

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Getting into one of the boats,  
... he sat down  
and taught the crowds from the boat.*

Luke 5:3

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 10, 2019

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Frank Pokorney

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

**Pastor Emeritus:** Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

### COME IN AND PRAY...

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

## Beloved

*Episode 1: Christ at the Center*

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Congratulations, Bishop Robert Brennan!*

I take this opportunity to offer my personal congratulations, and, in the name of all of you, the congratulations and prayerful best wishes of the entire parish, to Bishop Robert Brennan, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, on his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. The announcement was made public on January 31, but that was too late to get it into our bulletin last weekend. We are running a full-page piece about Bishop Brennan in this week's bulletin, so be sure to take some time to read it. Bishop Brennan will be the "Ordinary" of the Diocese of Columbus (not an Auxiliary); in other words, he will be the "main man," the one in charge of the entire diocese, the way Bishop Barres is currently for us, and Bishop Murphy before him, and their predecessors.

I cannot tell you how thrilled I am for Bishop Brennan. You know that Bishop Brennan is a son of OLPH; he grew up in Lindenhurst, went to OLPH school, and celebrated his first Mass as a priest here. His parents still live in the parish (we see them every week, unless they are attending a Mass being celebrated by their son somewhere else!), and he has come back to OLPH for various events on many occasions. I have had the privilege of being friends with him since the two of us met in September of 1984 when we were both seminarians studying for the priesthood at our diocesan seminary in Huntington. During these almost-35 years, Bishop Brennan has been a constant example for me of priestly service and humility. His friendship has enriched my life. I had the pleasure of being his successor when he left the job of Secretary to Bishop Murphy, to become the Vicar General of the Diocese. I have had the privilege of co-hosting a television program with him. Bishop Brennan is truly a humble servant of God who loves the Church and who loves the people of God.

Bishop Brennan has given extraordinary service to the Diocese of Rockville Centre, as a parish priest, as a Pastor, as Secretary to the Bishop, as Vicar General (essentially, second-in-command to the Diocesan Bishop), and as an Auxiliary Bishop. There is very little in our diocese that has taken place that Bishop Brennan has not had his hand in or has not in some way taken part in. To it all he has always brought a deep love of Christ, a mature spirituality, and a calmness and dignity that has always enriched or strengthened whatever he was involved in.

Truly, the old cliché applies: "Our loss is their gain." I know the people of Columbus will love Bishop Brennan and that he will be a tremendous gift to them. While we hate to lose him here, we understand why it is now time for his gifts to be shared with the larger Catholic Church beyond Rockville Centre. Bishop Brennan will be installed as the Bishop of Columbus, Ohio on March 29, 2019. I look forward to being there (even if it means I might have to fly there...which I am already stressing out over! *You couldn't get appointed to a place that was a closer driving distance, Bishop Brennan??? Oh, well...I'll be there no matter what...*)

Bishop Brennan, you are in our prayers in these days of transition and as you take up your new ministry as the shepherd of the Diocese of Columbus. We send you forth with our love!

### *Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) 2019*

So, we are underway with the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). I thank you for your kindness in watching the CMA video which we showed at all the Masses this weekend. The video complements and fleshes out the things I said at all the Masses last weekend, and it gives you a fuller picture of the importance of the Appeal.

Please allow me to remind you that we cannot do without the income we receive from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate. We need that income to keep from "going under," and so I need to count on all of you once again this year. By giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are helping your beloved OLPH as much as you are also helping the Catholic Church's many different ministries throughout all of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. That's why I am once again asking for your help and generosity for this year's Appeal. I personally give to the Appeal every year, and I am asking you to do the same.

Remember too that the CMA supports works of charity and programs throughout the diocese that are too big for any one parish to undertake, and therefore must be handled at the diocesan level. You and I are called to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal because our identity as Catholics, and our call to share in the work of the Church, involves more than just our participation in parish life; we are called to share in the life and work of the diocesan Church as well.

Also, you need to know that 100% of the money raised is restricted to the ministries of the Catholic Ministries Appeal — none of it is used for

payments to victims of sexual abuse or other related settlements. We Pastors have been assured of this by the Bishop and by diocesan officials. So, to cut right to the point: if we refuse to give to the Appeal for that reason, we are misdirecting our discontent; we are not hurting the Bishop, but rather we are hurting those who would benefit from the Appeal, and, ultimately, hurting OLPH, since we will see our amount of rebate money diminished.

As your Pastor, then, I ask you to please join with me and so many of your fellow parishioners by supporting the CMA, giving at a minimum what you gave last year, but also even possibly giving more. If you have never given in the past, this is the year to do so; OLPH needs you more than ever. I continue to be extremely grateful for the generosity shown by all of you, and I know you will come through once again as we participate in the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

#### ***Supporting OLPH through Amazon purchases***

We're seeking to keep OLPH financially healthy through a variety of initiatives, and so I'll remind you of something that I introduced last week, which is our participation in AmazonSmile, a fund raising avenue associated with Amazon.com.

AmazonSmile is the program whereby OLPH receives a 0.5% donation from all eligible purchases on Amazon; all you have to do is be sure to select OLPH as your designated charity when you make purchases through smile.amazon.com. You enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient features as on Amazon.com; the difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, donations in the form of a percentage of the purchase price are made to us (you don't make the donation — AmazonSmile does, from their foundation funded by the purchases). There is absolutely no cost to OLPH to be part of this, and for you, the shopping experience is identical to the usual Amazon experience, except that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate to OLPH when you select us as your charity. You do not pay anything additional.

I'm already signed up for it and have used it! It's safe, easy and costs nothing. Full details are explained elsewhere in this bulletin, and will be on an ongoing basis. Please see the ad to learn how to sign up for this. Also, please tell everyone you know about this; spread the word so this can be a success for OLPH.

#### ***Level 4 Penance Service, and going to Confession in general***

This coming Saturday, February 16, we will be celebrating a Penance Service with the children in Level 4 in our Religious Education Program. Over the course of every school year, we celebrate one Penance Service, with the opportunity for individual Confession, for each grade level in Religious Education, Levels 3-8 (Level 2 children celebrate their First Confession). These are always very prayerful and wonderful celebrations to which the parents bring their children.

I mention this not because there is anything particular or unique about the Level 4 Penance Service this year, but as a jumping-off point to highlight and to remind everyone of the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in our life. It is my fervent hope that all parents are instilling in their children the importance of Reconciliation as one of the sacraments of the Church that should be a regular part of our life. Our annual Penance Services for each grade level are meant to support and reinforce what the parents are teaching their children. Parents, I ask you to take seriously your role as the primary religious educators of your children: harp on your children to ensure that they celebrate this sacrament at least a few times a year; be a good role model by doing the same yourself; instill in them the necessity of celebrating this sacrament throughout their entire life, so that they continue to go to Confession on some regular basis after they celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and their formal Religious Education classes end (even though our growth and formation in the faith never ends, no matter how old we are!).

Lent will be beginning next month, and Lent is a perfect time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parents, children, all of us: let's keep going to Confession as a vibrant part of our Catholic life and spirituality.

#### ***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,



## OLPH CONGRATULATES BISHOP BRENNAN

All of us at OLPH send our congratulations to Bishop Robert J. Brennan, an auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, who, on January 31, 2019 was appointed to be the 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus (Ohio).

“I am honored and humbled that the Holy Father extended this call to serve the Lord in a new way,” said Bishop-designate Brennan upon his appointment. “I will always love Long Island and its people. I have been blessed to minister to the people of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for 30 years and am thankful for the opportunities that has presented. But the Holy Father has asked me to serve as Bishop of Columbus and I look forward to getting to know the Diocese of Columbus and the people there.”

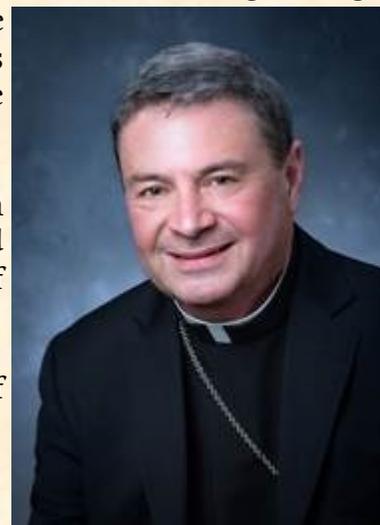
Bishop-designate Brennan was born on June 7, 1962 in the Bronx. The oldest of five children, Bishop Brennan was raised right here in Lindenhurst, where his parents still reside. Bishop Brennan attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School, Lindenhurst and Saint John the Baptist Diocesan High School, West Islip. He went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and computer science from Saint John’s University, Queens. Bishop-designate Brennan studied for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, where he holds a Masters of Divinity degree.

He was ordained on May 27, 1989 by Bishop John McGann at Saint Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre. His priestly assignments include Associate Pastor of the Church of Saint Patrick in Smithtown, New York (1989-1994) and Secretary to the Bishop (1994-2002). Bishop Brennan worked in that capacity for three bishops: the late Bishop John McGann, the late Bishop James McHugh and Bishop William Murphy. On May 27, 1996, then-Father Brennan was named Honorary Prelate to His Holiness Pope Saint John Paul II, with the title of Monsignor. In 2002, then-Msgr. Brennan was named Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. In June 2010, then-Msgr. Brennan was appointed Pastor of the Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Long Beach. On July 25, 2012, he was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Bishop Brennan is bi-lingual and works closely with the Spanish community on Long Island.

Bishop Brennan has served on the Board of Directors for Catholic Health Services as well as on various diocesan boards and committees. He has served as Chaplain for the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Nassau County. He serves on the Board for the Institute for Catholic Schools at his alma mater, St. John’s University. He served in several capacities on the Catholic Faith Network, including serving as one of the co-hosts of the award-winning program *Insight*. At the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Brennan served as a member of the Committee for Catholic Education, the Administrative Committee, and the Priorities and Plans Committee.

Bishop-designate Brennan will be installed as Bishop of Columbus on March 29, 2019. The Diocese of Columbus was established in 1868 and comprises 11,310 square miles that include 23 counties in the state of Ohio.

Congratulations, Bishop Brennan! Everyone here in your home parish of OLPH sends you forth with our love, support and prayers!



## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*



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

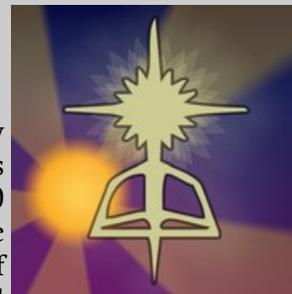
**Monday, February 11—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, February 18—No devotions due  
to President's Day.**

**Monday, February 25—7:00 p.m.**

### Evening Prayer

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



### Saturdays and Sundays After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

*"The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself 'continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.'"*

**-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175**

### **A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH**

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

- **Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).
- **Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.
- **Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.
- **Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

**Mass Attendance:** MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS! There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.



## **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 March 6. 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 brand us with the sign of the cross — 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 March 5 and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.**

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



## **A NOTE ABOUT RESERVED ROWS**

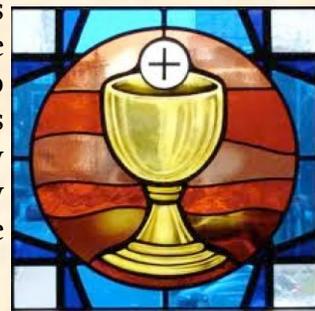
At times we reserve one or more pews for a particular reason, for example, if it is desirable that a particular group or ministry sit together. We try to put out reserved signs on both sides of the pew, and we try to do so as early as possible before Mass begins. We thank you for your patience and understanding. Please try to not sit in these pews that are reserved if you are not a member of that particular group. If you are a member of the group for whom the pew is reserved, please be kind if someone not from your group is already sitting there. Thanks to all as we continue to treat one another with kindness and gentleness.

## **REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST**

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

## **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.



## Prayer for Peace

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



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

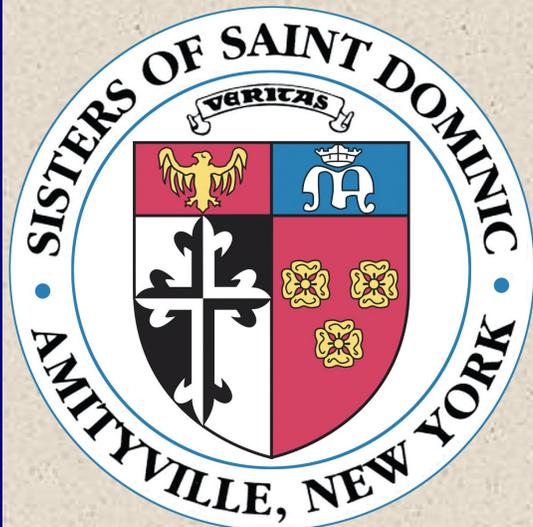
## WAY TO GO YOUTH CHOIR!

On Saturday, February 2, members of the OLPH Youth choir participated in the annual Children's Choir Festival organized by the Suffolk Chapter of the AGO (American Guild of Organists). The Festival, held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sayville, culminated with a concert featuring music they learned and rehearsed all day. Six choirs from churches across Suffolk County participated in the Festival. Way to go Youth Choir! We are proud of you.



## *It's never too cold to buy chances!!!*

Next weekend, February 16-17, the *Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville* will be outside the Masses, selling chance books for their annual *Irish Night*. The night will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in St. Brigid's parish in Westbury. The proceeds of this event go directly to support the care of their "sage" elder sisters. Please consider supporting these women religious, as you so generously have in past years. OLPH parishioners are always supported daily in their prayers, as the Sisters served for many years here in this parish. Thank you for your generosity!



# 2019 OLPH GOAL: \$109,400

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19** CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing  
Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

When young people encounter Christ in their life, you have helped to empower them to live as disciples in today's world.



*"My faith is so important to me – without it I would be lost. I wouldn't know what I would be doing right or wrong. I wouldn't have God's voice with me at all times."*

-Youth Ministry Participant

*"It's important to place young people in front of the Living God and to create encounters with the Sacraments and with God for the possibility of that conversion moment of instilling in them the Faith – to come face to face with God. It can change their lives."*

- Nolan Reynolds, Director, Youth Ministry



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**THANK YOU!**

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### OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

#### OFFICE HOURS:

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

#### Level 6

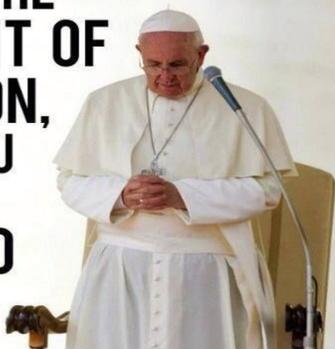
Wednesday, February 13, 2019  
is a Parent/Student Meeting on  
the topic of Human Dignity!  
Meet in the auditorium  
during your class time!



#### Level 4

On Saturday, February 16, meet  
in the church with a  
parent or guardian at 11:15 a.m.  
for your Penance Service!

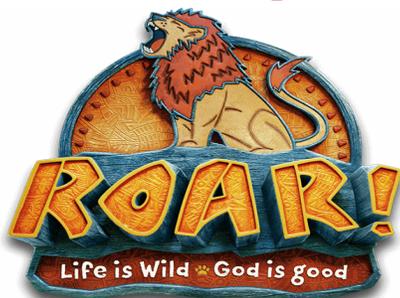
**DON'T BE AFRAID  
TO GO TO THE  
SACRAMENT OF  
CONFESSION,  
WHERE YOU  
WILL MEET  
JESUS WHO  
FORGIVES YOU.**



Pope Francis

### Vacation Bible Camp Needs You!

Planning Meeting: Thursday, March 21, at  
7:30 p.m. in room 10 of the school. Please  
consider being a part of our Safari Leaders!  
Contact April for more information.



### Save the Date

Vacation Bible Camp  
July 15<sup>th</sup> - July 19<sup>th</sup>

### Happy Saint of the Day!

#### St. Valentine

*St. Valentine's feast day is February 14th, and he is the patron saint of love, young people, and happy marriages. He is such a popular saint because of the huge holiday his feast has turned into, but what do we really know about him? He was arrested a few times for converting people to Christianity and performing marriages for couples in the Christian faith. He healed his jailer's blind daughter, and the whole house of 44 people converted. He eventually tried to convert the Emperor, who then sentenced him to death, making him a martyr. Before his death, he signed a note to the girl he healed "From your Valentine" — hence our present-day Valentine's cards!*



# FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



## MARDI GRAS ICE CREAM SOCIAL



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



### Tuesday, March 5



**Starting with  
Evening Prayer  
at 7:00 p.m.  
in the church**



Please bring non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul pantry!



**Games, music and toppings galore!**

*Any questions contact:*

*Eileen Corticchia 631.682-4853 or [kencort36@gmail.com](mailto:kencort36@gmail.com)*

### MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ #of adults      \_\_\_\_\_ # of children & ages \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @

Please return to OLPH Rectory or in the collection basket

**NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, March 3, 2019**



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † 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: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
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- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
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- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

## **NEW Food Pantry List!**

**OATMEAL  
COFFEE  
PANCAKE SYRUP  
CANNED CHICKEN  
PEANUT BUTTER  
PORK & BEANS  
CANNED FRUIT  
TOILET PAPER  
PAPER TOWEL**

*Please no pasta at this time.*

Thank you  
for your continued generosity.

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

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on 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.

In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that “whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me.”

Your gift to the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

## **SVdeP News**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!  
THANK YOU!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul extends heartfelt gratitude to The Blue Door Thrift Boutique. As of the end of January, our neighbors in need have redeemed \$10,000 in clothing vouchers at the Boutique! Social ministries working together-- another reason why OLPH is “the place to be.” Thank you!

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

One of the works of our St. Vincent de Paul Society is helping to feed the hungry of our community. Our society is in need of some people who would like to serve in our pantry once every three weeks on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Please consider offering your time to help us help others. If interested, please call Deborah at 631-747-4938. (Virtus Training is required.)

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## HOMELESS MINISTRY

### DONATIONS:

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

We are in need of the following:

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

*Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.*

## SENIOR MOMENTS

### GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

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

## COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

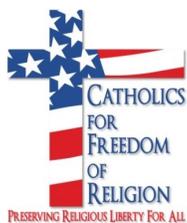
OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on one Sunday each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

**Our next Community Meal is**

**Sunday, February 17**

**Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass  
then join us for "Sunday Dinner" at 1:00**

# CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



## FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

### Thanks to CFFR Chapters for providing warm hats!

Catholics for Freedom of Religion chapters from St. Aidan's, St. Bernard's, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Thomas More, St. Matthews, parishes from South Carolina and others provided warm knit hats as encouraging gifts for those who visited our booth at the March for Life. Pinned to each hat was a grateful note from the parish as well as a button stating "RELIGIOUS LIBERTY protects the right to CHOOSE LIFE."

### Participants in the March for Life exercised the 5 rights in our 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment:

- Freedom of Religion — Speaking and acting in public, driven by faith and conscience
- Freedom of Speech — Speaking opinions publicly, without fear
- Freedom of Press — Thoughts, opinions and prayers disseminated openly
- Right to Peaceably Assemble — Marching, standing and associating together without violence
- Right to Petition for Redress of Grievances — The entire March for Life is a public admonishment of the Supreme Court for assuming to itself the power to legalize abortion

For 46 years, the March for Life has been a growing witness, especially from young Americans, to the sacred gift of life. Our organizers experienced the joy, hope and dedication of students from across the nation as they spoke with us at our March for Life exhibit in Washington.

**"A person has a property of peculiar value in his religious opinions and in the profession and practice dictated by them."**  
— James Madison

**"Our rights are more than ideas, expressions or ideologies. Our rights are actual property. and we ought not stand idly by when our property, or the property of our neighbor, is taken unjustly."** — KrisAnne Hall, JD

([https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/first\\_amendment](https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/first_amendment); <https://constitutioncenter.org/>)





# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net).

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste  
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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

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Fred Reynolds***

***Bruce Cullen***

***Gerard Petrella***

*“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.”*

## **PASTORAL CARE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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

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

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



## **WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

***Patricia Franco***

***Catherine House***

***Bill Doran***

***Jim Gordon***

***Mike Pentaleri***

***Margaret Koza***

***Lora Flynn***

***Colette Nasserri***

***Haley Kerwin***

***Mary Doran***

***Dorothy Schatzger***

***Linda Menna***

***Maureen Molinari***

***Natalie & Lew Yugel***

***Nancy Kaden***

***Frances Scarfo***

***Loretto Dinardo***

***Msgr. Daniel Hamilton***

***Carmela Sammartiano***

***Millie Abrusci***

***Dean Latkowski***

***Sophia Marzullo***

***Ray Churik***

***Natalie Nizza***

***Ann Kuller***

***Mark Kuller***

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.

## **BEREAVEMENT GROUPS NEAR OLPH**

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

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

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

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

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

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## MONDAY, February 11—

### WEEKDAY

*(Our Lady of Lourdes)*

6:30 Maureen McCleary

12:15 Ann & Albert Fry

## TUESDAY, February 12—

### WEEKDAY

6:30 Robert Schaefer

12:15 Dorothy & Michael Duffy

## WEDNESDAY, February 13—

### WEEKDAY

6:30 Miceál Moore

12:15 Jaclyn Lynch

## THURSDAY, February 14—

**SAINTS CYRIL, MONK  
AND METHIDIUS, BISHOP**

6:30 Joseph Sredniawski

12:15 Michael Mann

## FRIDAY, February 15—

### WEEKDAY

6:30 Patrick Scully

12:15 Adam & Mary Hagzan

## SATURDAY, February 16—

### WEEKDAY

8:00 Mary-Jo Breitfeller (Living)

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 Dorothea McCowan

**Sunday, February 17  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of  
the Christian Mothers & Guild

12:00 Alberta Zero

5:00 Adam Lionel Whiston

## Monday, February 11, 2019

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

## Tuesday, February 12, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Room 3
7:30 p.m.	Squires	Room 19
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

## Wednesday, February 13, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 & 7 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

## Thursday, February 14, 2019

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

## Friday, February 15, 2019

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

## Saturday, February 16, 2019

8:30, 10:00	Levels 1-3, 5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Level 4 Penance Service	Church
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

## Sunday, February 17, 2019

9:15 a.m.	RCIC Meeting	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Room 16
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al 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](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

### Lecturas del Domingo 6º del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C Domingo, 17 de febrero de 2019

Que toda bendición venga sobre ustedes,  
que se reconocen pobres  
y por tanto ponen su confianza en el Señor;  
Toda bendición sobre ustedes  
ya que el Señor es su esperanza.

#### **Primera Lectura (Jeremías 17,5-8):** Una Maldición o una Bendición: Esa es tu Opción

Por medio del profeta, Dios pide a su pueblo escoger entre dos caminos: los caminos humanos o el camino de Dios. Solamente el camino de Dios conduce a la felicidad.

#### **Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 15, 12.16-20):** Si Cristo No ha Resucitado, Nuestra Fe Es Ilusoria.

Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos. Su resurrección es la señal y promesa de que nuestros pecados están perdonados, de que la vida vale la pena, y de que un día resucitaremos con él.

#### **Evangelio (Lucas 6,17.20-26):** ¡Felices Ustedes... Ay de Ustedes...!

Considérate dichoso y afortunado, dice Lucas, si eres pobre y rechazado, porque entonces estás abierto todavía a Dios. De los autosatisfechos es de quienes tenemos que tener lástima, porque se cierran al futuro prometido por Dios.

#### Aquellos a Quienes Dios Hace Felices

La gente que tiene todo lo que necesita, no se abre fácilmente a Dios, ni tampoco a otras personas. Por otra parte, personas que atraviesan dificultades son generalmente más abiertas a los demás, más receptivas a la ayuda y al amor de Dios y de los hermanos, y por consiguiente, son también más abiertas para ver las necesidades de otros y para ayudarles; ya que saben por experiencia lo que significa ser pobre, preocupado, afligido y dependiente de otros. --- Jesús nos pide hoy que lleguemos a ser personas dispuestas a sentir nuestras propias necesidades y a depender de Dios. Entonces nos abriremos más fácilmente a nuestro prójimo, tanto para recibir como para dar.

Jesús de Nazaret comenzó su misión mesiánica predicando la conversión en el nombre del reino de Dios. Las bienaventuranzas son precisamente el programa concreto de esa conversión. Con la venida de Cristo, Hijo de Dios, el reino se hace presente en medio de nosotros: «Está dentro de nosotros», y al mismo tiempo ese reino constituye la escatología, es decir, la meta definitiva de la existencia humana. Pues bien, cada una de las ocho bienaventuranzas señala esa meta ultra-temporal. Pero al mismo tiempo cada una de las bienaventuranzas afecta directa y plenamente al hombre en su existencia terrena y temporal. Todas las situaciones que forman el conjunto del destino humano y del comportamiento del hombre están comprendidas de forma concreta, con su propio nombre, en las bienaventuranzas. Estas señalan y orientan en particular el comportamiento de los discípulos de Cristo, de sus testigos. Por eso las ocho bienaventuranzas constituyen el código más conciso de la moral evangélica, del estilo de vida del cristiano.



## OFFERING UPDATE February 2/3, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	287	123	\$3,238.00
8:00 a.m.	215	89	2,665.00
10:00 a.m.	402	118	2,962.00
12:00 p.m.	410	151	3,930.00
5:00 p.m.	158	32	968.00
Coin			11.96
Faith Direct			2,336.25
Mail-ins:			589.00
Children's Env.		19	64.50
Special Needs	60	16	629.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>\$17,393.71</b>
<b>2018 total</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>\$18,520.92</b>
Candles			\$1,012.74
Poor Box			\$295.40
1st Saturday			\$161.50

### 2018 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2018 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*. Thank you for your cooperation.

### DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

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

February 17—passed  
February 24—February 15  
March 3—February 22

## 2019 TELETHON

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



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## PREPARING FOR

Sunday, February 17, 2019

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.*

Luke 6:20b

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

Jeremiah contrasts two types of people in this reading – those who are cursed and those who are blessed. “Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings” and “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.” How often do we not trust in the Lord but try to rely on ourselves and our own efforts? This is a very easy mistake to make in a society that urges us to be strong and self-sufficient. But the reality is that we are only strong when we are connected to God, the source of all strength.

**1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

Paul is speaking to some of the members of the church in Corinth who claim that there is no resurrection from the dead. This means that there is no afterlife, no heaven, and that what we have here on earth is all there is. If this is true, says Paul, we are “the most pitiable people of all” since we are basing our hope on an illusion. In doing so, Paul is pointing out the center of our hope – the fact that Jesus died but then rose again from the dead thereby conquering the greatest foe of all, death. Jesus showed us that he is king over even death and that what the world considers as final and irrevocable is in reality temporary and the beginning of something wonderful. Good news indeed!

**Luke 6:17, 20-26**

We hear Luke’s version of the Beatitudes today, as well as what might be called the “bad-attitudes,” just as in Jeremiah’s reading, we hear of those who are blessed (“Blessed are...”) and those who are not (“Woe to . . .”). Those whom he called blessed are the poor, those who weep, the hungry, and those who are hated because of their faith in Jesus. Those whom he said will experience woe are the rich, those who are laughing, the satisfied, and those whom the world exalts. Jesus is telling us that the standards of the world are not the standards he judges by and we shouldn’t either. Those considered small in the eyes of the world are considered blessed by God. Maybe this message can help us reorient our lives so that we too will be called blessed by God.

*Readings for the Week**Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.***Monday, February 11, 2019:**

Genesis 1:1-19 + Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019:**

Genesis 1:20-2:4a + Mark 7:1-13

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019:**Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17  
+ Mark 7:14-23**Thursday, February 14, 2019:**

Genesis 2:18-25 + Mark 7:24-30

**Friday, February 15, 2019:**

Genesis 3:1-8 + Mark 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 16, 2019:**Genesis 3:9-24  
+ Mark 8:1-10**Sunday, February 17, 2019:**Jeremiah 17:5-8  
+ 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20  
+ Luke 6:17, 20-26**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. Although it is inevitable that disciples suffer, such directives don’t require you to be constantly poor or hungry. Simply realize your need for God, whatever your situation. These demand a choice. Is it a choice you can make once or do you have to make it repeatedly? Discuss.
2. In his homily for World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis tells us where we can find the poor today. What does he tell us to do to insure our own poverty of spirit?

The cry of the poor: it is the stifled cry of the unborn, of starving children, of young people more used to the explosion of bombs than happy shouts of the playground. It is the cry of the elderly, cast off and abandoned to themselves. It is the cry of all those who face the storms of life without the presence of a friend. It is the cry of all those forced to flee their homes and native land for an uncertain future. It is the cry of entire peoples, deprived even of the great natural resources at their disposal. It is the cry of every Lazarus who weeps while the wealthy few feast on what, in justice, belongs to all. Injustice is the perverse root of poverty. The cry of the poor daily grows louder but is heard less and less. Every day that cry gets louder, but every day heard less, drowned out by the din of the rich few, who grow ever fewer and more rich. ...

Stretch out your hand to us, Lord, and take hold of us. Help us to love as you love. Teach us to leave behind all that is passing, to be a source of reassurance to those around us, and to give freely to all those in need.

*World Day of the Poor  
Nov. 18, 2018*

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers.** Free 8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over. Starting Friday, **March 1**, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 N. Carll Ave., Babylon, for losses that have occurred before December 1, 2018. For more information and registration call Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson 631-661-8994.

**Bereavement Support Group:** St. Mary's Parish in East Islip is offering a free 8 Week support group for adults who are coping with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group which begins on Tuesday, **March 12**, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.. Refreshments will be served. In order to participate in this group the death must have occurred prior to December 12, 2018. For information and or registration please contact the rectory at 631-581-4266 ext. 100.

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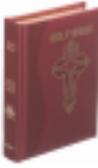
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