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*Jesus began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

Matthew 5:2-3

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 29, 2023

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

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

Business Manager: Ms. Jill Marie Delano

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Reilly

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**,
except on Thursdays (closed after the
12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning)
and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

Special Needs Mass:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer 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.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following
12:15 p.m. Mass

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

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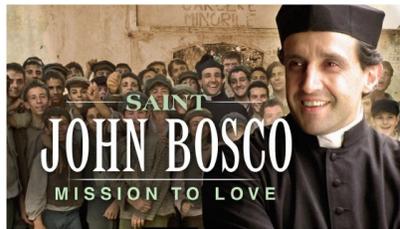
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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 29, 2023

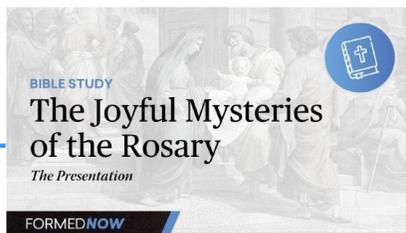
WATCH



Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

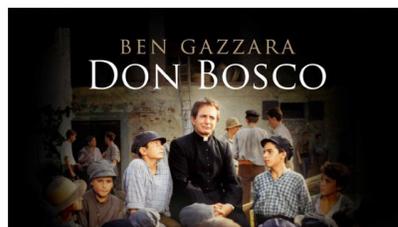
LEARN



A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Protho and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.

LISTEN



Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

Don Bosco tells the true story of a brave and holy priest whose single-handed battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, which is now a worldwide religious order that carries on his work with youth everywhere.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Presentation of the Lord, Thursday, 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 Thursday 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 Thursday with an appropriate festivity by having music at that Mass.

Blessing of Throats on Friday, February 3

Then, on Friday, 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 two weekday Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., as the conclusion to the Universal Prayer. So, come to Mass on that day and get your throat blessed!

Ministry of Consolation

You'll notice in this bulletin that we are advertising for more people to join the Ministry of Consolation. This is one of the most beautiful and important ministries we offer here at OLPH, and I ask you to take the time to read the bulletin ad and to seriously consider joining the ministry. We are very much in need of new offerers to work in this ministry.

This ministry impacts peoples' lives at a very important time and, because of the wonderful work that is done, it is often a vehicle for bringing people back to Mass after they have been away for a long time. As I always say, the liturgy of the Church, when done well, is the best form of evangelization there is, and that's especially true of the funeral rites when they are celebrated in all their fullness. Even though the Ministry of Consolation ministers to people at the time of the Funeral Mass, it is far from a depressing ministry; in fact, it is life-giving and life-affirming in the way it touches people on a deep level.

Also, it's not as intense as you might think; serving as a greeter or an altar server at Funeral Masses, and/or coordinating behind-the-scenes details and making assignments of ministers, and/or baking a cake for a family — all very necessary jobs — don't involve a tremendous amount of time.

Please see the ad concerning the Ministry of Consolation, and please give serious and prayerful consideration to coming on board. If you are recently retired or suddenly find yourself with some extra time on your hands, you're a perfect fit for this! Feel free to contact me, or Ken Hale, the Overall Administrator of the ministry, if you have any questions.

I'm extremely grateful to all who currently serve in this ministry, and especially to those still active who have worked in this ministry since we instituted it way back in 2013. All the ministers of consolation do an amazing job and are extremely generous with their time and their energy. It's time once again to see about expanding the ranks, so that a great deal of work does not wind up falling on a just a small number of people.

So...we're waiting for YOU to join the Ministry of Consolation!

Living the Eucharist

You heard about this from our guest speakers at all the Masses last weekend, so I'll continue to highlight our LIVING THE EUCHARIST Program, which will once again function as our Parish Lenten Mission.

Through LIVING THE EUCHARIST you will have the opportunity to prepare for the upcoming Sunday's readings at Mass, and to reflect on the meaning of the celebration of the Eucharist and how Eucharist connects with our everyday life. Look for all the details in the ad elsewhere in this bulletin, and be sure to participate in

LIVING THE EUCHARIST. Return your response form as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

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,



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 22. 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 19, 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.

SPECIAL FEAST COMING UP

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Thursday, 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 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



Blessing of Throats **on Friday, February 3,** **the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr** **6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.**

Friday, 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 two weekday Masses at 6:30 a.m. and at 12:15 p.m., as the conclusion to the Universal Prayer (the Prayer of the Faithful), as indicated in the *Book of Blessings*.

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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

First Friday Devotions will take place **February 3** 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 4** 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.

Special Needs Mass

for those who have Special Needs and
for those who care for them.

Saturday, February 4

4:00 p.m.

in the School Auditorium

Please join us at our Special Needs Mass, a Mass for those who have Special Needs and for those who care for them.

We meet the **first Saturday of each month.**

After Mass we have hospitality to introduce the ministry members to the people who attend the Mass.

If you would like to join our ministry or help before or after Mass or with our hospitality table please contact Jessica Paolo at jpaolo@oloph.org or call 631-226-7725 X 252.

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.



LIVE-STREAM MASS

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

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:
www.olphlindenhurst.com
- OLPH YouTube Channel: OLPH Church Lindenhurst



JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

We need new members to join our Live-Stream Team either for weekdays or weekends. If you are tech savvy, interested in broadcasting techniques and are willing to help record our liturgies, please contact Fr. Frank Zero at the rectory office at (631) 226-7725 or email fzero@oloph.org.



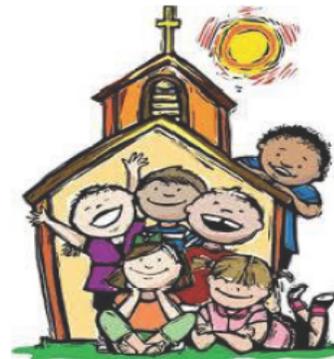
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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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.



LIVING THE EUCHARIST

PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2023

“THE EUCHARIST IS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE”

—*Lumen Gentium* (Light to the Nations)

DON'T MISS OUT!



February 21 – March 28

Join a **Living the Eucharist** small group during Lent. Participation will enrich your life in subtle and amazing ways.

During the six-week program you will:

Gain a better understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist

Participate more fully in Sunday Mass

Leave Mass in a renewed zeal to let the light of Christ shine

Nourish your spiritual life by enhancing your relationship with Jesus Christ.

For more information, contact Jim Totino at jtotino01@gmail.com

Deadline to join is February 5, 2023

Living the Eucharist 2023 LENTEN SIGN-UP FORM

To be completed by each participant.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME _____ CELL _____

EMAIL: _____

AGE (if under 21): _____

Six Weekly Small Group Gatherings:

Dates: Tuesdays - February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, and 28

Location: School building (classrooms to be assigned)

Time: 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Yes, I will attend the six sessions _____

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

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

View the introductory video for *Living the Eucharist* at <https://www.pemdc.org/programs/living-the-eucharist/>

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

POPE FRANCIS ON LITURGICAL FORMATION

APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS

On June 29, 2022, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis released his Apostolic Letter Desiderio Desideravi, On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God. It is an exquisite summary of liturgical theology and a call for serious and vital liturgical formation for all Catholics. In this letter, the Holy Father addresses the nature of sacramental encounter, of symbols and symbolic language, of the art of celebration, and the need to engage all the baptized in the fruitful celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

Each week we are presenting a small selection of the letter for your reading and reflection and this will continue until the entire text has been presented. The full text can be found on the Vatican website at

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html

54. If it is true that the *ars celebrandi* is required of the entire assembly that celebrates, it is likewise true that ordained ministers must have a very particular concern for it. In visiting Christian communities, I have noticed that their way of living the liturgical celebration is conditioned — for better or, unfortunately, for worse — by the way in which their pastor presides in the assembly. We could say that there are different “models” of presiding. Here is a possible list of approaches, which even though opposed to each other, characterize a way of presiding that is certainly inadequate: rigid austerity or an exasperating creativity, a spiritualizing mysticism or a practical functionalism, a rushed briskness or an overemphasized slowness, a sloppy carelessness or an excessive finickiness, a superabundant friendliness or priestly impassibility. Granted the wide range of these examples, I think that the inadequacy of these models of presiding have a common root: a heightened personalism of the celebrating style which at times expresses a poorly concealed mania to be the center of attention. Often this becomes more evident when our celebrations are transmitted over the air or online, something not always opportune and that needs further reflection. Be sure you understand me: these are not the most widespread behaviors, but still, not infrequently assemblies suffer from being thus abused.

55. There would be much more to say about the importance of presiding and what care it requires. On different occasions I dwelt on the demanding duty of preaching the homily. Here I limit myself to several other broad considerations, always wanting to reflect with you on how we are formed by the Liturgy. I think about the regular rhythm of Sunday Mass in our communities, and I address myself therefore to priests, but implicitly to all ordained ministers.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED WITH THE MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION!

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

—Order of Christian Funerals #8

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

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

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

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

There are many ways to become involved:

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

Please consider stepping up to offer your time and your presence in one or more of these ministries. Those who are recently retired, or others who have time free during the day, are especially appropriate for this ministry!

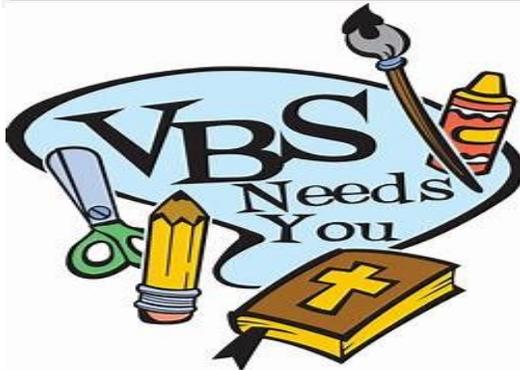
If you are interested, please contact Ken Hale at kennethhale53@gmail.com or Msgr. Joe at msgrijoe@oloph.org

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

**Save the Date****Vacation Bible Camp**July 10th- July 14th

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible Camp**Needs Adult Counselors***“This is Star Command, come in Space Rangers!”*

Please consider being a part of our Space Rangers and Master Jedis!

Please consider offering your time to the youth of the parish.

Planning meetings will begin on

Saturday, *February 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

All Counselors over 18 must be Virtus trained.

Contact April for more information. Please call or e-mail April Kleinlaut if you are interested in helping out this year.

(631) 226-7725 ext. 257 or akleinlaut@oloph.org

Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Helena is the Patron Saint of new discoveries. She was the mother of Constantine, the emperor who allowed Christianity to be practiced in the Roman Empire. When Constantine became a Christian he converted his mother to Christianity too. When she came back into the royal court he asked her to find relics of Christ. She went to Jerusalem to the sites where Jesus was during His life on earth. When she went to these different places she hoped to find things that belonged to Jesus. She tore down a temple that was built for Athena where Jesus died, and found three crosses. One of them was the true cross Jesus died on!



SAVE THE DATE...FEBRUARY 19



Mardi Gras Ice Cream Social



Sponsored by the Family Life Ministry

Come join us for a family afternoon of prayer and fun including the burning of palms as we begin our Lenten journey by strengthening our relationship with God!



When: Sunday, February 19
Where: O.L.P.H. Auditorium
Time: following the 12:00 p.m. 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: Eileen Corticchia (631) 682-4853
kencort36@gmail.com

Mardi Gras Reply Form

First and Last Name: _____

_____ # of adults _____ # of children

Telephone # _____ Email Address: _____

Please **RSVP** to Eileen Corticchia: kencort36@gmail.com
or (631) 682-4853

RSVP by Sunday, February 12, 2023

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631-592-1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631-561-5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631-225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631-957-1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631-226-2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631-412-3831—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631-226-7725 x 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631-226-6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes which embody a radically alternative vision of life, where we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the gospel of the kingdom and brings healing to the broken hearts of those who live in poverty.

NEW Food Pantry List!

COFFEE (SMALL CANS)

TOMATO SAUCE

CEREAL

CANNED FRUIT

COOKIES

PORK AND BEANS

CANNED PASTA

RICE

TOILET PAPER

SHELF STABLE MILK

Thank you

for your continued generosity.

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

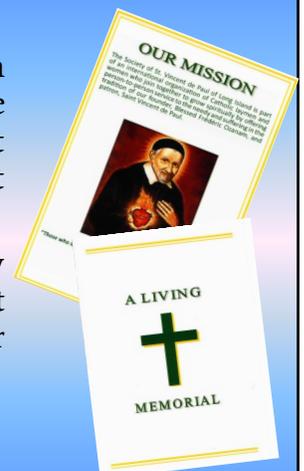
THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

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

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

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



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

*South Shore Young Adult Ministry
at OLPH
Ages 21-39*

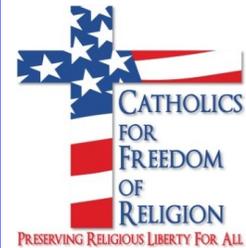
For info about monthly meetings contact
Director, Bridget Jordan,
Phone: (631) 226-7725 x 253,
email: bjordan@oloph.org

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

From Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

Attempts to Suppress Any Religious Expression Continue



Mall security guards at the Mall of America in Minnesota ordered a man to remove his "Jesus Saves" T-shirt or leave the mall. A video of the incident that took place on January 7, 2023 shows the guard telling Paul Shoro to remove his shirt because "Jesus is associated with religion and it's offending people."⁽¹⁾

Mr. Shoro explained, "I didn't speak, I didn't say anything." The guard said, "Take your shirt off, and you can go to Macy's and do your shopping, or you can leave the mall. OK? Those are your only options right now."⁽²⁾ The guard told Shoro that the shirt is treated as religious soliciting which isn't allowed at the privately-owned mall. Fortunately, the mall later said that security subsequently allowed Shoro to remain in the mall while wearing the shirt.

The question is: Why is this happening in America? Why would any American feel the need to shut down such a common declaration of faith as a message on a T-shirt? The U.S. Constitution does not prohibit religious messages on clothing because doing so would violate the First and Fourteenth Amendments, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA), and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1994. These laws and statutes protect religious freedom as well as freedom of speech and expression, including the right to wear T-shirts with religious messages and images, religious jewelry, etc.

Iowa Elementary School Misunderstanding of "Separation of Church and State"

An elementary school child in Iowa was told in the fall/winter of 2022 that because of "separation of church and state" he could not hand out religious materials to his classmates, share his faith with them, or bring religious books or items to school. His mother contacted the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) for help. It was clear to ACLJ attorneys that the school officials did not understand the law regarding the religious freedom of students and sent a legal letter detailing the legal rights of students. Upon receiving this information, the school reversed its objections, and the student has been allowed to continue his non-disruptive religious activities without any issues.⁽³⁾

This fortunate child has a parent who took action to defend her son's religious freedom rights, and now fortunate school officials are aware of the rights of students and teachers to practice their faith.

"It's the duty of everyone to defend religious freedom and promote it for all people."

—Pope Francis

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FROM BISHOP BARRES—CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 31, 2023
Memorial of Saint John Bosco

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, this year, began on January 29, 2023 and concludes on February 4, 2023. 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 vision of 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 2023 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 in order to provide every student in our Catholic Schools with an education that is robustly Catholic, academically excellent, safe and supportive, and sustainable.

Today we celebrate the Memorial of St. John Bosco, who is one of the patron saints of school children. St. John Bosco 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

LA SEMANA DE LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Enero 31, 2023
Memorial de San Juan Bosco

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Cada año, la Iglesia en todo el país aprovecha la oportunidad para celebrar el don de la Educación Católica durante la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas que comenzó este año el 29 de enero de 2023 y finaliza el 4 de febrero de 2023. Como Obispo de la Diócesis del Centro Rockville, quiero expresar lo increíblemente orgulloso que estoy de nuestras Escuelas Católicas en la forma en que evangelizan a nuestros jóvenes católicos aquí en Long Island.

En su Exhortación Apostólica, *La Alegría del Evangelio*, el Papa Francisco dice: “Las escuelas católicas, que siempre se esfuerzan por unirse en su trabajo de educación con la proclamación explícita del Evangelio, son un recurso muy valioso para la evangelización de la cultura” (art. 134). Esta visión impulsada por la misión de la Educación Católica es especialmente apropiada, ya que la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos participa en un Renacimiento Eucarístico nacional, porque la misión del Renacimiento Eucarístico nacional está incorporada en la misión de la Educación Católica. Ayudar a los estudiantes a conocer y amar a Jesús a través del poder transformador de la Misa, y equiparlos para evangelizar a sus familias y comunidades, es una meta extraordinariamente hermosa y alcanzable que nuestras Escuelas Católicas se esfuerzan por lograr cada día.

Como las escuelas de toda la diócesis celebran la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas 2023 con Misas, demostraciones de las escuelas y otras diferentes actividades, damos gracias al Señor por aquellos que hacen estos eventos y la Educación Católica en su conjunto posible. A la fiel dedicación de los administradores, maestros y personal: gracias por trabajar incansablemente cada día para avanzar en la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia por su amor a Cristo y por ayudar a sus hijos a conocer la presencia y el poder de su amor en sus vidas. A los padres y tutores que generosamente ofrecen tanto tiempo para ayudar a sus pastores y directores en el avance de la misión de la Educación Católica en sus escuelas parroquiales y regionales: su amor por Cristo y su Iglesia es inspirador, y estoy muy agradecido por su caridad, dedicación y perseverancia del Buen Samaritano. Además, quiero expresar mi gratitud a la Iniciativa de la Estrella del Mañana (Morning Star Initiative) y al personal del Departamento de Educación que colaboran y trabajan juntos para proporcionar a todos los estudiantes de nuestras Escuelas Católicas una educación sólida, excelencia académica, segura, de apoyo y sustentable.

Hoy celebramos el Día de San Juan Bosco, que es uno de los santos patrón de los niños. San Juan Bosco comprendió la misión esencial de la Educación Católica en el mundo. Una vez dijo: “Si queremos tener una buena sociedad, debemos concentrar todas nuestras fuerzas en la educación cristiana de los jóvenes”. Debido a la estupenda labor realizada en nuestras Escuelas Católicas, creo que podemos tener una gran esperanza en el futuro de la sociedad aquí en Long Island: un futuro lleno de jóvenes católicos que están tan entusiasmados por Jesucristo y su Iglesia!

A través de la intercesión de Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton, la santa patrona de la Educación Católica, San Juan Bosco y María, Estrella de la Evangelización, que el Señor siga bendiciendo la Iniciativa de la Estrella del Mañana, el Departamento de Educación, nuestras Escuelas Católicas y todos los que participan en la Educación Católica en Long Island, especialmente nuestros estudiantes!

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Réverendísimo John O. Barres
Obispo de Rockville Centre

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 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.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Jeffrey Gaab
 Gregory Guido
 Sonia Hansen
 Joselyn Kalt
 Mary Leon
 Rachelle Louis-Jacques
 Carlton Mitchell
 James Totino

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel
 Gerry Chille

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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.

FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish:

Anne McKenzie
Darryl Barnes Jr.
Patricia Ann Duffy
Alice White

“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>Diego Sarmiento</i>	<i>Christopher De Palma</i>
<i>Thomas Grogan</i>	<i>Mary Elizabeth Setti</i>
<i>Rolando Pulla</i>	<i>Donna Hosey</i>
<i>Joan Hosey</i>	<i>Catherine Lang</i>
<i>Helene Calabrese</i>	<i>Baby Antonio James Kienle</i>
<i>Wolfgang Unterschuetz</i>	<i>James Santoli</i>
<i>Patty Santopadre</i>	<i>Henry Batz</i>
<i>Rolanda Pulla</i>	<i>Lewis Giarratano</i>
<i>Elvira Treanor</i>	<i>Ann-Marie Giarratano</i>
<i>Mary Lou Klammer</i>	<i>“Little” Joanie Giarratano</i>
<i>Donald Wright</i>	

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 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.

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 10:00 A.M. MASS

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>
<i>Jack Robert Sheehan</i>	<i>Requested by The Izzo Family</i>
<i>Luis Gonzalo Yauri</i>	<i>Requested by Mercedes Marquina</i>

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Our next group starts **April 29 to July 1** from **11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for information.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, January 30— Weekday

6:30	Jane Hoffmann
12:15	Franciszek Wegrzynowski

TUESDAY, January 31— Saint John Bosco, Priest

6:30	Stanley Cimaszewski
12:15	Michael Pazzano

WEDNESDAY, February 1 — Weekday

6:30	Carolina & Vito Leonard
12:15	George S. Walters

THURSDAY, February 2 — THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

6:30	Vincent Treanor
12:15	Otto Keller

FRIDAY, February 3 — Weekday *(Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop)*

6:30	Thomas Sheppard
12:15	Frank Schaake

SATURDAY, February 4 — Weekday

8:00	Darrin Lack
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Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00	Sofia Garbe <i>Special Needs Mass (Auditorium)</i>
5:00	BettyAnn Jacobs

Sunday, February 5 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Perpetual Help Mass (<i>List on p. 18</i>)
12:00	Kathleen Marie Jacquette

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 30, 2023

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.	Devotions	Church

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
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Wednesday, February 1, 2023

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)	Off Campus
5:30 p.m.	Level 6: Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Levels 7 and 8: Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group Board Meeting	Cafeteria

Thursday, February 2, 2023

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting (631-412-3831)	Off Campus
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 18

Friday, February 3, 2023

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium

Saturday, February 4, 2023

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1, 2, 4 and 5: Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Level 3 Penance Service	Church
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
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 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.	O CIA	Room 18
12:30 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 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: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

OFFERING UPDATE January 21/22

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	234	89	\$2,180.00
8:00 a.m.	190	86	3,936.00
10:00 a.m.	293	84	2,679.00
12:00 a.m.	310	72	2,130.00
Faith Direct			3,351.00
Children's Env.		15	74.00
Mail-ins:			1,037.00
TOTAL	1,027	346	\$15,387.00
2022	863	277	\$14,462.92
Candles			\$722.00
Poor Box			\$186.00

2022 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2022 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 and 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. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

February 5—deadline passed
February 12—February 3 deadline
February 19—February 10 deadline

CHRISTMAS TOTALS

Year	Collection	Attendance
2022	\$94,754.00	1,747
\$81,359 — SPECIFICALLY FOR CHRISTMAS \$13,395—GENEROUS OFFERINGS FROM PARISHIONERS WHO GAVE AN ADDITIONAL SUNDAY OFFERING BECAUSE CHRISTMAS WAS ON A SUNDAY		
2021	\$80,469.65	1,478
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS		
2022	\$5,952.00	
2021	\$6,141.50	

WELCOME TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

Oswaldo, Arcelis, Mayrelis & Saulo Fernandez

Anthony, Brook & Olive Giannini

Joseph & Caitlin Clemente

John Zapata & Sheyla Flores

Jose & Diana Taveras

Welcome

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**Thank you for your generous
support of the
2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

Completing your 2022 pledge ensures that our parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

***Please remember that
all pledges must be paid in full
by January 31, 2023.***

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus said, "You are the light of the world.
Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father."*

Matthew 5:14a, 16

Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading comes from a section of the Book of Isaiah that includes prophecies to the Jews as they returned home from their long captivity in Babylon. Through the prophet, God is urging the people to be sincere in their worship, unlike in former times when they carried out various rituals of praise and repentance that were only empty gestures. Religious words and actions must go deeper. What God really wants is concrete action on behalf of the needy, poor and oppressed. Ritual words and gestures must be embodied in deeds of righteousness. Only then will the people's relationship with God be healed and the light shall rise for them in the darkness.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Today's reading is the fourth of seven that we will hear from Paul's first letter to the church he founded in the Greek city of Corinth during two and a half years of preaching. He is addressing a community that had been exposed to numerous influences circulating in this large, cosmopolitan city, influences that valued power, wealth, status, and various Greek philosophies which exalted knowledge acquired by human reason. In contrast, Paul offers divine wisdom, the "mystery of God." Paul preached the wisdom of a Redeemer who died crucified on a cross, a death that seemed to signal failure to the worldly. This is his central message: redemption in Christ results not from any human action but by the grace of God which is freely given and is more powerful than any human effort.

Matthew 5:13-16

This Gospel reading continues the Sermon on the Mount and comes right after the Beatitudes we heard last week. As in the first reading from Isaiah today, Jesus demands not just words but actions. To hear Jesus' teaching and fail to act on it is worthless, like salt that has lost its flavor. In the ancient world, salt was used both to season and to preserve food. To lose these qualities makes it worthless, good for nothing so that it could only be thrown out. Jesus' second metaphor again recalls the first reading: people who live according to the real meaning of God's word will give glory to God. To be effective, words must always be accompanied by deeds and good actions must come from right intentions. When we do good deeds for the right reasons we will exalt not ourselves but God himself. To act this way is to glorify our heavenly Father.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

1. Jesus asked us to be like light and salt. What determines our degree of saltiness or brightness?
2. What does Pope Francis say is the "battery" for our light?

What must a Christian do in order for the salt not to run out, so that the oil to light the lamp does not come to an end? The "battery" a Christian uses to generate light ... is simply prayer. Prayer, ... is what lights up Christian life. ... Prayer must come from the heart."

As regards the salt that Christians are called to be: it becomes salt when it is given to others. This ... is another Christian attitude: to give of oneself, to give flavor to the lives of others, to give flavor to many things with the message of the Gospel. ... It's curious: both salt and light are for others, not for oneself. Salt does not give flavor to itself; light does not illuminate itself.

*Mass at Casa Santa Marta,
June 7, 2016*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 30, 2023:
Hebrews 11:32-40 + Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 31, 2023:
Hebrews 12:1-4 + Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 1, 2023:
Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
+ Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 2, 2023:
Malachi 3:1-4 +
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Friday, February 3, 2023:
Hebrews 13:1-8 + Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 4, 2023:
Hebrews 13:15-7, 20-21
+ Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 5, 2023:
Isaiah 58:7-10
+ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
+ Matthew 5:13-16

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. New member orientation meeting Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. St. Frances Club, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. (Parking in the rear of building) Non-denominational. All are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting: Terry at 516-650-5528 or Janet 516-579-4016.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS SCHOOL, AMITYVILLE, OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, January 29, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. At the Open House at Saint Martin of Tours School, you will get a chance to speak with alumni who attended SMT, current students, teachers and staff. All are welcome! For over 100 years, SMT has offered academic excellence, which fosters individual growth and development according to time-tested, Catholic faith-based models of teaching and learning. SMT cultivates a robustly Catholic culture centered on the spiritual, intellectual, sacramental, and liturgical life of the Church. For more information, go to their website: smtschool.org, or call (631) 264-7166. School is located at 30 Union Avenue in Amityville.

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Irish Night. Saturday, March 4, 2023 at St. Brigid's in Westbury — an opportunity to gather together for liturgy, followed by a joyful evening of music, dancing, and Irish spirit! Take a chance book(s) and encourage many of your friends and family to buy chances. Booklets are \$10 each (12 chances per booklet). Please contact the Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext. 246 for more information. Purchase a ticket online and attend the event. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$100 for 2 tickets & 1 raffle book. For more information, please contact our Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext.246 or visit the event website: www.sistersofstdominic.org/irishnight2023.

St. Kilian Parish in Farmingdale is seeking a part-time Sacristan to work 10-15 hours per week, primarily on weekends. The Sacristan would need to be available weekday mornings, with occasional additional hours later in the day as needed. Flexibility in scheduling is important. Responsibilities: open and close the church; setting up for and assisting the Presider during daily Masses, funerals, and weddings; care of the sacred vessels; assist in monitoring necessary supplies for the Church; assist with the upkeep & maintenance of all church areas. Effectively manage time and complete all tasks as assigned by the Pastor. Training provided. Please email your resume in word format as an email attachment to: johnr@stkilian.com and note Sacristan in subject of e-mail.

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FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



- Open to all boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 (age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of December 31st). Please bring a COPY of your child's birth certificate.
- Winners in each age group will compete for the District Championship immediately following (see below)
- For participants that advance, County-level competition will take place in March.

When: Saturday, February 11th, 2023
Where: Lindenhurst Middle School Gym
Time: Council Competition: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
District Competition: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For additional information, please contact: Rob Saracino at 631-957-2766 saracinos@optimum.net

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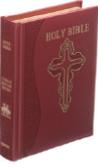


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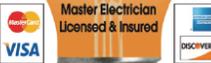


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