



# Our Lady of the Angels School Rouse Hill

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Term 1, Week 4

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

The Opening School Mass and Student Leaders Commissioning this morning was a lovely celebration of our Christ Centred community. Our Appreciation to Fr Omar for celebrating such a beautiful mass and for his blessings upon the year ahead. Thank you to Mrs Byrne, our Religious Education Co-ordinator (REC) for co-ordinating our celebration and to the OLA staff for their efforts in making the morning so special.



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### Thank you for Working in Partnership

Appreciation and thanks to you, our wonderful parents, for your attendance, at the parent/teacher meet and greet. It was wonderful to see the teachers and parents working in true partnership with the children as the priority. Thank you to our dedicated staff for giving so generously of their time to meet with you.

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Our **official** OLA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill> is well worth a visit as it celebrates the learning at OLA through photos and posts and also acts as a means of communication to our OLA community.

Please Note there are NO official year/grade Facebook pages.

If these pages exist, you will notice they do not have a school crest/logo etc., as they are not endorsed, contributed to, or seen by the school. They are organised by parents independently of the school, as a means of communicating and connecting between parents whose children are in the same grade. Parents are always encouraged and welcome to direct questions to the school office, teachers, Mr Cauchi, or Mr Calabria for more accurate information, as opposed to a grade Facebook page, which may be incorrect.

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Congratulations to our Kindergarten students, who are already walking into school independently each morning. We are extremely proud of how responsible and grown up they are.



### Kindergarten & New Families Welcome BBQ

Our Kindergarten and new families to the school enjoyed a wonderful night of community and hospitality last Friday afternoon at our welcoming BBQ. A wonderful time was had by all but, in particular, the children. See inside this newsletter for further acknowledgements and photos.

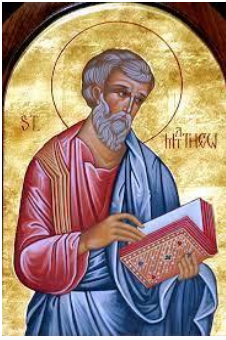
*Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.*

*Tony Calabria*  
Principal

### **KINDERGARTEN 2024 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR**

**Friday 10th March 9.30am – 11.00am**

Commencing at 9.30am with a presentation and tour (for approximately 1 hour) Please pass this information onto family, friends, neighbours etc who may wish to enrol their child into our school.



### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 19-2-2023

#### Gospel Reflection ([Matthew 5:38-48](#))

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

(Greg Sunter @ Liturgyhelp.com)

#### Parish (9.00am) and School Masses as indicated

Parents are most welcome to attend all masses with the children

Please see below for timetable.

**WEEK 5: ASH WEDNESDAY MASS (22nd February) 11.30AM**

**WEEK 6: Tuesday 28th February (Year 1/Year 2)**

**WEEK 7: Wednesday 8th March (Year 5/Year 3)**

**WEEK 8: Tuesday 14th March (Year 4/Year 6/Kindergarten)**

**WEEK 9: Tuesday 21st March (Year 1/Year 2)**

**WEEK 10: Wednesday 29th March (Year 5/Year 6/Kindergarten)**

**Week 11: WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDING SHRINE FOR HOLY WEEK at Kellyville (Grades will be staggered throughout the day)**

### World Youth Day 23 CSPD Fundraising Event

*Thank you to everyone for your generous donations for our World Youth Day. We raised approximately \$1,500.00 for this cause.*

#### **Thank You....**

Thank you to the following parents for all their help with organising, serving etc at our Kindergarten & New Families BBQ last Friday:-

Alice Lesar  
Marion Vickers  
Vanessa Holland  
Kylie Nolan  
Rosalba Valensise

Tom Lesar  
Matthew Vickers  
Georgia Chong  
Kristine Elliott (Co-ordinator)

Thank you also to members of our student leadership team, along with the many members of staff, who were also present. Your time was very much appreciated.

#### **Theme of the Week**

#### **"Support Each Other"**

Our theme this week highlights the importance of supporting others in life. This support can come in many forms, from a kind word, to being there to help and encourage others. The children's support of each other's attempts and achievements is always a pleasure to behold. In our community, we encourage supporting each other at all times.



## P&F AGM

Our Parents & Friends AGM will be held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm. All are welcome to join us as we work together in partnership for the benefit of the children in our care.

### Agenda:

- P&F Report
- Principal's Report
- 2023 Initiatives
- Parents inservice topics for 2023
- General Business

## 2024 Kindergarten Enrolments – Sibling

If you have a sibling that is due to enrol at OLA for 2024, can you please complete the attached google form and we will send home an enrolment pack for you to complete.

Enrolment forms and all supporting documentation needs to be submitted to the office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

<https://forms.gle/ZKANXX84hsLUpbDc9>

## Living Alongside our Neighbours

Please respect all properties neighbouring the school and ensure that our parking does not adversely affect our local neighbours, and the safety of everyone, particularly in surrounding streets. Our neighbours have a right to access their driveway and parents must not park across driveways or drive in an unsafe manner. A reminder that police and council officers regularly patrol (as has been the case recently) and fine drivers.

## Birthday Treats

We kindly ask that you continue to **NOT** send in any birthday treats of any kind, edible or non-edible. This is to ensure that children are only eating food that is supplied and/or prepared by you at home. **Continuing this practise at this time is aimed solely at doing everything we can to ensure the safety of your child, particularly as Covid is still present within the wider community.**

## TRAFFIC AROUND OLA

Traffic at the beginning of the year is always congested as families work out the best time to leave home, or whether to catch a bus or walk etc. It usually settles down with the first few weeks.

We have more children catching the bus after school, so we have attached the Hillsbus timetable for our school for your attention. If you would like to apply for a bus pass for your child, please apply online at [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

Parking is limited in the streets around the school (Rangers have already been spotted during drop off and pick up). Please see attached a flyer from Council which outlines the local rules and fines and apply.

Many parents avoid the queue by parking over at the ovals and walking up to the school. It is actually quicker and gets your steps up.

*A reminder that for the safety of all in our community, please park 'Rear to Kerb' and use the designated crossings in the car park (ie, do not walk across the middle of the car park or trample across the gardens)*

## PARENT HELPERS???

### *Have you completed your Child Protection for Volunteers Training??*

It has been pleasing to see how many of our parents, grandparents, etc, have completed the Child Protection Training in anticipation of helping out at school. Whenever this is done, the school is notified by email and the names added go on a register to which we refer when someone wants to come into the school. The list is growing, thank you.

To avoid disappointment, please make sure you have completed this. The URL is:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteer>

This includes helping at school in areas such as excursions, reading groups, P&F events etc.

**We strongly encourage all parents to undertake this very quick online process every February every two years.**

## SRC Representatives – As Advertised this coming Thursday 23<sup>RD</sup> February, 9.00am

There will be two SRC members for each class in Years 1-6 elected for the first semester (Terms 1 and 2) and another two SRC members elected for the second semester (Terms 3 and 4). There will be a boy and girl SRC member each semester. The presentation of SRC badges will take place at a SRC presentation assembly on **Thursday 23<sup>RD</sup> February at 9:00am** and then in Term 3 on a date to be advised. Kindergarten will have two SRC members for the second semester only (ie Terms 3 and 4).





Happy birthday to members of our OLA Community who have celebrated their birthday this week or celebrating their birthday this coming week....

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Mia Pennati

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Theo Nicolaides  
Adrian Farrugia

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**

Lucas Dobaj  
Melodiya Kundan  
Liana Tandy

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

Blake Icaro  
Roy Shim

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Eleena Siingh

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Ariah Clark

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Dannilee Vilila  
Jack McNamara

## Dates to Remember

### Week 5

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb OLA Cross Country All Welcome  
(Yrs 3-6 + Yr 2 turning 8 in 2023)  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 9.00am Welcoming Kindergarten Ceremony  
All Welcome  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Ash Wednesday 11.30am Whole School Mass.  
All Welcome  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 9.00am SRC Presentation at Assembly  
All Welcome  
6.30pm Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Session 1

### Week 6

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00am Years 1 & 2 Mass. All welcome  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 7.00pm P&F AGM. All Welcome  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 6.30pm Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Session 2  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2.30pm Rug Reading. All Welcome to our  
popular Rug Reading afternoon.

## *National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy 2023 (NAPLAN)*

The National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The assessments will be conducted across Australia for all students.

NAPLAN will now be in Week 8 of Term 1. The following test days have been scheduled. Please note that if your child is away on one or more of these days there will be catchup sessions available.

**Writing-** Year 3 (paper), Year 5 online- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Reading-** Year 3 and 5 online- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**Conventions of Language-** Year 3 and 5 online- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Numeracy-** Year 3 and 5 online- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

The assessments will be held during the morning sessions. There are a number of significant changes as to how these will be reported on by the governing bodies. Please see the NAPLAN Information email coming home soon to Years 3 & 5.

## LIBRARY MONITORS - Term 1

Congratulations to Giuliana Barbara, Isabella Deur and Eva Naim who will be the Library Monitors for this term.



## School Hats

OLA has a "NO HAT, NO PLAY" policy

Please ensure your child has their school hat with them each day to assist in promoting sun safety and awareness in your child/ren. Any child not wearing a school hat at play times will need to play under the sheltered areas. Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly labelled.

## ARE YOU MISSING OUT???

For up to date information and events,  
Visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OLARouseHill>  
Or Click on the facebook f in the top corner of our school website  
**Be sure to 'like us'**



## Literacy News

### Book Covering Parent Helpers

If you are able to assist with the covering of readers and library books, please contact the office so Mrs Wagner can create a take home pack. Thank you



## Ways to improve reading comprehension at home

Reread to build fluency. To gain meaning from text and encourage reading comprehension, your child needs to read quickly and smoothly — a skill known as fluency. By the beginning of Year 3, for example, your child should be able to read 90 words a minute.

Rereading familiar, simple books gives your child practice at decoding words quickly, so they'll become more fluent in their reading comprehension. Repeating, Reviewing, and Remembering  
The more we engage with a story, the more we take away from it. That is often why, as adults, we choose to reread those classics we were assigned to read as students in school. We're sure to get more out of the book that second or third time we read it.

Similarly, when kids listen to the same story multiple times, they pick up new information, dive deeper into the meaning of the book, and make connections between themselves and the book — as well as between the book and other books they've heard.

[Source:](#)

**Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)** aims to encourage a love of **reading** for leisure and pleasure in students and enables students to experience quality literature. The **challenge** encourages students to **read**, to **read** more and **read** more widely. The **2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge** will be launched on **27th February** this year and further information can be found on the [PRC website](#). **Students will receive their login details from Mrs Wagner just after the PRC begins.**

Please Note: the PRC Challenge is different from the previous years. The students will not receive their logins until after the PRC Launch as the site is not open yet to create logins.

## Year 1 & Year 2 Parent Reading Helpers

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

Today the Year 1 & Year 2 parents were emailed a 'Parent Helpers' note. Please complete and return to your child's teacher by Friday 24th February. The volunteers will be contacted and invited to attend a 'parent helper' information meeting on Friday 10th March at 2:30pm. A reminder that all volunteers must complete the 'Working with children' online course before you can assist in the classroom.

Lisa Hurst  
Literacy Coordinator



*Congratulations to the following families on their recent bundles of joy:-*

- *Maiava family (Levi 1B) on the birth of his baby brother, Kai*
- *Barbartano family (Riccardo 3B) on the birth of his baby sister, Audrey*
- *Kruger-Jeronymo family (Gabriel KW) on the birth of his baby brother, Arthur.*

## Student Representative Council

Congratulations to our Semester 1 (Terms 1 & 2) Student Representatives that were recently elected by their class cohorts:-

1B	Romain Moujalli	2B	Benjamin Pisani
	Brittany Brown		Aria Navarro
1G	Tommy Buck	2G	Remy Buda
	Samara Whitsed		Amelia Pendlebury
1W	James Lowe	2W	Daniel Orlando
	Rome D'Cruz		Chloe Psaltis
3B	Jacob Gatt	4B	Korbin Bruckard
	Amalia Gergely-Hollai		Ella Macdonald
3G	Benjamin Nicholls	4G	Mason Hession
	Lucy Roberts		Audrey Verzosa
3W	Harrison Vella	4W	Max Suarez
	Lila Naim		Jeanette Abboud
5B	James Farrugia		
	Hailey-Jayde Taylor		
5G	Harrison Dolahenty		
	Zoe Farias		
5W	Lachlan Riley		
	Ilaria Buda		

These students will be presented with their badges at a short assembly this coming Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 9.00am. All are welcome to join us.

## Tech Tip Week 4

### Helping your children stay safe while browsing the internet.

**Set Rules** - Create a standard for your child to know what kind of content they should be looking at/sharing while they are on the internet. Encourage them to use the same behaviour online that they would use in real life. Encourage your child to browse the web in a shared or visible place at home and explore the internet with them.

**Teach**- Teach your child how to deal with any inappropriate content or messages they come across using block or mute functions as well as reporting it. If necessary, quit the webpage or shut down the device. This also includes teaching your child how to tell a trusted adult.

**Remind** - Remind your children about the importance of private information staying private online and how private information can be used to identify them.

#### **Learning Technologies Agreement**

Students in K-3 today received a note regarding safe use of technology at school. Please sit with your child and read over the agreement, then sign and return it by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Once this agreement is signed it is valid for the duration of your child's time at OLA.

## Maths News

Each week, we will publish a learning task for you to work with your child. You may like to spend a bit of time each week working through the task. There will be an infants task (aimed at K-2 classes) and a Primary task (aimed at 3-6 classes)

1. Start with the learning task.
2. If it is too tricky use the Enabling prompt. Then go back to the Learning Task.
3. If it is not tricky enough use the Extending Prompt.

Some other ways to extend yourself could include:

- \* Convince someone that you have found **all** of the possible answers.
- \* Solve it using at least three different strategies
- \* Use writing, pictures, diagrams and labels to fully explain all of your thinking.
- \* Create a poster to teach this lesson to someone else.
- \* Create and solve your own questions that deal with the same mathematical ideas.

Remember that the brain grows when things get tricky and when we make mistakes. The important thing is to not give up and to keep trying.

Mr Cauchi would love to see the different responses that the children come up with. Feel free to share.

#### **Infants Learning Task**

##### **Farmyard**

In a photo of a Farmyard, you can see 12 legs.

Draw what the animals might be.

##### **Enabling Prompt**

I have two pets. They have 6 legs altogether. What pets might I have?

##### **Extending Prompt**

How many different combinations of animals are possible?

#### **Primary Learning Task**

##### **Equal Sharing**

I need to share 6 chocolate bars equally between 8 friends.

How might I do this? Give 2 different options.

What fraction of a bar does each friend get? Label your fractions.

##### **Enabling Prompt-**

How might you share 4 chocolate bars equally between 8 children?

##### **Extending Prompt**

Suggest two different options for sharing 3 chocolate bars equally between 5 children.

## We Bounce Back at OLA



Acknowledging that we all experience different emotions and naming them is an important element of being able to 'Bounce Back' from situations that did not go the way that we wanted or expected.

At OLA we encourage students to:

- Take 10 deep breaths
- Have a drink of water
- Walk away
- Talk to a teacher

We ask that you continue this conversation at home to identify the strategies that work best for your child/ren. You may like to discuss times when your child/ren have used these strategies successfully at home and at school.

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## OLA Sports News

What an experience Asher and Ruby had at Yass during the week. Unfortunately, they were not selected for the Mackillop Touch Football team. However, OLA are so proud of you and we were so happy to hear that you had a great time and enjoyed this memorable experience.

### Cross Country Monday 20th February, The Hills Centenary Park Rouse Hill

Monday is a day to arrive at school on time! We are looking forward to watching and cheering on the students at OLA to run for their school. Please supply your child with plenty of water, slop on some sunscreen and remind them to pack their hat. All students are encouraged to take part and show off their school spirit. Run, Jog, walk, We want to see the outstanding sportsmanship and motivation from our students.

Approximate Event Times for the day:

Parent Helpers Job allocation: 8.45am

12 Years (Boys and Girls) 9am

11 Years Boys 9.15am

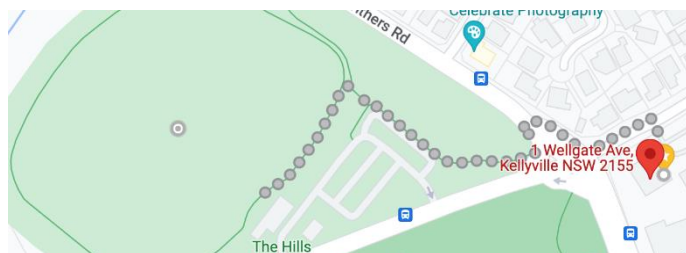
11 Years Girls 9.30am

10 Years Boys 9.45am

10 Years Girls 10.00am

8/9 Years Boys 10.15am

8/9 Years Girls 10.30am



Please note times are approximate and may be subject to change.

### Parramatta Team Trials 2023 (Softball, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union and Football(soccer)).

Once we receive the nomination form from CSPD we will email or print a copy for your child to take to the trial. I understand some trials are very soon, however we can only pass these on once we receive them.

Thank you for your patience,

Mrs Lyndelle Batten  
Sports Coordinator

#### Parent Google Calendar

The Parent Google Calendar was shared with everyone this week. Please remember that this is a 'live' calendar and has up to date information. Please bookmark the calendar for ease of reference.

#### QKR App

Please ensure you update your child's class for 2023 when you use the QKR app for the first time this year.

#### School Fees

All families should have received their 2023 school fees in the mail this week. If you have any queries at all, particularly if you wish to set up a payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goldsworthy. If you are paying your fees by the term, then the due date is 15 March.



## Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Awards this week.

Term 1 Week 4		
Student	Academic Merit Award	St Francis Award
KB	Theo Queiroga	Aiden Lawler
KG	Jacob Vassallo	Dylan Delaney
KW	Thomas Burge	Aria Rich
Year 1 B	Josephine Pranoto	Jayda Tischler
Year 1 G	Charlotte Robertson	Eddie Heyes
Year 1 W	Alexander Dimos	Julian Kausei
Year 2 B	Mia Camilleri	Saif Bhangu
Year 2G	Adriana Donzow	Ariella Brown
Year 2W	Sebastian Comis-Boldizar	Teresa Dalla
Year 3 B	Valentino Balayan	Ava Zhu
Year 3 G	Leo Dabit	Arella Bautista
Year 3 W	Emily Cook	Harrison Vella
Year 4 B	Abbey Zahra	Ciaran McKeever
Year 4 G	Avery Grace	Oliver <del>Jagar</del>
Year 4 W	Hunter Donzow	Jenessa De La Cruz
Year 5 B	Vienna Gergely-Hollai	Sienna Galea
Year 5G	Madison Ross	Dexter Wijaya
Year 5W	Xavier Desira	Zara Pisani
Year 6 B	Luke Scanes	Joshua Basile
Year 6 G	Brandon Ciantar	Sophia Mangano
Year 6 W	Tony Dinh	<u>Maddison Kuea Vilila</u>



### School is Cool – but not if you're late

Being at school on time in the morning is paramount. Your child's learning is often disadvantaged if they are late. They also often feel embarrassed arriving after everyone else. They miss important messages and/or the start of their lessons, in all their learning results can suffer. If on the odd occasion you arrive after 8.50am (**you will know it is after 8.50am if the teacher is no longer on duty at the kiss and drop**) you, as the parent **MUST** visit the office to sign a late slip for your child to take to class.

Many thanks for your support in this area.

### Year 6 Leadership Day

As Year 6 we are all leaders in our OLA school community. Last Friday we had a great day of team building, developing leadership skills and collaboration. We also loved our pizza lunch.

### Kindergarten Presentation

We look forward to presenting our new kindergarten children to our school community this coming Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February at 9.00am. All parents are most welcome to attend. We hope you can join us.







# PARISH NOTICES

Dear Parents and Guardians

Next week, from Ash Wednesday, we will be already in the season of Lent.

As we prepare for Easter, we try to build on our relationship with God.

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your children to pay a visit to our Church and to say a quick **Hello to Jesus** before going into school, just as we say hello to our friends and family. This will be a good thing to do during Lent and which may even be continued throughout the year.

Each morning before the 9am Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 8 am. That is, God's true presence is upon the altar for all those visiting our Church and wishing to adore and pray to Him.

Parents, if you are able, I also would like to encourage you to come to join in the celebration of the 9am morning Mass.

May God bless you

Fr Carlos



## Mass Times for Ash Wednesday

(22nd February 2023)

7:00 am

9:00 am

11:30 am (OLA Primary School Mass)

and 7:00 pm

**Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence**



## Sacramental Program

For all those who have registered, the next session of the Penance Program will be for Parents and Children at 6:30 pm Thursday, 23rd February in the School.



## YOUTH GROUP

### Angels Hangout (Grade 5 - 7)

Fridays (3:30 to 6pm)

Gathering regularly each Friday during the School Term

Cost is \$2 per week or \$10 for the term

Follow us on Instagram @ola.youthgroup and

Facebook @OLAYouthGroupRouseHill

Please contact Gabs or Mattheas for all enquiries:

[youth@ourladyoftheangels.org.au](mailto:youth@ourladyoftheangels.org.au) or

Gabs at 0401 637 945 & Mattheas at 0498 200 903

**Trivia Night**

SATURDAY, MARCH 11  
OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS, PARISH HALL

**STARTS 6:30PM**

Create a table of 6 - 8 and come along to battle it out in a night of trivia!!

Register using the QR Code

All funds raised will go towards our parish's WYD 2023 pilgrims

## OLA LENTEN RETREAT

Join us as we journey through Lent in preparation for Easter!

### Saturday, 25th February

The retreat will commence at 9:30 am and will finish at 3:45 pm. The Retreat will include a Holy Mass 12 noon, Benediction and Confession together with talks on the Eucharist.

Presented By: Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia

Location: Our Lady of the Angels Church and Hall

Cost: \$20.00

Please refer to the website/flyer in the Church Foyer for program details

REGISTRATIONS ARE REQUIRED VIA QR CODE

