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

Luke 9:35

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 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

Business Manager: Mr. Frank Pokorney

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

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

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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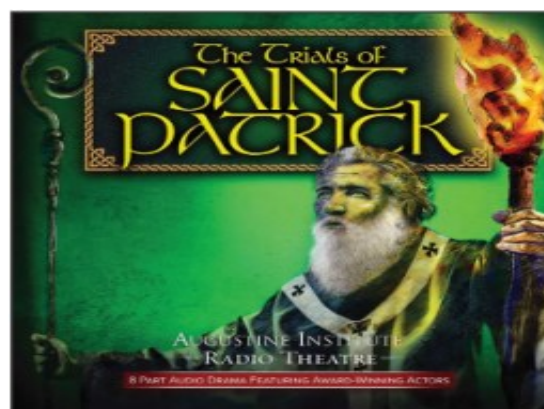
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Trials of Saint Patrick

Augustine Institute Radio Theatre

**There's More to
St. Patrick than
Shamrocks and
Snakes**

Follow St. Patrick on his dramatic journey through hardship and loss to mercy and forgiveness. His story will come to life in Augustine Institute Radio Theatre's highly-acclaimed audio drama.



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PASTOR'S PAGE

Second Sunday of Lent

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent each year is always one of the accounts of the Transfiguration of Jesus, from either St. Matthew, St. Mark, or, as with this year, St. Luke. As proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of what we share in by sharing in Christ's resurrection.

St. Luke's version of the Transfiguration emphasizes resurrection hope. While the Paschal Mystery always includes both death and resurrection, Luke accentuates the resurrection: for example, there is mention of the Exodus and of Jesus' glory; these are explicit references to, and symbols of, Jesus' resurrection and Easter. (There is actually another reference to these in St. Luke's account that is omitted in the selection in the Lectionary text proclaimed at Mass; it's a reference to the "eighth day," found at Luke 9:28 — look it up.) Thus, Peter, John, James and all of us who hear this Gospel receive a glimpse of the resurrection, a taste of the glory that waits on the other side of the cross. It is a beautiful vision, filled with light, white robes, Old Testament luminaries, and even a voice from heaven. No wonder Peter wanted to stay! Most of us probably would have, too! The key, however, is not to hold on to the vision, but rather to listen to Jesus, the crucified-now-risen Savior.

To enter more deeply into the celebration of the Second Sunday of Lent, take some time to reflect not only on the Gospel of the Transfiguration, but also on the phrases used in the Collect (Opening Prayer) of the Mass of the day: *"listen to your beloved Son;" "nourish us inwardly by your word;" "spiritual sight made pure;" "rejoice to behold your glory."* Such imagery all but puts us right there in the Transfiguration scene! Imagine what it would have been like to have actually been there! Can you picture yourself beholding the Lord's transfigured glory along with Peter, James and John? What would your reaction be? How would that experience change you?

We continue to be reminded of Lent as a journey toward Easter as we pray the words of the Preface (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, before the *Holy, Holy*) for this Sunday: *"the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection."* During Lent we strive to take up our cross and believe more deeply that through Christ, with Christ and in Christ our sufferings and difficulties will lead to new life. That's the power of Christ's Paschal Mystery in our life.

Take some time this week to reflect on the entire mystery, the Paschal Mystery, that is our focus during Lent-Easter Time — that in order to rise with

Christ we must die with Him, and how we experience that passage and transformation through Him, with Him, and in Him, in our daily life.

Bishop Robert Brennan at OLPH next Sunday

As we have been advertising in the bulletin, next Sunday, March 24, we are privileged to have Bishop Robert Brennan come to preside at our 12:00 Noon Mass, as a special Mass of Farewell. Bishop Brennan, who grew up here in Lindenhurst and at OLPH, and who attended OLPH school, has been a priest of our diocese and has served as a parish priest, as a Pastor, as Secretary to the Bishop (three different Bishops — Bishop McGann, Bishop McHugh and Bishop Murphy), as Vicar General, and as an Auxiliary Bishop. Bishop Brennan has been appointed as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio and will be installed there on Friday, March 29. He will be celebrating a Mass here at this parish that means so much to him and his family. It will be a truly special celebration of the Eucharist and I hope you will be able to be there to pray for and with him.

I have had the pleasure of being friends with Bishop Brennan since 1984, when I was beginning Second Theology at the seminary and he arrived as a new seminarian beginning First Theology. We met, we "clicked," and have been friends since. We've shared the joys of the priesthood and of working together on different occasions; we were present at each other's first Masses, and I was honored to be his successor as Secretary to Bishop Murphy. Bishop Brennan is a model priest and a true man of the Church who has selflessly offered his life to serve all of us in this diocese. The example of his service has enriched and inspired me in my priesthood. Although it's a cliché, the words "our loss is their gain" seem to really apply. We will miss Bishop Brennan's leadership and priestly presence here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, but his ministry as Bishop of Columbus will be a true gift to the people of that diocese.

We are honored that Bishop Brennan has requested to celebrate a Mass here and we are thrilled to welcome him. Typical of his humility and his desire to not make things "about him," he has requested that there not be a formal hospitality or reception after the Mass, and I am respecting that request. We will have the opportunity to greet him as he stands at the exit after Mass, of course. Again, I hope you will be able to be there, at the 12:00 Noon Mass next Sunday, March 24, so that his home parish can give Bishop Brennan a true "the place to

be" farewell.

OLPH Parish Mission—March 31, April 1, 2

Mark your calendar NOW for another important event, this year's Parish Lenten Mission. Look for the information elsewhere in the bulletin. I would like everyone to set the time aside to attend this important part of our Lenten journey; attending a Mission, like going on retreat, and opening ourselves to the renewal and reawakening that comes with attending a Mission, is sort of "hard-wired" into our Catholic "genes" and is always a wonderful way to observe the holiness of the Lenten season. This year's presenter, Msgr. Bill Hanson, is a long-time friend of mine (34 years!) and has been not only a friend but also a priest-mentor to me over the years. Fr. Bill is a dynamic preacher, a master story-teller and a priest with deep spiritual insight. Plus, he's just a fun guy who loves to laugh! I am very, very excited that he accepted my invitation to do this Mission, and I know you will get so much out of it that will be enriching, thought-provoking, and will deepen your engagement in Lenten spirituality. There will probably be a few laughs along the way, too. I urge everyone to make every effort to attend as much of the Mission as you can — ideally, all three nights.

St. Patrick's Day

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all who celebrate the day, especially those of Irish heritage! Liturgically, the commemoration on March 17 is replaced by the higher-ranking Second Sunday of Lent, but I know the day will nonetheless be a day of festivity and celebration for many. (At least it's not on a Friday like it is some years in Lent!) May the day be a day of good cheer and closeness among family and friends! *"Hope a bit o' Irish luck and a bit o' Irish cheer will snuggle down inside your heart and stay all through the year!"*

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

On Tuesday, 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 the Lenten day. Because of this high liturgical rank, we will have music at our 12:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, so we can properly observe the Solemnity. The *Glory to God in the highest* returns to Mass, 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 as, to use the words of the Mass for that day, 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(!).

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

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

Here's your weekly Lenten reminder from me: have you put a date and time in your calendar, to set going to Confession as an actual appointment? Make it a point now to plan when you will go, and I would point your attention to Monday of Holy Week (April 15) as an especially wonderful time to go to Confession, because priests will be available constantly from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on that day! 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 possibly be easier than that?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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 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. Keep praying for those who are becoming Catholic this Easter, and watch the bulletin for special information about RCIA at OLPH, such as we are publicizing this weekend; you can read how our candidate Heidi is taking another important step in her journey, and what's coming up for our elect Kevin, Catherine, Emily and Tara.

Offer to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday!

Each year, parishioners are selected to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Washing of Feet is a very moving, very

powerful and very beautiful ritual that speaks of the humble and loving service that is the hallmark of Christian life. This year we are continuing our custom of having parishioners offer to have their feet washed.

Oh, I know...people get shy and embarrassed about this and their first reaction is, "No, not me." (It's interesting that the act of humble Christian service is supposed to be washing someone's feet, but, because of our hesitation and feelings of discomfort, it almost seems as though the actual act of humility is allowing one's feet to be washed!) I ask you, though, to see this as an important contribution and offering you could make to our celebration of Holy Thursday, and to submit your name as someone offering to have their feet washed.

We always try to get a good cross-representation of parishioners, so we're looking for young and old, boys and girls, men and women, actively-involved and not-so-actively-involved...you name it! You can respond by returning the response coupon found elsewhere in this bulletin. Now, please understand: since we're trying for a cross-representation, you may not get called this year because we want to balance out our representation of ages, gender, parish involvements, *etc.* But don't worry, and please don't be insulted: we will hold on to your name and keep it in the "pool" and you will be called in a future year. In fact, I have names left over from previous years, and if you are one of those folks, you very well may be asked this year!

Please give prayerful consideration to this as a great spiritual offering to your parish.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Thanks to all those who have already sent in their pledges to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, moving us along toward achieving and even, I sincerely hope, surpassing our goal of \$109,400. If

you still have yet to make your pledge, please do so as soon as possible. We really need YOU to join with all your fellow parishioners who participate in this important undertaking. Thank you for your generosity!

Altar Server meeting this Monday, March 18

I remind all our Altar Servers (that's all our young Altar Servers, not the adults who serve at weekday Masses and Funerals) about the very important meeting on Monday, March 18 at 4:30 p.m. We will discuss the Holy Week/Sacred Paschal Triduum schedule, along with other important business. All Altar Servers are required to attend, even if you will be away for Easter. I look forward to seeing you there!

Parish Mission in Curé of Ars Parish, Merrick

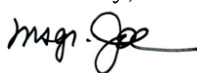
Finally, I'll just briefly mention that this week I'll be giving a Parish Mission along with Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Fr. John Sureau and Fr. Michael Holzmann at Curé of Ars Parish in Merrick. It will be Sunday through Wednesday, March 17-20, and my night to preach will as usual be on the Wednesday, although, as always, all four of us will be there each night. Please pray for the success of the Mission, this one we have presented in so many (45!) parishes in the diocese (and did so here at OLPH a number of years ago).

In conclusion...

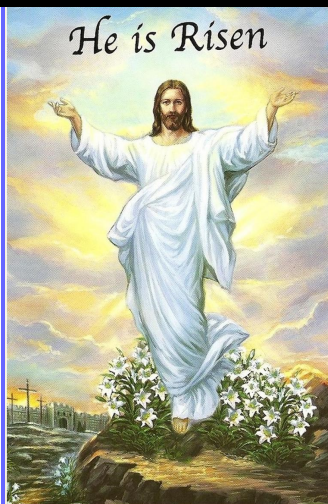
Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



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

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!

*Come and learn about **G**od's **P**rovidential **S**trategy*

OLPH PARISH MISSION

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

Msgr. Bill Hanson, Pastor

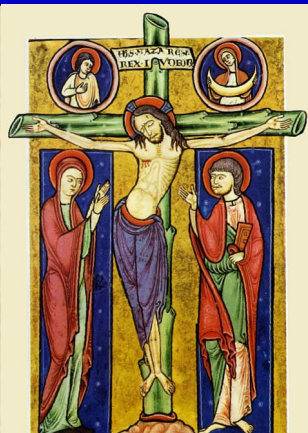
Mary Immaculate Church, Bellport, New York



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.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP MUSIC MINISTRY



PASSION, PRAISE & PASCHAL MYSTERY

Friday, April 5, 2019

7:30 p.m.

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



CONFESSIONS

Every Monday
following the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass
Saturdays: March 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 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.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL

BISHOP ROBERT J. BRENNAN

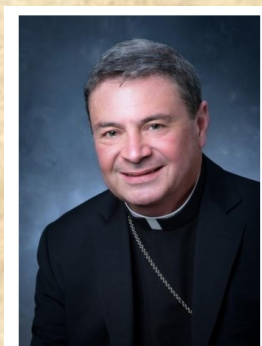
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

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!*



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Congratulations to our sister **Heidi Segelky Resky** who is in formation to become Catholic through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults!** This weekend, as the Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Lent, she will enter the final stage of her journey in preparation for initiation into the full communion of the Catholic Church, which will take place at a Sunday Mass during Easter Time. Heidi celebrates **The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion** here at OLPH this Sunday, **March 17, at the 12:00 Noon Mass**. At this liturgy, our candidate Heidi is formally recognized and accepted as a candidate preparing to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, and to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion, at a Sunday Mass during this coming Easter Time.

Please remember Heidi in your prayers as she enters this final stage of Lenten preparation for reception of the Easter sacraments.

Looking to the weeks ahead, the **Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, March 24, 31 and April 7** are special Sundays for the **elect** in the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** process. On those Sundays, the **elect** (those who have been formally accepted as preparing for the three Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist — to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil) are prayed over in a special way by our parish community.

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

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

THE FIRST SCRUTINY WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 23 AT THE 5:00 p.m. MASS.

THE RITE OF ELECTION, ST. ANNE'S BRENTWOOD, SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Enjoy some pictures of our catechumens Kevin, Tara, Emily and Catherine, as they were accepted by Bishop Barres at the Rite of Election last Sunday to be the elect who will receive the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil this year. Our elect and their Godparents are pictured with Msgr. Joe, Jeffrey Gaab, Director of RCIA, and Bishop Barres.



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.)

**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!

**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.

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 18—7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 25—7:00 p.m.

**Monday, April 1—6:30 p.m. due to the
Parish Mission to follow**

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.

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 msgjoe@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 _____

**LAST
CHANCE!**

Check one:

_____ I go to public school; Name of School _____

_____ I go to Catholic school; Name of School _____



**“LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME”
PRAYER GARDEN
Engraved Bricks**

Bricks may be memorialized in our

“Let the Children Come to Me” Prayer Garden.

Brick locations will be assigned in the order in which they are received in front of the "Let the Children Come to Me" statue.

Your Name(s) _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please enclose full payment of \$125 with this completed form.

Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Mail or return form in person to:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Attn: Brick Memorialization

Linda Coppola

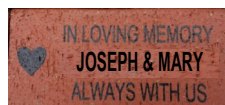
210 South Wellwood Avenue

Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Please print the inscription as it is to appear on the brick (3 lines/16 characters per line maximum).

Each box represents one letter, number, character or space. The pavers will be engraved in all capital letters.

If you would like to add a heart or a cross to your brick, it will be engraved on the left hand side.

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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.

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.

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 5:

On Saturday, March 23

meet in the auditorium during your class
 time for your Parent/Child Workshop!

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 Wednesday, March 20 in room 10
 of the school from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
 help us visit the sick by writing cards to
 people who are in the hospital.

March 30, 2019

9:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
 Long Island Youth Day
 St. Anthony's High School,
 Melville!

Looking for Something More?

Join teens from all over Long Island who have a love for Jesus like you do! Together we will pray, engage, learn, and celebrate our Catholic faith. The day will feature Mass, Adoration, Confession, dynamic speakers, breakout sessions, interaction with religious orders and lay affiliates, great music, lunch, and even some recreation time. Please contact Bridget Jordan in the Religious Education office about registration! Only \$25 to attend!

Happy Saint of the Day! St. Patrick

(Full disclosure: this is one of Bridget's favorite saints!) St. Patrick is one of the 3 patron saints of Ireland, and the most famous. Did you know that he's not even Irish? He's really British and was kidnapped by pirates when he was 14! He was then taken to Ireland as a slave. Instead of being scared and full of despair he turned to God for help. He was able to escape and taught the Irish all about God!



Thank You, Service Corps, for helping us feed the hungry!



MARDI GRAS TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019



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—cdefeldman@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.

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

† 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.

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**

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
blue door
BOUTIQUE**

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



Christian Mothers and Guild

Please join us for our Wednesday, **March 20** meeting, as we welcome guest speakers Charlie and Cathy Feldman of the CFFR, who will show a short video on *"Freedom of Religion in Schools."* Find out what your child's rights are in this regard and how to address this issue. We meet at 8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria and are open to all women 18 and older, married or single. Bring a friend. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Stysiack: carolstys@verizon

RIGHT TO LIFE



*We MUST take a stand to protect these
LIVE born citizens of the USA.
Write to Congress in protest –*

Speaker Nancy Pelosi

US House
1236 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515
sf.nancy@mail.house.gov

Sen. Chuck Schumer

22 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
www.schumer.senate.gov

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand

478 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510
Submit emails online.

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

Name	Ext	Email
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
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 Bendoragel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Christine Donovan
Marie Gagneron
Kenneth Hale
Bob Meade
Bob Mehm
Frank Pokorney
John Reynolds
Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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:
Vincent Siraco & Nicole Kurtz

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.

-Rite of Baptism



*Matteo Thomas Falco
Madison Rose Gervasio
Everleigh Loretto Higgs
Ryan Joseph Jacobs*

**We welcome the newest members
of the Catholic community here at OLPH!**

WE REMEMBER

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

*Thomas Kelly
Alan Schneider*

"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."

PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019 5:00 P.M. MASS

John Vollario (My Beloved Godfather)	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...

<i>Natalie Nizza</i>	<i>Peggy McCloud</i>
<i>Ann Kuller</i>	<i>Marilyn Abbott</i>
<i>Mark Kuller</i>	<i>Carmela Sammartiano</i>
<i>Renato Leon</i>	<i>Fred Sawyer</i>
<i>Randall I. Press</i>	<i>Jeanne Calise</i>
<i>Helen Iannacone</i>	<i>Lillian Setti</i>
<i>Maureen Molinari</i>	<i>William Redlich</i>
<i>Dolores Muratore</i>	<i>Constance Belowski</i>
<i>Agostino Pecoraro</i>	<i>Salvatore Valela</i>
<i>Jim Gordon</i>	<i>Natalie & Lew Yugel</i>
<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>	<i>Millie Abrusci</i>
<i>Frank Garvano</i>	<i>Linda Menna</i>
<i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i>	

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

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 Community will then visit each week.

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



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 18—

LENTEN WEEKDAY

*(Saint Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church)*

6:30 Josephine Sirignano

12:15 Rose Gallo

TUESDAY, March 19—

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30 Giuseppe Lentini

12:15 Helen Conor

WEDNESDAY, March 20—

LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 The Living & Deceased Members of the
Breitfeller Family

12:15 Benedetto Cucinella

THURSDAY, March 21—

LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 Mildred Sredniawski

12:15 Melchior Cucchiara

FRIDAY, March 22—

LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 John C. Kiem

12:15 For the Repose of the Souls of the
McCarthy Family

SATURDAY, March 23—

LENTEN WEEKDAY

(Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop)

8:00 Juana Hernandez

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 Joann Vitti

Sunday, March 24

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 Sonia Parisie

12:00 Anthony Mainini

5:00 Baby Robert Garcia

Monday, March 18, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Meeting	Church
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, March 20, 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 & 7 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
8:00 p.m.	Christian Mothers Meeting	Cafeteria

Thursday, March 21, 2019

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting	St. Lucy Room
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 1
7:30 p.m.	VBC Planning Meeting	Room 12
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, March 22, 2019

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 23, 2019

8:30,10:00	Levels 1-4 & Sp. Ed. Classes Level 5 Parent/Child Workshop	School Auditorium
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	RCIA: 1st Scrutiny	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, March 23, 2019

9:15 a.m.	RCIC Meeting	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	Family Life Ministry Service	Cafeteria
11:00 a.m.	VBC Preview Day	Auditorium
11:00 a.m.	CYO Track Registration	Room 12
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
7:00 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 Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

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

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

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

Lecturas del domingo 24 de Marzo del 2019

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

El Señor dice: “He visto la miseria de mi pueblo;

he oído su clamor, a anhelado ser libre;

me doy cuenta de su sufrimiento;

E bajado liberarlos

Que este Dios cercano y preocupado por su pueblo

esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera lectura (Éxodos 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 30)

En la zarza ardiendo Dios se revela a Moisés como un Dios que está siempre presente en el pueblo. Él conducirá a su pueblo elegido desde una tierra de esclavitud hasta una tierra de libertad.

Segunda lectura (Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12)

Dios había conducido a su pueblo a través de las aguas salvadoras del Mar Rojo, y les había dado maná para comer; sin embargo, muchos fallaron; no respondieron al amor de Dios, y perecieron. --- Nosotros estamos bautizados con agua liberadora y comemos el pan de vida de la eucaristía; sin embargo, no estamos automáticamente salvados por eso, a no ser que vivamos como pueblo redimido por Cristo no tendremos vida eterna y su gracia estará lejos de nosotros.

Lectura del santo evangelio según (San Lucas 13: 1-9.

El comienzo y el final del capítulo 13 tienen en común un tema: la muerte ella debería golpear a todos los hombres que son pecadores. Todos somos pecadores ante Dios, nos dice Jesús. Necesitamos regresar a Dios y apartarnos de todo aquello que nos aleja de El ya sean personas, cosas o placeres que nos han desviado del camino verdadero. Es importante darnos cuenta que no podemos emprender un viaje sin alejarnos de donde estamos, es imposible estar en dos lugares al mismo tiempo. Caminar con Cristo requiere poner en orden la vida.

.A no Ser que Ustedes se Arrepientan

Todos sabemos que Cuaresma es un tiempo de conversión. Hay mucho mal en el mundo. Y tenemos conciencia de que también hay mucha maldad en nosotros mismos. Éstas son ciertamente razones para un cambio. Pero la razón más profunda para la conversión no es el mal que percibimos en nosotros mismos y a nuestro alrededor, ni los castigos que podamos recibir para pagar por nuestros pecados. El último y más profundo motivo para la conversión tiene que ser Dios mismo y Encontrar personalmente nuestra fe en Dios y en su fidelidad hacia nosotros, y la bondad que nos mostró en Cristo son los motivos más profundos para arrepentirnos y para responder a su llamado.



OFFERING UPDATE

March 9/10, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	393	167	\$4,554.00
8:00 a.m.	170	72	2,034.00
10:00 a.m.	354	105	2,915.00
12:00 p.m.	420	106	3,502.00
5:00 p.m.	366	52	1,574.00
Coin			16.65
Mail-ins:			1,844.00
Children's Env.		18	84.91
Faith Direct			2,326.25
TOTAL	1,703	520	\$18,850.81
2018 total	1,770	560	\$18,846.16
Candles			\$1,339.18
Poor Box			\$411.86
Ash Wednesday			\$8,025.75
Church in Need			\$1,192.00

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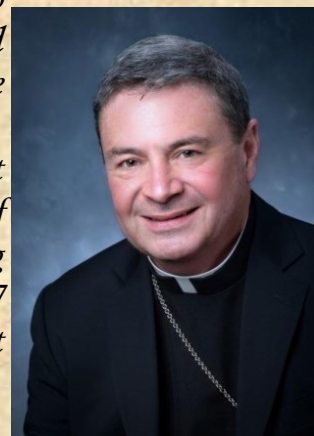
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*The Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 794 would like to thank all the parishioners for their fantastic response to our **Wheelchair Mission Fund** program. Over \$2000 was donated! Many neighbors in need of a wheelchair will benefit from your generosity.*



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will be airing the Mass of Installation of Bishop Robert J. Brennan as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. The Mass will air live on Friday, March 29, 2019 from St. Joseph Cathedral beginning at 1:30 p.m. ET and will rebroadcast later that evening at 8PM ET. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream at www.CFNtv.org



PREPARING FOR
Sunday, March 24, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

1 Cor. 10:12

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

God called out to Moses from the burning bush and charged him with liberating the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. In doing so, he showed himself as the same God Moses' ancestors knew and one who cares deeply for his people. But then comes one of the greatest moments in all the Hebrew Scriptures as he goes on to tell Moses his name – "I am who am" – an amazing and humbling sign of intimacy between God and Moses back then, but also between God and us even today.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul, however, cautions against overconfidence. Being elected by God, even as Moses was, is not synonymous with salvation. God parted the Red Sea for the Israelites to escape their enemies, then gave them food and drink in the desert. But he was not pleased with most of them because they were rebellious and strayed from their initial joy and dependence on God when he brought them out of Egypt. Most, including Moses, did not make it out of the desert into the Promised Land. Being called by God requires a continuing response and an ongoing conversion, as Paul tells the Corinthians and us.

Luke 13:1-9

Jesus also warns us not to be complacent by reminding us that there is a day of reckoning for us all. We should learn from the misfortunes we see around us rather than feel we are immune. Now is the time to bear fruit, else like the fig tree we shall be cut down. God is patient with us and will never tire of forgiving us, but we need to constantly repent and never tire of asking for forgiveness. Every day is a gift and a moment of growth.

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. "... and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; ..." Metaphorically speaking, the cultivation and fertilization could be grace in the parable. In the book *Diary of a Country Priest* George Bernanos said, "Grace is everywhere." What does that statement mean to you? Do you always cooperate with such grace? Could you cooperate to a greater degree? How?

2. Do you give people another chance after they make a mistake? Does God use people as "gardeners" to help cultivate and fertilize with grace? Does God use you? Has God used others to help you bear fruit?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 18, 2019:

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2019:

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 + Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
 + Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday, March 20, 2019:

Jeremiah 18:18-20
 + Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 21, 2019:

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

Friday, March 22, 2019:

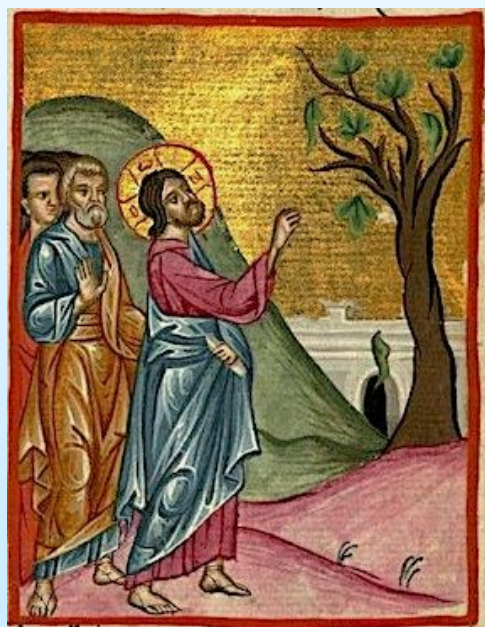
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
 + Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

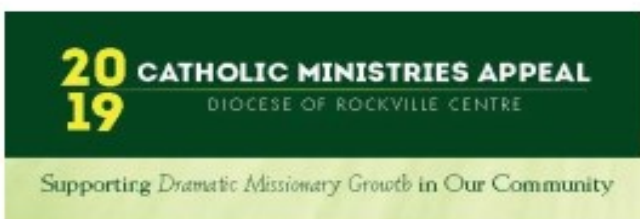
Saturday, March 23, 2019:

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
 + Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 24, 2019:

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
 + Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
 + Luke 13:1-9



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"May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need." - Pope Francis

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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD: PART ONE



Storytelling has always been central to the lives of human beings. Stories and life lessons were passed from one generation to another. Oral history was far more prevalent than written history. Likewise, lessons from our Jewish and Christian ancestors have been steeped in that same kind of storytelling. God knows this. He has revealed his word to us in Sacred Scripture and especially in the Living Word — his Son, Jesus.

In the early Church, Christians adopted the Jewish practice of reading from Scripture. Such readings have always been part of our liturgical practice. Indeed, we now call the first part of our Mass the **Liturgy of the Word**. We have chosen Biblical passages which tell the story of Salvation History — of a God who has chosen us, loved us, and redeemed us. God wants to engage us in this story, for we are part of it. We, too, in this age, are called to listen and to respond to God's word.

THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

“Christ is always present in his Church, especially in its liturgical celebrations” (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* 7). He is present in the person of his priest; he is present in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharistic elements; he is present in the assembly; and “he is present in his word, since it is he himself who speaks when the Scriptures are read in church” (ibid).

Simply stated, the Liturgy of the Word is the Church's privileged moment to hear Christ speaking through the Scriptures. Our task is to listen and to be attentive to his voice. The structure of the Liturgy of the Word provides a pattern for listening and responding to God. In the proclamation of the readings, in sung responses, and even in silence we encounter the God who always invites us to know him.

Therefore, the general pattern of the Liturgy of the Word is proclamation and response. The First Reading is proclaimed then we respond with a Psalm. The Second Reading is proclaimed then it's followed by silence. A festive acclamation precedes the Gospel, the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word. The priest breaks open the readings with a homily. We respond to the readings, in faith, with the Creed. The intercessions of the Universal Prayer are another expression of our trust in God's revealed word and his care for his creation.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

On Sundays, solemnities, and special feasts, there are two readings before the Gospel reading. On weekdays there is one.

The **First Reading** is a selection usually taken from the Hebrew Scriptures. During the Easter season, it is taken from the Acts of the Apostles.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is taken from the ancient songbook of the Church, the collection of Psalms. (There are a few times when it is taken from other books of Scripture). This, too, is the inspired word which serves as the inspiration for the community's sung praise of God. We use God's word to respond to God's word. The psalm gives us an opportunity to reflect more deeply on some aspect of the reading(s). Like the original psalms, this text should ordinarily be sung.

The **Second Reading** is always taken from the New Testament. It gives us a glimpse into the beliefs and practices of the early Church. The witness of the apostolic community provides an example for Christians of every age, encouraging us to bear witness to the resurrected Christ.

The gospel is preceded by an **acclamation**. Ordinarily we sing "Alleluia," an Aramaic expression which means "Praise Yahweh" or "Praise God." During Lent, we use an equivalent acclamation of praise, e.g. "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory." We include a verse which is taken from or related to the gospel reading. This acclamation is normally sung. It may accompany a procession with the Book of Gospels.

Next comes the highlight of the Liturgy of the Word — the **Gospel**. The word comes from a Germanic word for "Good News." In the gospel, we listen to the words of Christ himself — his message of God's kingdom where peace and justice reign and where God's love and forgiveness are everlasting. From earliest times, the proclamation of the words of Christ has been accompanied by special signs of respect and honor. Often, a separate, dignified Book of Gospels is used in the liturgy. The priest or deacon may carry it in procession from the altar to the ambo, accompanied by ministers carrying candles and incense. The assembly stands — out of respect for the Risen Christ who is still with us. The Priest or Deacon begins with a greeting of the people, then makes the Sign of the Cross on the book. Along with him, we may make the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, mouth and breast — reminders that Christ is to be in our thoughts, on our lips, and in our hearts.

The **Homily** is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word since the homilist shows how Christ is continuing to act and speak among us today. The task of the homilist is not just to help us understand what we have heard but to "break open the word" so that it might penetrate our very beings with its energizing power.

The **Profession of Faith** is our response to God's word proclaimed in the Scriptures and preached in the homily. We stand and make a corporate profession of faith. The Apostles Creed was written around 150 AD, based on a series of vows a new Christian would profess. The Nicene Creed was written at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD and developed further at the Council of Constantinople in 381 AD. On those days when baptismal vows are part of the liturgy, the Creed is omitted.

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the **Universal Prayer**, a series of petitions in which we pray for our needs and the needs of the whole world.

TO PROMOTE MEDITATION

"The Liturgy of the Word should be celebrated in such a way as to promote meditation, so any sort of haste that hinders recollection must clearly be avoided. During the Liturgy of the Word, it is also appropriate to include brief periods of silence ... in which, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, the word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared...." ■

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