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*Be merciful,
just as your Father is merciful.*

Luke 6:36

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 20, 2022

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: Mr. William D'Alessio

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 each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,

each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.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

Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following
12:15 p.m. Mass

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday, Saturday and Sunday:
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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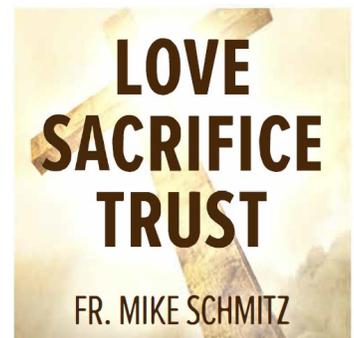
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February 20, 2022

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PASTOR'S PAGE

COVID Relief Offering, and other financial concerns

Well, once again the people of OLPH have shown themselves to be amazing in their commitment to the parish and extraordinarily generous in their support. You folks are the best!

You'll recall that at all the Christmas Masses I announced we were making available special "COVID Relief Offering" envelopes, to help us make up for loss of income incurred due to the pandemic. I am proud and pleased to announce to all of you that as of Tuesday, February 8, that special appeal has taken in a total of \$11,316. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I am deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed. If you have not yet done so, I urge you to please make an offering; envelopes are still available throughout the church and at the rectory, or just simply enclose a note, or write in the memo on your check "COVID Relief Offering."

As you know, our finances continue to be very, very tough. Collections have not bounced back to the pre-pandemic level, and so we are struggling to stay current with our bills. Recall the letter recently sent to all parishioners from the Finance Committee; that letter explained that OLPH is projected to be \$50,000 short for the current budget year which ends on August 31, 2022. So, the Finance Committee in that letter asked everyone to consider the possibility of increasing their weekly offerings by 15%. We need **everyone** to do their share. I am very grateful to those parishioners who have already increased their offerings, and to you I again say, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

I ask everyone to please carefully and prayerfully consider your financial commitment to OLPH, and to watch for further information in the months ahead from the members of the Finance Committee (your fellow parishioners), who are taking a wonderful leadership role in addressing these issues.

Little Black Book for Lent

Lent will be here before you know it, so starting this weekend we are making available once again the *Little Black Book* for Lent. These

have been so popular in the past, and we're happy to offer them. Be sure to take one and use it each day for daily prayer and reflection. Many of you have told me how valuable these books have been in the past, and how your use of them has added to your observance of the liturgical season.

Although we are offering them free of charge, if you would like to put a couple of extra dollars into the collection basket to cover the cost of your book, and possibly someone else's, too, that would be a big help.

Mardi Gras on Sunday, February 27

Our Mardi Gras celebration is now only one week away, and I hope you are planning on being part of the fun and festivity. It's being held next Sunday afternoon, the last Sunday before Lent begins, immediately following the 12:00 Noon Mass. We'll begin by gathering in front of the school for a brief prayer service 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! Be prepared to go a little crazy before we settle down to the seriousness of Lent!

Bring back old palm...

Have you remembered to bring back your old palm for us to burn at the beginning of our Mardi Gras? Baskets for you to deposit the palm can be found in the church.

Ash Wednesday

We can also look ahead to Ash Wednesday, which is on March 2. Take a look at our schedule of liturgies for Ash Wednesday, both the Masses and Word Services, and find a liturgy that works for you!

This year we will again use the method of imposing ashes that we introduced last year — namely, by sprinkling them on the top of the head. This method worked out well last year, and the Liturgy Committee has recommended

that we continue the practice this year. This will again allow for ashes to be given easily without making physical contact, which many people will probably be more comfortable with.

Although new to us here in the United States, this method is actually the ancient practice of the Roman Rite, and it is the common practice currently observed in Rome, and in many other places throughout Europe and throughout the world. In fact, this is how our Holy Father, Pope Francis, receives his ashes! The Diocese has officially endorsed this method as a viable option for parishes to use.

Sprinkling ashes on the crown of the head recalls the biblical method of putting on sackcloth and ashes as a sign of penance. A number of accounts in the Bible mention people sprinkling or pouring ashes over their head (for example, Numbers 19:17, Jonah 3:6, Nehemiah 9:1, Judith 4:11, & Esther 4:1). The gesture, while not leaving the visible mark we are accustomed to, recalls that Biblical penitential practice. The ashes not being visible can also remind us that the whole point of doing penance is the interior conversion to which we are called during Lent; the very way we are receiving the ashes can be a challenge that echoes the Gospel we hear on Ash Wednesday, which exhorts us to carry out our penance in private, and not for show.

Additionally, we should recall that when baptized as an infant, we are anointed with Sacred Chrism on the crown of the head. The ashes to be imposed on the crown now can signify our repentance from the sin which has marred the grace of Baptism.

Start thinking about your Lenten discipline

Now is the time to begin thinking about your Lenten penance and Lenten discipline 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! Also, as I always say, make specific plans for when you will get to Confession during Lent! Plan ahead!

Presidents’ Day holiday

Finally, allow me to wish everyone a very

happy and relaxing Presidents’ Day holiday; it’s nice to have a “three-day weekend” again, especially if you are able to actually take the day off from work, regardless of whether you are working in-person or virtually, at home. If I’m not mistaken, for schools, this week is also the week of Winter Recess. So, may we use this day and/or this week for wholesome relaxation and renewal. Maybe we could even take a little extra time for prayer, or for Scripture reading — that would be a great way to “rehearse” taking some time out for spirituality every day during Lent! If nothing else, since Lincoln’s birthday and Washington’s birthday are the Presidents’ birthdays being commemorated, perhaps we could take some time to pray for our country and to renew in ourselves and our family a sense of patriotism. After all, the USA has been richly blessed; we must always use wisely the gifts of freedom and prosperity that God has bestowed on our nation. God bless America!

In conclusion...

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

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

Sincerely,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES



We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is March 2. 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 27, 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.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please take home a *Little Black Book*, new for 2022, 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*.



OLPH CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND GUILD

**Are you interested in joining OLPH Christian Mothers and Guild?
New members always welcome!**

**Come join us at our next meeting Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.
in Room 16 of the School building on High Street**

Contact info: MaryAnn Bodt, Pres. 631 226 6102 or Marianne Santorelli, V.P. 631 767 3803



Mardi Gras Ice Cream Social

Sponsored by the Family Life Ministry



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

When: Sunday February 27, 2022

Where: O.L.P.H. Auditorium

Time: following the 12:00 p.m. Mass



There will be games, music & ice cream toppings galore!
Please bring a non-perishable food item
for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry.

Any Questions? Contact:
Eileen Corticchia (631) 682-4853
kencort36@gmail.com

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Ash Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2

6:30 a.m.— Mass

12:15 p.m.—Mass

(Note: 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

This year we are continuing the method of distributing ashes we used last year. Ashes will be sprinkled on the head of each person, rather than smeared on the forehead. Although new to us here in the United States, this is actually the ancient practice of the Church and is still common in Europe and elsewhere.

Also, this is the way Pope Francis receives ashes!

Let's remember that ashes, although a powerful sign, are only an exterior sign of our interior conversion. It is our interior conversion and deepening faith that should be the focus of our Lenten journey.



Stations of the Cross

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 and 8

at 7:30 p.m. in the church

and Good Friday, April 15 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.

March 4 will be lead by the Liturgy Committee.

And also, Save the Date... Friday, April 22—Stations of the Resurrection!

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CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2
4:00 p.m.— 4:45 p.m.

Saturday April 9: 3:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Monday of Holy Week, April 11

2:00—4:00 p.m. and 6:00—9:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**NEXT SUNDAY A CHILDREN'S HOMILY
WILL BE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL -
OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST.
LISTEN TO THE READINGS AND A**



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



IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they **must be registered in the program**, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. **These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH**, not at the parish of their elementary school.

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

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

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

LIVE-STREAM MASS

We live-stream the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:
www.olphlindenhurst.com
- OLPH YouTube Channel:
OLPH Church Lindenhurst



FR. FIDELIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL



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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Men's Lenten Retreat

St. Martin of Tours / Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Date: Saturday, February 26, 2022

Session 1: St. Martin of Tours

Speaker: Sr. Suzanne Franck

Title: "Called to Discipleship—Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with Your God"

Location: St. Martin of Tours School Cafeteria

Time: Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m. / Presentation @ 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Session 2: OLPH

Speaker: Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Title: "May He Make of Us an Eternal Offering to You: More Completely Offering Ourselves to God, During Lent and at Mass"

Location: OLPH School Auditorium

Time: Lunch @ 12:00 p.m. / Presentation 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$25 registration—contact Stephen Strigaro (631 747 4929) or Pat Woods (516 238 0984)

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 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

LEVELS 6, 7 and 8

There are no classes on Wednesday, February 23 due to your Winter Break. Have fun and be sure to take the time to catch up on any missing Mass Reflections or projects!

LEVELS 1-5 and SPECIAL ED.

There are no classes on Saturday, February 26 due to your Winter Break. Have fun!



HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of classroom helpers for Levels 1-5 on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and/or 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., and hall monitors on Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Do you have the time to give one hour and share your God-given gifts with the youth of OLPH? This is a great way for high school and middle school students to get hours required for school or other extracurricular activities!



Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Isidore the Farmer is the patron saint of farmers and of Madrid. He and his wife Maria were very humble people. They loved to feed the hungry and had a joy for the Lord that never died. St. Isidore worked on a farm owned by his master outside of Madrid. There were times when he was running late for work because he went to Mass; however, he would not get into trouble because angels would come to help him plow the fields!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
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Food Pantry List

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

COFFEE AND TEA
HOT CHOCOLATE
SHELF STABLE MILK
CANNED TUNA
CANNED MEATS (CHICKEN ETC.)
PASTA SAUCE
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY OR JAM
CANNED FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
TOILET PAPER

Please bring items to the SVdP office:

Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Thank you

for your continued generosity.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the School Building
 Use Parking Lot located on corner of
 Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and

1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you... Do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

In the month of February, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist to 73 adults, 37 children, and 18 seniors, for a total of 42 families. Thank you for your continued generosity!

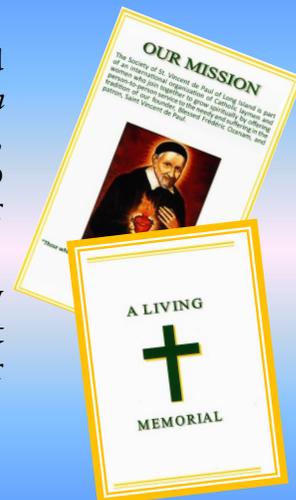
THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we 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 in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

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



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com 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
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Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.

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

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Deacon Doug Smith
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Fr. Frank Zero

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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 in our parish community this week:

Michele M. Frasca

Gerard Lind

Anna Boccio

Elizabeth McGlynn

“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...

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Richard Geed

Grace Grasso

Eileen Quinn

Camile Shea

Cathy Postiglione

Nick & Marie Postiglione

Mary Doran

Robert Cuoco

Dilibeth Chirimo

Stephanie Guidice

Anthony Trotta

Antonio James Kienle

Tom Ferris

Kevin Ryan

Giuseppe Pecoraro

Christine Ann Kulmatycki

Richard Haas

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 at least 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 Spring program will begin **April 23 through June 11.** We ask for a \$25 donation to cover the cost of materials.

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| MONDAY, February 21— Weekday <i>(Saint Peter Damien, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)</i> | |
| 6:30 | Therese Finn |
| 12:15 | Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers and Guild |
| TUESDAY, February 22— The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle | |
| 6:30 | George Wagner |
| 12:15 | For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family |
| WEDNESDAY, February 23— Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr | |
| 6:30 | In Thanksgiving for Manouchka Pascuzzi (Living) |
| 12:15 | Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton |
| THURSDAY, February 24— Weekday | |
| 6:30 | Nancy Mimore |
| 12:15 | James Blakla |
| FRIDAY, February 25— Weekday | |
| 6:30 | Dorothy Rose Cascardo & Salvatore Joseph Cascardo |
| 12:15 | Sandra Pineda |
| SATURDAY, February 26— Weekday | |
| 8:00 | Maria Aliano |
| Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | |
| 5:00 | Dominick DeGirolamo |
| Sunday, February 27— THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | |
| 8:00 | Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 794 |
| 10:00 | Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton |
| 12:00 | For the People of the Parish |

PARISH CALENDAR

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| Monday, February 21, 2022 | | |
| RECTORY AND PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED, AND ALL ACTIVITIES EXCEPT FOR MASSES ARE CANCELLED, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, PRESIDENTS' DAY. THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 9:00 A.M. | | |
| Tuesday, February 22, 2022 | | |
| 6:30 p.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous | Cafeteria |
| 7:15 p.m. | Adult Faith Formation—Adult Confirmation | St. Mark's Room |
| Wednesday, February 23, 2022 | | |
| 9:00 a.m. | St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry | Room 23 |
| 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 |
| Thursday, February 24, 2022 | | |
| 1:00 p.m.-on | Church closed for cleaning | Church |
| 6:00 p.m. | CYO | Auditorium |
| 7:00 p.m. | Spanish Prayer Group | Cafeteria |
| 7:30 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal | Church |
| Friday, February 25, 2022 | | |
| 9:00 a.m. | St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry | Room 24 |
| 10:00 a.m. | Blue Door Boutique | Room 12 |
| 5:00 p.m. | CYO Basketball | Auditorium |
| Saturday, February 26, 2022 | | |
| 12:00 p.m. | Knights of Columbus Men's Retreat | Auditorium |
| 4:00 p.m. | Confessions | Church |
| 6:00 p.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous | Cafeteria |
| Sunday, February 27, 2022 | | |
| 1:00 p.m. | Family Life Mardi Gras | Auditorium |
| 2:00 p.m. | Baptisms | Church |
| 7:00 p.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous | Cafeteria |

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

We still have some souvenirs and commemorative items available, as long as supplies last. Great T-shirts, warm sweat shirts, sturdy tote bags, tumblers to keep your coffee or hot chocolate nice and hot, beautiful key chains, versatile playing cards and elegant stylus pens can still be purchased! Contact Helene at hcalab2@optonline.net for more information on how to purchase an item.

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

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

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

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

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

Liturgia Viva del Domingo 7º del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C

Domingo, 20 de febrero de 2022

Señor, tú que te has dignado redimirnos y has querido hacernos hijos tuyos, míranos siempre con amor de padre y haz que cuantos creemos en Cristo, tu Hijo, alcancemos la libertad verdadera y la herencia eterna. Por nuestro Señor

Primera Lectura (1 Samuel 26,2.7-9.12-13.22-23): Un Hombre de Corazón Grande

David va huyendo de la venganza de Saúl. Cuando tiene a Saúl en su poder, le perdona la vida, porque la vida del rey es sagrada. La misericordia de Dios se hace visible en David **Tenemos que**

Segunda lectura Corintios (15,45-49):

El primer hombre, Adán, fue un ser animado. El último Adán, un espíritu que da vida. No es primero lo espiritual, sino lo animal. Lo espiritual viene después. El primer hombre, hecho de tierra, era terreno; el segundo hombre es del cielo. Pues igual que el terreno son los hombres terrenos; iguales que el celestial son los hombres espirituales. Nosotros, que somos imagen del hombre terreno, seremos también imagen del hombre celestial.

Tenemos que Volvernos Semejantes a Cristo

Nosotros tendemos a seguir meramente nuestras inclinaciones humanas. Cristo es nuestro modelo; él nos muestra en sí mismo el tipo de persona espiritual a la que estamos llamados y él nos da la fuerza para llevarlo a cabo

Palabra de Dios

Evangelio (Lucas 6,27-38): Sean Compasivos Como su Padre es Compasivo

Jesús y el evangelio son un reto constante, para ir más allá de un mero código humano en nuestras relaciones con los otros. Nos llama a seguirle a él en su modo radical, teniendo siempre como nuestro modelo el amor misericordioso de Dios.

Si somos capaces de hacerlo con la gracia de Dios, quizás no hay nada que nos lleve más cerca de Dios y nos haga tan semejantes a él como la buena disposición para perdonar y la actitud de amar incluso a los enemigos. Estas actitudes son muy contrarias a nuestros sentimientos humanos de no querer ser el hazmerreír de nadie o de ser tratado como un trapo. Y sin embargo el evangelio insiste: Ustedes, que eran enemigos de Dios, ustedes que han recibido el perdón, perdonen también, reconcíliense, sean misericordiosos como su Padre del cielo es misericordioso.

Sigue el ejemplo de Jesús en todo momento. Cumple el mandamiento más grande de Jesús (el Hijo de Dios): amar a Dios por completo y a todos, aunque te traten mal, lo sepas o no. Jesús dice “ama a tus enemigos y ora por aquellos que te persiguen”. Jesús dijo en Juan 13:15: “Les he puesto el ejemplo, para que hagan lo mismo que yo he hecho con ustedes.

En 1 Corintios 11:1, Pablo dice: “Imítenme a mí, como yo imito a Cristo”. En Efesios 5:1 dice: “Por tanto, imiten a Dios, como hijos muy amados.

(Mateo 12:44) por las doctrinas cristianas tibias. Si solo vas a la iglesia, serás un cristiano débil y las pruebas harán estragos en tu vida. Pero si vas a la iglesia y *además* lees la Palabra todas las noches, serás un cristiano fuerte.

La mayoría de los cristianos no lee la Biblia todos los días, así que, si solo vas a la iglesia, no tendrás mucha fuerza espiritual. Te recomendamos los siguientes pasajes edificantes: Proverbios 8:17-21; Salmos 1:1-3; Juan 14:21-27; Santiago 1:2-8; 1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-18; 2 Timoteo 1:6-7; hebreos 8:6,10; Efesios 6:10-18; Proverbios 4:20-23. Reconoce que tienes faltas (pecados) y arrepiéntete, es decir, cambia de actitud y ora. Ten presente que la conversión no solo es una acción, sino el comienzo de un compromiso que durará toda la vida. La perseverancia es una actitud continua para aprovechar las oportunidades. No seas duro contigo mismo si fallas, mejor admítelo, levántate y confía en Dios. Confía en Dios

**OFFERING UPDATE
FEBRUARY 12/13**

| Mass Time | Attendance | # of Envelopes | Weekly Collection |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 5:00 p.m. | 241 | 103 | \$3,891.00 |
| 8:00 a.m. | 163 | 66 | 2,818.00 |
| 10:00 a.m. | 237 | 67 | 2,191.00 |
| 12:00 p.m. | 247 | 56 | 2,463.00 |
| Coin | | | 5.97 |
| Faith Direct: | | | 2,730.70 |
| Children's Env. | | 5 | 49.00 |
| Mail-ins: | | | 2,038.00 |
| TOTAL | 888 | 297 | \$16,186.67 |
| 2021 total | 640 | 276 | \$14,226.64 |
| Candles | | | \$723.86 |
| Poor Box | | | \$374.28 |

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The Rectory Office will re-open Tuesday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m.



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on **Saturday, February 26th from 2:00–10:00 p.m.** and continue through **Sunday, February 27th from 12:00 Noon-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! There is no help too small or none too large, every bit does count tremendously. 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.



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February 27—passed
 March 6—February 25
 March 13—March 4

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, February 27, 2022
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Every tree is known by its own fruit.

Luke 6:44a

Sirach 27:4-7

Ben Sira, author of the book of Sirach, tells us how to measure a person's character: listen to them talk. Listen carefully before making a judgment about them because the way a person speaks reveals their interior life. As Jesus tells us later in the Gospel, we can judge a tree by the fruits it bears. So too we can test the just and the wicked by their speech. However, this cuts both ways. We should also listen to ourselves speak and reflect on what that says about our own consciences, attitudes, and intentions.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul also reflects on the harvest of our nature. Those who are embedded in a life of sin and corruption are destined for death. But for those who are "steadfast and persevering" death doesn't win. The harvest of the just is eternal life. The good people, who are "fully engaged in the work of the Lord," know their toil is not in vain. They shall bear fruit for eternal life.

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus speaks in parables today and warns us not to judge others but instead examine our own consciences. "Why do you not notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" He develops the theme we heard in the first reading that a tree is known by its fruits. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." We can examine ourselves and others we meet by paying attention to what we say and what they say, for "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." We produce good out of the goodness of our heart, so there had better be good in our heart!

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, February 21, 2022:

James 3:13-18
 + Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 22, 2022:

1 Peter 5:1-4
 + Mark 16:13-19

Wednesday, February 23, 2022:

James 4:13-17 + Mark 9:38-40

Thursday, February 24, 2022:

James 5:1-6 + Mark 9:41-50

Friday, February 25, 2022:

James 5:9-12
 + Mark 10:1-12

Saturday, February 26, 2022:

James 5:13-20
 + Mark 10:13-16

Sunday, February 27, 2022:

Sirach 27:4-7
 + 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
 + Luke 6:39-45

Gospel Reflection

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

1. "Brother, let me remove that splinter. ... " Before we undertake correcting others' problems, what does Jesus ask us to check out in ourselves?

2. Do you think these teachings of Jesus are a good start for Church leaders? "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice; blessed are the merciful." Could these help them learn to "see clearly" as leaders, discerning a right path?

With the question: can a blind man lead a blind man?" (Lk 6:39), he wishes to emphasize that a leader cannot be blind, but must see clearly. That is, he must have wisdom in order to lead wisely, otherwise he risks causing damage to the people who are entrusted to him. Jesus thus calls attention to those who have educational responsibility or who govern: spiritual pastors, public authorities, legislators, teachers, parents, exhorting them to be aware of their delicate role and to always discern the right path on which to lead people.

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully taught will be like his teacher" (Lk 6:40). It is a call to follow his example and his teaching in order to be sound and wise leaders. And this teaching is included above all in the Sermon on the Mount — which, in the past three Sundays the liturgy has offered us in the Gospel—indicating the attitude of meekness and of mercy in order to be honest, humble and just people.

*Pope Francis
 Angelus for Eighth Sunday
 March 13, 2019*

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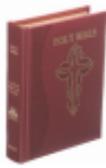
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