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*Jesus said, "You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.
By your perseverance you will secure your lives."*

Luke 21:17-19

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 17, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mondays following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.


Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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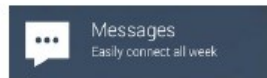
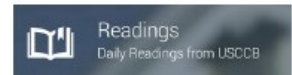
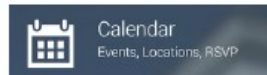
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FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

St. Giuseppe Moscati



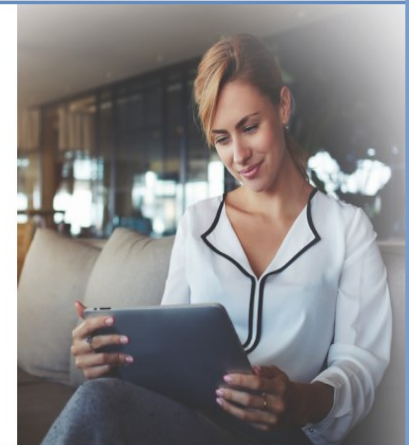
Doctor to the Poor

Giuseppe Moscati, "the holy physician of Naples," was a medical doctor and layman who devoted his medical career to serving the poor.

"You'll fall in love with St. Giuseppe Moscati. Very beautiful and touching."

—Blessy T., Fort Pierce, FL

[WATCH ON FORMED.ORG](https://www.formed.org)



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Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to formed.org/signup

Select your parish

Register with your name and email address

Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to formed.org/signup and find your parish to register.

Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?

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

"LET US GIVE THANKS"

Put that turkey in the oven and bring your family to the...

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday,

November 28th

9:00 a.m.



Our entire parish family joins together to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives. At this liturgy, we:

- give thanks to God for His many blessings in our lives;
- invite parishioners to bring non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry (*from the list on p.10*) or men's gloves, knit hats, socks, etc. for the Homeless Ministry;
- distribute bread for all to share at their Thanksgiving table;
- seek God's blessing upon the food we will use for our Thanksgiving meals.

Please bring something from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed.

(Please note: This will be the *only Mass* celebrated on Thanksgiving Day.)

Save the date...



Advent Lessons and Carols and International Peace Light Ceremony

Saturday, December 7

7:30 p.m.

In the church

SILENCE BEFORE MASS

In his book *Meditations Before Mass*, the liturgist Msgr. Romano Guardini wrote:

"When we come into church from the outside our ears are filled with the racket of the city, the words of those who have accompanied us, the laboring and quarreling of our own thoughts, the disquiet of our hearts' wishes and worries, hurts and joys. How are we possibly to hear what God is saying? That we listen at all is something; not everyone does. It is even better when we pay attention and make a real effort to understand what is being said. But all this is not yet the attentive stillness in which God's word can take root. This must be established before the service begins, if possible in the silence on the way to church, still better in a brief period of composure the evening before."

This passage reminds us of the importance of **silence and quiet** as preparation before we celebrate the Eucharist.

We are asking everyone to be attentive to the need for silence in the minutes leading up to Mass. Think of being silent as a gift: it's a gift to yourself and to everyone else.

So, here's what we're asking: starting about five (5) minutes before every Mass begins, let's all quiet down and hold off on conversations. If it's necessary to greet someone, do so with a nod of the head, a smile, and, at most, a whispered "hello." Let's all promise to do this together; let's all give each other the gift of quieting down and sitting silently in the five minutes before Mass begins. Since bells usually ring at that time, let the bells be our signal to be quiet.

So, with all love and gentleness and friendship, we respectfully ask everyone: "When the bells ring five minutes before Mass begins—*Silence, please!*"

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS BEING FORMED



Are you missing something?

Every year on Pentecost, a group of adults complete their initiation into the Church by receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Through Confirmation, the baptized are joined more perfectly to the Church and strengthened in their faith. Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation should receive it before being married.

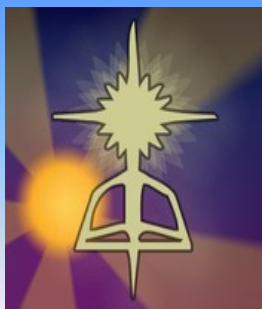
Prospective godparents and sponsors for youth Confirmation must also have received this sacrament.

Preparation for receiving Confirmation as an adult includes ten hours of classroom meeting, weekly attendance at Mass and additional study through Catholic instructional material such as the Formed multimedia platform. Classes meet in the evenings, usually twice a month, with some outside reading and preparation required. A fee of \$20 covers the cost of books and materials.

Classes begin on Monday January 13, 2020. For more information contact Deacon Robert Becker at rabecker9550@gmail.com or by leaving your contact information at the rectory.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer



All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the Psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...

**Saturdays
and Sundays
after the 5:00 p.m. Mass**

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, November 18—7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 25—7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 2—12:45 p.m.*

**Note new time beginning December 2.*

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD



A special book has been placed in the Divine Mercy Chapel for members of our parish community to write down the names of loved ones who have died. The names in this book will be remembered at our Masses throughout the month of November.

Please note: This is not the Book of Intentions, and only the names of the deceased, without any intention, should be written in this book.

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died.

Our Liturgy Committee prepares a special Altar of Remembrance in the Divine Mercy Chapel. **You have been invited to place a picture on the altar so that we may remember your loved ones and pray for each other.** Please limit the size of your photo (perhaps no larger than 4 x 6) so that there is room for everyone who wishes to participate. You may place the picture in a small frame.

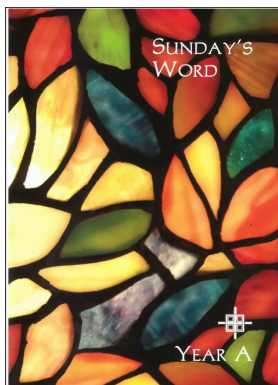
Write your name and phone number on the back of the picture.

We ask you to pick up your picture by Friday, November 29.



SUNDAY'S WORD BOOKS AVAILABLE

The new *Sunday's Word* books for the upcoming new liturgical year (Cycle A) starting with the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, are now available at the rectory for the purchase price of \$3.00.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



RITE OF WELCOME SUNDAY AT 12:00 NOON!

This Sunday, November 17 at the 12:00 Noon Mass, we celebrate the Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. **Edward Cosgrove**, baptized in another Christian tradition, now begins the process of formation which will lead to reception into the Catholic Church and the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion at a future date. We look forward to the day in the future when Ed will be received into the Catholic Church. Please pray for him during his period of catechesis and formation, and offer him welcome and support when you see him at Mass.

STRENGTHS WORKSHOP

All parishioners who have taken the Clifton Strengths Finder, especially all leaders of ministries and organizations and all members of the Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee and Finance Committee, are reminded to attend the important **STRENGTHS WORKSHOP** which will be held on **Saturday, November 23, 12:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Msgr. Bill Hanson will be the presenter for the day, and this will be a significant moment as we move forward using the Strengths Finder to deepen engagement in parish life and to grow leadership skills. All who have taken the Strengths Finder should have received an invitation letter (if there was a goof and you took the survey but did not receive a letter — *sorry! But come anyway! It's important that you are there!*). We look forward to seeing you there.

—Msgr. Joe (*Context, Intellection, Input, Learner, Harmony*)

OLPH CHRISTMAS CARDS

“OLPH is the place to be!” AND ...

The place to buy your Christmas cards!

For the first time ever, parishioners will have the opportunity to buy their Christmas cards at OLPH. Cards will be available for sale after all Masses on November 16-17 at the Wellwood Avenue entrance, and in the rectory during the week. A box of 25 cards featuring the



image of our altar decorated for Christmas (shown here) will be available for the price of \$20.00. Purchases can be made with cash or check made out to OLPH. Sorry, no credit or debit cards. Cards will be in limited supply, so be sure to make your purchases early. Buy enough cards to send to those you love!

NEW BOXES OF CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE



The new boxes of **Children's Envelopes** for the upcoming liturgical year are now available! Children should use these envelopes to make their offering in the weekly collection basket at Mass, in addition to their family's offering.

The purpose of the envelopes is not a money-raising one, but rather to provide parents a tool to reinforce in their children the idea of stewardship for their Church and responsible giving toward others. It's a great way to teach children the value of being thankful for the gifts God gives us and the importance of sharing the abundance of those gifts with others. Ideally, the money — whatever amount is placed in the envelope (there is no minimum or maximum!) — comes from the children themselves, *e.g.*, out of their allowance, rather than being just handed to them from the parents. In this way, Christian attitudes are nourished in the children, and this can be yet another avenue for parents and children to discuss responsible Christian living.

New boxed sets of Children's Envelopes for the entire new liturgical year (starting with Advent 2019) are available in baskets throughout the church. Families who wish to use them should simply take a box which contains envelopes for the entire year, with the children then returning one envelope each week, dropping it in the collection basket at Mass. The envelope should have the child's name and amount of the offering written on it. The design on the envelope may be colored in and decorated in other ways if desired. The amount collected in the children's envelopes is published in the bulletin each week. As with the usual collection offerings, the money will go toward supporting the mission of and programs at OLPH.

Encourage your children to use these envelopes as a way of growing in Christian stewardship and responsibility!

PREPARING FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

As Advent approaches, the OLPH Adult Faith Formation Ministry offers a program of study focused on the Responsorial Psalms used in the Mass during the season of Advent. There is no registration or fee for the program; we will simply meet in the Saint Lucy Room in the basement of the rectory from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on the dates listed below for a consideration and discussion of the Responsorial Psalm offered in the Sunday Mass. Bring your Bible and join us for a celebration of the coming of the Lord. For more information, contact Deacon Robert at rabecker9550@gmail.com.

Date	Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalms of Solemnity of Christmas</i>	Presenter
November 24	Introduction to the Psalms		Msgr. Joe
December 1	Psalm 122	<i>Psalm 89</i>	Deacon Robert
December 8	Psalm 72	<i>Psalm 96</i>	April Kleinlaut
December 15	Psalm 146	<i>Psalm 97</i>	Deacon Bill
December 22	Psalm 24	<i>Psalm 98a</i>	Father Frank

MASS INTENTION FOR FATHER VITALIS PEDZIK

An intention for the repose of the soul of Father Vitalis Pedzik has been included in the Perpetual Mass group intention at the **12:15 p.m. weekday Mass on Thursday, November 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Fr. Pedzik, who was an Associate Pastor here at OLPH years ago, died on Monday, October 14, 2019 in Poland. The funeral was held in Poland. The Diocese has requested that Fr. Pedzik be remembered at this Mass along with the other intentions. Parishioners who wish to pray for Fr. Pedzik are invited to attend the 12:15 Mass on Thursday, November 21.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

GETTING READY FOR ADVENT Sunday, December 1st



Get the Advent Season off to a good start!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #794 OLPH HOLY NAME SOCIETY



**in the Auditorium, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
Join us for bagels, prayer, Advent craft.....
and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest!!!**

A free will offering will be greatly appreciated to cover the supplies. Bring a baked good, if you are able. If you have any questions or can help with donations, contact:

**ROSE GAROFALO (631)226-7759 or
ANGELA GAROFALO (516)445-9635.**



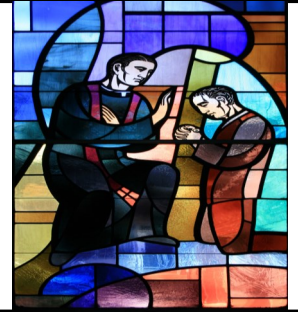
OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

On Wednesday, November 20,
Level 6 will be having a Penance Service
in the church at 5:30 p.m. All students must be
accompanied by a parent or guardian.



On Wednesday, November 20,
Level 8 classes are cancelled due to the
Frost Valley trip! Have fun and be safe!

On Saturday, November 23,
Level 4 will be having their
Parent/Child Workshop on Advent!
Parents and students meet in the
auditorium during your regular class
time. Attendance will be taken.



Happy Saint of the Day! St. Cecilia

St. Cecilia was from a wealthy family and given in marriage to a young man named Valerian. She prayed that she would remain pure and dedicated to God even throughout her marriage. On her wedding day she sang in her heart to God. On her wedding night she told Valerian of her promise to God and that she was protected by an angel. He wanted to see the angel so she told him to go get baptized and he would. When he returned from his baptism he saw the angel and immediately believed. His brother was also baptized and together the three went out to live good Christian lives.

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
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † 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—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED CHICKEN
CANNED TUNA
OATMEAL
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
SHELF STABLE MILK
CANNED FRUIT
PEANUT BUTTER
DESSERTS/COOKIES
NECESSARY TOILETRIES
NECESSARY PAPER PRODUCTS

Thank you
 for your continued generosity.
 Cut out this list and bring it
 with you when you go shopping!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building
 Use the parking lot located on the corner of
 Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

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

1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: “What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now?”

Ask yourself “What would Jesus Christ do?” and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone who generously adopted families for Thanksgiving. Thanks to you, we were able to provide full Thanksgiving meals to over 40 families. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

**The Thanksgiving
Community Meal**
Sunday, November 17th
at 1:00 p.m.
in the OLPH Cafeteria.



All guests are invited to enjoy a traditional meal with all the “fixins”... turkey, ham, stuffing, potatoes, and pumpkin pie just to name a few.

Offerers are needed to help with this special meal – cooking, serving, setting up.

Please contact Gail Tonnessen (631-957-1449; gtonness@optonline.net) for more information

MIDDLE AGES

*Are you a lady in your 40s, 50s, or 60s?
Are you looking to meet other women
who share your interest in spirituality,
socializing and social action?*

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, November 19
7:00 p.m. in Room 24**

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449
or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, December 10
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

VIRTUS TRAINING



VIRTUS TRAINING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
7:00 p.m. in ROOM 18

**TRAINING IS REQUIRED
FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS
IN ALL MINISTRIES.**

Registration MUST be done online.

Simply go to drvc.org, Protecting God's Children to the Virtus training schedule. Find the date and OLPH, Lindenhurst to begin the registration process.



Holy Name Society

will be outside the church
selling “Turkey Raffles”

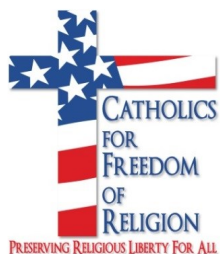
**November
16/17 & 23/24**

**Please stop by and support their
annual fundraiser!**

We Need Nerds and Tekkies

If you are informed about computer technology and social media platforms, you can be part of an exciting ministry that will help to shape OLPH in the future. We are looking for parishioners whose experience with devices and applications can help us to improve the range of services available on the church campus. We need people who would be willing to help presenters set up classroom presentations by connecting laptops to displays, people who can envision how wi-fi may be expanded to enrich parish life, and all types in between! Join us for a meeting on **Monday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m.** in the St. Mark Room of the Rectory. For more information, contact Deacon Robert at rabecker9550@gmail.com.

CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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Dishonest Language — Example #1:

"Do No Harm" Act

Would Greatly Harm Religious Freedom for Doctors and More

Archbishop Chaput has decried dishonest language. The mislabeled "Do No Harm" Act does the exact opposite of its name since it eliminates religious freedom protections for employers and medical professionals. The "Do No Harm" Act gives more privileges to those claiming to be offended than to those exercising their religious freedom First Amendment rights. The "Do No Harm" Act includes the broad phrase "dignity harm" to essentially end any religious exemptions.

Since this Act is "Designed to amend the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) of 1993 ...," it removes exemptions for religious doctors, nurses, or any medical professional giving "access to, information about, referrals for, provision of, or coverage for, any health care item or service."

This means that doctors could be forced to perform "gender-reassignment surgeries" or prescribe hormone-blocking prescriptions. It would remove religious exemptions for those who do not want to provide referrals for abortion. The Act has the potential to target and eliminate exemptions for protected religious speech since a person might claim that hearing speech about a religious belief causes him/her "dignity harm."

The "Do No Harm" Act could erase all religious exemptions in America.

(washingtontimes.com, 3/17/19; hrc.org; reporternews.com, 7/6/19; christianheadlines.com, 9/19/19; nationalreview.com, 9/19/19; catholicnewsagency.com, 9/19/19)

Archbishop Chaput tells us:

"Words are important because they shape our thinking, and our thinking drives our actions. Dishonest language leads to dishonest debate and bad laws."

MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT



Men's Advent Retreat - Saturday, December 14th

OLPH School Auditorium

Presenter: **Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco, D. Min.**

Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Chaplain of OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794

**"How Deeper Participation in the Sacred Liturgy
Leads Us to Deeper Encounter with Christ"**

11:30-NOON:	Registration	2:45-3:00:	Break
Noon-12:45:	Lunch	3:00-4:00:	Discussion
	<i>Hero Sandwiches, Soft Drinks/ Water</i>	4:00:	Time for Reflection/Opportunity for Reconciliation, in the church
1:00-1:45:	First Presentation		
1:45-2:15:	Quiet time for Reflection	5:00:	Mass in church
2:15-2:45:	Second Presentation		<i>(Third Sunday of Advent)</i>

Registration Fee: \$20. Make check payable to: **OLPH Knights of Columbus #794**

**Return completed form with payment to: Stephen M. Strigaro, 131 N. 7th St., Lindenhurst, NY 11757
by December 3rd**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ NY, ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ (HOME OR CELL) e-mail: _____

For information and registration, contact Stephen Strigaro at sdcjn@optonline.net."

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
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April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker9550@gmail.com.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Jeffrey Gaab
Joselyn Kalt
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Carlton Mitchell
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Adele Venezia

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

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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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

First Announcement:

Anthony Colombo & Stephanie Mangano

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.



-Rite of Baptism

Ryan Michael Cody

Alexa Nicole Keller

Ryan Andrew Lemmermann

Finn David Sutch

We welcome the newest members of the Catholic community here at OLPH!

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019

12:15 P.M. MASS

<i>Leo Lomangino</i>	<i>Requested by The Heilig Family</i>
<i>Janice Ciminelli</i>	<i>Requested by The Vitiello Family</i>
<i>Rev. Vitalis Pedzik</i>	<i>Requested by The Diocese of Rockville Centre</i>

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The ***Bereavement Support Group*** is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical, support as they learn to cope with their loss.

Sessions will run Saturdays, December 7—February 1 from 12:00—1:30 p.m. or Thursdays, December 5—January 30 from 7:00—8:30 p.m.

If you would like to know more about the ***OLPH Support Group Program***, please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or Marige Reyes at 631-608-3658. You may also leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the rectory.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Daniel Fowler

Cliff Zimms

Mary Farrell

Chris Gordon

Loretto Dinardo

Randall & Joanne Press

Salvatore Ferraro

Edward Skewes

Rosemary Miles

Dolores Otten

James Gallagher

Bunny Rieger

Marion Klein

Rose Ricca

Fr. Marty Klein

Bill Doran

Joseph Chiusa

Kettly Jean-Baptiste

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of

November 17-23:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Lucille Sullivan

Requested by

Nancy & Ray D'Alessio

Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 for other options for memorials.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, November 18—

WEEKDAY

*(The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles;
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin)*

6:30 Doris E. McAnany

12:15 Frank Bonventre

TUESDAY, November 19—

WEEKDAY

6:30 Pasquale Perrotta

12:15 Frances Ricci

WEDNESDAY, November 20—

WEEKDAY

6:30 Frank Mehm

12:15 Stephen Mullen

THURSDAY, November 21—

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

12:15 Perpetual Help Mass (List on p. 15)

FRIDAY, November 22—

SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

6:30 Oliva Keim

12:15 Marianna Femia

SATURDAY, November 23—

WEEKDAY

*(Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
Saint Columban, Abbot
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr)*

8:00 Kevin Ullmer, Sr.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

5:00 Dominick M. Barone

Sunday, November 24 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 The Living & Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus

12:00 The Living & Deceased Members of the
Legion of Mary

5:00 Connie Angello

Monday, November 18, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
6:00 p.m.	Tech Support Ministry	St. Mark Room
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee	St. Lucy Room
7:30 p.m.	Blue Door Meeting	Room 12

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Rooms 24
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 18
7:45 p.m.	Steering Committee Meeting	Room 3

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Religious Ed. Classes	School
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Penance Service	Church
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Virtus Training Class	Room 18
7:45 p.m.	Christian Mothers	Cafeteria

Thursday, November 21, 2019

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
6:30 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, November 22, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
6:30 P.M.	CYO	Auditorium

Saturday, November 23, 2019

8:30, 10:00	Religious Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Levels 4 Parent/Child Meeting	Auditorium
12:45 p.m.	Strengths Workshop	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	Turkey Raffle Ticket Sales	Outside
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, November 24, 2019

After Masses	Holy Name Turkey Raffle Sales	Outside
9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	St. Lucy Room
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida” le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes

Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico saitjoseph98@gmail.com.

Domingo 34° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C

Reflexiones de las lecturas del domingo 24 de Noviembre del 2019

El Padre nos ha otorgado un lugar
en el reino de su Hijo amado.
En él conseguimos nuestra libertad,
el perdón de los pecados.
Que Jesucristo, el Señor, esté siempre con ustedes

Primera Lectura (2 Samuel 5,1-3): Un Rey según el Corazón Mismo de Dios

El pueblo quiere que David sea su rey y pastor. Él es “de su misma carne y sangre” y, al mismo tiempo, cercano también a Dios. ---
En esto David es una imagen de Jesús.

Segunda Lectura (Colosenses 1,12-20): Pertenece al Reino de Jesús.

Con San Pablo expresamos nuestra gratitud al Padre por concedernos un lugar en el Reino de Jesús, gracias a su muerte en la cruz.

Evangelio (Lucas 23,35-43): Un Rey Crucificado

amigos desde la cruz Jesús salva a toda la humanidad, pues la reconcilia con Dios, y comenzó a reinar sobre todas las cosas, llevando a plenitud aquel modelo de rey-pastor, que reúne y conduce a su rebaño, Extraña realeza la de un hombre clavado en la cruz de la ignominia. Objeto de burla y de desprecio. No es esta la imagen que tenemos de un rey. Sin embargo, en la cruz de este hijo del hombre se nos muestra la verdadera gloria de DIOS

A través de todo este año hemos contemplado con nuestros ojos el nacimiento, la vida, el mensaje, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús. La liturgia de hoy resume algunos aspectos clave de por qué él vino a vivir entre nosotros. Murió en la cruz por nosotros para mostrarnos toda la profundidad del amor de Dios, su ilimitada misericordia con los pecadores, la promesa del paraíso para el criminal crucificado, la gracia de Dios que nos acepta como hermanos y hermanas de Jesús e hijos y herederos del Reino. Con Jesús damos gracias ahora al Padre por concedernos perdón y vida.

a) Preguntas:

- El pueblo observaba. ¿Por qué no tomas nunca una postura ante los acontecimientos? Todo lo que has vivido, escuchado, visto... no puedes echarlo a perder porque algo se interpone por el camino y parece oscurecerlo todo. ¡Muévete!

- «Si eres el rey de los Judíos sálvate a ti mismo». ¡Cuántos chantajes con Dios en la oración! Si eres Dios, ¿por qué no intervienes? Hay tantos inocentes que sufren... si me quieres, hazme lo que te digo y yo creo... ¿Cuándo dejarás de tratar con el Señor como si tú supieras más que Él lo que es bueno y lo que no lo es?

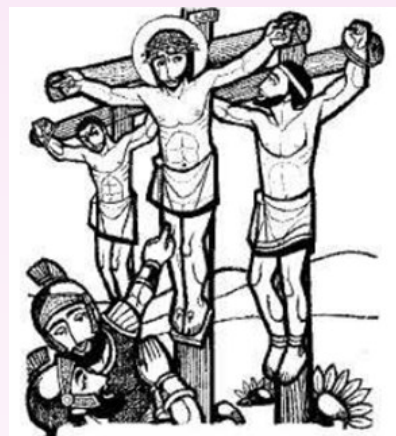
- Jesús, acuérdate de mí. ¿Cuándo verás en Cristo, el único HOY que te da vida?

b) Llave de Lectura:

Solemnidad de Cristo, Rey del universo. Uno se esperaría un pasaje del Evangelio de entre los más luminosos, y sin embargo nos encontramos ante un pasaje de entre los menos claros.

... El estupor de lo no esperado, es la sensación más apta para entrar en el corazón de la fiesta de hoy, el estupor de aquel que sabe que no puedes entender las infinidades del misterio del Hijo de Dios.

Cristo muere en la cruz. No está solo. Está rodeado de gente, de las personas más extrañas, personas hostiles que vierten sobre él sus responsabilidades de incompreensión, personas indiferentes que no se implican de no ser por interés personal, personas que no entienden todavía, pero que quizás están mejor dispuestas a dejarse interrogar ya que no tienen nada más que perder, como uno de los dos malhechores. Si la muerte es una caída en la nada, entonces el tiempo humano se colorea de esperanza, y el espacio de la finitud se abre camino al mañana, a la aurora nueva de la Resurrección: Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida... ¡Qué verdad está encerrada este día en estas solemnes palabras de Jesús! Son palabras que iluminan la oscuridad de la muerte. El camino no se detiene, la verdad no se apaga, la vida no muere.



OFFERING UPDATE November 12/13, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	340	143	\$3,516.00
8:00 a.m.	250		3,048.00
10:00 a.m.	398	136	3,332.00
12:00 p.m.	352	35	1,165.00
5:00 p.m.	202	110	3,064.00
Coin			11.34
Mail-ins:			255.00
Children's Env.		15	50.00
Faith Direct			2,310.50
TOTAL	1,542	439	\$16,751.84
2018 total	1,647	557	\$19,057.97
Candles			\$1,118.17
Poor Box			\$351.52

Next week, our second collection will be for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



SUPER 72 RAFFLE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOVEMBER 2019 WINNERS

- \$1000** - Tom & Jess Schaefer
- \$250** - William & Carol Stysiack
- \$100** - Mae English
- \$100** - Dolan Family—Kelly
- \$100** - Pam Danaher
- \$100** - June A. Mc Cowan

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted as a Word document* no later than the dates listed below to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

November 24—passed
December 1—November 22
December 8—November 29

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PREPARING FOR
Sunday, November 24, 2019
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The other criminal said,
“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Luke 23:42

2 Samuel 5:1-3

This reading celebrates Christ's kingship by looking back at his ancestry and linking him with David who was Israel's greatest king and a man after God's own heart. Though he began as a shepherd boy, he became a mighty warrior who ruled a united kingdom and remained Israel's model of the ideal king throughout her history. Jesus was often called "Son of David" and as David's descendant and son he can claim the title and throne of David. When Jesus takes that throne, it will be forever.

Colossians 1:12-20

The main part of this reading from Paul's letter to the church at Colossae is a liturgical hymn that was in use at the time which sings of Christ as "firstborn" both of creation and our salvation. He preceded all things and all things are held together by him. Paul stresses that Jesus was there at creation since false teachers had infected the faith of the believers at Colossae by persuading them that Christ was inferior to that of the angels. He asserts that Christ brought all things "visible and invisible" into being and reigns over all the angelic powers of heaven. Jesus is more than just a good person or a wise teacher. He is the firstborn of the dead which means he is our savior, conquering death through the blood of his cross. He is the firstborn of creation which means he is the eternal Word through whom God created the world and everything in it. Jesus is Lord of everything because he is God!

Luke 23:35-43

Jesus' companions in death are two criminals: one who jeers at him to save his earthly life and one who recognizes his own guilt and its fitting punishment but focuses on the life to come and begs Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. This "good thief" is an unlikely but powerful role model. He acknowledges and confesses his own sins and then repents and asks for forgiveness. For this, he was canonized on the cross by the Lord himself. Despite his guilt, this thief called Jesus by name. We too, sinners all, can confidently approach our King, call him by name, and say, "Jesus, remember me."

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. According to Pope Francis, Jesus revealed himself as Mercy, from the beginning of his life to his last act. What does that mean to you? What does his assurance to the Good Thief confirm?

[The good thief] asks Jesus to remember him. There is so much tenderness in this expression, so much humanity! It is the need of the human being not to be forsaken; that God may be always near. ...

On the Cross, [Jesus'] last act confirms the fulfillment of his plan of salvation. From beginning to end, he revealed himself as Mercy, he revealed himself as the definitive and unrepeatable Incarnation of the Father's love. Jesus is truly the face of the Father's mercy. And the good thief called him by name: "Jesus." It is a short invocation, and we can all make it several times during the day, "Jesus." Simply, "Jesus." Let us do so throughout the day.

General Audience of September 28, 2016

2. The good thief reached out to Jesus. How is he a model for us? Is anyone reaching out to you in any way? How about at work, at home, in your parish, in the local community, in the world community? If so, how will you heal their wounds and/or warm their hearts?



Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 18, 2019:

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
 + Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 19, 2019:

2 Maccabees 6:18-31 + Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 20, 2019:

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 + Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 21, 2019:

1 Maccabees 2:15-29 + Luke 19:41-44

Friday, November 22, 2019:

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59
 + Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 23, 2019:

1 Maccabees 6:1-13
 + Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, November 24, 2019:

2 Samuel 5:1-3
 + Colossians 1:12-20
 + Luke 23:35-43



1st Prize: \$1,000 2nd Prize: \$250 3rd - 6th Prize: \$100
Extra \$250 Drawing at Christmas and \$150 for the New Year

“SUPER 72 IS BACK”

It's time to get your new tickets!

Mail back the parish portion of the ticket with your check payable to

“OLPH SUPER 72”

or drop it in the collection basket. Tickets and envelopes are also available at
Johnstons' Funeral Home and at the rectory.

**“DRAWING FROM
December 2019 THROUGH May 2020”**

Raffle Tickets courtesy of Johnstons' Wellwood Funeral Home

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DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

The 'Moving On' Group is sponsoring a Suffolk County Police Department presentation on “**Staying Safe**” at the Church of St. Joseph Parish, 39 North Carl Avenue, Babylon, NY, 11702. Friday, **November 22nd @ 7:30 p.m.** Topics include current scams, online safety, burglary prevention, etc. If you are not a member of the Moving On Group and would like to attend, please contact Geri Olson 631-661-8994 or Linda Sparaco 631-225-9530.

You are invited to the Thanks-for-Giving Sisters of St. Dominic Fundraiser for The Opening Word Saturday, November 23, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse, 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, New York, (631) 643-0541. Raffles for baskets, Artwork, cash prizes, “Specials” and Viennese Table. The *Opening Word* is a literacy program which teaches the English language and job readiness skills to over 200 immigrant women each year. There is no tuition charge to the students.

Tune into “*Religion and Rock*” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sundays 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 p.m. on XM Satellite, Channel 117. For info *ReligionandRock.com* or *ITunes*. Next Sunday’s theme is *Thanksgiving*. Don’t miss it!

Christmas Boutique & Vendor Fair, December 7, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Academy, 47 Cathedral Avenue, Hempstead, NY. Come take a picture with Santa!

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Meetings are held at
7:30 PM on the 2nd and
4th Wednesday of every
month at Panera Bread
(1025 Montauk Hwy, West
Babylon, NY 11704)

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Phone: 631-636-3572

MUST be a catholic boy

WORK AS A TEAM!
OUR VOLUNTEERING COUNSELORS
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LEARN TO MEET THEIR GOALS OF
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Training of Volunteers in the Ministry to the Sick

Part B for Eucharistic Ministers

Mercy Medical Center, Rockville Centre

Saturdays, November 16 and 23, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

And

Saturday, December 7, 2019

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

31st Annual Mass For Deceased Children

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre

Saturday, November 16, 2019

12:30 p.m.

Catechist Training Level II

St. James, Setauket

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bereavement Conference

St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, workshops, or to register online,
please visit drvc-faith.org/event/

The Power of Symbol

The Confederate battle flag that first flew atop South Carolina's Capitol dome in 1961 and was later moved to the grounds of the Statehouse is now part of the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum. Legislators voted to remove the flag after an intense debate.

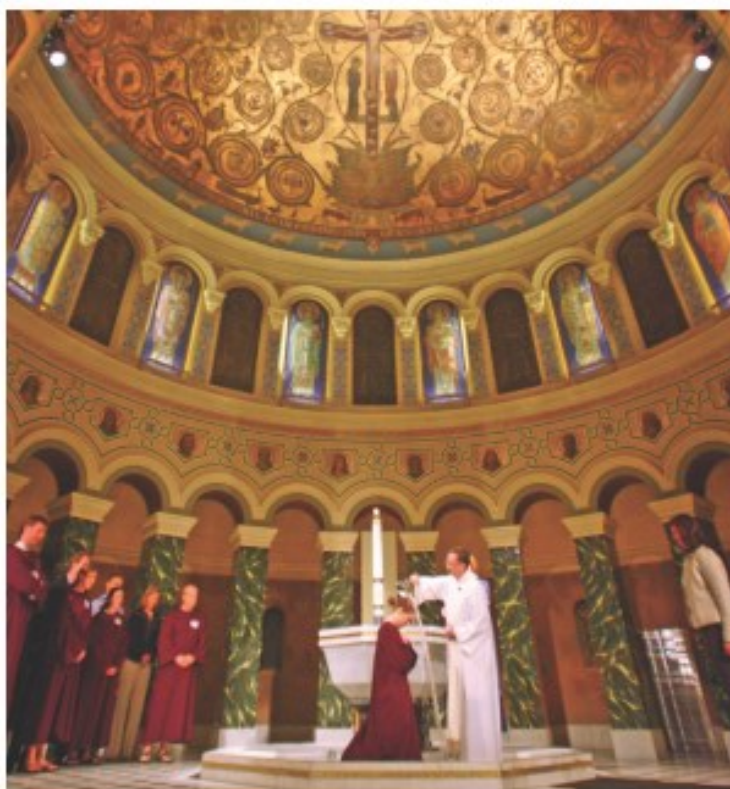
In other cities and states, leaders have considered the removal of Confederate statues after a rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, turned violent. Several persons were injured and one person died amid protests over the proposed removal of an equestrian statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

These emotional events reveal much about symbols. Symbols are powerful. Though it has been over one hundred fifty years since the end of the Civil War, and decades since Confederate monuments and statues were erected across the country, the controversy over them is still strong and passionate.

The meanings that symbols convey depend on how they have been experienced. For some people whose ancestors fought in the Civil War, Confederate symbols represent heritage, pride, and an emblem of the South. But for most African-Americans, these symbols represent slavery and oppression. They are seen as signs of racism.

Symbols point to meanings beyond their appearance. In its natural state, the Confederate flag is simply a piece of material that has been stitched with different color threads into a specific design. Confederate statues are nothing more than cement or another material that has been cast in a particular mold. However, when the Confederate flag is flown atop a government building or a Confederate monument is mounted in a city park, these symbols take on meanings beyond an ordinary piece of cloth or ordinary stone. They become something extraordinary.

Our liturgical symbols, too, are powerful. Emotions are stirred by the healing touch of hands during the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Tears of joy flow when water is poured over an infant



Liturgical symbols point beyond their ordinary nature to the divine.

during Baptism. Awe-struck faces are seen as the Easter fire pierces the darkness of night.

Liturgical symbols, likewise, have multiple meanings. Like the Confederate images, the meaning of our liturgical symbols depends on our experience with that symbol. The cross, for example, is seen by some people as a symbol of suffering and pain. But others view the cross as a sign of resurrection and hope.

Liturgical symbols also point to meanings beyond their appearance. They are signs of the sacred. The Book of the Gospels is simply a book made from paper that contains ink print. However, in the liturgy we process with this book and hold it high. The reverence and the ritual action connected with this book gives it meaning beyond ordinary paper and ink.

Liturgical symbols point beyond their ordinary nature to the divine. They help us to see, to hear, and to touch, even if only momentarily, the mystery of God.

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