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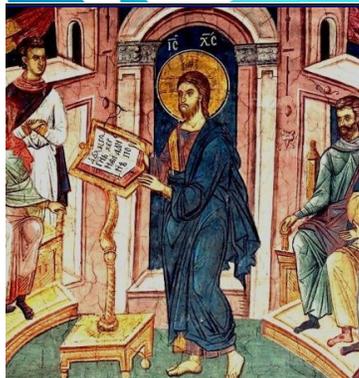
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*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

Luke 4:18

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 23, 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

Business Manager: Mr. William D'Alessio

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.

Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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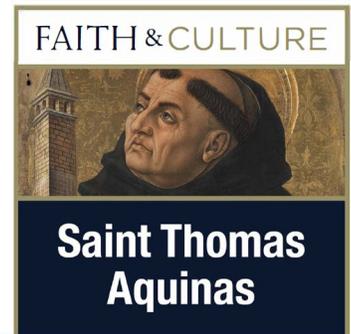
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January 23, 2022

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Sunday of the Word of God—This Sunday

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (this weekend) is known as the “Sunday of the Word of God.” Just as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ gives us an opportunity on the liturgical calendar to focus on the meaning and place of the Sacrament of the Eucharist in our life, so too does this day give us an opportunity within the liturgy to highlight and place special emphasis on the Word of God.

The Church teaches us that Sacred Scripture is absolutely essential to our spiritual life, and familiarity with the Bible must be a part of every Catholic's life. We should read the Sacred Scriptures routinely and make Bible passages a regular part of our prayer life. St. Jerome is known for having said that ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ. We cannot fully know who God is if we are not familiar with the way He has revealed Himself through His Word, which He Himself has given to us through the sacred authors of the books of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments. The Word of God is so central that in the introductory instructions and materials found in the *Lectionary for Mass* (the ritual book which gives us all the readings used at Mass) we are told: “The Church has honored the Word of God and the Eucharistic mystery with the same reverence, although not with the same worship, and has always and everywhere insisted upon and sanctioned such honor.” (article 10) Think about that: we are to have the same honor and reverence for the Word of God as we do for the Eucharist (although we do not worship the Word as we do the Eucharist) — because the Word reveals to us the presence of God.

The highest actualization of the presence of God in the Sacred Scriptures is achieved when that Word is proclaimed at Mass. *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, at article 29, teaches us, “When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.”

These words set before us a profound truth that we need to ponder and make our own. The

words of Sacred Scripture are unlike any other texts we will ever hear, for they are the vehicle God uses to reveal Himself to us, the means by which we come to know the depth of God's love for us, and can know the responsibilities entailed by being Christ's followers, members of His Body. Moreover, this Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. We speak of the Word of God proclaimed at Mass as being “efficacious” — that is, it not only tells us of God and God's will for us, but it also actually helps us to put that will of God into practice in our own life.

The richness and depth of the Word of God, and the way that Word functions in our individual spiritual life and in the life of the Church, is inexhaustible. It is good indeed for us to take the time to focus on the Word, and to highlight it as we are doing this weekend. One way we have done this is to make this a “Deacons' Preaching Weekend,” since Deacons have a particular ministry to the Word of God. Also, we have set up a special shrine in the north side chapel, with the Word of God enthroned there. I hope you took advantage of the opportunity to spend some time in private reverence and meditation before the enthroned Word before or after Mass.

GET INVOLVED! There are three opportunities we are highlighting right now!

- **The Ministry of Consolation:** You know from my speaking at Mass this weekend that we are asking for more people to join the Ministry of Consolation. This ministry impacts peoples' lives at a very important time and, because of the wonderful work that is done, it is often a vehicle for bringing people back to Mass after they have been away for a long time. It is far from a depressing ministry; in fact, it is life-giving and life-affirming in the way it touches people on a deep level.

Please think about what I said at Mass, and consult the ad in this bulletin concerning the Ministry of Consolation. Give serious and prayerful consideration to coming on board. If you are recently retired or suddenly find

yourself with some extra time on your hands, you're a perfect fit for this! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

- **Sewing Baptismal Bibs:** We are in need of people to help sew the baptismal bibs we use for infants at the parish celebrations of baptism; the complete description is in the blurb elsewhere in this bulletin. I'm sure we have several different folks — women and men — who can assist with this and do some simple sewing and embroidering.

- **LIVING THE EUCHARIST:** We're again starting up the LIVING THE EUCHARIST Program. This will function as our Parish Lenten Mission. Those who participated last year absolutely loved it, and we received feedback about it that was overwhelmingly positive. Through LIVING THE EUCHARIST we will have the opportunity to prepare for the upcoming Sunday's readings at Mass, and to reflect on the meaning of the celebration of the Eucharist and how Eucharist connects with our everyday life.

Please be sure to participate in LIVING THE EUCHARIST, and be sure to return your response form as soon as possible. You'll be glad you did.

Group Mass Intentions

I want to remind you of an opportunity we offer concerning Mass intentions here at OLPH. As a pastoral response to the problem of Mass intentions being filled up and parishioners not being able to request Masses, parishes are permitted to take **multiple Mass intentions** for certain Masses. Here's the way it works at Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

1. Each month, one (1) Sunday Mass and one (1) weekday Mass are set aside as a Mass that will have the opportunity for multiple Mass intentions.

2. For the sake of giving this a more spiritual name than just calling it "multiple Mass intentions," these Masses twice a month have been designated as "**Perpetual Help Mass Intentions.**" Note that "Perpetual Help Mass Intentions" is simply a name we have given it; the name does not designate anything different or special or "more" or "less" than a single Mass intention. From the spiritual perspective, it is exactly the same thing as a single Mass

intention, the only difference being that the Church permits more than one intention to be taken for that Mass. Otherwise, it is exactly the same thing as always.

3. If someone's intention is taken for one of these Masses, that person is made aware of the fact that other intentions will be remembered along with that one. The remembrance of the intention will not be diminished in any way, but it will not be the only one remembered at that Mass.

4. All the intentions for that Mass are published in the parish bulletin the week prior to the Mass. The intention announced during the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) during Mass will be "For those enrolled in the Perpetual Help Mass Intentions." Please note that **individual names are not announced out loud at the Mass, but instead are printed in the bulletin one week in advance.**

5. Stipends collected for intentions after the first one are used for the support of the parish.

6. A maximum of TWELVE (12) intentions may be taken for any one "Perpetual Help Mass." There can be no exceptions to this maximum.

It is our hope that this practice, which is permitted by our Bishop and which is in place in many parishes, creates the opportunity for more people to secure Mass intentions here at OLPH. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity when appropriate.

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

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



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.

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.



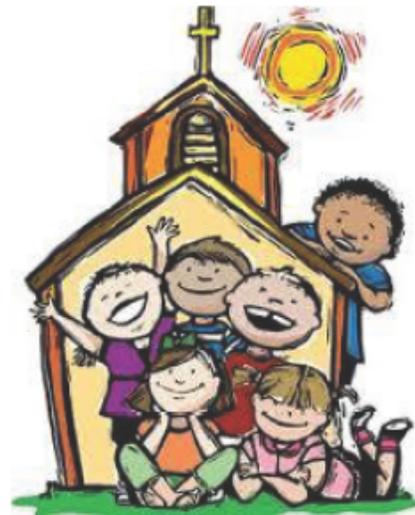
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**NEXT SUNDAY A CHILDREN'S HOMILY
WILL BE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL -
OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST.
LISTEN TO THE READINGS AND A
REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL!**



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



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

LIVE-STREAM MASS

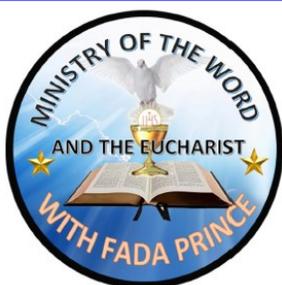
We live-stream the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week.

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 Lindenhurst



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.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED WITH THE MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION!

“So too when a member of Christ’s Body dies, the faithful are called to a ministry of consolation to those who have suffered the loss of one whom they love.”

—Order of Christian Funerals #8

As you know, OLPH is blessed with having the Ministry of Consolation, which ministers to families at the time of the Funeral Mass.

We are currently in need of more people to come forward to offer their time and their presence in this beautiful ministry.

It’s not hard, and it’s not depressing, and it means so much to families at the time of the Funeral Mass.

You’ll feel wonderful about doing this, and we need YOU!

There are many ways to become involved, and we especially need help with three ministries:

- being present at Funeral Masses to act as greeters, hand out booklets, and help get people seated;
- being a Coordinator, working behind-the-scenes with lists and making phone calls to assign ministers to Funeral Masses;
- being an altar server at Funeral Masses.

Please consider stepping up to offer your time and your presence in one or more of these ministries.

Those who are recently retired, or those who now have time free during the day, are especially appropriate for this ministry!

If you are interested, please contact MaryAnn Haas at hosta7@yahoo.com or Msgr. Joe at msgjrjoe@oloph.org

MINISTRY OF LECTORS

Do you attend the 6:30 a.m. weekday Mass here at OLPH?

Then you are aware that we need a parishioner to offer his or her time to serve as a Lector (reader) for this Mass two days a week. To find out how you may serve your fellow parishioners, please contact Deacon Robert at DeaconRobert@oloph.org or call 631-226-6175.



BAPTISM BIB TEAM NEEDS HELP

ARE YOU GOOD AT SEWING AND HAVE A FEW HOURS A MONTH TO SPARE?

If you’re good at sewing and have some spare time, we need YOU to assist in making the special garment that is used with infants in the Sacrament of Baptism.

One of the three symbols imparted to newly-baptized Catholics is the white baptismal garment, a sign that the child or young person has “put on Christ” in his or her life. Infants and very young children receive this garment as a “bib” placed over the head during the baptism ceremony. We need people to join the Baptism Bib Team, to sew and embroider bibs as the white garment used in the Sacrament of Baptism.

If you are interested, please contact Christine Ferris at 631-957-2321 (home), or 631-664-0986 (cell) or at slwwh152@optonline.net

Sunday of the Word of God

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

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 context 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 it will be on Sunday, January 23, 2022.

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 certain solemnity.

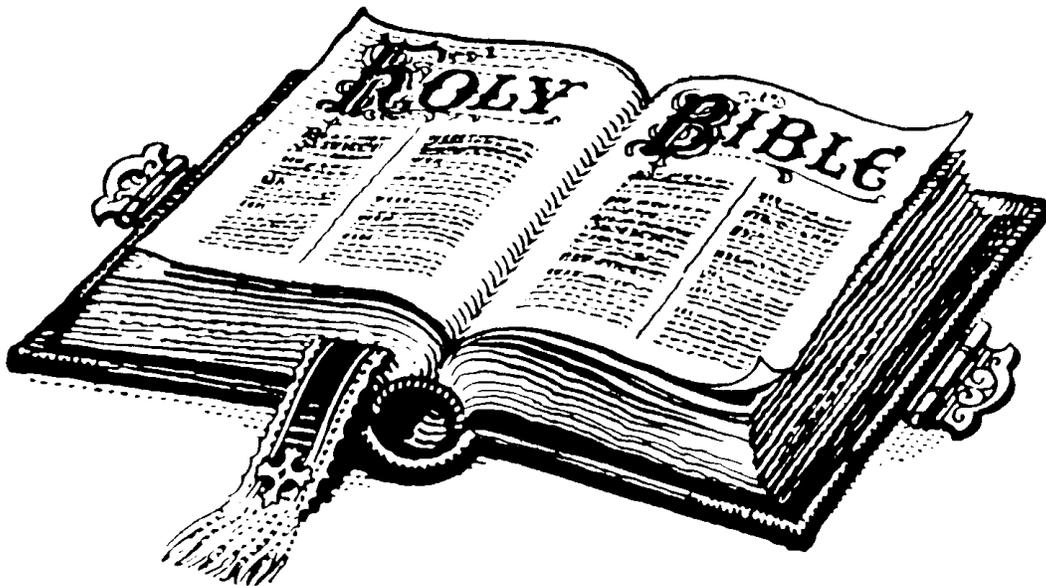
Here at OLPH, we'll celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God by incorporating these elements into all the Sunday Masses the weekend of January 22-23.

† The Homily will include reference to the Word of God in the life of the Church and in living the Christian life.

† A shrine with a Book of Gospels will be set up in the Divine Mercy Chapel. You are invited to honor the Lord's presence in His Word by spending a few moments praying in front of the Word of God before or after Mass (keeping social distancing, please).

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.



PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2022

“THE EUCHARIST...CONSTITUTES THE SOURCE OF THE CHURCH’S LIFE ITSELF. FROM THIS SACRAMENT OF LOVE, IN FACT, FLOWS EVERY AUTHENTIC JOURNEY OF FAITH, OF COMMUNION, AND OF WITNESS.”

- Pope Francis



Begins March 3 – April 7

Join a **Living the Eucharist** small group during Lent.
Your participation can enrich your life in ways subtle and amazing.
During the six-week program you will:

- ◇ Gain a better understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist
- ◇ Participate more fully in Sunday Mass
- ◇ Leave Mass in a renewed zeal to let the light of Christ shine
- ◇ Nourish your spiritual life by enhancing your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sign up now to get the materials needed before the sessions begin.
For more information, contact Jim Totino at jtotino01@gmail.com

Deadline to join is February 11

Lenten sign-up form on next page.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Living the Eucharist



LENTEN SIGN-UP FORM



To be completed by each participant.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME _____

CELL _____

EMAIL: _____

AGE (if under 21): _____

Six Weekly Small Group Gatherings:

Dates: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7

Location: School building (classrooms to be assigned)

Time: 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Yes, I will attend the six sessions _____

No, I cannot attend but am interested in participating in the program _____

Please return this form to the Rectory. **The material will be distributed on the first day of Class.**

View videos on the *Living the Eucharist* website at
<https://www.livingtheeucharist.org/adults/>

Thank you for your prayerful consideration
and may the Lord bless you on this journey!

February 11, 2022 is the deadline to submit form in order to receive material.

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES—NEW RITUAL BOOKS

“Churches, therefore, must be places “suited to sacred celebrations,” “dignified,” and beautiful. Their suitability for worship is determined by their ability through the architectural design of space and the application of artistic gifts to embody God’s initiative and the community’s faithful response.”

- #18, Built of Living Stones: Art Architecture and Worship, a document of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000.

For more than a thousand years, the Church has used ritual books in the celebration of the sacred Liturgy. These books contain the rubrics or instructions about the particular ritual(s) contained inside and also the actual texts of the prayers and Scriptures that we hear proclaimed. Often the ritual books are beautifully adorned with sacred art to remind us of God’s majesty and glory.

Here at OLPH, a very busy parish, our books are used many times over the course of a week. Over time, they do get worn and every so often, they need to be replaced. The sanitizing and cleaning that was done in the early part of the COVID-19 Pandemic also wreaked havoc on our books. The time has now come to replace many of our ritual books and we invite you to consider memorializing them in memory of a loved one who has died or by marking a special occasion such as milestone wedding anniversary or the birth of a child or grandchild. The memorials will be acknowledged in the bulletin and also with a special label that will be placed inside the front cover of the book. **Contact or stop by the rectory in order to memorialize a ritual book.**

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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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 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

LEVELS 6, 7 and 8

On Wednesday, January 26, your Midterm is during your normal class time. Be sure to be prepared, and study hard!

LEVELS 3, 4 and 5

On Saturday, January 29, your Make-Up Midterm is during your regular class time. Study hard if you were absent last week!

**LEVEL 2**

For those of you who missed the Sacrament of First Penance due to quarantine, the make-up day will be Saturday, February 5.

HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of classroom helpers for Levels 1-5 on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and/or 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., and hall monitors on Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Do you have the time to give one hour and share your God-given gifts with the youth of OLPH? This is a great way for high school and middle school students to get hours required for school or other extracurricular activities! Home from college? Donate your free time to help your Church; it always looks good on job applications!

Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Sebastian was a guard for the Roman Emperor Diocletian. This emperor hated Christians and was always ordering their executions. St. Sebastian would convert many pagans to Christianity and gave support to those Christians in jail. He was soon discovered, and the emperor ordered he be tied to a tree on the army training field, and be used for target practice.

He was hit with many arrows, but they did not kill him.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
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- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
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Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and

1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

In the last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring hope and joy to 167 adults, 129 children, and 28 seniors, for a total of 105 families. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Food Pantry List

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

COFFEE

SHELF STABLE MILK

PEANUT BUTTER

HOT CEREALS

PASTA SAUCE

PORK & BEANS

HOT CHOCOLATE

CANNED FRUIT

FRUIT JUICE

COOKIES/DESSERTS

Please bring items to the SVdP office:

Monday, 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.

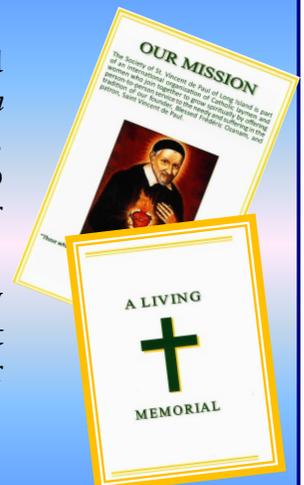
THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

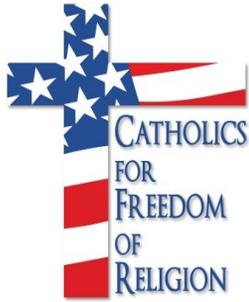
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP's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

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available 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 the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Let's Celebrate! Religious Freedom Day is Here!

The President has declared January 16 as Religious Freedom Day every year since 1993, in commemoration of the 1786 Virginia Statute on Religious Freedom. This legislation, drafted by Thomas Jefferson, was the model for the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights in the Constitution.

An easy-to-understand paraphrase of Jefferson's lexicon, written for young school children to understand, would be: "God created us to be free in our thinking. He is all-powerful but He chose not to force us to obey Him...Truth is a wonderful thing. Truth can defend itself if you just let it be told. People need to be free to talk about what they believe is the truth about God."⁽¹⁾

Too many school age children and their parents are unaware of the "big secret:" America's public schools are NOT "God-Free Zones." This truth is taught in the nine-minute "Students of Faith" video from Catholics for Freedom of Religion, on our home page at www.cffor.org. The student actors and the narrator explain the origins of religious freedom in America, the importance of Religious Freedom Day and the rights of students to live their faith in many ways throughout their school day.

All Presidents since 1993 have issued a Proclamation on Religious Freedom Day:

- "Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives...that January 16, 1993, is designated as Religious Freedom Day [and the President calls on] all people of the U.S. to celebrate their religious freedom..."—President George H.W. Bush, 1993
- "Religious freedom helps to give America's people a character independent of their government, fostering the formation of individual codes of ethics, without which a democracy cannot survive."—President Bill Clinton, 1994
- "Religious freedom is a cornerstone of our Republic, a core principle of our Constitution, and a fundamental human right."—President George W. Bush, 2002
- "Faith can bring us closer to one another, and our freedom to practice our faith and follow our conscience is central to our ability to live in harmony."—President Barack Obama, 2010
- "From its opening pages, the story of America has been rooted in the truth that all men and women are endowed with the right to follow their conscience, worship freely, and live in accordance with their convictions."—President Donald Trump, 2020

(gogateways.org/religiousFreedomDay (1); religiousfreedomday.com; nationaltoday.com; cffor.org)

O God our Creator,

we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.

*Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.*

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Prayer for Religious Liberty

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.

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

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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| <i>Marguerette Hoffman</i> | <i>Mary Duran</i> |
| <i>Joan Giarratano</i> | <i>Laurence Fitzpatrick</i> |
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| <i>Nick & Marie Postiglione</i> | <i>Roseann Canestro</i> |

WE REMEMBER

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

- Gail P. Mungeluzzo*
Laurence J. Fitzpatrick
Eileen Barrett
Palma G. Franco
Antoinette Trotta
Carol J. Snyder

“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.”

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 help 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.

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for information on our Spring program starting in April.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, January 24— Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
6:30	Almeda Knoth
12:15	Jane Niederhausen
TUESDAY, January 25— Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle	
6:30	Dean Chamberlain, Sr.
12:15	Susan Masterson
WEDNESDAY, January 26— Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops	
6:30	Donald Mandrachia
12:15	Terry Cunningham
THURSDAY, January 27— Weekday <i>(Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder)</i>	
6:30	John Furnari
12:15	Jeanne Caccavalla
FRIDAY, January 28— Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church	
6:30	Maria Legerlotz
12:15	S. Jean Albert Fry, OP.
SATURDAY, January 29 — Weekday	
8:00	Christopher Dominick Ermendi
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:00	Dominick & Samuel Pane
Sunday, January 30— THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 794
10:00	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:00	For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 24, 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 Business Meeting	Room 23
7:00 p.m.	Christian Mother's Meeting	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Family Life Ministry Meeting	Cafeteria
Tuesday, January 25, 2022		
5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
6:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Wednesday, January 26, 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, January 27, 2022		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
6:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, January 28, 2022		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
Saturday, January 29, 2022		
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1– 5 and Special Ed. Classes	School
12:30 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, January 30, 2022		
8:00 a.m.	Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Breakfast	Cafeteria
12:30 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

The 150th Anniversary Year is over, but we still have some souvenirs and commemorative items available, as long as supplies last. Great T-shirts, warm sweat shirts, sturdy tote bags, tumblers to keep your coffee or hot chocolate nice and hot, beautiful key chains, versatile playing cards and elegant stylus pens can still be purchased! Contact Helene at hcalab2@optonline.net for more information on how to purchase an item.

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 23 DE ENERO DEL 2022

Primera Lectura (Nehemías 8:2-6.8-10): La Palabra de Dios Movía e Inspiraba al Pueblo

El Pueblo de Dios se reúne en unidad, por y para la Palabra de Dios. El mensaje de Dios les disgusta y contraría; y aun así, ellos se regocijan en el Señor.

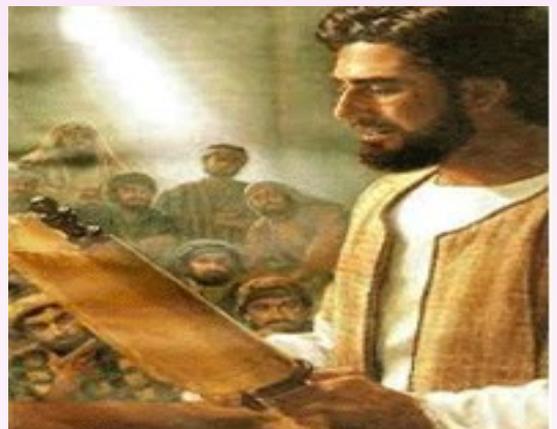
Segunda Lectura (1Corintios 12,12-30 ó 12,12-14.27): Cada uno tiene su papel en el Cuerpo

Por el Bautismo hemos llegado a ser partes constituyentes del Cuerpo de Cristo. Cada parte debe contribuir al bien del todo.

Evangelio (Lucas 1,1-4; 4,14-21): Hoy la Buena Nueva se cumple en Jesús

Jesús presenta al pueblo, en la Sinagoga, su programa liberador de salvación. En Jesús se cumple la Buena Noticia de Dios. En el Evangelio nos encontramos con una situación muy distinta. Jesús ha vuelto a su ciudad natal después de un tiempo fuera. Ya ha comenzado su vida pública y a sus conciudadanos ha llegado su fama. Se siente enviado por Dios para predicar el Reino de Dios. ¿Estamos ante una nueva proclamación de la ley? ¿Va a dar Jesús unas normas nuevas en oposición a las que desde antiguo había recibido el pueblo? Posiblemente sus conciudadanos se hacían también estas preguntas. Por eso, cuando entra en la sinagoga, le invitan a hacer una lectura de los profetas y a que les hable. Sorprendentemente, Jesús escoge un texto que no habla de normas ni de leyes. Habla más bien de él mismo y de su misión. Jesús se sirve de un texto del profeta Isaías para explicar a sus conciudadanos, y de paso también a nosotros, cuál es el contenido de su misión, por qué está predicando por los pueblos y los caminos de Galilea. Es que Jesús se siente dominado, poseído, por el Espíritu de Dios. Ese espíritu no hace de él alguien superior a los demás. No le convierte en un rey que, como el resto de los reyes de la tierra, se vale de su autoridad para dominar, oprimir y esclavizar. Él ha sido enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres, liberar a los cautivos y devolver la vista a los ciegos. Ésa es su misión. No se trata por tanto de que Dios, a través de Jesús, nos vaya a dar normas nuevas, quizá más fáciles, quizá más difíciles, que tenemos que obedecer. En absoluto. Jesús viene a hablarnos de un Dios que nos trae la salvación, que quiere que seamos libres, que dejemos de sufrir, que seamos felices. Ésa es la misión de Jesús. Los que hoy formamos su comunidad, somos los encargados de llevar esta buena nueva a los que sufren, a los oprimidos, a los cautivos, a los pobres. Para que todos conozcan al Dios que nos ama y nos salva.

Para la reflexión *¿Hay cerca de ti personas que necesitan ser liberadas de alguna opresión? ¿Tú mismo, quizá? ¿Cómo te libera Jesús? ¿Cómo libera a tu familia? ¿Te dejas liberar?*



**OFFERING UPDATE
January 15/16**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	186	71	\$1,774.00
8:00 a.m.	155	73	2,589.00
10:00 a.m.	257	66	2,775.00
12:00 p.m.	265	57	2,105.00
Coin			7.92
Faith Direct:			2,791.00
Children's Env.		10	74.00
Mail-ins:			2,347.00
TOTAL	863	277	\$14,462.92
2021 total	687	276	\$14,930.21
Candles			\$612.00
Poor Box			\$244.00

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- \$100** - Donna Milone
- \$100** - Mary Nodell
- \$100** - Deborah Crisci

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Debbie Nolan



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2022 BASKETBALL

**** VOLUNTEER**

DOOR MONITORS NEEDED **

For games played at Lindenhurst Schools, we are asking for assistance to help us stay in compliance with the school district COVID rules.

A few people each spending an hour or two per week would go a long way toward ensuring we have a fun, successful season.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT LUKE at
olphcyo11757@gmail.com

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All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted* by the dates listed and *as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

January 30—passed
February 6—January 28
February 13—February 4

2022 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2021 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.

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PREPARING FOR
Sunday, January 30, 2022
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Love is patient, love is kind.

1 Corinthians 13:4a

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Jeremiah's call to ministry was a call to make public what he had first learned himself through an intimate relationship with his God. Having grown up in a family of priests, he knew the Law and the Prophets well. And like all the prophets before him, he knew that he was being called to deliver a message that would be unwelcome. While the reluctance he knew in his youth would continue to plague him throughout his 40 years of ministry, it was his love for God and his faith that helped him to overcome his very human fears.

1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13

This text contains Paul's great sermon on the nature of human love transformed by divine love. He also explains that every spiritual gift which God has given to us through Christ is for the sole purpose of revealing the heart of a loving Father for his children. What a great loss it is then, as Paul explains to the Corinthians, if we focus on the gifts themselves and suppose them to be reflections of our own greatness instead!

Luke 4:21-30

The Lord's words of assurance spoken to Jeremiah are words we might also imagine the Father speaking to Jesus in his heart as he undergoes unbelief, rejection and persecution at the hands of his neighbors in his hometown synagogue. But unlike all of the prophets who proclaimed the Lord's promises, Jesus is proclaiming that he himself is the fulfillment of all of those promises. But when Jesus tells them that the salvation he brings is offered on God's terms and not on theirs, they reject both the message and the Messenger.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 24, 2022:

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10
 + Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 25, 2022:

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

Wednesday, January 26, 2022:

2 Timothy 1:1-8 + Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 27, 2022:

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29
 + Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 28, 2022:

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
 + Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 29, 2022:

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17
 + Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, January 30, 2022:

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
 + 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13
 + Luke 4:21-30

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. Both Jeremiah and Jesus provoked people in God's name. Who are some of the prophets in your lifetime? Did they accomplish their missions? Can you be a "lesser prophet" and get small things changed in your world (e.g. start a recycling program, address discrimination in your city, suggest a plan to help the homeless, etc.)?
2. Jesus said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." What does his "today" mean to us? Does it apply to every age, men and women of all times and places?



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