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*“This is my chosen Son;
listen to him.”*

Luke 9:35

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13, 2022

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

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Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Reilly

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**,
except on Thursdays (closed after the
12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning)
and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

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. (live-streamed), 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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
on the Zoom video platform.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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.

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

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

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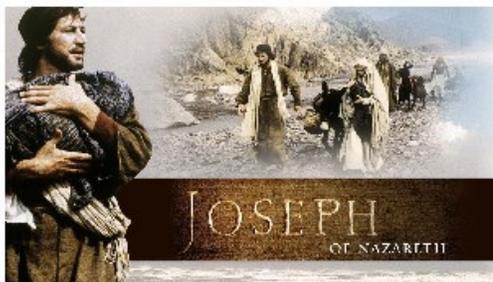


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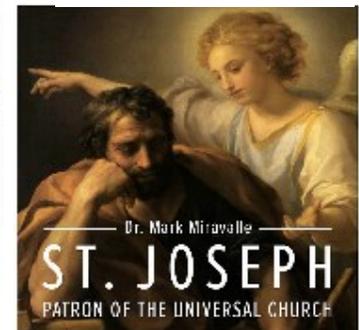
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PASTOR'S PAGE

Ukraine

We continue to stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, watching in horror at this atrocity being committed against that country. What is being done to the Ukrainians is pure evil, plain and simple. Once again, because of the bulletin printing deadline, I don't know exactly what the situation will be by the time you actually read this. You should know that OLPH, through our Parish Social Ministry, has responded generously to the needs of the Ukrainian people; we have sent supplies that we had on hand to Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church here in Lindenhurst, to be sent to the people of Ukraine. In addition, recall that last weekend's diocesan second collection for "The Church in Need" is being given to relief for Ukraine.

Let us keep all the Ukrainian people in our prayers and in our hearts. *Our Lady of Peace, pray for us! Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!*

Second Sunday of Lent

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent each year is always one of the accounts of the Transfiguration of Jesus, from either St. Matthew, St. Mark, or, as with this year, St. Luke. As proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of what we share in by sharing in Christ's resurrection.

St. Luke's version of the Transfiguration emphasizes resurrection hope. While the Paschal Mystery always includes both death and resurrection, Luke accentuates the resurrection: for example, there is mention of the Exodus and of Jesus' glory; these are explicit references to, and symbols of, Jesus' resurrection and Easter. (There is actually another reference to these in St. Luke's account that is omitted in the selection in the Lectionary text proclaimed at Mass; it's a reference to the "eighth day," found at Luke 9:28 — look it up.) Thus, Peter, John, James, and all of us who hear this Gospel, receive a glimpse of the resurrection, a taste of the glory that waits on the other side of the cross. It is a beautiful vision, filled with light, white robes, Old Testament luminaries, and even a voice from heaven. No wonder Peter wanted to stay! Most of us probably would have, too! The key, however, is not to hold on to the vision, but rather to listen to Jesus, the crucified-now-risen Savior.

To enter more deeply into the celebration of the Second Sunday of Lent, take some time to reflect not only on the Gospel of the Transfiguration, but also on the phrases used in the Collect (Opening Prayer) of the Mass of the day: *"listen to your beloved Son;" "nourish us inwardly by your word;" "spiritual sight made pure;" "rejoice to behold your glory."* Such imagery all but puts us right there in the Transfiguration scene! Imagine what it would have been like to have actually been there. Can you picture yourself beholding the Lord's transfigured

glory along with Peter, James and John? What would your reaction be? How would that experience change you?

We continue to be reminded of Lent as a journey toward Easter as we pray the words of the Preface (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, before the *Holy, Holy*) for this Sunday: *"the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection."* During Lent we strive to take up our cross and believe more deeply that through Christ, with Christ and in Christ our sufferings and difficulties will lead to new life. That's the power of Christ's Paschal Mystery in our life.

Take some time this week to reflect on the entire mystery, the Paschal Mystery, that is our focus during Lent-Easter Time — that in order to rise with Christ we must die with Him, and how we experience that passage and transformation through Him, with Him, and in Him, in our daily life.

Altar Server Meeting this Monday, March 14

I remind all our Altar Servers about the very important meeting on this Monday, March 14, at 4:15 p.m. We will discuss the Holy Week/Sacred Paschal Triduum schedule, along with other important business. All current Altar Servers are required to attend, even if you will be away for Easter. I look forward to seeing you there!

St. Patrick's Day

This Thursday is St. Patrick's Day, so "Happy St. Patrick's Day" to all who celebrate the day, especially those of Irish heritage! Lindenhurst is certainly getting into the spirit of celebration with its first St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on Saturday, March 26. I have been asked to be a part of that parade, and to offer a blessing at the occasion. I was also a guest at the Green Tie Dinner held back on March 5, in conjunction with the parade. Not bad for a 100% Italian boy!

Speaking of Italian...

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Saturday, March 19, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day is an important one and is given the rank of Solemnity in the liturgical calendar, which means that the day takes precedence over the Lenten day. Because of this high liturgical rank, we will have music at our weekday 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, so we can properly observe the Solemnity. The *Glory to God in the highest* returns to Mass, and the Creed is said, too. All these liturgical elements mark for us the prominence of this day that celebrates the saint who is the Patron of the Universal Church and the patron of workers, of carpenters, and of fathers.

St. Joseph was the foster-father of Jesus,

entrusted with Jesus' care and upbringing. We celebrate St. Joseph as, to use the words of the Mass for that day, that "*just man*" given by God "*as spouse to the Virgin Mother of God and set as a wise and faithful servant*" in charge of the Holy Family, "*to watch like a father*" over God's Only Begotten Son. The model of humility and quiet service given to us by St. Joseph is something to ponder deeply.

Of course, let's not forget another important part of St. Joseph's Day—THE PASTRIES!!! As we have announced elsewhere in the bulletin, we are inviting those who come to the 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass on St. Joseph's Day to bring bread and pastries from their St. Joseph's table to be blessed. St. Joseph's Day is a great day for Italians to celebrate and be proud of their Italian heritage, since we know, of course, that St. Joseph was Italian(!).

May your St. Joseph's Day be a holy and festive one!

Adult Faith Formation: The Responsorial Psalms of Lent

Are you participating in our special opportunity for adult faith formation during Lent — our study of the Responsorial Psalms we pray at Sunday Mass during Lent? It's never too late to hop on board; each week is its own little session, so you can come at any time. What a great opportunity to commit to a Lenten spiritual practice, and at the same time enrich our celebration of Sunday Mass! It's presented in a very user-friendly format, taking only a half-hour on Sunday morning in between the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon Masses (so, it starts at about 11:15 a.m.), and taking place in the North Sacristy in the church. Look for the information about this elsewhere in this bulletin, and be sure to come to one or more of the sessions.

Stations of the Cross

Friday night Stations continues this coming Friday, March 18; look for the information elsewhere in this bulletin. Many thanks to all the parish groups and to all the parishioners who are offering their time and witness to lead the Stations on Friday nights. This is a great Lenten spiritual practice to participate in. Come to Stations together as a family each Friday night, making it an opportunity for family prayer time together!

Also, take note of the special Easter Time devotion we are adding this year, the *Via Lucis*, the Stations of the Resurrection. These will be prayed on Friday within the Octave of Easter ("Easter Friday"), April 22.

When will you go to Confession during Lent? Don't wait until the last minute!

Here's your weekly Lenten reminder from me: have you put a date and time in your calendar, to set going to Confession as an actual appointment? Make it a point now to plan when you will go, and I would

point your attention to Monday of Holy Week, April 11, as possibly the BEST time to go to Confession, because all the priests will be available constantly from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and then again 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on that day. Plus, you will be celebrating that sacrament in solidarity with all the other Catholics in this Diocese, and in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn, who will be observing this "Reconciliation Monday" in their parishes in the same way, with extended Confession times! Of course, as always, you can call or e-mail one of the priests and make a separate appointment to see him for Confession. We'll be happy to see you that way, too! What could possibly be easier than that?

I'll be on the move this week...

This Sunday morning, and then again Sunday night through Wednesday night this week, I'll be "on the road" along with Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Fr. Michael Holzmann and Fr. John Sureau, as the four of us once again give our Parish Lenten Mission, this time at St. John the Baptist Parish out east in Wading River. This will be the 46th parish in which this Mission has been offered, and Msgr. Vlaun, Fr. Holzmann and I have done this Mission since 1996! (Fr. John joined in later on.) Actually, this one will be our swan song; after this one, we are officially retiring from offering this Mission. It was a great run, and we really enjoyed doing it, but all good things must come to an end... especially as we get older! Some of you may recall that we came to do the Mission here at OLPH as an Advent Parish Mission in Advent of 2009 (Fr. John was not even ordained yet, so he was not part of the team at that time). When I was here then, who knew that one day...

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



Stations of the Cross

March 18, 25, April 1 and 8
at 7:30 p.m. in the church
and Good Friday, April 15 at 12:00 Noon

We are continuing the custom of having different groups from the parish lead the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights during Lent as a great way to highlight the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

March 18 will be led by the Holy Name Society.

And also, Save the Date... Friday, April 22—Stations of the Resurrection!



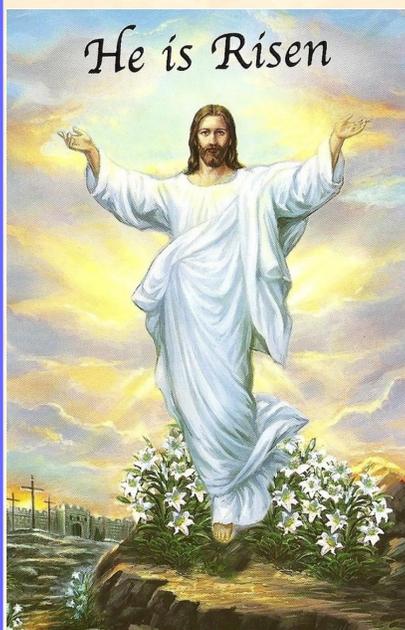
CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: March 19, 26, April 2
4:00 p.m.— 4:45 p.m.

Saturday April 9: 3:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Monday of Holy Week, April 11
2:00—4:00 p.m. and 6:00—9:00 p.m.

PLAN NOW FOR EASTER...



THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 16
at 8:00 p.m.

Note: There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 16

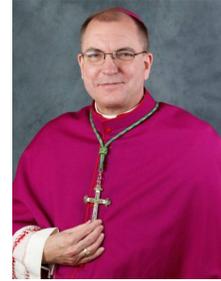
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, APRIL 17
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP BARRES



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



Lent 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Lent is a journey from the desert of death to the springs of new life. We follow Jesus into the wilderness of the desert to renew our baptismal covenant with the Father. During this sacred time, we die to sin, and washed clean from our self-centeredness and attachment to the world, rise to divine grace and love. As we enter this privileged season, let us reflect once more on the three means we employ during this forty-day journey of penance and conversion: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer. Prayer is most simply a conversation with God, and St. Paul reminds us that this conversation must be continual. The Apostle to the Gentiles enjoins us to “pray at all times” (Eph 6:18), “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess 5:17), and “be constant in prayer” (Rom 12:12). To pray this way requires effort. It demands silence, artful listening, and remaining in the presence of God. This Lent we remember two powerful ways we enter into this holy conversation: by sitting in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and through *lectio divina*, a prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture.

Fasting. The Church Fathers speak extensively on the power of fasting to break sin and open our hearts to the grace of God. Saint Peter Chrysologus writes: “Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God’s ear to yourself” (*Sermo* 43: PL 52, 320, 322). Let us remember, too, that bodily fasting is useless unless it is joined with spiritual fasting, that is, fasting from our passions.

Almsgiving. Scripture brings the three marks of our Lenten journey together and puts the emphasis on the last: “Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness ... It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life” (Tob 12:8-9). Almsgiving is better because it points to charity. We remember we are not only to give materially to those in need but also give of ourselves as we love God and neighbor.

Last October, Pope Francis invited the Church into a synod on synodality. The Holy Father wants the Church to journey together in a multi-year process listening to each other, hearing the Word and celebrating the Eucharist. As we journey towards Easter, let us be united in mind and spirit. May the spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving prepare us for Easter and an experience of the power of God, which “dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty” (*The Easter Proclamation - Exsultet*). Then, alive in Christ, we can go forward evangelizing, as Pope Francis would want, with *parrhesia*: “Boldness, enthusiasm, the freedom to speak out, [and] apostolic fervor” (*Gaudete et Exsultate* 129).

May the loving presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who remained faithful to her son at the foot of the cross, protect and sustain us in our Lenten journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Prepare Your Heart for the Coming of the Lord

This season of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Adult Faith Formation program at OLPH is offering an uplifting experience to make ready for the Solemnity of Easter. Every Sunday through April 3, we will offer parishioners the opportunity to study the Responsorial Psalms used in each Sunday's celebration of the Eucharist. We will meet from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. each Sunday in the north sacristy of the church. Each session will feature a discussion of the themes of the Responsorial Psalm of the day, led by a member of the Pastoral Staff. Attend all of the sessions, or select those that fit your schedule. Handouts of the psalms will be provided. Come join us in breaking open the Word of the Lord.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Rite of Calling Candidates to Continuing Conversion

Congratulations to our brother **Edward Cosgrove** who is in formation to become Catholic through the process of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults!* This weekend, as the Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Lent, he will enter the final stage of his journey in preparation for initiation into the full communion of the Catholic Church, which will take place during Easter Time. Edward celebrates **The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion** here at OLPH this Saturday, March 12, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. At this liturgy, our candidate Ed is formally recognized and accepted as a candidate preparing to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, and to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion, at a Sunday Mass during this coming Easter Time. Please remember Ed in your prayers as he enters this final stage of Lenten preparation for reception of the Easter sacraments.

MEETING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar Servers are required to attend an important meeting on **Monday, March 14 at 4:15 p.m. in the church**. Among other items, we will discuss assignments for Holy Week, the Sacred Paschal Triduum and First Communions and Confirmation. All servers are expected to attend. **You are expected to attend even if you will be away for Easter; other things will be discussed besides Easter**. If you absolutely cannot be there, you must contact Msgr. Joe as soon as possible. Thank you. (Note: this meeting applies only to the young people who serve; it does not apply to the adults who serve at weekday Masses and Funerals.)

MEETING FOR USHERS—HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

All Ushers are required to attend a special meeting on **Saturday, April 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the church**. At this very important meeting, we will review all the schedules and special information concerning all the Holy Week liturgies (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday). All Ushers are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you there!

AID TO UKRAINE



For those looking to help Ukraine, local Ukrainian churches are organizing donation drives to help support those in Ukraine. Here in Lindenhurst, **Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church** is collecting the following supplies:

Medical (most needed): Medications OTC; Creams and ointments; Bandages; First-Aid Kits, etc.

Baby: Diapers; Formula; Baby wipes

Food: Canned goods; Non-perishable goods; Water

Clothes: Socks; Underwear; Baby clothes; Kids' clothes; T-shirts

If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can write a check to: **Holy Family Ukrainian Church**. Memo: **"For People of Ukraine"** Mail or drop off to Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church, 225 N 4th St., Lindenhurst, NY 11757. If you have questions, you can call the Pastor, Father Olvian N. Popovici, at 631-877-0570.

STAND TOGETHER FOR UKRAINE



On Sunday, March 6, the OLPH Knights of Columbus Council 794 and Msgr. Joe, their Chaplain, participated in the Lindenhurst **"Stand Together for Ukraine"** event outside the Belfast Pub on the corner of Wellwood and Hoffman. Included in the picture along with Msgr. Joe are Fr. Olvian Popovici, Pastor of Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church here in Lindenhurst, accepting presentations from the Knights of Columbus; Kevin McCaffrey, Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature; and Dave Crowe, owner of Belfast Pub; along with other dignitaries who were present.

SILENCE BEFORE MASS DURING LENT

WE'RE HIGHLIGHTING THE LENTEN SEASON BY FOCUSING ON SILENCE BEFORE MASS BEGINS

During the holy season of Lent, we're emphasizing that the time before Mass should be a time for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord. Pope Francis once pointed out in one of his teachings, "When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chitchat with those in front of us... [However,]... "it is not meant for chitchat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus." He added, "Silence is so important." The Pope also spoke about how the Mass is not a show, but a place where we encounter the Lord. In this encounter, he said, silence is what "prepares us and accompanies us."

During Lent, the Cantor will call everyone to silence five minutes before Mass begins. Let's all give each other the gift of silence, being quiet together in those last moments before Mass begins to prepare ourselves for Mass. Out of respect for each other, let's give each other that special gift. Maybe we can cultivate that habit inside us, and it will continue even after Lent! Thank you for your cooperation.

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from the Good Friday fast and abstinence.

HELP NEEDED TO WATER THE EASTER FLOWERS

Help keep our beautiful Easter plants and flowers alive! We need people to offer to take turns to come in and water the Easter plants and flowers during the weeks of Easter Time, starting the week of April 18. It will take only a little while once or twice a week. We will start the schedule at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 and then on Saturday, April 23 between 11:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon (subject to change due to various activities that may take place in the church). We will continue to water every Tuesday and Saturday until we return to Ordinary Time after June 5 (Pentecost), and your commitment will be minimal. It's a great way to do something helpful for the parish that does not require a huge ongoing commitment. It's something you can bring your child with you to do! It's also great for getting in those community service hours for school!!

Won't you help us out? Please contact Denise Martinez at countrydec02@gmail.com or by **TEXT ONLY** at (631) 575-9519 and she'll give you all the details and sign you up. Thank you!

BLESSING OF BREAD AND PASTRIES ON ST. JOSEPH'S DAY



Saturday, March 19 is the Solemnity of **St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is traditional to bless bread, pastries, and other food and to give a portion of it to the poor. Therefore, we will be offering a blessing of bread, pastries (and any other St. Joseph's foods traditional to your family) at our weekday morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 19. Join in marking St. Joseph's Day in this way by bringing your breads and pastries to be blessed!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS TO OFFER TO HAVE THEIR FEET WASHED ON HOLY THURSDAY

The Washing of Feet is one of the most beautiful and powerful moments in the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. The action ritualizes the humble service of Jesus who came to serve and to lay down his life for us. The rite is also a powerful reminder of Jesus' command for us to imitate his humble service, and to wash each other's feet through acts of generous, self-emptying love.



Each year we select parishioners to have their feet washed, and we try to represent a good cross-section of the parish. **We would like to ask you to offer to have your feet washed at our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper this year, on April 14.** This is a great opportunity for you to offer to be part of our Sacred Paschal Triduum in a very powerful way. Don't be shy about nominating yourself or someone else! It's OK for more than one member of the same family to be included! It's a great offering you would be giving to OLPH. If you are interested, simply return the response coupon below.

Young or old; long-time parishioner or new; male or female; involved in the parish or not-so-involved — we want to get a good cross-representation, and so we want YOU to come forward and offer yourself. Because we are trying to have a representative balance, please do not worry or be insulted if you submit your name but are not called this year — we'll hold on to your name for future years! Return the response form today!

YES! I would like to have my name included among those willing to have my feet washed on Holy Thursday, either this year or in a future year.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Age _____ *(sorry to ask...but we want to include a variety of ages!)*



If more than one member of your family would like to offer, you can make a copy of this or send in the information on your own paper, or list several names if you would like to do it together.



GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

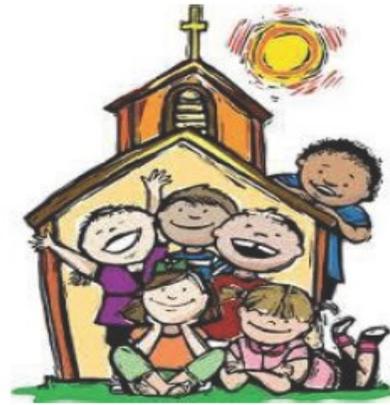
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

LIVE-STREAM MASS

We live-stream the **10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass** each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:
www.olphlindenhurst.com
- OLPH YouTube Channel: OLPH Church



LIVE-STREAM MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

Our live-stream camera system enable us to live-stream Masses, weddings, funerals and other sacramental and ritual moments. When the weather is bad in the winter or for parishioners who are homebound, we offer them a digital presence.

We need new members to join our Live-Stream Team either for weekdays or weekends. If you are tech savvy, interested in broadcasting techniques and are willing to help record our liturgies, please contact Fr. Frank Zero at the rectory office at (631) 226-7725 or email fzero@oloph.org.



FR. FIDELIS HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Hear Fr. Fidelis give weekly reflections and more on his YouTube channel!

You can go to YouTube and search for **FADA PRINCE** (*with the logo at left*)

and click on the **SUBSCRIBE** button.



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.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

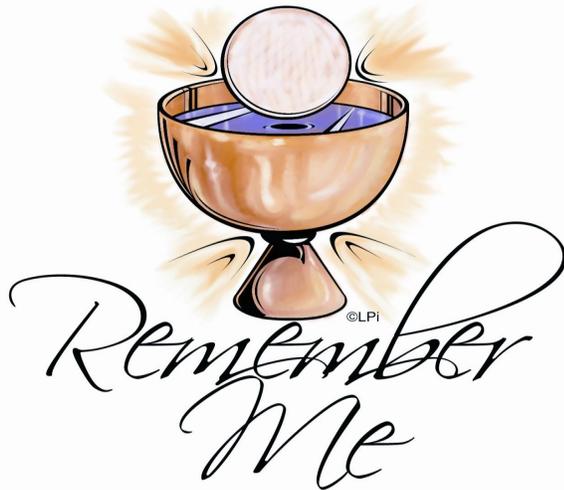
Located in the Rectory
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:

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

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING

On Saturday, March 19, there will be a Parent Meeting regarding First Communion. This is a Sacrament Meeting, and a parent's attendance is a requirement. Parents will meet in the auditorium, and students will go to class.

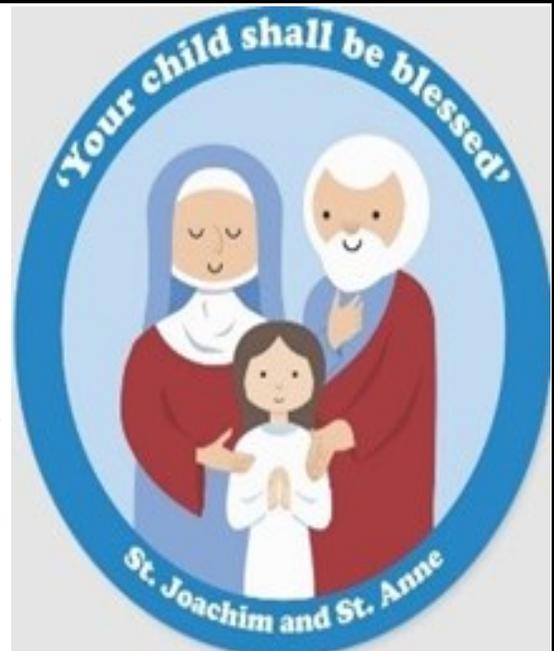
**BIBLE CAMP PREVIEW DAY!**

Early Registration: Are you looking to save BIG?! Get the early bird special! Come to our Bible Camp Preview Day on Sunday, March 20th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass to get the pre-registration discount price. Space is limited!

Save the Date
Vacation Bible Camp
July 11th - July 15th

**Happy Saint of the Day!**

Saints Joachim and Anne are the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. They are role models for parents and are honored for their devotion to God. This is shown in the Bible through the loving actions of Mary towards Jesus and her commitment to the faith. The feast day for Saints Joachim and Anne is on July 26th. Saint Anne is the patron saint of mothers and women in labor.



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
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optimum.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the School Building
 Use Parking Lot located on corner of
 Gates & High Streets
631.226.7725 x. 234

Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and
1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.

Food Pantry List

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

- COFFEE AND TEA
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- SHELF STABLE MILK
- CANNED TUNA
- CANNED MEATS (CHICKEN ETC.)
- PASTA SAUCE
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY OR JAM
- CANNED FRUIT
- FRUIT JUICE
- TOILET PAPER

Please bring items to the SVdP office:

Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Thank you
for your continued generosity.

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!



Are you interested in helping out your parish community?

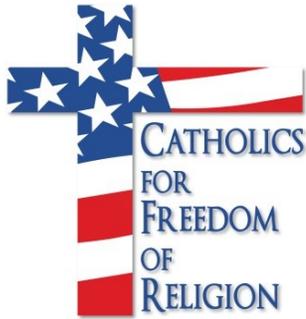
Think about joining The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The commitment is minimal. Our members cover one three-hour shift in the pantry once every three weeks. The rewards are plentiful. You have the opportunity to bring hope and health to those in need right here in Lindenhurst. You also have the opportunity to meet many wonderful people, and make new friendships.

If you would like to join, call us at 631-226-7725, ext. 234 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. We are also open the first and third Saturdays of the month for those who are busy during the week.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

“If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, it is the responsibility of every American to be informed.”

—Thomas Jefferson

Advocating for Religious Freedom for All

As both religious freedom and personal freedom are being threatened or denied in businesses, the military, health care, schools and churches, a new national group has formed to monitor religious liberty in the U.S.

The National Committee for Religious Freedom was launched on January 18, 2022, by Sam Brownback, former U.S. ambassador for international religious freedom from 2018-2020, who said that any weakening of the fundamental right to religious liberty in the U.S. will have detrimental effects overseas. A number of religious leaders joined the committee that plans to organize nationally in each of the 50 states to “conduct educational campaigns about the necessity and the beauty of this sacred human right...Sadly, the human right of religious freedom is under attack,” said Brownback, who also served as governor and senator from Kansas.⁽¹⁾

Religious freedom is “being attacked by cultural and political elites who demand that religion be removed from our public life,” said Thomas Farr, President of the Religious Freedom Institute. They “defame as bigots and haters those with whom they disagree on matters of religion and public policy and public morality.”⁽²⁾

This new group complements the work of Catholics for Freedom of Religion (CFFR), founded in 2012, with its mission as a grassroots lay ministry, to teach the facts of the First Amendment and religious freedom. “We strive to educate every generation of Americans about our Freedom of Religion...how rare it is, how dearly it was purchased for us and how quickly it can be lost.” This right includes the right to free exercise of conscience in every area of our lives. “If we do not understand what freedom of religion correctly means, it can be eased away from us one word and one regulation at a time. We would forfeit what God has provided and the Constitution has protected,” wrote Barbara Samuells, president of CFFR.⁽³⁾

“It seems there is a real danger to religious freedom now in our country — mostly because people aren't serious about religion, or religious freedom.”

—Archbishop Charles Chaput

(aleteia.org, 1/25/22(1)(2); deseret.com, 1/19/22; copticssolidarity.org, 1/26/22 ; Catholics For Freedom of Religion mission statement (3)

RESPECT LIFE



“**Forty Days for Life**” will continue to **April 10th** . We encourage you to join us in prayerfully picketing a local Planned Parenthood site to try to save some of those little ones. The local sites are: 540 Fulton Ave (Rte. 24), Hempstead and 70 Maple Ave, Smithtown (across the street from the new Life Ctr).

Sign in and check who else will be picketing at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/smithtown>

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 Rite 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
 James Totino

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
 John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
 Bill Bendernagel
 Gerry Chille (Chair)
 William D'Alessio
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 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
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 Kenneth Hale
 Bob Meade
 Bob Mehm
 John Reynolds
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
 Deacon Robert Becker
 Mark Costantino
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 MaryAnn Haas
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
 Denise Martinez
 Barbara McPhail
 Chris Reilly
 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.

Third Announcement:
Ed Cosgrove & Lisa Angius

PERPETUAL HELP MASS **SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022** **12:00 P.M.**

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society</i>	<i>Requested by Frank Odin</i>
<i>Nancy Minore</i>	<i>Requested by June McCowan</i>
<i>Mya Cercado</i>	<i>Requested by Cesar & Andrea Carcado</i>
<i>Virginia Borelli</i>	<i>Requested by AnnMarie & Mike Ferrante</i>
<i>Martene Arreaza de Martinez</i>	<i>Requested by Ilemar Martinez</i>
<i>Marleny Leeds</i>	<i>Requested by Maria Salazar</i>
<i>John Walton</i>	<i>Requested by Tricia Buckley</i>
<i>Florence Harsen</i>	<i>Requested by Bill Atkinson</i>
<i>Baby Anthony Russell Licata (Living)</i>	<i>Requested by Nora Steinmetz</i>
<i>Jose Quinones</i>	<i>Requested by Jacqueline DeJesus & Ramonita Tellado</i>
<i>Irena & Boleskow Sokolowski</i>	<i>Requested by Jolanta Kolakowski</i>

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish community this week:

Michael J. Schroeder
Mary Garrick

“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...

<i>Anthony Trotta</i>	<i>Kathy Arnold</i>
<i>Antonio James Kienle</i>	<i>Dina Zulueta</i>
<i>Tom Ferris</i>	<i>Janet Weber</i>
<i>Kevin Ryan</i>	<i>Joseph Ingino</i>
<i>Giuseppe Pecoraro</i>	<i>Stephanie Guidice</i>
<i>Christine Ann Kulmatycki</i>	<i>Lori McKeever</i>
<i>Richard Haas</i>	<i>Lynn Simonetti</i>
<i>Daniel Murphy</i>	
<i>Lora Flynn</i>	
<i>Anthony Russell Licata</i>	
<i>Russell Steinmetz</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 Spring program will begin **April 23 through June 11.** We ask for a \$25 donation to cover the cost of materials.

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY, March 14— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Loretta Cardone
12:15	Maria Miller
TUESDAY, March 15— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	William Anderson
12:15	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
WEDNESDAY, March 16— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Carolyn Pastore Sherman
12:15	Joseph Anselmo
THURSDAY, March 17— Lenten Weekday (Saint Patrick, Bishop)	
6:30	Justine Hendersen
12:15	Gordon Children & Grandchildren
FRIDAY, March 18— Lenten Weekday (Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)	
6:30	Rosann Barbara
12:15	Mercedes Maza
SATURDAY, March 19— Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
8:00	Elizabeth DeVivo
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
5:00	Joann Vitti
Sunday, March 20— THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
8:00	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild

Monday, March 14, 2022		
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
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Meeting	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
Tuesday, March 15, 2022		
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages Meeting	Room 24
Wednesday, March 16, 2022		
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)	Off Campus
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Levels 7 and 8 Classes	School
Thursday, March 17, 2022		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
5:30 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Living the Eucharist	School
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, March 18, 2022		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, March 19, 2022		
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5 and Special Ed. and Level 2 Parent Meeting	School Auditorium
12:30 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, March 20, 2022		
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Room 16
11:00 a.m.	Bible Camp Preview Day	Auditorium
11:00 a.m.	CYO Track Registration	Cafeteria
11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation—Psalms	North Sacristy
12:30 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida” le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes

Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico saitjoseph98@gmail.com.

Lecturas del domingo 13 de marzo del 2022

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

El Señor, Jesucristo, transformará
nuestros cuerpos mortales
y los hará gloriosos como el suyo.

Que su luz y su paz estén siempre con ustedes.

Primera lectura (Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

En el momento en que la fe de Abrahán es seriamente probada, Dios le da esperanza; Dios se vincula a Abrahán con una Alianza; y, con el símbolo de la antorcha encendida, Dios muestra que él está presente.

Segunda lectura (Filipenses 3:17-4,1)

Transfiguración del Cristiano en Cristo

La gracia salvadora de Cristo transfigurará nuestra humanidad a imagen y semejanza de la humanidad resucitada del Señor.

Lectura del santo evangelio según (San Lucas 9:28b-36)

Un Destello de la Gloria del Señor

Antes de que Jesús partiera ya hacia Jerusalén, camino de su pasión y muerte, brilló sobre él un vislumbre de su resurrección y gloria, para fortalecerle en su propia fidelidad y para animar a sus discípulos en su fe.

La celebración del Triduo Pascual de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo, culmen del año litúrgico, nos llama una y otra vez a vivir un itinerario de preparación, conscientes de que ser conformes a Cristo (cf. *Rm* 8,29) es un don inestimable de la misericordia de Dios.

Si el hombre vive como hijo de Dios, si vive como persona redimida, que se deja llevar por el Espíritu Santo (cf. *Rm* 8,14), y sabe reconocer y poner en práctica la ley de Dios, comenzando por lo que está inscrito en su corazón y en la naturaleza, *beneficiaria también a la creación*, cooperando en su redención.

Por esto, la creación —dice san Pablo— desea ardientemente que se manifiesten los hijos de Dios, es decir, que cuantos gozan de la gracia del misterio pascual de Jesús disfruten plenamente de sus frutos, destinados a alcanzar su maduración completa en la redención del mismo cuerpo humano. Cuando la caridad de Cristo transfigura la vida de los santos —espíritu, alma y cuerpo—, estos alaban a Dios y, con la oración, la contemplación y el arte hacen partícipes de ello también a las criaturas, como demuestra de forma admirable el “Cántico del hermano sol” de san Francisco de Asís (cf. Enc. *Laudato si'*, 87). Sin embargo, en este mundo la armonía generada por la redención está amenazada, hoy y siempre, por la fuerza negativa del pecado y de la muerte.



Conserva, Señor, a tu pueblo en el camino del bien que tú le has señalado, y ayúdalo en sus necesidades temporales para que, sin angustias, pueda buscar los bienes eternos. Por nuestro Señor Jesu Cristo.

Lee el pasaje de la Escritura una vez más. Dale al Señor la alabanza, petición y acción de gracias que la Palabra te ha inspirado.

OFFERING UPDATE MARCH 5/6

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	270	102	\$3,252.00
8:00 a.m.	200	75	3,247.00
10:00 a.m.	311	75	2,663.00
12:00 p.m.	324	68	2,865.00
Coin			11.56
Faith Direct:			2,914.00
Children's Env.		10	48.00
Special Needs	48	18	501.00
Mail-ins:			2,975.00
TOTAL	1,153	348	\$18,476.56
2021 total	842	308	\$15,038.68
Candles			\$1,260.67
Poor Box			\$286.22
1st Saturday			\$102.00
Ash Wednesday			\$7,581.00



OLPH CYO 2022 SPRING TRACK

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
1ST – 8TH GRADE GIRLS & BOYS
INFORMATION

SEASON STARTS: 1st week of APRIL
SEASON ENDS: early JUNE
(these dates are approximate)

PRACTICES:
TUESDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS at
LINDENHURST MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK
practices start at 6:30 and last for 60-90 minutes
(typically)

TRACK MEETS:
There are usually 4 or 5 meets PER SEASON
Meets begin after the first 3rd or 4th week of practice
meets are Saturday OR Sunday
common meet locations: RONKONKAMA,
MASSAPEQUA, LINDENHURST, PATCHOGUE,
HOLBROOK

REGISTRATION: \$80
online: <https://ourladyofperpetualhelpcatholicyouthorganization.sipay.com/site>

In-person: Sunday, March 20, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.,
downstairs cafeteria in the OLPH school building

UNIFORM:
An OLPH TRACK T-SHIRT is required for meets.
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 13.



REMEMBER
TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
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SATURDAY NIGHT.

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, March 20, 2022
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

1 Cor. 10:12

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

God called out to Moses from the burning bush and charged him with liberating the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. In doing so, he showed himself as the same God Moses' ancestors knew and one who cares deeply for his people. But then comes one of the greatest moments in all the Hebrew scriptures as he goes on to tell Moses his name – “I am who am” - an amazing and humbling sign of intimacy between God and Moses back then, but also between God and us even today.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul, however, cautions against overconfidence. Being elected by God, even as Moses was, is not synonymous with salvation. God parted the Red Sea for the Israelites to escape their enemies, then gave them food and drink in the desert. But he was not pleased with most of them because they were rebellious and strayed from their initial joy and dependence on God when he brought them out of Egypt. Most, including Moses, did not make it out of the desert into the promised land. Being called by God requires a continuing response and an ongoing conversion, as Paul tells the Corinthians and us.

Luke 13:1-9

Jesus also warns us not to be complacent by reminding us that there is a day of reckoning for us all. We should learn from the misfortunes we see around us rather than feel we are immune. Now is the time to bear fruit, else like the fig tree we shall be cut down. God is patient with us and will never tire of forgiving us, but we need to constantly repent and never tire of asking for forgiveness. Every day is a gift and a moment of growth.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 14, 2022:

Daniel 9:4b-10
 + Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 15, 2022:

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
 + Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 16, 2022:

Jeremiah 18:18-20
 + Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 17, 2022:

Jeremiah 17:5-10
 + Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 18, 2022:

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
 + Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 19, 2022:

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
 + Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
 + Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Sunday, March 20, 2022:

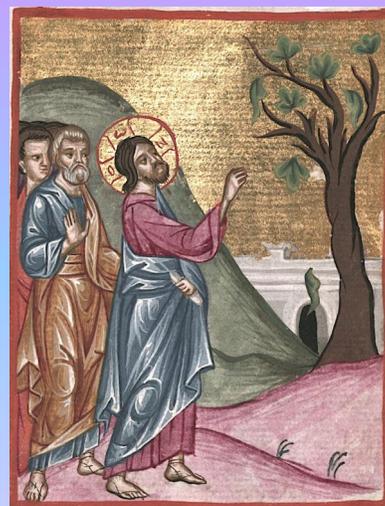
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Gospel Reflection

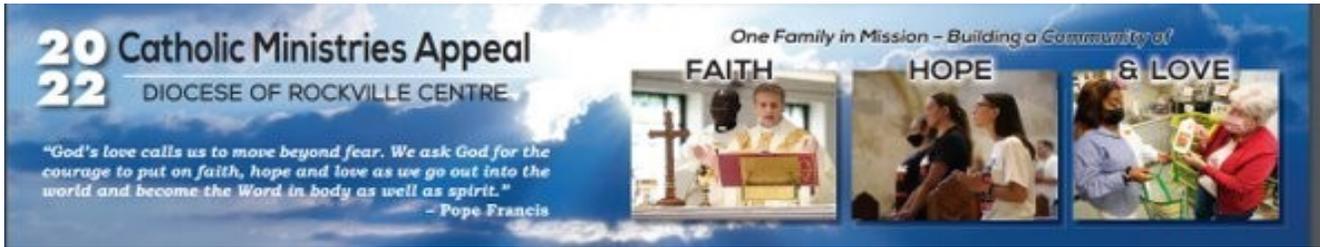
After reading next Sunday's readings take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. “ ... And I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it.” ... Metaphorically speaking, the cultivation and fertilization could be grace in the parable. In the book *Diary of a Country Priest*, George Bernanos said, “Grace is everywhere.” What does that statement mean to you? Do you always cooperate with such grace? Could you cooperate to a greater degree? How?

2. Do you give people another chance after they make a mistake? Does God use people as “gardeners” to help cultivate and fertilize with grace? Does God use you? Has God used others to help you bear fruit?



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During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. -- Pope Francis

Dear Parishioners:

As we begin the Lenten season, we are mindful of the three holy principles of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Today, I would like to focus on almsgiving. When we give alms, we are not only thinking of our neighbor, but we are also thinking of God and all the blessings He has generously given to us. Sharing these blessings to help others, enables us to fulfill our baptismal call to be missionary disciples. In doing so, together we *build a community of faith, hope and love*, the theme of this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we are given a wonderful opportunity to give alms through our gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The CMA calls together all of the parishes on Long Island to help raise funds to support our faith community and ensure that it will be vibrant for generations to come.

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I ask you to please join me and all Catholics within our diocese to become *One Family in Mission* spreading faith, hope and love to all those in need on our Island. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal to the best of your ability. Every gift matters, no matter the size. **Please remember that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

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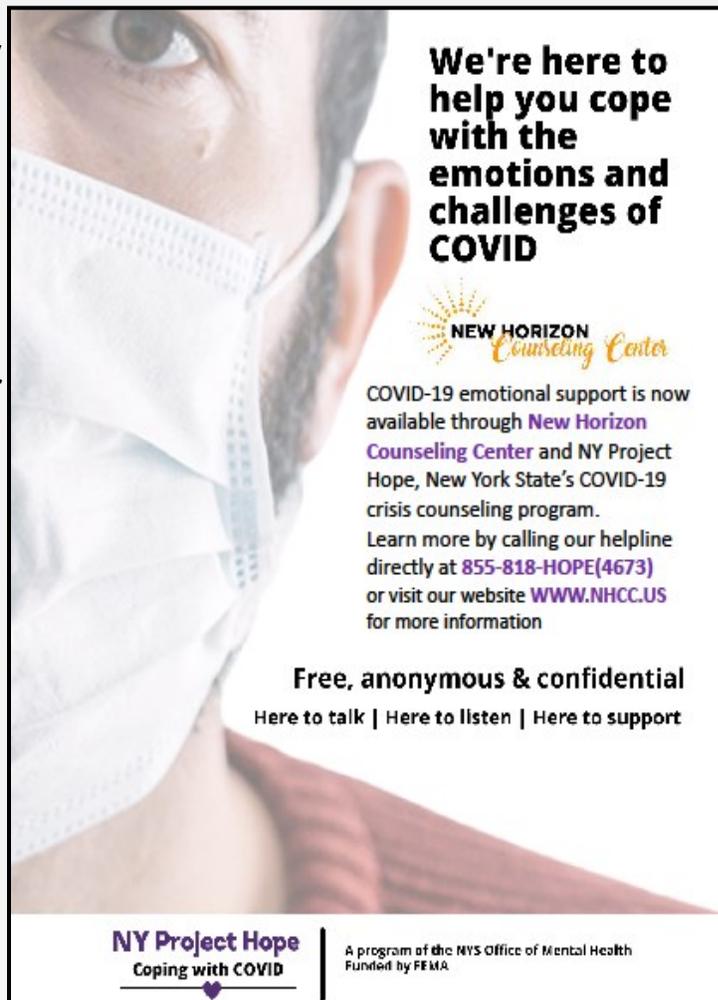
The Miraculous Holy Face Image and Presentation of the Holy Shroud—at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, West Islip. The image will be at Our Lady of Lourdes for one night only. A presentation will be given by Donald Nohs, President of the Society of the Holy Face of Jesus and Member of the Confraternity of the Passion. The presentation on **Monday, March 14** at 7:30 p.m. will be livestreamed on Facebook via church website: ollchurch.org. For more info on presentation for your group or church call, text or email: Donald Nohs, 631-275-8487 or dnohs44@gmail.com.

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Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers. 8-week program for age 50 and over, Thursday, **March 24**, 2022, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 N. Carll Ave., Babylon. **For losses that have occurred before December 31, 2021.** For more information and registration, please call: Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson 631-661-8994.

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer is the high point not only of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but of the entire Mass. It is a great prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. Like all the prayers of the Mass, the prayer recalls what God has already done for us throughout Salvation History. It especially recognizes the saving actions of God's Only Begotten Son. Most notably, the prayer repeats Christ's words at the Last Supper with which he instituted the Eucharist — changing simple bread and wine into his Body and his Blood so that we might perpetuate his sacrifice (see the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 78).

THE PRAYER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Although it is the task of the Priest to lead this prayer and to address the Father in the name of Christ, we must remember that the Priest does so on our behalf. Listen carefully to the “plural” subjects in the prayer — it is “we” who praise, it is “we” who give thanks. “We” interrupt the great prayer with acclamations and affirmations. Just as Christ gave thanks to the Father on the night before he died, we, too, give thanks to God. We baptized, priestly people join with the ordained Priest Celebrant in offering our sacrifice of praise. Indeed, the head of every liturgical celebration is Christ the Lord (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* 7). “In the liturgy, the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and his members” (CSL 7).

Following Christ's command, we continue to “do this in memory of” him. This is a special kind of memory-anamnesis, that is, a “memory which makes present.” Jesus and his sacrifice on the Cross is made present in small parish churches or in great cathedrals, in humble rural communities and in bustling cities. Every hour of every day, we “do this” in memory of him.

It's also crucial to realize that we are also called to offer ourselves, both our individual efforts to grow more like Christ and our efforts as a community of believers to spread God's Word and to serve God's people. And wonderfully, although our offering is imperfect, when joined with the offering of Christ it becomes perfect praise and thanksgiving to the Father.

A HISTORY OF EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

In the early Church, presiders at Eucharistic celebrations would offer spontaneous, improvised prayers of thanks to God “to the best of their ability” (*First Apology of Justin Martyr*, c. 150 AD). We eventually referred to this prayer as an “*anaphora*” (a Greek word for “offering”). Scholars have found many beautiful examples of early anaphoras from both Eastern and Western traditions. Indeed, our Eucharistic Prayer II is thought to have its origins in an ancient book called the *Apostolic Tradition* (215 AD). Our Eucharistic Prayer III finds its origins in an ancient Mozarabic (Spanish) Rite.

A VARIETY OF EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

Currently, we have ten Eucharistic Prayers in our Missal. **Eucharistic Prayer I** is the Roman Canon, the prayer we used exclusively for four hundred years (from the Council of Trent until the Second Vatican Council). You are also probably familiar with **Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV** because you may have seen them in your printed worship aid. There are adaptations these prayers to be used at Masses with children — **Eucharist Prayers for Masses with Children I, II, and III**. (The Eucharistic Prayers for Children do not appear in the current English and Spanish version of the Roman Missal.) There are beautiful **Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation I and II**. These are particularly poignant during Lent. Finally, our **Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Masses for Various Needs** has four versions — variable parts within the same basic prayer (such as intercessions) that make it easily adaptable to various needs and occasions.

ELEMENTS OF A EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

No matter what Eucharistic Prayer the priest may use at Mass, it will have the same eight elements. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (79) names them.

Thanksgiving — “...the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father and gives thanks to him for the whole work of salvation or for some particular aspect of it, that varies according to the day, festivity, or season” (79a). Each prayer will begin with an introductory dialogue — *The Lord be with you/and with your spirit. Lift up your hearts/We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God/It is right and just.* This is followed by a Preface — sometimes the one assigned to the Eucharistic Prayer, sometimes one composed specifically for the liturgical day.

Acclamation — “The whole congregation, joining with the heavenly powers, sings the *Sanctus* [Holy, holy, holy]. This acclamation, which is part of the Eucharistic Prayer itself, is sung or said by all the people with the Priest” (79b). This ancient acclamation is based on the vision of Isaiah (Is 6:3) and the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem (Mt 21:8-9).

Epiclesis — “... the Church implores the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by human hands be consecrated, that is, become Christ’s Body and Blood, and that the unblemished sacrificial Victim to be consumed in Communion may be for the salvation of those who will partake of it” (79c). We ask the Holy Spirit to come upon the gifts to make them holy and we ask that He make us holy, too.

Institution Narrative and Consecration — “... by means of words and actions of Christ, that Sacrifice is effected which Christ himself instituted during the Last Supper, when he offered his Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine, gave them to the Apostles to eat and drink, and leaving with the latter the command to perpetuate this same mystery” (79d).

Anamnesis — “... the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, celebrates the memorial of Christ, especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven” (79e). The assembly especially voices this in the Memorial Acclamation.

Oblation [Offering]: “...in this very memorial, the Church — in particular that gathered here and now — offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father. The Church’s intention, indeed, is that the faithful not only offer this unblemished sacrificial Victim but also learn to offer their very selves, and so day by day to brought, through the mediation of Christ, into unity with God and with each other, so that God may at last be all in all” (79f).

Intercessions: By which expression is given to the fact that the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church, of both heaven and earth...” (79g). We pray for the Pope, our Bishop and all the clergy. We ask the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, the Apostles and all the Angels and Saints. We pray for the living and the dead.

The **Concluding Doxology** by which the glorification of God is expressed and which is affirmed and concluded by the people’s acclamation “Amen” (79h).

Next Sunday, listen even more attentively to the Eucharistic Prayer and see if you can identify all these elements. More importantly, become more aware of joining your prayer with the priest and all the members of the Church as we give due praise to God. ■

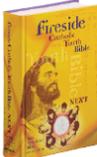
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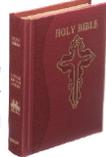
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