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*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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 26, 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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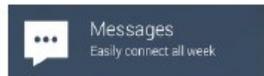
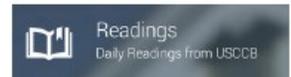
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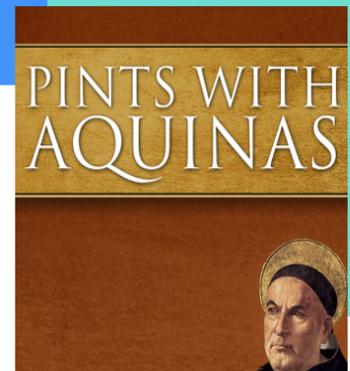
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 28 is the feast day of Saint Thomas Aquinas. In celebration, Matt Fradd sits down with Peter Kreeft as he shares 12 quick stories about Saint Thomas Aquinas.

Pints With Aquinas 12 Stories about Aquinas

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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](https://www.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](https://www.formed.org/signup) and find your parish to register.

Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis has asked Catholic parishes to celebrate today, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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.

Older Catholics among us may remember the time in the past when Catholics were actually discouraged from reading the Bible! (Hard to believe, isn't it?) Thank goodness we're past those days! The Church now teaches us that Sacred Scripture is absolutely essential to the 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 not only give us information, but they are also 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 in the way we have done at all the Masses this weekend, as you have seen in the ritual elements we used to draw attention to it. In particular, I hope you took advantage of the opportunity to spend some time in private reverence and meditation before the enthroned Word after Mass, as everyone was invited to do.

St. John's Bible

In conjunction with the Sunday of the Word of God, we're offering a special event here at OLPH connected to the Sacred Scriptures. As we are advertising elsewhere in this bulletin, on Thursday, February 6 at 1:00 p.m. we'll have the opportunity to view and hear about the St. John's Bible, a handwritten, illuminated Bible that presents the written Word of God in a very breathtaking way. It will showcase how beauty and artwork combine to express the majesty and splendor of the Word of God. I know the presentation will be a fascinating one. Consider coming down and being a part of it; look for more details elsewhere in this bulletin.

Group Mass Intentions

I want to remind you of an opportunity we offer concerning Mass intentions here at OLPH; it's good to remind ourselves of this opportunity from time to time.

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.

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.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2020

Finally, I want to inform you that next weekend we will officially launch OLPH’s participation in the 2020 diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal. I would like to ask you to begin praying about your participation in the upcoming Appeal. We need to make the 2020 Appeal as successful as it has been in the past because we absolutely depend on the rebate income we receive, and we cannot do without it. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Your generosity is one of the things that makes OLPH “the place to be!”

You’ll be hearing more about the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal in the weeks ahead.

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,



BLESSING OF THROATS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Monday, February 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century, and it is believed that he was martyred in a persecution in the early fourth century. His association with the healing of throats arose from a legend that while he was in prison he cured a boy who had a fish bone stuck in his throat. The practice of blessing throats with two crossed candles seems to have arisen in the sixteenth century when devotion to St. Blaise reached its peak.

Here at OLPH, we will be blessing throats during the two weekday Masses at 6:30 a.m. and at 12:15 p.m., as the conclusion to the Universal Prayer (the Prayer of the Faithful), as indicated in the *Book of Blessings*.

Congratulations & Welcome, Rosebella!



Rosebella Salazar was baptized on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the feast day of the Baptism of the Lord with the baptism of a young student.

She will enter into the Religious Education Program next school year along with others who will begin the journey towards First Penance and Communion.



SPECIAL FEAST COMING UP

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord pulls many favorite mementos from the Catholic cupboard: candles, blessings, Christmas, and church. The Mass of February 2 begins with a blessing of lighted candles held by the faithful, who glow with the memory of the birth of Jesus.

The origins of the feast lie in ancient Jewish custom. On the 40th day after childbirth, parents brought the infant to the



Temple to present it to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary sacrificed two birds for the occasion after the birth of Jesus. Count up 40 days after Christmas and you'll come to February 2. Until the 1960s, we used to call this day "The Purification of Mary." The title changed for several reasons. We no longer believe that women who give birth need purification, and the true significance of the feast concerns Jesus coming to the Temple. He is the Promised One, whose light will shine, beaming rays of hope to all the world. Also on the old calendar, this feast closed the Christmas season. Now we end the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. So, even though the date for the Presentation still depends on Christmas, it has become a feast of Ordinary Time. Since it is a feast of the Lord, it takes precedence even when it falls on Sunday.

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At the beginning of Mass on Saturday Evening, February 1 and Sunday, February 2, we will bless candles which can be used in the home throughout the year. The candles remind us of the words the prophet Simeon used when he said that Jesus was a light for the nations. We invite you to bring in your own candles to be blessed at Mass. You may also take home a set of candles which we will provide in the church; we ask for a \$5 offering to cover the cost of these candles. The candles will also be available in the rectory after February 2.

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." - Luke 2:29-32

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

Mass for All People With Special Needs February 1

The *Special Needs Ministry* hosts a monthly celebration of the Eucharist in a smaller setting designed to provide a fulfilling worship experience for all adults and children who may be uncomfortable in a larger setting.

Please join us on **Saturday, February 1** at **4:00 p.m. in the auditorium**. Let's all come together and worship together! After Mass we have Hospitality!

Levels 6—8 and Teens may join us early to help the ministry with set up and to gain Confirmation Service hours. Call Jessica at the Religious Education office 631-226-7725 X 252 to let her know you are coming.

*We can always use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you? Contact **Jessica Becker Paolo** at 631-226-7725 X 252 or email to jbecker@oloph.org*

*After this month our next Special Needs Mass is
March 7 at 4:00 p.m.*

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 Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, January 27—12:45 p.m.

Monday, February 3—12:45 p.m.

Monday, February 10—12:45 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

*All are invited to come
and pray with our parish community.*

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **February 1** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:30 p.m. Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Polish, English, Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:30 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, **February 2** at 7:00 p.m.

First Friday Devotions will take place **February 7** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

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.

HELP KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN

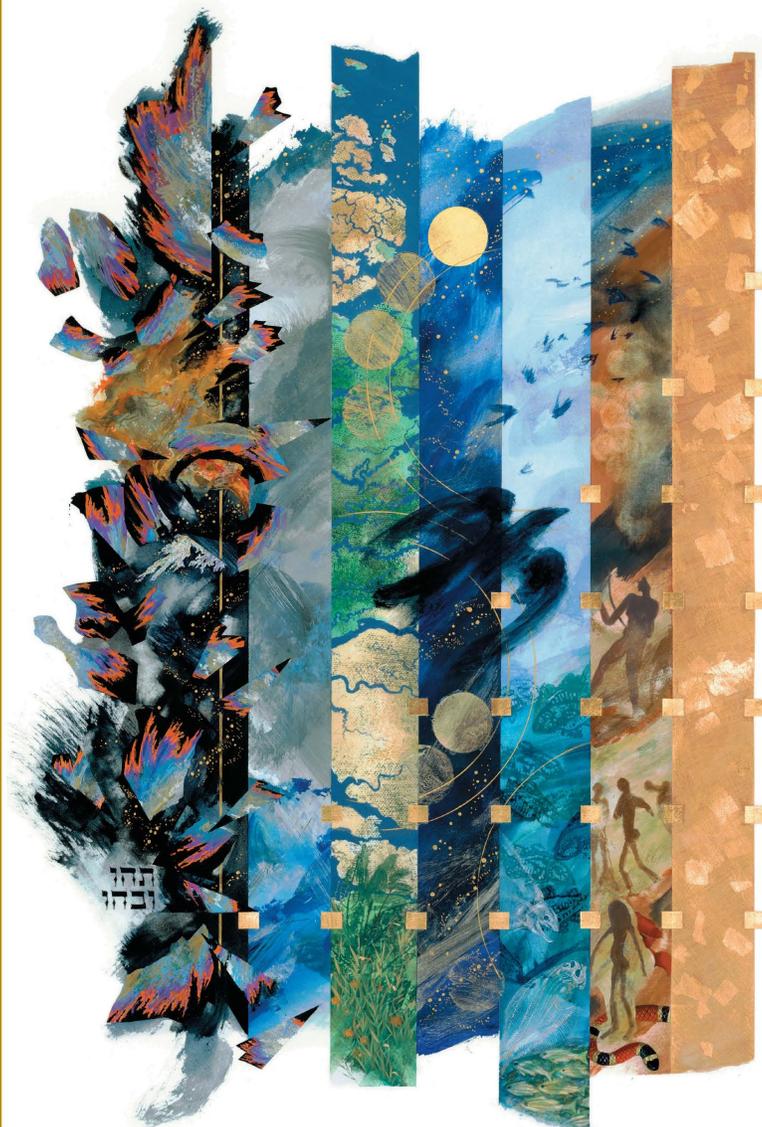
We need to ask everyone to be attentive to doing their part to keeping the church clean by not leaving dirty tissues and other trash in the pews. Our sacristan and all our ushers are very faithful to going through the pews and cleaning up after every Mass — they straighten out the hymnals and remove any papers and other trash left in the pews. Thank you to them for their great work and their dedication in doing this! Wouldn't it be great, though, if they didn'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, and that, when leaving church, their seating area was neat and tidy (hymn book back in its rack, nice and neat, and no debris left behind)? Wouldn't that be a great sign of respect for our worship space, for each other, and especially for those who otherwise have to clean it up?

Please do not leave any dirty tissues, trash or other litter in the pews after you leave Mass. Thank you.



Experience *the Word* Come to Life

A Presentation of The Saint John's Bible



Creation, Donald Jackson with contributions by Chris Tomlin, 2003, *The Saint John's Bible* and the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, Order of Saint Benedict, Collegeville, Minnesota, USA.

“One of the extraordinary undertakings of our time.”

Smithsonian Magazine

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?

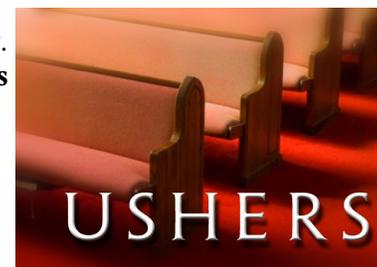
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of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

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 29, Levels 6-8 will have their Midterm, during their regular class time. Good luck!

On Saturday, February 1, Level 3 will meet in the church at 11:15 a.m. for a Penance Service. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Attendance will be taken!



Happy Saint of the Day! St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales is best known for his belief and teaching of the universal call to holiness. Christians are meant to be like Jesus in everything they do. Whether we are called to religious life or are a lay person, we should all want to be close to God and get to heaven. Prayer is one of the best ways to do that. St. Francis de Sales always had a deep love for God as a child and always knew that he wanted to be a priest, but he was afraid that his dad would not approve. He became a lawyer to please his dad, but God the Father was not pleased with this. St. Francis fell off his horse three times, to find his sword and scabbard in the shape of the cross — and knew it was God calling him to the priesthood!



Our Level 7 students learned about the importance of the virtue chastity. Thank you to Nolan and Erin for giving the presentation!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
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- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
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- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@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

Food Pantry List!

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Thank you
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with you when you go shopping!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building
Use the parking lot located on the corner of
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631.226.7725 x. 234

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 this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

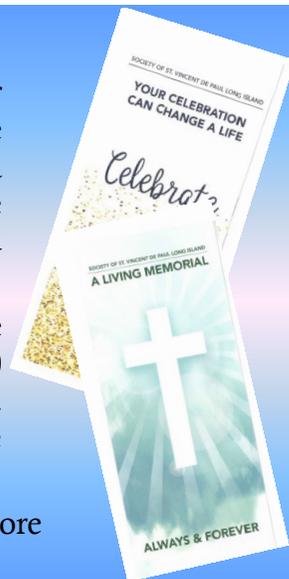
In December 2019, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor, by assisting 146 children, 181 adults and 29 seniors for a total of 356 people in 131 households. Thank you for your generosity!

† 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.

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, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 24

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449

or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

COMMUNITY MEAL

With February right around the corner, we now need to focus on the

Sunday, February 9

Community Meal – the food theme is

“Super” Sunday of Stews and Casseroles.

We are looking for your favorite chicken or beef dish (all in one with meat, vegetables, potatoes/noodles). So get out your crockpot!

If you can cook, serve or help with set up please contact me at gtonness@optonline.net or call Gail at 631-957-1449.

RESPECT LIFE

Special thanks to those who participated in the Rosary Rally last Sunday, January 12.



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.



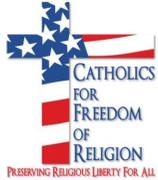
Entrance to Blue Door Boutique is located by the driveway between the Village Museum and the Convent.

THE
bluedoor
BOUTIQUE

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

CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION

FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



www.cffor.org

The Fight for Religious Freedom in Schools Goes On California Raids Christian School and Seeks to Change Its Beliefs

A Christian boarding school in California, River View Christian Academy (RVCA), founded in 1993 under the ministry of Teen Rescue, has won a reprieve in court against the State of California's efforts to shut it down. The dispute centers on the State's re-labeling the school as a "community care facility." This label would force the school into heavy regulation by the State's Department of Social Services, including mandates that violate the school's religious mission and moral standards. For example, the State requires licensed facilities to allow students the right to engage in spiritual and sexual exploration, contradicting the goals of many parents enrolling their children in RVCA.

The case began in January 2019 when a raid of RVCA was conducted after an internet rumor that the school housed illegal drugs and stockpiled weapons. The raid, terrifying to students and staff, included 16 armed officers from the California Highway Patrol, 2 canine units, and 17 social workers. Then, instead of apologizing for its dangerous blunder, the State imposed daily fines against the school for allegedly operating as a private "unlicensed community care facility"(1), even though it has operated as a private school for 25 years, filing an annual affidavit with the California Department of Education.

Pacific Justice Institute (PJI) filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of the school, winning a temporary reprieve because the judge expressed concern with the First Amendment implications. PJI's lead attorney said, "I have never seen this level of aggressive, militant, and ideologically-driven conduct by a State agency against a religious institution. As public schools have become increasingly hostile to parents, the courts have insisted that the parents' option is to choose private education. Now, that fundamental right is under attack."(2)

****Take Action:** Parental Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, introduced in the Senate 8/1/17, and to the House 1/30/19, still awaits action. This joint resolution states that:

- the liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their children is a fundamental right;
 - the parental right to direct education includes the right to choose, as an alternative to public education, private, religious, or home schools, and the right to make reasonable choices within public schools for one's child.
- (citizenjournal.us, 11/20/19; christiannewswire.com, 6/7/19(1)(2); 1cbn.com, 11/20/19, 6/7/19; onenewsnow.com, 6/20/19; congress.gov/115th; parentalrights.org)

"Train up a child in the way he should go. Even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

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...

Family Life Ministry and The Spanish Prayer Group
invite you to



Family Paint Night

Noche de Pintura en Familia

¿Buscas hacer algo divertido y artístico en Familia? Participa con una talentosa Artista quien te guiara paso a paso has crear tu obra.

Looking for something FUN and ARTSY to do as a family? Join a talented artist who will guide you step by step to create your own



Reusable  Canvas Bag

When: Friday, February 7, 2020

****Please dress for a mess 😊**

Time: 6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

(smocks will not be provided)

Where: Cafeteria

Cost: \$25 per project (includes canvas bag and painting supplies)

Please bring snacks to share with others.

Please note that **children must be accompanied by an adult** throughout the paint session.

Adults are encouraged to paint with their children.

Reserve your spot early as spaces are limited.

Any questions or ticket information contact:

Jenine Jimenez Spina (631) 226 - 0317 or je91971@gmail.com

Paint Night Reply Form

First and Last Name _____

_____ # of adults

_____ # of children _____ ages of children

Telephone number _____ Email Address _____

Please email Jenine Jimenez Spina at je91971@gmail.com

RSVP NO Later than Sunday, February 2, 2020

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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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
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
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

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Mike Williams

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020 10:00 A.M. MASS

<i>Maria Perry</i>	<i>Requested by The Kuhn Family</i>
<i>Zygmunt Jakubisiak</i>	<i>Requested by The Stasiak Family</i>
<i>Bella Fiano</i>	<i>Requested by John & Catherine Croke</i>
<i>Salvatore L. Menniti</i>	<i>Requested by Podrang & Abrams Families</i>
<i>Susan Groenewoud</i>	<i>Requested by Barbara McAllister</i>

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>John Pius</i>	<i>Carmen Meyer</i>
<i>Maren Tormey</i>	<i>Rose Garofalo</i>
<i>Joann Puleo</i>	<i>Joe Chiusa</i>
<i>Anna Commarato</i>	<i>Louise Pazzano</i>
<i>Lauren Mule</i>	<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>
<i>Gian Marino</i>	<i>James Byrne</i>
<i>John McPhail</i>	<i>Helene Jirinec</i>
<i>Mary Martin</i>	<i>Nancy Wirth</i>
<i>Joan Giarratano</i>	<i>Grace Tuttle</i>
<i>Nettie Deasy</i>	

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS



TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS January 2020

Vicenzo & Francine Bucaro
Nicole Walaski
Richard, Jessica & Kaylee Younker
Karen Manzanares, Ronaldi Vargas & Rosebella
Ryan, Corine & Jasper Griske
Katherine, Vincent, Patrick & Elizabeth Meyer
William, Toni-Rose & Joia Hinds

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.

WE REMEMBER

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

Michael A. Inghingolo
Joan Schatz
Nicholas Joseph Cotter
John Kenneth Hoffman

“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.”

“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 27—

WEEKDAY

(Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder)

6:30 Mary Lauria

12:15 James Mirabile

TUESDAY, January 28—

**SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS,
PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

6:30 For the Repose of the Souls of the
McCarthy Family

12:15 Ann & Albert Fry

WEDNESDAY, January 29—

WEEKDAY

6:30 Gladys Castillo

12:15 Antonina George

THURSDAY, January 30—

WEEKDAY

6:30 Stanley Cimaszewski

12:15 Lucy Giordano

FRIDAY, January 31—

SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

6:30 Stanley Zaleski

12:15 Michael Pazano

SATURDAY, February 1—

WEEKDAY

8:00 Caroline & Vito Venezia

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

4:00 Janet Montana
Special Needs Mass—Auditorium

5:00 George Walters

**Sunday, February 2
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 Those Enrolled in the Perpetual Help
Mass Intentions (*see page 17*)

12:00 Vincent Treanor

5:00 Patrick McIlmurray

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 27, 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.	Devotions	Church
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24
7:15 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark's Rm.

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting	St. Lucy Room

Wednesday, January 29, 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.: Mid-Term Exams	School

Thursday, January 30, 2020

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, January 31, 2020

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent

Saturday, February 1, 2020

8:30, 10:00	Religious Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Level 3 - Penance Service	Church
12:00 p.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 22/24
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Nocturnal Adoration	Church

Sunday, February 2, 2020

After all Masses	Catholic Ministries Appeal Campaign	Outside Church
9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
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.

Reflexiones de Lecturas del domingo 26 de Enero del 2020

Que Cristo, la verdadera luz del mundo, inspire y alegre las vidas de ustedes. Y de los suyos
Que nuestros rostros reflejen su calor y su amor, y que este siempre vivo en sus corazones.

Primera Lectura (Isaías 8, 23b. 9,3): Las Promesas de Dios Son Luz para su Pueblo

En los días oscuros de opresión y deportación, Dios promete a su pueblo la luz de la alegría y la salvación.

Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 1,10-13.17): ¡Estén Unidos en Cristo!

Los cristianos de Corinto están divididos en facciones, cada uno dando culto a la personalidad de los que les predicaban el evangelio. Pablo les dice: ¡No dividan a Cristo; vivan unidos en él!

Evangelio (Mateo 4,12-23): Cristo, Luz para Todos los Que Viven en Oscuridad

Jesús cumple la profecía de Isaías: Él es la luz prometida, porque nos trae la Buena Noticia de Salvación. Estamos convencidos de que la venida de Jesús supuso un cambio radical para el mundo. Con él la luz de Dios comenzó a brillar en un mundo sumergido en las tinieblas. -- Hoy ¿se ha disipado acaso la oscuridad de nuestro mundo? ¿Incluso la de su Iglesia y de las Iglesias? ¿Es Jesús todavía hoy nuestra luz? Nuestras vidas habrían de reflejar la luz de Dios a todos los pueblos, cercanos y lejanos. Aclamamos a Jesús, que está aquí entre nosotros como luz de nuestra vida.

Ha hecho resolución de año nuevo? Si no, todavía hay tiempo y Papa Francisco tiene algunas ideas para usted. Estas son las diez cosas que él llamado a los empleados del Vaticano para hacer:

1. "cuidar su vida espiritual, tu relación con Dios, porque esta es la columna vertebral de todo lo que hacemos y todo lo que somos."
2. "cuidar de su vida familiar, dando a sus hijos y seres queridos no sólo dinero, pero la mayoría de su tiempo, atención y amor."
3. "cuidar de tus relaciones con los demás, transformando su fe en la vida y sus palabras en buenas obras, especialmente en nombre de los necesitados".
4. "tenga cuidado de cómo hablas, purificar la lengua de palabras ofensivas, la vulgaridad y la decadencia mundana."
5. "curar las heridas del corazón con el aceite del perdón, perdonando a quienes nos lastimaron y medicar las heridas que hemos causado a otros."
6. "cuida tu trabajo, hacerlo con humildad, competencia, entusiasmo, pasión y con un espíritu que sabe cómo dar las gracias al Señor".
7. "ten cuidado de envidia, lujuria, odio y sentimientos negativos que devoran nuestra paz interior y nos transforman en personas destruidas y destructivas".
8. "cuidado con la ira que puede conducir a la venganza; con la pereza que conduce a la eutanasia existencial; no señalar con el dedo a otros, que conduce al orgullo; ni quejarse continuamente, que conduce a la desesperación."
9. "tenga cuidado de hermanos y hermanas que son más débiles... los ancianos, los enfermos, los hambrientos, los desamparados y extraños, porque seremos juzgados de esto."
10. "asegurándose de que la Navidad es acerca de Jesús y no acerca de las compras".

Es una buena lista: claramente tiene sus raíces en las enseñanzas católicas, pero presentados de una manera que no católicos puedan entenderlo y practicarlo.

OFFERING UPDATE January 18/19, 2020

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	265	57	\$1,663.00
8:00 a.m.	215	94	2,763.00
10:00 a.m.	408	116	3,094.00
12:00 p.m.	446	165	3,910.00
5:00 p.m.	210	41	1,173.00
Coin			14.97
Mail-ins:			665.00
Children's Env.		15	28.95
Faith Direct			2,197.90
TOTAL	1,544	488	\$15,509.82
2019 total	1,444	471	\$14,829.80
Candles			\$985.90
Poor Box			\$441.58

CHRISTMAS 2019

Year	Collection	Attendance
2019	\$71,712.40	2,766
2018	\$69,153.59	2,878

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

2019	\$3,953.00
2018	\$4,017.00

CFN TELETHON 2020

The Catholic Faith Network Telethon is the weekend of *Saturday, February 8th from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sunday, February 9th from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.* Please tune in on Cablevision channel 29/137, Time Warner Channel 471 or Verizon FiOS channel 296 to support our diocesan television station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest "stars" including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of our diocese. Additionally, visits from celebrity chefs and musical groups will help fuel the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun for the Catholic Faith Network Telethon and consider making a donation by phone, or a secure donation over the internet at www.cfntv.org.



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.*

February 2—passed
February 9—January 31
February 16—February 7

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, February 2, 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD*Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.*

Luke 2:22b

Malachi 3:1-4

Malachi, one of the last of the Hebrew prophets, wrote during the Persian period, when the temple was rebuilt and worship resumed after the exile. His prophecies look toward the day of the Lord in the future when God will act as a powerful judge. God will send a messenger to prepare the way for this day by refining and purifying the priests and the people alike. Then their sacrifices will be acceptable to God.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Today's reading from Hebrews presents Jesus as both fully human and as a merciful and faithful high priest. We're told that Jesus did not come to help angels but human beings so he had to become a human being himself. Being a man, he was able to die for us in order to destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil. In doing so, he freed us from the fear of death that enslaves us all our lives. Good news indeed!

Luke 2:22-40

We hear the story today of Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord as it was written in the law of Moses. There they encountered two people who knew that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah of the Jews. Simeon was a righteous man who was filled with the Holy Spirit and had been allowed to see the Messiah before he died. Anna was a prophetess who worshiped in the Temple day and night. Both rejoiced when they saw Jesus. Simeon's message is particularly notable for his saying that Jesus would be a "light of revelation to the Gentiles" meaning that Jesus would come to save not just the Jews but all people, including us. Jesus is the manifestation of God's glory and a visible sign of God's saving presence. Who wouldn't rejoice when they see Jesus?

Readings for the Week*Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.***Monday, January 27, 2020:**

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

Tuesday, January 28, 2020:

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19
+ Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 29, 2020:

2 Samuel 7:4-17 + Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 30, 2020

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

Friday, January 31, 2020

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

Saturday, February 1, 2020:

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

Sunday, February 2, 2020:

Malachi 3:1-4
+ Hebrews 2:14-18
+ Luke 2:22-40

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

The Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrates "Sunday of the Word of God." Bishop Andrzej will be joined by the music group *Ignis Angelicus* as he explores the power and meaning of God's Word today at the Church of Saint Aidan, 505 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596, **Sunday, January 26, 3:00 p.m.** *Afternoon of Prayer with Bishop Robert Coyle and Special Guest Speaker – Bishop Emil Wcela.* Former rector and scripture professor at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Church of Saint John the Evangelist, 246 St. John's Place, Riverhead, NY 11901, **Sunday, January 26, 3:00 p.m.**

Discover Maria Regina Nursery-8th Grade Open House: Sunday, **January 26 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.** Classroom Open House: Monday, **January 27 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.** Tours available upon request. Tuition Assistance Available. 4045 Jerusalem Ave. Seaford, NY 11783 (516)541-1229 www.mariareginaschool.org

The Long Island Coalition for Life is running two contests for High School students. Oratory Contest for 11th & 12th graders & High School Scholarship for 12th graders. Information can be found in the **LifeNews** bulletin found in our book racks in the back vestibule or call Louise (631-412-3831) or on line at **Prolifeli.org**. **Oratory Contest** for 11th & 12th graders (including homeschooled) Deadline: application to be submitted by **January 31**; submit speech by **Feb 12th** Write a 5 to 7 minute pro-life speech (on any pro-life issue - abortion, assisted suicide, etc) Then give the speech on March 22nd at Kellenburg HS. Prize \$500, \$300, \$200.

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BIO/BACKGROUND

The author/presenter, Dan Searby, is an Anglican convert to Catholicism and a Bible Lands aficionado who possibly suffers from "Jerusalem Syndrome" (Google it). He is also an active supporter of Christians in the Middle East through CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association), The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and Bethlehem University. This presentation is a follow-up to a talk on his 2016 pilgrimage given in September 2017. The all-new content in "Return to the Holy Land" is drawn from 2017, 2018 and 2019 pilgrimages to Israel and Palestine.

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