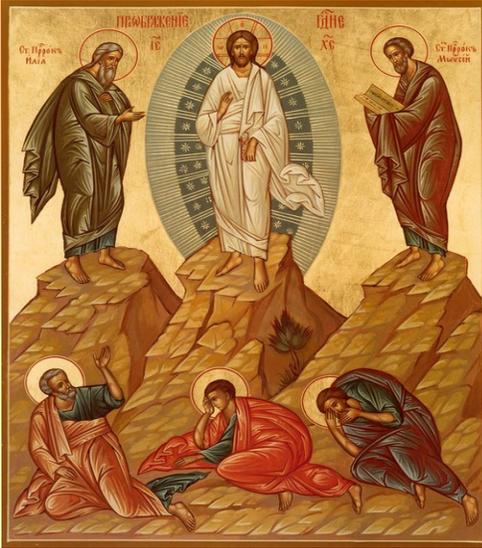


# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus took Peter, James, and John  
and led them up a high mountain  
apart by themselves.  
And he was transfigured before them,  
and his clothes became dazzling white.*

Mark 9:2-3a

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2018

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Frank Pokorney

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

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

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

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

### COME IN AND PRAY...

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

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

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

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.





# Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

**March 2, 9, 23**

**at 7:30 p.m. in the Church**

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

**March 2: Youth Service Corps**

*March 9: Family Life*

*March 23: Knights of Columbus and Catholics for Freedom of Religion*

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

## CONFESSIONS

MONDAY—FRIDAY

following the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass

**SATURDAYS: MARCH 3, 10, 17: 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, MARCH 26: 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**



## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Second Sunday of Lent*

Each year the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent is always one of the accounts of the Transfiguration of Jesus, and this year we hear the account as presented by St. Mark. As proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of what we share in by sharing in Christ's resurrection.

Notice how, in the Gospel, Peter, James and John see Jesus' glory revealed in the company of the great prophets and representatives of the Law of Israel, Moses and Elijah. God names Jesus as His "beloved Son," echoing the proclamation made in the first chapter of Mark at the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan. Jesus insists that Peter, James and John to keep this experience a secret, a common theme that runs throughout St. Mark's Gospel.

To enter more deeply into the celebration of the Second Sunday of Lent, take some time to reflect on the phrases used in the Collect (Opening Prayer) of the Mass of the day: *"listen to your beloved Son;" "nourish us inwardly by your word;" "spiritual sight made pure;" "rejoice to behold your glory."* Such imagery all but puts us right there in the Transfiguration scene! Imagine what it would have been like to have actually been there! Can you picture yourself beholding the Lord's transfigured glory along with Peter, James and John? What would your reaction be? How would that experience change you?

We continue to be reminded of Lent as a journey toward Easter as we pray the words of the Preface (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, before the *Holy, Holy*) for this Sunday: *"the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection."* During Lent we strive to take up our cross and believe more deeply that through Christ, with Christ and in Christ our sufferings and difficulties will lead to new life. That's the power of Christ's Paschal Mystery in our life.

Take some time this week to reflect on the entire mystery, the Paschal Mystery, that is our focus during Lent-Easter Time — that in order to rise with Christ we must die with Him, and how we experience that passage and transformation through Him, with Him, and in Him, in our daily life.

### *Have you updated your Census Registration?*

As you may recall, for over a year now we have been going through the process of updating our Parish Census Database. Our records were woefully incomplete and outdated, and it is vitally important for us to have current information on all our parishioners so that we can use this information for purposes of pastoral planning and so that we can serve you better. We had an initial "first wave" when we handed out our new Census Registration Forms, and many, many of you returned them completed. I thank you for that, and we have completed the Herculean task of inputting all that information.

However, we still have many more parishioners who have not updated their information, and so we are now beginning our "second wave." A large mailing has gone out to all registered parishioners who did not return an updated Census Form. **When you receive that mailing, I ask that you complete the Census Form and return it to us as soon as possible.** Let me reiterate that it is important that we keep our census information as accurate as possible, so we know how many families we have in our parish, how many members overall, and what the demographic information is about the makeup of our parish. In addition, we need to clean up our records, for example, by removing people who are no longer in the parish, so that we do not waste money doing mailings that are no longer valid.

Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about whether you have updated your records, you can always call the parish office and ask. You can also stop down and pick up a new Census Form at the rectory any time during normal business hours. I am immensely grateful to our "Census Czar" Joan Baffa who continues to head up this project, and the Census Committee members who have continued to work with her, especially in making this "second wave" mailing a reality. Great work, Joan and everyone! Your time and effort have been noticed and are greatly appreciated!

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *When will you go to Confession during Lent? Don't wait until the last minute!*

Here's your weekly Lenten reminder from me: have you put a date and time in your calendar, to set going to Confession as an actual appointment? Make it a point now to plan when you will go, and Monday of Holy Week is an especially wonderful time to plan for it, because priests will be available constantly from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on that day! Also, you can call or e-mail one of the priests and make a separate appointment to see him for Confession! We'll be happy to see you that way, too! What could possibly be easier than that?

### *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*

These days of Lent continue to be a special time not only for those of us who are already fully-initiated Catholics, but also for those who are preparing to become Catholic — those who are unbaptized, and those who are baptized in other Christian traditions, who are seeking to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church. Keep praying for those who are becoming Catholic this Easter, and watch the bulletin for special information about RCIA at OLPH, such as we are publicizing this weekend; you can read how our candidates Carlton and Kayla and our elect Nicholas have taken another important step in their journey.

### *Offer to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday!*

Each year, twelve parishioners are selected to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Washing of Feet is a very moving, very powerful and very beautiful ritual that speaks of the humble and loving service that is the hallmark of Christian life.

This year we are continuing something we began last year by asking parishioners if they would like to offer to have their feet washed. It worked great last year, so we're trying it again!

Oh, I know...people get shy and embarrassed about this and their first reaction is, "No, not me." (It's interesting that the act of humble Christian service is supposed to be washing someone's feet, but, because of our

hesitation and feelings of discomfort, it almost seems as though the actual act of humility is allowing one's feet to be washed!) I ask you, though, to see this as an important contribution and offering you could make to our celebration of Holy Thursday, and to submit your name as someone offering to have their feet washed.

We always try to get a good cross-representation of parishioners, so we're looking for young and old, boys and girls, men and women, actively-involved and not-so-actively-involved...you name it! You can respond by returning the response coupon found elsewhere in this bulletin. Now, please understand: since we're trying for a cross-representation, you may not get called this year because we want to balance out our representation of ages, gender, parish involvements, *etc.* But don't worry, and please don't be insulted: we will hold on to your name and keep it in the "pool" and you will be called in a future year. In fact, I have names left over from last year, and if you are one of those folks, you very well may be asked this year!

Please give prayerful consideration to this as a great spiritual offering to your parish.

### *Catholic Ministries Appeal*

Thanks to all those who have already sent in their pledges to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, moving us along toward achieving and even, I sincerely hope, surpassing our goal of \$109,400. If you still have yet to make your pledge, please do so as soon as possible. We really need YOU to join with all your fellow parishioners who participate in this important undertaking. Thank you for your generosity!

### *Pope Francis' Catecheses on the Holy Mass*

We continue our series printing Pope Francis' catecheses on the Holy Mass, given at his Wednesday audiences. Since Mass is so central to our life as Catholics, we can never learn enough about it. The selection below is taken from the Holy Father's audience of January 31, 2018. Here the Pope began a series of meditations on the meaning of the Liturgy of

the Word during Mass. I present his words *verbatim*.

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We now consider the Liturgy of the Word, which is a constitutive part because, in fact, we gather to listen to what God has done and still intends to do for us. It's an experience that happens "directly" and not by having heard, because when Sacred Scripture is read in Church, God Himself speaks to His people and Christ, present in the Word, proclaims the Gospel." And how often, while the Word of God is read, one comments: "Look at him... look at her...look at the hat she is wearing: it's ridiculous..." And they begin to make comments. Isn't that true? Should comments be made while the Word of God is being read? No, because if you gossip with people you don't listen to the Word of God. When the Word of God is read in the Bible — the First Reading, the Second, the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel — we must listen, open our heart, because it's God Himself who is speaking to us, and we must not think of other things or talk about other things. Understood? I will explain to you what happens in this Liturgy of the Word.

The pages of the Bible cease to be a writing, to become living word pronounced by God. It's God who, through the person that reads, speaks to us and questions us, who listen with faith. The Spirit, who has spoken through the prophets and has inspired the sacred authors, acts so that the Word of God truly operates in hearts what He makes resound in ears. However, to listen to the Word of God, it's necessary to have an open heart to receive the word in the

heart. God speaks and we listen to Him, to then put into practice what we have heard. It's very important to listen. Sometimes, perhaps, we don't understand well because there are some readings that are a bit difficult. However, God speaks the same to us in another way. It's necessary to be in silence and to listen to the Word of God. Don't forget this. At Mass, when the readings begin, we listen to the Word of God.

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#### ***Parish Mission in Good Shepherd Parish, Holbrook***

I'll just briefly mention that this week I'll be giving a Parish Mission along with Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Fr. John Sureau and Fr. Michael Holzmann at Good Shepherd Parish in Holbrook. It will be Sunday through Wednesday, February 25-28, and my night will as usual be on Wednesday, although, as always, all four of us will be there each night. Please pray for the success of the Mission; we continue to enjoy doing this together as priest friends, and we're thrilled to still be able to offer this to parishes.

#### ***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,



### **PROPER RESPECT FOR THE CONSECRATED HOST**

I have been informed of a serious problem we must address. I have been told that for three weeks in a row, on Monday morning there has been a Host on the floor on the pews in the Divine Mercy side section of pews (the "bank side" of the church, the north side section of pews). The first week the Host was in the last row, and the next two weeks the Host was on the floor in the second-to-last row.

We must remember that if we receive Holy Communion in the hand, **it must be consumed immediately and not carried back to one's seat**. If you are not receiving Communion in the correct way, please begin doing so immediately and do not carry the Host back with you to your seat. Parents, please make sure your children are consuming the Host immediately and not carrying it back to their seat.

If you notice someone bringing the Host back to their seat, please kindly, politely and gently say something to the person about how this is incorrect, and/or inform an Usher. Proper reverence for the consecrated Host is essential. "If you see something, say something!"

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

—Msgr. DeGrocco

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

*All are invited to come  
and pray with our parish community.*

**First Friday Devotions** will take place **March 2** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

**First Saturday Devotions**—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **March 3** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish, Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

**First Sunday Devotions**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, **March 4** at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

**Monday, February 26—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, March 5—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, March 12—6:30 p.m.  
due to Level 8 Penance Service**

## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

### Mass for People with Special Needs

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

**Saturday, March 3**

**4:00 p.m.**

**in the School Auditorium**

*All are welcome  
come celebrate Mass with us!*

*We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you?  
Contact **Jessica Becker** at 631-226-7725 X 252 or email to [jbecker@oloph.org](mailto:jbecker@oloph.org)*



## ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

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

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### Prayer for Peace

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



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

### **BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**

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



### **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.



### **Evening Prayer**

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



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

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

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

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS TO OFFER TO HAVE THEIR FEET WASHED ON HOLY THURSDAY**

The Washing of Feet is one of the most beautiful and powerful moments in the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. The action ritualizes the humble service of Jesus who came to serve and to lay down his life for us. The rite is also a powerful reminder of Jesus' command for us to imitate his humble service, and to wash each other's feet through acts of generous, self-emptying love.



Each year we select twelve (12) parishioners to have their feet washed, and we try to represent a good cross-section of the parish. **We would like to ask you to offer to have your feet washed at our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper this year, on March 29.** This is a great opportunity for you to offer to be part of our Sacred Paschal Triduum in a very powerful way. Don't be shy about nominating yourself or someone else! It's OK for more than one member of the same family to be included! It's a great offering you would be giving to OLPH. If you are interested, simply return the response coupon below.

Young or old; long-time parishioner or new; male or female; involved in the parish or not-so-involved—we want to get a good cross-representation, and so we want YOU to come forward and offer yourself. Because we are trying to have a representative balance among the twelve, please do not worry or be insulted if you submit your name but are not called this year—we'll hold on to your name for future years! Return the response form today!

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 YES! I would like to have my name included among those willing to have my feet washed on Holy Thursday, either this year or in a future year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

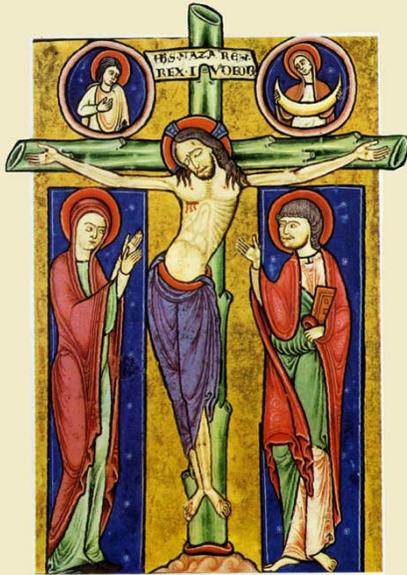
Age \_\_\_\_\_ (needed so we can include a variety of ages)

If more than one member of your family would like to offer, you can make a copy of this or send in the information on your own paper.

**KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN! LEAVE IT NICER THAN YOU FOUND IT!**

We have been having a problem in recent months of all sorts of litter being left in pews throughout the church. Used tissues, other papers, food items, empty water bottles, and litter in general, are being left behind, and it is making the church look a mess, which is highly disrespectful to the Lord and to each other. It is essential for us to maintain a dignified space in which we can give God due honor, worship and reverence.

Your cooperation is greatly needed! Please be conscious of not dropping or leaving litter in the church. If something does drop, please be sure to pick up after yourself and your children before leaving the church. Let's give each other this gift of respect and caring! Keep the church clean, and leave it nicer than you found it! Thank you.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Music Ministry  
Presents

# PASSION, PRAISE AND PASCHAL MYSTERY

An Evening of Choral Music and Meditations  
on Christ's Passion and Death

Friday, March 16, 2018

7:30 p.m.

## PARISH LENTEN MISSION

# Lenten Mission 2018



Are You Willing to Walk With Jesus This Holy Week:

Are you willing to serve?

Are you willing to die?

Are you willing to rise?

Sunday, March 18  Monday, March 19  Tuesday, March 20

7:30 p.m. Prayer Service each evening

Led by **Fr. Paul H. Colloton, OSFS, D.Min**



**2018 OLPH GOAL:**  
**\$109,400**  
**PLEDGES: \$36,577**  
**(UNDER GOAL BY \$73,723)**  
**# OF DONORS: 148**  
**% OF GOAL: 32.6**

*"Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day"*

- Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

During the special Lenten season, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven't contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of this Parish family and make a donation to the 2018 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised by this fund helps support more than 60 programs and services that the people of our church as well as all of the people on Long Island have come to rely on.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans, as well as formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners, who have not supported us in the recent past, made a \$25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help. If that amount is more than you can manage, consider \$5 or \$10. **Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others!**



Make checks payable to:  
 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

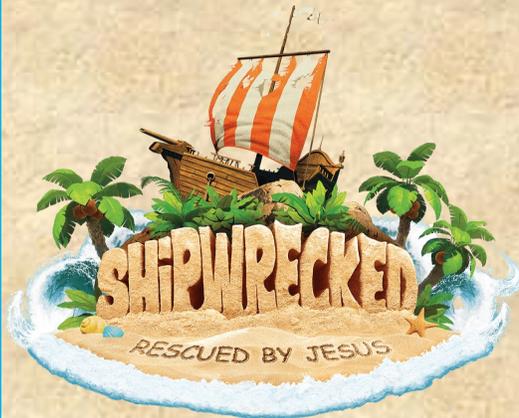
- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

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

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

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

## PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY



## Vacation Bible Camp

**July 16<sup>th</sup>- July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Bible Camp Preview Day**

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**after the 10:00 a.m. Mass  
in the Auditorium**

Come join us as we learn about this year's  
Bible Camp Theme—**Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus**.

There will be hospitality, games, crafts, and singing. Middle School Campers will discover Service Camp as they make sandwiches for those in need.

Early Registration for Bible Camp will be available.

# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

# OFFICE HOURS:

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

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

## LEVEL 8

On Monday, February 26, meet in the Auditorium at 7:15 p.m. for a Student Meeting on Social Justice!

## Level 6

On Wednesday, February 28, meet in the Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. for a Student Meeting on Human Dignity!

## Level 7

On Wednesday, February 28, meet in the Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. for a Student Meeting on Chastity!

## Level 5

There is a Parent/Child Workshop about Lent on March 3, during your child's class time. Meet in the Auditorium!

*Here are some pictures from the Communion Retreat for Level 2 students and their parents, held on February 10, in preparation for First Holy Communion this spring!*



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Congratulations to our brother **Carlton Mitchell** and our sister **Kayla Rhodes** who are in formation to become Catholic through the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults! This weekend, as the Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Lent, they enter the final stage of their journey in preparation for initiation into the full communion of the Catholic Church, which will take place at a Sunday Mass during Easter Time. Carlton and Kayla celebrated **The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion** here at OLPH this Saturday, February 24 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. At this liturgy, our candidates Carlton and Kayla were formally recognized and accepted as candidates preparing to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, and to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion, at a Sunday Mass during this coming Easter Time.

Please remember Carlton and Kayla in your prayers as they enter this final stage of Lenten preparation for reception of the Easter sacraments.

### OUR NEWLY-ELECT, NICHOLAS

Last Sunday, February 18, the First Sunday of Lent, our catechumen, **Nicholas Sherman**, was formally accepted as one of the elect at the diocesan celebration of the Rite of Election, held at St. Anne's Church in Brentwood and presided over by Bishop Robert Brennan, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. We offer our prayers and congratulations to Nicholas as he looks forward to his initiation into the Church with the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at this year's Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, March 31. Be sure to attend the Easter Vigil to welcome Nicholas into the Church!



*Newly-elect Nicholas, with his Godmother Susan, along with Msgr. Joe and members of the RCIA team, led by Jeffrey Gaab (far right).*



*Newly-elect Nicholas with Bishop Robert Brennan.*

# How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all  
the saints,  
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,  
heal your sins,  
help you grow in holiness,  
and reward you with eternal life.  
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 **PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 **GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 **THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 **CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 **PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.
- 6 **ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:  
  
My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy.  
*(Rite of Penance, no. 45)*
- 7 **ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 **PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance, no. 47*).
- 9 **DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/confession](http://www.usccb.org/confession).)

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## 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.

## FR. FIDELIS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

### *Move Around With Us, Inc.*

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



*(Charitable donation tax letter available upon request)*

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

## NEW Food Pantry List!

- PREPARED PASTA SAUCE**
- CANNED CHICKEN/MEAT**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP**
- JUICE BOXES**
- SHELF STABLE MILK**
- POWDERED MILK**
- CEREAL**
- PEANUT BUTTER**
- JELLY OR JAM**
- WATER**

*NO PASTA AT THIS TIME, PLEASE.*

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

Use Parking Lot located  
on corner of Gates & High Streets  
**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

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

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

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 103 families, providing assistance to 179 people including 22 children, 135 adults and 22 seniors. God bless you!

## † A LIVING MEMORIAL

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

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pews, 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. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

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

### OUR MISSION

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



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

*As a Living Memorial  
to the life of*

*A donation has been made by*

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

*Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss.*

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## HOMELESS MINISTRY DONATIONS

*We are in need of the following items:*

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

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



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

## MIDDLE AGES

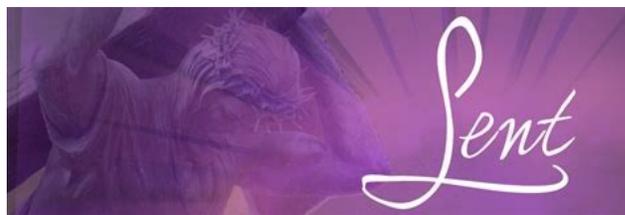
Are you a woman  
in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?

**Tuesday, March 6**

Easter project for Community Meal  
and the Retired Sisters of St. Dominic

**in Room 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

Meetings are usually held on the first and third weeks of the month in Room 24 of the “new” school. For more information, call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or e-mail at [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net)



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



## COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

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

*Our next Community Meal is  
Sunday, March 4  
Come and pray with us at the  
12:00 p.m. Mass then join us  
for “Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m.*

YOU CAN BRING *Joy* AND HOPE THROUGH YOUR GIFT OF A SIMPLE SOCCER BALL/SHOES

**WE ARE COLLECTING YOUR  
NEW OR USED SOCCER BALLS AND SHOES**  
in the collection boxes located by the front  
and side doors of the school. You can also drop off  
items at Religious Ed. Office now located at the rectory.

The collection is for Father Ignance Loleke, formerly of OLPH, who has started a youth center in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Father has made a huge impact in his community using the love of soccer to unite children of different cultures, political beliefs and religions to play on one field, together in harmony.

Contact Maria at 631.882.9887 or [KicksForTheCongo@gmail.com](mailto:KicksForTheCongo@gmail.com)

**PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER**

**REMINDER REGARDING  
THE COMMUNION FAST**

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

**WE REMEMBER**

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

*Alberta Zero*

*Anthony Michael Encarnacion III*

*"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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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Teobaldo Santo</i>              | <i>Joseph Pugh</i>         |
| <i>Bruce Levy</i>                  | <i>Charlotte O'Kobrick</i> |
| <i>Christopher Macchia</i>         | <i>Peter Leyden</i>        |
| <i>Rose Macchia</i>                | <i>Isabella Belen</i>      |
| <i>Carmela Sannartino</i>          | <i>Cynthia Breitfeller</i> |
| <i>Nicolina Baily</i>              | <i>Marjorie Santoli</i>    |
| <i>Lisa Marie Hulsen</i>           | <i>Alvin Wickenheiser</i>  |
| <i>Paul Madonia</i>                | <i>Jean DeStasio</i>       |
| <i>Kevin Reid</i>                  | <i>Beata Konopka</i>       |
| <i>Susan LaSala</i>                | <i>Kathy Stanton</i>       |
| <i>Bonnie &amp; Richard Rieger</i> | <i>Margaret Russo</i>      |
| <i>Ralph Assario</i>               |                            |

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



**TO OUR NEW  
OLPH PARISHIONERS  
FEBRUARY**

*Mr. & Mrs. Cedric Johnson & Family*  
*John Romano*

*Mr. & Mrs. Eduardo Rodriguez & Family*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Jason Capone*  
*Dawn Giordano*

*Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Pontecorvo*  
*Ms. Donna J. Nomikoudis*  
*Mr. Brett Burgio*

**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.

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 Community will then visit each week.

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



# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, February 26, 2018— Lenten Weekday

6:30	Loretta Pezzuto
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12:15	Gloria Alvarez
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## TUESDAY, February 27— Lenten Weekday

6:30	Maria Aliano
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12:15	Francis Merrill
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## WEDNESDAY, February 28— Lenten Weekday

6:30	Lindsey Maurie
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12:15	Gloria Alvarez
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## THURSDAY, March 1— Lenten Weekday

6:30	David Salamone
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12:15	Rose Farrell
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## FRIDAY, March 2— Lenten Weekday

6:30	Hedwig Werner
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12:15	Joseph Novak
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## SATURDAY, March 3— Lenten Weekday (*Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin*)

8:00	Maria Elena Angulo
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### Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00	Special Needs Mass –Auditorium
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5:00	Ralph Gagliardi
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### Sunday, March 4 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00	Frances Leone
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10:00	For the People of the Parish
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12:00	Virgilio Leon
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5:00	Thomas DiPresso
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## Monday, February 26, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

## Tuesday, February 27, 2018

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Squires	Room 19

## Wednesday, February 28, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
1:45 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
6:00 p.m..	Level 7 Classes	School

## Thursday, March 1, 2018

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Practice	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	St. Lucy
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 19
7:30 p.m.	Strengths Leadership Training	Room 21
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	CYO Coordinators Meeting	Room 22

## Friday, March 2, 2018

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

## Saturday, March 3, 2018

8:30, 10:00	Level 5 Parent Meeting / Open House Levels 1-5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	Auditorium School
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Adoration	Church

## Sunday, March 4, 2018

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

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork  
Tricia Buckley (Chair)  
Eileen Corticchia  
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Greg Guido  
Sonia Hansen  
Joselyn Kalt  
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Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
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Peter Triolo  
Adele Venezia

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

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

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

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

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes. Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico [saitjoseph98@gmail.com](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

### Lecturas del 3º Domingo de Cuaresma -3/4/18

Lea las lecturas en su Biblia y luego reflexione con nosotros.

Un Encuentro Personal Profundo. Agua Viva

(Ver Segunda Lectura)

El amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo que se nos ha dado. Que ese amor de Dios esté siempre con ustedes.

Padre de vida y dador de todo lo bueno: Queremos beber tu vida al máximo.

Que Jesús, tu Palabra Viviente, nos hable de corazón a corazón.

Danos una sed insaciable de las cosas realmente importantes:

la fe y el sentido de nuestras vidas, la esperanza en un mundo mejor

lleno de tu justicia y tu paz, un espíritu de amor comprometido

que sabe cómo compartirse a sí mismo. Otórganos generosamente todo esto por medio de Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

**Primera Lectura (Éxodos 17,3-7):** El Agua Fluye de la Roca

La sed es la prueba más dura de los que viajan por el desierto. Para el pueblo en marcha Dios es la roca en quien pueden confiar y la fuente de agua vivificante.

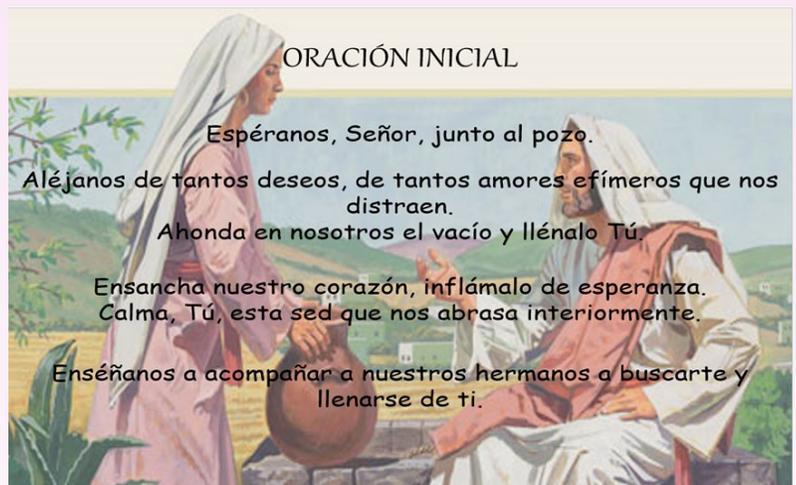
**Segunda Lectura (Romanos 5,1-2.5-8):** El Amor de Dios Se Ha Derramado en Nuestros Corazones

Por medio de Cristo, que murió por nosotros, Dios ha derramado en nuestros corazones todo lo que anhelamos con sed ardiente: fe, esperanza en el futuro que Dios nos ofrece, el Espíritu de amor.

**Evangelio (Juan 4, 5-c42):** ¡Dame tu Agua Viva!

Jesús entra en un diálogo personal con la mujer samaritana. Él se revela a ella como el proveedor de agua viva y siempre corriente, es decir, como el dador de nueva vida para nosotros. Al ir al pozo como la samaritana, también nosotros a él la fuente que esta sedienta de brindar agua, el amor y ser amado. "Al pedir dame de beber muestra su necesidad para que nosotros descubramos la nuestra ". Los discípulos están ausentes buscando alimentos. Así como allí hay un agua que la mujer ignora, aquí hay un alimento que los discípulos desconocen

La samaritana cambio de vida.



**OFFERING UPDATE  
February 17/18, 2018**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	442	184	\$4,210.00
8:00 a.m.	220	90	2,621.00
10:00 a.m.	395	120	3,011.00
12:00 p.m.	449	125	3,293.00
5:00 p.m.	185	42	1,212.00
Coin			18.32
Mail-ins:			1,131.00
Children's Env.		21	77.31
Faith Direct			2,423.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,691</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>\$17,996.63</b>
<b>2017 total</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>\$19,135.44</b>
Candles			\$1,482.52
Poor Box			\$506.97
Ash Wed 2018			\$7,034.06
Ash Wed 2017	2,313	291	\$6,804.55
Church in need			\$1,729.80

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- March 4—passed
- March 11—March 2
- March 18—March 9



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## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Bereavement Support Group:** St. Mary's Parish in East Islip is offering a free 8 week support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group, which begins on Wednesday, **March 7** from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. The group will run for 8 consecutive weeks through April 25<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will be served. For information and/or registration, please call the rectory @ (631) 581-4266, x 100. Please note the groups are open to people of all faith denominations. In order to participate in this group, the death must have occurred prior to Dec. 13, 2017.

**Bereavement Support Group:** for Widows & Widowers, an 8 week program for age 50 and over starting Friday, **March 9**, 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 N. Carll Ave., Babylon. For more information and registration, please call: Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson at 631-661-8994.

**Supermarket WINGO & Chinese Auction** Saturday, **March 10**, 7:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. \$5 admission includes free Wingo sheet, one free ticket for door prize, coffee & cake. Food available for purchase. No one under the age of 5 will be admitted. No early arrivals, please! Grace Methodist Church, 515 South Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst. 631-226-8690

**Silent Lenten Retreat** at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore, Friday—Sunday, **March 23-25** "*Let Us Consider Gentle Jesus in His Dying.*" Retreat begins Friday, 6:00 p.m. Space is limited. \$175 per person (shared rooms). Payment in full (checks payable to Montfort Missionaries) mailed to Kathy Roeder, 26 South Saxon Ave., Bay Shore, NY 11706 by March 16. For information call 631-666-7500 or email montfort06@gmail.com.

**Magnificat**, a Ministry to Catholic Women, cordially invites you to attend a *Lenten Day of Reflection - "Journey to the Cross,"* which will enable us to have a deeper experience of reflection, meditation, and prayer, as we prepare for Holy Week - on Saturday, **March 24<sup>th</sup>**, at St. Agnes Cathedral, Ministries Bldg., Rockville Centre, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person (bring your own lunch), and pre-registration is required. Please make checks payable to "Magnificat" and mail to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst Street, Lido Beach, NY 11561. *Checks must be received by March 19<sup>th</sup>.* Payment will not be accepted at the door. For additional information, please contact Judy at (917) 453-5750. Come and bring a friend, as we prepare for Holy Week!

**Bereavement Support Groups**, for those who have lost a loved one and are grieving: General Bereavement Groups will be meeting weekly at St. Bernard's Parish, Levittown, Thursdays, **April 5-June 7**, 6:30-7:45 p.m.—contact Sister Christine Sammons, 516-731-6074; and at St. Brigid's Parish, Westbury, Tuesdays, April 3-June 5, 7:00-8:15 p.m.—contact Maria Piniero, 516-334-0021. Also, a Group for Bereaved Parents will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, ongoing, starting Monday, March 5, at St. Bernard's Parish, Levittown, 7:00-8:15 p.m.—contact Sister Christine Sammons at 516-731-6074.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Let us learn to listen better to each other and to God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **April 27-29**, in Huntington, NY and Nov 16-18, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <http://www.wwmeli.org>.

**PREPARING FOR Sunday, March 4, 2018—  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Jesus answered and said to them,  
“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” John 2:19*

**Exodus 20:1-17**

Of all the laws and ordinances in the Jewish Torah, surely these are the most familiar – the Ten Commandments. The focus of these is on God’s personal relationship with Israel. He is their God, the one who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and as such has a special relationship – a covenant – with them. The first three commandments express the absolute fidelity they owe God as a result. It would be unthinkable for them to break this bond by worshipping other gods, just as it would be unthinkable for a spouse to look for fulfillment outside their marriage. The remaining commandments indicate the proper way to act toward each other, both then and now. Living according to these norms maintains a society where people can live in harmony with God and one another.

**1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

“Christ crucified” In these two words Paul announces the paradox that was and is a stumbling block to faith for so many. For Jews, someone who hung on a tree was considered accursed, according to the Old Testament, and for worldly and wise Greeks, accepting someone who had been tortured and executed as messiah was utter foolishness. But Paul upends this logic and says that what appears as foolishness from a human perspective is in reality divine wisdom and what looks like weakness is really a display of God’s strength. “Christ crucified” is the heart of the Gospel message and the epitome of God’s power and wisdom.

**John 2:13-25**

In John’s Gospel writings, words and events often have deeper meanings. During Passover, Jesus upends the money-changers’ tables and expels them from the temple area. He then goes on to say that if his critics destroy this temple he will raise it up again in three days. During a later Passover, his critics killed him, thereby destroying his body, yet three days later he raised the temple of his body up from the dead. So often those who heard Jesus misunderstood what he was saying, as is no doubt the case with us today as we listen to his words each Sunday. All that he said was only made clear after Jesus rose from the tomb on Easter morning and we have the benefit of knowing this. Surely we can be like the early disciples who “came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.”

*Readings for the Week*

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

**Monday, February 26, 2018:**

Daniel 9:4b-10 + Luke 6:36-38

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018:**

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20

+ Matthew 23:1-12

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018:**

Jeremiah 18:18-20

+ Matthew 20:17-28

**Thursday, March 1, 2018:**

Jeremiah 17:5-10 + Luke 16:19-31

**Friday, March 2, 2018:**

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

+ Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday, March 3, 2018:**

Micah 7:14-14, 18-20

+ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday, March 4, 2018:**

Exodus 20:1-17

+ 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

+ John 2:13-25

**Gospel Reflection Questions....**

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

1. Jesus drove the salespeople out of the temple. Why? And, if you are a temple too, “a temple of the Holy Spirit,” what are the implications for you? Is there anything that needs to be shown the exit, or “driven out”?

2. How does Pope Francis say Jesus cleanses our temples? With whips or caresses?

“Ask the Lord that, as he went to cleanse the temple, he may come to cleanse your soul. We imagine that he comes with a whip of cords. ... No, he doesn’t cleanse the soul with that! Do you know what kind of whip Jesus uses to cleanse our soul? Mercy. Open your heart to Jesus’ mercy! Say: ‘Jesus, look how much filth! Come, cleanse. Cleanse with your mercy, with your tender words, cleanse with your caresses.’ If we open our heart to Jesus’ mercy, in order to cleanse our heart, our soul, Jesus will trust Himself to us.”

[Homily of His Holiness, Pope Francis](#)

Third Sunday of Lent,

8 March 2015



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The Family Life Ministry wants to thank the many people who came out for the annual Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 13. So many people contributed to make this a beautiful, meaningful and fun celebration!



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