

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Whoever drinks the water I shall give  
will never thirst.*

John 4:14

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**March 15, 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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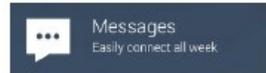
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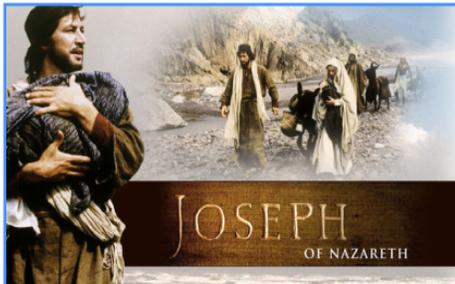
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## FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK



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**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](https://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

### *Third Sunday of Lent*

We're a good way into Lent now. Simplicity, a focus on conversion, renewal and new life, and a journey toward thirsting for the waters of the renewal of our baptism are all elements that should characterize these days in the desert with the Lord. Let's once again turn to the prayers of the Mass to express for us the meaning of the journey we are on.

In the Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Third Sunday of Lent, we petition God that "*we who are bowed down by our conscience may always be lifted up by your mercy.*" Notice how clearly the prayer reminds us that God always runs to meet us with His forgiveness, lifting us up out of sin, when we are weighed down by our wrongdoing. God's grace is stronger than our sin, and God's power to bring us back is stronger than our waywardness when we stray from Him.

The Prayer over the Offerings reminds us of an important aspect of receiving God's forgiveness: that as recipients of forgiveness and mercy, we must also then become, in turn, agents who bestow that same mercy and forgiveness on others. In that prayer we prayed, "*Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbor.*" In order to rightly bring our "sacrificial offerings" — *i.e.*, in order to celebrate Mass worthily — we must be reconciled with our brothers and sisters with whom we celebrate. We who have been forgiven must in turn forgive others.

This mercy and forgiveness of God, and the sharing of that mercy and forgiveness with others, leads to new life, now and in the life to come. We can never forget that the Eucharist is always a pledge of the life to come; thus, in the Prayer after Communion we pray, "*As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion.*" The Eucharist we celebrate here on earth is always a foretaste of the eternal banquet of which we hope to partake one day in heaven.

As always, there are so many rich spiritual themes to be derived from reflecting on and

praying over the prayers we use at Mass, and I encourage you to do so as a part of your Lenten meditations this week.

### *Christian Initiation*

These days of Lent continue to be a special time not only for those of us who are already fully-initiated Catholics, but also for the unbaptized who are in their final stage of preparation this Lent to become Catholic by celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at this year's Easter Vigil. Keep praying for our elect Carmen, Grace, Leonardo and William, and make your plans now to attend the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, so you can share their joy and welcome them to the Catholic faith through your participation in that special Mass, the most beautiful and powerful liturgy of the entire liturgical year.

### *St. Patrick's Day*

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all who celebrate the day, especially those of Irish heritage! I know that this Tuesday will be a day of festivity and celebration for those who celebrate the day. May the day be one of good cheer and closeness among family and friends!

### *Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

On this coming Thursday, March 19, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day is an important one and is given the rank of Solemnity in the liturgical calendar, which means that the day takes precedence over, and actually replaces, the Lenten day. White vestments are worn by the priest and deacon, and flowers are permitted as decorations on this day. Because of this high liturgical rank, we will have music at our 12:15 p.m. Mass on Thursday, so we can properly observe the Solemnity. *The Glory to God in the highest* returns to Mass for this day, and the Creed is said, too. All these liturgical elements mark for us the prominence of this day that celebrates the saint who is the Patron of the Universal Church and

the patron of workers, of carpenters, and of fathers.

St. Joseph was the foster-father of Jesus, entrusted with Jesus' care and upbringing. We celebrate St. Joseph, to use the words of the Mass for that day, as that "just man" given by God "as spouse to the Virgin Mother of God and set as a wise and faithful servant" in charge of the Holy Family, "to watch like a father" over God's Only Begotten Son. The model of humility and quiet service given to us by St. Joseph is something to ponder deeply.

Of course, let's not forget another important part of St. Joseph's Day—THE PASTRIES!!! As we have announced elsewhere in the bulletin, we are inviting those who come to either of the weekday Masses, 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., on St. Joseph's Day to bring bread and pastries from their St. Joseph's table to be blessed. St. Joseph's Day is a great day for Italians to celebrate and be proud of their Italian heritage, since we know, of course, that St. Joseph was Italian(!). I will do my best to not overindulge in the St. Joseph's pastries...but there are no guarantees!

May your St. Joseph's Day be a holy and festive one!

### ***OLPH Parish Mission—March 29, 30 and 31***

Our Lenten Parish Mission, which will be a special time of holiness and renewal for us, draws ever closer. Look for the information elsewhere in this bulletin. Please make every effort to attend as much of it as you can, ideally all three nights. We're thrilled to be welcoming back Fr. Paul Colloton, and I know he will have wonderful reflections to offer us; I am looking forward to being there and to hearing him, and I hope you are, too.

### ***Stations of the Cross***

Stations of the Cross, led by different groups and ministries in the parish, continues this Friday night, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. Look for the details elsewhere in this bulletin. Deepen your Lenten spirituality by attending; you'll also be showing great solidarity and support to your fellow parishioners who are making this offering of service for YOU.

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

Here's your weekly Lenten reminder from me: When will you be going to Confession? If not at one of the other times, or if not by separate appointment with one of the priests, you might want to look at Monday of Holy Week (April 6) as possibly the BEST time to go to Confession, because priests will be available constantly from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on that day, and you will be celebrating that sacrament in solidarity with all the other Catholics in this Diocese, and in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn, who will be observing this "Reconciliation Monday" in their parishes in the same way, with extended Confession times!

Mark your calendar now. When you go, tell the priest, "Msgr. Joe sent me!" (If you come to me, you can skip that part...)

### ***Changes in liturgical procedures during the coronavirus concern***

Finally, I ask you to take note of the temporary changes in our liturgical procedures we have instituted, which I spoke about at all the Masses last weekend, and which are described elsewhere in this bulletin. I wish to reiterate that staying calm and following good hygiene practices are the most important things we can do. I regret the temporary suspension of the offering of the chalice to everyone and assure you that practice will be reinstated as soon as possible. During these days of heightened caution I also ask everyone to continue to refrain from receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, and to continue to use a non-contact gesture at the Sign of Peace.

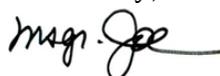
Remember, as the saying goes: "This too shall pass."

### ***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,



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays

at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

March 20 and April 3

March 27 3:00 p.m.

April 10 12:00 Noon

March 20 led by

Deacon Doug, the Pastoral Council and the Finance 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.



## CONFESSIONS

Every Monday

following the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass

Saturdays: March 21, 28

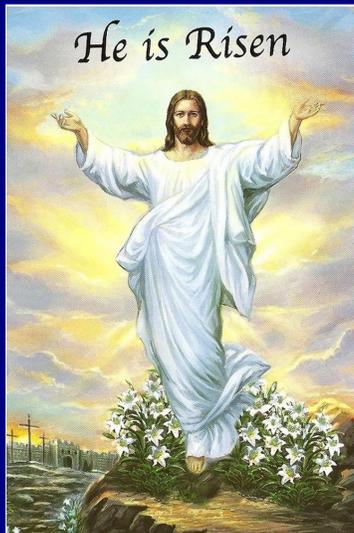
4:00 p.m.– 4:45 p.m.

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.

## PLAN NOW FOR EASTER...



### THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

at 8:00 P.M.

*Note: There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 11*

### EASTER SUNDAY

### OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

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*

# PARISH LENTEN MISSION



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
Lindenhurst, New York

## Lenten Mission 2020

Sunday, March 29 · Monday, March 30 · Tuesday, March 31  
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service each evening

Renewing Our Baptism:

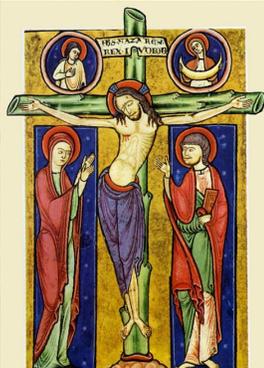
See! Rise! Proclaim Jesus Christ!

- ♦ Jesus invites deeper relationship when we least expect: The Woman at the Well
- ♦ Jesus gives sight to our blindness: The Man Born Blind
- ♦ Jesus frees us for new life: The Raising of Lazarus



Fr. Paul H. Colloton, OSFS, D.Min. is a member of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, Wilmington-Philadelphia Province and an Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Paul is the Priest Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry for Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, OH. He served as the Director of Continuing Education for the National Association of Pastoral Musicians for a little over thirteen years. Fr. Paul holds a D.Min. with a concentration in Word and Worship from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. He has over 40 years experience in pastoral ministry as preacher, presider, liturgist, musician, educator, spiritual director, workshop presenter, retreat director, and author.

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP MUSIC MINISTRY



### PASSION, PRAISE & PASCHAL MYSTERY

Friday, March 27, 2020

7:30 p.m.

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

# 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

*“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

## 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 Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Monday, March 16—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, March 23—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, March 30—12:45 p.m.**

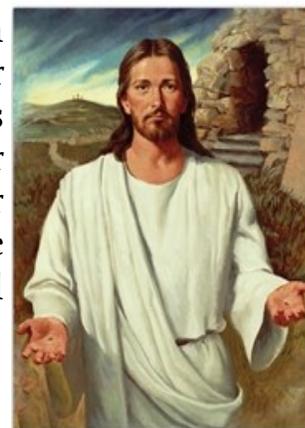
## ABSTINENCE AND FASTING



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

## EASTER SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS

Easter Spiritual Bouquet cards are now available throughout the church. These cards are a meaningful way for you to have your intentions prayed for in the Masses of Easter Sunday. Take an envelope, fill out your prayer intention, and return the envelope with your donation. Envelopes may be returned either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. All the Masses offered on Easter Sunday will be for the intentions of the Easter Spiritual Bouquet.



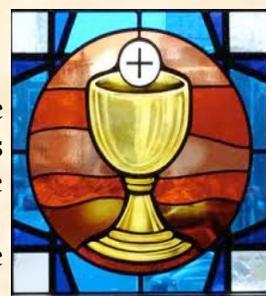


## **BLESSING OF BREAD AND PASTRIES** **ON ST. JOSEPH'S DAY**

Thursday, **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 Thursday, March 19. Join in marking St. Joseph's Day in this way by bringing your breads and pastries to be blessed!

### **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.



### **HELP KEEP OUR EASTER FLOWERS WATERED AND LOOKING GREAT!**

Easter is coming and the church will be decorated with Easter lilies and other beautiful flowers in celebration. We need offerers to help water the flowers and keep everything lovely for the entire



50 days of Easter Time. They must be watered twice a week, so we would need at least four or five people each watering time. We can use adults as well as 7th and 8th graders (you can earn Confirmation service hours each day you help water). If interested, please email Denise Martinez at [countrydee02@gmail.com](mailto:countrydee02@gmail.com) to add your name to the schedule. Schedules will be emailed to all offerers, and a sign-in sheet will be in the sacristy. Thank you!

### **CALLING YOUNG SINGERS!**

We are looking for young singers in 3rd grade through 12th grade to sing with our youth choir at our Easter Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. Only two rehearsals are required. For more information contact Amy Keller at [mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com](mailto:mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com). Please consider joining us for this special day and lending your voice to praise the Risen Lord.



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION—THE RESPONSORIAL PSALMS OF LENT**

This season of Lent, as we prepare for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Adult Faith Formation program at OLPH is offering an uplifting experience to make ready for the Solemnity of Easter. **Every Sunday through March 29** we will offer parishioners the opportunity to study the Responsorial Psalms used in each Sunday’s celebration of the Eucharist. We will meet from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. each Sunday *in the St. Lucy Meeting Room in the basement of the rectory* to examine and discuss the joyful message of the Paschal Mystery. Each session will feature a discussion of the themes of the Responsorial Psalm of the day, led by the members of the Pastoral Staff. Attend all of the sessions, or select those that fit your schedule. Bring your Bible and join us to break open the Word of the Lord.

Date	Responsorial Psalm	Presenter
March 15	Psalm 95	April Kleinlaut
March 22	Psalm 23	Fr. Frank
March 29	Psalm 130	Deacon Doug

**LITURGICAL PRACTICES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS SITUATION**



In compliance with directives issued by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish has instituted these changes in our liturgical practice during the period of time when the spread of the coronavirus is of great concern:

**Communion from the Chalice:** The offering of the Precious Blood to the assisting lay ministers in the sanctuary and to the assembly will, until further notice, be suspended. Msgr. Joe offers his apologies to those parishioners for whom receiving Holy Communion under the full expression of both forms is such an integral part of their liturgical sacramental encounter with the Eucharistic Lord, and we regret that your experience of that expression will be temporarily abridged. While we will comply with Diocesan directives, this suspension of the offering of the chalice will be temporary only during the coronavirus situation and will be restored as soon as is possible.

**Handshake at the Sign of Peace:** The handshake at the Sign of Peace will not be exchanged until further notice. A non-contact gesture is to be used, such as a head nod and a smile along with the verbal greeting, “The peace of Christ be with you” or “Peace be with you.”

**Receiving Communion on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should very seriously consider refraining from the practice and instead employ the other option of receiving in the hand. The possibility of contagion is very great when saliva from one communicant’s mouth winds up on the minister’s fingers, and then that minister continues to administer hosts to others and even makes contact with another communicant’s tongue. It would be a great act of charity and selflessness made for the good of all to refrain from one’s usual practice of receiving on the tongue and instead to receive in the hand.

**Greeting People after Mass:** Please do not be offended if the priest and/or deacon choose not to shake your hand when greeting people after Mass. The Diocese had advised that it might be advisable to temporarily discontinue this practice.

**Mass Attendance:** **MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, STAY HOME!** 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.





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**2020 OLPH GOAL:**

**\$110,400**

**Total pledged: \$97,265**

**# of pledges: 335**

**Total payments: \$54,733.50**

**as of 3/10/20**



**2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**  
**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE**

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## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
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## OFFICE HOURS

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

### Level 8:

On Wednesday, March 18 you have a Penance Service in the church! All students must attend with a parent/guardian. Attendance will be taken!

### Level 2 Parents:

On Saturday, March 21 meet in the auditorium during class time for your Parent Meeting about Communion!



**Vacation Bible Camp Needs You!**  
 Planning Meeting Thursday, March 19  
 at 6:00 p.m. in room 3 of the school.  
 Please consider being a part of our  
 Conductors Team! Contact April for  
 more information!

### Save the Date

**Vacation Bible  
 Camp**  
 July 13th-July 17th



**Levels 6, 7, and Service Corps:**  
 Need service hours? Join us for  
 our Lenten Mission Service  
 Series. Serve your community  
 through the Works of Mercy!

**On Wednesday, March 18**

Comfort the afflicted by painting  
 inspirational quotes on rocks in  
 the school auditorium from  
 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**On Saturday, March 21**

Help the Blue Door Boutique  
 from 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. in  
 moving to their new location!

## Happy Saint of the Day!

### St. Monica

*St. Monica of Hippo was married to a pagan with a short temper. Her mother-in-law lived with them, and she was also very mean. Monica had three children but was not allowed to baptize them. She prayed for their souls. When her husband was about to die, she converted him and her mother-in-law*

*to Catholicism. Her younger two children became Catholic as well, but her older son, Augustine, took more prayers to turn around. He is now a saint as well!*



**OLPH Level 8 (Group B) Confirmandi**

*received a blessing from Fr. Frank at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at the conclusion of their Confirmation Retreat held Sunday, March 8!*

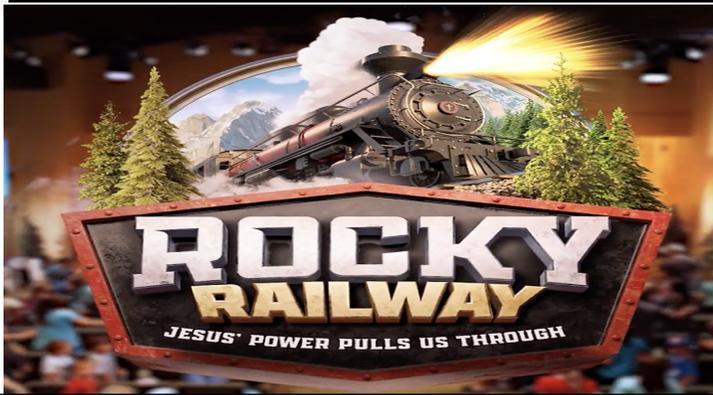


**BIBLE CAMP MINISTRY**

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Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
akleinlaut@oloph.org

**Service Camp Director:**  
Bridget Jordan  
bjordan@oloph.org



**Service Camp:**

**Students entering into 6th, 7th, & 8th grade in the fall:**

**At Preview Day on March 22, you will have the opportunity to get one hour of Christian service by writing a letter to a Pen Pal in Haiti. Save BIG by signing up at this event and get the *Early Bird Special!***

***Save the Date:***

**Bible Camp July 13th –17th  
9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.**

***Orientation:***

**July 12th at 10:00 a.m. Mass**

**Looking to SAVE BIG?**

**Come to our Preview Day on March 22, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the school auditorium. Get our *Early Bird Special* for this day ONLY!**

**There will be snacks, games, crafts, and music for age 4 to fifth grade!**

**High School Students  
and Virtus Trained Adults!  
We always need help! Join our  
Conductor Team and BE the difference!**

# 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
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- † 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!

**CANNED TUNA**  
**CANNED FRUIT**  
**COFFEE**  
**SHELF STABLE MILK**  
**FRUIT JUICES**  
**JELLY OR JAM**  
**BAKED BEANS**  
**WATER**  
**PAPER PRODUCTS**  
**TOILETRIES**

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 the parking lot located on the 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 says: “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.”

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.



## Babylon Lions Club 59th Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 29

at Babylon Memorial Grade School,  
 Park Avenue, Babylon  
 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$6 per person

Tickets are available at [www.babylonlions.com](http://www.babylonlions.com),  
 by calling 631-481-9830 or can be purchased at the door.



*All proceeds go to local charities including OLPH St. Vincent de Paul.*

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### 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 17,**

St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner off premise  
Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449  
or email her at [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net)

### 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, April 14**  
**9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

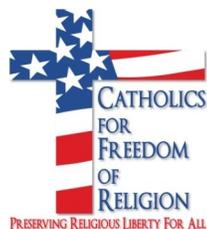
### COMMUNITY MEAL

**Sunday, April 19**

**1:00 p.m. in the cafeteria**

Join us for a special Fiesta Celebration.

## CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



### FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

#### Warning! An Organized Effort to Drive Religion Out of the Public Square

During a January 28 radio interview with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Attorney General William Barr contended the First Amendment is under assault and that "militant secularists" are trying to impose their secular values on religious people. "To me, the problem today is not that religious people are trying to impose their views on nonreligious people, it's the opposite — it's that militant secularists are trying to impose their values on religious people and they're not accommodating the freedom of religion of people of faith."<sup>(1)</sup>

"Religion was viewed by the Founders as...essential to maintaining a free country. We believe in the separation of church and state, but what permits a limited government and minimal command and control of the population and allows people to have freedom of choice in their lives...is the fact that they are a people capable of disciplining themselves according to moral values."<sup>(2)</sup>

#### Little Sisters, Sued by Some States, Going Back to Supreme Court for 3rd Time!

The Little Sisters of the Poor are a Catholic charitable order, founded in 1839, that cares for the elderly poor by operating 30 nursing homes across the country. These homes have lay staff for whom the Little Sisters provide group health insurance. In 2012 the federal and some state governments decided that under the newly passed Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Sisters must ignore their beliefs and include contraception and abortion-inducing drugs in their insurance coverage or face crippling fines.

2013 — The Supreme Court issued an injunction protecting the Little Sisters, but the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against them.

2014 — The Supreme Court ruled that closely held companies — mostly family-owned businesses — are exempt from the contraception mandate.

2016 — The Supreme Court heard the 10th Circuit's case against the Sisters and unanimously overturned their ruling.

2018 — This administration issued a new rule that contains an exemption for religious ministries in relation to the ACA.

Then — Several states sued the federal government and targeted the Little Sisters in particular by arguing that they are not religious enough, thereby forcing them to abandon their core beliefs and provide contraceptives and abortion-inducing drugs.

2020 — The Supreme Court will again hear this case.

*(firstthings.com; crisismagazine.com; thefederalist.com, 1/30/20; johnbwellsnews.com, 1/31/20(1);  
gopusa.com, 1/30/20(2))*

*It is simply unreasonable for government to demand that the Sisters violate their consciences  
and put a wall between their faith and their good works.*

—Archbishop William E. Lori

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Vincent Boccanfuso  
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jeffrey Gaab  
Joselyn Kalt  
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

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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MaryAnn Haas  
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Denise Martinez  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
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

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Ronald A. Bricca  
Carl D'Angelo  
Robert J. Scott***

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

## **WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

<i>Roseanne Buonpastore</i>	<i>Mary Hawkins</i>
<i>Anna Commarato</i>	<i>Florence Shea</i>
<i>Wilton W. Widman</i>	<i>Dora Mirabal</i>
<i>Beatrice Stysiack</i>	<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>
<i>Emily Pizzirusso</i>	<i>Teddy Zimms</i>
<i>Theresa Ann Henry</i>	<i>Cindy Van Dorn</i>
<i>Anna Niebrzydowska</i>	<i>Irene Cannetelli</i>
<i>Dolores Otten</i>	<i>Karin Kienle</i>
<i>Nora McMahon</i>	<i>Joanne &amp; Randall Press</i>
<i>Patricia Kleczkowski</i>	<i>Florence R. Nerich</i>
<i>Richard Kleczkowski</i>	

## **FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; *do not wait until the time of Communion*. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

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.

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020 5:00 P.M. MASS**

<i>Margaret McCloud</i>	<i>Requested by Stephanie Purcell</i>
<i>Marchetti Family Living &amp; Deceased</i>	<i>Requested by Patricia Marchetti</i>
<i>John Kenneth Hoffman</i>	<i>Requested by Julie DiVilio</i>
<i>Franciszek Wegrzynowski</i>	<i>Requested by Christina Wegrzynowski</i>
<i>John Hoffman Sr.</i>	<i>Requested by Aimee, Stephanie &amp; Kelly from Nawrocki-Smith</i>
<i>Vincent Ferraro</i>	<i>Requested by The Gensch Family</i>
<i>Arleen M. Luhrs</i>	<i>Requested by Ann Marie McManus</i>
<i>Robert Ludwig</i>	<i>Requested by The Rigney Family</i>
<i>Thomas Scanlon</i>	<i>Requested by Regina Scanlon</i>

*"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, March 16—

#### LENTEN WEEKDAY

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

12:15 Michael Puzano

### TUESDAY, March 17—

#### LENTEN WEEKDAY (*Saint Patrick, Bishop*)

6:30 Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

12:15 Juana Torres

### WEDNESDAY, March 18—

#### LENTEN WEEKDAY (*Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*)

6:30 Joanne Fuechtmann

12:15 Erica Pierson

### THURSDAY, March 19—

#### SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30 Andrew Ruggiero

12:15 Helen Connor

### FRIDAY, March 20—

#### LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 Theresa Grasso

12:15 Melchior Cucchiara

### SATURDAY, March 21—

#### LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00 Loretta Damone & Jack Damone

#### Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 Isabella M. Fiano

#### Sunday, March 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 Helen Lavorata

10:00 John Keim

12:00 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Ben Lauricella

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Monday, March 16, 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
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Rm.

### Tuesday, March 17, 2020

4:15 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Off Premise
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 18

### Wednesday, March 18, 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
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 & Teen Penance Service	Church
7:45 p.m.	Christian Mothers Meeting	Cafeteria
8:30 p.m.	CYO	Room 12

### Thursday, March 19, 2020

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

### Friday, March 20, 2020

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

### Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:30, 10:00	Religious Ed. Classes	School
8:30, 10:00	Level 2 - Communion Meeting	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, March 22, 2020

9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
10:00 a.m.	VBC Preview Day	Auditorium
11:00 a.m.	CYO Registration	Cafeteria
11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	St. Lucy Rm.
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
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](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

### Lecturas del 4º Domingo de Cuaresma - Ciclo A 3/29/20

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

Antes ustedes eran oscuridad, pero ahora son luz en el Señor.

Despierten de su sueño;

resuciten de entre los muertos y Cristo resplandecerá en ustedes.

Que la luz del mismo Cristo esté siempre con ustedes.

**Primera Lectura (1 Samuel 16,1b.6-7. 10-13a):** Unción de David

Dios no juzga a las personas conforme a su apariencia, sino que mira al corazón. David, el menor y más joven, es elegido y ungido rey.

**Segunda Lectura (Efesios 5,8-14):** Cristo Brillará sobre Ti

La luz de Cristo brilla sobre nosotros desde el bautismo. Somos, por lo tanto, hijos de la luz, llamados a producir frutos de bondad, justicia y verdad.

**Evangelio (Juan 9,1-41):** “Yo Era Ciego, y Ahora Puedo Ver”

Un ciego de nacimiento encuentra a Jesús y luego puede ver, primero con sus ojos corporales y después con los ojos de la fe. Nosotros somos ese ciego. El ciego que no veía, acaba viendo mejor que los fariseos. Las comunidades del Asia Menor que antes eran ciegas, descubren la luz. Los fariseos que pensaban ver correctamente, son más ciegos que el ciego de nacimiento. Encerrados en la vieja observancia, mienten cuando dicen que ven. ¡No hay peor ciego que el que no quiere ver!

Juan 9,35-38: La conducta de fe del ciego delante de Jesús

Jesús no abandona a aquel que es perseguido por su causa. Cuando se entera de que lo han expulsado, se encuentra con el hombre, lo ayuda a dar otro paso, invitándolo a asumir su fe y le pregunta: “¿Tú crees en el Hijo del Hombre?” Y él le responde: ¿Y quién es, Señor, para que yo crea en él? Jesús le dice: “Tú lo has visto; el que está hablando contigo, ése es”. El ciego exclama: “¡Creo, Señor!” Y se postró ante él. La conducta de fe del ciego delante de Jesús es de absoluta confianza y total aceptación. Acepta todo de parte de Jesús. Y es ésta la fe que sustentaba a las comunidades cristianas del Asia Menor hacia finales del siglo primero, y que nos sostiene hasta hoy.

Que la Luz del Señor Resplandezca en Ustedes.

En nuestra vida cristiana estamos con frecuencia a oscuras. A veces pecamos, y el pecado nos trae tinieblas. Otras veces no entendemos muy bien lo que nuestra fe exige de nosotros y lo que Dios espera que hagamos, y por tanto estamos meramente caminando a tientas en la oscuridad. Hoy vemos cómo Jesús nos está buscando para abrir nuestros ojos, nuestras mentes y nuestros corazones a sí mismo y a su Buena Nueva de salvación. Él vino al mundo para ser nuestra luz. Acojámosle como luz de nuestros ojos y de nuestro corazón.

Oh Dios y Padre nuestro: Por el poder de Jesús, tu Hijo, despiértanos de la noche del pecado y del sueño de la indiferencia. Que la luz de Cristo resplandezca en nosotros, para que los que viven a nuestro lado descubran en nosotros un poco de la bondad de tu Hijo, de su amor compasivo, de la verdad que él proclamó, y de la nueva vida que nos trajo. Ojalá así todos los seres humanos te alaben y vean tu luz, por los siglos de los siglos.



La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* (CRSC). Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan comida al hambriento, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y traen el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a todos los pueblos aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la CRSC. **Es Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?** Más información sobre la colecta en [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## OFFERING UPDATE March 7/8, 2020

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	267	98	\$2,669.00
8:00 a.m.	210	96	2,823.00
10:00 a.m.	409	108	3,433.00
12:00 p.m.	353	101	2,573.00
5:00 p.m.	290	57	1,562.00
Coin			14.99
Mail-ins:			667.00
Children's Env.		12	32.00
Faith Direct			2,221.00
Special Needs	52	18	562.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>\$16,556.99</b>
<b>2019 total</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>\$18,850.81</b>
Candles			\$870.00
Poor Box			\$318.75
1st Saturday			\$176.00

### NEED A PIANO FOR YOUR HOME?

We have a Baldwin Hamilton studio upright piano that needs a new home. It currently resides in the school classroom where the youth choir rehearses. We are asking for a donation of \$50. If you are interested, or would like more information, contact Chris Ferraro at 226-7725 ext. 210 or [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org).



Next week, our parish will take up *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.**

Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

### 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.

### 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](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org). *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

- March 22—March 13
- March 29—March 20
- April 5—March 25\*
- \*Early printer deadline

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**PREPARING FOR**  
**Sunday, March 22, 2020**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Not as man sees does God see,  
 because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.* 1 Samuel 16:7

**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

Our three readings today speak about seeing. In particular, they stress that we must see as God sees and not as the world does. This first reading tells the story of how the prophet Samuel was called to anoint a new king of Israel since Saul, the first king, was rejected by God for disobedience. God sends Samuel to find another among the sons of Jesse in Bethlehem. Jesse presents his six oldest sons to Samuel for approval but none of these finds divine favor. Although they are strong and good-looking God tells Samuel that he looks past external appearances and into the heart. He chooses the youngest son, David, who was still out shepherding at the time. Once anointed as king, the Spirit of God rushes upon him. This should remind us that if God chooses you to do something then God will give you the strength and power to do it.

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

The Letter to the Ephesians takes as its theme the universal church and its unity in Christ. All members, Jews and non-Jews alike, are part of one body that is united to Jesus through baptism. In this reading we hear that living with Jesus is living in the light whereas to live without him is to live in darkness. When we live in the dark we live in spiritual blindness and cannot see our way. When we accept the light, as we did at our baptism, we are called to “live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.” We have to renew our commitment to living in the light every day.

**John 9:1-41**

In the Gospel reading we hear more about seeing in a very concrete way. A man was born blind and Jesus heals his eyes so that he can see. What must that have felt like – to see for the very first time! It’s hard to imagine but perhaps by recounting this story in great detail John is trying to make a deeper point about Jesus’ actions. Jesus says “I am the light of the world” before healing the man. The first thing the man must have seen when healed would have been Jesus’ face. Truly Jesus was the light of the world to him. Is he to us? Do we look to Jesus for light in our lives or do we persist, as the Pharisees did, in refusing to see as God sees? Are we struck by external appearances and stuck in our own view of the world? This would be spiritual blindness, having sight but not really seeing. Fortunately, by our baptism we do have Jesus for our light and can rely on him every day if we but open our eyes.

**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 beginning of the Gospel, the blind man was simply a man on the street. By the end of the Gospel he was thrown out of the synagogue for defending Jesus. What changed him into a disciple? Which of these titles fits you: passer-by, believer, confessor, challenger or disciple?*

2. *Pope Francis tracks the blind man’s path below from spiritual blindness to light. Can you relate to your own spiritual blindness slowly turning to light in your life?*

*“The path of the blind man ... is a gradual process that begins with knowing Jesus’ name. He does not know anything else about him. In fact, he says: “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes” (John 9:11). In response to the pressing questions of the doctors of the law he first says that Jesus is a prophet (John 9:17) and then a man close to God (John 9:31). After he is thrown out of the Temple, excluded from society, Jesus finds him again and “opens his eyes” a second time, revealing to him his [Jesus’] true identity: “I am the Messiah,” he tells him. At this point, the man who was blind exclaims: “I believe, Lord!” (9:38), and prostrates himself before Jesus.*

*This is a passage of the Gospel that gives us a glimpse of the drama of the interior blindness of many people. And we glimpse our own interior blindness too because we sometimes have moments of such blindness. ...*

*Let us open ourselves to the light of the Lord. He awaits us always in order to enable us to see better, to give us more light, to forgive us. Let us not forget this!”*

*Pope Francis, Daily Homily, March 30, 2014*

**Readings for the Week**

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

**Monday, March 16, 2020:**

2 Kings 5:1-15b + Luke 4.24-30

+ Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

+ Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020:**

Daniel 3:25, 34-43 + Matthew 18:21-35

**Friday, March 20, 2020**

Hosea 14:2-10 + Matthew 12:28-34

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020:**

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9

+ Matthew 5:17-19

**Saturday, March 21, 2020:**

Hosea 6.1-6 + Luke 18:9-14

**Sunday, March 22, 2020:**

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

+ Ephesians 5:8-14 + John 9:1-41

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS



*This Spring, couples who have been married fifty years  
will be honored at a Mass*

**Sunday, May 3, 2020**

**St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Smithtown**

**Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m.,  
Bishop Robert J. Coyle will preside.**

Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The forms can also be found on [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org). If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 223.

*The Sisters of St. Dominic in Amityville* are looking for LPNs/RNs to work full time, 3 12-hour shifts per week with rotating weekends. The candidate will be compassionate and kind with experience in the senior population. If interested please call Debi Pfeifer, Director of Nursing at 631-608-9271.

**Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers.** 8 Week Program for age 50 and over starting Friday, **March 20, 2020** 7:00 – 9:00 pm St. Joseph Parish Center 39 N. Carll Ave. Babylon For more information and registration, please call: Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson 631-661-8994.

**Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre.** Saturday, **March 21**, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., as the Kellenberg Alumni Parents Association (KAPA) presents “*The Mild, Mild West*” at Kellenberg Memorial High School (1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd., Uniondale). Tap into your inner sleuth as we gather clues to deduce the identity and motive of the “murderer.” A special thank you to the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre Chairpeople Brad & Maureen Kass! The evening includes beer/wine and dinner, followed by dessert, coffee, and tea for \$30 pp. There will be a prize for the winning table. Additional clues may be purchased during the evening with cash only. All tables are reserved and can hold 6-8 people. Sorry, no walk-ins. Please visit [www.kellenberg.org/kapa-murder-mystery-dinner-theatre](http://www.kellenberg.org/kapa-murder-mystery-dinner-theatre) to register *no later than Monday, March 16th*. Questions may be directed to Director of Advancement Mrs. Denise Miles at [MrsMiles@kellenberg.org](mailto:MrsMiles@kellenberg.org) or (516) 292-0200 ext. 245.

**Eucharistic Retreat Day, the Missionaries of The Most Holy Eucharist** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Rd., Huntington, Sunday, **March 29** from 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Full day includes breakfast and lunch with the opportunity for participation in spiritual meditations, Mass, Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Devotion and Benediction. \$35 fee. Advance registration required: go to <http://forms.gle/namdaZyht5rWm9KHA> or call Allison Ferrara 631-896-0870 and leave your information. Any questions please email [MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com](mailto:MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com).

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