

## HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH

# MISSION STATEMENT

**W**e, the Catholic community of Holy Name of Mary Parish in Valley Stream, created by God, baptized into Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and bound by faith, hope and love, strive to learn, live and share Christ's message as found in the Gospel.

As we live our individual vocations, we are called as a parish to:

- Gather and pray together, through the celebration of the Word, Eucharist, and the Sacraments;
- Seek unity in diversity with our varied cultures, customs and traditions;
- Hold religious education and formation as a lifelong journey;
- Strengthen and support family life;
- Provide protection for children and encourage their participation in parish life;
- Make use of our personal gifts and talents in service to one another;
- Defend the sanctity of human life, dignity and rights of all God's people from the moment of conception until death;
- Seek the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for the grace to create a welcoming sanctuary of steadfast support to all.