

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Peace be with you.

Luke 24:36

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

Deacons: Deacon William R. Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith,

Deacon Robert A. Becker, Deacon James Totino

Business Manager: Mr. Gerry Chille

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Miss Erin Barrett

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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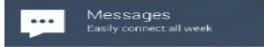


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to download
the Parish App!*

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THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 15, 2024

WATCH



God Is with Us

What does it mean to say that God is with us in the Eucharist? What is the Eucharist? Watch Episode 1 of Presence today!

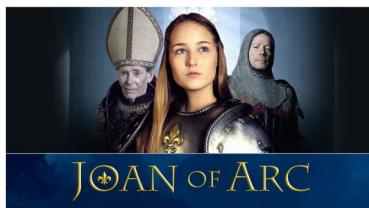
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St. Bernadette of Lourdes

"St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.

LISTEN



Joan of Arc

Cultivate a devotion to St. Joan of Arc, the young saint who died a martyr at the age of nineteen, by watching this powerful film. Her story comes to life in this movie and will doubtless leave you inspired by her faith in God.

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Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



PASTOR'S COLUMN

Third Sunday of Easter

It's still Easter Time, and it will be until Pentecost! Don't let your Easter joy wane! Let your shouts of "Alleluia!" continue to be as strong this Sunday (and throughout these entire fifty days) as they were on Easter Sunday!

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of this Third Sunday of Easter expresses well this tone of joy: the prayer describes how God's people have been "*renewed in youthfulness of spirit*" and rejoice "*in the restored glory of our adoption.*" Such references to youthfulness, restoration, and adoption maintain the imagery of the new life given to us at Baptism, and also as recalled in the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water with which we begin all our Easter Time Sunday Masses. The Collect ends by reminding us that such Easter joy goes beyond the present moment — there is a fitting reference to the end times, the future fulfillment at Christ's Second Coming, as the prayers asks that "*we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.*" We must always remember that our present participation in the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection (the Paschal Mystery) cannot be separated from the way that participation points toward its future fulfillment.

The Prayer after Communion picks up this same theme when it asks that we may attain in our flesh "*the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.*"

The Prayer over the Offerings continues to echo the joyful tone of Easter by describing us, as the Church, as "exultant" in offering the gifts (offerings) of this Mass, again asking that the offerings "*may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.*"

As always, the prayers of the Mass highlight for us the meaning of what we are celebrating, and, by praying over them and reflecting on them ahead of time in preparation for Mass, we can gain a deeper immersion in the mysteries being celebrated when we are at Mass.

Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass

This week we're starting to run the bulletin ad announcing our annual Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass, the occasion when we affirm the graces and blessings married couples give to the Church, and to this parish in particular, through their living out of the Sacrament of Matrimony. A special Mass will be celebrated on

Friday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m., followed by a reception in the auditorium. As you know, this celebration is geared toward couples celebrating an anniversary on any five-year mark (5, 10, 15, 20, *etc.*), and couples married any year over 50 years. If you are celebrating an anniversary "on one of the fives" this year or are married more than 50 years and you would like to attend, please be sure to get your response in as soon as possible, so we can plan appropriately. We ask you to limit attendance to immediate family members only, due to space limitations. Also, while we're happy to provide this free of charge, if you would like to make an extra donation to help cover the costs for the reception following the Mass, we would gratefully accept your generous offering.

To all married couples: THANK YOU for your Sacrament of Matrimony, and for the way you give witness to Christ's love through your love for each other.

Blue Door Boutique Fundraiser Auction and Trivia Night

Let me call your attention to what will be not only a fundraising event, but also just a plain old good time and community-building event — the auction and trivia night being hosted by the Blue Door Boutique this coming Friday night, April 19, at 7:00 p.m.

As you know, the Blue Door Boutique is our parish thrift shop, and it is an amazing place. The Blue Door Boutique is a first-class thrift shop for those who shop there, and it also provides assistance to the poor and needy. It's a great ministry in the parish, and I am very grateful to all those who so faithfully and generously give of their time and energy to make the Blue Door Boutique the success that it is.

The auction and trivia night this Friday will be a great event, and I hope you will be there. I have once again been called upon for my unique game-show hosting skills to help run the auction and the trivia game, and I'll do my best to make it entertaining for everyone! At the same time, we'll be helping to raise some money for the thrift shop. So, as they say on a certain other game show, "Come on down!"

Testimonial Dinner for Past Grand Knight Steve Strigaro

On Saturday night of this week I'll be pleased to be at the Testimonial Dinner honoring Past Grand Knight Steve Strigaro. Steve did an exemplary job during his tenure as Grand Knight, years which included navigating the Knights of Columbus through the pandemic, and I am extremely grateful for his leadership and his witness of faith. Steve is active in the parish in other ways, too, most visibly as a Cantor at Mass. I'll be happy to be one of the many at the dinner that evening who will pay tribute to Steve and his accomplishments with the Knights.

I am also extremely grateful to our parish Knights of Columbus Council as a whole, for the service they give to the parish, and, even more importantly, for the public witness of faith they provide to the Lindenhurst community. They truly are men of faith who have the Church at the center of their mission.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

May I offer a quick reminder to all about the importance of your participating in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, with our assigned goal of **\$114,600**. I humbly ask that you send in your pledge if you have not already done so. 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. Thank you for your generosity!

Some spiritual thoughts about the season of Easter Time

Finally, allow me to offer some additional spiritual food-for-thought concerning the liturgical season of Easter Time.

It has been said that Catholics are good at doing the season of Lent but bad at doing the season of Easter Time, and I think there is some truth to that. Think about it. We understand Lent rather easily, and it seems easy to get into the spirit of it. We think about what we're going to do for Lent, whether it's giving something up, and/or doing spiritual reading, and/or attending the Stations of the Cross, and so on. Somehow, though, we don't seem to be as resolute and determined about celebrating the fifty days of Easter Time. I think we need to get better at doing Easter!

The fifty days of Easter Time is the oldest liturgical season we have. It is both more ancient and more important than Lent. Lent only exists as a preparation for Easter! Maybe one of the ways we can get better about celebrating Easter Time is by focusing on the resurrection of Christ, and by being more joyful.

Easter celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Jesus Christ is alive! Our Lord has conquered death, and through his resurrection he offers us new life, supernatural life, eternal life. How often do we think and pray about that? How often do we let that truth of our faith color and influence everything we say and do?

Because of that, we should be more joyful. Why is it that some people, and sometimes all of us, find it easier to feel guilt rather than joy? Why do we sometimes think that holiness must be equated with somberness and suffering? I think we Catholics need to be better at joy — especially when it comes to being joyful when we're at Mass together (sometimes it's difficult to tell the difference between a Mass and a wake!).

So, how can we keep Easter Time better? Maybe one way is to allow Easter to be a preparation for Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the way Lent is a preparation for Easter. Maybe we need to really pray over the Mass prayers during Easter Time. Maybe we could read the Acts of the Apostles, and the Book of Revelation, books which are read at Mass during Easter Time. Maybe we need to take more prayer walks and make the connections between the spring renewal in nature and the supernatural renewal of new life in Christ that comes to us at Easter.

May we all keep the fifty days of Easter Time in the most complete and spiritually-fulfilling way possible!

In conclusion...

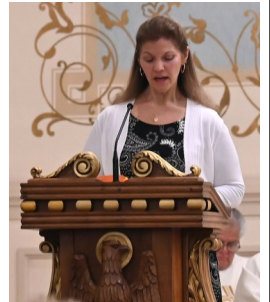
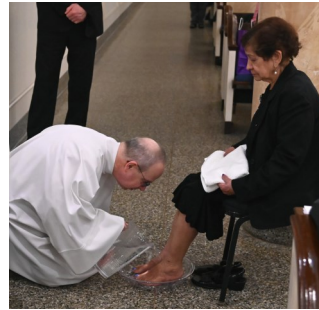
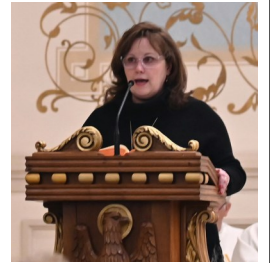
Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

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

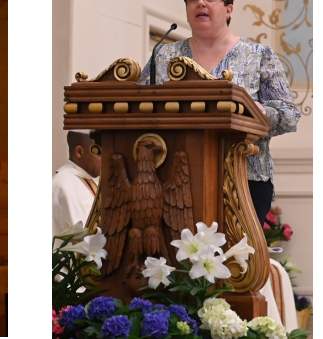
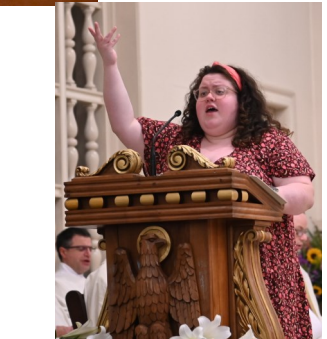
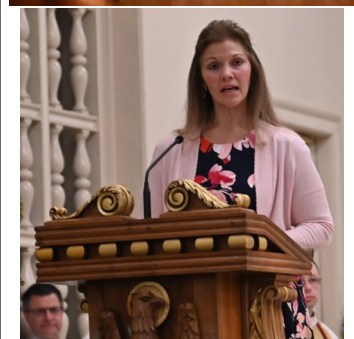
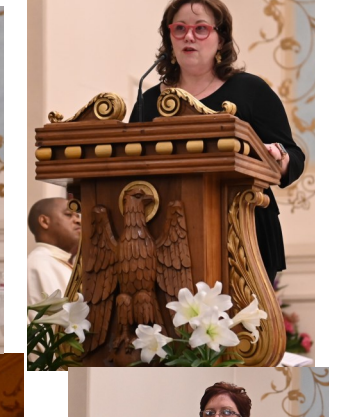
Sincerely,



HOLY THURSDAY 2024



EASTER VIGIL 2024



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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.

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.

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.

MEETING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to attend the important meeting to be held on **Tuesday, April 23** in the church — attend EITHER the meeting at **1:30 p.m. OR at 7:00 p.m.** (choose ONE time on April 23 — you do not have to attend both). The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer, spiritual formation and an update concerning liturgical procedures. All E.M.'s, including E.M.'s to the Homebound, whether active or inactive, are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.

MEETING FOR ALL LECTORS

All parish Lectors are reminded to attend the important meeting for all those in this ministry, to be held on **Saturday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m.** in the church. As usual, the meeting will include the opportunity for prayer, ministerial formation, and discussion of some important business items. All Lectors are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.

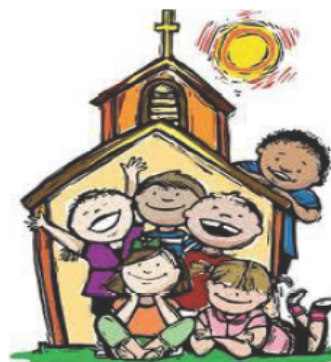
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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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.



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.

OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage by celebrating your wedding anniversary!

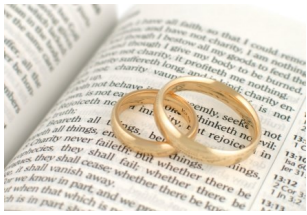
We're celebrating Mass and throwing a party for YOU!

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2024 that is "on a five year mark," that is, if this year you're married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 – and for couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) – are invited to a special MASS AND RECEPTION!

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

7:30 p.m. Mass

with Renewal of Commitment by the Married Couples for the Anniversary of their Marriage Followed by a Reception in our School Gym



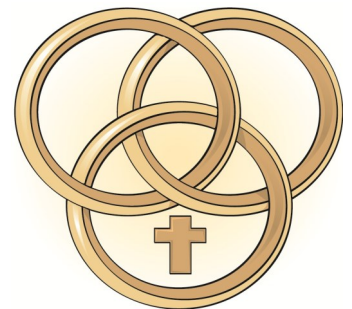
*Invite your immediate family members! They are welcome!
(Immediate family only, please)*

We're happy to provide this free of charge. If, however, you would like to send a donation along with your response, to help defray costs, it would be gratefully accepted.

**You must reply NO LATER THAN MAY 7
WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY, USING THE FORM BELOW
NO PHONE REPLIES CAN BE TAKEN
Cut-out and fill-in the form below and return to the Rectory by May 7**

2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name _____
 First Name of Husband _____
 First Name of Wife _____
 Years Married _____
 Date of Your Marriage _____
 Your Wedding Song _____
 Wedding Song Artist _____
 Your Address _____
 Your Phone Number _____
 e-mail _____ @ _____
 Number of People Attending: Adults: _____ Children: _____



*Please return this form as soon as possible to the Rectory,
or drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.*

**ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 7.
Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.**

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
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Email: religioused@oloph.org
Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
(akleinlaut@oloph.org)

O.F.F. HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 11:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday: CLOSED
Saturday: by appointment

Communion Rehearsals

5:00 p.m. in the church

April 29 – Rehearsal for the
May 4 Communion

April 30 – Rehearsal for the
May 5, 11 and 12 Communions

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Early registration for returning families began March 1. There is a \$30 discount for all families that 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.

REGISTRATION FOR BIBLE CAMP IS NOW OPEN!



DATES ARE:

JULY 8 – 12

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

April 17:

**Bible Camp Meeting
at 6:00 p.m. in the
auditorium!**

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—cdefeldman@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

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the Scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to “help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life” by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

NEW Food Pantry List!

- COFFEE**
- SOUPS WITH MEAT**
- CANNED MEALS**
- BAKED BEANS**
- GRAVY/BROTH**
- SMALL PACKAGES RICE**
- PASTA**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- CEREAL**
- FRUIT JUICE**

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.



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

MUSIC MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Spring Concert Returns

May 10th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

We are in need of empty baskets as well as items to be raffled off or even completed baskets with raffle prizes. We are looking for baskets to be worth at least \$50. Items must be brand new. Gift cards of any amount and scratch off lottery tickets are also most welcome. If you have an extra bottle of wine laying around the house, we'll take that too. Items can be brought to the rectory anytime before Sunday, May 5.

Thank you for your support of our Ministry

RIGHT TO LIFE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

My Dear Friends in Christ,

With assaults on human life increasing at an alarming rate, we are asking you today to make a personal commitment to pray daily for one unborn child who is in danger of being aborted. Unfortunately, since the Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973, the number of abortions has increased to 1.4 million annually. Each of us is being asked to "spiritually adopt" one unknown baby for the next nine months. We will pray for this child, that he or she will be carried to term and experience the fullness of life, as God intended. All our prayers can make a difference between whether a baby will be born or aborted. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the baby's parents.

*PLEASE RETURN THE RIGHT HALF OF THE COUPON TO THE CRADLE
IN FRONT OF OUR LADY'S ALTAR*

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help
SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

Jesus, Mary & Joseph
I beg you to spare the life
of the unborn child
whom I have spiritually adopted
and who is in danger of abortion.

Baby's Name _____
Due Date: _____

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help
SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

I, _____,
spiritually adopt an unborn baby

Name of Child
and who is in danger of abortion
by praying daily for the life of this baby.
(Please return this half)

2024 OLPH SCHOLARSHIP



The Robert E. Dobres Memorial Scholarship: Bob believed strongly in a commitment to **family, community** and the **Church**. He was always ready to volunteer. His dedication to others and to his community was clearly evident by the various organizations and groups he actively participated in, such as OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794, the OLPH Finance Committee, the Holy Name Society among others.

The scholarship is sponsored by OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794. The recipient will receive a one-time scholarship for \$1,000.00, which will be sent to the College or Trade School the winner is attending. To be eligible, the applicant must be child or grandchild of a member of OLPH Council 794, OLPH Ladies Auxiliary, or parishioner of OLPH Parish in Lindenhurst graduating High School this Spring and entering College in the fall.

For an application contact Mike Hearney at: mhearney@optonline.net or 631-560-0451

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Second Announcement:

Ryan McMahon & Samantha Johnson

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.

PERPETUAL HELP MASS SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 5:00 P.M. MASS

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>
<i>Annette Walsh</i>	<i>Requested by Jill Delano</i>
<i>Maureen Kelly</i>	<i>Requested by Dunstan Bradley</i>
<i>Angie O'Connor</i>	<i>Requested by Jason Fleur and Phillip Centina</i>
<i>Frank J. Farrugia</i>	<i>Requested by Lena Farrugia</i>

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

***Sophia D'Antoine
Vita Lorraine Stabile
Susan P. Bauer***

"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

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Lena Farrugia</i> | <i>Tyler Qualls</i> |
| <i>John Ogilvie</i> | <i>Mary Santiago</i> |
| <i>Patty Freapane</i> | <i>Jimmy McGovern</i> |
| <i>Matthew Cangro</i> | <i>Patricia Perez</i> |
| <i>Tom Sowden</i> | <i>Alex Betti</i> |
| <i>Paul Leyden</i> | <i>Stan Ryniewicz</i> |
| <i>Joseph Pugh</i> | <i>Anna Rooney</i> |
| <i>Christopher Bovenzi</i> | <i>Linda Matera</i> |
| <i>Steven Castiglione</i> | <i>Eileen Quinn</i> |
| <i>Christine Ajello-Larsen</i> | <i>John Jordan</i> |
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| <i>Karla Desimini</i> | <i>Kevin Grogan</i> |
| <i>Lisa Byrne</i> | <i>Christopher Bovenzi</i> |

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Our Fall Bereavement session
be held later this year.
Watch for registration dates.

Please contact
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631-592-1062 or
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for information.



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.

Liturgia Viva del Domingo 3° de Pascua - Ciclo B Lecturas del domingo 14 de abril de 2024

*Dios ha glorificado a Jesús, su siervo,
el Santo, el Justo, el príncipe de vida. Dios le resucitó de entre los muertos
y nosotros somos testigos de ese acontecimiento.
En su nombre estamos reunidos aquí.
Que el Señor Resucitado esté siempre con ustedes.*

Primera Lectura (Hechos 3,13-15,17-19): Pedro, Testigo del Señor Resucitado

En esta predicación, Pedro da testimonio firme de que Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos. Pide a sus oyentes volver a Cristo y permitirle que los renueve.

Segunda Lectura (1 Juan 2,1-5a): Fieles al Señor Resucitado

Cuando seguimos los mandamientos del amor de Cristo, somos fieles a Cristo Resucitado y crecemos en el amor de Dios.

Evangelio (Lucas 24,35-48): Testigos del Señor Resucitado

Jesús se apareció a sus discípulos, que dudaban, para fortalecer su fe de que él había resucitado. Después los envió -.

Él, la tarde de Pascua, abre la mente de los discípulos al misterio de su muerte y resurrección y les dice: "Ustedes son testigos de todo esto". Los Apóstoles, que vieron con los propios ojos a Cristo resucitado, no podían callar su extraordinaria experiencia. Él se había mostrado a ellos para que la verdad de su resurrección llegara a todos mediante su testimonio. Y la Iglesia tiene la tarea de prolongar en el tiempo esta misión; cada bautizado está llamado a dar testimonio, con las palabras y con la vida, que Jesús ha resucitado, que Jesús está vivo y presente en medio de nosotros. Todos nosotros estamos llamados a dar testimonio de que Jesús está vivo.

El contenido del testimonio cristiano no es una teoría, no es una ideología o un complejo sistema de preceptos y prohibiciones o un moralismo, sino que es un mensaje de salvación, un acontecimiento concreto, es más, una Persona: es Cristo resucitado, viviente y único Salvador de todos. Él puede ser testimoniado por quienes han vivido una experiencia personal de Él, en la oración y en la Iglesia, a través de un camino que tiene su fundamento en el Bautismo, su alimento en la Eucaristía, su sello en la Confirmación, su continúa conversión en la Penitencia.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 15— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Joseph D. Pepe
12:15	Richard & Stephanie Perez (Living) & Family
TUESDAY, April 16— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:15	Teresa Pirolo
WEDNESDAY, April 17— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Eileen O'Keefe
12:15	Deacon Frank Odin
THURSDAY, April 18— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Marlene Byrnes (Living)
12:15	Teresa Pirolo
FRIDAY, April 19— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Margaret A. Giordano
12:15	Maria Boneventure & Family (Living)
SATURDAY, April 20— Easter Weekday	
8:00	Joseph Aliano
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
5:00	Perpetual Help Mass (<i>List on p. 17</i>)
Sunday, April 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
12:00	Joseph Lucas

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 15, 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.	Christian Mothers Meeting	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
Tuesday, April 16, 2024		
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:15 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	St. Mark's Room
Wednesday, April 17, 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
6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible Camp Meeting	Auditorium
Thursday, April 18, 2024		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting	St. Lucy Room
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
Friday, April 19, 2024		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Blue Door Auction/Trivia Night	Auditorium
Saturday, April 20, 2024		
11:30 a.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 22
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, April 21, 2024		
10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

OFFERING UPDATES April 6/7			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	252	81	\$2,357.00
8:00 a.m.	194	85	3,727.00
10:00 a.m.	374	86	2,747.00
12:00 p.m.	364	76	2,904.00
Total coin:			6.88
Faith Direct			3,303.60
Children's Env.		20	69.00
Mail-ins:			583.00
Special Needs	34	21	330.00
TOTAL	1,218	369	\$16,027.48
2023	<i>This was Easter Sunday in 2023</i>		
Candles			\$981.80
Poor Box			\$368.90
1st Saturday			\$124.00

The totals for Easter Sunday and Easter Flowers will be printed later in the month in order to allow for mail-ins and other factors. Thank you for your understanding.

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS
 All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org. no later than the dates listed below.
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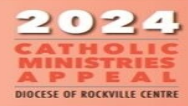
April 21—deadline passed
 April 28—April 19 deadline
 May 5—April 26 deadline

Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information
 Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred, and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page:
<https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, April 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I am the good shepherd.

John 10:11

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Peter and John were arrested by the leaders of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem for preaching about Jesus and healing a crippled man in his name. The leaders questioned the apostles about what authority they had for doing these things. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaims that it is in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean that power was given to them to work this miracle. The physical healing of this man is also a sign of God's healing of all of us spiritually. Because Jesus died on the Cross for us and rose again, we are all saved. "There is no other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." Good news indeed!

1 John 3:1-2

John writes to a first-century audience but his words speak to us as well. We, too, are God's children because of the love that God has bestowed on us in Christ Jesus. But even more than that (although what could be better than that?), we shall be something more. There will come a time when we shall know God face to face and then we shall be like him. The richness of God's love for us is never exhausted and always gets better!

John 10:11-18

John portrays Jesus as the Good Shepherd who was promised to appear at the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation. As a good shepherd, Jesus protects his sheep from the wolves that would harm them. Who are in his flock? Those who believe in Jesus belong to him, hear and respond to his voice, and so have life. Jesus lays down his life to protect us and lead us into everlasting life. This is something wonderful and truly to be desired. The question for all of us is, though, do we recognize the Shepherd's voice?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 15, 2024:

Acts 6:8-15 + John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 16, 2024:

Acts 7:51—8:1a + John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 17, 2024:

Acts 8:1b-8 + John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 18, 2024:

Acts 8:26-40 + John 6:44-51

Friday, April 19, 2024:

Acts 9:1-20 + John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 20, 2024:

Acts 9:31-42 + John 6:60-69

Sunday, April 21, 2024:

Acts 4:8-12

+ 1 John 3:1-2

+ John 10:11-18

Gospel Reflection

After reading next Sunday's readings take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. Besides suggesting that priests stay close to the marginalized by being "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep" (Homily for Christ Mass, March 28, 2013), Pope Francis also said that the Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness.

How do those statements relate to Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd?

2. Jesus said, "I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus is applying the love between himself and his Father to the relation between himself and his own. What does this tell you about how well you are known and how much you are loved? For whom would you lay down your life?



A LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN O. BARRES



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 8, 2024
The Annunciation of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We know that the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy can seem insurmountable. This is especially true when it feels like there is no support for a pregnant woman struggling to appreciate the precious gift of life she carries and may compel her towards a regrettable decision. But genuine empowerment of women comes only through recognizing the dignity of the human person at every stage of life and this is most poignantly illuminated through the blessings of motherhood.

In this, it is with great joy that I announce the **FIAT Pregnancy Support Program** at Catholic Health. This program, in partnership with the Diocese of Rockville Centre, comprises a dedicated help line designed to assist women access the **counsel, resources, and encouragement needed to choose life** when facing a pregnancy with unexpected or difficult circumstances. **The Pregnancy Support Team is available 24x7, 365 days of the year** to assist callers in accessing the services needed to help them see that every new life is a blessing, even when there are challenges.

Any expectant woman in need of help can call the FIAT Pregnancy Support Program and be confident that, **regardless of age, religion, immigration status or ability to pay**, she will receive compassionate, non-judgmental, and *life-affirming* care. Most of all, she can be assured that she will not be alone through her pregnancy, and she will not be abandoned after she delivers her child. If she is overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy, contemplating abortion pills on her college campus, distressed with an adverse prenatal diagnosis, experiencing a miscarriage, worried about feeding her child, regretting a past abortion or other pregnancy-related distress, FIAT is there to help her sort things out and get the care she needs. It only takes the courage of a phone call to find real hope: **631-476-LOVE (5683)**.

It is my prayer that the **FIAT Pregnancy Support Program** be recognized across the Diocese of Rockville Centre as the first step a woman takes when facing challenging circumstances during pregnancy. There are promotional materials available at every parish and on-line, but we ask for your help to make this resource known widely through your prayers, your witness, and your word-of-mouth, for every one of us has an important and serious responsibility to spread the Gospel of Life. Let FIAT lead the way.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
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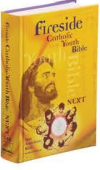
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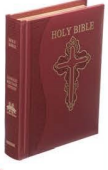


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