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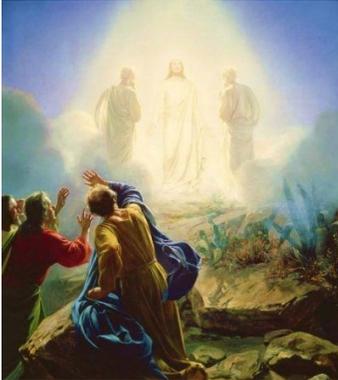


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*Jesus took Peter, James, and John
and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white.*

Mark 9:2-3a

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28, 2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

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

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

Face covering and social distancing required.

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.

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.

Confessions are being heard in classrooms
in the “new school annex” near High Street.

See inside bulletin for safety protocols.

*Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.*

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-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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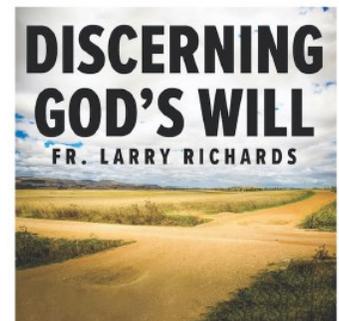
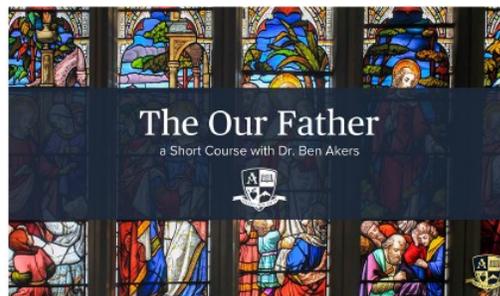
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February 28, 2021

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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 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 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, and indeed the entire second week of Lent, take some time to reflect not only on the Gospel of the Transfiguration, but also 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, which we have certainly experienced in a powerful way over the past year, in dealing with the pandemic. The coronavirus has been a cross for all of us, a real share in the Lord's Passion; can we continue to trust that He will see us through it to the glory of the Resurrection?

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, especially in these pandemic days of trial and difficulty.

Stations of the Cross

Allow me to remind you to participate in the beautiful Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross, held each Friday night during Lent and led by a different organization or ministry in our parish (and sometimes more than one of them working together on an evening). In addition to participating in a wonderful Lenten spiritual exercise for your own spiritual enrichment, your coming out on Friday nights to attend, if you are able, would show great solidarity and support to these fellow parishioners who are making this offering of service for YOU. Come to Stations together as a family each Friday night, making it an opportunity for family prayer time together!

For those who cannot participate live, we have posted a video of the Stations of the Cross, prayed right here at OLPH; the recording is on our YouTube page, and can also be found right there on the home page of our website.

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 I would point your attention to Monday of Holy Week (March 29) as possibly the BEST time to go to Confession, because priests will be available constantly from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on that day, and you will be celebrating that sacrament in solidarity with all the other Catholics in this Diocese, and in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn, who will be observing this "Reconciliation Monday" in their parishes in the same way, with extended Confession times! Of course, as always, 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?

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021

As you know from your attendance at or viewing of Mass this weekend, we are kicking off the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal here at OLPH.

The first thing I need to say, though, is a very heart-felt and emphatic **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** concerning last year's Appeal, especially in light of all the financial difficulties everyone faced due to the pandemic. As a result of your generosity in the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal, OLPH received back a total of \$39,540 in rebate money from the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Although that's in the neighborhood of \$12,000 less than usual, that is still **AMAZING** because, as I said, everyone was dealing with the pandemic. Even though total donations were down, we still managed to go over goal (although not as much as usual) and receive a nice rebate back. **OLPH PARISHIONERS ARE THE BEST!** I want you to know how sincerely grateful I am to everyone who participated, especially since the parish has seen such a significant reduction in income.

The goal we have been assigned this year is **\$111,600** — up \$1,200 from last year. I know how difficult it can be for many of you to hear this appeal at this time, and many of you have commented that you would prefer to, or actually might, just give an amount directly to OLPH where we would keep 100% of it. **All that I am asking is that you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal at least what you gave in 2020 during the pandemic.** If we can at least do as well as that, considering that things are not yet back to normal, I would be thrilled. **If you can go back to giving what you gave pre-pandemic, I would be even more thrilled.**

The fact remains that the more we raise in the Catholic Ministries Appeal, the more we are helping our beloved OLPH, because of the rebate formula. When we reach our goal of \$111,600, we receive back 20% of that amount; then, if we go over goal, we receive back 80% of everything that is raised over the goal amount. We are again counting desperately on this income from the Catholic Ministries Appeal

rebate to help keep us financially solvent, especially since diocesan bills continue to come in, bills such as our Diocesan Assessment (over \$100,000 each year), our Diocesan Non-School Assessment (over \$120,000 each year), and there continues to be, without reductions, costs for liability and insurance in the tens of thousands, to say nothing about all the normal operating costs which are beyond our control. As I write this, **the parish is down a total of \$189,243 in collections and other ordinary income since we first had to shut down last March.** You can see why every bit of income, from wherever, is so important to us.

I thank you for whatever support you can give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal once again this year.

LIVING THE EUCHARIST continues this week

Our special program of LIVING THE EUCHARIST continues this week. We continue to pray for all who are participating in this program, and as Pastor I thank all who are participating; I am grateful for the spiritual enrichment and offering you are making to the parish in this way. Remember, LIVING THE EUCHARIST is how we are doing a Parish Lenten Mission this year!

Lector Meeting

Finally, I remind all parish Lectors of the important meeting you are having with Deacon Robert (your Moderator) and me, this coming Saturday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the church. Every Lector is expected to attend as part of your ongoing formation in your ministry, so I look forward to seeing you there.

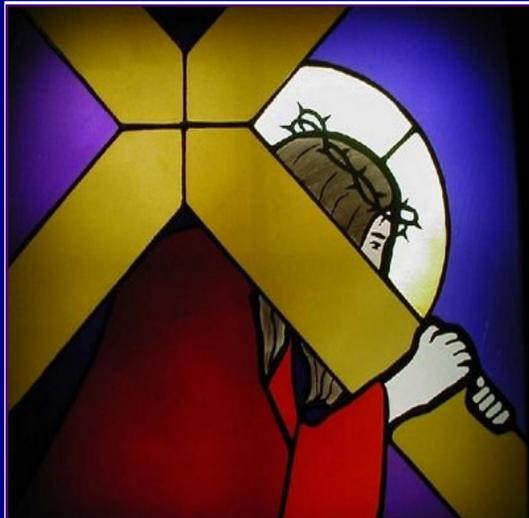
In conclusion...

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,





Stations of the Cross

March 5, 12, 19, 26

at 7:30 p.m. in the church

and Good Friday, April 2 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 5 will be led by St. Vincent de Paul.

Due to COVID restrictions

you must remain in the pews - socially distant, retain booklets each week and masks must be worn.



CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: March 6, 13, 20

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Saturday March 27: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monday of Holy Week, March 29

3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Confessions are held in the school annex on High Street.



ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) 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.

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

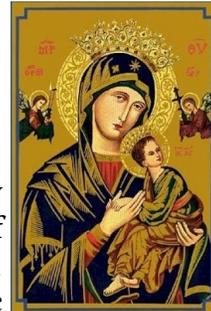
Wednesdays

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

in the church after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

Monday, March 1—12:45 p.m.

Monday, March 8—12:45 p.m.

Monday, March 15—12:45 p.m.

MEETING FOR ALL LECTORS

All parish Lectors are reminded to attend the important meeting for all those in this ministry, to be held on Saturday, **March 6** at 1:30 p.m. in the church. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer, reflection on your ministry, and a discussion of important business items. All Lectors are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.

MEETING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION— WHETHER CURRENTLY ACTIVE OR NOT

ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion — those who are currently active AND those who are not currently active due to the coronavirus — are asked to attend the important meeting to be held on Monday, **March 8** in the church at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer and a discussion of important business items related to our ongoing coronavirus adaptations, and how those adaptations will affect your ministry in the weeks and months ahead. All E.M.'s, whether active or inactive, are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Masks will be required, and we will sit socially-distanced. Thank you.

MEETING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar Servers are required to attend an important meeting on **Monday, March 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the church**. Among other items, we will discuss assignments for Holy Week, the Sacred Paschal Triduum and First Communions and Confirmation. **This meeting is especially important since we will have to look at how we will handle all those occasions in light of adaptations due to Covid.** All servers are expected to attend, even if you will be away for Easter, since many other things will be discussed besides Easter. If you absolutely cannot be there, you must contact Msgr. Joe as soon as possible. Thank you.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



The **Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent 2021, March 7, 14, and 21**, are special Sundays for the **elect** in the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** process. On those Sundays, the **elect** (those who have been formally accepted as preparing for the three Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist — to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil) are prayed over in a special way by our parish community.

These special prayer rites, called **Scrutinies**, are rites for self-searching and repentance. The Scrutinies are meant to heal all that is weak or sinful in the hearts of those about to be baptized and to strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. The Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. The elect are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance.

Thus, three Scrutinies are celebrated, on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, in order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ. The Scrutinies will be held at various parish Masses on those weekends. Please remember to pray for our elect, **Wende Mitchell**, as she undergoes this final stage of Lenten preparation for reception of the Easter sacraments.

**THE FIRST SCRUTINY WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY,
MARCH 7, AT THE 10:00 a.m. MASS.**

CAN YOU HEAR US?



We are in the process of upgrading the sound system in the choir loft and completing the installation of a sound system in the Divine Mercy Chapel for use by our Schola and Youth Choir. We are in need of a new or gently used iPad which will be used to control the sound levels in both the choir loft and the Divine Mercy Chapel. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory (631) 226-7725 X 210 or cferraro@oloph.org.

LATECOMERS AND BEING SEATED

If you arrive late for Mass, we ask for your understanding and cooperation in being seated.

We must never cause a distraction while a reading or prayer is being proclaimed during Mass. Those who are already in the assembly have the right to expect that they will not be distracted from their focus on the minister (priest, deacon or layperson) who is exercising their ministry in the sanctuary. Remember, it is Christ who is being manifested in the readings, prayers and other texts that are said and sung at Mass, and participants in the pews rightly expect that their encounter with Christ will not be marred by unnecessary movement from others. The reality is that when latecomers make their way into a seat, those around them are distracted; when that movement occurs up front, a significant number of heads turn toward that movement. Such movement is also distracting to the minister in the sanctuary.

Therefore, Ushers have been instructed to not seat people while an individual minister in the sanctuary is proclaiming or singing a reading, a prayer or some other text. Latecomers will be permitted to move to a seat only when that reading or prayer or singing is over, or when the assembly is reciting or singing a text in unison. Please cooperate with this, and please do not give the Ushers a hard time. We want to be hospitable and accommodating to latecomers as much as we can, and we are happy to seat them at the proper time, but surely we can all understand that it is discourteous to disturb with distracting movements those who arrived on time, who are already seated, and who are already praying the texts and music of the Mass. Thank you for your patience and understanding — and please do all you can to not be late for Mass!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

EVERY SUNDAY ON YOUTUBE - [OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST](#)



LOOKING FOR ANOTHER WAY TO ENGAGE YOUR CHILD IN THEIR FAITH FROM HOME?

JOIN US WEEKLY TO BREAK OPEN THE GOSPEL AND LISTEN TO A REFLECTION ON THE OLPH YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things as 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 with us, 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.

2021 OLPH GOAL: \$111,600



2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH

FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:

- ▶ **WEAR A FACE MASK OR FACE COVERING – NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ▶ **REMAIN AT LEAST SIX (6) FEET APART, SIDE-TO-SIDE AND IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND YOU**
- ▶ **SIT IN DESIGNATED SEATS ONLY**
- ▶ **ENTER ONLY THROUGH WELLWOOD AVENUE DOORS**
- ▶ **EXIT ONLY THROUGH SIDE DOORS ON NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE**

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are being celebrated in the school building, in classrooms in the “new school” annex along High Street every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. until further notice.

Each priest will be in his own classroom.

These are the protocols that must be followed for going to Confession:

- ▶ **Entry is only via the blue doors at the north end of the hallway (off of the small parking lot)**
- ▶ **Exit is only via the doors at the south end of the hallway (into the large parking lot)**
- ▶ **Everyone – priests and penitents – is required to wear face masks or face coverings**
- ▶ **Lines on the floor will indicate a 6-foot social distance between those waiting on line outside each classroom**
- ▶ **Signs on easels outside the classroom will indicate the name of the priest who is in the classroom**
- ▶ **Social distancing and plexiglass dividers will keep a safe distance between priest and penitent, whether the penitent celebrates anonymously or face-to-face (both options are available)**

IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...

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 Facebook page: @olphlindenhurst
- OLPH YouTube Channel:
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Support the parish by placing an ad in our journal! An ad can be taken in the name of your family, or your business, and can include congratulatory wishes to the parish, or it can be a memorialization of deceased loved ones, or an expression of gratitude to God. Honor that special priest, family members living or deceased, or just say thanks for the memories. If you're creative, prepare your own ad; if you're not that creative, just send us your message and our team will create the ad for you! There are many possibilities!

Note the deadline date of March 15, 2021!

Don't miss out! Send in your ad copy and payment TODAY!

If you need additional information, or have questions, contact Bob Dobres 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney 631-560-0451.

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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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 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**

Level 7 STUDENTS:



On Wednesday, March 3, students will have a lesson in the classroom on the topic of Social Justice.

Communion Fee

Please come to the office to pay the Communion fee and to pick up the Communion banner. The student must make the banner at home, and it is due back on March 20.

LEVEL 3 PENANCE SERVICE

On Saturday, March 6 we will send out a video Penance Service for all In-Person and Google Classroom students to watch.

The In-Person students will not attend class in person this day. After watching this Penance Prayer Service Video, all students should go to Confession on your own time. See the bulletin for scheduled times for the sacrament.

Happy Saint of the Day!



St. Aloysius Gonzaga

His feast day is June 21, and his first words were "Jesus" and "Mary"! At 9 years old he knew he wanted to join a religious order. At 18 years old, he became a Jesuit. He served in a hospital during a plague in 1587. He was 23 when he died, and "Jesus" was the last word he spoke!

Vacation Bible Camp Needs YOU!

Planning Meeting Saturday, March 6,
at 12:00 p.m. in the school Auditorium. Please consider being a part of our Adventure Crew!
 Contact April for more information!

Sacrament Sign-Ups

Confirmation and Communion dates are now available.
 Sign up before March 22!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
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NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED MEATS
SOUPS WITH MEAT
GRAVIES
PEANUT BUTTER
SHELF STABLE MILK
CANNED CORN
CANNED FRUIT
JUICES
BAR SOAP
SHAMPOO

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.

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more importantly 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.

Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

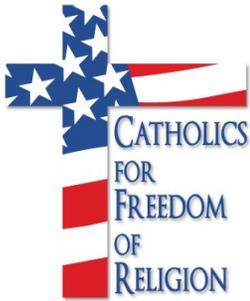
THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL AT OLPH

During these very difficult times many of us find ourselves in financial difficulty, often for the first time. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. Please don’t feel embarrassed—you are not alone. We want to assure you that all matters relating to SVDP are completely confidential. All volunteer workers in the Food Pantry are Vincentians who are pledged to follow the “Rule” in dealing with our friends and neighbors. We reach out to those who come to us with kindness, sincerity and total confidentiality. You may come to the pantry for food every two weeks. The money that would have been spent on this food can then be used to pay other bills. Please reach out to us by calling our Food Pantry office at 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. We’re here for you.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

"Glorious indeed has been our Contest...I hope we shall not forget that to Divine Providence is to be ascribed the Glory and the Praise."

—George Washington, 1783

The principles that made America unique among all nations are those of faith in God as the creator and moral governor of the universe, together with religious freedom, protected and guaranteed in the First Amendment.

Celebrating Presidents' Week in February

George Washington's birthday is February 22, and Abraham Lincoln's birthday is February 12, but instead of honoring these great leaders on their actual birthdays, we combine them into one generic holiday called Presidents' Week, when schools are closed and most stores hold holiday sales.

Instead, students should learn the accomplishments of these exceptional leaders, about their devout faith in God and reliance on His guidance, and about their role in establishing and maintaining our "one nation under God."

"How is it possible to overlook the significance of the leader who signed the Emancipation Proclamation that freed the slaves during the middle of the Civil War? Washington was so respected by his men at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, he could have been the king of the new nation. Instead, Washington wanted to help create a nation built on liberty," wrote former Gov. Scott Walker.⁽¹⁾

American history — a once valued subject — is no longer a priority in public schools. This ignorance of history predicts troubling consequences as children grow up ignorant and unaware of the essential beliefs of freedom, freedom of religion, and freedom of conscience, which founded our nation. "Children need to learn how to take original sources — not doctored textbooks — and analyze them...to come to their own conclusions."⁽²⁾

*(washingtontimes.com, 2/20/20(1); westernconservatory.com, 1/13/10(2);
charismanews.com, 7/4/18; nypost.com, 1/22/17)*

*"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms,
it will be because we destroyed ourselves."*

—Abraham Lincoln

BECOME INFORMED ABOUT THE EQUALITY ACT— IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CATHOLICS

Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The Equality Act, which is being voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives soon, in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. The Equality Act would: punish faith-based organizations, such as charities and schools who serve everyone in their communities, simply because of their beliefs; force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who identify as women; risk mandating taxpayers to fund abortions; force people in everyday life, and especially health care workers, to support gender transition; and expand what the government considers a "public" place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs. For more information about making your voice heard to oppose this legislation, contact Louise Perrotta, Chair of the OLPH Respect Life Committee, at louiseperrotta@optonline.net

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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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

Vincent Boccanfuso
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Adele Venezia

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

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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:

*Elizabeth DiMichele
Maria Patricia Gagliano
Lucy Lobue*

“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...

<i>Christopher Rivola</i>	<i>Gertrude Clifford</i>
<i>Deacon Bill Crosby</i>	<i>Chester Fichandler</i>
<i>Anne Therese Walters</i>	<i>Russell Giacalone</i>
<i>Diane Mahlstadt</i>	<i>Samantha Cheng</i>
<i>Lisa Hulsen</i>	<i>Russell Giacalone</i>
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<i>Leonard Fries</i>	<i>Dawn Arpino</i>
<i>Bill Trigg</i>	<i>Christine Guido</i>
<i>Nancy Beavers</i>	<i>Aida Sormiento</i>
<i>Patricia Pedcina</i>	<i>James Schmitt</i>
<i>Angela Pagnotta</i>	<i>George Pesce</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 their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and help 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.

Through reading, self discovery, and group discussions, members find a new and meaningful way to cope with their loss. OLPH will hold groups in the Spring and Fall.

Contact: Linda Arpino
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or Forubabe77@aol.com



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 1— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Marigrace Kyles
12:15	Fry & Hall Families
TUESDAY, March 2— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Joseph A. Novak
12:15	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
WEDNESDAY, March 3— Lenten Weekday (Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin)	
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:15	Mark Santoli
THURSDAY, March 4— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Ryan Gordon
12:15	Sr. Miriam Grennan, OP
FRIDAY, March 5— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	Helmut Tupot
SATURDAY, March 6— Lenten Weekday	
8:00	John Howe
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
5:00	Edward Kelly
Sunday, March 7— THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	William Byron
12:00	Virgilio Leon

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 1, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
Tuesday, March 2, 2021		
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, March 3, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Level 7 and 8 Classes	School
Thursday, March 4, 2021		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Zoom
Friday, March 5, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, March 6, 2021		
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5 and Special Ed. Classes	School
1:30 p.m.	Lector Meeting	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	School
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, March 7, 2021		
10:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	Church



EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO

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

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

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

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

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

Lecturas previas del domingo 28 de febrero.

Invitándonos a una preparación previa. Hoy es el 2nd domingo de cuaresma.

Tiempo de meditación y conversión

Primera Lectura (Génesis 22,1-2, 9-13, 15-18): Sin Rehusar Nada a Dios

Como hombre de fe profunda, Abrahán estaba dispuesto a sacrificar su propio hijo a Dios. Pero el Dios de la vida le devolvió su hijo como señal de la Alianza.

Segunda Lectura (romanos 8,31-34): Dios Sacrificó a Su Propio Hijo por

Si Dios está con nosotros, ¿quién estará contra nosotros? El que no perdonó a su propio Hijo, sino que lo entregó por todos nosotros, ¿cómo no nos dará todo con él? ¿Quién acusará a los elegidos de Dios? ¿Dios, el que justifica? ¿Quién condenará? ¿Será acaso Cristo, que murió, más aún, resucitó y está a la derecha de Dios Padre, y que intercede por nosotros?

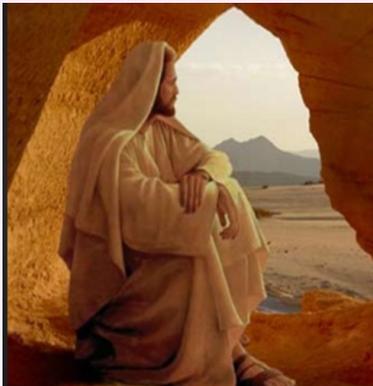
Evangelio (Marcos 9,2-10): Antes de la Cruz, una Visión Fugaz de Gloria.

Jesús y sus apóstoles más íntimos experimentan una visión de la gloria que Jesús mismo gozará en su resurrección. Esta visión fugaz les mantendrá durante la pasión del Señor.

«Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo mi complacencia; escuchadlo» (Mt 17, 5).

"La invitación que el Padre dirige a los discípulos, testigos privilegiados del extraordinario acontecimiento de la transfiguración, resuena de nuevo hoy para nosotros y para toda la Iglesia. Como Pedro, Santiago y Juan, también nosotros estamos invitados a subir al monte Tabor junto con Jesús y a quedar fascinados por el resplandor de su gloria. En este segundo domingo de Cuaresma contemplamos a Cristo envuelto en luz, en compañía de los autorizados portavoces del Antiguo Testamento, Moisés y Elías. A él le renovamos nuestra adhesión personal: es el «Hijo amado» del Padre."

"Escuchadlo. Esta apremiante exhortación nos impulsa a intensificar el camino cuaresmal. Es una invitación a dejar que la luz de Cristo ilumine nuestra vida y nos comunique la fuerza para anunciar y testimoniar el Evangelio a nuestros hermanos. Como bien sabemos, es un compromiso que implica a veces muchas dificultades y sufrimientos. También lo subraya san Pablo, al dirigirse a su fiel discípulo Timoteo: «Toma parte en los duros trabajos del Evangelio» (2 Tm 1, 8)."



"La experiencia de la transfiguración de Jesús prepara a los Apóstoles para afrontar los dramáticos acontecimientos del Calvario, presentándoles anticipadamente lo que será la plena y definitiva revelación de la gloria del Maestro en el misterio pascual. Al meditar en esta página evangélica, nos preparamos para revivir también nosotros los acontecimientos decisivos de la muerte y resurrección del Señor, siguiéndolo por el camino de la cruz para llegar a la luz y a la gloria. En efecto «sólo por la pasión podemos llegar con él al triunfo de la resurrección» (Prefacio)."

Oración

Señor, Padre Santo, tú que nos has mandado escuchar a tu Hijo, el predilecto, alimenta nuestro espíritu con tu palabra; así con mirada limpia contemplaremos gozosos la gloria de tu rostro. Por Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Amén.

**OFFERING UPDATE
February 20/21**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	161	77	\$1,787.50
8:00 a.m.	155	78	3,096.00
10:00 a.m.	245	86	3,366.00
12:00 p.m.	225	55	2,039.00
Coin			13.19
Mail-ins:			3,085.00
Children's Env.		11	55.00
Faith Direct			2,792.30
TOTAL	786	307	\$16,233.99
2020 total	1,570	559	\$15,656.44
Candles			\$924.00
Poor Box			\$470.52
Ash Wednesday			\$6,191.00

**2021 OLPH CONTRIBUTION
TAX LETTERS**

Tax letters for the 2020 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*. Thank you for your cooperation.

**DEADLINES FOR
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- March 7—passed
- March 14—March 5
- March 21—March 12

Join Catholic Faith Network for the 2021 Telethon on Saturday, February 27th from 2:00 -10:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 28th from 12:00-10:00 p.m. This exciting weekend will feature guests from around the world, thrilling performances and inspirational interviews. CFN is available on your local cable providers as well as on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android and the free CFN app. The Catholic Faith Network continues to be there for you during these challenging times and we ask that you help us continue in our mission. If you have capacity to give this year, please do. Consider making a donation by phone or by visiting www.CFNtv.org.



This time last year the full scope and inherent dangers of COVID-19 were becoming clear. Our world was brought to a standstill, but our parish ministries continued because so many people needed our help. Recurring gifts helped sustain our parish in unprecedented times and continue to be a vital source of support for ministries that are a lifeline to those in need in our community.

To continue to make a difference in 2021, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is reaching out to our parishioners. The more people use eGiving, the stronger foundation we will have for ministries that bring hope in times of uncertainty.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

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

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.
God Bless You,

**SUPER 72 RAFFLE
FEBRUARY 2021 WINNERS**

- \$1000 - Jeff & Tara Gaab**
- \$250 - Giovanni D'Amore**
- \$100 - Brian Legerlotz**
- \$100 - Kevin McCall**
- \$100 - Pat Colangelo**
- \$100 - Mr. William C. Gustavson**

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, March 7, 2021
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 worshiping 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, March 1, 2021:

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

Tuesday, March 2, 2021:

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20

+ Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 3, 2021:

Jeremiah 18:18-20

+ Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 4, 2021:

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

Friday, March 5, 2021:

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

+ Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 6, 2021:

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

+ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 7, 2021:

Exodus 17:1-17

+ 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

+ John 2:13-25

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.

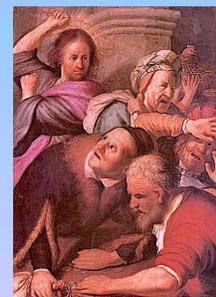
1. Jesus drove the salespeople out of the temple. Why? And, if you are a temple too, “a temple of the Holy Spirit,” what are the implications for you? Is there anything that needs to be shown the exit, or “driven out”?

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](#)

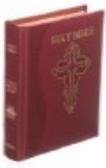
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