

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem  
to present him to the Lord.*

Luke 2:22b

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD February 2, 2020

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Thomas Crennan

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

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

### COME AND PRAY...

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

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

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons  
at 12:45 p.m. in the church

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

**First Saturday:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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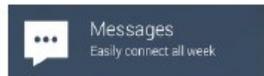
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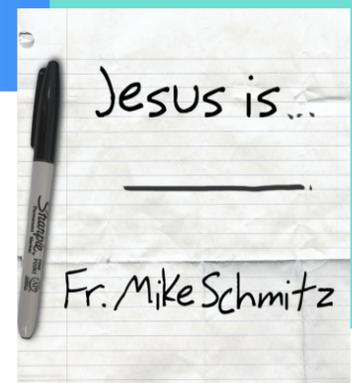
In this talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz, he reveals the incredible implications of the question that Christ asks all of us: "Who do YOU say that I Am?"

### Jesus is...

By Father Mike Schmitz

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

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

**Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?**

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

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*

Each year on the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on February 2. This is one of those feasts of such significance that the feast day is celebrated even if it falls on a Sunday, as it does this year — so, this year, it replaces the Sunday in Ordinary Time, and our weekend Masses have been the Masses for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

This feast commemorates how, in observance of the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple to consecrate him to the Lord. There they met the righteous Simeon and the prophetess Anna, for whom Temple worship was just a regular part of everyday life. God rewarded both Simeon and Anna for their fidelity by allowing them to see the one who was Savior, the one whom they awaited for so long with deep trust and great hope. Then, when the ritual of the presentation was completed, Mary and Joseph returned with Jesus to their hometown, where they lived their family life. Jesus grew up, becoming strong and wise, with the grace of God upon him.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also known as “Candlemas.” As we heard at Mass in the Gospel reading from St. Luke, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah and declared him as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” This is the origin of the tradition of blessing candles on this day, which in turn led to processions with candles in churches and in the streets — hence the name “Candlemas.” That’s why we began our Masses this weekend as we did, with the special entrance for this feast day as described in the Roman Missal, which included the lighting and blessing of candles.

This feast, then, continues to unfold for us the mysteries of the life of Christ and the meaning of Jesus as Messiah, the light of the world. There are Christmas themes to be found here, especially in the symbolism of light, and indeed this feast falls forty (40) days after Christmas. We again celebrate and reflect on (which actually we do at every Mass) the meaning of encountering (meeting) our salvation, Jesus, who is our light. We encounter him at every celebration of the Eucharist, of course, but the challenge is to always go forth from the Mass to encounter him, and to walk in his light, in the everyday journey of our life.

Happy Feast of the Presentation of the Lord!

### *Catholic Ministries Appeal 2020*

As you know from your attendance at Mass, this weekend we are kicking off the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal here at OLPH.

The first thing I need to say, though, is a very heart-felt and emphatic **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** concerning **last year’s Appeal**. As a result of your generosity in the 2019 Catholic

Ministries Appeal, OLPH, as of January 21, 2020, received back a total of \$52,909.82 in rebate money from the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal. I want you to know how sincerely grateful I am to everyone who participated. Let me state it directly: **we cannot do without this income we receive from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate**. We need that income to keep from “going under,” and so I once again need to count on all of you to be part of the Appeal in 2020. The goal we have been assigned this year is **\$110,400** — up \$1,000 from last year.

Sometimes people ask me why I spend so much time and energy raising money for the diocese. Well, the answer to that question has two parts to it.

First, we’re not raising this money for “the diocese” in the sense of doing it for the institution, and certainly we’re not doing it for the Bishop, but rather we do this for the work of the Catholic Church on Long Island. Remember that the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports works of charity and programs throughout the diocese that are too big for any one parish to undertake, and therefore must be handled at the diocesan level. The Catholic Ministries Appeal supports the work of the Catholic Church on Long Island through Catholic Charities (feeding, clothing and sheltering the needy), through programs of formation and training for future priests, deacons and lay leaders, through programs of ministry to those in prison, through substance abuse services and day treatment programs, through Catholic hospitals, and through Youth Campus and Young Adult ministries, to name a few. You and I are called to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal because our identity as Catholics, and our call to share in the work of the Church, is more than just our participation in parish life; we are called to share in the life and work of the diocesan Church as well.

Second, by giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we are helping our beloved OLPH; that happens through the rebate formula. When we reach our goal of \$110,400, we receive back 20% of that amount; then, if we go over goal, we receive back 80% of everything that is raised over the goal amount. As I mentioned earlier, we count desperately on this income from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate each year, especially as we have to continually pay bills such as our Diocesan Assessment (over \$100,000 each year), our Diocesan Non-School Assessment (over \$120,000 each year), and continued costs for liability and insurance in the tens of thousands, along with normal operating costs which continue to go up each year. That’s why I am once again begging for your help and generosity for this year’s Appeal. Please know that I personally give to the Appeal every year, and I am asking you to do the same. I really, really hope we can once again go over goal, as we have done in all my

years here, doing at least as well as we did last year, **if not better.**

Also, you need to know that Pastors have been assured by the diocese that **100% of the money raised is restricted to the ministries of the Catholic Ministries Appeal — none of it is used for payments to victims of sexual abuse or other related settlements.** So, to cut right to the point: if we refuse to give to the Appeal for that reason, we are misdirecting our discontent; we are not hurting the Bishop, but rather we are hurting those who would benefit from the Appeal, and, ultimately, hurting OLPH, since we will see our amount of rebate money diminished.

As your Pastor, then, I ask you to please join with me and so many of your fellow parishioners by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, giving at a minimum what you gave last year, but also even possibly giving more. If you have never given in the past, this is the year to do so; OLPH needs you more than ever. I give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, and I ask you to do so also, because I believe in it, and because it is the right thing for us to do as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. I continue to be extremely grateful for the generosity shown by all of you, and I know you will come through once again as we participate in the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

#### *Blessing of throats*

Here's a quick reminder that this Monday, February 3, is the Memorial of St. Blaise, the day in our tradition when we bless throats. Throats will be blessed **during** the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. weekday Masses, so if you can, come to the Mass and have your throat blessed.

#### *St. John's Bible*

Here's another quick reminder: on Thursday of this week, February 6, at 1:00 p.m. in the church, we'll have the opportunity to view and hear about the St. John's Bible, a handwritten, illuminated Bible that presents the written Word of God in a very breathtaking way. See the details elsewhere in this bulletin. It should be a fascinating presentation that will deepen our love for the Word of God, and I look forward to hearing it. I hope you will be there too. I thank Chris Ferraro for arranging this for us.

#### *Keeping the church open during the day*

As you know, we keep the church open each and every day until about 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. This gives people the opportunity to come in, to pray, and to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. I think this is vitally important; a parish church should be open and available for people to come in and pray in their spiritual home.

You are probably also aware that we deal on a regular basis with homeless people, and it is not uncommon for a homeless person to sit in the back of

the church. My policy has always been that as long as a person is quiet and respectful, doing nothing but sitting there (and not sleeping), then they are welcome to stay in the church as long as necessary. Of course we do not tolerate eating, drinking or disruptive behavior, but if our church building can provide a little bit of sanctuary for those in need, especially in the cold weather, then we are doing what we are supposed to be doing as followers of Christ, ministering to those most in need in whatever way we can. To welcome the homeless is to welcome Christ himself.

The sad fact is, however, that occasionally we have a bit of a problem with a person who brings alcohol into the church, or who attempts to eat there, or who stretches out and sleeps in a pew, or who is disruptive in one way or another. Let me assure everyone that we have put safety and security protocols in place and we constantly monitor the situation in the church. (Our Head Usher, Mike Williams, whom many of you know, has been of invaluable assistance to me with our protocols.) Unacceptable behavior is addressed immediately and directly. While such incidents do occur, though, they are by no means frequent, and, as I said, we have protocols in place for dealing with these situations. Yet, from time to time I do try to reevaluate the "risk vs. benefits" of leaving the church open all day. I have also recently once again reviewed the question with both the Pastoral Staff and the Pastoral Council. The consensus of both groups — and I agree — is that it is still not imprudent to leave the church open all day, and so we will continue to do so. I would ask everyone's cooperation, however, in that, as the saying goes, "if you see something, say something." Please stop by the rectory and let us know if you have concerns about something when you are in the church. In addition, if you have any additional thoughts in particular you would like to share with me on this topic, I'll be happy to have you send them to me in writing or in an e-mail.

#### *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,



## SPECIAL FEAST TODAY

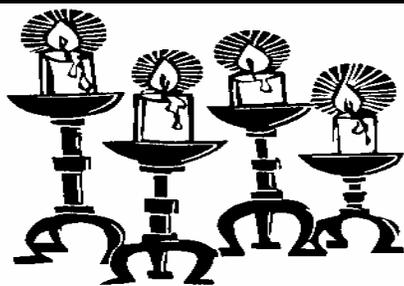
### THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord pulls many favorite mementos from the Catholic cupboard: candles, blessings, Christmas, and church. The Mass of February 2 begins with a blessing of lighted candles held by the faithful, who glow with the memory of the birth of Jesus.



The origins of the feast lie in ancient Jewish custom. On the 40<sup>th</sup> day after childbirth, parents brought the infant to the Temple to present it to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary sacrificed two birds for the occasion after the birth of Jesus. Count up 40 days after Christmas and you'll come to February 2. Until the 1960s, we used to call this day "The Purification of Mary." The title changed for several reasons. We no longer believe that women who give birth need purification, and the true significance of the feast concerns Jesus coming to the Temple. He is the Promised One, whose light will shine, beaming rays of hope to all the world. Also on the old calendar, this feast closed the Christmas season. Now we end the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. So, even though the date for the Presentation still depends on Christmas, it has become a feast of Ordinary Time. Since it is a feast of the Lord, it takes precedence even when it falls on Sunday.

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**Blessed candles will be available at the rectory throughout the week, if you would like to purchase some. We ask for a \$5 offering to cover the cost of these candles.**

*"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." - Luke 2:29-32*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### Evening Prayer

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



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

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

**Monday, February 3—12:45 p.m.  
Monday, February 10—12:45 p.m.  
Monday, February 17—12:45 p.m.**

## HELP KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN

*We need to ask everyone to be attentive to doing their part to keeping the church clean by not leaving dirty tissues and other trash in the pews. Our sacristan and all our ushers are very faithful to going through the pews and cleaning up after every Mass — they straighten out the hymnals and remove any papers and other trash left in the pews. Thank you to them for their great work and their dedication in doing this! Wouldn't it be great, though, if they didn't have to do this? Imagine if each and every person took enough of a sense of pride and ownership for the worship space, and the church facilities in general, that everyone took care not to leave any papers or garbage around, and that, when leaving church, their seating area was neat and tidy (hymn book back in its rack, nice and neat, and no debris left behind)? Wouldn't that be a great sign of respect for our worship space, for each other, and especially for those who otherwise have to clean it up?*

*Please do not leave any dirty tissues, trash or other litter in the pews after you leave Mass. Thank you.*

## BLESSING OF THROATS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, THE MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Monday, February 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century, and it is believed that he was martyred in a persecution in the early fourth century. His association with the healing of throats arose from a legend that while he was in prison he cured a boy who had a fish bone stuck in this throat. The practice of blessing throats with two crossed candles seems to have arisen in the sixteenth century when devotion to St. Blaise reached its peak.

Here at OLPH, we will be blessing throats during the two weekday Masses at 6:30 a.m. and at 12:15 p.m., as the conclusion to the Universal Prayer (the Prayer of the Faithful), as indicated in the *Book of Blessings*.

## TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION WHO WISH TO BECOME MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

*Attention all current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: if you wish to become a Minister to the Homebound, bringing Holy Communion to our brothers and sisters who are sick and homebound, we are offering a training for you. Msgr. Joe will be offering a training session on **Saturday, February 22, 2020, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the St. Lucy Meeting Room in the lower level of the rectory.** After this training session, you will be commissioned to bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound of OLPH. (Please note that this training applies only to bringing Holy Communion to homebound parishioners of OLPH. If you wish to bring Holy Communion to those in a hospital, nursing home or other institution, you must take the diocesan training course, which is something separate; this training will not authorize you for that.)*

*If you wish to be trained to be a Minister to the Homebound, please respond to Msgr. Joe at [msgrio@oloph.org](mailto:msgrio@oloph.org) to let him know you will attend this session on February 22. In addition, any current E.M.'s to the Homebound who would like to take a refresher course are welcome to attend, too.*

## **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.

## **BE COURTEOUS: ARRIVE ON TIME**

*Since the celebration of the Eucharist is the most important thing we do as Catholics, it's good for all of us to examine our "ritual behavior" from time to time, to ask ourselves whether we are really entering into the Mass and celebrating it in a way which is truly reverent, prayerful and appropriate.*

*Recall, for example, that over the past few months we have been emphasizing the need for silence in the church in the five minutes leading up to the beginning of Mass. We ask that when the bells ring at five minutes before the start of Mass, all conversations cease and we all give each other the gift of silent, prayerful reflection to prepare ourselves to enter into the sacred mysteries.*

*There's something else we need to be aware of, too: Do we arrive at Mass on time? Do we consider Mass important enough that we make it a priority to arrive early? Remember, coming to Mass is something holy, unlike any other gathering; it's not the same thing as showing up for a movie or a sporting event. Attending Mass is not about "me;" it's about "us." Therefore, it matters greatly that we be on time.*

*Certainly, a last-minute emergency can arise that forces us to come into Mass at the last minute, or even late; those kinds of one-time things happen to everyone. The truth is, though, that there are some people who are habitually late — as late as 15 minutes, believe it or not! Then, when they go into a pew, they cause a disruption for those around them. It's not just one or two people at one Mass; unfortunately, it's widespread with a number of people at almost all the Masses.*

*Perhaps we can all do some prayerful reflection on the way we participate in Mass, particularly asking ourselves: Do we arrive early? Are we careful to not be disruptive when we enter and take our seat? Are we silent before Mass begins so that we can prayerfully prepare to enter into the sacred mysteries? If we are habitually late, maybe we need to re-prioritize some things in our life so that we can arrive early enough to be on time, and so that the sacredness of the Mass remains a central priority in our life. It really boils down to a simple matter of respect: arriving on time shows respect for God, for the Mass, and for everyone else there.*

*Then, of course, there's the issue of being respectful by not leaving early...but that discussion is for another time...*

## BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

### ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE PARISH, FOURTH GRADE AND OLDER

We are in the process of **recruiting new Altar Servers!** Being an altar server is a great way to be involved at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You make an important contribution to the life of the parish and you perform an important ministry. Besides, it's fun!!! You serve at weekend Masses and other special events, attend some meetings throughout the year, and have fun parties!

*Why not become an altar server?* We would love to have you, and we will provide plenty of training — no prior experience is necessary!! If you are a boy or a girl who is in the **4<sup>th</sup> grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, or even older!)**, you are invited to become an altar server. Parents, why not mention it to your daughter or son to get them interested? Training will start soon, so sign up now. If you are interested, **mail or drop off the coupon below to Monsignor Joe at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue.** *No phone calls, please; you must let me know in writing! It's OK to scan this page and send it electronically with all the info to [msgrio@oloph.org](mailto:msgrio@oloph.org)*

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, RESPOND BEFORE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020, SINCE THE FIRST TRAINING MEETING WILL BE SOON AFTER THAT** (you will receive a letter giving you specific information).

***Sorry...no responses can be accepted after February 24!***

*We hope to hear from YOU!!!*

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Yes, I am interested in becoming an Altar Server! **RETURN THIS BEFORE FEBRUARY 24!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Family Envelope/Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ **\*\*\*Required: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH.**

Year You Received First Holy Communion \_\_\_\_\_

Grade you are in right now \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I go to public school; Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I go to Catholic school; Name of School \_\_\_\_\_



# Liturgical Ministers



## WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU!

### OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW READERS, USHERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### WHAT DO EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS DO?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Those who wish can also go on for extra training to bring Holy Communion to our homebound sisters and brothers.

#### HOW DO I BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER?

1. You must contact Barbara McPhail at 631.226-1354 or e-mail to [gospa254@gmail.com](mailto:gospa254@gmail.com).
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to [msgrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgrjoe@oloph.org) requesting to become a minister.
3. You must meet with Msgr. Joe for an interview.
4. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.

#### WHAT DO READERS DO?

Readers proclaim the Scriptures and sometimes the Intercessions at Sunday and daily Mass and at other liturgies.

#### HOW DO I BECOME A READER?

1. You must contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 to leave a message or send an email to [DeaconRobert@oloph.org](mailto:DeaconRobert@oloph.org).
2. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.



#### DIOCESAN TRAINING SESSIONS:

**Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.**  
at St. Christopher's, Baldwin (McGoldrick Hall)

**Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
at St. Christopher's, Baldwin (McGoldrick Hall)

**Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.**  
at St. Elizabeth's Parish, Melville (Msgr. Kane Hall)

**Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
at St. Rosalie's, Hampton Bays (Community Center)

#### WHAT DO USHERS DO?

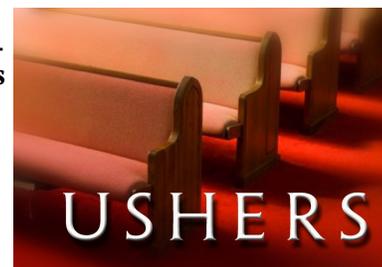
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of the assembly during processions such as the reception of Holy Communion and at other times. Taking up the collection is another way Ushers serve the assembly.

#### WHO SHOULD BECOME AN USHER?

Anyone, including teens who have received Confirmation, can become an Usher. This is a great ministry for **families to do together...the young ones can do this with parents and older children!**

#### HOW DO I BECOME AN USHER?

You should contact Mike Williams at [olpushersministry@gmail.com](mailto:olpushersministry@gmail.com) or, if you don't have e-mail, leave a message for Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office, (631) 226-7725 and he will pass the message along to Mike.

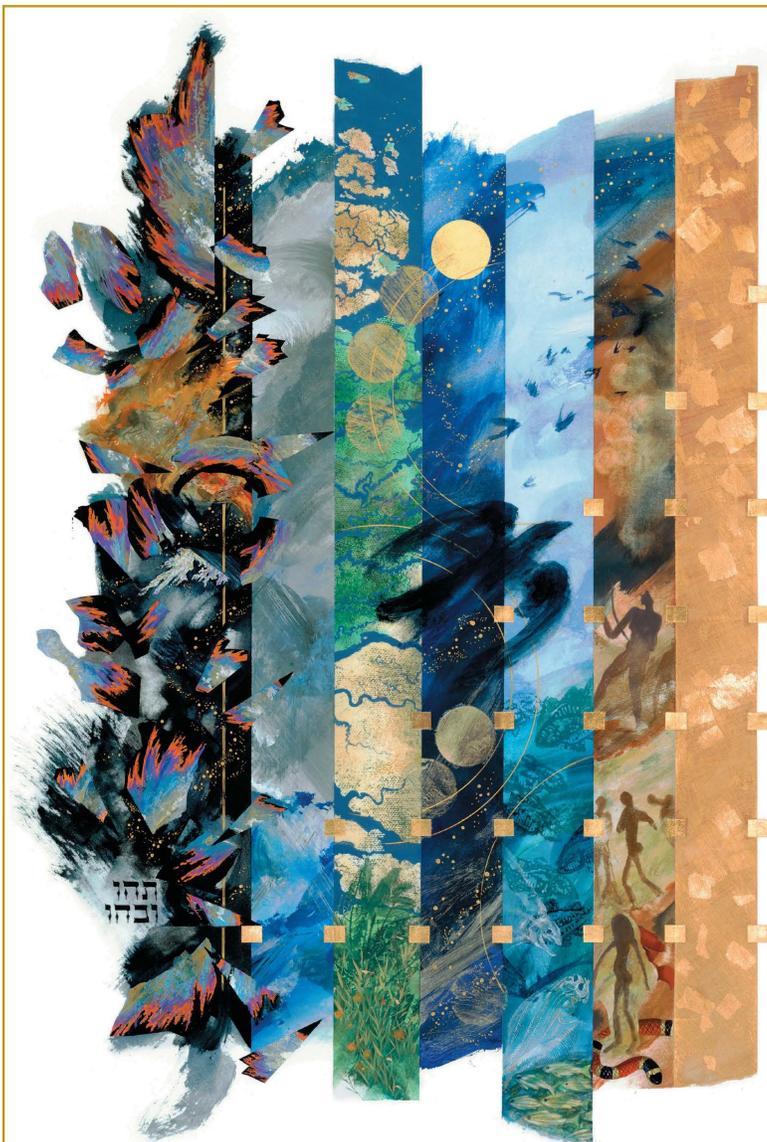


All liturgical ministers must complete a Volunteer Registration Form, have Virtus training and be a registered parishioner. *For information about becoming Virtus compliant: Contact Helene Calabrese at [hcalab2@optonline.net](mailto:hcalab2@optonline.net).*



# Experience *the Word* Come to Life

*A Presentation of The Saint John's Bible*



Creation, Donald Jackson with contributions by Chris Tomlin, 2003, *The Saint John's Bible* and the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, Order of Saint Benedict, Collegeville, Minnesota, USA.

“One of the extraordinary undertakings of our time.”

*Smithsonian Magazine*

*The Saint John's Bible* is the first handwritten, illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey in over 500 years. Its hand written lettering and stunning artworks truly present the Word of God in an engaging and inspirational way. Discover the beauty and splendor of *The Saint John's Bible* at a captivating and lively presentation which shares the story behind this once in a millennium undertaking and showcases some of the many artworks in this world renowned project.

Thursday, February 6, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst  
Following 12:15 p.m. Mass

**2020 OLPH GOAL: \$110,400**



*One Family in Mission*

*Called to Evangelize*



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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Please consider making a gift to the  
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visit [www.drvc.org/CMA](http://www.drvc.org/CMA)  
or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296





## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253  
 Email: [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)  
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

## OFFICE HOURS

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

On Wednesday, February 5, Levels 6-8 will have their Makeup Midterm during their regular class time.

On Saturday, February 8, Level 2 students will meet in the auditorium with a parent or a guardian during their regular class time for their very special Communion Retreat!



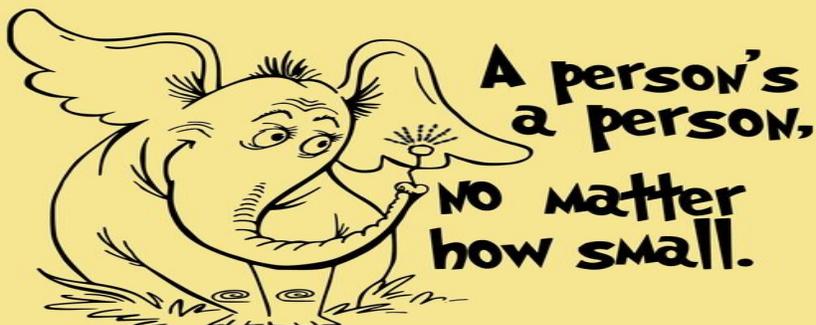
# SPIRITUAL RETREAT

*'You have to go deeper to go further'*



### Happy Saint of the Day! St. Thomas Aquinas

*St. Thomas Aquinas is one of the Doctors of the Church. He loved to learn, and when he wasn't learning he was teaching. As a student he was very shy so he wouldn't speak to anyone. Many of his classmates referred to him as a "dumb ox," but his teachers knew he was very intelligent and expected great things for him. He was constantly writing books about Jesus to educate as many people as he could about the Messiah. It wasn't easy for him to get to where he knew God was calling him to. He wanted to be a Dominican, which was a new religious order at the time. His family thought this was shameful, so they kidnapped him and held him captive for a year, until his mom helped him escape.*



Family Life Ministry and The Spanish Prayer Group  
invite you to



# Family Paint Night

## Noche de Pintura en Familia

¿Buscas hacer algo divertido y artístico en Familia? Participa con una talentosa Artista quien te guiara paso a paso has crear tu obra.

Looking for something FUN and ARTSY to do as a family? Join a talented artist who will guide you step by step to create your own



Reusable  Canvas Bag

**When:** Friday, February 7, 2020

**\*\*Please dress for a mess 😊**

**Time:** 6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

**(smocks will not be provided)**

**Where:** Cafeteria

**Cost:** \$25 per project (includes canvas bag and painting supplies)

**Please bring snacks to share with others.**

Please note that **children must be accompanied by an adult** throughout the paint session.

Adults are encouraged to paint with their children.

Reserve your spot early as spaces are limited.

Any questions or ticket information contact:

**Jenine Jimenez Spina (631) 226 - 0317 or [je91971@gmail.com](mailto:je91971@gmail.com)**

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### Paint Night Reply Form

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of adults

\_\_\_\_\_ # of children \_\_\_\_\_ ages of children

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please email Jenine Jimenez Spina at [je91971@gmail.com](mailto:je91971@gmail.com)

**RSVP NO Later than Sunday, February 2, 2020**



# MARDI GRAS ICE CREAM SOCIAL SPONSORED BY THE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



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!



**When: Tuesday, February 25**  
**Where: O.L.P.H. Church**  
**Time: 7:00 PM**



**There will be games, music and ice cream toppings galore!**  
Please bring a non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent De Paul pantry!

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

## MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

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

\_\_\_\_\_ #of adults      \_\_\_\_\_ # of children

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

Please RSVP to Eileen Corticchia at [kencort36@gmail.com](mailto:kencort36@gmail.com)

or 631-682-4853

***RSVP by Sunday, February 23, 2019***



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

## Food Pantry List!

**JAR SPAGHETTI SAUCE**  
**CANNED MEATS**  
**CANNED TUNA**  
**PORK & BEANS**  
**SHELF STABLE MILK**  
**CANNED FRUIT**  
**PEANUT BUTTER**  
**JELLY OR JAM**  
**TOILETRIES**  
**PAPER PRODUCTS**

Thank you  
for your continued generosity.

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building  
Use the parking lot located on the corner of  
Gates & High Streets  
**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

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

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

In the Gospel, we hear Simeon say to Mary: “... your own soul shall be pierced with a sword—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare.”

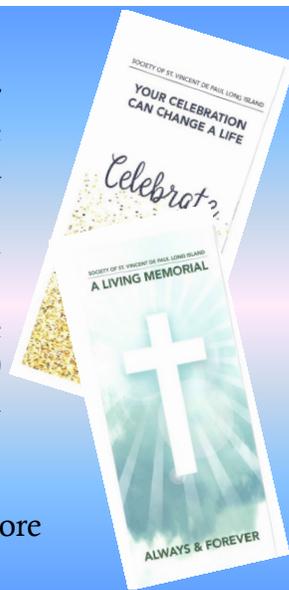
Your generosity enables the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring hope to parents whose hearts are burdened with worries and concerns.

## † AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

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

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

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



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## HOMELESS MINISTRY

### DONATIONS:

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

**We have a DESPERATE need for:**

**New packages of men's underwear S-3XL**

**New packages of men's socks**

**Hats and gloves**

**Clean, gently used men's jeans,**

**hoodies, waterproof coats and sneakers**

*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.*

Our COMMUNITY MEAL is Sunday, February 9

**Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass**

**then join us in the cafeteria for**

**“Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m.**

Offerers are needed to help with cooking, serving, setting up.

Please contact

Gail Tonnessen: 631-957-1449;

gtonness@optonline.net for more information

## MIDDLE AGES

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

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 24**

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449

or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

## SENIOR MOMENTS

### GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

## RIGHT TO LIFE



*Participants from the OLPH bus at the March for Life in Washington, DC, January 24, 2020*

## DONATE TO THE BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE!

### When can I drop off a donation?

We accept donations any time the Boutique is open.

Our hours of operation are M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and

1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30—3:00 p.m.

### What do you accept?

We have limited space in the Blue Door, so we can only accept clothing in new or very good condition, household items (dishes, glasses, serving pieces), decorative items (frames, candles, artwork, etc.). **Nothing electric, no toys, games, stuffed animals, books, bedding.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are also UNABLE to accept holiday items AFTER the holiday has passed as we no longer have space to store these items until the next year.



*Entrance to Blue Door Boutique is located by the driveway between the Village Museum and the Convent.*

**THE**  
*blue*door  
**BOUTIQUE**

**HOURS OF OPERATION**  
M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
1st & 3rd SAT 1:30-3:00 p.m.

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

Vincent Boccanfuso  
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jeffrey Gaab  
Joselyn Kalt  
Mary Leon  
Rachelle Louis-Jacques  
Carlton Mitchell  
Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
Adele Venezia

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
Bill Bendernagel  
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Bob Meade  
Bob Mehm  
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*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.*

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste  
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Mark Costantino  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Chris Ferraro  
MaryAnn Haas  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Denise Martinez  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Mike Williams

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

## PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

First Announcement:

*James Longenecker & Vanessa Clazeria  
Marek Gut & Maria Nunez*

### **WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Lauren Mule</i>	<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>
<i>Gian Marino</i>	<i>James Byrne</i>
<i>John McPhail</i>	<i>Helene Jirinec</i>
<i>Mary Martin</i>	<i>Nancy Wirth</i>
<i>Joan Giarratano</i>	<i>Grace Tuttle</i>
<i>Nettie Deasy</i>	<i>Randall I. &amp; Johanne Press</i>
<i>Carmen Meyer</i>	<i>Janina Soroka</i>
<i>Rose Garofalo</i>	<i>Natalie &amp; Lew Yugel</i>
<i>Joe Chiusa</i>	
<i>Louise Pauzano</i>	

### **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.

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

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

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

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

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



### **WE REMEMBER**

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

*Alma Kalt*

*"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."*

***"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*** Matthew 5:4

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

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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, February 3—**

**WEEKDAY**

*(Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;  
Saint Ansgar, Bishop)*

6:30 Gregory Doyle

12:15 Nicholas Pennetti

**TUESDAY, February 4—**

**WEEKDAY**

6:30 Michael Howe

12:15 Michael Minichino

**WEDNESDAY, February 5—**

**SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR**

6:30 Madleen Zahran

12:15 Helen Lavorata

**THURSDAY, February 6—**

**SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS,  
MARTYRS**

6:30 Margaret McCloud

12:15 The Repose of the Souls of the  
McCarthy Family

**FRIDAY, February 7—**

**WEEKDAY**

6:30 Anna R. Briglia

12:15 Helen Lavorata

**SATURDAY, February 8—**

**WEEKDAY**

*(Saint Jerome Emiliani;  
Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin)*

8:00 Franciszek Wegrzynowski

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

5:00 Dominick M. Barone

**Sunday, February 9  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 Marion D'Agostino

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 Living & Deceased Members of the  
Holy Name Society

5:00 Ann DeGirolamo

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, February 3, 2020**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Rm.

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	RCIA	Room 18

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
5:30 p.m.	Religious Ed. Classes	School
5:30 p.m.	Level 7—Social Justice	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Classes	School

**Thursday, February 6, 2020**

1:00 p.m.	St. John's Bible Presentation	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

**Friday, February 7, 2020**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
6:00 p.m.	Family Life Paint Night	Cafeteria

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

8:30, 10:00	Religious Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Level 2 - Communion Retreat	Auditorium
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, February 9, 2020**

9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Liturgia Viva del Domingo 4º del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A Domingo, 2 de febrero de 2020

#### **Pobres y Felices**

Saludo (Ver Segunda Lectura)

Dios ha escogido lo que es débil y ha hecho que Jesucristo sea para nosotros nuestra sabiduría y nuestra virtud, nuestra santidad y nuestra libertad.

Que el mismo Señor Jesús esté siempre con ustedes.

#### ***Lectura de la profecía de Malaquías 3, 1-4***

Así dice el Señor: «Mirad, yo envío a mi mensajero, para que prepare el camino ante mí. De pronto entrará en el santuario el Señor a quien vosotros buscáis, el mensajero de la alianza que vosotros deseáis. Miradlo entrar -dice el Señor de los ejércitos-. ¿Quién podrá resistir el día de su venida?, ¿quién quedará en pie cuando aparezca? Será un fuego de fundidor, una lejía de lavadero: se sentará como un fundidor que refina la plata, como a plata y a oro refinará a los hijos de Leví, y presentarán al Señor la ofrenda como es debido. Entonces agraderá al Señor la ofrenda de Judá y de Jerusalén, como en los días pasados, como en los años antiguos.»

#### ***Lectura de la carta a los Hebreos 2, 14-18***

Los hijos de una familia son todos de la misma carne y sangre, y de nuestra carne y sangre participó también Jesús; así, muriendo, aniquiló al que tenía el poder de la muerte, es decir, al diablo, y liberó a todos los que por miedo a la muerte pasaba la vida entera como esclavos. Notad que tiende una mano a los hijos de Abrahán, no a los ángeles. Por eso tenía que parecerse en todo a sus hermanos, para ser sumo sacerdote compasivo y fiel en lo que a Dios se refiere, y expiar así los pecados del pueblo. Como él ha pasado por la prueba del dolor, puede auxiliar a los que ahora pasan por ella.

#### ***Lectura del santo evangelio según san Lucas 2, 22-32***

Cuando llegó el tiempo de la purificación, según la ley de Moisés, los padres de Jesús lo llevaron a Jerusalén, para presentarlo al Señor, de acuerdo con lo escrito en la ley del Señor: «Todo primogénito varón será consagrado al Señor», y para entregar la población, como dice la ley del Señor: «un par de tórtolas o dos pichones.» Vivía entonces en Jerusalén un hombre llamado Simeón, hombre justo y piadoso, que aguardaba el consuelo de Israel; y el Espíritu Santo moraba en él. Había recibido un oráculo del Espíritu Santo: que no vería la muerte antes de ver al Mesías del Señor. Impulsado por el Espíritu, fue al templo. Cuando entraban con el niño Jesús sus padres para cumplir con él lo previsto por la ley, Simeón lo tomó en brazos y bendijo a Dios diciendo: «-«Ahora, Señor, según tu promesa, puedes dejar a tu siervo irse en paz. Porque mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador, a quien has presentado ante todos los pueblos: luz para alumbrar a las naciones y gloria de tu pueblo Israel.»

## OFFERING UPDATE January 25-26, 2020

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	210	91	\$2,042.00
8:00 a.m.	260	126	3,730.00
10:00 a.m.	447	124	3,551.00
12:00 p.m.	438	132	3,228.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>\$16,800.84</b>
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**PREPARING FOR**

Sunday, February 9, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Matthew 5:14a, 16

**Isaiah 58:7-10**

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

**1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

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

**Matthew 5:13-16**

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

**Readings for the Week***Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.***Monday, February 3, 2020:**

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-16  
+ Mark 5:1-20

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020:**

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a  
+ Mark 5:21-43

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020:**

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 + Mark 6:1-6

**Thursday, February 6, 2020**

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12

+ Mark 6:7-13

**Friday, February 7, 2020**

Sirach 47:2-11 + Mark 6:14-29

**Saturday, February 8, 2020:**

1 Kings 3:4-13

+ Mark 6:30-34

**Sunday, February 9, 2020:**

Isaiah 58:7-10

+ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

+ Matthew 5:13-16

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS



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### Upcoming Workshop

#### Building Intercultural Competence in Ministry -

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##### St. Frances Cabrini, Coram

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 27; March 12, and 19, 2020  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Or

##### Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt

Monday, February 10, 24; March 2, 9, and 16, 2020  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

#### Desarrollando Competencias Interculturales para el Ministerio -

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##### St. Frances Cabrini, Coram

Jueves 6, 13, 27 de febrero; 12, y 19 de marzo, 2020  
10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

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##### Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt

Lunes, 10, 24 de febrero; 2, 9, y 16 de marzo, 2020  
6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m.

#### Basic Religious Studies Course Series

##### St. Mary's Elementary School Building, Manhasset

3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

##### Old Testament

Monday, February 24; March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020

##### New Testament

Monday, March 30; April 6, 20, 27; and May 4, 2020

##### Christology

Monday, May 11, 18; June 1, 8, and 15, 2020

#### Divorce & Beyond Support Group

##### St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Melville

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2020  
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

#### Retreat Day for the Elect of 2020

##### Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

Sunday, March 8, 2020

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

##### Un Día de Retiro para los Electos de 2020

##### Seminario de la Inmaculada Concepción, Huntington

Domingo, 8 de marzo, 2020

2:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m.

#### Catechist Training Level II

##### St. James, Setauket

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

#### Bereavement Conference -

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##### St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training Level I & II

##### St. Bernard, Levittown

Saturdays, March 28; April 4, 18, 25;

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and June 6, 2020

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

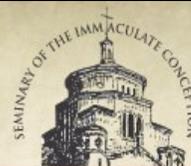
#### Annual Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment - Ministry of Consolation

##### St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Melville

Thursday, May 14, 2020

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#### BIO/BACKGROUND

The author/presenter, Dan Searby, is an Anglican convert to Catholicism and a Bible Lands aficionado who possibly suffers from "Jerusalem Syndrome" (Google it). He is also an active supporter of Christians in the Middle East through CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association), The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and Bethlehem University. This presentation is a follow-up to a talk on his 2016 pilgrimage given in September 2017. The all-new content in "Return to the Holy Land" is drawn from 2017, 2018 and 2019 pilgrimages to Israel and Palestine.

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# THE CONCLUDING RITES

Those who come from large families will know that celebrations rarely come to an abrupt halt. Family members linger with farewell hugs, kisses, and well-wishes. We desire to see each other again.

In a similar way, the Concluding Rites of the Mass provide a closure to our weekly assembly. But they do so much more. They may be brief and simple, but the words and gestures offer an essential understanding to our Eucharistic Liturgy. They communicate that the Mass is ended. Yet, they also communicate that what we have accomplished at our Mass must continue long after we have exited the church doors.

## THE ELEMENTS OF THE CONCLUDING RITES

**Announcements:** *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes that the announcements should be brief and only given when necessary. The announcements might seem like a practical task, but the potential for Christian witness should not go unnoticed. On the contrary, the announcements themselves could demonstrate the essential link between worship and mission. To preserve the dignity of Scripture, the announcements should be made from a place other than the ambo.

**Greeting:** Just as we did at the beginning of Mass, the faithful exchange a greeting with the priest — “*The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.*” We acknowledge the essence of holiness in each other.

**Blessing:** The Latin verb “to bless” is “*benedicere.*” It comes from two Latin roots: “bene” which means “good”, and “dicere” which means “to speak.” A blessing, therefore, is a “good word” towards another person. With a blessing, we call down God’s protection or favor upon a person or group of people. Blessings were common in the Old Testament. The patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all gave formal blessings to their children.

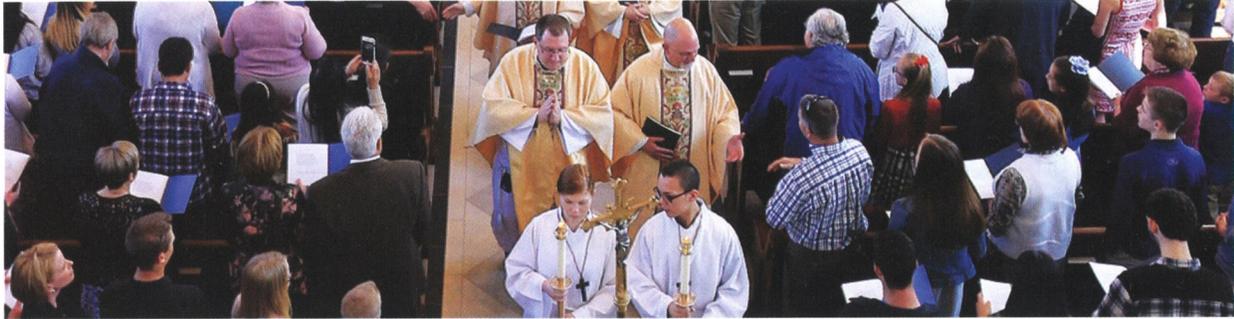
The blessing of Mass can take a number of forms. The priest may choose to use a simple blessing — *May almighty God bless you...* On certain liturgical days or seasons, he may choose a solemn blessing. (There are twenty options.) These usually have four invocations and to each of them we respond, “Amen.” This blessing may be preceded by a Deacon’s instruction to “Bow down for the blessing.” We bow our heads as a sign of humility and reverence.

The priest may also choose a Prayer over the People. These are used especially during Lent, and the Missal provides twenty-eight options. The presider offers a brief prayer which is followed by the traditional *May almighty God bless you...* If a Bishop is presiding, he may use a special greeting and some ancient words of blessing.

Regardless of the choice of words, an essential element is the invocation of the Trinity — asking the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to grant us their protection or favor. Note how this Trinitarian formula mirrors the Introductory Rites of the Mass which began with the Sign of the Cross. Indeed, the entire Mass has been offered to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

**Dismissal:** Even in the liturgies of the early Church, we find a formal dismissal. These words don’t tell us to “go,” they tell us to “go forth.” Some may remember the Latin words of the dismissal: “*Itē, missa est*” which means, “Go, it is the sending.” From that word “missa” we get “mission.” From that same word, we get “Mass.” For in the Mass, we have been nourished by word and sacrament to go out and share the Good News of God’s salvation with the rest of the world. The Deacon, or in his absence, the Priest, dismisses the people. In the English language edition of the Roman Missal (2011), one will find four options for the dismissal. We respond to each “Thanks be to God.”

- Go forth, the Mass is ended.
  - Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
  - Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
  - Go in peace.
- On Easter Sunday, in the Easter Octave, and on Pentecost, a “double Alleluia” is added.



In the *Misal Romano*, the Spanish-language edition of the Roman Missal, there are five options for the dismissal.

- Pueden ir en paz.
- La alegría del Señor sea nuestra fuerza. Pueden ir en paz.
- Glorifiquen al Señor con su vida. Pueden ir en paz.
- En el nombre del Señor, pueden ir en paz.
- En la paz de Cristo, vayan a servir a Dios y a sus hermanos.

and for the Sundays in Easter (complete with “Aleluyas”):

- Anuncien a todos la alegría del Señor resucitado. Pueden ir en paz.

After the dismissal, the celebrant reverences the altar (in a manner similar to the Introductory Rites). A closing hymn is actually not prescribed in the Mass, but its use can sometimes add to the festive character of our celebration. There are times, however, when we might depart in silence, such as, Good Friday.

And so we are greeted, blessed, and dismissed to continue the liturgy in our daily lives. ■

*Written by Rev. Ryan Rojo and Mrs. Rita Thiron*

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