

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Blessed are those who have not seen  
and have believed.*

John 20:29

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 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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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 08, 2024

## WATCH



### The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray

Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary!

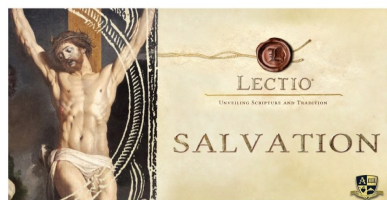
## LEARN



### Why Catholics believe in "life everlasting"

The Catholic Church cares about every BODY. Think of relics and funerals—reverence for our bodies and the body's of holy people is part of being Catholic. But why? We find the answer at the end of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." That's a pretty strong statement and it's founded on Jesus. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can look forward to our own body's being raised at the end of time. Pretty cool, right?

## LISTEN



### Not Just a Legal Transaction | Lectio: Salvation | Episode 5

After the Fall, each person is born not only with the stain of sin on their soul but also with a fallen human nature. Thanks be to God that his gift of salvation not only frees us from Original Sin but also transforms us from the inside out, healing the root of our brokenness: our hearts. As we will see in this session, salvation is not simply a legal transaction by which we are declared righteous, but by the gift of God's Spirit we are actually made righteous.

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## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### *Second Sunday of Easter*

Happy Easter! This Sunday is the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, and so the Sunday we celebrate today completes the Easter Octave. Our joy-filled cries of "Alleluia!" continue as we exult in the new life and salvation we have been given through the Lord's Resurrection! Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! Happy Easter!

I'm still flying high from the amazing and beautiful liturgies we celebrated during the Sacred Paschal Triduum. I must again express my deep, deep gratitude to all who in any way worked on, ministered at and participated in our liturgies during the Triduum. I personally was very moved, and I experienced moments of deep prayer; I found myself once again renewed and spiritually reinvigorated. That's due primarily, of course, to the working of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit works through all of us; for me, all of you were vehicles of the Spirit as we prayed together so powerfully, and as you so generously offered your witness of faith.

It's fascinating to note that the Missal texts (prayers of the Mass) for this Second Sunday of Easter are filled with references to our sacramental initiation. Historically, this day was given the name *Dominica in albis* — a Sunday for the neophytes (newly-initiated) to wear their white baptismal garments (albs). We continue to rejoice with and celebrate our "Fab Four" Helen, Diego, Ailen and Ameira who were initiated into the Catholic Church, celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, one week ago at the Easter Vigil. They are returning to Mass this week — the 10:00 a.m. Mass — wearing their baptismal garments, the sign of their having put on Christ. Yet, how fitting it is for all of us to reflect on what it means for us to be united to Christ and to have new life in Him through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the three sacraments of initiation, when we "put on" the life of Christ as a new garment!

As two examples of this emphasis on initiation in today's Mass, we can look to two of the prayers of the Mass for this Sunday. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for today's Mass is brimming with the language of initiation: it reminds us that we are the people who have been made God's own through the font in which we have been washed (Baptism), by whose Spirit in whom we have been reborn (Baptism and

Confirmation), and by whose Blood we have been redeemed (Eucharist). The Prayer over the Offerings asks that we may "attain unending happiness" because we have been "renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism."

Throughout all the fifty days of Easter Time, we rejoice as we reflect on what Christ has done for us, and as we extol the mystery of sharing in His life; as one of the Prefaces for Easter reminds us, "...by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life." The fifty days of Easter Time are the period of *Mystagogia* for the newly-baptized, as they "unpack" and reflect on what their sacramental initiation means for them for the rest of their lives. *Alleluia!*

### *Divine Mercy Devotions*

St. John Paul II gave the additional title of "Divine Mercy Sunday" to this Second Sunday of Easter. This title does not connote a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather it leads us more deeply into the continuing celebration of God's mercy on this Second Sunday of Easter and throughout all of Easter Time.

OLPH will be participating in special devotions to mark the day. Please plan to join in some or all of the special events, beginning with the 12:00 Noon Mass, with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to conclude and follow that Mass; Confessions; recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Hour of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m.; and Benediction at 3:30 p.m., followed by veneration of a relic of St. Faustina.

### *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Monday, April 8*

This Monday, April 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. "Wait a minute," you say; "the Annunciation is on March 25!" You're correct — normally, it is. This year, however, March 25 was Monday of Holy Week, and in the ranking of liturgical days, that day took precedence over the Annunciation. The first available day of a lower rank that the Annunciation could replace is this Monday, April 8, and hence the Solemnity is transferred to this day. (All the days of this past week, the Octave of Easter, also took precedence

over the Annunciation in the liturgical ranking of days.)

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation, we remember when the angel brought to Mary the amazing news that she would be the mother of God's Son. On this day, as in Christmas Time, we contemplate the wonder of the Incarnation: in Jesus, God took on our flesh, becoming like us in all things but sin. While it's a Solemnity of the Lord, it's also a day to give thanks to and for Mary, who gave her "yes" — "*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word,*" as we hear in the Gospel for the day.

It's no little wonder, then, that throughout history, so many artists have chosen to depict the Annunciation as a moment of decision that changed the world forever. The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord reminds us of the supple heart of Mary, who trusted and who welcomed the gift of God's indwelling and new life in Christ. For me, this Marian spirituality is summed up perfectly in St. Augustine's statement that the Virgin Mary conceived Jesus in her heart before He was conceived in her womb. Think about how we need to conceive Jesus in our heart — in other words, how we need to be more open to God's will for us and God's direction to us.

As always, the words of the Mass prayers bring into focus for us a proper spirituality and theology of the day. The words of the Collect (Opening Prayer) reflect the understanding that as a result of the Incarnation, humanity is given a share in divinity; that prayer asks, insofar as God willed that His Word should take on human flesh, that "*...we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature.*"

The Prayer over the Offerings notes that the Church's beginnings lie in the moment of the Incarnation (interesting thought: Pentecost is often thought of as the "birthday" of the Church, but, in some sense, the Annunciation is a kind of "birthday," too). There is so much richness in the themes for this Solemnity!

Since it's a Solemnity, we will celebrate our 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass on Monday with greater festivity, namely, we will have music at that Mass. Also, the Creed is said at Mass on this day, in observance of the Solemnity, and this Mass is one of two times (the other being at the Masses on the Nativity [Christmas]) when all

genuflect, instead of bow, at the words of the Incarnation during the Creed.

### ***Last call for new liturgical ministers for this season!***

This is your last opportunity for this season to step forward to offer to become a liturgical minister — Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or an Usher. All of the information is on the full-page ad elsewhere in this bulletin. After this, we won't be recruiting again until the fall.

### ***Catholic Ministries Appeal***

We're continuing to chug along in our Catholic Ministries Appeal this year, and I thank all who have already participated. Our assigned goal this year is once again **\$114,600**, and 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!

### ***Other ways to support OLPH, too...***

Please also keep in mind two other ways you can support OLPH: through memorializing one or more bricks in our Let the Children Come to Me Prayer Garden, and through the next SUPER 72 RAFFLE, the mailing for which will be going out within the next several weeks (look for 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,



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class Relic  
of St. Faustina

## CONGRATULATIONS SISTER JENNIFER ILLIG O.C.S.O.



On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> the Sisters at Mount Saint Mary's Abbey joyfully announced the Solemn Profession and Monastic Consecration of Sr. Jennifer Illig O.C.S.O. to the Trappist Community in Wrenthen, Massachusetts.

Many of you may remember Jennifer from her years in the parish. She was involved in many ministries, as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Religious Education teacher and Sacristan.

Jennifer graduated from OLPH grammar school, Our Lady of Mercy High School in Syosset and Molloy College, where she was Valedictorian of her class. Jennifer's scholastic mind took her to Fordham University where she received a Masters and Doctorate with Honors in Theology.

Sister Jennifer was named a Lilly Fellow, a very prestigious honor, that brought her to Valpariso University in Indiana where she taught for a year before entering the convent.

On **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the 12:15 p.m. Mass**, along with her family and friends, the parish family at OLPH is invited to come and pray for Sister Jennifer and the Sisters at Mount Saint Mary's Abbey as they celebrate her new life.

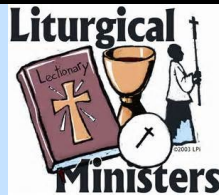
# 12:00 P.M. MASS MARCH 24, 2024 PROCESSION FOR PALM SUNDAY





*Pictures courtesy of Michael Ferrante*

# 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?

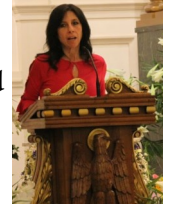
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Those who wish can also go on for extra training to bring Holy Communion to our homebound sisters and brothers.

## How Do I Become An Extraordinary Minister?

1. You must contact Barbara McPhail at 631-226-1354 or e-mail to [gospa254@gmail.com](mailto:gospa254@gmail.com).
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to [msgjrjoe@oloph.org](mailto: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](mailto: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?

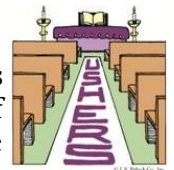
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of 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](mailto: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](mailto:hcalab2@optonline.net).



# 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.**

## **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**

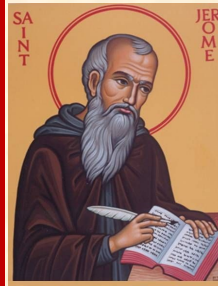
All parish Lectors are reminded to attend the important meeting for all those in this ministry, to be held on **Saturday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m.** in the church. As usual, the meeting will include the opportunity for prayer, ministerial formation, and discussion of some important business items. All Lectors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

## **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.

## **+ PRAYER FOR PRIESTS + + ADORATION AND PRAYER +**



"Be at peace with your own soul and earth will be at peace with you." - St. Jerome

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](mailto:PrayForPriestsDRVC@aol.com)

## LIVING THE EUCHARIST

*OLPH parishioners ended their final night of their six-week program of Living the Eucharist with hospitality and fellowship. During their six-week Lenten journey they all gathered in small groups to pray, reflect, and deepen their relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and his Church.*



## 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](mailto:mhearney@optonline.net) or 631-560-0451

## 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.

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

Located in the Rectory  
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253  
 Email: [religioused@oloph.org](mailto: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

**APRIL 10**

**Levels 6, 7 and 8:**

- **Confirmation Workbooks are due!**
- **Final Exam**

**APRIL 13**

**Levels 2-5: Final Exam**

**REGISTRATION FOR**

**BIBLE CAMP**

**IS NOW OPEN!**



**Registration Open**

Early registration for returning families began March 1st. There is a \$30 discount for all families that register before May 31st. After June 1st, the regular registration fee will be in effect for ALL registrations. For any late registrations that come in after July 31st 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.

**BIBLE CAMP DATES:**

**JULY 8–12, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. — 12 Noon**

**Registration Deadline:**

**FRIDAY JUNE 7, 2024**

# BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE



## Auction/Trivia Night

Sponsored by The **Blue Door** Boutique

Date: **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

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 7:30pm

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

# 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

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!”

During Mass we turn to each other and say “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say “Peace be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.

### 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.*

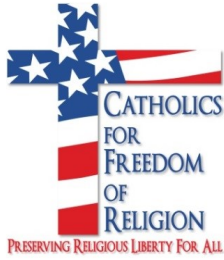
*We use the funds to directly serve our neighbors who need food,  
rent assistance or help paying a utility bill.*

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

*Thank you for helping us help others.*



# CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



## FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

### Stewarding Religious Freedom: A Privilege and a Responsibility

In 2013 when volunteers from Catholics for Freedom of Religion began sharing the facts of First Amendment religious freedom and speaking about the denials and subversion of that freedom, we were met with some Catholics agreeing strongly that religious freedom was at risk. Other Catholics suspected problems with religious freedom and wanted to learn more and act to preserve religious freedom, but most Catholics insisted that because they could go to church on Sunday, there was no problem with religious freedom — nothing to see and no reason to be concerned.

A decade later, the denials of religious freedom have expanded to faithful Americans being derided and disrespected by authority figures whose lies and distortions are obvious and do great harm. We are painted as harming women by opposing the destruction of pre-born life, mocked to the point of sacrilege in the media and the public square, investigated by the FBI for being traditional, tracked by the Treasury Department for purchasing religious texts, Bibles, guns and merchandise from certain retailers and contributing to law firms supporting life and religious freedom. Our churches and shrines are vandalized with no perpetrators caught while peaceful pro-life protestors are punished with extreme fines and imprisonment. And there is more.

In 2013 Richard Doerflinger, then Associate Director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the USCCB, wrote about the political forces injecting themselves into the churches and lives of Catholics. He wrote, “At that point we must resist, or we will have nowhere to go with our faith except the hidden resources of our own minds. ‘Politics’ of an especially intolerant kind will take over everything else. Jesus said, ‘Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’” Doerflinger concluded, “Every once in a while, we may have to remind Caesar that we don’t owe him our souls.”

Read Doerflinger’s complete remarks here: <https://tinyurl.com/kza4wckj>

*Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.*

Proverbs 16:3

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The chemical abortion pill is the major method of abortion in the USA. The Supreme Court heard a case on March 26, 2024. Their decision would control this method of death for babies. The US Conference of Bishops is asking us to **JOIN IN PRAYER**. Please say the following prayer **through June 2024**, when a decision is expected. Let’s flood the heavens with prayers for the babies.

*Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God’s humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.*

*We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God’s most precious gift of life.*

*Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.*

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
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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  
 Rachele 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.*

# 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.*

### **First Announcement:**

***Ryan McMahan & 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**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**

**12:15 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>Frank J. Farrugia</i>	<i>Requested by Lena Farrugia</i>

## **WE REMEMBER**

*We remember those who have died in our parish.*

***Jean E. Romagnolo***

***Deborah Joan Suhr***

***Jaime Hernandez***

***Jakub Bator***

***Bonnie Marie Greenfield***

***Evelyn Marlow***

*“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...**

*Patricia & Richard Kleczekowski*

*Susan Walters*

*Ritchie and MaryAnn Haas*

*Larry Hoelger*

*John Leyden*

*Janet Leyden*

*Lena Farrugia*

*John Ogilvie*

*Patty Freapane*

*Matthew Cangro*

*Tom Sowden*

*Paul Leyden*

*Joseph Pugh*

*Christopher Bovenzi*

*Steven Castiglione*

*Christine Ajello-Larsen*

*Rev. Fr. Edward Seagriff*

*Genevieve Popiel*

*Dilibeth Chirino*

*Dolores Lombardo*

*John Koszalka*

*Karla Desimini*

*Lisa Byrne*

*Tyler Qualls*

*Mary Santiago*

*Jimmy McGovern*

*Patricia Parez*

*Alex Betti*

*Stan Ryniewicz*

*Anna Rooney*

*Linda Matera*

*Eileen Quinn*

*John Jordan*

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





## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY, April 8</b> <b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	
6:30	Eileen O'Keefe
12:15	Richard Garbe
<b>TUESDAY, April 9—</b> <b>Easter Weekday</b>	
6:30	Robert Rowan
12:15	Patricia Diana
<b>WEDNESDAY, April 10—</b> <b>Easter Weekday</b>	
6:30	Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	Sister Jennifer Illig ( <i>Living</i> )
<b>THURSDAY, April 11—</b> <b>Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</b>	
6:30	Karin & Gregory Kienle
12:15	Perpetual Help Mass ( <i>List on p. 16</i> )
<b>FRIDAY, April 12—</b> <b>Easter Weekday</b>	
6:30	Allan James Shea
12:15	Deacon Frank Odin
<b>SATURDAY, April 13—</b> <b>Easter Weekday</b> <i>(St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr)</i>	
8:00	James Santoli
<b>Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
5:00	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday, April 14</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
8:00	Lorraine Iula
10:00	Diane Wilmarth
12:00	Agostino Pecoraro

## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Monday, April 8, 2024</b>		
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
1:30 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Tuesday, April 9, 2024</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.	Prayers for Priests	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group Business Meeting	Room 21
7:15 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	St. Mark's Room
<b>Wednesday, April 10, 2024</b>		
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, 7 and 8 Classes	School
<b>Thursday, April 11, 2024</b>		
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
<b>Friday, April 12, 2024</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
<b>Saturday, April 13, 2024</b>		
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5 and Sp. Ed. Classes	School
11:30 a.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Sunday, April 14, 2024</b>		
10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Church
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
3:30 p.m.	Wedding	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

## 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 2º de Pascua - Ciclo B reflexiones de las lecturas 4/7/2024

A los discípulos reunidos como comunidad se les apareció Jesús y les deseó la paz.

A todos ustedes, reunidos aquí como comunidad del Señor, les saludo con el mismo deseo y con las mismas palabras de Jesús:  
"¡Que la paz esté con ustedes!"

#### **Primera Lectura (Hechos 4:32-35): Un Solo Corazón y una Sola Alma**

Los miembros de las primeras comunidades cristianas creían firmemente que el Señor Resucitado estaba vivo entre ellos. A causa de esta fe, eran "un solo corazón y una sola alma" y compartían con los necesitados. ¿Tenemos también nosotros esta fe y este amor?

#### **Segunda Lectura (1 Juan 5:1-6): Una Vida de Fe y Amor**

Los que creen en Dios y en su Hijo Jesucristo Resucitado también aman a su prójimo. Pertenecen a la familia de Dios, como nosotros, aun cuando a veces los otros nos parecen parientes extraños.

#### **Evangelio (Juan 20:19-31): De la Duda a la Fe**

Para personas como nosotros, que no hemos visto a Cristo Resucitado, Juan nos relata la historia **Todos Uno en el Señor Resucitado**

Sabemos lo desalentados y deprimidos que estaban los apóstoles y discípulos del Señor después que Jesús murió en la cruz. Cuando experimentaron que había resucitado, supieron que estaba vivo y presente entre ellos. Su fe en el Señor Resucitado los unió a todos" con un solo corazón y una sola alma" y les movió a preocuparse los unos por los otros. Y nosotros ¿qué? Nos hemos reunido aquí en la presencia del Señor Resucitado. ¿Somos todos uno en él? ¿Nos preocupamos los unos de los otros hoy en día?

#### **Recordándoles que el Viernes Santo comienza la novena ala Divina misericordia**

"La humanidad no conseguirá la paz hasta que se dirija con confianza a Mi misericordia" (Diario, 300) La Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia tiene como fin principal hacer llegar a los corazones de cada persona el siguiente mensaje: Dios es Misericordioso y nos ama a todos..."y cuanto más grande es el pecado, tanto más grande es su misericordia" (Diario, 723). En este mensaje, que

Nuestro Señor nos ha hecho llegar por medio de Santa Faustina, se nos pide que tengamos plena confianza en la Misericordia de Dios, y que seamos siempre misericordiosos con el prójimo a través de nuestras palabras, acciones y oraciones... "porque la fe sin obras, por fuerte que sea, es inútil" (Diario, 742).

Con el fin de celebrar apropiadamente esta festividad, se recomienda rezar la Novena a la Divina Misericordia que contiene la coronilla y las oraciones; un buen examen de conciencia, confesión, y recibir la Santa Comunión el día de la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia, que es el domingo después del domingo de resurrección.



<b>OFFERING UPDATES Palm Sunday—March 23/24</b>			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	268	92	\$2,650.00
8:00 a.m.	315	130	4,379.00
10:00 a.m.	614	104	3,661.00
12:00 p.m.	600	91	3,547.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			14.81
<b>Faith Direct</b>			3,303.60
Children's Env.		16	53.00
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			1,148.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,797	433	\$18,756.41
<b>Palm Sunday 2023</b>	1,737	461	\$18,980.11
<b>Candles</b>			\$870.10
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$317.28



Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct.

You can sign up online at [faith.direct/NY286](https://faith.direct/NY286) or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757.

You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

*The collection totals for Easter Sunday and Easter Flowers will be printed at a later date. Thank you for your understanding.*



**TO OUR NEW  
OLPH PARISHIONERS**

*Frank, Erica, Declan, Collin & Finn Baranek  
Ramon, Dessy, Aurora & Penelope Vargas  
Gregory Troy & Jacqueline McMahon*

**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](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org). no later than the dates listed below. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

April 14—deadline passed  
April 21—April 12 deadline  
April 28—April 19 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>



# PREPARING FOR

## Sunday, April 14, 2024

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Peace be with you.*

Luke 24:36

#### Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

What Peter says in this speech may be familiar to us today but it would have been scandalous to his hearers back in the day. Peter is speaking to the crowds of Jews in the Temple area who likely would have thought of Jesus as a common criminal that they had just seen executed. Yet here is Peter who tells them that Jesus is the “author of life” and is raised from the dead. He tells them that God has fulfilled what the prophets said a long time ago by having Jesus suffer and die, as in the Suffering Servants songs in the Book of Isaiah. How would you react if you were in their place? Would you believe what you were hearing? Do you believe it now?

#### 1 John 2:1-5a

John writes some reassuring words to his readers back in the day but also to us today. He tells us that if we sin (who doesn't?) that we have an Advocate with the Father, someone who will take our side to intercede for us and comfort us. That someone is Jesus who died to expiate not only our sins but the sins of the whole world. What should be our response? We should come to know Jesus by keeping his commandments. If we keep his word, the love of God will be perfected in us. Reassuring indeed!

#### Luke 24:35-48

We hear in the Gospel today of how Jesus appeared to his disciples in a locked upper room in Jerusalem where they were hiding. What was their reaction? They were startled and terrified. They knew he was dead and now here he was alive and talking to them in their midst. How would we have responded? Probably the same way. But Jesus goes on to reassure them that he is alive and opens their minds to how these great events had been foretold by the Scriptures. Then he commissions them to go out and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name. That same commission is still ours today two thousand years later.

### 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. He appeared in their midst. But why did Jesus say, “Peace be with you” to his disciples? What was the emotional atmosphere in the group at that time? Are there times in your life when you are distraught and you need some peace? Does it help you that Jesus has experienced trials like yours? Did God take our flesh because he needed to do so, or because it was us who needed him to?

2. What was the disciples' task, having recognized the risen Lord, and seeing that he “opened their minds to understand the Scripture”? Is our task now to preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations? How can we do that globally? What about locally or in our neighborhoods?

## Readings for the Week

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

#### Monday, April 8, 2024:

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10

+ Hebrews 10:4-10 + Luke 1:26-38

#### Tuesday, April 9, 2024:

Acts 4:32-37 + John 3:17b-15

#### Wednesday, April 10, 2024:

Acts 5:17-26 + John 3:16-21

#### Thursday, April 11, 2024:

Acts 5:27-33 + John 3:31-36

#### Friday, April 12, 2024:

Acts 5:34-42 + John 6:1-165

#### Saturday, April 13, 2024:

Acts 6:1-7 + John 6:16-21

#### Sunday, April 14, 2024:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

+ 1 John 2:1-5a + Luke 24:35-48



## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island** including widows, widowers and singles, A social organization for single persons, New Member Orientation Meeting, Tuesday **April 16, 2024** at 7:00 p.m. St. Frances Club 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. (Parking in the rear of building) Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call to verify there will be a meeting -Terry 516-650-5528 or Maryanne 516-205-2590.

**Because no marriage is beyond hope... Retrouvaille can help.** Our next weekend is **April 26-28, 2024** at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington. To register or for more information: 1-800-470-2230 or HelpOurMarriage.org

**Thomas Berry Place** (the former Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica Estates) is opening its doors to guests requiring simple, low cost, short term accommodations. These newly renovated monastery style rooms are ideal for out-of-town visitors who need a place to sleep or relax. TBP is conveniently accessible via car or subway and features ample parking and WI-FI. Reservations are required so please call **929-357-6700 x 205** to reserve a spot. Call or email 929-357-6700, team@ThomasBerryPlace.org for more information.

**St. Agnes of Assisi – The Secular Franciscan Order:** Would you like to give more time to God, but wonder how to do that when your life is so busy? Do you long for holiness, and feel a need for support in growing spiritually? Perhaps your heart has been moved by stories of St. Francis of Assisi, or the Peace Prayer attributed to him, and you are seeking that same holy simplicity, true peace and perfect joy? If so, Christ may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. We invite you to join our monthly meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip at 2:00 pm. Please e-mail any questions or comments to Jackie Totino [jtotino02@gmail.com](mailto:jtotino02@gmail.com).

Tune into **“Religion and Rock” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun** on Sunday from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island’s East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 p.m. on *Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel* and at 11:00 p.m. on XM Satellite, Channel 117. **Next Sunday’s theme is Spirituality** don’t miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding *Religion and Rock* go to [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com) or at *“Religion & Rock” on ITUNES*. Don’t forget to tune into **CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK**, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit [www.cfnv.org](http://www.cfnv.org) !

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**2024 OLPH GOAL:**  
**\$114,600**

**Total pledges: \$55,615.00**  
**# of pledges: 197**  
**Total payments: \$33,368.00 (48.53% of goal)**  
**As of 4/2/24**



*Revitalizing our Faith –  
Renewed by the Eucharist*



Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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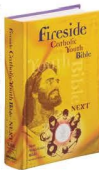
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