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

Matthew 5:14a, 16

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 9, 2020

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons

at 12:45 p.m. in the church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

Shot on location in France, this film is highly recommended by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrayal of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience," and was chosen to be shown daily at the shrine in Lourdes to retell the epic story.

Bernadette

St. Bernadette and the Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes



WATCH ON FORMED.ORG

POWERED BY THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to formed.org/signup

Select your parish

Register with your name and email address

Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

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

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

Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2020

So, we are underway with the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). I thank you for your kindness in watching the CMA video which we showed at all the Masses this weekend. The video complements and fleshes out the things I said at all the Masses last weekend, and it gives you a fuller picture of the importance of the Appeal.

Please allow me to remind you that we cannot do without the income we receive from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate. We need that income to keep from “going under,” and so I need to count on all of you once again this year. By giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are raising money for your beloved OLPH as much as you are also supporting the Catholic Church’s many different ministries throughout all of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. That’s why I am once again asking for your help and generosity for this year’s Appeal. I personally give to the Appeal every year, and I am asking you to do the same.

Remember too that the CMA supports works of charity and programs throughout the diocese that are too big for any one parish to undertake, and therefore must be handled at the diocesan level. You and I are called to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal because our identity as Catholics, and our call to share in the work of the Church, involves more than just our participation in parish life; we are called to share in the life and work of the diocesan Church as well.

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

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

Supporting OLPH through Amazon purchases

As we continue to work to keep OLPH financially healthy through a variety of initiatives, let me remind you of our parish’s ongoing participation in AmazonSmile, a fund raising avenue associated with Amazon.com.

AmazonSmile is the program whereby OLPH receives a 0.5% donation from all eligible purchases on Amazon; all you have to do is be sure to select OLPH as your designated charity when you make purchases through smile.amazon.com (make sure you select Our Lady of Perpetual Help Lindenhurst). You enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient features as on Amazon.com; the difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, donations in the form of a percentage of the purchase price are made to us (you don’t make the donation — AmazonSmile does, from their foundation funded by the purchases). There is absolutely no cost to OLPH to be part of this, and for you, the shopping experience is identical to the usual Amazon experience, except that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate to OLPH when you select us as your charity. You do not pay anything additional.

I’m signed up for it and have been for a while now. It’s safe, easy and costs nothing. Full details are explained elsewhere in this bulletin, and are always printed in the bulletin on an ongoing basis. Please see the ad to learn how to sign up for this. Also, please tell everyone you know about this; spread the word so this can be a success for OLPH.

Catholic identity

Last weekend was the Super Bowl, and Super Bowl Sunday has become kind of an unofficial and quasi-holiday in our American culture. There certainly was a great deal of hype and media attention to it; it seemed like many television channels, for example, devoted the whole day to Super Bowl-related programming.

As a liturgist, I find it fascinating to think about all the ritual aspects that make up Super Bowl Sunday: the gatherings many people have; the sense of unity in watching the game and being united in a common focus; special foods which are prepared and eaten; and the overall sense of a day being set aside for this. Might there be a proper sense in which we look on the events of Super Bowl Sunday as “secular liturgy?”

I wonder if our sense of being Catholic and our participation in Sunday Mass has the same kind of effect in our life. It should. This is not to knock secular events such as Super Bowl Sunday; they are

good and healthy and should be celebrated. It is to ask the further question, however: Do we get as excited and energized and involved in our liturgical gatherings as Catholics, especially our weekly Sunday Eucharist? We should! We all need to challenge ourselves on a regular basis to make sure that our weekly gathering at Sunday Mass is more than just fulfilling an obligation, and more than just some personal holy time. Rather, it should be a gathering that forms us into a way of life that gives us the core identity of who we are: people who live our life in Jesus Christ, and who live the Paschal Mystery (dying and rising with Him) every moment of every day.

These are just some random musings from your humble liturgist Pastor...

Lent will be here before you know it!

The start of Lent is two and a half weeks away (we liturgists are also constantly looking ahead

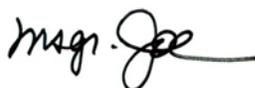
and preparing for the next liturgical season or liturgical event!). A fruitful and life-giving Lent will not just happen on its own, automatically; for us to really benefit from the holy season, we should be prepared ahead of time to enter into it. It's not too early to begin to pray about how you will make the most of Lent this year.

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,



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

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

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

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 February 26. 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 brand us with the sign of the cross — 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 February 25 and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.**

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



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES

FEBRUARY 26

6:30 a.m.— Mass

12:15 p.m.—Mass

4:15 p.m.—Word Service

5:30 p.m.—Word Service

7:30 p.m. — Mass



Stations of the Cross

Fridays

February 28, March 6, 13, 20
and April 3

at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

March 27 3:00 p.m.

April 10 12:00 Noon

February 28 led by the Liturgy Committee



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.

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CONFESSIONS

Every Monday

following the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass

Saturdays: February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28
4:00 p.m.— 4:45 p.m.

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

Monday of Holy Week, April 6:
3:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

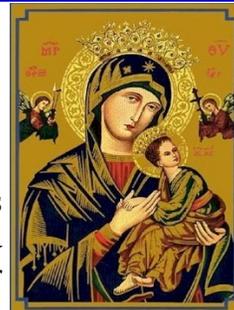
All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...



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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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



Monday, February 10—12:45 p.m.
Monday, February 17—12:45 p.m.
Monday, February 24—12:45 p.m.

HELP KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN

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

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

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.



BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins.

They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.



BE COURTEOUS: ARRIVE ON TIME

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

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

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

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

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

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

A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

Holy Communion: Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).

Communion from the Chalice: The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.

Receiving on the Tongue: Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.

Greeting of Peace: Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

Mass Attendance: MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS! There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

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

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

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

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

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

We hope to hear from YOU!!!

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

Name _____

Address _____

Town/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail _____@_____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____/_____/_____

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

Year You Received First Holy Communion _____

Grade you are in right now _____

Check one:

_____ I go to public school; Name of School _____

_____ I go to Catholic school; Name of School _____



Liturgical Ministers



WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU! **OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW READERS, USHERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

WHAT DO EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS DO?

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

HOW DO I BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER?

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

WHAT DO READERS DO?

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

HOW DO I BECOME A READER?

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



DIOCESAN TRAINING SESSIONS:

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

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

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

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

WHAT DO USHERS DO?

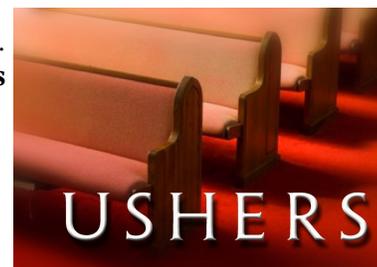
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of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

WHO SHOULD BECOME AN USHER?

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

HOW DO I BECOME AN USHER?

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



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



MARDI GRAS ICE CREAM SOCIAL SPONSORED BY THE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



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



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



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

Contact:
Eileen Corticchia 631.682-4853
kencort36@gmail.com

MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

First & Last Name: _____

_____ #of adults _____ # of children

Telephone number: _____ Email Address: _____ @

Please RSVP to Eileen Corticchia at kencort36@gmail.com

or 631-682-4853

RSVP by Sunday, February 23, 2019



2020 OLPH GOAL: \$110,400



One Family in Mission

Called to Evangelize



2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



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or to make a donation,
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 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

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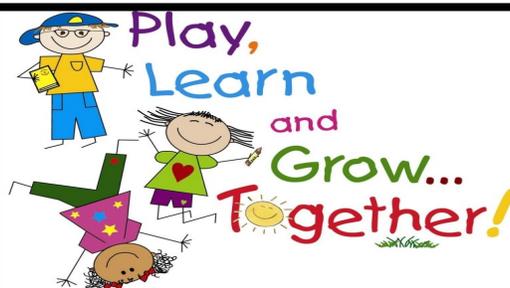
Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: By Appointment

On Wednesday, February 12, Level 7 will have a Parent Meeting in the auditorium on the topic of Social Justice; the students will go to their normal class.



On Thursday, February 13, the Bible Camp Planning Committee will meet in the school's classroom #3 at 6:00 p.m. for our next meeting! If you would like to help us with bringing the magic of Bible Camp to life this summer, then please feel free to join us and share your ideas! The more the merrier!

On Saturday, February 15, Levels 4 and 5 students will meet in the auditorium for their Safety Meeting!



Happy Saint of the Day! St. Joan of Arc

St. Joan of Arc was born in France in 1412 to peasants. They were devout Catholics, and as a result Joan of Arc had a humble upbringing. St. Michael, St. Catherine and St. Margaret came to her in a vision at the age of 13 and by the time she turned 16 she followed that call. She was told that she needed to help King Charles VII win the war for France that was being fought against England. Since she was a peasant, she needed to be tested, so the king could know that she really was sent to do God's work. Her leadership helped to win many battles for France. In the last battle she fought, she was captured and brought to the English. She was put on trial for being a witch and they burned her at the stake, which was wrong of them to do.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

Food Pantry List!

SPAGHETTI SAUCE (JAR)
BAKED BEANS
PEANUT BUTTER
CANNED FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
CEREAL
CAKE MIX/FROSTING
SHELF STABLE MILK
TOILETRIES
PAPER PRODUCTS

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for your continued generosity.

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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In the Gospel today, Jesus says, “You are the light of the world.” He is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a “light” to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

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

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

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



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

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

Our **Community Meal** is Sunday, February 9

Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass then join us in the cafeteria for “Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m.

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

Gail Tonnessen: 631-957-1449;

gtonness@optonline.net for more information

MIDDLE AGES

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

Our next meeting:

Tuesday, February 18

at 7:00 p.m. in Room 24

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

RESPECT LIFE

What to do when a friend is considering an abortion?

1. Listen to her
2. Encourage
3. Help her set goals beyond pregnancy (to see hope)
4. Reassure her that she's not alone
5. Provide practical support
6. Pray with her

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

Tuesday, February 11

at 9:00 a.m. in Room 24

CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION

FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

www.cffor.org

President Trump Safeguards the Right to Religious Freedom in Public Schools

"We don't worship government; we worship God." —President Trump, 2020

On January 16, National Religious Freedom Day, President Trump said, “This afternoon, we’re proudly announcing historic steps to protect the First Amendment right to pray in public schools...It is a sacred principle of our Republic that government must never stand between the people and God. Yet, in public schools around the country, authorities are stopping students and teachers from praying, sharing their faith, or following their religious beliefs...Tragically, there is a growing ...impulse...that seeks to punish, restrict, and even prohibit religious expression.”⁽¹⁾

For seven years, Catholics for Freedom of Religion has been reporting instances of students denied their right to religious expression in their schools.

The Trump administration has updated the guidelines, first issued under President Clinton, and is sending them to every school that receives federal funds. *The Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools* can be read on the United States Department of Education website at www.ed.gov

“These actions by the President should prompt discussions among parents, clergy and educators that will end the too common suppression of students’ appropriate expressions of their faith,” said Barbara Samuells, President of Catholics for Freedom of Religion.

To monitor compliance with the guidelines, every public school will continue to certify to their state that they have no policy that conflicts with students’ religious freedom rights. As before, a public school’s federal funding could be suspended if the school is not in compliance.”⁽²⁾

(1) *c-span.org*, 1/16/20, transcript; *nregister.com*, 1/17/20; *americamagazine.org*, 1/17/20; *whitehouse.gov/briefings*;

(2) *independentsentinel.com*, 1/17/19

“The Constitution was never meant to prevent people from praying; its declared purpose was to protect their freedom to pray.”

—President Ronald Reagan



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

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Announcement:

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

PASTORAL CARE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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

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



WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>John McPhail</i>	<i>Helene Jirinec</i>
<i>Mary Martin</i>	<i>Nancy Wirth</i>
<i>Joan Giarratano</i>	<i>Grace Tuttle</i>
<i>Nettie Deasy</i>	<i>Randall I. & Johanne Press</i>
<i>Carmen Meyer</i>	<i>Janina Soroka</i>
<i>Rose Garofalo</i>	<i>Natalie & Lew Yugel</i>
<i>Joe Chiusa</i>	<i>Kristen Wieneke</i>
<i>Louise Pauzano</i>	<i>Joan & John Peter</i>
<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>	<i>Richard DeVilla</i>
<i>James Byrne</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.

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of

February 9-15:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Agostino Pecoraro

Requested by

Elizabeth Pecoraro

Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 for other options for memorials.

WE REMEMBER

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

Anthony M. Verderosa Jr.

Michelle A. Calvaruso

Charlotte M. O'Kobrick

Marisa Catherine Friedman

Joan C. Schulz

"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."

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

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

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 10— SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

6:30 William J. Reinhardt III

12:15 John V. Paparello

TUESDAY, February 11— WEEKDAY (Our Lady of Lourdes)

6:30 Pat & Connie Perrotta

12:15 Helen Lavorata

WEDNESDAY, February 12— WEEKDAY

6:30 Julius Castelli

12:15 Anna Romanelli

THURSDAY, February 13— WEEKDAY

6:30 Joseph Sredniawski

12:15 Adam & Mary Hagzan

FRIDAY, February 14— SAINTS CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

6:30 For the Repose of the Souls of the
McCarthy Family

12:15 Roberto Mascio

SATURDAY, February 15— WEEKDAY

8:00 Maureen DiMaria

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 Dominick DeGirolamo

Sunday, February 16 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Karen Boan

10:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Christian Mothers & Guild

12:00 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Dorothea McCowan

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, February 10, 2020

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24
7:15 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark Rm.

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group Business Meeting	Room 18

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Religious Ed. Classes	School
5:30 p.m.	Level 7 Parents: Social Justice	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Religious Ed.	School
6:30 p.m.	Family Life Ministry	Cafeteria

Thursday, February 13, 2020

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible Camp Planning Meeting	Room 3
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, February 14, 2020

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent

Saturday, February 15, 2020

8:30, 10:00	Religious Ed. Classes	School
	Level 4 & 5 - Safety	Auditorium
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, February 16, 2020

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

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Lecturas del domingo 9 de Febrero del 2020

Que el Señor Jesús, luz del mundo, que nos reúne.

Haga nuestros rostros reflejen su luz

y que siempre este con vosotros.

Que tu luz ilumine a todas las gentes. Isaías 58: 7-10

El profeta nos dice hoy: Dios estará cerca de tí y tu iluminarás con su luz si estás cerca de los necesitados. Cuaresma: tiempo privilegiado de penitencia, de ayuno y Oración, pero que esto vaya acompañado nuestras buenas acciones compartiendo con los más necesitados todas la bendiciones que recibimos de nuestro Padre que esta en los Cielos, para que la luz de Cristo nos alcance.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 2:1-5

Doy testimonio de Cristo Crucificado

San Pablo reflexiona sobre su misión: no es filosofando o haciendo discursos como predico a Cristo sino dando testimonio del Señor crucificado.

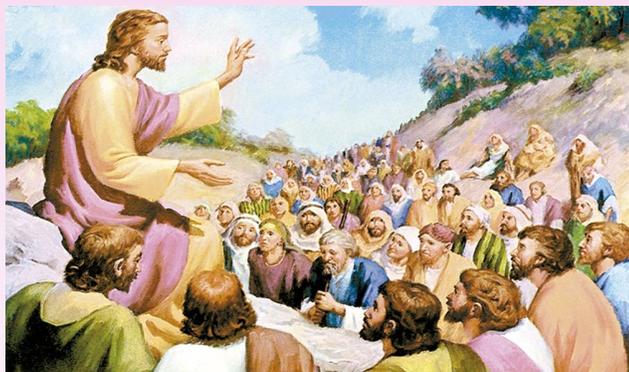
Introducción al Evangelio: Mateo 5:13-16

La sal y la luz del mundo

De acuerdo con Jesús nuestra tarea en el mundo es vivir en coherencia con el Evangelio de manera que la luz de Dios ilumine al mundo.

Reflexión del Evangelio según san Mateo 5:13-16

En el marco del Sermón de la Montaña, el Evangelio (Mt 5:13-16) expone Jesús a la muchedumbre: “Vosotros sois la sal de la tierra. Más si la sal se desvirtúa, ¿con qué se la salará? Ya no sirve para nada más que para ser tirada afuera y pisoteada por los hombres. Vosotros sois la luz del mundo. No puede ocultarse una ciudad situada en la cima de un monte. Ni tampoco se enciende una lámpara y la ponen debajo del clemén, sino sobre el candelero, para que alumbré a todos los que están en la casa. Brille así vuestra luz delante de los hombres, para que vean vuestras buenas obras y glorifiquen a vuestro Padre que está en los cielos.” Usa imágenes de la vida cotidiana y con palabras sencillas y directas, Jesús hace saber cuál es la misión y la razón de ser de la Iglesia, de los Bienaventurados: ¡Ser sal de la tierra y luz del mundo! Sal porque tiene la doble virtud de estar en toda comida y ser discreta, nadie habla de ella, a menos que haga falta o esté en exceso; además la sal es un buen conservante de los alimentos y se puede utilizar como abono de la



tierra para darle más vigor o hacerla más fecunda. Así debe ser la vida de las comunidades cristianas y obvias de todo cristiano: Ser instrumento por los cuales se transmite la vida de Dios en todos los ámbitos de la tierra. Y luz del mundo pues está hecha para iluminar, no admite ser escondida, aunque puede ser la situación de algunas personas o comunidades, lo cual es absurdo. La comunidad y el cristiano deben ser luz, deben iluminar, no debe tener miedo de mostrar el bien que hacen.

No lo hacen para ser vistos pero lo que hacen puede y debe ser visto. La sal y la luz no existen para sí. Así mismo debe ser una comunidad o un discípulo de Jesús: no pueden encerrarse en sí mismos. En síntesis, estas imágenes traducen: Dejar ver las buenas obras. La comunidad o el cristiano no se proyecta en el mundo por vanidad sino que su misión o finalidad última es dar gloria a Dios pero al mismo tiempo esa es su identidad, pues esa es su elección, imitar a Aquel que es Sal de la tierra y Luz del mundo y así dar testimonio en la vida, en las palabras y las acciones para ser reflejo del Amor y la Misericordia del Dios, Uno y Trino. ¡Jesús, en Ti confío!

OFFERING UPDATE February 1/2, 2020

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	253	115	\$2,699.00
8:00 a.m.	250	118	2,859.00
10:00 a.m.	472	145	4,486.00
12:00 p.m.	465	128	3,322.00
5:00 p.m.	179	28	875.00
Coin			8.45
Children's Env.		10	29.40
Faith Direct			2,308.00
Special Needs	65		507.14
TOTAL	1,684	544	\$17,093.99
2019 total	1,532	548	\$17,393.71
Candles			\$1,122.52
Poor Boxes			\$311.54
1st Saturday			\$313.30

2019 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2019 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.

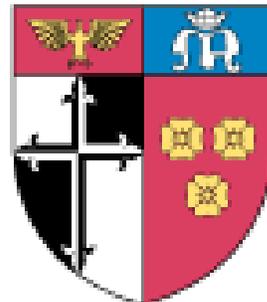
SUPPORT IRISH NIGHT

Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Annual Irish Night—March 7

St. Brigid's Parish in Westbury

It's never too cold to buy chances!

During the weekend of February 22-23, the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville will be selling chance books for their annual Irish Night. The night will be held March 7 in St. Brigid's parish in Westbury. The proceeds go directly to support the care of their "sage" elder sisters. Please consider supporting these women religious, as you so generously have in past years. OLPH parishioners are always supported daily in their prayers, as the Sisters served for many years here in this parish. Thank you for your generosity!



DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

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

February 16 — passed
February 23 — February 14
March 1—February 21

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PREPARING FOR Sunday, February 16, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*“If you trust in God, you too shall live. . .
Before man are life and death, good and evil,
whichever he chooses shall be given him.”*

Sirach 15:15b, 17

Sirach 15:15-20

The Book of Sirach was originally written in Hebrew about 200 B.C. by a sage living in Jerusalem named Yeshua Ben Eleazar Ben Sira and was translated into Greek about a century later by his grandson. It is mainly concerned with presenting moral teaching from the perspective that all wisdom, and hence the foundation of right living, comes from God and endures forever. This reading focuses on human choice in following the commands of God's Law. The author presents the reality of free will in various ways, repeating the importance and the consequences of each choice. Trustful following of divine commands brings life, while disobedience earns death; whatever one chooses “shall be given.”

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

In last Sunday's passage from this letter, Paul acknowledged that the wisdom of the Gospel he proclaims certainly does not appear wise to his hearers. He says it again today: what he speaks is “not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age.” But that is because his message originates not from human reason but from the “mysterious, hidden” plan of God that only can be known by divine revelation. What God intended was a plan of salvation for all people that is revealed through the crucified Jesus, the “Lord of glory,” not through human reason or effort. This glory is “revealed to us through the Spirit.” Such is the wisdom that “God has prepared for those who love him.”

Matthew 5:17-37

In this reading, Matthew shows us Jesus as a true son of Abraham, one who has come to fulfill the Law of Moses rather than abolish it. This is an important point since the members of Matthew's first-century community were mainly Jewish converts to Christianity and so Jesus' relationship to the Law was of great importance to them. This is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount begun two weeks ago which again shows Jesus emphasizing the importance of action rather than words. In the full length version of this reading, Jesus gives four antithetical statements (“You have heard...but I say to you. . .”) whereby he brings the Law to its fullest development by stressing not just the action but the inward attitudes behind the action. While we may not kill, who among us has never been angry with another and thereby caused damage to our relationship with members of the community? True righteousness and love of God comes when we live not by the letter of the law but by its spirit.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, February 10, 2020:

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2020:1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30
+ Mark 7:1-13**Wednesday, February 12, 2020:**

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

Thursday, February 13, 2020

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

Friday, February 14, 2020

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

Saturday, February 15, 2020:1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34
+ Mark 8:1-10**Sunday, February 16, 2020:**Sirach 15:15-20
+ 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
+ Matthew 5:17-37**Gospel Reflection Questions....**

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

1. Jesus is critical of the Pharisees' type of righteousness, which focuses on externals. They make sure everyone sees when they fast, pray on street corners, wash hands, etc. How do these things relate to the inner Spirit of the law? How do they relate to loving God and neighbor?

2. In his homily, Pope Francis warned against an excessive rigidity. How does “going beyond the law” in order to love God and neighbor surpass the “righteousness” of the scribes and Pharisees?

Taking his cue from Jesus' warning to his disciples that unless their righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees they will not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, Pope Francis stressed the importance of Christian realism. Jesus, he said, asks us to go beyond the laws and love God and neighbor, stressing that whoever is angry with their brother will be liable to judgment.

Pope Francis urged his listeners to recall how Jesus's request for generosity and holiness is all about going forward and always looking out beyond ourselves. This, he explained, frees us from the rigidity of the laws and from an idealism that harms us.

Mass at Santa Marta, June 9, 2016

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS



The Office of FAITH FORMATION DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Upcoming Workshop

Building Intercultural Competence in Ministry -

A workshop addressing the changing cultural landscape in our Faith Formation Programs.

St. Frances Cabrini, Coram

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

Or

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt

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

Desarrollando Competencias Interculturales para el Ministerio -

Se ofrecerá un Taller para abordar el panorama multicultural en los programas de Formación de la Fe.

St. Frances Cabrini, Coram

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

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Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt

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

Basic Religious Studies Course Series

St. Mary's Elementary School Building, Manhasset

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

Old Testament

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

New Testament

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

Christology

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

Divorce & Beyond Support Group

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Melville

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

Retreat Day for the Elect of 2020

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

Sunday, March 8, 2020

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

Un Día de Retiro para los Electos de 2020

Seminario de la Inmaculada Concepción, Huntington

Domingo, 8 de marzo, 2020

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

Catechist Training Level II

St. James, Setauket

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

Bereavement Conference -

For the Bereaved and those Ministering to them.

St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

Saturday, March 21, 2020

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

Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training Level I & II

St. Bernard, Levittown

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

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

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

Annual Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment - Ministry of Consolation

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Melville

Thursday, May 14, 2020

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, workshops, or to register online,
please visit drvc-faith.org/event/

Marian Healing Ministry—Healing Mass at St. Anastasia's Church, 45-14 245th St., Douglaston - Little Neck, NY at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, **February 11** starting with the Rosary, Mass then a healing service. For information contact St. Anastasia's Church at 718-631-4454.

"Moving On" Group, An After Bereavement Group for Widows and Widowers Presents: **Are You Stressed?** Stress-busting strategies and tips presented by Joyce Gangone R.N. **Friday, February 14th @ 7:30 pm** Church of St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 North Carl Ave., Babylon, NY. For further information please call Geri Olson 631-661-8994 or Linda Sparaco 631-225-9530.

Join us for a Night at the Races. Kellenberg's Alumni Parents Association (KAPA) invites all to attend a **Night at the Races** on Saturday, **February 29**, from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. 10 video races will be shown in the Kellenberg Cafeteria (1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd, Uniondale, NY). A Sports Dinner including a caesar salad, carving station (turkey, pasta, Italian blend vegetables, and mashed potatoes) along with a dessert bar and coffee, will be served. Hot dogs will be served at a convenient time between races. \$25 per person (includes dinner, beer, wine & soda). Please register online at kellenberg.org/kapa by Monday, February 24th. No reservations can be taken after this date or at the door. Questions: MrsMiles@kellenberg.org or (516) 292-0200 ext. 245.



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