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If you trust in God, you too shall live.

Sirach 15:16b

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 12, 2023

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo Deacons: Deacon William R. Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker Business Manager: Ms. Jill Marie Delano Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut Music Director: Mr. Christopher Reilly

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m. Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): 5:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m. Special Needs Mass: First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass) Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

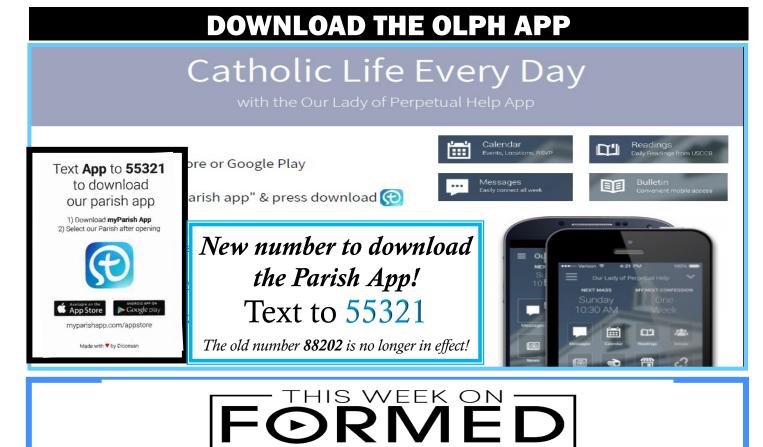
Wednesdays: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **First Saturdays:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



Week of February 12, 2023









LISTEN



Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.

How to Study the Bible

Are you looking to take your spiritual life deeper this upcoming Lent? There's no better place to start than the Lord's Word. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Giszczak as they explain how to study and devote yourself to Scripture!

What Do You Seek? The Search Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Ministry of Consolation

Let me give one final push for new people to join the Ministry of Consolation, which is one of the most beautiful and important ministries we offer here at OLPH. We are very much in need of new offerers to work in this ministry.

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

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

So, please give serious and prayerful consideration to coming on board with the Ministry of Consolation.

Mardi Gras next Sunday, February 19

Next Sunday, February 19, immediately following the 12:00 Noon Mass, will be our Mardi Gras celebration make sure you don't miss out! We'll begin by gathering in front of the school to burn the palm we've brought back, the ashes of which will be used on Ash Wednesday. After the burning of palm, we'll head into the auditorium for the ice cream social and other Mardi Gras festivities! See the ad elsewhere in this bulletin for complete information, and I look forward to seeing you there. Let's all go a little crazy before we settle down to the seriousness of Lent!

Bring back old palm

Don't forget to bring back your old palm branches for us to burn. Baskets for you to deposit the palm can be found in the church. If you have forgotten to do this in past years...this is the year to remember!

Ash Wednesday and the Lent ahead

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner — February 22! Take note of the schedule of Masses and Word Services during which you can receive ashes. This year we're returning to the more familiar practice of smearing ashes on the forehead, rather than just sprinkling them on the top of the head, which we did because of Covid for the past couple of years. So, get ready for that big and bold smudge again!

Since we want to take Lent seriously, now is the time to begin thinking about your Lenten penance and Lenten discipline for this year. Beyond what you might give up for Lent, what spiritual practice and/or act of service toward others can you take on and do as a prayerful "extra," so that you can deepen your relationship with the Lord Jesus this Lent? Think about it!

What else can be a part of your Lent? The *Little Black Book* is available again this year to assist you in your daily meditations. We'll have Stations of the Cross throughout Lent; look for that schedule. Think about how you and your family will live out the traditional Lenten disciples of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Remember, holiness and virtue do not just happen on their own! We have to take concrete steps to cooperate with God's grace so that the life of Christ grows stronger in us. That takes planning, decision-making, commitment and follow-through.

Also, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (going to Confession) is an integral part of our season of Lenten penance and renewal. When will you go to Confession? We will again have all-day Confessions on Monday of Holy Week (this year on April 3). Why not put an appointment for that day in your calendar now, to make sure you get to Confession on that day? Most importantly, don't wait until the last minute to go to Confession, or you may not be able to make it there before Easter! Take a close look at the schedule of Confession times we are announcing, and plan ahead.

celebrating Valentine's Day this week: Happy Valentine's Day! May this day which is traditionally associated with romance and love be a day to recommit yourselves to the Christian virtue of love, which means imitating the self-giving and self-offering love of Jesus Christ, as we freely offer our life to others as He gave His life for us.

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,

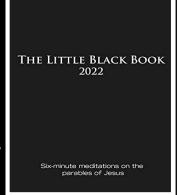
Happy Valentine's Day!

Lastly, to those married folks, and single folks with sweethearts, who will be

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LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please take home a *Little Black Book*, new for 2023, which contains daily reflections for the Lenten season. This book provides the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Lent. Books are available throughout the church on the pew ledges. 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*.





Prepare Your Heart for the Coming of the Lord

This season of Lent, as we prepare for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Adult Faith Formation program at OLPH is offering an uplifting experience to make ready for the Solemnity of Easter. Beginning on Sunday, February 26 and continuing every Sunday through March 26, we will offer parishioners the opportunity to study the Responsorial Psalms used in each

Sunday's celebration of the Eucharist. We will meet from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. each Sunday in the north sacristy of the church. Each session will feature a discussion of the themes of the Responsorial Psalm of the day, led by a member of the Pastoral Staff. Attend all of the sessions, or select those that that fit your schedule. Handouts of the psalms will be provided. Come join us in breaking open the Word of the Lord.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES



We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 22. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season. As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes are a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during Easter Time. Penitential acts are undertaken as a community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection.

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

This year we once again invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on Sunday, February 19, and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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





PRAYER AND WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY



February 22 6:30 a.m.— Mass 12:15 p.m.—Mass (<u>Note</u>: No Exposition following Mass)

3:00 p.m.—Word Service 4:30 p.m.—Word Service 6:00 p.m.—Word Service 7:30 p.m. — Word Service

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

Stations of the Cross Fridays

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the church April 7 at 12:00 Noon



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.

> Friday, February 24 will be lead by the Liturgy Committee. And also, save the date... Friday, April 14—Stations of the Resurrection!



CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 4:00—4:45 p.m.

Saturday April 1: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday of Holy Week, April 3: 2:00—4:00 p.m. and 6:00—9:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.





JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

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





Hear Fr. Fidelis give weekly reflections and more on his YouTube channel! You can go to YouTube and search for FADA PRINCE (with the logo at left) and click on the SUBSCRIBE button.



Mens' Retreat Saturday, March 4th

Sponsored by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Knights of Columbus Council #794 185 North Broadway, Lindenhurst FEE: \$25

PROGRAM:

9:00 a.m.: Registration and Breakfast

10:00 a.m.: SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE includes story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary Scripture readings

11:00 a.m.: SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

includes Catechesis of St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary Litany of Saint Joseph Scripture readings

Noon: LUNCH

1:00 p.m.: Presentation by Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco "Getting More Out of Liturgy: What is Pope Francis Saying About the Liturgical Formation of Lay People" (this session will include a 15 minute break)

4:00 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation in OLPH Church (optional)

5:00 p.m.: Mass (optional)

OLPH/K of C Mens' Retreat March 4

Name:
Phone:
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Send completed application and check payable "OLPH KofC #794 "to:
STEPHEN STRIGARO, 131 North 7 th Street, Lindenhurst, NY, 11757 call 631-747-4929

POPE FRANCIS ON LITURGICAL FORMATION

APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS

On June 29, 2022, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis released his Apostolic Letter Desiderio Desideravi, On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God. It is an exquisite summary of liturgical theology and a call for serious and vital liturgical formation for all Catholics. In this letter, the Holy Father addresses the nature of sacramental encounter, of symbols and symbolic language, of the art of celebration, and the need to engage all the baptized in the fruitful celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Each week we are presenting a small selection of the letter for your reading and reflection and this will continue until the entire text has been presented. The full text can be found on the Vatican website at

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

58. When the first community broke bread in obedience to the Lord's command, it did so under the gaze of Mary who accompanied the first steps of the Church: "these all continued with one accord in prayer with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus." (Acts 1:14) The Virgin Mother "watches over" the gestures of her Son confided to the Apostles. As she protected the Word made flesh in her womb after receiving the words of the angel Gabriel, she protects once again in the womb of the Church those gestures that form the body of her Son. The priest, who repeats those gestures in virtue of the gift received in the sacrament of Holy Orders, is himself protected in the womb of the Virgin. Do we really need a rule here to tell us how we ought to act?

59. Having become instruments for igniting the fire of the Lord's love on the earth, protected in the womb of Mary, Virgin made Church (as St Francis sang of her) priests should allow the Holy Spirit to work on them, to bring to completion the work he began in them at their ordination. The action of the Spirit offers to them the possibility of exercising their ministry of presiding in the Eucharistic assembly with the fear of Peter, aware of being a sinner (Lk 5:1-11), with the powerful humility of the suffering servant (cf. Is 42ff), with the desire "to be eaten" by the people entrusted to them in the daily exercise of the ministry.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED WITH THE MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION!

"So too when a member of Christ's Body dies, the faithful are called to a ministry of consolation to those who have suffered the loss of one whom they love." —Order of Christian Funerals #8

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

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

It's not hard, and it's not depressing, and it means so much to families at the time of the Funeral Mass. You'll feel wonderful about doing this, and we need YOU!

There are many ways to become involved:

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

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

If you are interested, please contact Ken Hale at <u>kennethhale53@gmail.com</u> or Msgr. Joe at <u>msgrjoe@oloph.org</u>

A TIME WILL COME FOR SINGING

Here at OLPH, there are two excellent opportunities to come together and raise your voice to the rafters, besides the primary and most important choir of the assembly at song.

Youth Choir

For our young people from third grade through high school,

the Youth Choir is an excellent chance to gather in community and develop a love for music through sung prayer and friendship with their peers.

Led by **Samantha Free**, rehearsals are held generally on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and sing at most 10:00 a.m. Masses on Sundays. In the program, sight reading and rhythmic skills are developed as well as some light voice training. And it's fun!



Adult Choir

If you're old enough to vote, you're certainly old enough to join the choir!

The Adult Choir has a long-standing tradition of excellent music here at the parish, and our goal is to develop that further. Through training of sight reading and regular times of rehearsal, a balanced choral sound will be developed to heighten the prayer experience of both



the one who makes music and the one who hears it.
Rehearsal are regularly held on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. and the choir most often leads the singing at the Noon Mass on Sunday and other holidays.
A hallmark of the OLPH choir is their sense of community and care for one another, in times of joy, healing, and sorrow, true companions in ministry.
Won't you consider joining your voice to praise God in

song and make music to support and uplift your community?

If you are interested in joining the Adult Choir or have questions of any aspect of the music program, please contact Christopher Reilly at creilly@oloph.org or 631-226-7725 X 210.





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

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

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

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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS:

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

LEVEL 7

On Wednesday, February 15, you will have your Student/Parent Meeting on the topic of Social Justice. Meet in the auditorium with a parent or guardian during your regular class time for attendance.

JUSTICE & CHARIT

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ITS DEVELOPMENT AND CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE

LEVEL 5

On Saturday, February 18, you will have your Student/Parent Meeting on the topic of Lent. Meet in the auditorium with a parent or guardian during your regular class time for attendance, and then for a fun-filled and prayerful day! Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Bartholomew the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles called by Jesus Christ. Jesus said that he was an Israelite incapable of deceit. After Jesus ascended into Heaven, St. Bartholomew went to preach in Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt, India, and Great Armenia. Unfortunately, the king did not like him preaching about Jesus and had him beheaded.



Vacation Bible Camp Needs You! Planning Meeting Saturday, February 18, at 11:30 a.m. in the school auditorium. Please consider being a part of our Space Ranger Team! Contact April for more information. Save the Date: Vacation Bible Camp July 10th- July 14th Preview Day: Sunday, March 19, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the auditorium! Are you looking to save BIG?! For one day only register at this event and get the early bird special!

FAMILY LIFE MARDI GRAS IS FEBRUARY 19



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631-592-1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
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- ✤ St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631-226-7725 x 234
- ✤ Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631-226-6175—jbecker@oloph.org

NEW Food Pantry List!

TOMATO SAUCE CEREAL CANNED FRUIT COOKIES JELLY PORK AND BEANS PANCAKE MIX SYRUP CANNED PASTA TOILET PAPER 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

In the Gospel Jesus says: "Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.



RESPECT LIFE

Sub-zero temperatures did not stop OLPH parishioners from protesting against pharmacies selling the abortion pill. This is of grave concern because it can be sold at pharmacies without a prescription, without medical advice, to anyone, any age, any sex, even though it has been known to cause the death of the mother as well as the child. In addition, allowing males to purchase it exposes women to the possibility of being given the pill without her consent. For more information about this important topic, contact our parish Respect Life Ministry.

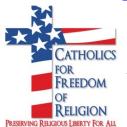
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

South Shore Young Adult Ministry at OLPH Ages 21-39

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



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"Without freedom of thought there can be no such thing as wisdom; and no such thing as public liberty without freedom of speech."

-Benjamin Franklin

Banning Religious Americans from Teaching in Public Schools

New licensing rules in Minnesota that require teachers to "affirm" students' transgender identities will effectively ban religious Christians, Muslims, and Jews from teaching in public schools. Minnesota state certified teachers will be required to "foster an environment that ensures student identities such a ...gender identity...are...affirmed."(1) Other states are also looking for ways to implement these unconstitutional licensing rules.

"...Teachers are going to be faced with hiding their beliefs or getting denied [a state teaching license]," said Doug Seaton of Minnesota Upper Midwest Law Center. "Christians, Muslims, and Jews need not apply for Minnesota teaching jobs."(2)

The new standard requires that a licensed teacher "fosters an environment that ensures student identities such as sex and gender, gender identity, sexual orientation...are historically and socially contextualized..."(3) Standard 6C requires that "The teacher understands the historical foundations of education in Minnesota...that have and continue to create inequitable opportunities, experiences, and outcomes for learners...on the basis of...gender, sexual orientation."(4)

"The [licensing board] has made it impossible for those practicing orthodox Christianity and Judaism, for example, to freely exercise their religion and simultaneously hold a teaching license....It compels potential licensees to speak the [licensing board's] chosen beliefs as an established creed and live them out in order to have a job. It establishes [licensing board's] view of human sexuality and gender as orthodoxy despite sincere opposition based on biological reality and traditional theistic beliefs," wrote attorney Doug Seaton to the law judge who approved nearly all the new standards in December.(5)

College teacher preparation programs will also have to comply with these new requirements. This sets up another constitutional conflict by requiring religious institutions to endorse behaviors and ideologies that conflict with their beliefs. When put into effect, these new rules will likely meet court challenges.

"When even one American — who has done nothing wrong — is forced by fear to shut his mind and close his mouth — then all Americans are in peril." President Harry S. Truman

(ground.news, 1/12/23(1); thefederalist.com, 1/12/23(2)(4); olivetreeviews.org, 1/15/23; therightthing.com, 1/12/23(3)(5)

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

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

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

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died:

John Austin English Mary Lou Klammer John H. Williams Robert Erdmann

"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Diego Sarmiento Thomas Grogan Rolando Pulla Joan Hosey Helene Calabrese Wolfgang Unterschuetz Patty Santopadre Rolanda Pulla Elvira Treanor Donald Wright Christopher De Palma Mary Elizabeth Setti

Donna Hosey Catherine Lang Baby Antonio James Kienle James Santoli Henry Batz Baby Nicolas Gabriel Moccio Frank Juliano Rosemary Weigel Patricio Torres Monica Pulla Santiago Segovia Angela Gleixner

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

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

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

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

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 13 — Weekday					
6:30	Brogan & Ruppert Family				
12:15	Irma Perez				
TUESDAY, February 14— Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop					
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton				
12:15	Juliane Capone				
WEDNESDAY, February 15 — Weekday					
6:30	Joseph Sredniawski				
12:15	Margaret Curti				
THURSDAY, February 16— Weekday					
6:30	Vincenta Sancho				
12:15	Dorothea McCowan				
FRIDAY, February 17 — Weekday (The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)					
6:30	Anthony Losardo				
12:15	Adam Lionel Whiston				
SATUI	SATURDAY, February 18— Weekday				
8:00	Katarzyna Pasfield				
Satu	rday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):				
	NTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
5:00	Alberta Zero				
Sunday, February 19 —					
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild				
10:00	Vito Crescione				
12:00	For the People of the Parish				

PARISH CALENDAR Monday, February 13, 2023

Monday, February 13, 2023						
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24				
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12				
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church				
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24				
7:00 p.m.	Family Life Ministry Meeting	Room 3				
7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room				
Tuesday, February 14, 2023						
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria				
T	Wednesday, February 15, 20	23				
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24				
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12				
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church				
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831)	Off Campus				
5:30 and	Level 6: Classes	School				
7:00 p.m.	Levels 7 and 8: Classes	School				
	Thursday, February 15, 202					
1:00 p.mon	Church closed for cleaning	Church				
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria				
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 18				
	Friday, February 17, 2023					
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food	Room 24				
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12				
	Saturday, February 18, 202	3				
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5: Classes	School				
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12				
11:30 a.m.	Bible Camp Meeting	Auditorium				
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24				
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church				
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church				
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria				
	Sunday, February 19, 2023					
10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Room 18				
10:45 a.m.	Family Life Ministry—Mardi Gras set-up	Auditorium				
11:45 a.m.	Stations of the Cross Meeting	St. Lucy Room				
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria				

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRI-TU 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 ensenamos 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.

Lecturas del domingo 12 de Febrero del 2023

El Hijo de Dios proclama que nunca fue sí o no; Por eso a través de Cristo, es como decimos sí a Dios. Que el Espíritu de Jesús esté siempre con vosotros. R/ Y con tu espíritu.

Primera Lectura: (Sirasides15:15-20) Elige entre la Vida y la Muerte El profeta nos dice hoy: Dios estará cerca de ti y te iluminará

Con su luz si estás cerca de los necesitados.

Segunda Lectura: (1 Corintios2:6-10) El sabio plan de Dios nos conduce a la felicidad Si amamos a Dios, respondemos a sus deseos. Con la ayuda del Espíritu, llevamos a adelante si plan; él nos conducirá a la felicidad.

Evangelio: (Mateo 5:17-37) Jesús nos invita a hacer una opción radical

Jesús nos invita a ir más allá de los mandamientos para buscar la voluntad de Dios y el bien de los demás. Continuamos este domingo la lectura del Sermón de la Montaña de donde está tomado el Evangelio de hoy. Jesús, como un nuevo legislador, expone su propia ley y lo hace dando la explicación auténtica y verdadera de la Ley de Dios, tal como había sido transmitida en Israel. Vamos a ver qué quiere decir Jesús cuando afirma: "No he venido a abolir la Ley sino a darle cumplimiento". Según lo que sigue, esta expresión ha de entenderse en el sentido de "llevarla a plenitud, darle su sentido último y verdadero". Y es lo que hace aquí Jesús con varios de los mandamientos de la Ley de Moisés.

Todos sabemos que la Ley fue dada a Moisés en el Monte Sinaí. Allí Dios le entregó las dos tablas de la Ley que contienen respectivamente los mandamientos relativos a Dios y al prójimo. El libro del Éxodo es constante en afirmar que la Ley fue dada por Dios a Moisés en el monte: "Después de hablar Dios con Moisés en el monte Sinaí, le dio las dos tablas del Testimonio, tablas de piedra, escritas por el dedo de Dios... Volvió Moisés y bajó del monte, con las dos tablas del Testimonio en su mano, tablas escritas por ambos lados... las tablas eran obra de Dios, y la escritura, grabada sobre las mismas, era escritura de Dios" (Ex 31,18; 32,15-16). Es imposible darle más autoridad. La Ley procede de Dios mismo.



Jesús ha venido a liberarnos de la esclavitud de la ley no aboliéndola – seria cambiar el mal en bien o viceversa-sino cumpliendo y dándole un modo superior y divino.

OFFERING UPDATE February 4/5

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	212	86	\$2,750.00
8:00 a.m.	190	80	2,747.00
10:00 a.m.	311	87	2,660.00
12:00 a.m.	302	84	2,892.00
Total coin:			3.05
Faith Direct			3,132.60
Children's Env.		13	39.00
Mail-ins:			80.00
Special Needs	50	10	915.00
TOTAL	1,065	360	\$15,218.65
2022	959	394	\$18,160.75
Candles			\$835.27
Poor Box			\$209.65
1st Saturday			\$126.00

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

> February 19—deadline passed February 26—February 17 deadline March 5—February 24 deadline

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

This is a time of year when keeping our new year's resolutions may become challenging, if we even made any. Well, here's an easy new year's resolution to feel good about: streamline your offertory giving and simplify your support for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish! Now is a great time to stop using checks and envelopes, by switching to eGiving – you can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts help give our parish a steady, consistent offertory that strengthens the programs, services, and ministries we lead for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting **faith.direct/NY286**, or text '**Enroll**' to **(631) 201-5664**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on Saturday, February 25th from 2:00-10:00 p.m. and continue through Sunday, February 26th from 12:00-10:00 p.m. Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know. Please join the excitement and consider pledging! The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting www.CFNtv.org or by scanning the QR Code below, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have! CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services - Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.





PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Matthew 5:44

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Book of Leviticus contains some of the most ancient material in the Old Testament, including numerous commands and rules rooted in the Ten Commandments. Today, we hear how the Lord commands the Israelites to be holy as he is holy. In this context, "holy" can be translated as "set apart." These early Jews were supposed to be different from the surrounding peoples and nations because they had a special relationship with God. Specifically, they are told not to hate their brother or sister nor to take revenge or carry a grudge. But even more than not hating or acting negatively, they are told to go further and even love their neighbor as themselves. That's what it means to be holy and to act as God does. Jesus will carry this command even further in today's Gospel reading.

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul also tells those he writes to, the early Christians in the city of Corinth, that they are holy because the Spirit of God is inside them. He calls them "temples of God" for this very reason. Paul goes on to continue his discussion of the past few weeks about how these early followers of Jesus are to be different from those who are wise in the ways of the world since "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God." Christians must be "set apart" from the prevailing cultural customs and values. They must strive "to become a fool," that is, to follow divine wisdom by knowing and acting according to the holy Spirit of God given to them in baptism which sets them apart from the world's values.

Matthew 5:38-48

We hear again from the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel reading today. Jesus, acting still as the true interpreter of the Law of Moses of the Old Testament, gives his hearers two more examples of fulfilling the law rather than abolishing it. Both challenge his followers to place no limits on loving other people. If anyone injures them, they must not retaliate. They must replace the offense with kindness by offering the other cheek and going the extra mile. Significantly, Jesus fulfills the command we heard in the first reading from Leviticus by stating that Christians should not only love their neighbor but also love their enemy as well. As challenging as these teachings are, Jesus is telling his followers, then and today, how to be holy: act as God would act.

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

Monday, February 13, 2023: Genesis 4:1-15, 25 + Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 14, 2023: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 + Mark 8:14-21 **Wednesday, February 15, 2023:** Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22 + Mark 8:22-26

Thursday, February 16, 2023: Genesis 9:1-13 + Mark 8:27-33 Friday, February 17, 2023: Genesis 11:1-9 + Mark 8:34—9:1 Saturday, February 18, 2023: Hebrews 11:1-7 + Mark 9:2-13 Sunday, February 19, 2023: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 + 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 + Matthew 5:38-48

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. Why would Jesus tell you to "Love your enemies?" Who lives like that? Did Jesus show us a new revolutionary kind of acting when he showed us how to love our enemies? How far was he willing to go for them with his radical self-emptying? How far was the Father willing to go for his children?

2. What are the two things that praying for our enemies does, according to Pope Francis?

(The pope noted how Jesus offers many examples to show the commandments in a new light and to prove that love is more generous than the letter of the law. From 'Do not kill' meaning don't insult or be angry with your brother ...)

"This is not just for the fulfillment of the law, but it also helps to heal our hearts. In Jesus' explanations of the commandments, especially in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a journey of healing. Every heart wounded by sin—as each one of us has—must undertake this journey of healing in order to be more like our "heavenly Father (who) is perfect. ...

The power of prayer will do two things: it will change that person for the better and it will make us become more like children of our heavenly Father."

> June 14, 2016 Mass at Casa Santa Marta

The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2023 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of St. James, Seaford Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

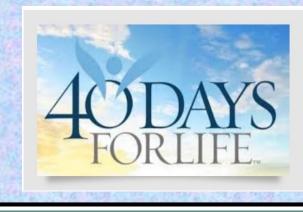
Register online at drvc-faith.org Registration must be received by Friday, April 28, 2023

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at Irobustelli@drvc.org

"FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE"

February 22 to April 2

We encourage you to join us in prayerfully picketing a local Planned Parenthood site to try to save some of those little ones. The local sites are: 540 Fulton Ave (Rte. 24), Hempstead and 70 Maple Ave, Smithtown (across the street from the new Life Ctr). Sign in and check who else will be picketing at https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/ smithtown



OLPH LEGACY GIVING "FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL ALSO BE"



Wills and Bequests



IRA's and Retirement Plans

AN OPPORTUNITY OF WHAT A LEGACY MEANS TO YOUR CHURCH!

We want to bring to your attention different ways that parishioners can financially support OLPH. The parish can be named as a beneficiary to different types of financial products such as life insurance policies, IRAs, and gift annuities, to name a few. There are also ways to give to the parish in the form of appreciated stock, where you can avoid or reduce your own income tax bill while also providing for the parish. These types of approaches are generally referred to as "Planned Giving" or "Legacy Giving." You have worked hard during your working years, and you saved and invested wisely so that your loved ones can have a secure financial future via your will and estate planning. We'd like to ask you to consider having your estate planning include OLPH, so that all of the great work that has been ongoing here for over 150 years can continue long into the future. Planned Giving can make that happen. You can assist the parish in a significant way by including OLPH as a beneficiary in your planning. If you are interested in learning more about Planned Giving, your tax accountant, your lawyer, or your financial advisor will be familiar with this topic. You may also call the rectory and ask to speak to the Parish Business Manager, Jill Delano. Thank you for supporting OLPH in this way!



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