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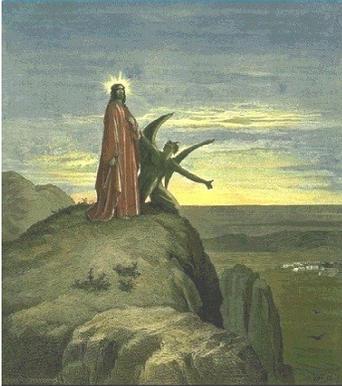
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*Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days,
to be tempted by the devil.*

Luke 4:1-2a

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2019

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

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Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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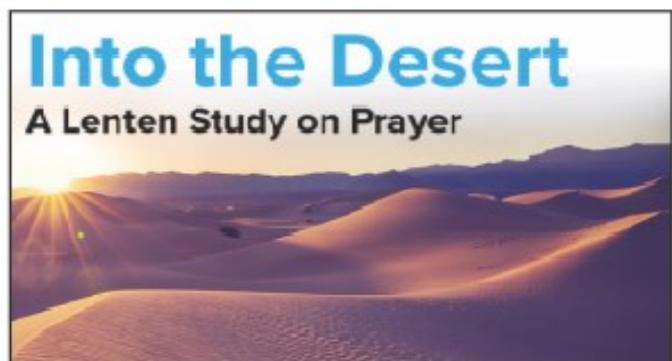
Into the Desert

A Lenten Study on Prayer

Transform Your Prayer Life

Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the prayer discipline of *Lectio Divina* to show you the secret to opening your heart and mind to God through Scripture.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

First Sunday of Lent

Lent has arrived — are you ready for it? Are you prepared to journey with Jesus through the desert, struggling with temptation and sinfulness? The Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent is always one of the accounts of Jesus going into the desert and being tempted; this year it is St. Luke's turn to tell the story.

St. Luke's temptation story follows Jesus' baptism. Jesus goes into the wilderness led by the Spirit, whom Jesus experienced so vividly in His baptism. Jesus experiences trials like those His ancestors faced in their forty years in the wilderness. They, too, struggled to remain faithful to God when faced with hunger, the gods of other nations, and risky situations. It is important to recognize the temptations as real options that Jesus could reasonably have accepted (remember, Jesus was fully human, in every way we are, except sin, so His temptations were real — he wasn't play-acting). Yet, Jesus met those temptations with integrity and confidence in His Father. Jesus refuses to doubt or test His relationship with God, and He refuses to bypass the Cross. Lent is the perfect time for us to question, to sort out our priorities, and to recommit ourselves to God. The temptations we face are a normal part of the Christian life, and they force us to focus on what is really important.

See and hear how Lent is different than other times of the liturgical year. As we have been doing for a number of years now at OLPH, we have marked this First Sunday of Lent with an ancient custom of singing of the Litany of the Saints during the Entrance Procession. Notice, too, our stark worship environment in the church; this reminds us of the simplicity and seriousness we are called to during this season, and it creates a hunger for the blossoming of new life we will experience at Easter. As always, the prayers of the Mass provide the central focus for us in our Lenten spirituality. I invite you to explore their spiritual depth and richness, and to use those prayers to ground your reflections during this first week of Lent.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) sets the agenda for us and very much gives us the sense that we are beginning something significant. We pray that *"through the yearly observance of holy Lent...we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects."* Notice how the emphasis is that our observance of Lent should have a concrete effect in our behavior — our conduct should be worthy of our life in Christ.

The Prayer over the Offerings also acknowledges the beginning of Lent as *"we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time,"* but, like the Collect, the prayer also reminds us of a change that is supposed to occur in us: *"Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings..."* We must always strive to present ourselves to the Lord with the acceptable sacrifice of a life that is good and holy and true.

The Prayer after Communion speaks of the nourishment that comes to us in the Eucharist by referencing the three traditional virtues of faith, hope and charity. Also, the prayer goes on to *ask "that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth."*

Finally, the Preface (the first part of the Eucharistic Prayer, before the Holy, Holy) echoes the Gospel as it makes reference to Jesus' fast of forty days in the desert and the temptations he faced. It reminds us that we, too, are to go into desert during Lent and confront our temptations and our sins, strengthened in that spiritual combat by our union with Christ.

Lent has arrived!

Stations of the Cross

We kicked off our Friday night series of Lenten Stations of the Cross this past Friday, March 8, with this first evening being led by the Liturgy Committee. Look for the ad in the bulletin each week for Friday Stations of the Cross. I ask everyone to seriously consider making Friday night Stations of the Cross a regular part of their Lenten devotions, and to join us each Friday night. Do it together as a family, taking the opportunity for family prayer time together!

Notice all the parish groups that are offering their time and witness to lead the Stations on Friday nights, and how many are working together. In addition to enriching your own spiritual observance of Lent, coming out on Friday nights to attend would show great solidarity and support to these fellow parishioners who are making this offering for YOU. Thanks to all who are offering themselves in this service of leading and enacting the beautiful Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross!

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

So, have you put your Confession Appointment in your calendar yet — you know, the time you have

set aside when will you go to Confession during Lent?

Our confession times during Lent will be listed in a special bulletin ad throughout all of Lent. Don't wait until the last minute and find that you can't get to Confession! There are plenty of times available, especially from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday of Holy Week, April 15 — that would be the perfect day to go! On Saturdays during Lent, we will have, on almost all the Saturdays, three — count 'em, three! — priests available for Confession, instead of the usual two. Also, you can call or e-mail one of the priests and make a separate appointment to see him for Confession! We'll be happy to see you that way, too! What could be easier than that?

So, there's no excuse! Make your plan NOW to go to Confession, if you have not already done so; it's important enough to plan ahead for, right?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and the Rite of Election

Lent is a special time not only for those of us who are already fully-initiated Catholics, but also for those who are preparing to become Catholic — those who are unbaptized, and those who are baptized in other Christian traditions, who are seeking to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church. I hope you will take note of the special RCIA blurbs we are

and will be running in the bulletin, explaining certain rituals these people will be celebrating with us during Lent; please take a moment to read the explanations, and especially to keep our elect and our candidate in your prayers. Take special note of what is celebrated today, the First Sunday of Lent, for those preparing for baptism this Easter — the Rite of Election!

We look forward with excitement to the Easter Vigil this year, when Tara, Kevin, Catherine and Emily will be baptized, confirmed and receive First Holy Communion, and to a Mass during Easter Time when Heidi will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, be confirmed and receive First Holy Communion. Keep track of their progress in our weekly bulletin announcements!

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,



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Congratulations to our unbaptized sisters and brother who are in formation to become Catholic through the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults! Today, the First Sunday of Lent, they enter the final stage of their journey in preparation for initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Today at **3:00 p.m.** they will attend **The Rite of Election** at **St. Anne's Church, Brentwood**, presided over by **Bishop John O. Barres**, our Diocesan Bishop. At this liturgy, these catechumens (who will then become **the elect**) will be formally recognized and accepted by the Bishop as people preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation this coming Easter. In preparation for this joyous celebration, our parish is celebrating the **Parish Celebration for Sending the Catechumens for Election** at our own 12:00 Noon Mass.

Please remember our catechumens (soon-to-be elect) **Kevin, Tara, Catherine** and **Emily** in your prayers as they enter this final stage of Lenten preparation for reception of the Easter sacraments.

In addition, **next Sunday, March 17**, our sister **Heidi Segelky Resky**, who is already baptized in another Christian tradition but who seeks to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, will enter a new stage in her journey. Our candidate Heidi will undergo a period of more intense preparation during this Lenten season as she prepares to be received into the Catholic Church during this year's Easter Time. The ritual for her to begin this period is called **The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion**, and this will be celebrated here at OLPH **next Sunday, March 17, the Second Sunday of Lent, at the 12:00 Noon Mass**. With this ritual, Heidi will be formally recognized and accepted as a candidate to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

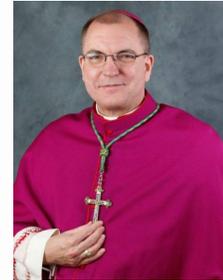
Please keep Heidi in your prayers as she enters this Lenten season, her final preparation before joining the Catholic Church and receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion at a Sunday Mass during Easter Time.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP BARRES



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2019



Dear Friends:

As we begin our prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the poor and the suffering of the world in this Lenten season 2019, we recommit ourselves to repentance, conversion and holiness individually and as a Church. We remember in a focused way this Lent the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and all forms of abuse and we pray for the purification, reform and sanctification of the Church.

In *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis says: "Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy (32)...The Lord wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence (1)...Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church (9)...The Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity (138)."

One of the ways we commit ourselves to this radiant, natural and humble holiness is by expanding the breadth and depth of our daily engagement with the inspired Sacred Scriptures. We are called to live the words of Psalm 119: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

The saints of every decade and century inspire us since "the most profound interpretation of Scripture comes precisely from those who let themselves be shaped by the word of God through listening, reading, and assiduous meditation". (Pope Benedict XVI, *The Word of the Lord*) (48) Could each one of us individually and together, united in communion as a Church, take one step with the Holy Spirit this Lent to deepen our love for the inspired Sacred Scriptures?

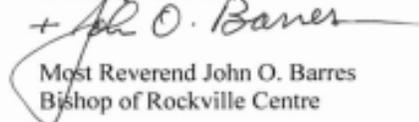
In his Apostolic Exhortation *The Word of the Lord* (2010), Pope Benedict XVI gives us an excellent process of praying individual biblical passages, a process of *lectio divina* or sacred reading of the text that includes reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the biblical text. We need to believe with confidence and a spirit of adventure that the Holy Spirit is present in the text and that the Holy Spirit's tongues of flame are connecting the text to our souls transforming us in mysterious and profound ways.

I would like to analyze and comment on the steps that Pope Benedict XVI proposes to us. (For the complete version of Bishop Barres' Lenten Letter 2019 which analyzes Pope Benedict's approach to *lectio divina*, see this link www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org.) The Word of God makes us realists who recognize that the Word of God is the foundation of all things. (10)

As your bishop and servant, I invite you during this Lenten Season 2019 and beyond, to discover or rediscover the power of the Word of God by reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the inspired Sacred Scriptures. In the end, as Father Gaston Courtois points out: "Contemplatives are the true missionaries and alone can be the true spiritual teachers".

Thank you all for your passion and daily dedication to the inspired Sacred Scriptures. Thank you for being the contemplatives, the missionaries, the spiritual teachers that are the agents and instruments of *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island and beyond.

Sincerely in Christ


+ John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



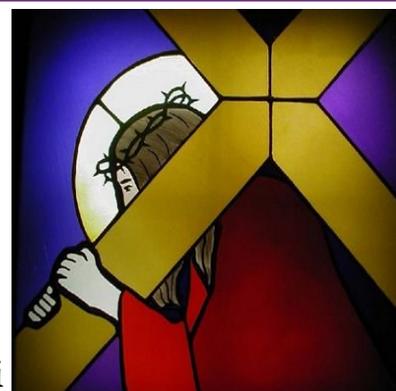
CONFESSIONS

Every Monday
following the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass
Saturdays: March 16, 23, 30, April 6
4:00 p.m.– 4:45 p.m.
Saturday April 13: 3:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.
Monday of Holy Week, April 15:
3:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

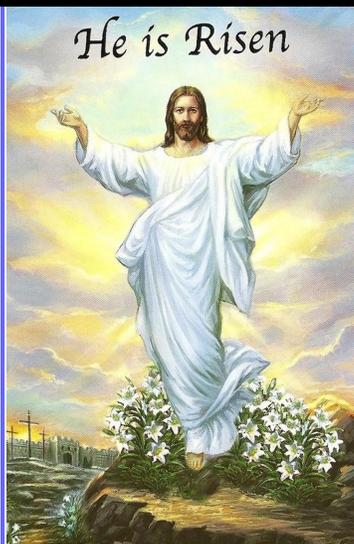
Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in the Church
unless otherwise noted.

- March 15 - Led by Youth Service Corp
- March 22 - Led by Holy Name Society & K of C
- March 29 - Led by Finance Committee & Pastoral Council
- April 5 3:00 p.m. - Led by Priest using St. Alphonse Ligouri with Scripture
- April 12 - Led by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



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.

PLAN NOW FOR EASTER...



THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 20
at 8:00 P.M.

Note: There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 20

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Note: There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

LENT: ITS MEANING, STRUCTURE, AND OUR CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

THE MEANING OF LENT

We're going on retreat! True, we may not physically be traveling to a far-off place, but we are nonetheless going on retreat. The solemn season of Lent may be seen as a time of retreat for the entire Church, as we prepare to celebrate Easter and the new life which comes to us through Jesus' death and resurrection. In fact, three focal points can form the basis for our Lenten spiritual journey:

- focusing on the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection;
- final preparation of those in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
- rediscovery of and recommitment to Baptism by those already baptized, through their penance, spiritual renewal, and ongoing conversion.



The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* of Vatican II explains:

The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent — the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance — should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer. More use is to be made of the baptismal features which are proper to the Lenten liturgy....The same may be said of the penitential elements. But catechesis, as well as pointing out the social consequences of sin, must impress on the minds of the faithful the distinctive character of penance as a detestation of sin because it is an offense against God. The role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be passed over, and the need to pray for sinners should be emphasized. During Lent, penance should be not only internal and individual but also external and social.

THE STRUCTURE OF LENT

Most people know that Lent is 40 days long, but they think that the 40 days are the six weeks plus the four days of the week of Ash Wednesday (which totals 46 days) minus six Sundays, which equals 40 days. But Lent does not end on Holy Saturday; it ends on Holy Thursday evening. The Triduum, or Three Days, beginning with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concluding with evening Vespers on Easter Sunday, is a three-day season unto itself, and not merely the final three days of Lent. The span of days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday is 44 days, but the ancient fathers of the Church calculated 40 days by beginning the count with the First Sunday of Lent, and continuing until Holy Thursday. This practice has been kept to the present time, hence the 40 days of Lent.

At least four phases of the season can be discerned:

1. Ash Wednesday and the next three days: These four days form a solemn preview of the season; the Scriptures and Mass prayers announce the major aspects of the observance and call us to enter into the season. The First Sunday of Lent begins the period of 40 days, with the Rite of Election for the catechumens being one expression of this.

2. The 28 days from the First Sunday until the Saturday of the Fourth Week: Scripture readings and penitential rites provide the structure for these days. Penance services, the Penitential Rite (Call to Continuing Conversion) for candidates for reception into the full communion of the Church celebrated on the Second Sunday, and the first two scrutinies for the elect on the Third and Fourth Sundays, are all a part of this time. Two feast days, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19)

and the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25), break this violet period in 2019. The Fourth or *Laetare* Sunday (March 31) brings its own nuances, and rose-colored vestments may be worn that day.

3. *From the Fifth Sunday and following:* Attention becomes focused on the Passion of Christ during this period of Lenten time. The Third Scrutiny for the elect is celebrated on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

4. *The last days, called Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:* These days are given the highest liturgical precedence so the Church will not be distracted from final preparations for the Triduum. Focus on the Passion of Christ becomes intensified.

Remembering that Lent is primarily about baptismal preparation and conversion, let us be aware of the structure and movement of this season as we journey toward Easter.

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER RITUAL ELEMENTS DURING LENT



Our church environment will look different during the Lenten season. The environment in which we worship helps us to enter into a Lenten spirituality — what we see (and don't see) and smell and hear is all a part of the way we pray. Here are some things you will notice during Lent:

THE ASHES USED ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE ON DISPLAY ALL DURING LENT, in the Divine Mercy Chapel area. This will be an ongoing reminder of the spiritual journey of Lent, a journey of dying and rising, a journey of changing our lives to be closer to Christ. The ashes come from burned palms saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH. The Roman Rite is specific about flowers for this penitential season: they are not allowed! The only exceptions this year are the feasts mentioned above and "Laetare" Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

OUR BAPTISMAL FONT WILL HAVE A "LENTEN LOOK" TO IT. Our baptismal font will be decorated with purple bands, as a reminder that these forty days of penance and conversion lead to a renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. We are thirsting for the new Easter water which will flow at the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection!

MUSIC WILL BE MUCH SIMPLER DURING LENT. For example, the organ will be used only to accompany singing, which means there will not be any prelude or postlude instrumental music, except on *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), when the liturgy has a more joyful tone. In a sense, then, you could say that we are fasting with our music. Don't worry, though; we'll make up for it in the exuberance and joy of Easter Time!

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, WE WILL KEEP THE CHURCH'S ANCIENT TRADITION BY SINGING THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS AS WE BEGIN OUR LENTEN PILGRIMAGE. We invoke the names of the saints who accompany us on our journey to Jerusalem.

ON THE OTHER SUNDAYS OF LENT WE WILL SING THE ENTRANCE ANTIPHON. In place of an Entrance Hymn, we will sing the proper (or assigned) text for the Entrance Antiphon as found in the *Roman Missal*. These antiphons set the tone for the liturgy and express the theology of the particular Sunday being celebrated. The antiphon and the accompanying psalm verses will be sung to a Lenten

psalm tone. The text for the antiphons and psalm verses and music for the psalm tone can be found in the Music Supplement in the back of the *Gather* hymnal.

FOR THE PENITENTIAL ACT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES DURING LENT WE WILL RECITE THE *CONFITEOR* (THE “I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD...”) AND THEN SING THE *KYRIE ELEISON* (“LORD, HAVE MERCY”). This will highlight for us the penitential nature of the season and help us to more intently “acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.” It also gives us the chance to use the *Confiteor* (“I confess to almighty God...”) which is not often heard at Sunday Masses.

WE WON’T BE HEARING “ALLELUIA!” Instead of singing “Alleluia” before the Gospel, we sing instead: “Praise and honor to you, O Lord, O Lord. Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.” Also, we won’t sing the word “alleluia” in any of our hymns. We look forward to Easter Time when we celebrate the newness of life and will again sing the “alleluia” with new joy and praise.

WE WILL USE THE APOSTLES’ CREED INSTEAD OF THE NICENE CREED. The Roman Missal tells us, “Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles’ Creed, may be used.” So, to highlight the sacredness of the season, we will use the Apostles’ Creed instead of the Nicene Creed, the one we usually use, for all of Lent and Easter Time. This will highlight for us the baptismal character of both the Lenten and Easter seasons.

THERE WILL BE NO SINGING OR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS DURING LENT. This will help create a mood of prayerful quiet and reflection appropriate to the season. The Priest may continue to pray the preparation prayers silently, or he may recite them out loud, giving the people the opportunity to respond, “Blessed be God forever.” The exception to this will be *Laetare* Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent), when the liturgy has a more joyful tone.

SIMPLE CHANT TONES WILL BE USED FOR THE EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS. The *Holy, Holy*, the *Mystery of Faith*, and the *Great Amen* will be sung to very simple chants, without accompaniment. Also, the *Lamb of God* chant will be sung using the Latin text (“*Agnus Dei...*”).

CROSSES AND IMAGES IN THE CHURCH WILL BE COVERED STARTING WITH THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. This custom becomes yet another stark visual reminder of the seriousness of Lent and helps us to truly experience heavenly joy and resurrected life when the images of the saints, who are in heavenly glory, are seen once again come Easter.

There are other ritual aspects that go into the celebration of Lent:

- the omission of the *Glory to God in the highest* at the beginning of all Lenten Masses;
- traditional Lenten practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;
- Lenten devotions such as Stations of the Cross and our Parish Mission (look for details elsewhere in the bulletin).



As we journey through the days of Lenten springtime together, let us enter into its spirit by anticipating the new life which comes to us through Jesus’ resurrection at Easter.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Bread

the
GPS
to
Heaven



Did you ever feel lost on your way through life?

Do you wonder what and where Heaven is?

How you can know you're on the right track to getting there?

The Church provides a recipe and directions for all of these questions: Bread!

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OLPH PARISH MISSION

March 31 - April 1 - April 2, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Msgr. Bill Hanson, Pastor

Mary Immaculate Church, Bellport, New York



Ordained in 1972, Fr. Bill is enjoying his seventh assignment and second pastorate in the Rockville Centre Diocese. He was born in the Bronx and was taught English Grammar at Pius X Seminary by Msgr. Dan Hamilton. Fr. Bill's brother Don is also a priest of our Diocese, now retired.

Fr. Bill has experienced the successful results in his former parish garnered from using the research tools for churches developed by the Gallup organization's Faith division. He has shared these stories in over 50 dioceses in the US, Canada, and the British West Indies.

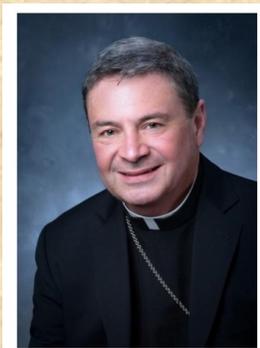
BLESSING OF BREAD AND PASTRIES ON ST. JOSEPH'S DAY



Tuesday, March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional to bless bread, pastries, and other food and to give a portion of it to the poor. Therefore, we will be offering a blessing of bread, pastries (and any other St. Joseph's foods traditional to your family) at our two weekday Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19. Join in marking St. Joseph's Day in this way by bringing your breads and pastries to be blessed!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL BISHOP ROBERT J. BRENNAN

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 12:00 Noon



Join us as OLPH prays with and for,
and bids farewell to,
our own Bishop Robert Brennan
as he leaves to begin his new ministry as
Bishop of Columbus, Ohio

*Bishop Brennan, who has been an Auxiliary Bishop in our diocese,
and who will be installed as the Bishop of Columbus
on March 29, 2019, grew up in Lindenhurst
and attended OLPH School, so OLPH is his home parish!*



DRVC GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY LITURGY



The Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Anniversary Liturgy Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More

Sunday, May 5, 2019
2:30 p.m.

Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa

- Please fill in the form below, have it signed by your pastor or someone designated by him and return to the address below.
- Approximately one week before the liturgy, you will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions.
- There will be **reserved seating for the registered couples only**. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.
- After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish. You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.

Please mail completed form to : Ellen T. Zafonte
Office of Faith Formation
PO Box 9023
Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

Registration are available at the Rectory and must be received by the Office of Faith Formation by April 15, 2019. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 506.

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

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



Each year we select parishioners to have their feet washed, and we try to represent a good cross-section of the parish. **We would like to ask you to offer to have your feet washed at our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper this year, on April 18.** This is a great opportunity for you to offer to be part of our Sacred Paschal Triduum in a very powerful way. Don't be shy about nominating yourself or someone else! It's OK for more than one member of the same family to be included! It's a great offering you would be giving to OLPH. If you are interested, simply return the response coupon below.

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



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

Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

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

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



LENT 2019

**ABSTINENCE
AND FASTING**



All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.

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

**MEETING FOR
ALL ALTAR SERVERS**

All Altar Servers are required to attend an important meeting on **Monday, March 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the church.** Among other items, we will discuss assignments for Holy Week, the Sacred Paschal Triduum and First Communions and Confirmation. All servers are expected to attend. **You are expected to attend even if you will be away for Easter; other things will be discussed besides Easter.** If you absolutely cannot be there, you must contact Msgr. Joe as soon as possible. Thank you. (Note: this meeting applies only to the young people who serve; it does not apply to the adults who serve at weekday Masses and Funerals.)

Prayer for Peace



Please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

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

AMEN

*Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)*

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



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

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 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019, 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 March 20!

We hope to hear from YOU!!!

Yes, I am interested in becoming an Altar Server! **RETURN THIS BEFORE MARCH 20!**

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 _____

PRAYER & 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. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, March 11—7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 18—7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 25—7:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer

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



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

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

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

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.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Level 7:

On Wednesday, March 13 meet in the auditorium at 5:30 p.m. for your meeting on the topic of Social Justice!

Levels 6, 7, & Service Corps:

Looking for service hours?

Join us for our Lenten Mission Service Series! Serve your community through the Corporal Works of Mercy—

On Saturday, March 16

bury the dead with us by making Rosaries and praying a Chaplet of Divine Mercy in room 24 of the school at 12:00 p.m.

Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Mark

St. Mark is one of the four Gospel writers. His Gospel is the second in the Bible. According to the New Testament he was close to St. Paul, St. Barnabas, and St. Peter. He is not one of Jesus' twelve disciples; however, many people believe that he was there when Jesus was put under arrest on Holy Thursday. St. Mark was martyred in Alexandria by being dragged through the streets for preaching the Word.



IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

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

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

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † 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: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—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. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

**CANNED MEATS
PORK & BEANS
PANCAKE SYRUP
OATMEAL
PEANUT BUTTER
CANNED FRUIT
CANNED JUICE
WATER**

Thank you
for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

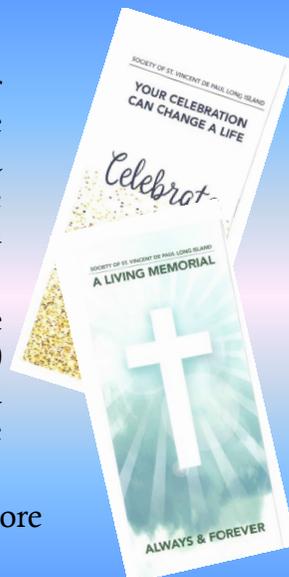
Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

† 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:

We can use gift cards (Visa, Amazon, etc.) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping for items most often needed.

We are in need of the following:

- Sweat shirts
- Sweat pants
- Jeans (30-42)
- New women's underwear (5,6,7)
- New men's underwear (L, XL, 2x, 3x)
- Hoodies
- Thermal underwear
- Blankets
- Clean, gently used sneakers
- Gloves
- Winter berets/skull caps

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.

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, March 12
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

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, March 19
7:00 p.m. in Room 24**

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

BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE QUARTERLY BAG SALE

\$5 a BAG

Running for the entire month of March, the Blue Door Boutique's bag sales are the best bargain around. Purchase a reusable bag for \$5 and fill it with almost any clothing item in the shop. Summer clearance. Fall and winter preview. Includes blazers, jackets, dresses, shirts, pants and more!
Fancy dresses not included.



We thank you for your generous donations of new and gently used items. Donations are gratefully accepted M,W,F 10-1 and Saturday 1:30-3. We cannot accept the following items: Electronics, anything electrical (even working), bathing suits, underwear (except new), toys, games, stuffed animals, baby gear (strollers, car seats, etc.).

THE
bluedoor
BOUTIQUE

HOURS
OF OPERATION
M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-
1:00 p.m.
SAT 1:30-3:00 p.m.

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



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

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

**Our next Community Meal is
Sunday, March 17
Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass
then join us for
"Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.**

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

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Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Gregory Guido
Sonia Hansen
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
James Totino
Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Christine Donovan
Marie Gagneron
Kenneth Hale
Bob Meade
Bob Mehm
Frank Pokorney
John Reynolds

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
Deacon Robert Becker
Lynn Bergin
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
MaryAnn Haas
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Rosaleen Walters
Mike Williams

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.

Third Announcement:

Tyler Kenny & Zhenqiu Liu

Second Announcement:

Vincent Siraco & Nicole Kurtz

WE REMEMBER

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

Elizabeth Howley

“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.”

MASS MEMORIALS

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

March 10-16:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Thomas Daniel Matias

Requested by

Mom & Dad

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

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

5:00 P.M. MASS

John Vollario <i>(My Beloved Godfather)</i>	Requested by Robin Tilocca
Ralph Kistner	Requested by The Manning Family
John McGowan, Jr.	Requested by Joann McGowan

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Millie Abrusci
Dean Latkowski
Sophia Marzullo*

Ray Churik

Natalie Nizza

Ann Kuller

Mark Kuller

Renato Leon

Dominick Santonastaso

Randall I. Press

Helen Iannacone

Maureen Molinari

*Dolores Muratore
Agostino Pecoraro*

Jim Gordon

Loretto Dinardo

Frank Garvano

Alyssa Drenkalo

Peggy Mc Cloud

Marilyn Abbott

Carmela Sammartiano

Fred Sawyer

Jeanne Calise

Lillian Setti

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.

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.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 11— LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30	Thomas Gorman
12:15	Franciszek Wegrzynowski

TUESDAY, March 12— LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30	Celeste Biggs
12:15	Alice Hoffman

WEDNESDAY, March 13— LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30	Rose Gallo
12:15	George Nicholson

THURSDAY, March 14— LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30	For the repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	Elena Forcina

FRIDAY, March 15— LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30	Agnes Neilan
12:15	Franciszek Wegrzynowski

SATURDAY, March 16— LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00	Michael Pazuzano
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Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00	For the People of the Parish
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Sunday, March 17 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00	Juana Torres & Lucio Lopez
10:00	Anthony Mainini
12:00	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
5:00	Perpetual Help Mass (List on p. 21)

Monday, March 11, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Rm.
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Squires	Room 19
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

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.	Level 6 Classes Level 7 Student Meeting	School Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	Church

Thursday, March 14, 2019

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	CYO Coaches Meeting	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, March 15, 2019

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

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:30, 10:00	Levels 1-5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	School
12:00 p.m.	Youth Service Corp Event	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
1:30 p.m.	Children's Liturgy Readers	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, March 17, 2019

9:15 a.m.	RCIC Meeting	Room 18
10:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church/Rm. 16
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
3:30 p.m.	Wedding	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

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Lecturas del domingo 17 de Marzo del 2019

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

El Señor, Jesucristo, transformará
nuestros cuerpos mortales
y los hará gloriosos como el suyo.
Que su luz y su paz estén siempre con ustedes.

Primera lectura (Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

En el momento en que la fe de Abrahán es seriamente probada, Dios le da esperanza; Dios se vincula a Abrahán con una Alianza; y, con el símbolo de la antorcha encendida, Dios muestra que él está presente.

Segunda lectura (Filipenses 3:17-4,1)

Transfiguración del Cristiano en Cristo

La gracia salvadora de Cristo transfigurará nuestra humanidad a imagen y semejanza de la humanidad resucitada del Señor.

Lectura del santo evangelio según (San Lucas 9:28b-36)

Un Destello de la Gloria del Señor

Antes de que Jesús partiera ya hacia Jerusalén, camino de su pasión y muerte, brilló sobre él una vislumbre de su resurrección y gloria, para fortalecerle en su propia fidelidad y para animar a sus discípulos en su fe.

La celebración del Triduo Pascual de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo, culmen del año litúrgico, nos llama una y otra vez a vivir un itinerario de preparación, conscientes de que ser conformes a Cristo (cf. *Rm* 8,29) es un don inestimable de la misericordia de Dios.

Si el hombre vive como hijo de Dios, si vive como persona redimida, que se deja llevar por el Espíritu Santo (cf. *Rm* 8,14), y sabe reconocer y poner en práctica la ley de Dios, comenzando por la que está inscrita en su corazón y en la naturaleza, *beneficia también a la creación*, cooperando en su redención.

Por esto, la creación —dice san Pablo— desea ardientemente que se manifiesten los hijos de Dios, es decir, que cuantos gozan de la gracia del misterio pascual de Jesús disfruten plenamente de sus frutos, destinados a alcanzar su maduración completa en la redención del mismo cuerpo humano. Cuando la caridad de Cristo transfigura la vida de los santos —espíritu, alma y cuerpo—, estos alaban a Dios y, con la oración, la contemplación y el arte hacen partícipes de ello también a las criaturas, como demuestra de forma admirable el “Cántico del hermano sol” de san Francisco de Asís (cf. Enc. *Laudato si'*, 87). Sin embargo, en este mundo la armonía generada por la redención está amenazada, hoy y siempre, por la fuerza negativa del pecado y de la muerte.



OFFERING UPDATE March 2/3, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	321	135	\$3,557.00
8:00 a.m.	250	118	3,048.00
10:00 a.m.	404	106	3,724.00
12:00 p.m.	468	130	3,365.00
5:00 p.m.	300	56	1,432.00
Coin			18.19
Mail-ins:			399.00
Children's Env.		27	106.82
Faith Direct			2,326.25
Special Needs	56	15	570.00
TOTAL	1,799	587	\$18,546.26
2018 total	1,625	546	\$18,520.92
Candles			\$1,009.64
Poor Box			\$286.89
1st Saturday			\$250.35

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Knute Rockne Circle 82
Columbian Squires
Lindenhurst, NY

February 19, 2019

Dear Parishioners:

On February 8, 2019 the Squires(Knute Rockne Circle) of OLPH KofC #794 ran a successful fundraiser dance for 10 year old Kaelyn McCandless who has brain cancer in the lining of her brain. These boys are a small group but work very hard from planning the event, getting donations, selling tickets and working the event non-stop. The event was very successful in that we raised over \$9000 for the McCandless family.

We would like to thank the OLPH community for coming out to this event whether it was attending, donating food or just donating to our cause.

Our group is Always looking for boys' ages from 10yr old to 17yr old. If you are interested in joining us we meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month in Room 19 at the OLPH School building.

Attached is a picture of the boys that worked along with Kaelyn. Not pictured was Austin, Kevin(Altar server) & Nick N. who also played a Big part in our success!

Thomas A Romano PJK, JDD
Chief Counselor - Knute Rockne Circle
631-561-7052

Nicholas Antuna
Chief Squire



THE CHURCH IN NEED

Today, **March 10, 2019** a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is a particular need for help:

Church in Central and Eastern Europe - the funds collected provide support for pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

The Church in Latin America - your support of the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

The Church in Africa - the fund supports pastoral projects that strengthen communities in their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.



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March 17—passed
March 24—March 15
March 31—March 22

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, March 17, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*From the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”*

Luke 9:35

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Abram was promised many descendants and vast land to live in if he trusted in the Lord. These blessings were very concrete and remind us that we too will be blessed abundantly, both in concrete and spiritual ways, if we put our faith in the Lord as Abram did.

Philippians 3:17- 4:1

Paul reminds us not to become so involved with day-to-day concerns, even legitimate ones, that we forget our ultimate hope which is our transfiguration into the image of Christ. We are citizens of another realm which is heavenly and we too will have a “glorified body.” The ultimate truth remains – life does not end here.

Luke 9:28b-36

Today’s Gospel relates how God passes the torch, as it were, from the two pillars of Jewish salvation history – the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah) – to their fulfillment, to the only one left when the cloud lifts – Jesus. We are called, as Jesus was, to move forward to death and then glory by heeding God when he says, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

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. In the blinding light did Peter know what he was saying? Think of some times that you have seen the divine, not in a transfiguration, but in the ordinary. Please share your experiences with others.

2. Pope Francis reflected on the Transfiguration with pilgrims gathered in St. Peter’s Square on the Second Sunday of Lent. What does he say is the important message of the Transfiguration?

“The mountain is the site of the encounter (of) intimate closeness with God—the place of prayer, in which to stand in the presence of the Lord. We, the disciples of Jesus, are called to be people who listen to His voice and take his words seriously. To listen to Jesus, we must follow Him.

We need to go to a place of retreat, to climb the mountain and go to a place of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. We cannot stay there, however. The encounter with God in prayer again pushes us to ‘come down from the mountain’ and back down into the plain, where we meet many brothers and sisters weighed down by fatigue, injustice, and both material and spiritual poverty.”

*Pope Francis: We need to climb the mountain, but we cannot stay there
The Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2014*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 11, 2019:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
+ Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 12, 2019:

Isaiah 55:10-11
+ Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 13, 2019:

Jonah 3:1-10 + Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 14, 2019:

Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25
+ Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 15, 2019:

Ezekiel 18:21-28
+ Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 16, 2019:

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
+ Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, March 17, 2019:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
+ Philippians 3:17—4:1
+ Luke 9:28b-36

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Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One good way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help feed people in our community each year through both Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach Centers.



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