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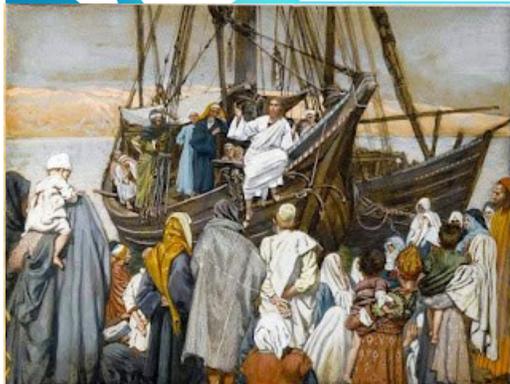
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*Getting into one of the boats, ...
he sat down and taught the crowds.*

Luke 5:3

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 6, 2022

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Mr. William D'Alessio

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Reilly

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

Special Needs Mass:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,

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

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

on the Zoom video platform.

Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

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

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

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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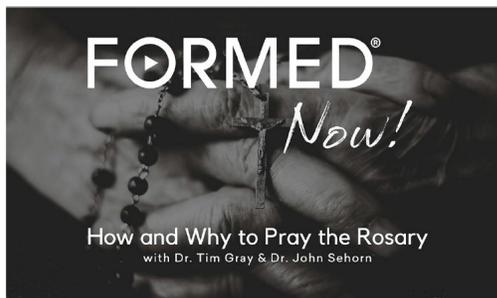
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February 6, 2022

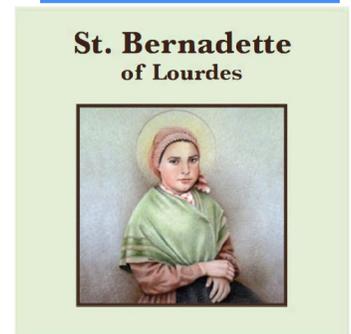
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PASTOR'S PAGE

Letter from the Finance Committee

A little over a week ago a letter was mailed to all registered parishioners; the letter was written by and came from the parish Finance Committee. As you know, it's the job of the Finance Committee to oversee the finances of the parish and to offer me advice and counsel concerning the financial affairs of the parish. I'm thrilled that they have taken the initiative to do this as a committee — the letter was written by and came from your fellow parishioners, not from me. I hope you took the time to read it.

The letter was meant to give you an update concerning the parish's financial situation, and that situation is a very difficult one, as you know. The Finance Committee is letting everyone know that they are projecting that OLPH will be \$50,000 short for the current budget year ending August 31, 2022. They have advised me that in order to keep on track, we need to increase our weekly collections by up to 15% if we are going to avoid further reductions to our small available savings funds.

So, the Finance Committee in that letter asked everyone to consider the possibility of increasing their weekly offerings by 15%. As the letter correctly points out, the parishioners who give each week faithfully to the parish cannot carry the responsibility all by themselves; we need **everyone** to do their share. I ask you to take this request seriously and, as I said, please read the entire letter from the Finance Committee.

It is the intention of the Finance Committee to send you these updates several times a year, so everyone can be as aware as possible of the financial status of the parish. In addition, the Finance Committee will continue to explore various ways they can increase revenue for the parish.

Last weekend's blizzard

Speaking of finances, you can imagine that last week's blizzard played havoc not only with attendance for the weekend, but also with our collection. I have to ask that if you were not able to attend Mass last weekend, please be sure to send in, or bring in at another time, last weekend's offering, so as not to miss a week; this is vitally important for us, and I thank you for your faithfulness with that.

Weekends such as last week are a good example of why Faith Direct, our online giving

mechanism, is so important. Consider signing up for Faith Direct if you have not done so already. You can set it up to give your weekly and Holy Day offerings automatically, via credit card (as I do) or directly from your bank account. Then you never have to worry about missing a weekly offering. It's easy, safe and convenient, and more and more people are taking advantage of it.

One final note: I hope everyone knows this, but allow me to verify that if you have to miss Mass because of inclement weather, there is no sin involved, and you should not confess it as a sin in Confession. There is no fault, and therefore no sin, if one is legitimately impeded from getting to Mass because of the weather, or for some other valid reason such as sickness or family emergency.

Children and Sacraments in their home parish

Let me take this opportunity to remind all parents that, as required by policy of 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 here at OLPH**. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

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

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

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

children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH, not at the parish of their elementary school.

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

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

Celebrating the Eucharist as a community

A few weeks ago, our new Director of Music, Chris Reilly, spoke at all the Masses about the importance of everyone joining in the singing at Mass. This was an excellent exhortation to all of us, and it echoes the importance of understanding Mass as a communal action that we all do together. Allow me to offer some further thoughts on this topic.

The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy tells us that liturgy expresses the very mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church. Each Mass is a remembrance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ, and through the prayer of the Church and the working of the Holy Spirit, the saving power of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery, is made real and present and effective to us here and now.

The Second Vatican Council called everyone to a "full, conscious and active" participation in the Mass, but this does not necessarily mean that everyone has to be up and doing something. The essential act of participation, and indeed the most profound one, is the action of entering into the Paschal Mystery — in other words, uniting oneself to Jesus in his dying and rising. In dying and rising with the Lord, we are handing ourselves over to the Father with Jesus, giving ourselves totally to the Father, and offering our lives as spiritual sacrifices. In that dying with Jesus, we also rise with him as we, like the bread and wine that are offered at Mass, are transformed into the presence of Christ. It is the **Church, the Body of Christ**, that makes

this offering to the Father through the indispensable and absolutely essential ministry of the ordained priest.

Notice the point: the celebration of the Eucharist is always an action of the **Church**. Sacraments are never private celebrations but are always actions of the Body of Christ. The Church, as a Body, is made up of a variety of members with different gifts and different roles; this is what is meant by the "hierarchical nature of the Church." Hierarchy, far from meaning power or clericalism, instead refers to the good ordering of the Church where each member functions according to his or her role. The various roles at the celebration of the Eucharist highlight for us a diversity of gifts **that exist for the sake of building up unity**. The priest presides at Mass in the person of Christ the Head, yet all are called to full participation in the offering.

This is why Holy Communion at Mass is much broader than just individually receiving Holy Communion. In fact, that reception of Holy Communion only derives its full meaning from the communion that is the very essence of the life of the Church. If the Church is the Body of Christ, then it lives that unity both within and from the Eucharist. When we receive Holy Communion, it is not just an expression of our communion with Christ, but also with his body, the Church. The Eucharist creates, builds up and restores communion to the Church, and it is only in that oneness of faith, Spirit and heart that the Church's members can then go out into the world to fulfill the Gospel mission of bringing unity and reconciliation to the entire world.

Try to remember and reflect on this communal understanding of Eucharist each time you are at Mass.

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,



BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES



We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is March 2. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season. As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes are a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during Easter Time. Penitential acts are undertaken as a community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection.

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

This year we once again invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. **We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on Sunday, February 27, and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.**

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



RCIA NEWS: RITE OF WELCOME NEXT SATURDAY!

Next Saturday, February 12, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. **Robert Fantel**, baptized in another Christian tradition, will begin the process of formation which will lead to reception into the Catholic Church and the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion at a future date. We look forward to the day in the future when Robert will be received into the Catholic Church. In the months ahead, Robert will be in a process of formation which will include bi-weekly sessions of Scripture sharing and catechesis, forming him in the Catholic faith. Please pray for him during his period of catechesis and formation, and offer welcome and support if you see him at Mass.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays

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



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.

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.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED WITH THE MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION!

“So too when a member of Christ’s Body dies, the faithful are called to a ministry of consolation to those who have suffered the loss of one whom they love.”

—Order of Christian Funerals #8

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

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

It’s not hard, and it’s not depressing, and it means so much to families at the time of the Funeral Mass.

You’ll feel wonderful about doing this, and we need YOU!

There are many ways to become involved, and we especially need help with three ministries:

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

Please consider stepping up to offer your time and your presence in one or more of these ministries.

Those who are recently retired, or those who now have time free during the day, are especially appropriate for this ministry!

If you are interested, please contact MaryAnn Haas at hosta7@yahoo.com or Msgr. Joe at msgjrjoe@oloph.org

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD— SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

Pictured here is the beautiful shrine we set up to enthrone the Word on the Word of God Sunday this year. Many parishioners took the time to spend a few minutes to pray before the Word.

What a blessing it was for our parish, as we all seek to grow in our love for God’s holy Word!



MINISTRY OF LECTORS

Do you attend the 6:30 a.m. weekday Mass here at OLPH?



Then you are aware that we need a parishioner to offer his or her time to serve as a Lector (reader) for this Mass two days a week. To find out how you may serve your fellow parishioners, please contact Deacon Robert at DeaconRobert@oloph.org or call 631-226-6175.

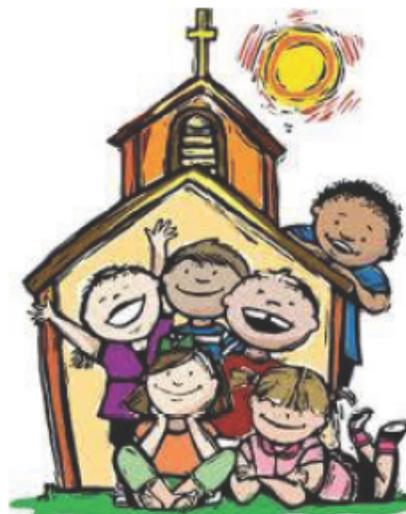
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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



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



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

LIVE-STREAM MASS

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

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

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



FR. FIDELIS HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Hear Fr. Fidelis give weekly reflections and more on his YouTube channel!

You can go to YouTube and search for **FADA PRINCE** (with the logo at left) and click on the **SUBSCRIBE** button.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2022

“THE EUCHARIST...CONSTITUTES THE SOURCE OF THE CHURCH’S LIFE ITSELF. FROM THIS SACRAMENT OF LOVE, IN FACT, FLOWS EVERY AUTHENTIC JOURNEY OF FAITH, OF COMMUNION, AND OF WITNESS.”

- Pope Francis



Begins March 3 – April 7

Join a **Living the Eucharist** small group during Lent. Your participation can enrich your life in ways subtle and amazing. During the six-week program you will:

- ◇ Gain a better understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist
- ◇ Participate more fully in Sunday Mass
- ◇ Leave Mass in a renewed zeal to let the light of Christ shine
- ◇ Nourish your spiritual life by enhancing your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sign up now to get the materials needed before the sessions begin. For more information, contact Jim Totino at jtotino01@gmail.com

**DEADLINE
THIS FRIDAY!**

Deadline to join is February 11

Lenten sign-up form on next page.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Living the Eucharist



LENTEN SIGN-UP FORM

To be completed by each participant.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME _____

CELL _____

EMAIL: _____

AGE (if under 21): _____

Six Weekly Small Group Gatherings:

Dates: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7

Location: School building (classrooms to be assigned)

Time: 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Yes, I will attend the six sessions _____

No, I cannot attend but am interested in participating in the program _____

Please return this form to the Rectory. **The material will be distributed on the first day of Class.**

View videos on the *Living the Eucharist* website at
<https://www.livingtheeucharist.org/adults/>

Thank you for your prayerful consideration
and may the Lord bless you on this journey!

February 11, 2022 is the deadline to submit form in order to receive material.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



Family Movie Night

SPONSORED BY THE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Join us for a family friendly movie!
Bring your sleeping bags, blankets, or pillows to create a cozy,
fun atmosphere in the School Auditorium

When: Friday, February 11, 2022

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Popcorn and Drinks will be available for purchase!



Social Distance and Masks Required

**Any Questions, please contact Jenine at 631-226-0317
or je91971@gmail.com**



Mardi Gras Ice Cream Social

Sponsored by the Family Life Ministry



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

When: Sunday February 27, 2022

Where: O.L.P.H. Auditorium

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



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

Any Questions? Contact:
Eileen Corticchia (631) 682-4853
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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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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 6

On Wednesday, February 9, during your normal class time, there will be a Student/Parent Meeting in the church, on the topic of Human Dignity. Attendance will be taken!

LEVEL 2

Your Communion Retreat is on Saturday, February 12th in the auditorium. Parents are to attend with the children for a fun-filled and spiritually enriching day!



HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of classroom helpers for Levels 1-5 on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and/or 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., and hall monitors on

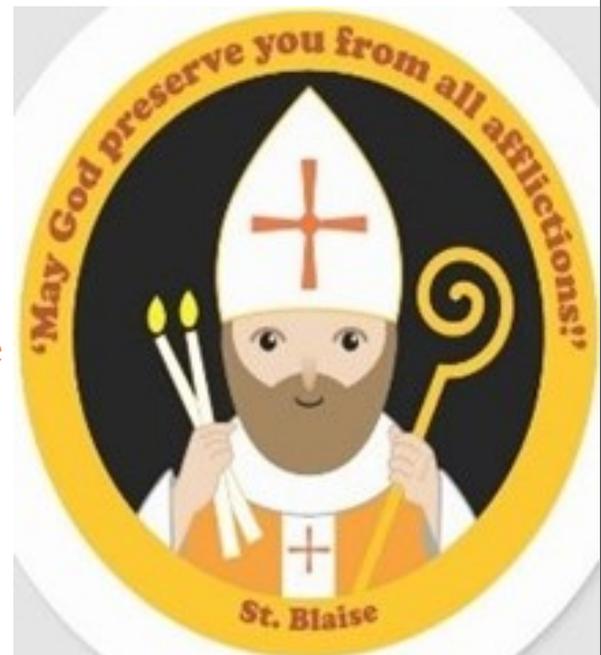
Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Do you have the time to give one hour and share your God-given gifts with the youth of OLPH? This is a great way for high school and middle school students to get hours required

for school or other extracurricular activities!



Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Blaise was a doctor and a bishop of Sebastea. God gave him a vision to flee from persecution, so he lived in a cave where he healed animals. People still came to him for healing while he was in hiding. Eventually he was arrested. A woman came to him while he was being brought to prison, begging him to heal her son, who was choking on a fish bone. He also told a wolf to bring back another woman's pig that was stolen, and it did.



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
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optimum.net
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- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and

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

In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that “whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me.”

Your gift to the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Food Pantry List

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

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

Please bring items to the SVdP office:

Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Thank you

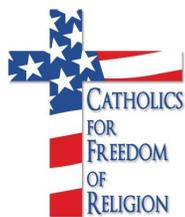
for your continued generosity.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



The Ancient Order of Hibernians is conducting a drive-by food collection for the benefit of the OLPH St. Vincent de Paul Society on Sunday, February 6 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at their hall at 27 Locust Ave. in Babylon. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom www.cffor.org

"When we assumed the Soldier, we did not lay aside the citizen." —George Washington, 1775

Restoring Religious Freedom to Thirty-Five Members of the Military

More than 12,000 military service members seeking a religious exemption to the Covid vaccine had all been denied an exemption until one resounding victory to 35 Navy SEALs on January 3, 2022. Federal Judge Reed O'Connor found that "the Covid-19 pandemic provides the government no license to abrogate" the freedoms of any American. "The Plaintiffs' loss of religious liberties outweighs any forthcoming harm to the Navy. Even the direst circumstances cannot justify the loss of constitutional rights."⁽¹⁾

"No longer can the Navy force service members to choose between their faith and serving their country," said Mike Berry, representing the 35 SEALs on behalf of First Liberty Institute. "If religious freedom means anything, it must mean that those who are sworn to protect our freedoms should not be forced to lose those very same freedoms."⁽²⁾ "Of the thousands of religious exemptions that have been sought [the military] has not approved a single one. That is textbook discrimination," Berry said.⁽³⁾

"My clients believe that the usage of fetal cell lines derived from abortions in the testing and development of any medical treatment is wrong," said attorney R. Davis Younts. "Interestingly, the Covid-19 vaccines have caused many individuals to learn about this unethical practice for the first time and they intend to take a stand against this practice in the future."⁽⁴⁾

Happening Now: Still Waiting for Court Date and Justice for Masked Student ⁽⁵⁾

Lydia Booth, a third grader at Simpson Central School in Mississippi in 2020, was forced to remove her mask that said "Jesus Loves Me", even though school officials allowed students to wear a wide variety of other messages on their masks including sports team logos and "Black Lives Matter."⁽⁶⁾ Lydia said of the mask, "It makes me feel like I'm protected by Jesus."⁽⁷⁾

After Lydia's mother did research, she found there was no school policy against expressing religious beliefs on a mask, although school officials told her this is the policy. Lydia's First Amendment right to free speech and religious freedom had been violated.

Their Alliance Defending Freedom counsel said, "We're seeing administrators all over the place trying to shut down speech. They have many different reasons for doing it, but we're seeing a lot of Christian and conservative viewpoints being marginalized."⁽⁸⁾

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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.

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

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BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Announcement:

Douglas Keller & Christina Dzikowski

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Lynn Simonetti

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Grace Grasso

Eileen Quinn

Camile Shea

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Mary Doran

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Bill Doran, Sr.

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Dominic Contaldo

Anthony Trotta

Antonio James Kienle

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PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022 10:00 A.M.

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society</i>	<i>Requested by Frank Odin</i>
<i>Frank Wegrzynowski</i>	<i>Requested by Christine Wegrzynowski</i>
<i>Thomas Kelly</i>	<i>Requested by Matilda Malast & Family</i>
<i>Richard Kaminski</i>	<i>Requested by Dunstan Bradley</i>
<i>Richard Calabrese</i>	<i>Requested by Rudy & Helen Calabrese</i>

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

WE REMEMBER

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

Frank J. Vulpi

Elaine Glamann

Lena N. Oreti

George Greenhalgh

“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.”

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

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

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

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 7— Weekday	
6:30	Susie Costanzo
12:15	Xiao Huiche
TUESDAY, February 8— Weekday (Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin)	
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:15	Nuala Egan
WEDNESDAY, February 9— Weekday	
6:30	Wilfrid M. Furlong
12:15	Helge Karlsen
THURSDAY, February 10— Saint Scholastica, Virgin	
6:30	Barbara Fasone
12:15	Benedetto Alibrandi
FRIDAY, February 11— Weekday (Our Lady of Lourdes)	
6:30	Joseph V. Brando, Sr.
12:15	Concetta & Pasquale Perrotta
SATURDAY, February 12— Weekday	
8:00	Henry Sasser
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:00	Marie Grace DeRuve
Sunday, February 13— THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Charlie Manna
12:00	Jerry & Jeanne Lucas

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, February 7, 2022		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
Tuesday, February 8, 2022		
5:30 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society Meeting	Room 24
7:15 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation—Adult Confirmation	St. Mark's Room
Wednesday, February 9, 2022		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831)	Off Campus
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Parent/Student Meeting	Church
7:00 p.m.	Levels 7 and 8 Classes Parent Meeting	School Church
Thursday, February 10, 2022		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
6:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, February 11, 2022		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Movie Night	Auditorium
Saturday, February 12, 2022		
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1, 3-5 and Special Ed. Classes Level 2 Communion Retreat	School Auditorium
12:00 p.m.	Bible Camp Meeting	Cafeteria
12:30 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, February 13, 2022		
12:30 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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 del Domingo 10 5º del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C 2/6/22

Primera Lectura (Isaías 6,1-8): Aquí Estoy, Envíame

Isaías creyó en la presencia de Dios en el Templo, pero no esperaba ver una visión del Dios santo. Movidó por esta experiencia, aceptó convertirse en humilde profeta de Dios.

Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 15,1-11): Soy Apóstol por la Gracia de Dios

Pablo pensó que persiguiendo a los cristianos estaba defendiendo a Dios contra una secta peligrosa. Jesús le sorprendió y le hizo su apóstol.

Evangelio (Lucas 5,1-11): Les Haré Pescadores de Hombres

Pedro y sus compañeros eran pescadores expertos. Jesús los llama para ser expertos pescadores de hombres. Ellos dejaron todo para seguirle.

Introducción a la Plegaria Eucarística

Alabamos a Dios por los apóstoles, testigos privilegiados de Jesús, que se convirtieron en pescadores de hombres, y con ellos estamos dispuestos a difundir la Buena Nueva de salvación. Hacemos eco de las palabras de los ángeles, a quienes (según la Primera Lectura) Isaías oyó cantar la alabanza de Dios.

Hoy como ayer, Jesús nos llama a echar nuestras “redes” en un mar que parece vacío, pero que en realidad está lleno de “peces” para ser “pescados.”

Y le dijo Jesús a Pedro: “Lleva la barca hacia aguas más profundas, y echen allí las redes para pescar” (v. 5 según la *Nueva Versión Internacional*, 1999).

Pedro y sus colaboradores eran pescadores experimentados. Sabían que, si durante toda la noche no se había pescado nada, era mejor no intentarlo durante el día siguiente. Pero vino Jesús y les dijo que salieran de nuevo a pescar. Y no podían ignorar este consejo, porque la fama del nazareno de que estaba ungido por el Espíritu se había propagado por toda Galilea. Su palabra conmovió y sus obras eran poderosas. Por eso, seguro que pensaron: “¿No estará ahora en lo cierto? ¿Y si acaso de nuevo manifiesta que habla en nombre de Dios, haciendo posible lo que sabemos prácticamente imposible?”

Cuánto les duró la duda, no lo dice el relato. Parece que muy poco; que rápidamente respondieron, y salieron con sus barcas mar adentro. Y sabemos qué pasó entonces. La pesca fue tan abundante que las barcas casi se hundían.

Pedro, ante tanta abundancia de peces, cae de rodillas y le dice a Jesús, reconociéndolo como el enviado de Dios a su pueblo:

“Apártate de mí, Señor, porque soy hombre pecador” (v. 8).

Pero Jesús no solo no le dice que se aparte, sino que lo llama a acercarse aún más, a compartir su misión a Israel: “No temas; desde ahora serás pescador de hombres” (v. 10).



OFFERING UPDATE JANUARY 29/30

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	11	6	\$260.00
8:00 a.m.	65	28	1,466.00
10:00 a.m.	106	30	1,389.00
12:00 p.m.	170	40	1,422.00
Coin			2.03
Faith Direct:			2,730.70
Children's Env.		2	5.00
Mail-ins:			1,298.00
TOTAL	352	106	\$8,572.73
2021 total	659	278	\$15,988.15
Candles			\$477.85
Poor Box			\$88.79



Even as the pandemic continues to bring uncertainty, the new year is filled with hope and promise – we always seek to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2022, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is reaching out to our parishioners.

Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2022 that reflect the steadfast promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us.

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.

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Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

February 13—passed
February 20—February 11
February 27—February 18

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Tax letters for the 2021 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.

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

The 150th Anniversary Year is over, but we still have some souvenirs and commemorative items available, as long as supplies last. Great T-shirts, warm sweat shirts, sturdy tote bags, tumblers to keep your coffee or hot chocolate nice and hot, beautiful key chains, versatile playing cards and elegant stylus pens can still be purchased! Contact Helene at hcalab2@optonline.net for more information on how to purchase an item.

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, February 13, 2022
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Luke 6:20b

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah contrasts two types of people in this reading – those who are cursed and those who are blessed. “Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings” and “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.” How often do we not trust in the Lord but try to rely on ourselves and our own efforts? This is a very easy mistake to make in a society that urges us to be strong and self-sufficient. But the reality is that we are only strong when we are connected to God, the source of all strength.

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Paul is speaking to some of the members of the church in Corinth who claim that there is no resurrection from the dead. This means that there is no afterlife, no heaven, and that what we have here on earth is all there is. If this is true, says Paul, we are “the most pitiable people of all” since we are basing our hope on an illusion. In doing so, Paul is pointing out the center of our hope – the fact that Jesus died but then rose again from the dead, thereby conquering the greatest foe of all, death. Jesus showed us that he is king over even death and that what the world considers as final and irrevocable is in reality temporary and the beginning of something wonderful. Good news indeed!

Luke 6:17, 20-26

We hear Luke’s version of the Beatitudes today as well as what might be called the “bad-attitudes.” Just as in Jeremiah’s reading, we hear of those who are blessed (“Blessed are...”) and those who are not (“Woe to . . .”). Those whom he called blessed are the poor, those who weep, the hungry, and those who are hated because of their faith in Jesus. Those whom he said will experience woe are the rich, those who are laughing, the satisfied, and those whom the world exalts. Jesus is telling us that the standards of the world are not the standards he judges by and we shouldn’t either. Those considered small in the eyes of the world are considered blessed by God. Maybe this message can help us reorient our lives so that we too will be called blessed by God.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, February 7, 2022:

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13
 + Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 8, 2022:

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30
 + Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 9, 2022:

1 Kings 10:1-10
 + Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 10, 2022:

1 Kings 11:4-13 + Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 11, 2022:

1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19
 + Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 12, 2022:

1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34
 + Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 13, 2022:

Jeremiah 17:5-8
 + 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
 + Luke 6:17, 20-26

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.

In his homily for World Day of the Poor, 2019, Pope Francis mentions hope as the paramount virtue for the poor. If a genuine evangelist is going to sow hope in the midst of poverty and injustice, what might a “tangible seed of hope” look like to the starving in Afghanistan? To farmers who can’t grow crops due to climate change? To all the people suffering from discrimination?

10. The Lord does not abandon those who seek him and call upon his name: “He does not forget the cry of the poor” (Ps 9:12), for his ears are attentive to their voice. The hope of the poor defies deadly situations, for the poor know that they are especially loved by God, and this is stronger than any suffering or exclusion. Poverty does not deprive them of their God-given dignity; they live in the certainty that it will be fully restored to them by God himself, who is not indifferent to the lot of his lowliest sons and daughters. On the contrary, he sees their struggles and sorrows, he takes them by the hand, and he gives them strength and courage (cf. Ps 10:14).

The hope of the poor is confirmed in the certainty that their voice is heard by the Lord, that, in him, they will find true justice, that their hearts will be strengthened and continue to love (cf. Ps 10:17).

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