

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."*

John 12:24

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 18, 2018**

### **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

**Pastor Emeritus:** Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

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**

Monday – Friday 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.

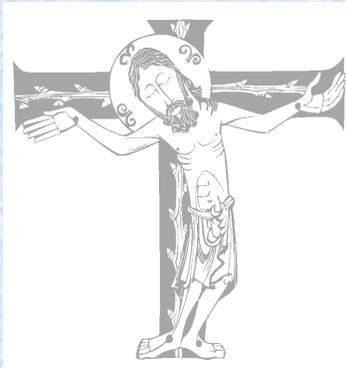
**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



**PARISH LENTEN MISSION**

# Lenten Mission 2018



**Are You Willing to Walk With Jesus This Holy Week:**

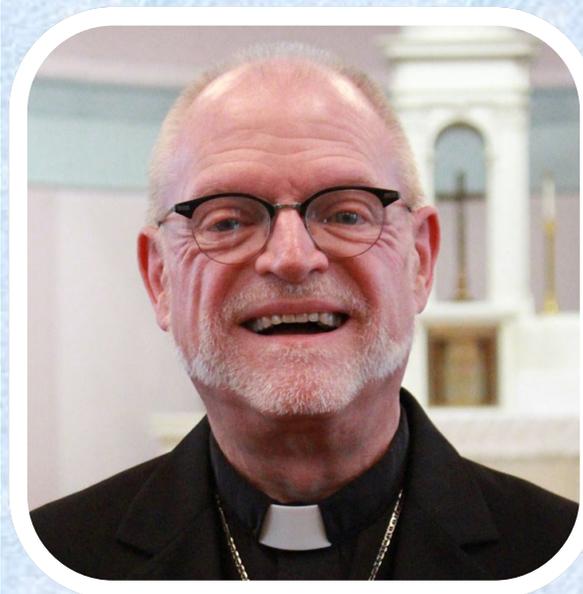
Are you willing to serve?

Are you willing to die?

Are you willing to rise?

**Sunday, March 18 · Monday, March 19 · Tuesday, March 20**  
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service each evening

Led by **Fr. Paul H. Colloton, OSFS, D.Min**



**Fr. Paul H. Colloton**, OSFS, D.Min. is a member of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, Wilmington-Philadelphia Province. Paul is the Priest Chaplain and Associate 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. 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, president, liturgist, musician, educator, spiritual director, workshop presenter, retreat director, and author.

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### *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

It might be hard to believe, but there are now less than two weeks left before we begin the Sacred Paschal Triduum — we're at the Fifth Sunday of Lent! We have a visual reminder that we have reached this point in this holy season: the statues and images in church have been covered or removed. We are starkly aware that the celebration of the Lord's Passion is rapidly approaching.

As evidence that our holiest days of entering into the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's Death and Resurrection are drawing near, the Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent specifically mentions how the Son of God *"handed himself over to death."* Along with remembering that act of perfect love, the prayer asks that we may *"walk eagerly in that same charity."* In other words, Jesus' death on the cross as an offering of love cannot remain some remote and disconnected example for us, but rather, it must be the actual pattern of living that we imitate daily. We must hand ourselves over to God and to others in complete love and self-sacrifice in our life, in imitation of Christ. When we hear about *"the teachings of the Christian faith"* in the Prayer over the Offerings, we should think of a whole way of life that follows Christ's example of self-emptying. Additionally, this life of self-emptying in imitation of Christ is never something that we live in isolation; rather, we live it as members of the Christian community, the Body of Christ. Therefore, the Prayer after Communion prays *"that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion."*

The Gospel reading at Mass today echoes the theme of Jesus handing over his life; Jesus is trying to convey to his companions the destiny he is embracing. Now the time has come, and it is to death that he must travel. The path to true eternal life is going to involve giving up earthly life — for Jesus and for us. The image Jesus uses is that of the seed that dies in order to produce much fruit; harvest cannot be achieved without it. The mystery of death leading to new life is what we celebrate in the Paschal Mystery, at every celebration of the Eucharist, and it is the

passage we will journey through with Christ in less than two weeks during our celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

Ponder the meaning of these Mass texts during this fifth week of Lent as we draw closer to our holiest days of the year, when we celebrate so powerfully and in such a focused way the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

### *Parish Mission*

It's here — the time of our Parish Mission! You have met Fr. Paul Colloton, our Mission Preacher, at Mass this weekend and you have caught a little preview of the wonderful insights he will share with us tonight (Sunday), Monday night and Tuesday night. Especially since we are so close to the Sacred Paschal Triduum, be sure to give yourself the gift of setting these three nights aside to attend the Mission. Make it a time of retreat for yourself, and invite someone to come with you. I guarantee you will come away from the retreat enriched and deepened in your faith and in your Lenten journey. Thank you for being with us this week, Fr. Paul, and for sharing your prayerfulness and insights!

### *Palm Sunday Vigil and Procession*

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday! The formal liturgical title for the day is "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." "On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery." (*Roman Missal*) With this day we enter into Holy Week, a week which culminates in the Great Three Days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

As has become our custom, we will celebrate a special **Procession for Palm Sunday at the 5:00 p.m. Mass this coming Saturday, March 24.** Now, don't be grumpy about this! I would like everyone to stretch themselves a little bit and be willing to participate in the procession. Sure, it requires a little extra effort on our part, but since liturgy is the most important thing we do, and since Holy Week is our most important week, we should make the extra effort. So, there is to be no grumbling at

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the 5:00 Mass next Saturday about the extra effort of starting in the auditorium and then joining in the procession! Please note the following details related to our Palm Sunday Vigil Procession:

- On Saturday, March 24, Confessions will be held at a special time, **3:00-4:00 p.m., and will end promptly at 4:00 p.m.**

- At 4:00 p.m., the doors of the church will be locked. Everyone attending the 5:00 Mass will gather in the school auditorium, where we will assemble for the **Procession**. Ushers will assist in directing people to the auditorium.

- The handicapped and others who would have difficulty walking will be allowed to enter the church, and they will wait there for the Procession to arrive. Please: this is for only the truly handicapped — not just because you don't want to walk in procession!

- **Mass begins in the auditorium with Entrance Rites particular to this Sunday.** Then, after those rites, we **process in song** from the auditorium, along Wellwood Avenue, into the church.

- Mass then continues in the church.

- In case of inclement weather, we will simply gather in the church as usual.

Those who have participated in this Procession know how beautiful it is to mark Palm Sunday this way. The Church gives us a special gift by asking us to include this Procession at a principal Mass. What a beautiful expression of prayer it is to pray with our bodies as we walk the journey of entering into Jerusalem with the Lord! What a powerful way to mark our entry into this holiest of weeks!

Even if you don't usually come to the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays, why not do so next week for Palm Sunday? You'll be glad you did! I hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity to enter Holy Week by joining in this beautiful special liturgy.

### *Be nice to our non-regulars!*

It's no secret that for the next two weeks, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we will have many more people coming to Mass who do not come on a regular basis. It's the job of all of us

“regulars” to welcome them and be nice to them — even if they sit in “your” seat! Here's a chance to concretely live out our Christian faith in action by not resenting their presence. OLPH is always such a very welcoming parish, and I know that will be especially true over the next two weekends. Your greeting and welcome may just entice someone to come back more frequently! What I am sure of is that if someone is greeted with rudeness, chances are they will not be back, so let's all do our best to be patient and kind.

### *Special schedule for Easter Sunday*

Please note that there is a special schedule for the Masses on Easter Sunday. The schedule for Easter Sunday is printed elsewhere in this bulletin, is posted on signs at all the church entrances, and is printed in the leaflet mailed out some time ago. (The schedule of Masses on Palm Sunday is the same as our usual weekend Mass schedule.)

### *Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards*

Speaking of Easter, allow me to remind you that Easter Spiritual Bouquet cards are now available throughout the church and at the rectory. As is our custom, all the Masses on Easter Sunday will be for the intentions of the Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards. If you would like to participate in this and to have your intentions prayed for at Easter Sunday Masses, please use the cards and envelopes available and be sure to return them before Easter Sunday to the rectory.

### *March 26, Monday of Holy Week — “Reconciliation Monday”*

As the remaining weeks of Lent, our season of conversion and renewal, wind down, I have the PERFECT opportunity for you to go to Confession: on Monday, March 26, Monday of Holy Week. It has been dubbed “Reconciliation Monday” since in every parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of New York, priests will be available to hear Confessions from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Except for a dinner break (at different

times) for each of us, Fr. Fidelis, Fr. Frank and I will be available for Confessions during those entire six hours — and even longer, past 9:00 p.m., if people are still on line. So, at least one of us, mostly two of us, and, at the times we predict will be the heaviest, all three of us will be in our Reconciliation Rooms.

Come down on “Reconciliation Monday” to celebrate God’s mercy and forgiveness, **especially if it has been a long time since you have gone to Confession. I promise you a very warm and welcoming experience, with no judgment and no lecturing or haranguing. IN FACT, JUST THE OPPOSITE: WE HAVE TREMENDOUS RESPECT FOR, AND JOY OVER, SOMEONE WHO COMES BACK TO CONFESSION AFTER A LONG TIME! We would love to welcome you back!**

I promise you that there will be no better feeling than hearing those words of forgiveness “I absolve you from your sins...” from the priest. Finally, once and for all you can leave that sin behind and be free! Come to Confession!

If you want to celebrate the sacrament with one of us in particular, contact us ahead of time and we’ll let you know the times we will be there. Remember: if the door to the Reconciliation Room is closed, that means either someone is in there, or the priest is not there, so do not go in; if the door is open, then the priest is “open for business” and you can feel free to walk right in. Also, we will have ministers of hospitality, from the Liturgy Committee, to assist anyone who needs help that day.

Come to Confession on Monday of Holy Week, March 26!

***Plan now to attend all the special liturgies during the Sacred Paschal Triduum, including Morning Prayer***

Finally, I would like you to plan ahead and mark it on your calendar now to be sure to attend the liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum: the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday; one of the Good Friday Celebrations of the Passion of the Lord; and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. Also, Morning Prayer on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings are important gatherings as well. These are our holiest days, days which are “time outside of time,” special days set aside for experiencing grace in a very powerful way. They are days when we as a parish family gather together in the same way your family gathers for important family occasions, and the more of us who are there, the more we are complete and the more we support and sustain one another in experiencing the salvation won for us in Christ Jesus. Plan now to be at all of those occasions, including Morning Prayer. Next week we will have a special insert in the bulletin explaining each of the days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

***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,



**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.

**PALM SUNDAY & EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES:**

*PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES FOR THESE DAYS*

**Palm Sunday**

**Saturday, March 24:**

5:00 p.m. Vigil  
with Procession

**Sunday, March 25:**

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



**SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR  
Easter Sunday Masses**

**Saturday, March 31:**

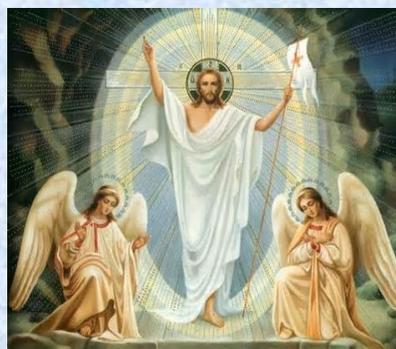
8:00 p.m. only

**The Easter Vigil  
in the Holy Night**  
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)

**Sunday, April 1:**

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.  
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)

*\* note special times*



**PALM SUNDAY VIGIL PROCESSION**

**Special Procession to Commemorate  
the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem  
SATURDAY, MARCH 24 – 5:00 P.M. MASS**

On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. This is always such a great celebration for the parish!

**At the 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, March 24, we will celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion with a special Solemn Procession.**

**For Saturday, March 24, please note:**

- ◆ Confession time on Saturday, March 24 is earlier – 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
- ◆ We are closing the church to all but the handicapped; people will be directed to the auditorium
- ◆ 5:00 p.m. Mass begins in the auditorium, continues with the Procession, and continues in the church
- ◆ In case of inclement weather, we will begin in the church.

Even if you do not usually attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, consider attending as together we begin the celebration of Holy Week.



# How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all  
the saints,  
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,  
heal your sins,  
help you grow in holiness,  
and reward you with eternal life.  
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.
- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:  
  
My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy.  
*(Rite of Penance, no. 45)*
- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance, no. 47*).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/confession](http://www.usccb.org/confession).)

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**PRAYER AND WORSHIP**



**Stations  
of the  
Cross**

**March 23**

**Led by the Knights of Columbus  
and Catholics for Freedom of Religion**

**at 7:30 p.m. in the Church**

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.

*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 19—6:30 p.m.  
due to the Parish Mission**

**Monday, March 26—No Devotions  
due to Confessions (3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)**

**Monday, April 2—7:00 p.m.**



**CONFESSIONS**

**MONDAY—FRIDAY**  
following the 12:15 p.m.  
weekday Mass

**SATURDAY MARCH 24:**  
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.\*

\*Note special time on this Saturday!

**MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK,  
MARCH 26: 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 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.



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## **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.



## **LENTEN ENVIRONMENT:** **COVERING STATUES AND IMAGES**

We have taken the opportunity to observe the custom of covering (or removing, where possible) crosses and images throughout the church, a practice permitted starting the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Crosses will remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. Since the environment perceived by our senses is an important part of our worship, we hope this custom facilitates your entrance into and spiritual participation in these last days of Lent, as we approach the Sacred Paschal Triduum and the fifty days of Easter Time.

## **KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN! LEAVE IT NICER THAN YOU FOUND IT!**

We have been having a problem in recent months of all sorts of litter being left in pews throughout the church. Used tissues, other papers, food items, empty water bottles, and litter in general, are being left behind, and it is making the church look a mess, which is highly disrespectful to the Lord and to each other. It is essential for us to maintain a dignified space in which we can give God due honor, worship and reverence.

Your cooperation is greatly needed! Please be conscious of not dropping or leaving litter in the church. If something does drop, please be sure to pick up after yourself and your children before leaving the church. Let's give each other this gift of respect and caring! Keep the church clean, and leave it nicer than you found it! Thank you.

## **BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!**

### **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHASE PARKING LOT DURING THE DAY ON GOOD FRIDAY**



We ask that you kindly not park in the bank parking lot on the north side of the church on Good Friday. Remember that Friday is a normal business day for the bank, and the bank lot is not our property. Let's be a good neighbor! Please do not park in their lot on Good Friday. Thank you.

## **SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING OFFERINGS FOR THE POOR ON HOLY THURSDAY**

All who attend the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper are asked to bring an offering of food and other items for the poor and homeless. Insofar as one of the principal mysteries commemorated on Holy Thursday is the Lord's command to love one another, as also ritualized in the Washing of Feet, this ritual expression of bringing offerings for the poor reminds us that "where true charity is dwelling, God is present there." Check the shopping list for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry (printed on p.17) and the list of items needed for our Ministry to the Homeless (on p.18) and bring one or more of those items. **REMEMBER, THOUGH: DO NOT BRING YOUR GIFT TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY BEFORE MASS BEGINS! HOLD ONTO IT — YOU WILL CARRY IT UP IN PROCESSION AT THE USUAL TIME OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS, AS DIRECTED BY THE USHERS.** This offering for the poor is the "collection" for that Mass. Thus, these offerings for the poor and the bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist will powerfully symbolize the offerings of ourselves and of our love for one another as we participate in the offering of the Mass.



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP



The Diocese  
of Rockville Centre  
**Golden  
Wedding  
Celebration**

*“Honoring Couples  
married 50 years or more”*

**Sunday, April 29, 2018**

St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa  
Mass will begin at 2:30 pm.

*Each couple will receive a complimentary  
picture with the celebrating bishop  
and a certificate.*

Registration forms are available at the rectory  
and must be returned to the Office of Worship  
by **April 13**.

For more information call: 516-678-5800 X 504.



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

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

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**HELP DECORATE  
THE CHURCH FOR EASTER**

We will be decorating the church for Easter on  
**Saturday morning, March 31 at 9:30 a.m.**,  
immediately following Morning Prayer. We  
would love to have lots of folks come on down to  
pitch in. Why not join the fun and come down to  
help? (Come to Morning Prayer, and then stay to  
help out!) It should not take much longer than an  
hour or so. Bring the kids and do this as a  
family—what a great way for your family to  
share in the joy of Easter! We appreciate  
whatever help you can give us.



*Pre-Cana  
Ministry*

If you are a couple, validly married in the  
Catholic Church for at least five years,  
won't you consider serving in the  
Pre-Cana Ministry?

Come share coffee and cake, learn about  
the program, and have your questions  
answered. We will meet on Thursday  
**March 22** at 7:30 p.m. For more details  
RSVP to Chris Volpe (516)238-2717.

**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 **4<sup>th</sup> grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> 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 [msgrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgrjoe@oloph.org).*

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, RESPOND BEFORE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018, 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 April 4!***

*We hope to hear from YOU!!!*

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Yes, I am interested in becoming an Altar Server! **RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE APRIL 4**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail  
\_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Family Envelope/Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Required: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH.**

Year You Received First Holy Communion \_\_\_\_\_

Grade you are in right now \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I go to public school; Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I go to Catholic school; Name of School \_\_\_\_\_



## PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

### CHANGE IN TIME FOR SATURDAY CONFESSIONS NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 24 (SATURDAY BEFORE PALM SUNDAY)

Confessions on Saturday, March 24 will be **3:00-4:00 p.m.** This time change is necessary due to the special Palm Sunday Vigil Mass Procession which we will be celebrating on Saturday night, March 24.



### 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**

## 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.

- 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 home-school 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.

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](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)  
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday: CLOSED  
 Saturday: By Appointment

**Levels 6—8**

The Parish Mission is on Sunday, March 18, Monday, March 19, and Tuesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the church!

**Level 8**

On Monday, March 19, there is NO CLASS! Make sure you attend the Parish Mission at 7:30 p.m.

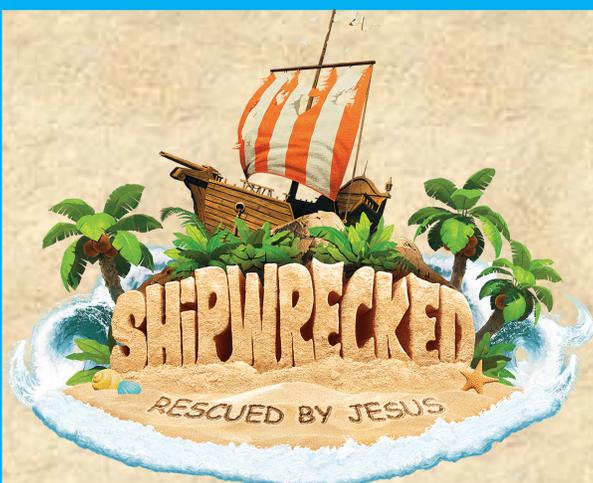
**Level 4**

**PARENTS:**  
On Saturday, March 24, meet in the auditorium for a Parent Meeting and Open House during your child's class time!

**Saint of the Week****St. Salvatore of Horta**

St. Salvatore was born in Spain to a poor family, and was orphaned at a young age. He was a shoemaker in Barcelona until he felt a strong call in his faith at twenty years old and became a Franciscan of the Observance. People venerated him as a Saint because of the miracles he performed, such as healing the blind, lame, and deaf. Our Lady and St. Paul came to him on his death bed in 1567 after falling ill when traveling to Sardinia at the age of 47. He was canonized in 1938.

**PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY**



**Vacation Bible Camp**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>- July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Bible Camp Preview Day**

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**after the 10:00 a.m. Mass  
in the Auditorium**

Come join us as we learn about this year’s Bible Camp Theme—**Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus**. There will be hospitality, games, crafts, and singing. Middle School Campers will discover Service Camp as they make sandwiches for those in need. Early Registration for Bible Camp will be available.

**CAMP SERVICE**

**HELP WANTED**

Camp Service is our annual Middle School Summer Camp focusing on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. We need a ton of help and donations! This year’s camp is July 16th—July 20th. If you can help a lot or a little, please contact Ann Marie Wagner, 631-680-9477 or [AMWagner@optonline.net](mailto:AMWagner@optonline.net) Watch this space each week for what we need!



- We need:**
- any left over Christmas Cards
  - Ziplock bags—sandwich and gallon size
  - Plastic gloves
  - Blue Tarps
  - Sand
- Please leave in the Sacristy labeled “Camp Service”**



### Confirmation Retreat

Last Sunday, March 11, our level 8 Confirmation students had their retreat at OLPH. Afterwards they went to Mass, followed by a pasta dinner in the cafeteria.



## JOIN OUR TRIP TO IRELAND—JULY 23-AUGUST 1

Dublin ♣ Belfast ♣ Westport ♣ Galway ♣ Cliffs of Moher ♣ Wexford ♣ Wicklow

**Hurry  
Only a  
few tickets  
left!**

**IRELAND**  
July 23 – August 1  
2018



Are you ready to discover Ireland's treasures? An exciting travel experience has been planned for the musical, liturgical and pastoral benefit of the Liturgical Music Institute participants. Just as we experience musical and spiritual differences among ourselves at home, this program invites us to dig deeper, to share our stories within another cultural environment and return home with a renewed enthusiasm to sing and pray always as one Church.



Our hosts, Steve and Michele Warner, themselves Dublin residents, will share their vast experience of the Republic of Ireland touching on pastoral, historical and ecclesial points of interest along the way. After years of touring with the Notre Dame Folk Choir, they will help bring us close to many of the vital traditions of Ireland's spiritual heritage. Every day will include Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours ... as we journey together through the land of saints and scholars and much more!

Contact Chris Ferraro at 631-226-7725 X 210 or at [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org) for information.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † 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 MEAT**
- CANNED TUNA**
- PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT**
- CANNED SOUP WITH MEAT**
- PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- FRUIT JUICES**
- PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY**
- COOKIES**
- SUGAR**

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 Room 24 of the School

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.—12:00 Noon  
**1st & 3rd Saturdays: 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” When we help the poor we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

## † A LIVING MEMORIAL

**THANK YOU!!!** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program. Your donations are used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish.

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

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

**OUR MISSION**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Long Island is part of an international organization of Catholic laymen and women who join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of our founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, Saint Vincent de Paul.



“Those who love the poor in life will have nothing to fear in death.”  
 — Saint Vincent de Paul

*As a Living Memorial  
 to the life of*

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*A donation has been made by*

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*To the  
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
 of Long Island*

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Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss.

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### HOMELESS MINISTRY

#### DONATIONS

*We are in need of the following items:*

Men's pants (jeans & sweat pants) - larger sizes  
 Women's new underwear (sizes 5,6,7)  
 Heavy hoodies - L to 3 XL  
 Winter hats (skull type)/gloves - men & women  
 Sneakers - 10, 11, 11.5, 12, 13, 15  
 Work boots (in good condition)  
 Gently used tents

*If it is easier, we can always use **Kmart gift cards** (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.*

*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 woman  
 in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?

**Tuesday, March 20**  
 cancelled due to the Parish Mission

**Tuesday, April 3**  
 General Meeting

**in Room 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

Meetings are usually held on the first and third weeks of the month in Room 24 of the "new" school. For more information, call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or e-mail at [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net)

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS BAKE SALE



OLPH Christian Mothers & Guild



**Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale**

**NEXT WEEKEND!**

**Saturday, March 24th, 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Sunday, March 25th, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Delicious Home Baked Goodies**

**Cakes, Cookies, Muffins, Brownies**

**Chocolate Lollipops**

**Help Support Our Parish**

**Enjoy the Goodies**



**PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER**

**BANS OF MARRIAGE**

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

**First Announcement:**

***Charles Pinho & Milagros Vaia***

**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**



***Ashley Noelle Denunzio  
Anthony Joseph Filippi  
Jacob Joseph Matthews***

**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:*

***William Shaughnessy Sr.  
Patrick Dickinson  
Carol Romanski  
Celeste Biggs  
Patricia Kurutz***

*“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.”*

**REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST**

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

**WE BELIEVE**

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

<b><i>Joseph Pugh</i></b>	<b><i>Mary Clark</i></b>
<b><i>Charlotte O’Kobrick</i></b>	<b><i>Nettie Deasey</i></b>
<b><i>Peter Leyden</i></b>	<b><i>Patricia Lamprecht</i></b>
<b><i>Isabella Belen</i></b>	<b><i>Rose Pentaleri</i></b>
<b><i>Cynthia Breittfeller</i></b>	<b><i>Alvin Wickenheiser</i></b>
<b><i>Marjorie Santoli</i></b>	<b><i>Jean DeStasio</i></b>
<b><i>Beata Konopka</i></b>	<b><i>Peggy McCloud</i></b>
<b><i>Kathy Stanton</i></b>	<b><i>Peter Masak</i></b>
<b><i>Marilyn Russo</i></b>	<b><i>John Anglin</i></b>
<b><i>Theresa Gloria Madonia</i></b>	
<b><i>Paula DiBernardo</i></b>	

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 having their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks depending upon space.



**WE ARE COLLECTING YOUR NEW OR USED SOCCER BALLS AND SHOES**  
in the collection boxes located by the front and side doors of the school. You can also drop off items at Religious Ed. Office now located at the rectory.

*The collection is for Father Ignance Loleke, formerly of OLPH, who has started a youth center in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Father has made a huge impact in his community using the love of soccer to unite children of different cultures, political beliefs and religions to play on one field, together in harmony.*

*Contact Maria at 631.882.9887 or KicksForTheCongo@gmail.com*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, March 19, 2018— Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 John F. Kennedy

12:15 Helen Connor

### TUESDAY, March 20— Lenten Weekday

6:30 Rocco J. Freno

12:15 Margaret Roller

### WEDNESDAY, March 21— Lenten Weekday

6:30 Mildred Sredniawski

12:15 Melchior Cucchiara

### THURSDAY, March 22— Lenten Weekday

6:30 Charles Whittaker

12:15 Therese Webbe

### FRIDAY, March 23— Lenten Weekday (*Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*)

6:30 Regina Hutter

12:15 Fran Keller-Levesque

### SATURDAY, March 24— Lenten Weekday (*Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr*)

8:00 Patricia Brown Carimanco

### Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5:00 For the People of the Parish

### Sunday, March 25 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8:00 Mary Cunningham

10:00 Jillian Ann Lambert

12:00 Gabriel Sarmiento (*60th Birthday Living*)  
John Cilento (*Living—Birthday*)

5:00 Carl Trapasso

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Monday, March 19, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
6:30 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:30 p.m.	Parish Mission	Church

### Tuesday, March 20, 2018

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Parish Mission	Church

### Wednesday, March 21, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School
8:00 p.m.	Christian Mothers Meeting	Cafeteria

### Thursday, March 22, 2018

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
1:30 p.m.	Clifton Strengths Training	Room 18
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Practice	Auditorium
6:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Virtus Training	Room 1
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

### Friday, March 23, 2018

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

### Saturday, March 24, 2018

8:30; 10:00 a.m.	Level 4 Parent/Child Open House Levels 1-3, 5 & Sp. Ed	Auditorium School
12:30 p.m.	Palm Sunday Rehearsal	Church
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
3:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
3:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	Palm Sunday Bake Sale	Outside
6:00 p.m.	No Evening Prayer due to Procession	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

### Sunday, March 25, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Bake Sale	Outside
10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
12:45 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer—No Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Jacqueline Dwyer, Parish Secretary	212	jdwyer@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
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Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
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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

Jean Bjork  
 Tricia Buckley (Chair)  
 Eileen Corticchia  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Greg Guido  
 Sonia Hansen  
 Joselyn Kalt  
 Melissa McLaughlin  
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
 James Totino  
 Peter Triolo  
 Adele Venezia

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
 John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
 Bill Bendernagel  
 Gerry Chille (Chair)  
 Ed Cirella  
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Bob Meade  
 Frank Pokorney  
 John Reynolds  
 Sandra Tandoi

*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.*

## 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 PM 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](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

### **Lecturas previas de la santa palabra de Dios para el domingo 25 de Marzo del 2018.**

*"¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor!"*

Jesús entra a Jerusalén, no con arrogancia en un carro de guerra tirado por caballos, como lo hacían los vencedores en de batallas militares o los emperadores, sino manso y humilde, en son de paz y montando un asno, como lo había anunciado hacia el año 450 A.C. el profeta Zacarías (9,9): *"Mira que tu rey vendrá a ti... pobre y sentado sobre un asno..."*

2. "Esto es mi cuerpo que se entrega por ustedes. Esta copa es la nueva alianza sellada con mi sangre, que se derrama por ustedes..." (Lc 22, 19-20)

**Primer Lectura (Isaías 50: 4-7):** Dios Vendrá en Mi Ayuda

El Siervo de Dios Sufriente permanece fiel a su misión aun cuando sea perseguido, porque confía en Dios.

**Segunda Lectura (Filipenses 2: 6-11):** Pablo propone el ejemplo de Cristo, que siendo Dios se hizo hombre, siendo rico se hizo pobre, siendo el primero se hizo el ultimo, siendo señor se hizo servidor. El señor Jesús quiso identificarse con los más humildes los más afligidos y los más menospreciados. Esta actitud tiene que ser también la de sus discípulos y la de todo buen cristiano.

**Evangelio: Pasión (Marcos 14,1-15,47):** Pasión y Muerte de Jesús.

En su Pasión y Muerte, Jesús es el Señor anunciado en las Escrituras. Pero su muerte destruirá el poder de la muerte y nos traerá vida.

El Domingo de Ramos es el gran pórtico que nos lleva a la Semana Santa, la semana en la que el Señor Jesús se dirige hacia la culminación de su vida terrena. Él va a Jerusalén para cumplir las Escrituras y para ser colgado en la cruz, el trono desde el cual reinará por los siglos, atrayendo a sí a la humanidad de todos los tiempos y ofrecer a todos el don de la redención. Sabemos por los evangelios que Jesús se había encaminado hacia Jerusalén con los doce, y que poco a poco se había ido sumando a ellos una multitud creciente de peregrinos. San Marcos nos dice que ya al salir de Jericó había una «gran muchedumbre» que seguía a Jesús

Cuando llegaba a Jerusalén para celebrar la pascua, Jesús les pidió a sus discípulos traer un burrito y lo montó. Antes de entrar en Jerusalén, la gente tendía sus mantos por el camino y otros cortaban ramas de árboles alfombrando el paso, tal como acostumbraban saludar a los reyes.



**OFFERING UPDATE  
March 11/12, 2018**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	354	144	\$3,392.00
8:00 a.m.	207	88	2,570.00
10:00 a.m.	411	112	3,319.00
12:00 p.m.	440	136	3,377.00
5:00 p.m.	358	66	1,824.00
Coin			16.91
Mail-ins:			1,955.00
Children's Env.		14	33.00
Faith Direct			2,359.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>\$18,846.16</b>
<b>2017 total</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>\$17,970.17</b>
Candles			\$1,021.26
Poor Box			\$577.28
Catholic Relief Services			\$1,903.00

**DEADLINES FOR  
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

March 25—passed  
April 1—March 21  
April 8—March 29

**UPDATE YOUR  
PARISH CENSUS INFORMATION!**

We are continuing the process of updating our Parish Census Database with "Phase II" of the process. A large mailing has gone out to all registered parishioners who did not return updated Census Forms during "Phase I." **When you receive that mailing, please complete the Census Form and return it as soon as possible.** It is vitally important that we keep our census information as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about whether or not you have updated your records, you can always call the parish office and ask. You can also stop down and pick up a new Census Form at the rectory any time during normal business hours. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

**VIRTUS TRAINING**

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IN SPANISH**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22  
7:00 p.m. in ROOM 1**

**TRAINING IS REQUIRED  
FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS IN  
ALL MINISTRIES.**

***Registration MUST be done online.***  
Simply go to [drvc.org](http://drvc.org), then Protecting God's Children to the Virtus training schedule. Find the date and OLPH to register.



**PREPARING FOR Sunday, March 25, 2018—  
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!*

Mark 11:9b,10b

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

This selection from Isaiah is the third of four poems usually called the “Servant Songs,” all of which we will hear throughout Holy Week. This “Servant of the Lord” (also known as the “Suffering Servant”) who is speaking is sent by God to proclaim to the Israelites who were exiled to Babylon a message of hope and deliverance despite the desperate nature of their present circumstances. He is rejected but undeterred, even though he is grossly mistreated. God has given him the word and he must deliver it, even at the cost of personal suffering, and he is confident that God will eventually prove him right.

**Philippians 2: 6-11**

Paul’s letter to the church at Philippi, thirty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, incorporates an early church hymn that we hear today. When he wrote this letter, Paul was in prison, perhaps facing death for preaching about Jesus. He exhorts the church then, and us today, to follow the example of Jesus’ passage through death to greater life, despite any difficulties that we face. Imagine that – Jesus did not cling being in the form of God but stooped down to our level so that he could rescue us from the fall of Adam. Truly, every tongue should confess that “Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!”

**Mark 14:1-15:47**

Today we hear Mark’s telling of the Passion and Death of Jesus, a truly moving account of how great God’s love is for us. We hear how he was Isaiah’s Suffering Servant who offered himself up to be beaten on our behalf. We hear how he was mocked for claiming to be the Son of God and the Christ (Messiah) that he really was. We hear how he was betrayed and deserted by all his friends, especially Peter who denied he knew Jesus three times. Why did Jesus do all this? He tells us at the Last Supper that his blood will be shed for many as the new covenant. That means all the disciples who deserted him could be forgiven. Peter could be forgiven. And yes, we can be forgiven. What good news!

## Readings for the Week

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

**Monday, March 19, 2018:**

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

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018:**

Numbers 21:4-9 + John 8:21-30

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018:**

Daniel 3:12-20, 91-92, 95  
+ John 8:31-42

**Thursday, March 22, 2018:**

Genesis 17:3-9 + John 8:51-59

**Friday, March 23, 2018:**

Jeremiah 20:10-13 + John 10:31-42

**Saturday, March 24, 2018:**

Ezekiel 37:21-28 + John 11:45-56

**Sunday, March 25, 2018:**

Mark 11:1-10 + Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
+ Mark 14:1—15:47

**Gospel Reflection Questions....**

*After reading next Sunday’s Gospel take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

1. The woman in this passion reading was “wasting” expensive perfumed oil on Jesus. Does this relate to God’s self-wasting love on human-kind? How is the Eucharist a continuation of Christ’s self-giving love for us? Does your busy schedule allow time to “waste” on love?

2. When Pope Francis listened to how the disciples fell asleep during Jesus’ most crucial moments, he asked himself certain questions:

“Has my life fallen asleep? Am I like Pilate? When I see that the situation is difficult, do I wash my hands and dodge my responsibility ... ?”

*Pope Francis,  
Celebration of Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord,  
April 13, 2014*





*"Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day"*

- Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

During the special Lenten season, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven't contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of this Parish family and make a donation to the 2018 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised by this fund helps support more than 60 programs and services that the people of our church as well as all of the people on Long Island have come to rely on.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans, as well as formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners, who have not supported us in the recent past, made a \$25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help. If that amount is more than you can manage, consider \$5 or \$10. **Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others!**



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- Mass, spiritual talk, free time and hot lunch at St. Edmund's Retreat House, Enders Island, CT.
- Four hours of free time at Foxwoods Casino with a \$10 slot-play bonus package. Tanger Outlets at Foxwoods provides an alternative for those who choose not to gamble.
- Bagels, juice and coffee and tea in the morning and snacks throughout the day.
- All fees and gratuities

Dinner is not included. Foxwoods offers a variety of dinner options including Panera Bread, Hard Rock Café, California Pizza Kitchen, Junior's, Festival Buffet, and fine restaurants including steak houses.

Reservations are on a first come, first served basis and cannot be confirmed until payment is received. Checks made payable to OLPH (\$110 per person) may be dropped off at either Christ the King or Our Lady of Perpetual Rectory or mailed to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
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Attn: Pray and Play Trip

Please include a note with your check that includes your phone number and email address. For more information, Contact Chris Ferraro (cferraro@oloph.org or 631.226.7725 ext. 210) or Suzanne Richards (srichards@ctkrcc.org or 631.864.1623 ext. 215).

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