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He has been raised!

Mark 16:6

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD March 31, 2024

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COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays until 6:30 p.m. The church closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Thursdays and Fridays, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays (except First Saturdays, when there is Nocturnal Adoration until 9:30 p.m.) and after the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sundays (or after the 2:00 p.m. Baptisms when those are celebrated). Also, the church will close after the last Mass on all holidays and holy days when parish offices are closed, regardless of the day of the week. Come in and spend some time in prayer whenever the church is open!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Special Needs Mass:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

First Saturdays: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person, each Saturday in the church immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

*Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.*

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following
12:15 p.m. Mass

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Week of April 01, 2024

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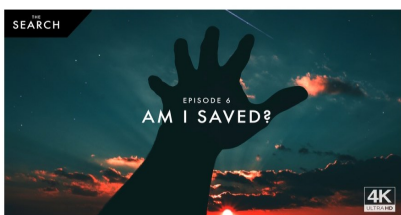
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He is Alive! | Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

***Easter Sunday! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Happy Easter!***

The Lord has risen from the dead! Jesus is alive! He has conquered death, and so we need never fear death again! We have risen with him and have everlasting life with him, and we have the forgiveness of our sins! The crucified-risen Lord is in our midst! As we sang at our Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, *“Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King’s triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.”* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter, and I speak for the entire OLPH Pastoral Staff in wishing you and your family many blessings today and every day during this fifty-day season of resurrection and new life. To young people away at school who have returned home for Easter, we are very glad to see all of you again. To friends and family members of our parishioners who are visiting and worshipping with us, we extend a heartfelt welcome! To our own parishioners who are joining us but who perhaps do not come to Mass regularly, we want you to know how glad we are that you are with us today. We hope that you will be inspired to join us in worship on a more regular basis. *This day was made by the Lord; let us rejoice and be glad!*

Easter is our greatest feast and the center of the liturgical year; it’s important for us to make sure we give it the centrality it deserves. Look for a special **Easter Time insert** elsewhere in this bulletin that explains the meaning of the liturgical season and highlights some important liturgical elements.

Easter Sunday Vespers (Evening Prayer)

The Sacred Paschal Triduum, our three holiest days of the year, began on Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper and ends tonight, Easter Sunday night, with Easter Sunday Vespers (Evening Prayer). I hope these Great Three Days have truly been

holy days for you, days that were “time outside of time” that allowed you to enter into the great mysteries of our salvation.

I would like to encourage everyone to celebrate Easter Sunday by praying Evening Prayer with your family or with others; it would be a great way to mark the day at the end of the day. We have included an insert in this bulletin which gives a simple prayer service that you can use. Perhaps you could use this as your prayer before your big meal on Easter Sunday. Let’s do all we can to celebrate our faith in every circumstance and situation, and to bring our faith traditions from the church building right into our homes! Look for our special Easter Sunday Vespers insert.

Special Easter Time devotion: The Stations of the Resurrection—this Friday!

Be sure to join us for the special Easter Time devotion. It’s called The Stations of the Resurrection, also known as the *Via Lucis* (the “Way of Light”). It’s similar in format to the Stations of the Cross, but these Stations focus on the resurrection appearances of Christ, making it a beautiful meditation on the Risen Christ. We will gather to pray this devotion on this coming Friday, the Friday within the Octave of Easter (“Easter Friday”), April 5. You’ll want to be there!

Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy

The Second Sunday of Easter, next Sunday, April 7, is also referred to as “Divine Mercy Sunday,” and OLPH will be participating in special devotions to mark the day; full details are described elsewhere in the bulletin. Please plan to join in some or all of the special events which begin with the 12:00 Noon Mass and continue with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Hour of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m., and then followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relic of St. Faustina.

THANK YOU to all for a beautiful Sacred Paschal Triduum!

We have had an absolutely amazing celebration of Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum once again this year, and I have to say **THANK YOU** to the numerous ministers who offered their time, their presence and their service to make it all happen. I hesitate to mention names for fear of leaving someone out, so suffice it to say that we all owe a huge debt of gratitude to everyone who worked during Holy Week, whether it was “in front of the scenes” or “behind the scenes” — all the liturgical ministers, including clergy, readers, EM’s, ushers, cantors, choir and instrumentalists, sacristans, and altar servers; those who decorated the church; our Liturgy Committee; our maintenance crew; and parishioners who assisted in various processions and many other “behind the scenes” aspects of setting things up for or cleaning up after liturgies. So many people put in so much time, energy and love! To anyone who participated in any way, and most especially to all who participated as members of the assembly, bringing your “full, conscious and active participation” and your witness of faith to our worship as a “person in the pew”: **THANK YOU** for making OLPH “the place to be” for Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum this year. We have all enriched each other through the offering of our gifts to one another as disciples following Christ. What a great gift the Lord has given to us in the gift of being able to worship together!

We especially extend our congratulations to our “Fab Four” who became Catholic at the Easter Vigil, celebrating the three Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist: Helen Pettinato, Diego Pettinato, Ailen Pettinato and Ameira Shehata. Congratulations to these neophytes (newly baptized)! You have brought us new life through your journey of conversion into the Catholic faith!

Easter Week

This week coming up is the Octave of Easter, as the joy of Easter Sunday continues to be celebrated in an intense way; each day this week has the liturgical rank of Solemnity. The

Glory to God in the highest continues to be used each day this week, as does the solemn dismissal at the end of Mass with its double alleluia. (These elements end on weekdays after the Second Sunday of Easter.)

Since our custom here at OLPH is to celebrate Solemnities celebrated during the week with music at the 12:15 p.m. daily Mass, we will have the joy of having music at that Mass every day this week (including the Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mass) on these Solemnities which are the Octave of Easter. *Alleluia!*

Blessing of your home at Easter

Elsewhere in this bulletin we have included a special ritual for **Blessing Your Home at Easter**. It is traditional to bless the home during Easter Time, and I encourage each and every family to pray that blessing together at home. It’s a ritual that you can pray yourself, using holy water. Of course, if you would like your house blessed by one of the priests, just ask us...we would be very happy to come and do a blessing at some point during the fifty days of Easter Time!

We need YOU to become a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or an Usher

We are recruiting new Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers and I am inviting YOU to join one of these ministries. It is a beautiful offering and service that you give to the parish by serving in this way, and it brings you closer to Christ. You shouldn’t wait for “someone else” to step forward — it’s time for YOU! Check out the ad elsewhere in this bulletin for all the details, including how to sign up.

Policy Concerning Children and Sacraments

Families whose children are of the ages when they should be attending religious education should take note of the special “box” we have elsewhere in this bulletin which describes the official policy concerning children and the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Basically, what it boils down to is that all children who belong to OLPH must celebrate those sacraments here, even if they go to a Catholic school or are homeschooled, and they must be listed as part of our religious

education program. I ask parents to take the time to read the complete information elsewhere in this bulletin.

Brick Memorialization in the “Let the Children Come to Me” Prayer Garden

As you can see from the flyer printed elsewhere in the bulletin, you still have the opportunity to memorialize bricks in our beautiful “Let the Children Come to Me” Prayer Garden on the south side of the church. Please consider memorializing one or more bricks. Even if you have already memorialized a brick here at OLPH, I’m sure there’s another person or intention you would like to have memorialized; you’re not limited to only one! Please see the order form elsewhere in the bulletin, and feel free to tell all your family and friends about this so they can participate too. Remember: you don’t have to be a parishioner of OLPH to memorialize a brick...for that matter, you don’t even have to be Catholic! Thank you for your consideration.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Catholic Ministries Appeal continues this year at OLPH. Our goal is **\$114,600**, and I am grateful to all of you who have already submitted your pledges. Thank you! Please remember, we cannot do without the income we receive from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate. We need that income to keep from “going under,” so we need your support.

Keep in mind, too, all the wonderful ministries throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports: Catholic Charities (feeding, clothing and sheltering the needy); programs of formation and training for future priests, deacons and lay leaders; programs of ministry to those in prison; substance abuse services and day treatment programs; and Youth Campus and Young Adult ministries, to name a few.

I ask you to please join with me (I give to the Appeal each year) and so many of your fellow parishioners by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

Little White Book

Look around the church for the 2024

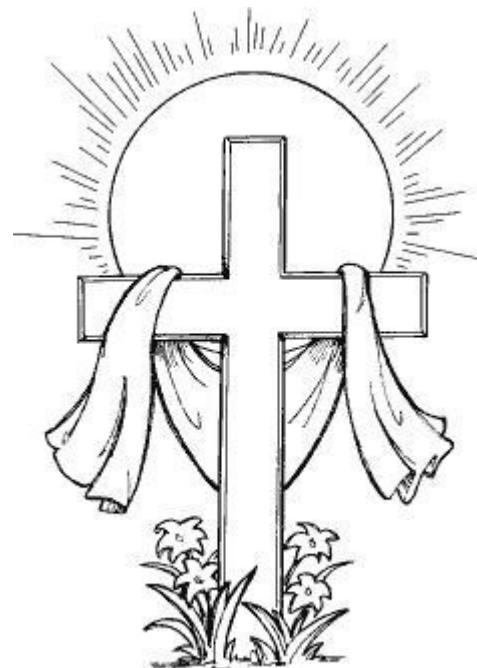
edition of the *Little White Book*; there may still be some copies left on pew ledges. If so and if you don’t already have one, be sure to take one. The book contains daily meditations for each day of Easter Time. The books, enjoyed by so many parishioners, are a great way for you to pray each day during the fifty days of this great season of Easter Time and to be united more deeply to the Risen Lord who shares His risen life with us. We provide them free of charge, but if you would like to help us out by putting something extra in the collection to cover the cost of the books, we would appreciate it.

In conclusion...

Together, let’s aim high in Christ. Together, let’s bring out the best in each other. Together, let’s be the best we can be in Christ.

And let’s always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,

EASTER SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

The Sacred Paschal Triduum concludes with the celebration of Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. While we won't have a communal gathering in church for Evening Prayer, we invite you to pray at least a shortened version of Evening Prayer to bring the Triduum to a close. This could be the prayer before Easter Dinner or at the end of the day before sunset.

Introductory Verse

Leader: God, + come to my assistance:

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning
is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn (all sing)

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia.

Our triumphant holy day, alleluia.

Who did once upon the cross, alleluia.

Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia.

Antiphon

Leader: Mary Magdalen and the other Mary
came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

Psalm 110 (all recite together)

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

"Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet."

The Lord will wield from Zion
your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
"You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old."

The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever, amen.

Antiphon

All: Mary Magdalen and the other Mary
came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

Reading from Scripture Hebrews 10:12-14

Reader: Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are placed beneath his feet. By one offering he has forever perfected those who are being sanctified.

Antiphon

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father . . .

Concluding Prayer

Leader: O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal
brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Conclusion

Leader: May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

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BLESSING OF YOUR HOME AT EASTER

*It's traditional for families to bless their home sometime during the fifty days of Easter Time. Pick a special day and use this prayer service to bless your home and your family during Easter Time. Be sure to use newly-blessed Easter water!
All who live in the house should be present for the blessing.*

(All make the sign of the cross as the Leader begins:)

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

All respond: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ, risen from the dead, who is our source of hope, joy, and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

(Now someone reads the Scripture reading, Luke 24-28-32:)

Reader: Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

As the disciples approached the village to which they were going, Jesus gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(The intercessions are then said:)

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him. Our response will be: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, through you every dwelling is a temple of holiness: build those who live in this house into the dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit. We pray:

All respond: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the disciples recognized you in the breaking of the bread: grant that the members of this family may be open always to the presence of Christ in Word and sacrament. We pray:

All respond: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you appeared to the frightened Apostles and said, "Peace be with you"; grant that your abiding peace may remain with the members of this family. We pray:

All respond: Stay with us, Lord.

(After the intercessions, all pray the Lord's Prayer:)

Leader: Our Father...

(After the Our Father, the leader prays the prayer of blessing with hands joined:)

Leader: Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death: by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise. Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the Paschal Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All respond: Amen.

After the prayer, the leader may sprinkle those present and the home with holy water brought from the church. During the sprinkling the leader says:)

Leader: Let this water call to mind our Baptism in Christ, who by his death and resurrection has redeemed us.

(After the sprinkling, all make the sign of the cross as the leader concludes:)

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

All respond: Amen.

THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER TIME



THE MEANING OF THE SEASON

Alleluia! He is risen! The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one “great Sunday.” With Easter Sunday we begin Fifty Days of rejoicing.

During these Fifty Days the Church continues to instruct the neophytes (the newly baptized) about the new life they have embraced. In the process, all of us are called to reflect on the meaning of our baptism and on what living the baptized life looks like. What does it mean to live the resurrected life of Christ? What does it mean to be Church? How do we live life now that we have died with Christ and have been raised up with Him?

The neophytes spend this time in post-baptismal formation (which is also referred to as *mystagogical catechesis*). It is an opportunity to unpack their experience of the Easter sacraments and to reflect on what it all means for their life now as members of the Church.

The readings of the Sundays of Easter Time offer the opportunity for such reflection. This year, the first readings of these Sundays are from the Acts of the Apostles (as they are every year), the second readings are from the First Letter of St. John, and the Gospels are from St. John (except for the Third Sunday of Easter). The readings from Acts give us a picture of life in the early Church, as the apostles began preaching the good news of the resurrection, encountering both joyful welcome and opposition. The readings from the First Letter of St. John echo the Gospel readings from St. John’s Gospel, consistently affirming that God is love and that the one who loves abides in God in a mutual indwelling. Such indwelling calls us to love one another the way God has loved us; that’s the only way we can truly show that we love God. The Gospels from St. John present us with a Jesus who has been Lord from the start of time. St. John uses many metaphors to help us understand our relationship with the Lord — the Good Shepherd, the True Vine, and the Bread of Life are important images in St. John’s Gospel.

These readings offer not only the neophytes, but also all of us, the chance to reflect on the meaning and shape of our life of faith together. Like the early Church, we are a people shaped by the resurrection, a people called to share our joy and the good news with others, a people freed from sin and filled with the life of the Holy Spirit, a people who constantly give thanks for all God’s gifts, a people who have risen from the font to a whole new way of life.

FIFTY DAYS OF CELEBRATION

Part of the challenge of Easter is learning how to celebrate a fifty-day feast! Perhaps as Catholics we find it easier to do penance than to celebrate; we find it easier to observe the forty days of Lent than the fifty days of Easter. Part of the problem lies with placing too much stress on Lent as “the” religious period for Catholics. For many people, unfortunately, Easter Sunday still seems to be simply the end point of Lent; come Easter Monday, it’s back to everyday life as usual.

The truth is, however, that we are called to maintain the festivity and celebration throughout the entire fifty-day period as one joyful feast; there’s an entire season following Easter Sunday that should be anything but everyday life as usual. Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost are not three separate, independent feast days, each with its own themes. They are all part of the one Easter celebration.



THE STRUCTURE OF THE SEASON

Easter Time is composed of three phases, but these internal variations in rhythm never should eclipse its unity as the great Fifty Days.

1. *The Octave:* The first eight days are celebrated almost as one exuberant festival, with each day celebrated as a Solemnity. The tradition of mystagogical catechesis during this time influenced the selection of the Scriptural passages. Since each day has the liturgical rank of Solemnity, we will have music at the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass Monday through Friday and at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday of Easter Week.
2. *The 31 middle days:* The Gospels of the Sundays give focus to the season of Easter Time. The first three Sundays of Easter relate post-resurrection appearances. The Fourth Sunday always focuses on the powerful image of the Good Shepherd. The next three Sundays of the season (and many of the weekdays nearby) draw from what has come to be known as the “farewell discourse” or “high-priestly prayer” in the Gospel of John. (While this paschal season can include references and hymns to Mary, the paschal references and overall unity of the Fifty Days should not be compromised by excess attention to May as “Mary’s month.”)
3. *The final days:* The season does not end on Ascension Thursday! Over the following nine days (the original novena!) and then on Pentecost day itself, we are invited into intense prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Easter Time ends at the conclusion of Pentecost Sunday.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

To highlight the “original novena” of the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost, and to focus on those days as days of intensely praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit, OLPH Parish will engage in a Novena to the Holy Spirit. Look for more information on this later in Easter Time.



CHURCH ENVIRONMENT DURING EASTER TIME AND CELEBRATING THE SEASON

Many rich symbols and images pervade the Fifty Days, linked in various ways to initiation. The resurrection inaugurates a new creation, the eighth day, a new Pentecost, a new covenant, a new way of life.

The Paschal Candle will remain prominently displayed near the ambo during the Fifty Days, and it will be lit for all liturgical celebrations. The new holy oils used in the celebration of the sacraments have been enthroned in our ambry.

New life will abound in our parish as we celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation throughout Easter Time. Children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at certain Sunday Masses throughout Easter Time and at a Saturday morning Mass at 11:00 a.m. on May 4. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for adults at the Vigil Mass for Pentecost on Saturday evening, May 18. These events are connected as part of the Easter complex of initiation rites, as Easter is the season *par excellence* for celebrating initiation.

We will highlight the initiatory character of Easter Time each Sunday by **beginning Mass with the Rite for Blessing and Sprinkling of Water**, recalling our baptism. Also, we will continue to use the **Apostles’ Creed** during Easter Time, since that Creed is often referred to as the “Baptismal Symbol of Faith.”

Also, there is a strong tradition of blessing homes during Easter Time, a blessing which can be arranged for with one of the priests by calling the rectory, or by using the home blessing provided elsewhere in this bulletin.

As we celebrate the Fifty Days of Easter Time together, may we all come to a deeper appreciation of the Risen Lord’s presence in our midst, as the Lord calls us to share in fullness of risen life with him through the sacraments and through our life together.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP BARRES



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families! Thank you for your love for the inspired Word of God. Thank you for your love for the Resurrection appearances of our Lord in this Easter season and the way your lives are set on fire in your meditation and contemplation of these mysteries.

Thank you for your fidelity to the Eucharist and the Sunday Mass and your Catholic spirit of evangelization. Thank you for being instruments of Eucharistic Revival.

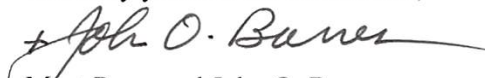
In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis states: “Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force...Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history...Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power.” (276)

We continue to live through “the storms of history” and we rely on the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds in Ukraine, the Middle East, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the region of the Sahel, the Horn of Africa and Sudan, as well as Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and so many other troubled areas of the world.¹ We ask the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds experienced in our own country.

In *The Everlasting Man*, G.K. Chesterton captured the power of our Lord’s Resurrection experienced in the cycles of history. He wrote: “Christendom has had a series of revolutions and in each one of them Christianity has died. Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave.”

This Easter and every Easter we celebrate this Everlasting Man who knew his way out of the grave and who invites us and the Catholic Church on Long Island to a great Resurrection.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Diocese of Rockville Centre

¹ See Pope Francis’ December 25, 2023 *Urbi et Orbi* Message.

We encourage all parishioners to use this picture of the Paschal Lamb, placing it in a front window in your home, facing the street, throughout the entire Easter Season, until Pentecost (May 19).

**PROCLAIM TO THE WHOLE WORLD
THE VICTORY OF THE RISEN JESUS!**



FIRST FRIDAY, & FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS



*All are invited to come and
pray with our parish community.*

First Friday Devotions will take place **April 5** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **April 6** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish, Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:30 p.m.



**Special
Needs**

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for People
with Special Needs
and for those who care for them*

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community in a smaller setting.

Saturday, April 6

4:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium

*All are welcome.
Come celebrate Mass with us!*

*We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you?
Contact Jessica Becker Paolo at 631.226-7725 X 252
or email to jbecker@oloph.org*

Our Special Needs Mass is celebrated on the first Saturday of every month unless otherwise noted.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Join us next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass
Children 1st Grade and older can join in the Children's
Liturgy of the Word every 1st and 3rd Sunday during the
10:00 a.m. Mass.



Participating in the
Children's Liturgy of the
Word continues to teach
children how to participate
in Mass, since they do the
same things that are being
done in the main body of
the church.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Divine Mercy Devotions

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

“Sunday of Divine Mercy”

12:00 Noon Mass, ending with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:30 p.m.

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Confessions

3:00 p.m. Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30 p.m. Benediction and Reposition of
the Blessed Sacrament,

followed by Veneration of the 1st Class Relic of St. Faustina



Stations of the Resurrection

April 5

7:30 p.m. in the church

Over the past thirty years, Catholics around the world have been entering into a pious devotion offering reflections on the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Similar to the Stations of the Cross (Way of the Cross), which we pray during Lent, the Way of Light offers us the opportunity to meditate on the various appearances of Jesus—from his Resurrection to his Ascension—in which he showed his glory to the disciples who awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit, strengthening their faith and bringing to completion his teaching on the Kingdom of God. Come join us in our inaugural offering of the **Way of Light on Friday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the church.**



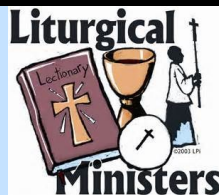
PASCHAL CANDLE MEMORIAL

*“This Paschal Candle
has been memorialized in
thanksgiving to God
for all of the blessings
He has given to my family
and to me.” – L.C.*

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING



WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU!

OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW LECTORS, USHERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

What do Extraordinary Ministers do?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Those who wish can also go on for extra training to bring Holy Communion to our homebound sisters and brothers.

How Do I Become An Extraordinary Minister?

1. You must contact Barbara McPhail at 631-226-1354 or e-mail to gospa254@gmail.com.
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to msgjrjoe@oloph.org requesting to become a minister.
3. You must meet with Msgr. Joe for an interview.
4. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions (see below). If you wish to also bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, you must attend a separate "Part B" training session. Information about that session can be obtained in your interview with Msgr. Joe.

What do Lectors do?

Lectors proclaim the Scriptures and sometimes the Intercessions at Sunday and daily Mass and at other liturgies.



How Do I Become A Lector?

1. You must contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or email to DeaconRobert9550@gmail.com
2. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.

LECTORS

Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

(Our own Msgr. Joe will be the presenter at this one on April 16!)

Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

at Immaculate Conception Parish, Westhampton Beach*

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

at St. Christopher Parish, Baldwin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART A" FOR ALL MINISTERS

Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

(Our own Msgr. Joe will be

the presenter at this one on April 16!)

Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

at Immaculate Conception Parish, Westhampton Beach*

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

at St. Christopher Parish, Baldwin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART B" FOR THOSE WHO WILL BRING COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Saturday, April 27, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.,

at Immaculate Conception Parish, Westhampton Beach*

Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

Tuesday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

at St. Christopher Parish, Baldwin

**Same day, Parts A and B—bring lunch or leave for lunch and return*

What do Ushers do?

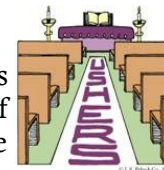
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of the assembly during processions such as the reception of Holy Communion and at other times. Taking up the collection is another way Ushers serve the assembly.

Who Should Become an Usher?

Anyone, including teens who have received Confirmation, can become an Usher. This is a great ministry for families to do together...the young ones can do this with parents and older children!

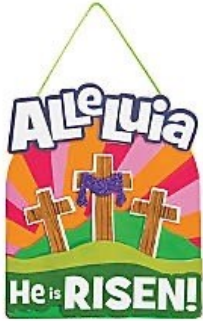
How Do I Become an Usher?

You should contact Mike Williams at olphushersministry@gmail.com or, if you don't have e-mail, leave a message for Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office, 631-226-7725 and he will pass the message along to Mike.



All liturgical ministers must complete a Volunteer Registration Form, have Virtus training and be a registered parishioner. For information about becoming Virtus compliant: contact Helene Calabrese at hcalab2@optonline.net.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY

As we celebrate the Easter season at **OLPH**
come join us on
SUNDAY
April 7, 2024



Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass

RAIN or SHINE on the Rectory Lawn or School Auditorium

Easter Egg Hunt—Games—Music—Crafts
Snacks and lite refreshments will be available.

PLEASE BRING A FOOD ITEM FOR THE SVDP FOOD PANTRY

Please RSVP Angela at finestone@optonline.net or (516) 445-9635
no later then **April 1, 2024** with the # of children attending.



IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children **celebrate those sacraments at OLPH**. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they **must be registered in the program**, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. **These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH**, not at the parish of their elementary school.

- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office. They may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. **These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH.**

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

LITTLE WHITE BOOK FOR EASTER TIME

THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK

Six-minute reflections
on the Sunday Gospels of Easter (Year C)

There may still be some copies of the *LITTLE WHITE BOOK* for Easter Time available on the pews throughout the church. The *Little White Book* contains brief daily reflections for each of the 50 days of Easter Time, new for 2024. Many people have enjoyed the *Little Black Book* for Lent, and it is important to not stop with the end of Lent, but rather to continue to explore the richness of the Paschal Mystery by continuing our daily reflections throughout all of Easter Time. The books are provided free of charge, but if you wish to make a donation to help offset the cost, you can just put a little something extra into your next collection offering. Thank you.

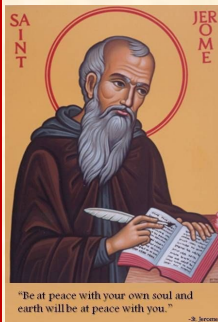
HELP NEEDED TO WATER THE EASTER FLOWERS



Help keep our beautiful Easter plants and flowers alive! We need people to offer to take turns to come in and water the Easter plants and flowers during the seven weeks of Easter Time, starting the week

of April 1. It will take only a little while once or twice a week, starting on Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m., and Saturdays with times to be announced, so your commitment will be minimal. Your responsibility will end when we return to Ordinary Time after May 19 (Pentecost). It's a great way to do something helpful for the parish that does not require a huge ongoing commitment. It's something you can bring your child with you to do! Won't you help us out? Please contact Denise Martinez at countrydee02@gmail.com or by TEXT ONLY at (631) 575-9519 and she'll give you all the details and sign you up. Thank you!

+ PRAYER FOR PRIESTS + + ADORATION AND PRAYER +



Everyone is welcome to join the tradition of praying for priests and seminarians of the Rockville Centre Diocese. Every priest and seminarian's name will be read aloud. Adoration and silent prayer will take place at

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

on

Tuesday, APRIL 9

Prayer participants are welcome to come and go as you like. Please pray along with your fellow parishioners of RVC Diocese and help make praying for priests a regular devotion.

For information PrayForPriestsDRVC@aol.com

LEGION OF MARY



The Bible directs that *“at the name of Jesus every knee will bow.”* Should we not follow the Bible directive and least bow our head when mentioning the name of our Lord and Savior?

Please join with us to make such a simple act and encourage others to join us. (Legion of Mary, OLPH Praesidium)

For more information contact:

Louise Perrotta,
(H) 631-412-3831,
(cell) 631-572-2772,

or louiseperrotta123@gmail.com

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

CHANGE THE WORLD

Are you interested in
preserving the environment? (recycling, protecting air quality, etc.)
preventing the extinction of animals?
saving lives (of the elderly, infirm, born alive, unborn)?
knowing how to handle death (yours or loved ones)?

You **CAN** do all this when you join our **OLPH/Respect Life Committee.**

Check us out with **NO** obligation.

We (**AND our world**) **NEED YOU!**

We usually meet
on the 1st Thursday of the month
(check the schedule printed in the bulletin)
Feel free to call Louise (631-412-3831)
for meeting location.

BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE



Auction/Trivia Night

Sponsored by The **Blue Door** Boutique

Date: **Friday, April 19th**

Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Location: **O.L.P.H. Auditorium**

Admission: \$5, includes auction paddle and entrance to trivia quiz

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: By Appointment

IMPORTANT DATES!

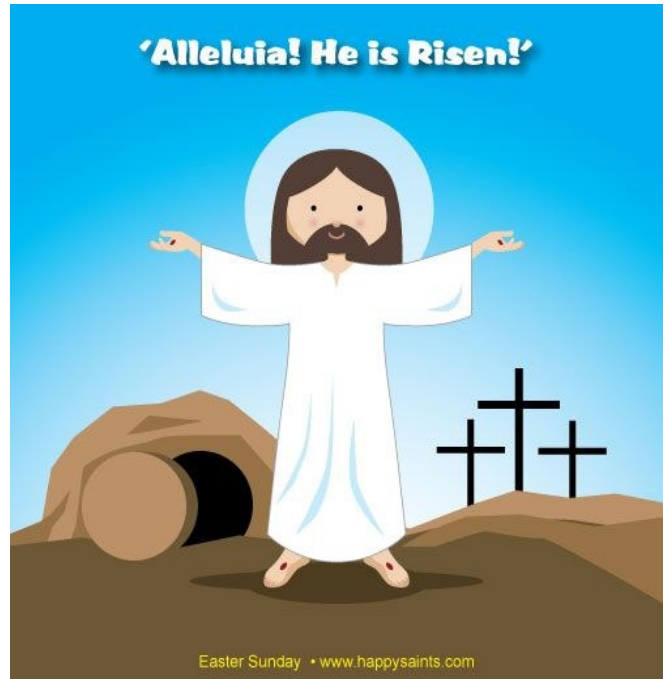
April 3:

- **Levels 6, 7 and 8:** Confirmation Workbooks are due!
- **Level 8:** There is a Parent Meeting concerning the upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation.

April 6:

- **Level 1:** There is a Parent/Student Workshop on the topic of Easter.

HAPPY EASTER
 From the Religious Ed Office



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!

Early registration for returning families began March 1. There is a \$30 discount for all families who register before May 31. After June 1, the regular registration fee will be in effect for ALL registrations. For any late registrations that come in after July 31, there will be an additional \$30 late fee. We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for religious education. All new families must schedule an appointment in order to register and must come with a baptismal certificate.

VACTION BIBLE CAMP!

Dates: July 8-12, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Registration Deadline:
 Friday, June 7, 2024**



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Erin Barrett, Director of Music	210	ebarrett@oloph.org
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Carole Carrano, Parish Secretary	212	ccarrano@oloph.org
Gerry Chille, Business Manager	204	gchille@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to DeaconRobert@oloph.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Gregory Guido
Sonia Hansen
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
Deacon James Totino

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel
Bob Meade

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel (Chair)
Gerry Chille
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Marie Gagneron
Kenneth Hale
Bob Meade
Bob Mehm
John Reynolds
Jackie Totino

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
Erin Barrett
Deacon Robert Becker
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Kenneth Hale
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Denise Martinez
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Mike Williams
Fr. Frank Zero

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225.9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631.226.6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Respect Life Ministry: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Valerie Baxter—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

As of April 1 we will no longer be open on Saturday.

Today, as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the disciples, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection.

As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you help those who are poor and hungry to “see and believe” in the resurrection.

NEW Food Pantry List!

- TEA
- SHELF STABLE WHOLE MILK
- BAKED BEANS
- BROTHS/ GRAVIES
- SOUPS WITH MEAT
- CANNED MEALS
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY OR JAM
- FRUIT JUICE
- COOKIES/SNACKS

Thank you
for your continued generosity.

Cut out this list and bring it with you
when you go shopping!

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please remember the Poor Boxes.

*Each week the amount collected in the Poor Boxes
is listed in our bulletin.*

You may wonder where that money goes.

*Every coin, bill or check goes directly to our parish’s St. Vincent
de Paul Society to help serve those in need within our parish.*

*We use the funds to directly serve our neighbors who need food,
rent assistance or help paying a utility bill.*

We are grateful to those who remember the Poor Boxes weekly.

Thank you for helping us help others.



EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida.

Le invita a alabar y glorificar a Dios todos los jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería, en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Alina Patrón al (516) 263-9401

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, llamar a la rectoría 631) 226-7725/ en español a Irma González al (631) 620-2401.

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

DOMINGO DE RESURRECCION

Primera lectura (Hechos de los Apóstoles (10:34^a,37-43)

Pedro propone un mensaje de paz que consiste no en solo decir que se acoge a todo el mundo, sino que además se funda en el sacrificio del servidor que Dios mismo avía consagrado.

Segunda lectura (Colosenses 3:1-4) Aquí encontramos lo que ya se dijo sobre el Bautizo que nos une a Cristo y nos hace partícipes de todas sus riquezas. Ya que Cristo desapareció para el mundo. Nosotros también nos apartamos de todas las cosas terrenas para unir lo mejor de nuestra vida a Cristo. Lo que nos mueve a actuar no se ve y no es de la tierra. Solo Dios conoce la riqueza del corazón del Creyente.

Lectura del Sato Evangelio según (San Juan 20:1-9) El segundo día después los discípulos se encuentran con el dilema de la tumba vacía e inmediatamente comienzan las apariciones.

El sepulcro vacío es el requisito previo de la fe cristiana, como destino de todo hombre no la muerte sino la resurrección. “si no resucito Cristo vacía es nuestra fe. El que niega la resurrección de los muertos, niega también la del Hijo que es la primicia de todo hermano. **“¡Ha resucitado!”**: La noticia que hemos recibido hemos de gritarla a otros. Si de verdad hemos tocado a Cristo, tampoco nosotros podemos callar “lo que hemos visto y oído” (He 4,20). No somos sólo receptores. Cristo resucitado nos constituye en heraldos, pregoneros de esta noticia. Una noticia que es para todos. Una noticia que afecta a todos. Una noticia que puede cambiar cualquier vida: “Cristo ha resucitado, está vivo, para ti, te busca, tú eres importante para Él, ha muerto por ti, ha destruido la muerte, te infunde su vida divina, te abre las puertas del paraíso, tus problemas tienen solución, tu vida tiene sentido”. (FGD)

El Domingo de Resurrección o **Vigilia Pascual** es el día en que incluso la Iglesia más pobre se reviste de sus mejores ornamentos, es la cima del año litúrgico. Es el aniversario del triunfo de Cristo. Es la feliz conclusión del drama de la Pasión y la alegría inmensa que sigue al dolor. Y un dolor y gozo que se funden pues se refieren en la historia al acontecimiento más importante de la humanidad: la redención y liberación del pecado de la humanidad por el Hijo de Dios.

Según san Juan, el relato lo sitúa en “el primer día de la semana.” Es decir, al día siguiente del sábado, y la hora en que viene al sepulcro es de “madrugada”, esto es muy de mañana y cuando aún “todavía estaba oscuro”. Es en la hora crepuscular del amanecer.



PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

FOR THOSE WITH CELIAC DISEASE

Special hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. These hosts contain less than 0.001% gluten content and are approved for the Roman Catholic Church by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you need to receive Holy Communion using one of these hosts, please stop in the sacristy before Mass begins to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”



WE BELIEVE

<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Matthew Cangro</i>
<i>John Jordan</i>	<i>Tom Sowden</i>
<i>Thomas Volpe</i>	<i>Paul Leyden</i>
<i>Nora McMahon</i>	<i>Joseph Pugh</i>
<i>Patricia & Richard Kleczekowski</i>	<i>Christopher Bovenzi</i>
<i>Susan Walters</i>	<i>Steven Castiglione</i>
<i>Ritchie and MaryAnn Haas</i>	<i>Christine Ajello-Larsen</i>
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The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps the person grow through their grief.

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**Our Spring Bereavement runs
on Saturdays to May 18
from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062
or Forubabe77@aol.com
for information.



OFFERING UPDATE Palm Sunday—April 1/2

Mass Time	Attendance	# of	Weekly
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8:00			
10:00			
12:00			
Total			
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 Thank you for your understanding.

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no later than the dates listed below.

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- April 7—deadline passed
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- April 21—April 12 deadline

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 1—
Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 | Giovanna Rinaudo

12:15 | Perrotta Family

TUESDAY, April 2—
Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 | Patricia Brennan

12:15 | Robert Murdock

WEDNESDAY, April 3—
Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 | Deacon Frank Odin

12:15 | Rose DiMartino

THURSDAY, April 4—
Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 | Marina Bouzi

12:15 | Brittany Marie Evans

FRIDAY, April 5—
Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 | Fred West

12:15 | Christine Liotta

SATURDAY, April 6—
Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 | Margaret L. Brogan

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

4:00 | Frank Gaudio
Special Needs Mass (Auditorium)

5:00 | Dominick & Ann DeGirolamo

Sunday, April 7
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

8:00 | Robert J. Heege

10:00 | Margaret Mehm

12:00 | For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 1, 2024

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Family Life Ministry	Room 3

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:15 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	St. Mark's Room

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information)	Off Campus
6:30 p.m.	Levels 6-8 Classes Parent Meeting: Confirmation	School Auditorium

Thursday, April 4, 2024

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, April 5, 2024

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Resurrection	Church

Saturday, April 6, 2024

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5 and Sp. Ed. Classes Level 1 Parent Meeting	School Auditorium
11:30 a.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 16
1:30 p.m.	Wedding	Church
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.	Exposition	Church

Sunday, April 7, 2024

10:00 a.m.	O CIA	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	Family Life Family Fun Day	Auditorium
1:00 p.m.	Exposition	Church
1:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Devotions	Church
3:30 p.m.	Benediction	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, April 7, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.

John 20:29

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the early Church, beginning in Jerusalem and ending in Rome. Today's reading describes how the community of believers continued to grow even after Peter and John had been ordered by the Temple leaders not to preach in Jesus' name. What is most important about this community is that they were "of one heart and mind." Because of this, they were able to share what they had and take care of the needy in their midst. This should lead us to reflect on our own parish today. Are we of one heart and mind?

1 John 5:1-6

For John, believing and loving are intimately related. "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him." To be a believer means to adhere in loving reverence to authentic Christian teaching: "For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments." Belief in Jesus as the Son of God leads to the victory that overcomes the world. What a hopeful message when we feel overcome by the world – the victory is ours in Christ Jesus!

John 20:19-31

Today's Gospel is for all of us who have not seen Jesus but still believe. The first apostles were given the great grace of seeing the risen Jesus face to face, of talking and even eating with him. But we, two thousand years removed from these awesome events, are like doubting Thomas at times. We struggle with belief. We have moments of doubt and uncertainty. But day after day, in season and out, we profess with our lips and believe in our hearts that Jesus is our Lord and God. Because of this, Jesus calls us "blessed." What good news!

Readings for the Week

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.

Monday, April 1, 2024:

Acts 2:14, 22-33
+ Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2, 2024:

Acts 2:36-41 + John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 3, 2024:

Acts 3:1-10 + Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 4, 2024:

Acts 3:11-26 + Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 5, 2024:

Acts 4:1-12 + John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 6, 2024:

Acts 4:13-21 + Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 7, 2024:

Acts 4:32-35 + 1 John 5:1-6
+ John 20:19-31

Gospel Reflection

Rising to New Life

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

Easter is the great celebration of victory of life over death.

Ours is an Easter religion. We do not deny or turn away from the evils that surround us: the wars that have killed some 100 million people in our [last] century; the poverty that grips more than half of the human race; the hunger that kills millions every year and ruins the lives of millions more; the discrimination that divides the human family into contending parties.

We do not deny these miseries, but we refuse to surrender to their power because of our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Suffering will be vindicated; death will be overcome; a new life will arise: that is the Easter message of the paschal mystery.

"Let us feast with joy in the Lord." Just as Christ passed through death to resurrection, so too will the world pass through its suffering to the glory of a new life.

There is no room for despair: our Easter faith tells us that God will "raise us up and renew our lives." This is the 'day which the Lord has made.' Alleluia! Take fresh hope, brothers and sisters of the whole world! With Christ our Passover everything is possible! Christ goes forward in our future!

*Pope John Paul II,
Easter Message, 1991*

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