

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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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

**THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
January 27, 2019

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. Frank Pokorney

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN 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 evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

First Saturday: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

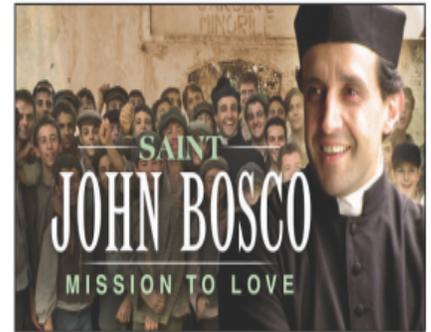
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Saint John Bosco

A Father to the Fatherless

Saint John Bosco dedicated his priesthood to educating and housing the forgotten youth on the tough streets of Turin, Italy. Watch the inspirational tale of how he transformed the lives of countless outcasts.



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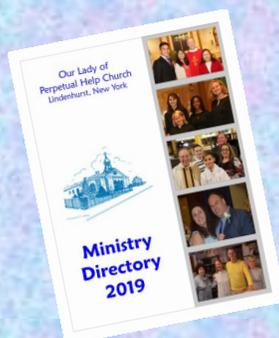
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PASTOR'S PAGE

Discussion about 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays Redux

Last week I wrote in the bulletin about a very important topic related to our 5:00 Sunday Mass. Since for one reason or another sometimes things get missed or overlooked in the bulletin, I think this is important enough that I would like to present the subject again. So, if you'll permit me, allow me to repeat what I wrote last week concerning the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays.

To put it bluntly: that Mass is in trouble and in need of a great deal of help. At times, the quality of the worship at that Mass suffers, not because of a lack of participants (the attendance is decent — not great [it's the lowest-attended Mass], but decent) — and not because of a lack of collection income (the collection amount, while again the least among all our Masses, is nonetheless decent), but rather **because of a lack of support for this Mass by liturgical ministers — specifically, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and ushers.**

First and foremost, I want to **THANK** the liturgical ministers who have been faithful to their assignments, especially to those who regularly serve the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays. You have been doing a great job and I am grateful for your fidelity, especially when it has been inconvenient for you. Your great service has been noticed and is appreciated!

However, the problem is that the few who are faithful are now on overload and in danger of burning out, and it is difficult for them to find substitutes and coverage. We frequently have open slots for ministries at that Mass, especially extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and ushers. Not having adequate ministerial coverage, and having to scramble at the last minute for ministers, is disrespectful to the liturgy and does not create the proper prayerful atmosphere for worship. The quality of the celebration suffers.

The question of the quality of our worship always needs to be considered. When we celebrate Mass, it is the most important thing we do. One of the important documents on the liturgy of the Church, *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, tells us, "Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations can foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations

may weaken it." (#5)

That's how important our worship is: it nourishes our faith; it forms us; it immerses us in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection; it transforms us to be molded into His image and likeness. Or, at least, it's supposed to. When it's not enacted well, liturgy might serve to interfere with a growth in faith and with one's immersion in the Mystery. That's why it needs to be celebrated well: because it's supposed to be expressing a reality — the reality of the crucified-risen Lord's presence and action in our midst. A minimalistic mentality that understands Mass with an attitude of something like, "*Well, as long as it's valid and the priest is there to consecrate bread and wine, what else really matters?*" is actually somewhat insulting to people of faith, in addition to being unhelpful to growing in the Christian life. "Liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the Church's power flows." (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 10) The centrality of liturgy in the life of the Church and in the life of every Catholic cannot be overstated.

As such, our worship always demands our very best. This is a practical application of what I mean when I enjoin all of us each week, at the end of this column, to be the best we can be in Christ.

So, over the coming weeks the Liturgy Committee and others will be discussing these concerns related to the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, and its viability. Toward that end, I ask you to consider the following two points:

- **To All Who Are Not Already Liturgical Ministers:** The time has come for YOU to step forward. We need people who will commit to being readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers (especially ushers!) and altar servers on a regular basis at the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass (although not only at that Mass — you should be generous enough to be available for at least one other Mass as well). The time has come for YOU to offer yourself in a liturgical ministry.

- **To All Who Are Already Liturgical Ministers:** Remember, ministry is about SERVICE, and not about convenience. We might have to consider a system whereby

EVERYONE takes **one** turn at the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass, such that every liturgical minister is assigned to that Mass one or two or three times a year. That certainly would be fair, right? After all, we're all in this together, right — readers, E.M.'s, ushers and altar servers?

As I mentioned, we're going to continue to explore this issue, and I ask you to take this issue into your serious prayerful consideration.

Religious Education Parent/Child Workshop about Prayer

An important component of our Religious Education Program with children in all Levels, 1 through 8, is the involvement of the parents. Through meetings and formation sessions geared specifically for parents, and through workshops involving both parents and children participating together, we support the parents in their role as the primary religious formators of their children. What the children learn at home concerning faith and having a relationship with Jesus Christ is absolutely essential to their formation, and so we try to provide experiences to assist parents in their witness to their children.

I'm in mind of this because one of those experiences, in which I will be taking a part, is coming up this coming Saturday, February 2; it's for Level 3 children and their parents. It will be on the topic of prayer — the different forms of Christian prayer, the necessity of praying at home, praying at Mass, *etc.* How important it is for us to stress the necessity of prayer at home! How vital it is that Catholic family members pray at home together!

I guess I really want right now to issue a clarion call to all our parents with children in religious education: please, please, please take seriously your important role in being role models of the faith for your children. Pray at home. Talk about Jesus. Attend Mass **every** week (it's not optional; it's not a toss-up; if you can figure out how to fit in sports and other things, you can figure out how to fit in Mass). Help each other — those of you who are groups of friends with children: support each other by arranging to go to Mass together, and show each other that faith is important and makes your family life better. Gently challenge each other to be at Mass every week and to keep the faith alive in your homes. We priests and other "professional" ministers can only do so much; it really is up to

YOU to make sure the faith is handed on to the next generation.

THANK YOU to all of you parents, grandparents and other adults who in any way act as good role models and witnesses of the faith to our young people! Don't ever underestimate how important your role is.

Blessing of Candles on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, and Blessing of Throats

Please be sure to see the information we have elsewhere in this bulletin concerning the blessing of candles at the Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord this coming Saturday, February 2, and the blessing of throats on February 3, the traditional Memorial of St. Blaise. Make it a point to attend the special Mass at 8:00 a.m. on this Saturday, February 2, for "Candlemas," as it is sometimes called, even if you're not in the habit of going to Mass on Saturday morning; it will be a beautiful celebration. Bring candles to be blessed, if you wish, or you can purchase candles at church. (It's all explained in the bulletin blurb.)

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019 begins next weekend

Finally, take note that next weekend we will be kicking off OLPH's participation in the 2019 diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal; you'll hear about it at all the Masses next weekend. We need to make the 2019 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. Once again I will be asking everyone to participate. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Your generosity is one of the things that makes OLPH "the place to be!"

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 & 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. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

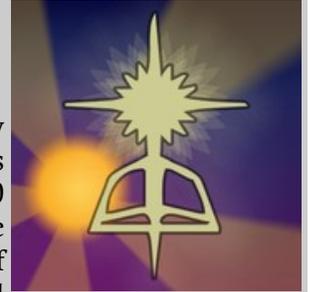
Monday, January 28—7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 4—7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 11—7:00 p.m.

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

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.

FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & SUNDAY DEVOTIONS



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

First Friday Devotions will take place **February 1** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **February 2** 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. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, February 2 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 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 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, **February 3** at 7:00 p.m.



Mass for All People With Special Needs

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 2 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 (number below) 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 at 631.226-7725 X 252 or email to jbecker@oloph.org

***After our February 2 Mass
our next Special Needs Mass will be
Saturday, March 2 at 4:00 p.m.***

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.



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.

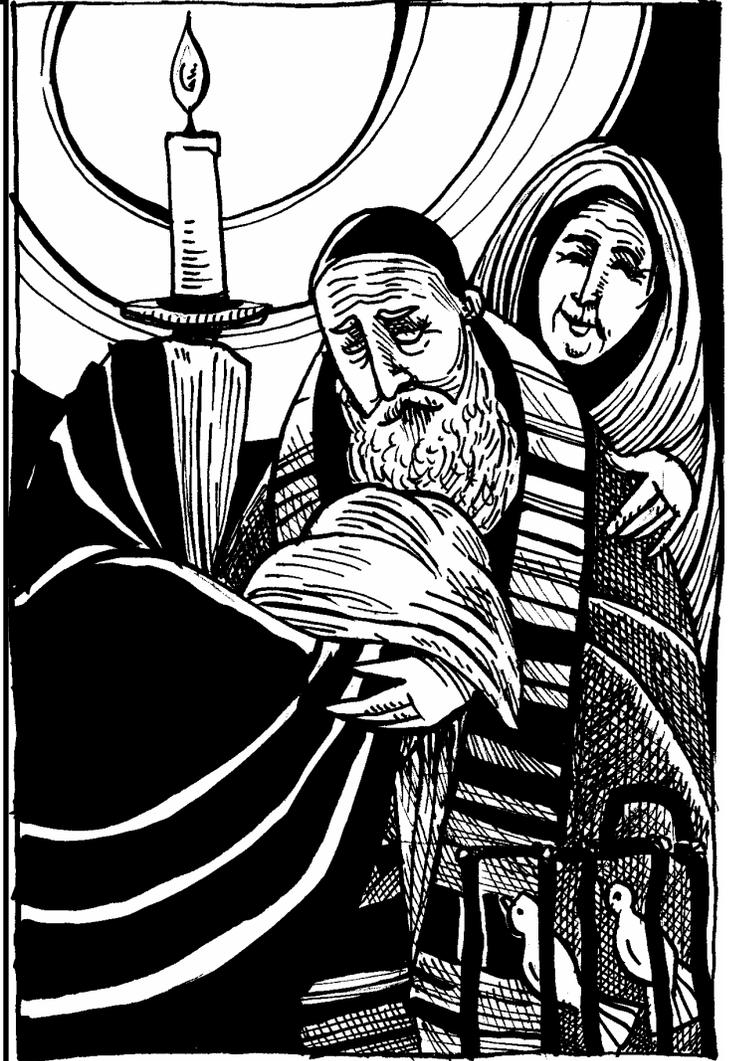
SPECIAL FEAST COMING UP

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD — SATURDAY, 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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"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

During the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, February 2, we will bless candles which you can use in your 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. 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.



**Blessing of
Throats
on Sunday,
February 3,
the Memorial of
St. Blaise,
Bishop and Martyr**

February 3 is the day traditionally celebrated as 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 this 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.

However, since February 3 is a Sunday this year, the Memorial of St. Blaise is not celebrated, as it is replaced by the higher-ranking liturgical day of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Nonetheless, we will still offer a special blessing of throats, but not individually with two crossed candles as is usually done. This year, the blessing of throats will be done as a blessing given over everyone together, in place of the usual final blessing at all the weekend Masses, i.e., Saturday night, February 2 at 5:00 p.m. and all the Sunday Masses February 3, an option permitted in the *Book of Blessings*.

**Prayer
for Peace**



Please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,
Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!
Make all men and women witnesses
of truth, justice and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.
Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee
and defend the great gift of peace.
May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.
May longed-for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.
AMEN
Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)*



**BRINGING FORWARD
THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**

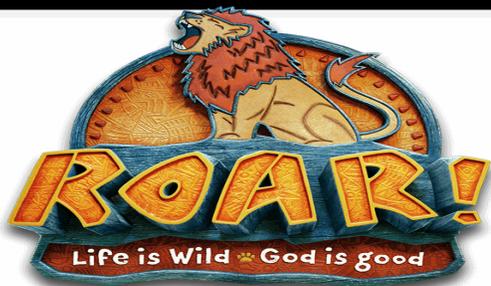
If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**Save the Date**

Vacation Bible Camp
 July 15th - July 19th
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible Camp**Needs Adult Counselors!!!**

Please consider being a part of our Safari Leaders! Please consider offering your time to the youth of the parish. Planning Meeting: Thursday, **February 7, at 7:30 p.m. in room 10 of the school.** All Counselors over 18 must be Virtus trained.

Contact April for more information!

Levels 6-8

Make sure you come to class
on Wednesday, January 23
to review for your
midterm exam!

**Level 3:**

Saturday, February 2
is a Parent Child/Workshop
on the topic of prayer!
Meet in the auditorium during
your class time!

**Happy Saint of the Day!****St. Mary Magdalene**

St. Mary Magdalene is a very busy patroness! She's in charge of contemplative life, converts, glove makers, hairdressers, penitent sinners, people ridiculed for their piety, perfumeries, pharmacists, sexual temptation, tanners, and women. Jesus entrusted her to spread the news of his resurrection to the apostles, so it's not surprising that so many people depend on her now. She is considered to be one of the greatest saints, and was a very close follower and friend of Jesus. Mary met Jesus when she was a woman of great sin, and Jesus was able to cure her when he cast out seven demons from her. She was so blessed by this that she went off and told many of her friends, and they became followers, too.

*Congratulations to the Following Students on Receiving your
First Penance at OLPH on
January 12, 2019*

*Zachary Accurso
Nicholas Agovino
Anthony Alejandria
Ava Andersen
Victoria Arroyo Aguiar
Julianna Barongi
Molly Bartkus
Logan Baumann
Celia Belesi
Eva Bowen
Giavanna Bucaro
Paige Campbell
Narciso Cantalupo
Michael Capobianco
Robert Caputo
Jackson Carl
Jake Carlton
William Carrara
Mackenzie Cheeseman
Jason Ciero
Julianna Colao
Emily Collins
Nia Cornwall
Grace Donadeo
Ryleigh Drago
Adeline Drescher
Anthony Drogenik
Maggie Erickson
Brian Falci
Riley Figueiredo
Emma Fiocco
Mia Garcia-Giarrusso
Matthew Gelshion
Andrew Gennings*

*Luvy German
James Giancola
Victoria Giuliano
Leonardo Gonzalez-Schirrmeister
Kevin Grogan
Faith Henry
Justin Hespeler
Arthur Horbas
Kaiden Hubschmitt
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Jack Keogan
Sean Kosiorek
Cooper Ladolcetta
Amber Lanas
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Jake Lepano
Alessandra Logan
Cameron Lynch
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Sophia Mangione
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Matthew Martin
Isabella Moragiemos
Jayden Morse
Ashley Mott
Daniel Mrvica
Catherine Ogilvie*

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Matthew Ramirez
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Stefany Rooney
Max Rouse
Angelo John Rudy
Jayden Ryzak
Sophia Scarpella
Blake Sceviour
Emily Schaming
Logan Schmittberger
Luciana Sorrentino
Daniel Staak
Antonio Tamburello
Aiden Tedesco
Gabriella Tedesco
James Thomson
Ariel Tineo
Dylan Torres
Noel Torres, Jr.
Dominic Tota
Gabriella Waskewicz
Thomas Waskewicz
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Rachel Zimmermann
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PAPER TOWEL
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PLEASE NO PASTA AT THIS TIME.

Thank you
for your continued generosity.

Cut out this list and bring it
with you when you go shopping!

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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, 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 month of November 2018, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 62 children, 139 adults, 26 seniors, for a total of 227 persons in 79 households. Thank You for your continued support!

RESPECT LIFE/LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

The Life Center of Long Island is hosting a

“RE-GIFTING SALE”

January 27

at Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa.

Come by on January 27th to take advantage of the great bargains and help to protect unborn babies!. Call Louise 631-412-3831 for details.



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HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS:

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

We are in need of the following:

- Sweat shirts
- Sweat pants
- Jeans (30-42)
- New women's underwear (5,6,7)
- New men's underwear (L, XL, 2x, 3x)
- Hoodies
- Thermal underwear
- Blankets
- Clean, gently used sneakers
- Gloves
- Winter berets/skull caps

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.

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, February 12
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's **Community Meal Ministry** has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on one Sunday each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

Our next Community Meal is

Sunday, February 17

Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass

then join us for "Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.

CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES NOW!

Please contact your representatives in opposition to 9 months' abortion, abortion by NON-doctors, assisted suicide bill, social marijuana...

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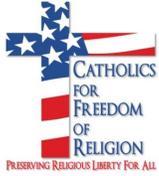
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"Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freedom of speech."

Benjamin Franklin

How to Crush Free Speech:

Facebook: Evangelist Franklin Graham was suspended from Facebook for 24 hours at the end of December for his stand on biblical beliefs that were posted in 2016. Graham accused the social media giant of actively censoring free speech:

"Well, now we know. Facebook has a secret rule book for policing speech. I was banned from posting ... because of a post back in 2016 about North Carolina's House Bill 2 (the bathroom bill). Facebook said the post went against their 'community standards on hate speech.' Facebook is trying to define truth."

Even though his account was restored, the suspension raises serious questions as critics ask, if Facebook is willing to block one of the most prominent Christian leaders in the world, then what's next?

Apple: Apple pulled a Christian app from its App Store after a small group of 356 LGBT petitioners demanded the app be removed. The app from the online store is designed to help individuals struggling with same-sex attraction. *Living Hope Ministries* designed the app to "proclaim God's truth as we journey with those who are seeking sexual and relational wholeness through a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ."

Living Hope is "a ministry that for nearly 30 years has helped individuals resolve their feelings they deem incongruent with their faith. We help people deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through Bible study and accountability. We walk with them to align their lives with the teachings of Jesus Christ," said Ricky Chalette, executive director of Living Hope Ministries.

After its victory intimidating Apple, Wayne Besen, director of the LGBT group, said, "We demand that Google and Amazon immediately stop selling and promoting this app ..."

Something to think about: Is freedom of choice in the consumer marketplace becoming an illusion?

"Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth."—John F. Kennedy

(thenewamerican.com, 1/4/19; westernjournal.com, 1/19; worldreligionnews.com, 1/31/19; 1.cbn.com, 12/31/18; pinknews.co.uk, 12/24/18)

2019 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JAN. 27 — FEB. 2!

Our diocese is blessed to have wonderful Catholic schools. One of the best ways to learn about a particular school is to visit their Open House. Take note of the dates and times for the following Catholic elementary schools in our Diocese and feel free to visit during these times.

St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa	- Tuesday, January 29 (9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.)
St. Patrick School, Bay Shore	- Sunday, January 27 (10:30 a.m.)
Holy Family Regional School, Commack	- Sunday, January 27 (10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
Maria Regina School, Seaford	- Sunday, January 27 (12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.)
Our Lady of Mercy School, Hicksville	- Sunday, January 27 (11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Wednesday, January 30 (9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.—2:00 p.m.)
SS. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park	- Sunday, January 27 (10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
Saint Martin of Tours, Amityville	- Sunday, January 27 (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

For more information on Catholic Elementary School Open Houses contact the individual school or:

Diocese of Rockville Centre - Department of Education

Phone 516-678-5800 | Fax 516-280-2963

Examination, visit <http://www.cathhsli.org/index.htm>.



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 rabecker@optimum.net.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Jeffrey Gaab
 Gregory Guido
 Sonia Hansen
 Joselyn Kalt
 Mary Leon
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.
 James Totino
 Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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 John Reynolds

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

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 Chris Ferraro
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 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
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 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

WE REMEMBER

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

Mary Mirabella
Carol Ann Koprowski
Peter Masak
Daniel Koulis

“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Patricia Goertz</i>	<i>Mike Pentaleri</i>
<i>Debbi Triola-Curiale</i>	<i>Margaret Koza</i>
<i>Louise Perrotta</i>	<i>Lora Flynn</i>
<i>Dr. Alan Lloyd Steinberg</i>	<i>Msgr. Daniel Hamilton</i>
<i>Kimberly Wilson</i>	<i>Colette Nasserri</i>
<i>John Manning</i>	<i>Haley Kerwin</i>
<i>Linda Matera</i>	<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>
<i>Virginia Sortino</i>	<i>Mary Doran</i>
<i>Giuseppe Pecoraro</i>	<i>Dorothy Schatzger</i>
<i>Patricia Franco</i>	<i>Linda Menna</i>
<i>Catherine House</i>	<i>Maureen Molinari</i>
<i>Bill Doran</i>	<i>Natalie & Lew Yugel</i>
<i>Jim Gordon</i>	

BEREAVEMENT GROUPS NEAR OLPH

For many of us, the loss of a loved one can be a devastating experience. Grief can cause us to become depressed, disoriented or angry. Ordinary aspects of our life can overwhelm us. Our experiences of grief affect us even more deeply when we do not have the support of family or friends. Sharing our pain with others in a bereavement group eases the anguish brought on by the death of a loved one. Many bereavement groups exist within driving distance of Lindenhurst. A complete listing of bereavement groups in the area can be found at the Diocese of Rockville Centre website.

To access a complete listing of bereavement groups near OLPH, follow these steps:

Open your web browser (Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Yahoo, etc.) Enter www.drvc.org in the address bar. You should be looking at the DRVC website. Move your cursor (pointer) across the top of the website to the box labelled “Faith Formation”. This will launch a pull-down menu starting with Marriage. The last item on the list is “Bereavement”. Click on “Bereavement”.

There are many features to explore on this page. If you move your cursor to “Support Groups”, you’ll be taken to a page that permits you to go to articles about the nature of grief for individuals who are beginning the process of mourning. (“Find out more here.”) Move your cursor over the list from each of the counties to view the bereavement programs in various parishes. These lists are maintained and updated by the Office of Faith Formation at the Diocese.



Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

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.

PASTORAL CARE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

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

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, January 28—
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS,
PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

6:30	Mary Jane Volturo
12:15	Anthony Mainini

**TUESDAY, January 29—
WEEKDAY**

6:30	Kimberly Drake
12:15	Anthony Mainini

**WEDNESDAY, January 30—
WEEKDAY**

6:30	Stanley Cimaszewski
12:15	Vincent Giannini

**THURSDAY, January 31—
SAINT JOHN BASCO, PRIEST**

6:30	George Carauousonos
12:15	Michael Pauzano

**FRIDAY, February 1—
WEEKDAY**

6:30	George Walters
12:15	Edward Mikoleski

**SATURDAY, February 2—
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

8:00	Anthony Mainini
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**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00	Anthony Mainini <i>Special Needs Mass—Auditorium</i>
5:00	Vincent Treanor

**Sunday, February 3
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00	Donna Berdini
10:00	Henry & Eleanor Zuber
12:00	Vincent & Anna Accardi
5:00	For the People of the Parish

Monday, January 28, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2;30 p.m.	St. Vincent Business Meeting	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting	St. Lucy Room

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

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.	Level 6 & 7 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

Thursday, January 31, 2019

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Room 3
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, February 1, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:30 p.m.	CFFR Meeting	Room 18

Saturday, February 2, 2019

8:30,10:00	Level 3: Prayer Workshop Levels 1, 2, 4, 5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	Auditorium School
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
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Nocturnal Adoration	Church

Sunday, February 3, 2019

8:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
9:15 a.m.	RCIC Meeting	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	RCIA Faith Formation	Room 16
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
7:00 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 ESPÍRITU 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 27 DE ENERO DEL 2019

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.

De la ley antigua a la ley nueva

Este domingo entre la primera lectura y el evangelio hay una distancia enorme. La primera lectura relata un momento de la historia de Israel en que el pueblo, una vez vuelto del destierro, escucha de nuevo la proclamación de la ley. Es la ley de Dios. Son las normas que Dios dio a sus padres en el pasado y que deben ser obedecidas en todo momento. A cambio el pueblo tendrá la vida. Si el pueblo fue vencido por sus enemigos y tuvo que ir al destierro, fue precisamente porque no obedeció esas normas como debía.

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 19/20, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	466	180	\$4,357.00
8:00 a.m.	143	63	2,081.00
10:00 a.m.	336	88	2,298.00
12:00 p.m.	300	90	2,210.00
5:00 p.m.	199	33	952.00
Coin			16.49
Mail-ins:			669.00
Children's Env.		17	60.81
Faith Direct			2,185.50
TOTAL	1,444	471	\$14,829.80
2018 total	1,648	571	\$16,709.68
Candles			\$929.04
Poor Box			\$379.90

CHRISTMAS 2018

Year	Collection	Attendance
2018	\$69,153.59	2,878
2017	\$75,698.17	3,097

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

2018	\$4,017.00
2017	\$4,502.50

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted as a Word document* 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 3—passed
February 10—February 1
February 17—February 8

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If your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin.

Each week, nearly two thousand people attend Mass at OLPH, most of whom live and shop in the Lindenhurst area, receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of area families with information about your business.

For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call The Church Bulletin Company at 631.249.4994.

2018 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2018 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, February 3, 2019

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.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. Both Jeremiah and Jesus provoked people in God's name. Who are some of the prophets in your lifetime? Do 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." According to Pope Francis, what does Jesus' "today" mean to us?

"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (*Lk 4:21*). The 'today,' proclaimed by Christ that day, applies to every age; it echoes for us too in this Square, reminding us of the relevance and necessity of the salvation Jesus brought to humanity. God comes to meet the men and women of all times and places, in their real life situations. He also comes to meet us. It is always he who takes the first step: he comes to visit us with his mercy, to lift us up from the dust of our sins; he comes to extend a hand to us in order to enable us to return from the abyss into which our pride made us fall, and he invites us to receive the comforting truth of the Gospel and to walk on the paths of good. He always comes to find us, to look for us."

Pope Francis, *Angelus*,
January 31, 2016

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 28, 2019:

Hebrews 9:15, 24-28
+ Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 29, 2019:

Hebrews 10:1-10
+ Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 30, 2019:

Hebrews 10:11-18 + Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 31, 2019:
Hebrews 10:19-25+ Mark 4:21-25

Friday, February 1, 2019:

Hebrews 10:32-39 + Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, February 2, 2019:

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

Sunday, February 3, 2019:

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

POSTURES AND GESTURES

In the celebration of the Mass, we raise our hearts and our minds to God. Yet, we are creatures of body as well as spirit, so our prayer is not confined to our minds and hearts. It is expressed by our bodies as well. When we pray with our whole person, it helps us to pray with greater attentiveness.

During Mass, we assume different postures — standing, kneeling, sitting — and we are invited to make a variety of gestures. These postures and gestures are not merely ceremonial. They have profound meaning and when done with understanding, can enhance our participation in the Mass.

STANDING

From the earliest days of the Church, this posture has been understood as the stance of those who have risen with Christ and seek the things which are above. By Baptism we have been given a fuller share in the life of God and the posture of standing is an acknowledgement of this wonderful gift. Standing is a sign of respect and honor, so we stand as the celebrant, who represents Christ, enters and leaves the assembly. We stand when we address God in the various the prayers of the Mass; we assume our full stature before God, not in pride, but in humble gratitude for the marvelous things God has done in creating and redeeming each one of us. We stand for the proclamation of the Gospel which recalls the words and deeds of the Lord. The bishops of the United States have chosen standing as the normative posture to be observed for the reception of Communion (GIRM 160).

KNEELING

In the early Church, kneeling signified penance. So thoroughly was kneeling identified with penance that the early Christians were forbidden to kneel on Sundays and during the Easter season, when the prevailing spirit of the Liturgy was one of joy and thanksgiving. In the Middle Ages, kneeling came to signify homage, and more recently this posture has come to signify adoration, especially before the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is for this reason that the bishops of this country have chosen the posture of kneeling during the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

SITTING

Sitting is a posture of listening and meditation, so the assembly sits for the pre-Gospel readings and the homily and may also sit for the period of meditation following Communion. All should strive to assume a seated posture during the Mass that is attentive rather than merely at rest.

PROCESSIONS

Every procession in the Liturgy is a sign of the pilgrim Church, the body of those who believe in Christ, on their way to the Heavenly Jerusalem. The Mass begins with the procession of the priests and ministers to the altar. The Book of the Gospels is carried in procession to the ambo. The gifts of bread and wine are carried forward to the altar (The word “Offertory” comes from *ob ferre*, “to carry toward”). Members of the assembly come forward in processions to receive Holy Communion. We who believe in Christ are moving from time to time toward that moment when we will leave this world and enter into the joy of the Lord in the eternal kingdom he has prepared for us.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Because it was by his death on the Cross that Christ redeemed humankind, we begin and end Mass by marking ourselves with the Sign of the Cross. The cross reminds us in a physical way of the Paschal Mystery we celebrate: the Death and Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We dip our hand in the holy water and make the Sign of the Cross on ourselves as a reminder of our baptism in which we share in the dying and rising of Christ. We trace the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads, lips, and hearts at the beginning of the Gospel, praying that the word of God may always be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

BOWING

Bowing signifies reverence, respect, and gratitude. In the Creed, we bow at the words which commemorate the Incarnation. We also bow as a sign of reverence before we receive Communion. The priest and other ministers bow to the altar, a symbol of Christ, when entering or leaving the sanctuary. As a sign of respect and reverence even in our speech, we bow our heads at the name of Jesus, at the mention of the Three Persons of the Trinity, at the name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and at the name of the saint whose particular feast or memorial is being observed (GIRM 275).

GENUFLECTING

As a sign of adoration, we genuflect by bringing our right knee to the floor. Many people also make the Sign of the Cross as they bend their knee. Traditionally, Catholics genuflect on entering and leaving the church if the Blessed Sacrament is present in the sanctuary. The priest also genuflects in adoration after he shows the Body and Blood of Christ to the people after the consecration and again before inviting the people to Holy Communion (cf. GIRM 274).

ORANS

The priest frequently uses this ancient prayer posture, extending his hands from his sides, slightly elevated. “Orans” means “praying.” Early Christian art frequently depicts the saints and others standing in this posture, offering their prayers and surrendering themselves, with hands uplifted to the Lord. It is a gesture that echoes Christ’s outstretched arms as he offered himself on the Cross.

PROSTRATING

In this rarely used posture, an individual lays full-length on the floor, face to the ground. A posture of deep humility, it signifies our willingness to share in Christ’s Death so as to share in his Resurrection (Romans 6). The gesture is used at the beginning of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday and during the Litany of the Saints at Ordination, when those to be ordained deacons, priests, and bishops prostrate themselves in humble prayer and submission to Christ.

CONCLUSION

The Church sees in these common postures and gestures both a symbol of the unity of those who have come together to worship and also a means of fostering that unity. We are not free to change these postures to suit our own individual piety, for the Church makes it clear that our unity of posture and gesture is an expression of our participation in the one Body formed by the baptized with Christ, our Head. When we stand, kneel, bow, and sign ourselves in common action, we give witness that we are indeed the Body of Christ, united in body, mind, and voice. ■

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