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The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:22

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 28, 2024

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo Deacons: Deacon William R. Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker, Deacon James Totino Business Manager: Mr. Gerry Chille Music Director: Miss Erin Barrett

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays until 6:30 p.m. The church closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Thursdays and Fridays, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays (except First Saturdays, when there is Nocturnal Adoration until 9:30 p.m.) and after the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sundays (or after the 2:00 p.m. Baptisms when those are celebrated). Also, the church will close after the last Mass on all holidays and holy days when parish offices are closed, regardless of the day of the week. Come in and spend some time in prayer whenever the church is open!

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. **Special Needs Mass:** First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass) Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

> Wednesdays: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. First Saturdays: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person, each Saturday in the church immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Also available by individual appointment with one of the priests.

DEVOTIONS

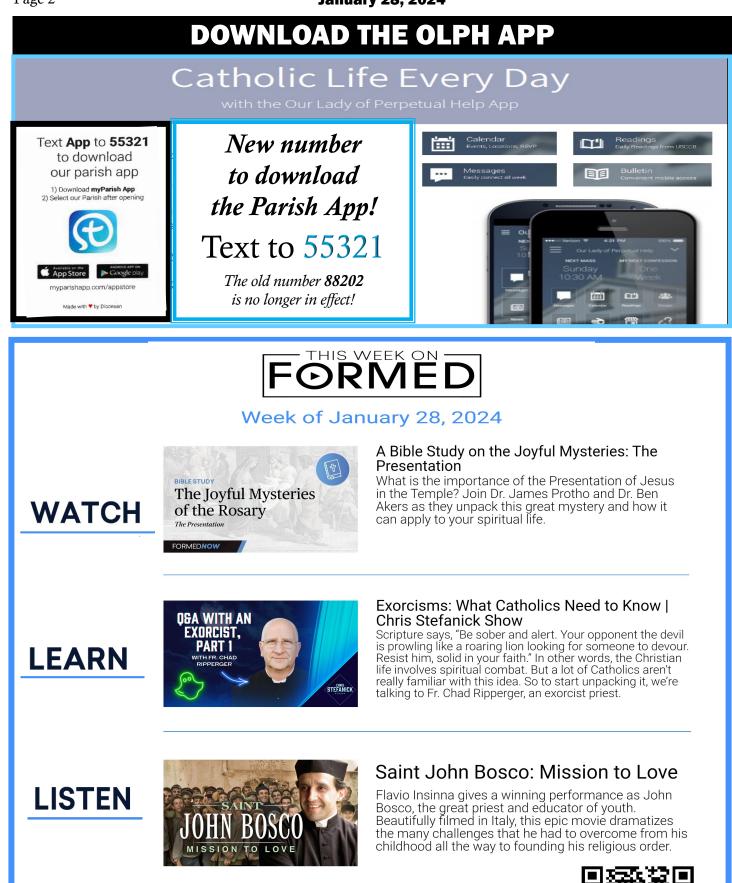
OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following 12:15 p.m. Mass **First Fridays and First Saturdays:** As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Blessing of Candles on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Friday, February 2

A very joyous, festive and beautiful day is coming up on the liturgical calendar this week and I would like to take a moment to call your attention to it: the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, on Friday February 2.

Please be sure to see the information we have elsewhere in this bulletin concerning the meaning of this feast day, and the blessing of candles which will take place at the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. weekday Masses. Make it a point to attend Mass on this day, "Candlemas," as it is sometimes called, even if you're not in the habit of going to Mass during the week; it will be a beautiful celebration. Bring candles to be blessed, as explained in the bulletin blurb. In addition, we will celebrate the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Friday with an appropriate festivity by having music at that Mass.

Blessing of Throats on Saturday, February 3

Then, on Saturday, February 3, we'll celebrate another beloved day in our Catholic tradition, the Memorial of St. Blaise. On this day we will include the traditional blessing of throats within the weekday Mass at 8:00 a.m., as the conclusion to the Universal Prayer. So, come to Mass on that day and get your throat blessed!

Still recruiting new Ushers!

We're still in the process of recruiting new Ushers. This is such an important and vital ministry that I hope you will seriously consider stepping forward and offering your service. A full description of what's involved can be found elsewhere in this bulletin, and, as I keep reminding people, it's something that you can do as a family, parents and children together.

The service that Ushers provide goes beyond just the tasks they do. The Usher ministry is invaluable in creating a reverent and prayerful atmosphere for worship, which enables all of us to enter into the sacred actions of the liturgy in a more profound way. As an Usher, you will be helping people to encounter God more profoundly and will be helping them to nourish their relationship with Jesus. What could be better than that? If you're not already involved in a ministry, please consider becoming an Usher.

Mardi Gras on Sunday, February 11

I want to call your attention to our upcoming Mardi Gras celebration and invite you to plan on being part of the fun and festivity. The celebration will be on a Sunday afternoon, the last Sunday before Lent begins, February 11, immediately following the 12:00 Noon Mass. We'll begin by gathering in front of the school to burn the palms we've brought back, the ashes of which will be used on Ash Wednesday. After the burning of palms, we'll head into the auditorium for the ice cream social and other Mardi Gras festivities!

See the ad elsewhere in this bulletin for complete information, and I look forward to seeing you there. Be prepared to go a little crazy before we settle down to the seriousness of Lent!

Bring back old palm

So, speaking of burning palms, we are once again inviting you to bring back old palm branches for us to burn at the beginning of our Mardi Gras. Baskets for you to deposit the palms can be found in the church. If you have forgotten to do this in past years...this is the year to remember!

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday will be here before you know it — February 14! Take note of the schedule of Masses and Word Services during which you can receive ashes. It's not too early to begin thinking about your Lenten penance and Lenten discipline this year — beyond what you might give up for Lent, what spiritual practice and/or act of service toward others can you take on and do as a prayerful "extra," so that you can deepen your relationship with the Lord Jesus this Lent? Think about it and pray about it!

By the way...since this year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14, all you marrieds and sweethearts out there will have to plan to celebrate Valentine's Day on another day, since that day is now a day of fast and abstinence!

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,

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ASH WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY February 14



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6:30 a.m.— Mass 12:15 p.m.—Mass (<u>Note</u>: No Exposition following Mass) 3:00 p.m.—Word Service 4:30 p.m.—Word Service 6:00 p.m.—Word Service 7:30 p.m. —Word Service

Ashes will be distributed only during, and not outside of, these times.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: February 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16 4:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m.

Saturday March 23: 3:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m.

Monday of Holy Week, March 25: 2:00—4:00 p.m. and 6:00—9:00 p.m.

SPECIAL FEAST COMING UP

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

Friday, February 2 is the feast of the PRESENTATION OF THE LORD. This feast stands both logically and in the calendar between the Nativity and the Death and Resurrection of the Lord. The baby of Bethlehem is presented in Jerusalem, the place where the Paschal Mystery will be fulfilled. This feast leads us to the core of salvation history.

The heart of this feast is found in Christ as the light of nations, and in the meetings with Simeon and Anna (and us). This festival was reported in Jerusalem at least as early as the year 386, and soon came to include a torchlight procession and the title of "Meeting" (the meeting of Jesus with Simeon and Anna). It was celebrated on February 14, the fortieth day after Epiphany. A little later, the commemoration of this event began to be observed in Rome on February 2, the fortieth day after Christmas. The carrying of lights was seen here, too, at an early date, giving rise to the name "Candlemas" or "Light Mass," making this day a feast of light. We remember not only that Christ is the light of the world, but that we bear the responsibility to carry the light of Christ to every corner of the world.

We will be offering a special **blessing of candles** at the weekday Masses on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. On



Friday, February 2, bring with you to Mass any candles you would like to have blessed for the coming year, *e.g.*, vigil lights, devotional candles, or any other candles. Also, to celebrate this Feast with the appropriate level of solemnity, we will have music at the 12:15 p.m. Mass that day.



"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

THE MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR



<u>Blessing of Throats</u> <u>on Saturday, February 3,</u> <u>the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr</u>

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, 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 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.

Here at OLPH, we will be blessing throats during the weekday Mass at 8:00 a.m., as the conclusion to the Universal Prayer (the Prayer of the Faithful), as indicated in the *Book of Blessings*.

FIRST FRIDAY AND

SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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

First Friday Devotions will take place **February 2** 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 3 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.



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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Join us Next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass Children 1st Grade and older can join in the Children's Liturgy of the Word every 1st and 3rd Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things that are being done in the main body of the church.

BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES

We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 14. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season. As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes are a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during Easter Time. Penitential acts are undertaken as a

community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection.

What you may not know is where the ashes come from. Very simply, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are the ashes from palms saved from Palm Sunday the previous year, which have been burned.

This year we once again invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on Sunday, February 11, and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Please join in this meaningful gesture of community and solidarity as together we prepare to embark on our Lenten disciplines.





PRAYER AND WORSHIP

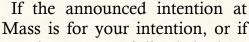
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family,

children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE



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.

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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



This weekend we congratulate Michael Rizzi, who is becoming a **catechumen** in a ceremony taking place at the 12:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, January 28. This is Michael's first official stage in the process of initiation into the Catholic Church. This Rite of Acceptance into the Order Order of Christian Initiation for Adults of Catechumens is an occasion of great joy for him and for

us as a parish community. We offer our prayerful support

and best wishes to our new catechumen, Michael.

Beginning next Sunday, Michael will join our other catechumens, Helen, Diego, Ailen and Ameira, as they attend Mass together and are dismissed with a special prayer after the Liturgy of the Word, to continue their prayer, reflection, and formation in Catholic Christianity. This dismissal is meant to be a sign of our special care and hospitality for these people as we pay special attention to them, nurturing them in the faith, since they are not yet able to share in the Eucharist. It is also meant to create a special hunger in them for receiving the Lord in the Eucharist, and their dismissal can also be for us a stark reminder of the privilege and gift of being able to share in the Eucharist.

Please feel free to greet and welcome this newest member of our worshipping community, Michael, and please remember him and all our catechumens in your prayers, as they journey toward the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at a future Easter Vigil.

USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES!

We are at the present time in need of more parishioners to serve as Ushers. Here's what's involved:

• Ushers serve at Masses on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

• Ushers are also asked to serve at other times throughout the year at special parish occasions and liturgies.

• In addition to collecting the money offerings and distributing church bulletins after Mass, Ushers are responsible for welcoming, guiding, assisting and directing parishioners.

• The Usher ministry is open to everyone and is a great ministry for an entire family to do together.

• Ushers are required to complete the Safe Environment Requirements and attend two meetings a year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

If you are interested in becoming an Usher, fill out your information below and give it to an Usher, or place it in the collection basket.

Name:

Phone: _____

E-mail:

Mass Time Preferred: _____

If you have any questions you can contact Head Usher Mike Williams at <u>olphushersministry@gmail.com</u> or phone him at (631) 884-2717.

A WORD ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AND GOOD HEALTH

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these days when respiratory illnesses are at their peak, 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.

• <u>Mass Attendance</u>: 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. Your weekly monetary offering may be mailed to the rectory, or simply added to your offering the next time you come to Mass.

• <u>Receiving Holy Communion in the Hand Rather Than on the Tongue</u>: All are encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue; this is vastly a more sanitary method. If it is necessary for you to receive on the tongue, we ask you to wait and come up at the end of the line, to be the last communicants to receive Holy Communion. Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

• <u>Communion from the Chalice</u>: The Precious Blood will continue to be available for those who wish to receive the Precious Blood of Christ in addition to the Body of Christ. Obviously, communicants should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP BARRES



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 28, 2024 Catholic Schools Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Church throughout the United States takes the opportunity to celebrate the gift of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week which begins today and concludes on February 3, 2024. As Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I want to express how incredibly proud I am of our Catholic Schools in the ways that they evangelize our young Catholics here on Long Island.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis says, "Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture" (§134). This mission-driven approach to Catholic Education is especially fitting as the Church in the United States participates in a national Eucharistic Revival, because the mission of the national Eucharistic Revival is embedded into the mission of Catholic Education. Assisting students to know and love Jesus through the transformative power of the Mass, and equipping them to evangelize their families and communities, is an extraordinarily beautiful and achievable goal that our Catholic Schools strive to achieve each day.

As schools throughout the Diocese celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2024 with Masses, open houses, and other various activities, we give thanks to the Lord for those who make these events and Catholic Education as a whole possible. To the dedicated and faithful administrators, teachers, and staff members: thank you for working tirelessly every day to advance the Church's evangelizing mission by your love for Christ and by helping his children to know the presence and power of his love in their lives. To the many parents and guardians who generously offer so much time to assist your pastors and principals in advancing the mission of Catholic Education in your parish and regional schools: your love for Christ and his Church is inspiring, and I am so grateful for your Good Samaritan charity, dedication, and perseverance. In addition, I want to express my gratitude to the Morning Star Initiative and the Department of Education staff who collaborate and work together to provide every student in our Catholic Schools with an education that is robustly Catholic, academically excellent, safe and supportive, and sustainable.

St. John Bosco, a patron saint of school children, understood the essential mission of Catholic Education in the world. He once said, "If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young." Because of the fantastic work being accomplished in our Catholic Schools, I think we can have great hope in the future of society here on Long Island: a future that is filled with young Catholics who are on fire for Jesus Christ and his Church!

Through the intercession of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the patron saint of Catholic Education, Saint John Bosco, and Mary, Star of Evangelization, may the Lord continue to bless the Morning Star Initiative, the Department of Education, our Catholic Schools, and all those involved in Catholic Education on Long Island, especially our students!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre





"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME" PRAYER GARDEN Engraved Bricks

Memorialize your loved ones or your prayer intention in our "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden!

The memorializations do not have to be only for children, though; the prayer garden is for all prayers, intentions and memorializations for loved ones of any age. Or, you can offer a prayer intention.

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	Please enclose full payment of \$125 with this completed form. Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Mail or return form in person to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Attn: Brick Memorialization Linda Coppola
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Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Please print the inscription as it is to appear on the brick (3 lines/15 characters per line maximum). Each box represents one letter, number, character or space. The pavers will be engraved in all capital letters. If you would like to add a heart or a cross to your brick, it will be engraved on the left hand side.

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IN LOVING MEMORY JOSEPH & MARY								
ALWAYS WITH US								



MARDI GRAS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sponsored by the Family Life Ministry



We hope you will join us for an afternoon of prayer and fun, including the burning of Palms, as we prepare for our Lenten journey. Let's celebrate together before the seriousness of Lent!



When: Sunday; February 11, 2024 Where: O.L.P.H. Auditorium Time: Immediately following 12:00 Mass

There will be games, music and ice cream toppings galore!!

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry.

Contact: Angela Garofalo (516)445-9635 or finestone@optonline.net

Mardi Gras Reply Form

First and Last Name

____ # of adults ______ # of children

Telephone#_____E-mail

RSVP to Angela Garofalo: finestone@optonline.net or (516)445-9635



Please RSVP by next Sunday, February 4, 2024

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)

BIBLE CAMP:

All interested: Please look forward to attending the first Bible Camp meeting on February 10th at 11:30 a.m.!

LEVEL 7:

Remember that there will be a Student Meeting on the topic of Chastity, this Wednesday, January 31. This meeting will occur during your normal class time. Please report to your classrooms, not the auditorium.

LEVEL 3:

Remember that there is Penance Service this Saturday, February 3, at 11:15 a.m. in the church. Parents and students must attend.

Scripture of the Day

"I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them."

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Thursday: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday: CLOSED Saturday: By Appointment Only

Saint of the Day! St. Paul Miki

St. Paul Miki was born in Tounucumada, Japan and was educated at a Jesuit college. He joined the Jesuits in 1580. St. Paul Miki was a compelling preacher. He was jailed with other Catholics, and was forced to walk 600 miles to where he would be crucified. He was crucified on February 5, 1597 with twenty-five other Catholics during a persecution of Christians, and he nobly forgave his persecutors. He died a holy martyr for his faith in Christ.



—John 13:15-16

January 28, 2024

MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, February 24th Sponsored by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Knights of Columbus Council #794 185 North Broadway Lindenhurst FEE: \$20

PROGRAM:

12:30 p.m.: Registration and Lunch 1:30 p.m.: SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE includes story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary Scripture readings 2:30 p.m.: SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM includes Catechesis of St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary Litany of Saint Joseph Scripture readings 3:15 p.m.: Presentation by Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco "My Sacrifice and Yours: Participating in Offering the Sacrifice of the Mass" 4:15 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation in OLPH Church (optional) 5:00 p.m.: Mass (optional) Name: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: Send completed application and check payable "OLPH K of C #794" To: **STEPHEN STRIGARO** 131 North 7th Street Lindenhurst, NY 11757 or call 631-747-4929

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the "New" School Building Use Parking Lot located on corner of Gates & High Streets

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The office is open: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m.—12 Noon 1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? NEW Food Pantry List! PEANUT BUTTER JELLY OR JAM REGULAR COFFEE SHELF STABLE WHOLE MILK JAR PASTA SAUCE CANNED MEALS CANNED POTATOES CANNED FRUIT HOT CHOCOLATE COOKIES/ SNACKS

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

THANK YOU FROM THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who helped make this past Christmas a merry one for those in need. Whether you purchased a gift for our Giving Tree or contributed another way, your efforts helped make Christmas merrier and brighter for so many. Thank you so very much for your continued generosity of over 600 gifts that were donated. The Society would also like to wish everyone a healthy and happy 2024!

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 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to DeaconRobert@oloph.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

FOR THOSE WITH CELIAC DISEASE

Special hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. These hosts contain less than 0.001% gluten content and are approved for the Roman Catholic Church by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you need to receive Holy Communion using one of these hosts, please stop in the sacristy before Mass begins to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

PERPETUAL HELP MASS Sunday, February 4, 2024 10:00 a.m. Mass

For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family	<i>Requested by the Estate of</i> <i>Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton	Requested by the Estate of Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
Frank J. Farrugia	Requested by Lena Farrugia

Our **Spring Bereavement** will start up on **March 16** to **May 18 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Registration required. Please call Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or email forubabe77@ gmail.com.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Mary Elizabeth Setti Kathleen Bofinger David Rowe Sheila Cormier Susan Wilson Theresa Rowe John Leyden Robin Kaufman Laurell Desner Marge Sheehan Lisa Byme Christopher Santiago Tyler Qualls Raffaela Laurice Lina Avila Evelyn Pulla Anthony Pokorney Tom Ferris Bill Stysiack Christine Ajello-Larsen Baby Liam Michael Bentley Michael Murphy Genevieve Popiel Little Joanie Giarratano

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin. The name will remain on the list for at least four weeks and will be announced at Mass the first week only. You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

Patricia M. Brennan Nicholas Carucci Anthony Grasso Albert Rosati Robert G. Williams

"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."

SUPER 72 RAFFLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JANUARY WINNERS

- \$1000 Michael Sciara
- \$250 Sophia Corrado
- **\$100 -** Susan Carbone
- **\$100 -** Lisa Buynak
- \$100 Mr. & Mrs. Nick Cianciotta
- \$100 Ed & Kathy Brzozowski

Special \$150 Drawing for the New Year:

Fred Solino

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 a Dios todos los jueves a las 7:00 p.m. en la cafetería, en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Alina Patrón al (516) 263-9401

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, llamar a la rectoría 631) 226-7725/ en español a Irma González al (631) 620-2401.

Preparándonos para las lecturas del domingo 28 de Enero del 2024 - Ciclo B

Señor Dios nuestro: En esta asamblea eucarística

nos has reunido más íntimamente por tu palabra poderosa

y por el banquete festivo de la eucaristía. Cuando volvemos a nuestra vida diaria,

sigue proclamándonos tu mensaje liberador

incluso en los acontecimientos corrientes de nuestra vida

y en la amistad de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Abre nuestros oídos y corazones

a tu lenguaje, siempre nuevo, que nos conduzca a ti por el poder de Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

Primera Lectura (Deuteronomio 18,15-20): Los irrealitas siempre esperaban un profeta superior a los demás que dirigiera al pueblo entero como lo avía hecho Moisés. Véase la pregunta que le hicieron a Juan ¿eres tú el profeta? Ver hechos 3,22-26

Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 7,32-35): Libres para el Señor

Todos estamos llamados a la santidad. Pablo subraya las ventajas del carisma del celibato: los que no se casan están libres para dedicarse al Señor y sus asuntos.

Evangelio (Marcos 1,21-28): palabra de victoria sobre el espíritu del mal. Su enseñanza es nueva, y contiene el poder de la acción del mismo Dios que realiza lo que dice como la luz vence a las tinieblas. El resultado final, es la liberación del mal: Esta lucha contra el espíritu del mal se abre a todo el evangelio que nos presenta Jesús siempre dedicado a descubrirlo y a eliminarlo.

La reflexión del Evangelio de hoy nos muestra cómo Jesús enseñaba y actuaba con autoridad, lo que lo diferenciaba de los demás predicadores. La auténtica autoridad es la que tienen aquellas personas que ayudan a los demás a sacar adelante la vida, a organizarse, a caminar. Jesús es un hombre de autoridad. Y la ejerce. A veces despertando lo dormido. Otras, oponiéndose a fuerzas contrarias. Siempre buscando el bien del otro. Hasta dar la vida. La cuestión, pues, no es tener autoridad o no tenerla. La cuestión es cómo ejercer esa capacidad. ¿Cómo manifiesto o ejerzo mi autoridad?



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, January 29—					
Weekday					
6:30	John LaCour				
12:15	Maria Loretta LaPietra				
TUESI	DAY, January 30—				
	Weekday				
6:30	Stanley Cimaszewski				
12:15	Annette Walsh				
WEDN	NESDAY, January 31— Saint John Bosco, Priest				
6:30	Trisha Rubinetti				
12:15	Roberta Ann Kelly				
THUR	SDAY, February 1—				
	Weekday				
6:30	Carolina & Vito Leonard Venezia				
12:15	George S. Walters				
FRIDA	Y, February 2—				
	The Presentation of the Lord				
6:30	Deacon Frank Odin				
12:15	Vincent & John Treanor				
SATUI	RDAY, February 3— Washday				
	Weekday (Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;				
	Saint Ansgar, Bishop)				
8:00	Thomas Herbert				
	rday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):				
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
4:00	Thomas Sheppard Special Needs Mass—Auditorium				
5:00	Franciszek Wegrzynowski				
Sunday, February 4— FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
8:00	Sofia Garbe				
10:00	Perpetual Help Mass (listing on p. 17)				
12:00	The People of the Parish				
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PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 29, 2024							
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23					
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12					
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church					
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church					
	Tuesday, January 30, 2024	4					
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria					
Wednesday, January 31, 2024							
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24					
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12					
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church					
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information)	Off Campus					
6:30 p.m.	Levels 6, 7 and 8 Classes	School					
Thursday, February 1, 2024							
1:00 p.mon	Church closed for cleaning	Church					
5:30 p.m.	СҮО	Auditorium					
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria					
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church					
	Friday, February 2, 2024						
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23					
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12					
	Saturday, February 3, 2024	1					
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1, 2, 4, 5 and Sp. Ed Classes	School					
11:15 a.m.	Level 3 Penance Service	Church					
1:00 p.m.	СҮО	Auditorium					
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23					
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church					
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church					
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria					
6:30 p.m.	Exposition	Church					
Sunday, February 4, 2024							
10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Church					
1:00 p.m.	СҮО	Auditorium					
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria					

January 28, 2024

OFFERING UPDATE January 20/21						
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection			
5:00 p.m.	276	107	\$2,883.00			
8:00 a.m.	167	72	3,052.00			
10:00 a.m.	325	77	2,597.00			
12:00 p.m.	350	75	1,852.00			
Total coin:			-			
Faith Direct			3,289.20			
Children's Env.		12	38.00			
Mail-ins:			536.00			
TOTAL	1,118	343	\$14,247.20			
2023	1,027	346	\$15,387.00			
Candles			\$628.00			
Poor Box			\$195.71			

2023 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2023 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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* to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org. no later than the dates listed below.

> February 4—deadline passed February 11—February 2 deadline February 18—February 9 deadline

CHRISTMAS TOTALS					
Year	Collection	Attendance			
2023	\$70,090.00	1,983			
2022	\$94,754.00	1,747			
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS					
2023	2023 \$6,458.00				
2022	\$5,952.00				

THE CHURCH IN NEED

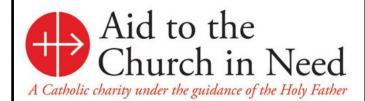
This weekend January 28, 2024 a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

Church in Central and Eastern Europe - this collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

The Church in Latin America For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

The Church in Africa – The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care.

Thank you for your generosity.



PREPARING FOR Sunday, February 4, 2024 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus went into their synagogues,

preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Mark 1:39

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Most people know of Job as a man afflicted by extreme suffering (loss of family, wealth, and health) that came about because Satan saw that he was righteous but complained to God that it was only because he was prosperous. Let him suffer and he would surely curse God, said Satan. Yet even in the lengthy complaint we hear from Job today, who understandably is feeling very low because of his troubles, we don't hear Job curse God. Job's anguish and despondent laments are attempts to find reasons for human sufferings but no easy answers can be found. God wants to hear from us in all our troubles even if there is no immediate relief in sight. Don't be afraid to tell him how you feel!

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul tells the Corinthians about himself in today's reading. He says that the core of his ministry is to preach the Gospel, that is, to be an evangelist announcing the Good News of Jesus. But he doesn't boast about his ministry since he received his calling as an obligation or necessity. He couldn't do anything other than preach – it's his mission and duty in life. Paradoxically, he feels a profound freedom in doing what he was meant to do. When we do what God wants us to do, we too can feel the same freedom.

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus pursues his mission in today's Gospel by preaching and healing many people. First, he heals Simon's mother-in-law, then a crowd from the whole town that was at his door, and finally people throughout all of Galilee. We can learn much from these lessons. The healing Jesus brings, whether in body, mind or spirit, is a sign of the fullness of life we can have in the kingdom of God. Once we encounter Jesus and are healed by him our response should be like Simon's mother-in-law: get up and serve. We too can participate in Jesus' mission and that of his disciples by bringing the Good News to others.

Readings for the Week *Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.*

Monday, January 29, 2024: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 + Mark 5:1-20 Tuesday, January 30, 2024: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30— 19:3 + Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 31, 2024: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 + Mark 6:1-6 Thursday, February 1, 2024: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 + Mark 6:7-13 Friday, February 2, 2024: Malachi 3:1-4 + Hebrews 2:14-18 + Luke 2:22-40

Saturday, February 3, 2024: 1 Kings 3:4-13 + Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 4, 2024: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 + 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 + Mark 1:29-39

Gospel Reflection

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

1. Do you think this text was written to tell people about Jesus the miracle worker? Are miracles a confirmation of Jesus' message of salvation? What did he say was the "purpose for which he came?"

2. "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." How does this fit with his tireless effort to carry out God's ministry? How close are you to Jesus in using all your energy for some purpose? What is that purpose?



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Tune into "*Religion and Rock*" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 p.m. on *Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel* and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is <u>Forgiveness</u>, don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding *Religion and Rock* go to *www.ReligionandRock.com* or at "*Religion & Rock*" on *ITUNES*. Don't forget to tune into CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit *www.cfntv.org* !

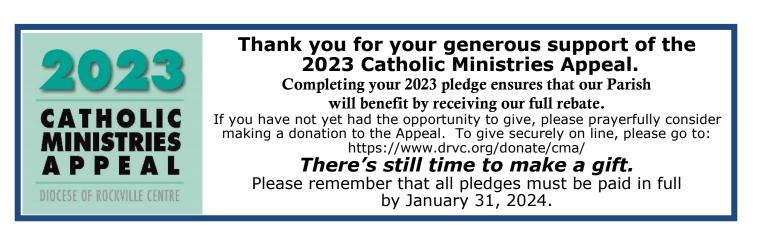
Maria Regina Catholic School, Seaford, NY Learn more about our school at our Middle School Night February 12 from 6:30—8:00 p.m. Located at 4045 Jerusalem Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783. For more information call 516-541-1229 or email mariareginaschool.org.

MERCY SOUP KITCHEN SEEKING VOLUNTEERS. It is an exciting time at the *Mercy Soup Kitchen of Wyandanch* as it is preparing to launch its new and expanded post Covid operation. Located in the basement of **Trinity Lutheran Church** at 17 South 20th Street, the Kitchen served its first meal to hungry people in 1980 and currently serves an average of 108 people per day.

During the pandemic, however, Kitchen procedures had to be modified in order to provide hot, nourishing meals safely and continuously to those in need. Indoor sit-down dining was discontinued and only take-out dining was available. But today the Kitchen is posing for a post-Covid reopening – a reorganizational rebirth of sorts – where Kitchen procedures can finally return to again offering guests dignified, indoor sit-down dining. The Kitchen relies heavily on its generous volunteer support and, as such, **numerous on-site and off-site volunteer opportunities are now available.**

While there are openings for on-site positions, such as helping to prepare and serve meals and to perform various maintenance functions, there are also openings for diverse off-site positions in areas such as finance, grant development and preparation, legal compliance assurance, marketing duties, social media facilitation and fund raising/donation coordination.

Only with the efforts of its volunteers can the Kitchen succeed in its mission to provide food security to those in need. Please consider sharing some of your time and talents with the Kitchen to make this happen. We invite you to join our team. For further information, contact Vito Colletti at 631-358-9917 or vcolletti@optonline.net.



Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred, and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <u>https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc</u>



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