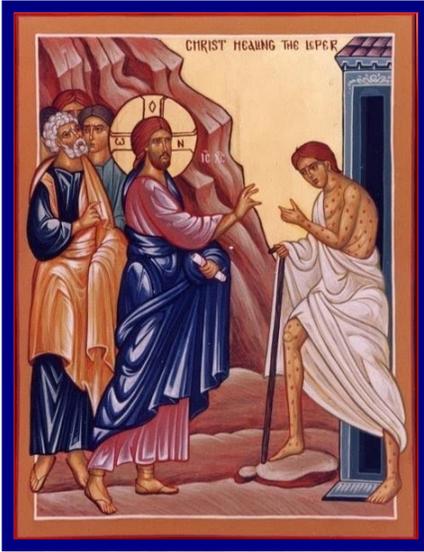


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*Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand,
touched the leper, and said to him,
“I do will it. Be made clean.”*

Mark 1:41

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 2018

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

Monday – Friday 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.



ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES

6:30 a.m.— Mass
 12:15 p.m.—Mass
 4:15 p.m.—Word Service
 5:30 p.m.—Word Service
 7:30 p.m. — Mass

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent
February 16, 23,
March 2, 9, 23
 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

We are continuing the custom of having different groups from the parish lead the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights during Lent as a great way to highlight the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross.



February 16: led by Parish Liturgy Committee

Stations of the Cross will also be held at 3:00 p.m. on March 16 led by Fr. Fidelis.



CONFESSIONS

MONDAY—FRIDAY

following the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass

SATURDAYS,

FEBRUARY 17, 24, MARCH 3, 10, 17:

4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

SATURDAY MARCH 24:

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 26:

3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN BANK PARKING LOT ON ASH WEDNESDAY

We ask that you kindly not park in the bank parking lot on the north side of the church on Ash Wednesday. Remember that Wednesday is a normal business day for the bank, and the bank lot is not our property. Let's be a good neighbor! Please do not park in their lot on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Ash Wednesday—Lent begins!

This is it — we're there! This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Take a look at our schedule of liturgies for Ash Wednesday and be sure to attend. Read through our special insert in this bulletin about the meaning and significance of Ash Wednesday and spend some time reflecting on and praying about the power of the day. Most importantly, take the time to ponder how you will make the most of this Lent, and make it a special time of grace and renewal.

This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14, Valentine's Day, but since Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence, that rules out the possibility of candies, other assorted goodies, and fancy dinners — especially steak dinners! Valentine's Day can always be celebrated the day before or after, so that the spirituality of Ash Wednesday can be observed. As I quipped at Mass, perhaps, in deference to Valentine's Day, we'll consider giving the ashes on your forehead in the shape of a heart!

Please do not park in bank parking lot on Ash Wednesday

Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a regular business day, so please do not park in the bank parking lot during business hours when you come for Ash Wednesday. We need to be a good neighbor and respect the need for the bank to have parking available for their customers. Your cooperation with this is appreciated. What a great way to begin a season of Lenten charity...by being concerned about the needs of our neighbor!

Mardi Gras

Of course, before we settle in to the serious business of Lent, it makes perfect sense to go a little crazy with fun and feasting, so be sure to be at our parish Mardi Gras on this Tuesday night (see the bulletin ad elsewhere). We begin with a beautiful Evening Prayer, at the end of which we will say good-bye to the "Alleluia" until its return at Easter, and we will move in procession to the burning of the palms outside. Then, we'll move to our Ice Cream Social for fun, music and games. It will be another great "OLPH Moment," and you won't

want to miss it. I always enjoy being there, and I know you will, too.

Go to Confession during Lent—don't wait until the last minute!

As part of our thinking ahead of time as to how we will make the most of Lent, don't forget to make plans to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Our confession times during Lent will be listed in a special ad throughout all of Lent. Don't wait until the last minute and find that you can't get to Confession! There are plenty of times available. Also, don't forget that we will once again have Confessions from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday of Holy Week, March 26 (as will every other Catholic parish) — that would be a great day to go!

Make your plan NOW to go to Confession, and here's a hint to help you: set it as an important appointment in your calendar, the same way you would set your doctor appointment or some important business meeting. It's a way of making sure you follow through on that good intention; after all, going to Confession is important enough to handle it that way, right?

Catholic Ministries Appeal

So, we are underway with this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our goal this year is \$109,400, and I am grateful to you early-birds who have already submitted your pledges. Thank you! Please remember, we cannot do without the income we receive from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate. We need that income to keep from "going under," so we need your support.

Keep in mind, too, all the wonderful ministries throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports: Catholic Charities (feeding, clothing and sheltering the needy); programs of formation and training for future priests, deacons and lay leaders; programs of ministry to those in prison; substance abuse services and day treatment programs; and Youth Campus and Young Adult ministries, to name a few.

PASTOR'S PAGE

I really, really hope we can once again go over goal, as we have done in all my years here. As your Pastor, I ask you to please join with me (I give to the Appeal each year) and so many of your fellow parishioners by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, giving at a minimum what you gave last year, but also even giving more (as I will do). If you have never given in the past, this is the year to do so; OLPH needs you more than ever. Thank you for your generosity!

Pope Francis' Catecheses on the Holy Mass

We continue our series printing Pope Francis' catecheses on the Holy Mass, given at his Wednesday audiences. Since Mass is so central to our life as Catholics, we can never learn enough about it. The selection below is taken from the Holy Father's audience of January 10, 2018, when he focused on the song of the "Gloria," leading up to the Collect Prayer (the Opening Prayer); I present his words *verbatim*.

In the course of the catecheses on the Eucharistic celebration, we reflected on the Penitential Act that helps us to strip ourselves from our presumptions and to present ourselves to God as we really are, conscious of being sinners, in the hope of being forgiven.

In fact, the gratitude expressed in the "Gloria" comes to life from the encounter between human misery and divine mercy; [the "Gloria"] is a very ancient and venerable hymn with which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and beseeches God the Father and the Lamb.

The beginning of this hymn — "Glory to God in the highest" — takes up the song of the angels at Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, a joyful proclamation of the embrace between Heaven and earth. This song involves us, also, recollected in prayer: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will." After the "Gloria," or when this isn't, immediately after the Penitential Act, the prayer takes a particular form in the prayer called "Collect," through which is expressed the character proper of the celebration, variable

according to the days and times of the year. With the invitation "Let us pray," the priest exhorts the people to recollect themselves with him in a moment of silence, in order to be conscious of being in the presence of God and have arise, in each one's heart, the personal intentions with which he takes part in the Mass. The priest says, "Let us pray," and then comes a moment of silence, and each one thinks of the things of which he is in need, what he wishes to ask for in prayer.

"Passport to the Parish" Patronal Feast Party—June 30, 2018

Mark your calendar now: Saturday, June 30, 2018 will be a great day in the life of OLPH. The 5:00 p.m. Mass on that day will be our annual Patronal Feast Mass (always celebrated on or near the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, June 27). Then, after the Mass, we'll celebrate a huge "Passport to the Parish" Patronal Feast Party (don't you love the alliteration!). This will be a very unique combination ministry fair/mini-feast hosted by all the different ministries and organizations of the parish. It promises to be a great event and it would be wonderful to be overflowing with attendees. Make plans now to keep the night free starting with 5:00 p.m. Mass.

I recently mailed letters to all the heads and leaders of all of our parish ministries and organizations, announcing and explaining the event, and asking for a response concerning participation. That response deadline is this Wednesday, February 14, so I ask all the heads and leaders of our ministries and organizations to be sure to respond.

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

LENT 2018

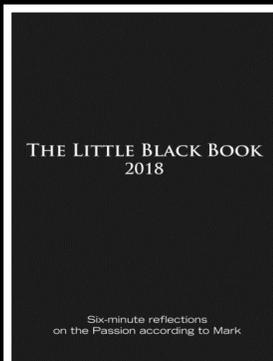
ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please take home a *Little Black Book* which contains daily reflections for the Lenten season. This book will provide the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Lent. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the *Little Black Book*.



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 Labouré. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, February 12—7:00 p.m.

**Monday, February 19—No Devotions
due to the Presidents' Day holiday**

Monday, February 26—7:00 p.m.

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT FUNERAL MASSES

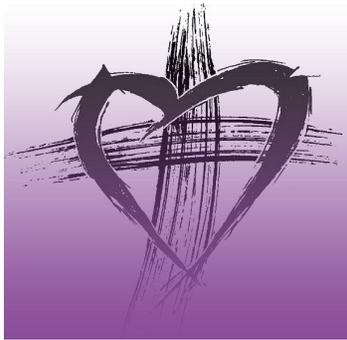
We are in need of adults who will serve as altar servers at Funeral Masses. Your commitment would be once or twice a week, depending on the number of funerals we have. This is a great opportunity to serve your fellow parishioners at a very sensitive and touching time — when they have experienced the loss of a loved one. Your service as an altar server will make an important contribution to the dignity and reverence of the Funeral Mass. The main requirement is that you be available weekdays during the day; full training will be provided for you! Men or women, younger or older...we'll be happy to have you! Please contact Msgr. Joe at msgrjoe@oloph.org or at the rectory phone number, ext. 206, to sign up. Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY

THE MEANING OF ASHES

Lent begins with ashes on our brows, reminding us of fundamental truths about ourselves. The dust of the ashes reminds us that death is inevitable for each of us. The ashes speak of repentance and of our need to convert our lives. The words at the imposition of ashes call us to repent and to believe in the Gospel. The ashes speak of a fire that has grown cold, a fire that needs to be rekindled within us by the time we gather around the new fire at the Easter Vigil. We seek to rise from the ashes of our sinfulness to a fuller life with Christ.

But before we can embrace the new life of the resurrection, we must embrace the cross. Before coming to the font of life-giving water, we must travel the desert. To embrace new life, we must be willing to embrace death. To become our true selves, we must leave the false selves behind which we have been hiding. Though it sounds negative, the dying to self to which we are called is the only way to fullness of life, and thus it is a profoundly positive step in our spiritual life, a step that begins with being signed with ashes.



COMMUNAL MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

We make our Lenten journey through the desert in the company of the catechumens and candidates preparing for the initiation sacraments at Easter. This is the origin of Lent.

What we have come to call Lent developed in the fourth century, when three intersecting movements coalesced. The first was a paschal fast that gradually developed from two days into a forty-day observance. The second was the pattern of initiation that gradually developed into a full catechumenate with an intense period of spiritual formation leading to the sacraments at Easter. The third was the order of penitents, which sought a second conversion for those who sinned seriously after baptism. Modeled on the catechumenate, this process of the order of penitents culminated with reconciliation just before Easter.

Thus the forty-day fast was understood as the final stage of preparation for those called to

baptism and also as a time for reconversion for the already-baptized. As the whole community accompanied the elect and the penitents through this season, it came to be seen as a time for baptismal renewal for all the members of the church.

In subsequent centuries, however, both the catechumenate and the order of penitents gradually disintegrated. Lent was still seen as a penitential season, but the emphasis was on individual works of self-denial and on personal identification with the passion and cross of Christ. Lent was still a preparation for Easter, but the baptismal focus was largely lost, and the communal nature of conversion was ignored. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were held up as Lenten activities, but they became private rather than corporate. The liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council called for a recovery of the ancient tradition of a communal understanding of Lent.

We are to journey through Lent together, then, as though we were all catechumens. We are to listen to the readings and pray the prayers as though we were approaching the waters of life for the first time. We seek to understand and thus to enter into the experience of the elect, those called to enter into the paschal mystery of Christ Jesus through the waters of the font. Thus we all prepare together to come to the water again, to be more deeply converted to Christ and to renew our baptismal promises with conviction.

DON'T JUST "RECEIVE" ASHES

As a parish, we wish to highlight that ashes are never just *received*, but rather that being branded with ashes is a sign of a **commitment** we make. The ashes are a sign that together we are all enrolled in the "order of penitents" and that we are committing ourselves to cooperate with God in **changing our life**. Ashes should not be passively received, but **actively accepted as a challenge** — a challenge to die and to rise with Christ, a challenge to embark on the Lenten journey with ones' brothers and sisters, a challenge to seriously undertake the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

LENT: ITS MEANING, STRUCTURE, AND OUR CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

THE MEANING OF LENT

We're going on retreat! True, we may not physically be traveling to a far-off place, but we are nonetheless going on retreat. The solemn season of Lent may be seen as a time of retreat for the entire Church, as we prepare to celebrate Easter and the new life which comes to us through Jesus' death and resurrection. In fact, three focal points can form the basis for our Lenten spiritual journey:



- focusing on the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection;
- final preparation of those in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
- rediscovery of and recommitment to Baptism by those already baptized, through their penance, spiritual renewal, and ongoing conversion.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II explains:

The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent — the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance — should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer. More use is to be made of the baptismal features which are proper to the Lenten liturgy....The same may be said of the penitential elements. But catechesis, as well as pointing out the social consequences of sin, must impress on the minds of the faithful the distinctive character of penance as a detestation of sin because it is an offense against God. The role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be passed over, and the need to pray for sinners should be emphasized. During Lent, penance should be not only internal and individual but also external and social.

THE STRUCTURE OF LENT

Most people know that Lent is 40 days long, but they think that the 40 days are the six weeks plus the four days of the week of Ash Wednesday (which totals 46 days) minus six Sundays, which equals 40 days. But Lent does not end on Holy Saturday; it ends on Holy Thursday evening. The Triduum, or Three Days, beginning with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concluding with evening Vespers on Easter Sunday, is a three-day season unto itself, and not merely the final three days of Lent. The span of days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday is 44 days, but the ancient fathers of the Church calculated 40 days by beginning the count with the First Sunday of Lent, and continuing until Holy Thursday. This practice has been kept to the present time, hence the 40 days of Lent.

At least four phases of the season can be discerned:

1. Ash Wednesday and the next three days: These four days form a solemn preview of the season; the Scriptures and Mass prayers announce the major aspects of the observance and call us to enter into the season. The First Sunday of Lent begins the period of 40 days, with the Rite of Election for the catechumens being one expression of this.

2. The 28 days from the First Sunday until the Saturday of the Fourth Week: Scripture readings and penitential rites provide the structure for these days. Penance services, the Penitential Rite for candidates for reception into the full communion of the Church celebrated on the Second Sunday, and the first two scrutinies for the elect on the Third and Fourth Sundays, are all a part of this time. Only one feast day, the Feast of St. Peter the Apostle, on February 22, breaks this violet period in 2018. The Fourth or "Laetare" Sunday (March 11) brings its own nuances, and rose-colored vestments may be worn that day.

3. *From the Fifth Sunday and following:* Attention becomes focused on the passion of Christ during this period of Lenten time. The Third Scrutiny for the elect is celebrated on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. One feast day occurs during the Fifth Week of Lent this year, allowing for festivity in the midst of this last week of Lenten seriousness: the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on March 19.

4. *The last days, called Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:* These days are given the highest liturgical precedence so the Church will not be distracted from final preparations for the Triduum. Focus on the passion of Christ becomes intensified. March 25, which is usually the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, falls on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, and so Palm Sunday takes precedence; thus, the Solemnity of the Annunciation will be transferred to April 9 this year.

Remembering that Lent is primarily about baptismal preparation and conversion, let us be aware of the structure and movement of this season as we journey toward Easter.

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER RITUAL ELEMENTS DURING LENT



Our church environment will look different during the Lenten season. The environment in which we worship helps us to enter into a Lenten spirituality — what we see (and don't see) and smell and hear is all a part of the way we pray. Here are some things you will notice during Lent:

THE ASHES USED ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE ON DISPLAY ALL DURING LENT, in the Divine Mercy Chapel area. This will be an ongoing reminder of the spiritual journey of Lent, a journey of dying and rising, a journey of changing our lives to be closer to Christ. The ashes come from burned palms saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH. The Roman Rite is specific about flowers for this penitential season: they are not allowed! The only exceptions this year are the feasts mentioned above and "Laetare" Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

OUR BAPTISMAL FONT WILL HAVE A "LENTEN LOOK" TO IT. Our baptismal font will be decorated with purple bands, as a reminder that these forty days of penance and conversion lead to a renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. We are thirsting for the new Easter water which will flow at the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection!

FOR THE PENITENTIAL ACT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES DURING LENT WE WILL RECITE THE *CONFITEOR* (THE "I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD...") AND THEN SING THE *KYRIE ELEISON* ("LORD, HAVE MERCY"). This will highlight for us the penitential nature of the season and help us to more intently "acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries." It also gives us the chance to use the *Confiteor* ("I confess to almighty God...") which is not often heard at Sunday Masses.

WE WILL USE THE APOSTLES' CREED INSTEAD OF THE NICENE CREED. The Roman Missal tells us, "Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used." So, to highlight the sacredness of the season, we will use the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed, the one we usually use, for all of Lent and Easter Time. This will highlight for us the baptismal character of both the Lenten and Easter seasons.

THERE WILL BE NO SINGING OR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS DURING LENT. This will help create a mood of prayerful quiet and reflection appropriate to the season. The Priest may continue to pray the preparation prayers silently, or he may recite them out loud, giving the people the opportunity to respond, "Blessed be God forever."



CROSSES AND IMAGES IN THE CHURCH WILL BE COVERED STARTING WITH THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. This custom becomes yet another stark visual reminder of the seriousness of Lent and helps us to truly experience heavenly joy and resurrected life when the images of the saints, who are in heavenly glory, are seen once again come Easter.

There are other ritual aspects that go into the celebration of Lent:

- the omission of the *Glory to God in the highest* at the beginning of all Masses;
- the omission of the Alleluia before the Gospel, replaced by another Gospel acclamation;
- less use of the organ and more singing without the accompaniment of instruments
- traditional Lenten practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;
- Lenten devotions such as Stations of the Cross and our Parish Mission (look for details elsewhere in the bulletin).

As we journey through the days of Lenten springtime together, let us enter into its spirit by anticipating the new life which comes to us through Jesus' resurrection at Easter.

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Next Sunday, 18 February, the First Sunday of Lent, our brother **Nicholas James Sherman**, who is in formation to become Catholic through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, will enter a new stage in his journey. Just as Lent is a time for all Catholics for intense renewal, conversion, and purification, the same is true for those preparing to become Catholic at Easter.

Nicholas is currently a **catechumen** (unbaptized), and has now completed the period of his catechumenate. He will now be accepted into a more intense preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation at this year's Easter Vigil. This third step is called **the period of purification and enlightenment**. He will no longer be called a catechumen, but will be referred to as **elect**; his name will be enrolled in a special *Book of the Elect*, signifying him as one chosen for initiation. This ceremony is called the **Rite of Election** and is celebrated on a diocesan level with the Bishop of the diocese.

Our diocese will celebrate the Rite of Election for the catechumens next Sunday, on the **First Sunday of Lent, 18 February, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Church, Brentwood**. Next week at the 12:00 p.m. Mass here at OLPH, we will call forward our catechumen by name, pray for him, and formally send him forth to be recognized by the Bishop. Please feel free to join us at this important communal celebration.

Please keep our catechumen (soon-to-be-elect) *Nicholas Sherman* in your prayers as he enters this Lenten season, his final preparation before becoming Catholic by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children **celebrate those sacraments at OLPH**. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years)**.

- Children in **all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

- Children in **all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with us, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

- Children in **all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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Hands of Christ's Mercy



Dear Friends:

As we begin a New Year, I am writing to thank you for your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal and for making my first year in this wonderful Diocese a great joy. I also come to you with a grateful heart to ask you for your prayers and support for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, which brings Christ's love and mercy to more than 600,000 people every year.

Pope Francis has invited us to embrace our vocation as missionary disciples – to be the **Hands of Christ's Mercy**. Our participation in the Catholic Ministries Appeal is an effective way for us to respond. As we support the good works of our Church, our hands serve as instruments of God's love.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal touch so many in our Diocese: children being formed in our Catholic Faith in our schools and religious education programs, seminarians preparing to be holy and zealous priests, candidates for the permanent diaconate preparing to serve our parishes, disadvantaged seniors who are often isolated and lonely, families in crisis including our immigrant-refugee families who face so much uncertainty, our youth and young adults discerning their Catholic faith and their futures, people who are incarcerated, and those suffering from addiction.

A donation to our Appeal will help to ensure that our shared vision for *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in our Diocese will have a firm financial foundation as we reach out beyond our Parish walls and into the "mission territory" to which we are called.

I am grateful for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Together we can bring Jesus' message of hope to communities, families and individuals.

Thank you for your love for the mission of the Church. I will be keeping you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

2018
OLPH GOAL:
\$109,400

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: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: By Appointment

Levels 6&7:

No classes
on Ash Wednesday,
February 14th!
Don't forget to get
your ashes!

Level 3:

On Saturday, February 17,
parents bring their children to
the church at 11:15 a.m.
for your PENANCE SERVICE!
NO CLASSES for LEVEL 3
on Saturday, February 17!

OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY

Save the date...

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

WHO: 9th – 12th Graders

WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018

TIME: 6:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: School Gym



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, February 13

7:00 p.m. in the Church



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



Music, games and toppings galore!

*Any questions or ticket information contact:
Deirdre Strigaro 631-225-0928 or familylife@oloph.org*

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 THIS SUNDAY, February 11th.



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
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † 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
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- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † 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!

- PASTA SAUCE**
- CANNED MEAT**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- CEREAL**
- INSTANT POTATOES**
- POWDERED MILK**
- SMALL JUICES**
- PANCAKE SYRUP**
- PEANUT BUTTER**
- WATER**

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 Room 24 of the School

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.—12:00 Noon

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

In the Gospel today Jesus, moved with pity, touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

† A LIVING MEMORIAL

THANK YOU!!! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program. Your donations are used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish.

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for further information.

OUR MISSION

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Long Island is part of an international organization of Catholic laymen and women who join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of our founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, Saint Vincent de Paul.



"Those who love the poor in life will have nothing to fear in death."
- Saint Vincent de Paul

*As a Living Memorial
to the life of*

A donation has been made by

*To the
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
of Long Island*

Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY DONATIONS

We are in need of the following items:

- Men's pants (jeans & sweat pants) - larger sizes
- Women's new underwear (sizes 5,6,7)
- Heavy hoodies - L to 3 XL
- Winter hats (skull type)/gloves - men & women
- Sneakers - 10, 11, 11.5, 12, 13, 15
- Work boots (in good condition)
- Shampoo - 1.5 oz., Lotion - 1.5 oz., Deodorant
- Lip balm
- Gently used tents

*If it is easier, we can always use **Kmart gift cards** (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.*

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.

MIDDLE AGES

**Are you a woman
in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?
Tuesday, February 20
in Room 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

Meetings are usually held on the first and third weeks of the month in Room 24 of the "new" school. For more information, call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or e-mail 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.*

Tuesday, February 13

Fran Grasso—631-956-3003 sixfingers13@gmail.com

OLPH YOUTH CHOIR

On Saturday, February 3, 8 members of the **OLPH Youth Choir** participated in the *2018 Children's Choir Festival* hosted by the Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bay Shore. More than 60 children from seven Long Island church choirs spent the day with guest conductor Meredith Neumann, conductor of the Cathedral Youth Choir for the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford and the Artistic and Program Director of the Connecticut Children's Chorus. The Festival culminated with a concert featuring the music the children learned during the day.



K OF C POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

The Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus Council 794 of OLPH wishes to thank all those who participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest of 2017. An awards ceremony was held January 14 to honor the winners. Congratulations to all!

Best In Show: Eric Kujawski

Kindergarten: 1st Place - Joseph Keller

1st Grade: 1st Place - Catherine Ogilvie
2nd Place - Annie Rose Muhs

2nd Grade: 1st Place - Lia DeLucia
2nd Place - Christopher Ficalora
3rd Place - Genevieve Gerhardt

3rd Grade: 1st Place tied - Eric Kujawski
& Maria Grace Muhs
2nd Place - Travis Vogel
3rd Place - Julius Olweck

4th Grade: 1st Place - Kaitlyn Lund
2nd Place - Victoria Ogilvie
3rd Place - Mariantonia DeLucia

5th Grade: 1st Place - Christee Rina Sessa
2nd Place - Olivia Karwowski
3rd Place - Peter Keller

7th Grade: 1st Place - Sabrina Roberts

8th Grade: 1st Place - Angela Marie Sessa

Honorable Mention:

2nd Grade: Kaylee Jimenez

3rd Grade: Olivia Martin Kaitlyn Giaquinto
Daphne Schwartz Ava Hale Sophia Jendruczyk
Anthony DeMarino Alexandra Chodon

4th Grade: Griffen Vogel Adrianna Inzinna
Brooke Perrini Sophia Santaniello Carmine Lupinacci



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.

Third Announcement:

Bryan Beltrami & Gina Laterza

MASS MEMORIALS

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

February 11-17:

Altar Candle Oil

In Memory of

Christina Rose Renna

Requested by

Mom & Dad

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

WE REMEMBER

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

Frank Martin Shannon Jr.

“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.”

FR. FIDELIS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Move Around With Us, Inc.



Is a non-profit organization created by Fr. Fidelis to help young Nigerians who are in desperate need of wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, etc. but cannot afford such luxuries. **You can help!** If you have (in good condition) and no longer need such items please contact Fr. Fidelis at the rectory who, with the Pastor’s permission, will collect and arrange for the items’ transport overseas.

(Charitable donation tax letter available upon request)

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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| <i>Peter Masak</i> | <i>Paul Madonia</i> |
| <i>Noreen Bucala</i> | <i>Kevin Reid</i> |
| <i>Mary Doran</i> | <i>Susan LaSala</i> |
| <i>Colin Czekaj</i> | <i>Bonnie & Richard Rieger</i> |
| <i>Charles Wendland</i> | <i>Frank Criscuolo</i> |
| <i>Teobaldo Santo</i> | <i>Ralph Assario</i> |
| <i>Bruce Levy</i> | <i>Joseph Pugh</i> |
| <i>Christopher Macchia</i> | <i>Charlotte O’Kobrick</i> |
| <i>Rose Macchia</i> | <i>Alberta Zero</i> |
| <i>Carmela Sannartino</i> | <i>Peter Leyden</i> |
| <i>Nicolina Baily</i> | <i>Isabella Belen</i> |
| <i>Lisa Marie Hulsen</i> | |

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 having their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks depending upon space.

There is a place for you at our table...



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH’s **Community Meal Ministry** has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held 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 18
Come and pray with us at the 12:00 p.m. Mass then join us for “Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m.*

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 12, 2018— Weekday

6:30	Josephine Bonura
12:15	Connie & Pat Perrotta

TUESDAY, February 13— Weekday

6:30	Thomas Bossett
12:15	Terry Caltabiano

WEDNESDAY, February 14— Ash Wednesday

6:30	Joseph Sredniawski
12:15	Heather Lee Molinari
4:15	Word Service
5:30	Word Service
7:30	Vivian Felicciardi

THURSDAY, February 15— Thursday after Ash Wednesday

6:30	Edward Gibbons
12:15	Adam & Mary Hagzan

FRIDAY, February 16— Friday after Ash Wednesday

6:30	Connie Cutone
12:15	Dorothea McCowan

SATURDAY, February 17— Saturday after Ash Wednesday (The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)

8:00	Adam Whiston
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Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00	For the People of the Parish
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Sunday, February 18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00	Anthony Taliercio
10:00	Carol Dzikowski
12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
5:00	Adam Whiston

Monday, February 12, 2018

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	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Census Committee	Room 3
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:00 p.m.	Census Committee	Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer for Mardi Gras Mardi Gras Celebration	Church Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark
7:45 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Squires	Room 19

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	No Exposition	
1:45 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
8:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Thursday, February 15, 2018

10:00 a.m.	Census Committee	Room 3
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Practice	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Census Committee	Room 3
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 19
8:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Coordinators	Room 22
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, February 16, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, February 17, 2018

8:30, 10:00 11:15 a.m.	Levels 1, 2, 4, 5 & Sp. Ed. Classes Level 3 Penance	School 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 18, 2018

10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
12:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
12:45 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door	Convent
6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Ministry	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
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Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
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Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@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 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

Jean Bjork
Tricia Buckley (Chair)
Eileen Corticchia
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Greg Guido
Sonia Hansen
Joselyn Kalt
Melissa McLaughlin
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
James Totino
Peter Triolo
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

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Ed Cirella
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Bob Meade
Frank Pokorney
John Reynolds
Sandra Tandoi

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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Deacon Robert Becker
Lynn Bergin
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
MaryAnn Haas
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Rosaleen Walters
Mike Williams

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

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO 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 PM 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.

Preparándonos para la Liturgia Viva del Domingo 1º de Cuaresma - Ciclo B 18 de Febrero del 2018

Tiempo de arrepentimiento y Conversión, de dar un giro a nuestra vida siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús.

Primera Lectura (Génesis 9,8-15): Alianza de Dios con Noé

Tenemos la promesa de Dios de que nunca destruirá la obra de sus manos. Su Alianza es firme, como nos recuerda el arco iris.

Segunda Lectura (1 Pedro 3,18-22): Uno con Cristo en el Bautismo

Para cristianos desalentados, Pedro escribe: Cristo también ha experimentado sufrimiento y muerte, pero resucitó. Ustedes son uno con él por el bautismo, y les salvará.

Evangelio (Marcos 1,12-15): Arrepiéntanse y Crean

Jesús resume su misión en estas palabras: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y está cerca el reino de Dios. Arrepiéntanse y crean en la Buena Nueva de Salvación". Él nos repite estas palabras a nosotros hoy.

Arrepiéntanse y Crean en la Buena Noticia de Salvación

Al comenzar la Cuaresma, el mensaje urgente que se nos dirige hoy es: "¡Arrepiéntanse! ¡Cambien el corazón, conviértanse!" Pero, ¿a quién le gusta cambiar sus hábitos y costumbres, su mentalidad, su estilo de vida? Preferiríamos quedarnos solos y seguir por los viejos caminos. Hasta Jesús mismo fue impulsado por el Espíritu al desierto, para allí ser tentado, para percibir con ojos claros su propia identidad, cuál era su tarea y cómo la gente y los acontecimientos tratarían de desviarlo de su misión. Pero Jesús fue más fuerte que la tentación y que el pecado. Miércoles 14 primer día de cuaresma



La imposición de las cenizas nos recuerda que nuestra vida en la tierra es pasajera y que nuestra vida definitiva se encuentra en el Cielo.

La Cuaresma comienza con el miércoles de Ceniza y es un tiempo de oración, penitencia y ayuno. Cuarenta días que la Iglesia marca para la conversión del corazón.

Las palabras que se usan para la imposición de cenizas, son: "Concedenos, Señor, el perdón y haznos pasar del pecado a la gracia y de la muerte a la vida"

El ayuno y la abstinencia

El miércoles de ceniza y el viernes santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia. La abstinencia obliga a partir de los 14 años y el ayuno de los 18 hasta los 59 años. El ayuno consiste hacer una sola comida fuerte al día y la abstinencia es no comer carne. Este es un modo de pedirle perdón a Dios por haberlo ofendido y decirle que queremos cambiar de vida para agradarlo siempre

OFFERING UPDATE February 3/4, 2018

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	298	135	\$2,605.00
8:00 a.m.	237	94	2,733.00
10:00 a.m.	379	121	2,755.00
12:00 p.m.	477	138	4,670.00
5:00 p.m.	169	26	1,079.00
Coin			23.72
Mail-ins:			1,723.00
Children's Env.		15	30.20
Faith Direct			2,423.00
Special Needs	65	17	479.00
TOTAL	1,625	546	\$18,520.92
2017 total	1,753	622	\$19,333.04
Candles			\$1,316.03
Poor Box			\$347.55
1st Saturday			\$241.09

2017 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2017 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*. Thank you for your cooperation.

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

February 18—passed
February 25—February 16
March 4—February 23

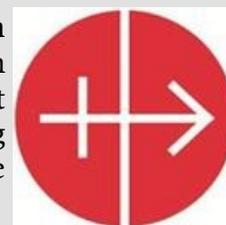


Sisters of St. Dominic Irish Night Raffle Sales Weekend of February 17/18

As they have in the past few years, the Sisters of St. Dominic from Amityville will be selling raffles for their annual Irish Night held on March 3rd in St. Brigid's parish in Westbury. The proceeds from this event are intentionally used for the care of their sisters as they "retire" from active ministry. Please support the Sisters during the weekend of February 17th and 18th. The Dominican sisters are most thankful for your generous, continual financial support and your prayers.

THE CHURCH IN NEED

On February 18, 2018 a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:



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**PREPARING FOR Sunday, February 18, 2018—
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

*The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.*

Mark 1:12-13

Genesis 9:8-15

In the midst of widespread sin, God decided to wipe the earth clean with a great flood. Only Noah, his family, and the creatures he put into the ark were saved. In today's reading, we hear how after the flood had abated God made a covenant that restored the lost relationship with humankind. Not simply repeating the blessing he gave to the first man and woman, God expands it to include all descendants and every living creature, in short, with the whole earth, setting a rainbow in the heavens as a sign of it. How wonderful that, despite our failings, God constantly wants to renew his relationship with us!

1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter gives us a succinct summary of the meaning of Christ's suffering and Death. We hear how the righteous one suffered for the sake of the unrighteous "that he might lead you to God." This message would have struck a chord in the hearts of the early Christians who were being persecuted for their faith. We also hear how Baptism is the means by which believers enter into this mystery of Christ's suffering, Death, and Resurrection. Just as Noah was saved through the waters of the flood, water is the instrument of salvation in Baptism "which saves you now." This is a powerful reminder of our own baptism and a wonderful way to start Lent when the candidates who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil complete their own journey.

Mark 1:12-15

This account of Jesus' time in the desert before beginning his public ministry is the shortest of all the accounts in the Gospels. Mark merely tells us that Jesus was tempted by Satan without giving details. Throughout his ministry, Jesus will resist every temptation to turn aside from accomplishing his Father's will, including that from another "Satan" when Peter misguidedly urges him not to continue on to Jerusalem. But Jesus continues to proclaim the kingdom of God as one of repentance and belief. He calls us to a lifetime of conversion and enduring reliance on himself as the way to the joy of living in God's presence.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, February 12, 2018:

James 1:1-11 + Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 13, 2018:

James 1:12-18 + Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 14, 2018:

Joel 2:12-18

+ 2 Corinthians 5:20– 6:2

+ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 15, 2018:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

+ Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 16, 2018:

Isaiah 58:1-9a + Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 17, 2018:

Isaiah 58:9b-14 + Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, February 18, 2018:

Genesis 9:8-15

+ 1 Peter 3:18-22 + Mark 1:12-15

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. "He was among the wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him." What are the "wild beasts" in your life? What angels minister to you? To whom do you yourself minister?

2. "The Spirit drove Jesus into the desert and he remained in the desert for forty days." Pope Francis calls the forty days of Lent an invitation to conversion. Do you need some kind of conversion? Is there something new within or around you waiting to be created?

"With its invitations to conversion, Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to rouse us from torpor [sluggish inactivity]. ... Why must we return to God? Because something is not right in us, not right in society, in the Church, and we need to change, to give it a new direction. And this is called needing to convert! Once again Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us, simply because God is faithful, always faithful, for he cannot deny himself, he continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and he is always ready to forgive and start afresh. With this filial confidence, let us set out on the journey."

**Homily of Pope Francis,
Basilica of Santa Sabina,
Wednesday, March 5, 2014**



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