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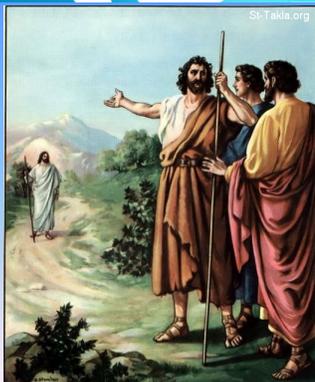
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*John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.”*

John 1:29

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 19, 2020

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. 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.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mondays following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons

at 12:45 p.m. in the church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

Sunday: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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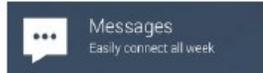
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FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. In an age when life itself seems disposable, how can we follow God's call to protect and promote the dignity of the human person in all places and circumstances?

**Symbolon:
Living the Faith**
Protecting the Dignity of
the Human Person



WATCH ON FORMED.ORG

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Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to formed.org/signup

Select your parish

Register with your name and email address

Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or

custom registration URL?

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to formed.org/signup and find your parish to register.

Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?

PASTOR'S PAGE

Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

This Monday, January 20, our nation celebrates the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We take this occasion to recall and celebrate the accomplishments of that great civil rights leader, especially his vision for peace and justice and his commitment to non-violence. Dr. King is a witness to the power of peaceful protest, and how the witness of non-violence can bring about systemic change. Monday should be a holiday of patriotism and unity, as we acknowledge the need for all of us to promote the common good for our country and to bring about the dignity of all people in our society. We would all do well to focus on what unites us as a country and as citizens, rather than on political agendas that divide us.

As Monday will be a day off from school and work for many people (the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 20, too), may we all enjoy a day of rest and relaxation!

March for Life: Friday, January 24, 2020

This Friday, January 24, is the date for this year's March for Life in Washington, D.C. As you know, opposition to abortion and supporting the right to life and the God-given dignity of life in all stages, from conception to natural death, are central tenets in Catholic morality. The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person.

The March for Life each year is vitally important, and it is much, much more than just a protest march. It is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all fifty states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. It is a celebration of life! Participants celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception.

We are very fortunate to have a bus leaving from OLPH on Friday morning; see the details elsewhere in this bulletin, and consider going along to the march. The day will begin with Mass at 5:00 a.m. in the church, after which the bus will leave.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the OLPH parishioners who are going on this trip, many of whom go every year, for the amazing witness and prayerful presence they give to this important event. Thanks go too to our parish Respect Life Committee, which is very vibrant and involved in all issues of Respect Life, the members of which work tirelessly throughout the whole year in this beautiful ministry.

In addition, Wednesday of this week, January 22, is the day designated by the Bishops of the United States as the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. On that day, the readings and prayers at the weekday Masses will come from a special Mass to pray for that intention (this is not particular to OLPH — it applies to all Catholic parishes in the United States).

Vandalism at OLPH

You may have heard that we had an incidence of vandalism here at OLPH. Early Tuesday morning, January 7, we found that sometime overnight the statue of the Infant Jesus from our outdoor Nativity Scene had been taken and smashed, with the pieces lying on the sidewalk in front of the Chase bank next door. I reported the incident to the police and they are investigating, including reviewing security camera footage from our cameras and from the bank cameras. So sad that this happened! We need to feel sorry for and pray for the person who would do such a thing.

On a positive note, we purchased the set from Wayfair, and when we contacted them about replacing that one figure, they offered to replace it at no cost. Thank you, Wayfair!

Working together with no "turf" issues: Another example of OLPH as "the place to be"

I wrote last week about the progress on the sale of the Convent, and the selling of that building will necessitate moving the Blue Door Boutique Thrift Shop. Current plans call for it to move at some point in the future to a new location in our school building, probably the classrooms in the lower level off of the cafeteria and kitchen. This move impacts not only the Blue Door Boutique, but also the Van Ministry to the Homeless, as that ministry uses some of that classroom space. Discussions and initial planning for the move have

begun, and as you can imagine it involves a great deal of discussion and planning about use of space, storage, and impact on other groups. I want to offer words of gratitude and appreciation to our offerers who head up and work in the Blue Door Boutique and in the Van Ministry to the Homeless who have had to work together on this, along with the Christian Mothers and even the Hospitality Ministry; in one way or another, either in actual planning and working out storage space, or simply in going through supplies and cleaning out things in other places which will be affected in the “ripple effect” of the move, many people have been involved (I hope I haven’t left anybody out...my apologies if I have!). Thanks too go to Tom Crennan, our Business Manager, for coordinating all these efforts.

This is a perfect example of what makes OLPH “the place to be”: there is no “turf war” taking place here stemming from an illegitimate sense of possessiveness, but rather, it’s offerers, committed to the mission of the parish as a whole, who are working together in a spirit of cooperation and common good so that the parish, as one family of disciples, can be as fruitful as possible in all our ministries. Bravo to all involved in this spirit of sharing and teamwork!

Cleanliness is next to Godliness: Keep our worship space clean!

It has been reported to me that we’ve been having more of a problem than usual over the past few months with dirty tissues and other trash being left in the pews. I need to ask everyone to be attentive to doing their part to keeping the church clean.

You might have noticed that after each Mass our sacristan and all our ushers are very faithful to going through the pews and cleaning up: they straighten out the hymnals and remove any papers and other trash left in the pews. Thank you to them for their great work and for their dedication in doing this!

However, there’s some truth to the statement that they shouldn’t have to do this. Imagine if each and every person took enough of a sense of pride and ownership for the worship space, and the church facilities in general, that everyone took care not to leave any papers or garbage around at all, and that, when leaving church, their seating area was neat and tidy (hymn book back in its rack, nice and neat, included)? Wouldn’t that be a great sign of respect for our worship space, for each other, and especially for those who otherwise have to put in the extra work to clean it up?

Let’s see if we can do better at showing that respect, OK? Please do not leave any dirty tissues, trash or other litter in the pews after you leave. Thank you.

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,



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE ANNOUNCES MORNING STAR INITIATIVE

As you may have heard, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has decided to launch a bold plan, called the Morning Star Initiative, to revitalize Catholic elementary school education on Long Island. The goal of this initiative is to restore a robust Catholic culture to the DRVC schools, improve academics, and create a more fiscally sustainable model for schools. The Diocese will partner with the Marianists, who have two centuries of Catholic educational commitment and expertise. The Diocese has asked Brother Thomas Cleary, S.M., President of Chaminade High School, to serve as the Chief Revitalization Officer and to spearhead this effort. He will be assisted by his fellow Marianists, who will seek feedback and ideas from the full spectrum of those with a stake in a revitalized Catholic elementary education, including our parishioners. We value your input, so please share your thoughts. Please visit the Diocese of Rockville Centre’s website at Morningstarinitiative.org for more information, and email morningstar@drvc.org to give feedback or find out more ways to get involved.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...



Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

“The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself ‘continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.’”

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

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, concluding with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Labouré. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, January 20—12:45 p.m.

Monday, January 27—12:45 p.m.

Monday, February 3—12:45 p.m.

BE COURTEOUS: ARRIVE ON TIME

Since the celebration of the Eucharist is the most important thing we do as Catholics, it's good for all of us to examine our “ritual behavior” from time to time, to ask ourselves whether we are really entering into the Mass and celebrating it in a way which is truly reverent, prayerful and appropriate.

Recall, for example, that over the past few months we have been emphasizing the need for silence in the church in the five minutes leading up to the beginning of Mass. We ask that when the bells ring at five minutes before the start of Mass, all conversations cease and we all give each other the gift of silent, prayerful reflection to prepare ourselves to enter into the sacred mysteries.

There's something else we need to be aware of, too: Do we arrive at Mass on time? Do we consider Mass important enough that we make it a priority to arrive early? Remember, coming to Mass is something holy, unlike any other gathering; it's not the same thing as showing up for a movie or a sporting event. Attending Mass is not about “me;” it's about “us.” Therefore, it matters greatly that we be on time.

Certainly, a last-minute emergency can arise that forces us to come into Mass at the last minute, or even late; those kinds of one-time things happen to everyone. The truth is, though, that there are some people who are habitually late — as late as 15 minutes, believe it or not! Then, when they go into a pew, they cause a disruption for those around them. It's not just one or two people at one Mass; unfortunately, it's widespread with a number of people at almost all the Masses.

Perhaps we can all do some prayerful reflection on the way we participate in Mass, particularly asking ourselves: Do we arrive early? Are we careful to not be disruptive when we enter and take our seat? Are we silent before Mass begins so that we can prayerfully prepare to enter into the sacred mysteries? If we are habitually late, maybe we need to re-prioritize some things in our life so that we can arrive early enough to be on time, and so that the sacredness of the Mass remains a central priority in our life. It really boils down to a simple matter of respect: arriving on time shows respect for God, for the Mass, and for everyone else there.

Then, of course, there's the issue of being respectful by not leaving early...but that discussion is for another time...

A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

Holy Communion: Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).

Communion from the Chalice: The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.

Receiving on the Tongue: Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.

Greeting of Peace: Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

Mass Attendance: MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS! There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

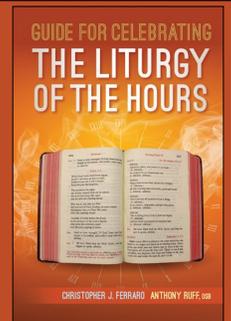
Unity of Heart and Voice:

The Liturgy of the Hours as the Church's Daily Liturgical Prayer

Tuesday, January 21, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the church.

Day after day, hour after hour, the Christian faithful (lay people, religious and ordained ministers) unite their hearts and voices with Christ and his Church as they pray the Liturgy of the Hours. Come explore the hidden treasures found in this ancient form of prayer at a special workshop led by **Chris Ferraro**, co-author of a recently published book *Guide for Celebrating the Liturgy of the Hours*. This workshop will explore the structure of the Liturgy of the Hours and will emphasize the many ways that this form of prayer helps us to encounter Christ.

If you find yourself yearning for a better prayer life, don't miss this opportunity. There is no charge to attend but there will be an opportunity to purchase Chris's book for \$12. Books may also be purchased online www.ltp.org



NOVENA FOR LIFE

9 Days for Life 2020

OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794 will have available this weekend, January 18/19, on the pew ledges, prayer cards for the "Novena for Life." Please take one and recite this prayer for nine days, beginning Sunday, January 19th.



NEXT WEEK!

Sunday of the Word of God ***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***January 26, 2020***

On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. This was announced in his inspiring Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis: Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God*, the full text of which can be found at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html. This year, its inaugural year, this Sunday will fall on January 26, 2020.

In the *Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass*, we are reminded of the role of the Word of God in the life of the Church:

In the hearing of God's word the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that his word may speed on and be glorified and that his name be exalted among the nations.

Whenever, therefore, the Church, gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration, announces and proclaims the word of God, she is aware of being a new people in whom the covenant made in the past is perfected and fulfilled. Baptism and confirmation in the Spirit have made all Christ's faithful into messengers of God's word because of the grace of hearing they have received. They must therefore be the bearers of the same word in the Church and in the world, at least by the witness of their lives.

The word of God proclaimed in the celebration of God's mysteries does not only address present conditions but looks back to past events and forward to what is yet to come. Thus God's word shows us what we should hope for with such a longing that in this changing world our hearts will be set on the place where our true joys lie (Preamble, 7).

In his Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis explained that devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world. So, the Holy Father declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. He urged local communities to find their own ways to mark the Sunday of the Word of God with a certain solemnity.

Here at OLPH, we'll celebrate the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God by incorporating these elements into all the Sunday Masses the weekend of January 25-26:

- † The music selected for all Masses will include reference to the Word of God
- † A special Gospel Procession with the Book of Gospels and incense will take place during the singing of the Alleluia
- † The Book of Gospels will be specially enthroned in the sanctuary after the proclamation of the Gospel
- † The homily will include reference to the Word of God in the life of the Church and in living the Christian life
- † Everyone will be invited to come forward to venerate the Word of God immediately following Mass

It is hoped that through our attention to the Word of God on this Sunday, we might all deepen our appreciation for and connection to the Sacred Scriptures found in the Bible. In this way, we hope that these words of Pope Francis might become a reality in lives of all OLPH parishioners, and in the life of our parish as a whole:

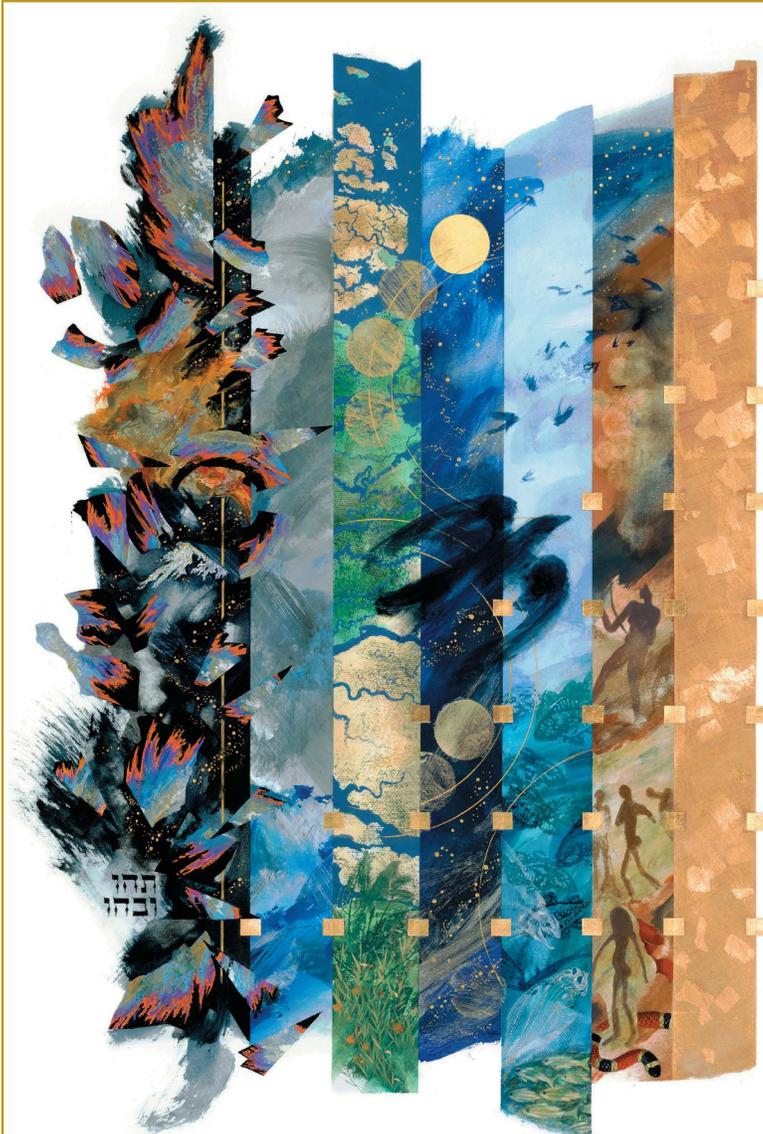
The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, much less a collection of books for the benefit of a privileged few. It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words. At times, there can be a tendency to monopolize the sacred text by restricting it to certain circles or to select groups. It cannot be that way. The Bible is the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The word of God unites believers and makes them one people.





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A Presentation of The Saint John's Bible



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The Saint John's Bible is the first handwritten, illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey in over 500 years. Its handwritten lettering and stunning artworks truly present the Word of God in an engaging and inspirational way. Discover the beauty and splendor of *The Saint John's Bible* at a captivating and lively presentation which shares the story behind this once in a millennium undertaking and showcases some of the many artworks in this world renowned project.

Thursday, February 6, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst
Following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Liturgical Ministers



WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU! OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW READERS, USHERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

WHAT DO EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS DO?

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

HOW DO I BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER?

1. You must contact Barbara McPhail at 631.226-1354 or e-mail to gospa254@gmail.com.
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to msgrjoe@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.

WHAT DO READERS DO?

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

HOW DO I BECOME A READER?

1. You must contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 to leave a message or send an email to DeaconRobert@oloph.org.
2. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.



DIOCESAN TRAINING SESSIONS:

Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
at St. Christopher's, Baldwin (McGoldrick Hall)

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at St. Christopher's, Baldwin (McGoldrick Hall)

Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
at St. Elizabeth's Parish, Melville (Msgr. Kane Hall)

Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at St. Rosalie's, Hampton Bays (Community Center)

WHAT DO USHERS DO?

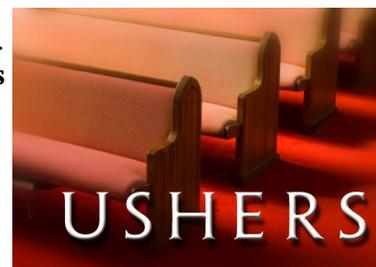
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of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

WHO SHOULD BECOME AN USHER?

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

HOW DO I BECOME AN USHER?

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



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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
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Email: religioused@oloph.org
Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
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OFFICE 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

On Wednesday, January 22, Levels 6-8 will have their Midterm Reviews during their regular class time.



The delicious ice cream center of your semester.

On Saturday, January 25, Levels 3-5 will take their Midterm Make-ups. For anyone who missed last week, now is your time to shine! Be sure to study hard and come prepared!

Our Level 5 students and parents had a blast at their Open House last week! Thank you to all who participated with us.



Happy Saint of the Day! St. Agnes

St. Agnes was a young girl of twelve or thirteen years old, and she was a very beautiful girl. She was so beautiful that many men wanted to marry her; however, she had already promised herself to God, and when someone asked for her hand she would tell him that Jesus was her spouse. The men grew very jealous and reported her to be a Christian at a time when this was illegal. She was arrested and put on trial. She refused to give up her faith, so they sentenced her to death by beheading.

“Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest Winners January 5, 2020



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
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † 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@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—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

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HOT CHOCOLATE
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CANNED MEATS
CANNED FRUIT
BAKED BEANS
JELLY OR JAM
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Thank you
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 Cut out this list and bring it
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The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him.”

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God’s Spirit of love to those who are suffering.

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is happy to announce an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we are now able to offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP’s efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available on the pew ledges or in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS:

We can use gift cards (Visa, Amazon, etc.) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping for the items most often needed.

We have a **DESPERATE** need for:

New packages of men's underwear S-3XL

New packages of men's socks

Hats and gloves

Clean, gently used men's jeans,

hoodies, waterproof coats and sneakers

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

Thanks to Msgr. Joe for the blessing and to *Bedgear* for sponsoring our last Community Meal in January.

Our next Community Meal is February 9.

Please contact Gail Tonnessen: 631-957-1449; gtonness@optonline.net for more information.

MIDDLE AGES

*Are you a lady in your 40s, 50s, or 60s?
Are you looking to meet other women who share your interest in spirituality, socializing and social action?*

Our next meeting:

Tuesday, January 21

Making peanut butter sandwiches for Mercy Inn

7:00 p.m. in Room 24

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Our next meeting:

Tuesday, February 11

9:00 a.m. in Room 24

DONATE TO THE BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE!

When can I drop off a donation?

We accept donations any time the Boutique is open. Our hours of operation are M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30—3:00 p.m.

What do you accept?

We have limited space in the Blue Door, so we can only accept clothing in new or very good condition, household items (dishes, glasses, serving pieces), decorative items (frames, candles, artwork, etc.). **Nothing electric, no toys, games, stuffed animals, books, bedding.**

PLEASE NOTE: We are also **UNABLE** to accept holiday items **AFTER** the holiday has passed as we no longer have space to store these items until the next year.

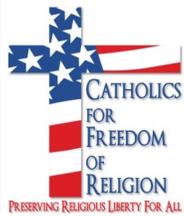


Entrance to Blue Door Boutique is located by the driveway between the Village Museum and the Convent.

THE
*blue*door
BOUTIQUE

HOURS OF OPERATION
M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd SAT 1:30-3:00 p.m.

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New York and Florida Public High

Schools Violate Law

by Rejecting Student Religious Clubs

Wappingers Falls, NY: This New York school district violated federal law when it rejected a Christian student's request to start an on-campus Christian club, according to pro-bono law firm First Liberty Institute.

Freshman Daniela Barca's application to form the "OMG! Christian Club" at Ketcham High School, aimed to offer "faith-based support" where students have "discussions about living for God in a godless society"(1), was rejected by her principal, who claimed the club was "too exclusive."

First Liberty Institute sent a letter to Wappingers Central School District stating, "The discrimination toward Daniela's religious speech has prevented OMG from pursuing their community-wide goals of 'food drives, clothing drives,... and other charitable endeavors.'"(2) The letter also notes the school has about two dozen on-campus groups, including a "Pride Club," claiming that the school is already allowing "exclusive" groups on campus.

"Ketcham school officials blatantly ignored the plain text of the Equal Access Act (EAA) of 1984 by rejecting Daniela's Christian club because of its religious speech," said attorney Keisha Russell.(3) The EAA clearly states that it is unlawful for public secondary schools that receive federal assistance to "deny equal access or fair opportunity" to students on the basis of "religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings."(4)

First Liberty attorneys state they expect the school to allow the club no later than January 2, 2020.

Naples, FL: The Gulf Coast High School denied a pro-life club, Sharks 4 Life, earlier this school year and is violating the U.S. Constitution, according to Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF).

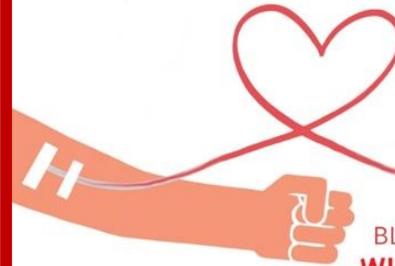
While recognizing almost 80 clubs, including political group Turning Point USA, Students for Change, Korean Culture, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Gay-Straight Alliance, the school principal rejected the pro-life club, saying it was "too political and controversial."(5)

"The failure to recognize Sharks 4 Life is blatantly illegal under the Equal Access Act and First Amendment, both of which guarantee students the right to have a student club that stands on equal footing with the hundreds of other student clubs in Collier County public schools," said an ADF spokesman.(6)

(christianpost.com, (1), (2); mrctv.org, 12/13/19 (3); christianpost.com, (4); pulpitandpen.org, 11/20/19 (5)(6)

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MARCH FOR LIFE

2020 Theme

January 24, 2020

Life Empowers:

Pro-Life is Pro-Woman

Once again OLPH is blessed to have a bus to take us to the peaceful March for Life in Washington, DC. on January 24th. We'll begin with Mass at 5:00 a.m. The bus will leave immediately thereafter. The bus returns around 10:00 p.m. (depending on traffic). A donation of \$25 is requested. Contact: Kathy or Charles Feldman 631 - 225 - 9864.

www.MarchForLife.org | #WhyWeMarch

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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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

Vincent Boccanfuso
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Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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

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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:

William Ortega & Andrea Salvati

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.

-Rite of Baptism



***Austin Joseph Cucinotta
Rosebella Alejandra Salazar***

**We welcome the newest members
of the Catholic community here at OLPH!**

WE REMEMBER

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

***Norma Burdish
Wayne Schnapp***

“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.”

PASTORAL CARE & 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.

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will then visit each week.

We pray for the sick and the homebound of our parish at each and every Mass.



WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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| <i>Gordon G. Hinds</i> | <i>Lauren Mule</i> |
| <i>Nora R. Mc Mahon</i> | <i>Gian Marino</i> |
| <i>Patricia &</i> | <i>John McPhail</i> |
| <i>Richard Kleczkowski</i> | <i>Mary Martin</i> |
| <i>Marjorie Santoli</i> | <i>Joan Giarratano</i> |
| <i>Joe Juliano</i> | <i>Nettie Deasy</i> |
| <i>Robert Scott</i> | <i>Carmen Meyer</i> |
| <i>Linda Baffa</i> | <i>Rose Garofalo</i> |
| <i>Richard DeVilla</i> | <i>Joe Chiusa</i> |
| <i>John Pius</i> | <i>Alma Kalt</i> |
| <i>Maren Tormey</i> | <i>Louise Pazano</i> |
| <i>Joann Puleo</i> | <i>Loretto Dinardo</i> |
| <i>Anna Commarato</i> | |

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **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 about four weeks.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The ***Bereavement Support Group*** is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical, support as they learn to cope with their loss.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to know more about the ***OLPH Support Group Program***, please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or Marige Reyes at 631-608-3658. You may also leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the rectory.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, January 20— WEEKDAY <i>(Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr)</i>	
6:30	Ernest Knapp
12:15	William Camlin
TUESDAY, January 21— SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR	
6:30	Pauline Micovsky
12:15	Stanislah Wojciechowski
WEDNESDAY, January 22— DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN	
6:30	Mark Brunjes
12:15	Joanne Moran
THURSDAY, January 23— WEEKDAY <i>(Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin; Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr)</i>	
6:30	Joseph Micovsky
12:15	Kathleen Worth
FRIDAY, January 24— SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	
5:00 a.m.	Silvestro Spilabotte
6:30	Helen Lavorata
12:15	Lorraine Grandinetti
SATURDAY, January 25— CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE	
8:00	Rocco Pomatico
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:00	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, January 26 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	The Living & Deceased Members of Council 794 of the Knights of Columbus
10:00	George Price, Jr.
12:00	Wayne Prisco
5:00	Bella Fiano

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 20, 2020		
ALL PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY. ALL OFFICES WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 9:00 A.M.		
Tuesday, January 21, 2020		
3:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Hours Workshop	Church
5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	RCIA	Room 18
Wednesday, January 22, 2020		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Religious Ed. Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Classes	School
Thursday, January 23, 2020		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Music Ministry	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
Friday, January 24, 2020		
6:00 a.m.	RTL Bus to Washington	
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
Saturday, January 25, 2020		
8:30, 10:00	Religious Ed. Classes	School
12:00 p.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 22/24
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, January 26, 2020		
9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	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 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.

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO 1-19-20 (Ciclo A)

Testigos de Jesucristo. Jesús, Cordero de Dios

A ustedes, el pueblo santo de Jesucristo, gracia y paz de parte de Dios nuestro Padre y del mismo Señor Jesucristo.

Primera Lectura (Isaías 49,3, 5-6): Siervo de Dios y Luz de las Naciones

Vendrá un siervo de Dios y será luz, no sólo de Israel sino de todas las naciones. La comunidad cristiana reconoció a Jesús como ese siervo anunciado por Isaías.

Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 1,1-3): Llamados a Dar Testimonio de Jesús el Señor. Como apóstol, San Pablo se consideró siervo, cuya misión era proclamar a Jesucristo como el Señor de todos. -- ¿Es Jesús el Señor de nuestras vidas? ¿Le proclamamos como Señor nuestro?

Evangelio (Juan 1,29-34): Miren, He Aquí el Cordero de Dios. Juan el Bautista da testimonio de que Jesús es el Salvador, el Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo. Jesús es el prometido Siervo de Dios y de los hombres.

1. Testigos de Jesucristo

Se supone que un cristiano, un seguidor y discípulo de Cristo, es alguien que intenta ser buen testigo del mismo Cristo, de palabras y de obras. En el evangelio, el primer gran testigo de Jesús es Juan el Bautista, que le señaló con el dedo y le mostró a la gente. Pero incluso Juan tuvo que reconocer que al principio no sabía quién era realmente Jesús y que tenía que convertirse, para conocer bien la identidad de Jesús y lo que él proclamaba. Sólo entonces pudo llegar a ser testigo creíble y convincente. --- Y nosotros, ¿acaso no tenemos que aprender mejor quién es Jesús y lo que él significa para nosotros y para la gente, de modo que podamos ser más cercanos e íntimos a él y atraer hacia él a la gente? 2.

Jesús, Cordero de Dios

¿Quién es Jesús para nosotros? Cuál es, para nosotros, el nombre que mejor le encaja? El discípulo del profeta Isaías le llamó Siervo de Dios. San Pablo le llama Jesucristo. Juan el Bautista le señala como el Cordero de Dios. Jesús es todo eso. Ello implica que nosotros tenemos que ser como él: siervos, salvadores, y víctimas, si es necesario. Celebremos esta eucaristía con Jesús.

• **Cordero de Dios.** Este título evocaba la memoria del éxodo. En la noche de la primera Pascua, la sangre del Cordero Pascual, con el que se señalaban las puertas de las casas, constituía para la gente señal de liberación (Es 12,13-14). Para los primeros cristianos Jesús es el nuevo Cordero Pascual que libera a su pueblo (1Cor 5,7; 1P 1,19; Ap 5,6,9).

• **Quitar el pecado del mundo.** Evoca la frase tan bonita de la profecía de Jeremías: "Ya no tendrán que enseñarse mutuamente diciéndose el uno al otro: Conozcan a Yavé. Pues me conocerán todos, del más grande al más humilde. Porque yo habré perdonado su culpa y no me acordaré más de su pecado" (Jer • Existía antes que yo. Evoca varios textos de los libros sapienciales, en los que se habla de la Sabiduría de Dios que existía antes de todas las demás criaturas y que estaba junto a Dios como maestro de obras en la creación del universo y que, por fin, fue a morar en medio del pueblo de Dios (Prov 8,22-31; Ec 24,1-11).

Jesús se ofreció a sí mismo, completamente, para toda la humanidad, y yo ¿qué puedo ofrecer para ayudar a mi prójimo?

• También nosotros hemos recibido el Espíritu Santo ¿Cuán consciente soy de que soy templo del Espíritu?

OFFERING UPDATE
January 11-12, 2020

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	295	126	\$2,647.00
8:00 a.m.	245	105	2,592.00
10:00 a.m.	423	120	3,436.00
12:00 p.m.	400	126	2,775.00
5:00 p.m.	213	49	1,303.00
Coin			12.01
Mail-ins:			55.00
Children's Env.		13	48.00
Faith Direct			2,197.90
TOTAL	1,576	539	\$15,065.91
2019 total	1,664	526	\$16,828.43
Candles			\$1,155.91
Poor Box			\$340.66

OFFERING UPDATE

The final totals for Christmas Day and Christmas Flowers will be published soon.

All Rectory and Parish offices are closed and all activities cancelled Monday, January 20 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. All offices will reopen Tuesday, January 21 at 9:00 a.m.

SUPER 72 RAFFLE
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
JANUARY 2020 WINNERS

- \$1000** - Joe & Diane Murawski
- \$250** - Kathleen Riker
- \$100** - Ms. Elizabeth Swiatkowski
- \$100** - Diane Muskoover
- \$100** - Mr. & Mrs. Powers
- \$100** - Christian Joyce

Special New Year's \$150 winner—

Mr. & Mrs. James Totino

2019 OLPH
CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2019 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*. Thank you for your cooperation.

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted as a Word document* no later than the dates listed below to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

- January 26—passed
- February 2—January 24
- February 9—January 31

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PREPARING FOR
Sunday, January 26, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus said to Simon and Andrew, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
 At once they left their nets and followed him.* Matthew 4:19-20

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The opening of today's reading from the prophet Isaiah refers to the time in the early eighth century B.C. when the powerful and ruthless Assyrian empire had overrun the northern parts of Israel and threatened the rest. Amidst this time of uncertainty and fear, Isaiah prophesies hope for the future in beautiful poetic images of light and joy. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light," he proclaims. He goes on to describe a future king of Israel, a true son of David, who will rely solely on the Lord God for protection. When such a king appears, darkness will give way to divine light and the gloom of foreign oppression will give way to the joy of freedom that only God can bring. We know that king to be Jesus who brings just such joy into our lives.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Paul established the church in the Greek city of Corinth about 51 A.D. but several years later he received reports of divisions within the church. That is the problem he addresses in today's selection from his letter to them. He insists that Christians belong to no one but Christ. Teachers such as Cephas (Peter), Apollos, and even Paul himself proclaim the Gospel, but Christ himself is the Good News. Church members of that time, and ours, should "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." All who belong to Christ are called to imitate him, united in the same kind of self-giving to and for one another.

Matthew 4:12-23

With today's Gospel reading, Matthew opens the curtain on Jesus' public ministry in Galilee. By quoting from our first reading from Isaiah, Matthew emphasizes that Jesus himself has "fulfilled" these words and embodies the authentic interpretation of Sacred Scripture. But he brings them to fulfillment in a way that was astonishing for the Jews of the time: he not only includes Gentiles (non-Jews) in God's kingdom, he proclaims to them before approaching his fellow Jews. When he does approach them, we hear how he calls the first disciples, two sets of fisherman brothers: Simon who is called Peter and Andrew, and James and John. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately, they drop what they are doing and follow him. Do we respond the same way today to his call?

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. As soon as Jesus heard that John was arrested he immediately moved into Herod's territory and began an intense program teaching, healing and preaching repentance. What would cause him to make such a dangerous move? Are you able to stand up and get involved for what is right when you see that you will suffer pain or loss when you do? What do you think of Jesus when he acts like this?

2. Do you think Jesus also needed friends? "At once they left their nets and followed him." How long did it take Peter and Andrew to respond to his invitation to a personal encounter? What do you think was going on in their heads and hearts? Could they have been excited by the mission of communicating life to others?



Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 20, 2020:

1 Samuel 15:16-23
 + Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 21, 2020:

1 Samuel 16:1-10
 + Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 22, 2020:

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Thursday, January 23, 2020

1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7
 + Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 24, 2020

1 Samuel 24:3-21 + Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 25, 2020:

Acts 22:3-16 + Mark 16:15-18

Sunday, January 26, 2020:

Isaiah 8:23—9:3
 + 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
 + Mark 4:12-23

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