary



## THIS WEEK AT OLS

Monday, July 31

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

Wednesday, August 2

7:00PM ..... St. Alphonsa Mtg ..... PMR

Saturday, August 5

11:00AM ..... Novena to St. Rocco ..... Church

All Day ..... Set-up-75th Anniversary Mass/BBQ.....

..... CH/school yard/BCH/SJH .....



### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

for the week were donated

In Loving Memory of

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE**

**CREED FAMILY**

requested by

**John Creed**

### THE ALTAR BREADS

for the week were donated

In Loving Memory of

**ANTHONY COSTANZO**

requested by

**Emilie Costanzo and Family**



### THE ALTAR WINES

for the week were donated

In Loving Memory of

**LYDIA PETROWSKY**

requested by

**Gary Petrowsky**

### IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR



**The sick, homebound and hospitalized....**

**Fred Bedell, 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,  
 Catherine T. Connolly, John Ryan, Jeanette Coletti,**

## OLS Sunday Collection Report

July 16, 2023.....\$12,088.00  
 Give Central.....\$1,670.00  
 July 23, 2023.....\$9,981.00  
 Give Central.....\$1,285.00

*Our God is a most generous God!  
 Thanks for sharing what  
 God has given you with others!*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners.

Please see the colorful flyer in today's bulletin about our patronal feast day next weekend on August 5th. It is an invitation to everyone to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving next Sunday, August 6th at 12:30 PM. Please extend the invitation to everyone in your family, guests of our parish and former parishioners. It's our 75th Anniversary Mass and a highlight of our milestone year!



I am happy Bishop Raymond Chappetto, former pastor and Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, who faithfully served the parish for 13 years (1999-2012) will be back home and he will be the main celebrant at the Mass. Bishop Ray played a significant role in our parish history with his gentle pastoral leadership, his dedication and prayerfulness as a priest, and a vision for the parish's future when he decided to build a new church. Fifteen years ago, on August 5, 2008, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio offered a Mass of Dedication for the opening of the church and similar to the words of the psalmist: "I rejoiced when they said to me let us go to the house of the Lord" (Ps. 122:1), there was much rejoicing as parishioners and friends entered the new church for the first time and celebrated at the Lord's altar. As we enter the church next Sunday may our hearts overflow in joyful gratitude for the loving presence of the Lord throughout the past seventy five years at Our Lady of the Snows Parish.

Following the Mass the celebration will continue with a parish BBQ/picnic in the small schoolyard. Many of you have already purchased tickets for a relaxing and fun afternoon where there will be fine food, music and dancing, and a few surprises. Tickets are still available in the Parish Office this week.

Next weekend may our hearts echo the word of gratitude of Mary: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Mt. 1:46).

*Father Mc Puer*

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP** is prayed on the first Wednesday of each month following the 12 Noon Mass. All are invited to pray this special devotion in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help this coming Wednesday, August 2nd.



### PARISH/SCHOOL WEBSITES

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Visit [www.olsnows.org](http://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](http://www.olscafp.org) and find out important information about exciting upcoming school events. Happy Surfing!

### ST. ALPHONSA MEETING

**ST. ALPHONSA MEETING** will take place this 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.

### NOCTURNAL ADORATION



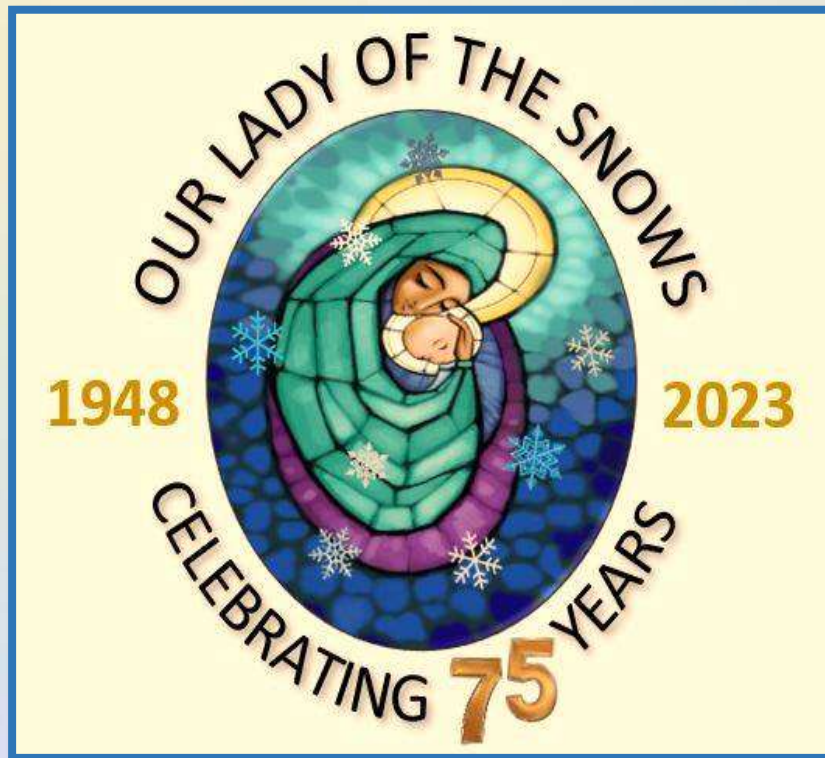
**THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY** invites all parishioners to Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this First Friday, August 4th, beginning at 7:00PM in the church. A Holy Hour will begin at 8:00 PM and conclude with Benediction. A reminder that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Thursday afternoon following the 12 Noon Mass concluding with Benediction at 4:00PM.

### AIR CONDITIONING COLLECTION

**AIR CONDITIONING COLLECTION** takes place today. 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.



# FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS



MASS OF THANKSGIVING  
SUNDAY AUGUST 6, 2023 AT 12:30 PM

CELEBRANT:  
MOST REV. RAYMOND F. CHAPPETTO  
Former Pastor and Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus

Followed by a barbeque - tickets required

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** Ex 32:15-24,30-34, Mt 13:31-35  
**TUESDAY:** Ex 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28, Mt 13:36-43  
**WEDNESDAY:** Ex 34:29-35, Mt 13:44-46  
**THURSDAY:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38, Mt 13:47-53  
**FRIDAY:** Lv 23:1,4,-11 15-16, 27, 34b-27, Mt 13:54-58  
**SATURDAY:** Lv 25:1,8-17, Mt 14:1-12  
**SUNDAY:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, 2Pt 1:16-19, Mt 17:1-9

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## CELEBRATING SAINT ROQUE

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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 this 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.



## 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](http://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

## 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.

## SACRAMENT VIDEO/PICTURE



### FIRST COMMUNION VIDEOS and CONFIRMATION PICTURES.

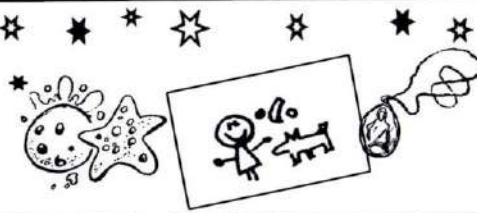
Parents are reminded to stop at the Parish Office and take home their children's First Communion video and Confirmation picture.





# AUGUST

**Our Lady of the Snows Church**  
Regina Moreno, Pastoral Associate

| Sunday                                                                                                          | Monday                                                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                         | Thursday                                                                                           | Friday                                                                                                                      | Saturday                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                |                                                                                                                     | <b>1</b><br>Bake cookies. Talk about how following God's "recipe" for our life makes something wonderful for everyone. | <b>2</b><br>Look for a way God shows that He loves you today and share it at bedtime.             | <b>3</b><br>Have everyone do an examination of conscience, following the Ten Commandments.         | <b>4</b><br><b>St. John Vianney</b><br>In honor of today's saint, send a thank you card to a priest.                        | <b>5</b><br>Go to Confession together and celebrate God's mercy.                      |
| <b>6</b><br><b>The Transfiguration</b><br>Wear white to remember Jesus' "dazzling white" garments (Luke 9:29).  | <b>7</b><br>Stargaze. Lie on a blanket in the yard and admire the night sky.                                        | <b>8</b><br><b>St. Dominic</b><br>In honor of St. Dominic, pray a family Rosary together.                              | <b>9</b><br>Offer up an unpleasant chore as a prayer for someone else.                            | <b>10</b><br>Create a family dinner together. Each person makes a different part of the meal.      | <b>11</b><br><b>St. Clare of Assisi</b><br>In honor of the patron saint of TV, bless the TV. Dedicate it for God's service. | <b>12</b><br>Build a campfire in the backyard. Roast hotdogs and sing campfire songs. |
| <b>13</b><br>At dinner, have everyone name one thing God has given them for which they are grateful.            | <b>14</b><br>Exercise empathy, by playing, "How would you feel if you were...?"                                     | <b>15</b><br><b>The Assumption of Mary</b><br>Celebrate by attending Mass together.                                    | <b>16</b><br>Make sun catchers. Decorate tracing paper with colored markers. Display in a window. | <b>17</b><br>Pick a person in the news and pray for him or her.                                    | <b>18</b><br><b>Family Movie Night</b><br>Pop some popcorn and put on a good movie!                                         | <b>19</b><br>Put on some music and have a dance-off!                                  |
| <b>20</b><br>Review today's Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28) and pray for an increase of faith in prayer.              | <b>21</b><br>Choose (or make up) a short family prayer to say together every day this school year.                  | <b>22</b><br><b>The Queenship of Mary</b><br>Light a candle and sing the hymn, "Hail, Holy Queen."                     | <b>23</b><br>Practice patience... patiently!                                                      | <b>24</b><br>"Finish the story!" One person begins a story and the others take turns adding to it. | <b>25</b><br>Tonight, turn off the TV and screens, and spend family time together.                                          | <b>26</b><br>Play frisbee or catch outside.                                           |
| <b>27</b><br>Today, after Mass, pray for returning teachers and students looking forward to a good school year. | <b>28</b><br>Pick a good habit you each want to adopt and practice it all day long. (Hint: Patience is a good one!) | <b>29</b><br>Draw pictures on the sidewalk or driveway with colored chalk.                                             | <b>30</b><br>Resolve not to complain today.                                                       | <b>31</b><br>At dinner, share your favorite memories from the summer.                              |                                        |                                                                                       |

## 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.



## 2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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Here is the latest report as of

July 24, 2023

**Amount of Goal:** \$120,654.00

**Amount Pledged:** \$106,828.50

**Amount Received:** \$89,344.25

**Number of Donors:** 301

## ANNIVERSARY BARBEQUE/PICNIC



**ANNIVERSARY BARBEQUE/PICNIC** Next 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! There will be folding chairs and tables also available. Tickets are only \$10.00 per person and children 2 years and under are free. Tickets are now available in the Parish Office until this Wednesday, August 2nd. Please note tickets are limited and no tickets can be purchased at the gate next Sunday.

## 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 .

**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



## 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!

## SCHOOL OFFICE

**SCHOOL OFFICE** will be open for school registration, school tours and other information from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon, this **Tuesday, August 8th to Thursday, August 10th.** 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.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/helpformoms)**

## SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE



**SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE.** Last weekend 's Blood Drive was a great success through the generosity of many blood donors. A total of 55 units were donated which is a tremendous effort on the part of many parishioners and guests during the summer. Without a doubt this donation with greatly enhance the health of many people. Thank you to all the donors and congratulations to new donors. Sincere thanks to the Filipino-American Committee for coordinating once again a successful Blood Drive!

## BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

**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.

## 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.



## BIRTHDAY PARTY

**Happy Birthday to YOU!**

**Birthday Party for Families  
of Our Lady of the Snows Parish  
Celebrating its 75th Anniversary Year!  
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

*All parents and children in the parish are invited  
to enjoy games of chance,  
popcorn, cotton candy, beverages, prizes and  
much more!*

FREE tickets are now available in the  
Parish Office until Monday, August 14th.

**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED  
TICKETS ARE LIMITED**



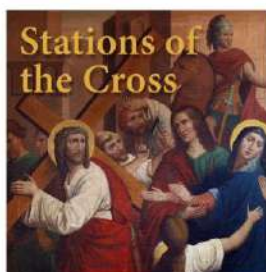
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of July 30, 2023



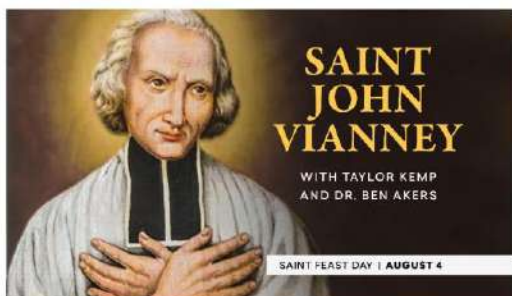
## Ignatius of Loyola

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.



## Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.



## Saint John Vianney | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Ars and patron saint of parish priests.

### Registering for FORMED is simple!

Sign up for free at [signup.formed.org](https://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!

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Mass Intentions

**August 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.

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

**Altar Flowers** are available the weeks of: **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: **August 20th, 27th, September 10th, 17th, 24th, October 8th, 22nd, November 26th, December 10th, 31st.** Each offering is \$15.00

## DIVINE MERCY SHRINE



**DIVINE MERCY SHRINE.** A pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA is planned from American Martyrs Parish, Bayside on Saturday, 'September 23rd. Traveling by deluxe bus transportation, the day includes Mass and Benediction, Confessions, Blessing with St. Faustina relic and much more. The cost is \$95.00 per person and payment is due by Tuesday, August 8th. For more information please call Annabelle 347-871-8644.



## 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](http://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](mailto:support@givecentral.org)

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

## 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>.



## *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.*