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

1 Cor. 10:12

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 24, 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 Bible and the Virgin Mary

Episode 2: Handmaid of the Lord

One "Yes" Changed Everything

Join Matthew Leonard as he takes a closer look at Saint Luke's account of the Annunciation. See the Blessed Virgin Mary's "yes" in a whole new light!



[Watch on formed.org](http://formed.org)

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Third Sunday of Lent*

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

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

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

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

As always, there are so many rich spiritual themes to be derived from reflecting on and praying over the prayers we use at Mass, and I encourage you to do so as a part of your Lenten meditations this week.

### ***Prayers and best wishes to Bishop Robert Brennan!***

This Sunday we're honored to welcome Bishop Robert Brennan to preside at our 12:00 Noon Mass, as a special Mass of Farewell before he leaves to begin his new assignment as the Bishop of Columbus, Ohio.

Bishop Brennan grew up here in Lindenhurst and at OLPH, and attended OLPH school, so he wanted to celebrate a Mass here, his beloved home parish that means so much to him, before he leaves. Bishop Brennan has been a priest of our diocese for just under 30 years, 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. He has offered exemplary service and selfless dedication and we send him forth to Columbus with our prayers and best wishes.

On a personal note, 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 both by working together on different occasions and socially. The example of his service has enriched and inspired me in my priesthood, and I add my personal prayerful congratulations and best wishes along with those of everyone else.

### ***Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, March 25***

We interrupt Lent this Monday, March 25, for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. On this Solemnity, we remember when the angel brought to Mary the amazing news that she would be the mother of God's Son. On this day, as in Christmas Time, we contemplate the wonder of the Incarnation: in Jesus, God took on our flesh, becoming like us in all things but sin. While it's a Solemnity of the Lord, it's also a day to give thanks to and for Mary, who gave her "yes" — "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word," as we hear in the Gospel for the day.

It's no little wonder, then, that throughout history, so many artists have chosen to depict the Annunciation as a moment of decision that changed the world forever. The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord reminds us of the supple heart of Mary, who trusted and who welcomed the gift of God's indwelling and new life in Christ. For me, this Marian spirituality is summed up perfectly in St. Augustine's statement that the Virgin Mary conceived Jesus in her heart before He was conceived in her womb. Think about how we need to conceive Jesus in our heart — in other words, how we need to be more open to God's will for us and God's direction to us.

As always, the words of the Mass prayers bring into focus for us a proper spirituality and theology of the day. The words of the Collect (opening prayer)

reflect the understanding that as a result of the Incarnation, humanity is given a share in divinity; that prayer asks, insofar as God willed that His Word should take on human flesh, that “...we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature.”

The Prayer over the Offerings notes that the Church’s beginnings lie in the moment of the Incarnation (interesting thought: Pentecost is often thought of as the “birthday” of the Church, but, in some sense, the Annunciation is a kind of “birthday,” too). There is so much richness in the themes for this Solemnity!

Two final notes concerning the Masses on Monday. First, the Creed is said in observance of the Solemnity. This Mass is one of two times (the other being at the Masses on the Nativity [Christmas]) when all genuflect, instead of bow, at the words of the Incarnation. Second, because of the high liturgical rank of this day, we will have music at our 12:15 p.m. Mass on Monday, so we can properly observe the Solemnity.

#### ***OLPH Parish Mission—March 31, April 1, 2***

It’s just a week away — this year’s Parish Lenten Mission! I can promise you, you don’t want to miss it. Look for the information elsewhere in the bulletin. It’s important for everyone to set the time aside to take a spiritual retreat by attending this vital part of our Lenten journey and this important event in the life of our parish.

I am thrilled to be able to welcome this year’s presenter, Msgr. Bill Hanson. Fr. Bill will be preaching at all the Masses next weekend to introduce the Mission and to demonstrate to you how much you will get out of it. Fr. Bill is a long-time friend of mine (34 years!) who has been not only a friend, but also a priest-mentor to me over the years. He is a dynamic preacher, a master story-teller and a priest with deep spiritual insight, and I can guarantee there will be plenty of laughs (hopefully, not at my expense!).

Be there if you really want to enrich your Lent and gain some great spiritual insights!

#### ***Monday, April 15—Diocesan Day of Reconciliation***

OK, you are going to go to Confession for Lent if you haven’t already gone, right? So, the perfect day for it is the Diocesan Day of Recollection, Monday of Holy Week, April 15. On that day at OLPH, as in every parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre (and in the Brooklyn Diocese and the Archdiocese of New York, too!), priests will be available for Confession continually from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. So, there’s really no excuse not to go, either here or somewhere else. Make an entry into your calendar now, as an appointment, to set up a time you will go. In the event

you wish to go to one of us in particular here at OLPH, we’ll print in a future bulletin the times each of us will be sitting in our Confessionals (we’ll each take a dinner break at slightly staggered times).

What a great day to go to Confession: Monday, April 15, the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation, when you will do so in concert with so, so many other Catholics! Join the crowd — the crowd of those who will receive God’s sacramental forgiveness on that day! There’s no better way to get ready for Easter!

#### ***First Scrutiny: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)***

Make sure you keep up-to-date with the progress of our elect, Kevin, Emily, Catherine and Tara, during these days of Lent, as they celebrate their Scrutinies as part of their final preparation to receive the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at this year’s Easter Vigil. Each week we will be printing an explanation in the bulletin; look for it. Also be sure to keep them in your prayers.

#### ***Some Religious Education happenings***

Finally, Lent is also a time of spiritual preparation in particular ways in our Religious Education Program. This coming Wednesday night, March 27, we will hold a Penance Service, with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance, for our students in Level 8 preparing to receive Confirmation this year (on May 22). Keep our Level 8 Confirmation students in your prayers. In addition, on this coming Saturday, March 30, we’ll hold a special meeting for parents who have children receiving their First Holy Communion this year; the ongoing adult faith formation of the parents is a key component of our program and in the religious formation of their children. Remember to keep those parents and children in your prayers as well!

#### ***In conclusion...***

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

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

Sincerely,



**PRAYER AND WORSHIP**



**CONFESSIONS**

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

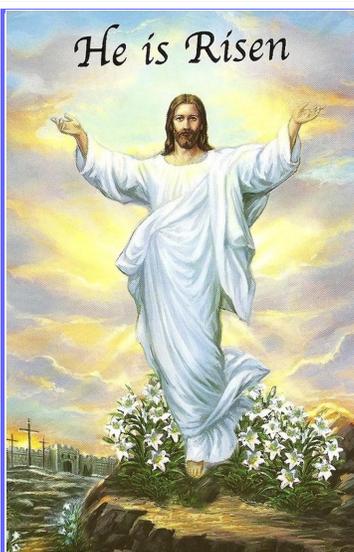
**Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in the church**  
*unless otherwise noted.*

- March 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.

**EASTER LITURGIES**



**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

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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*

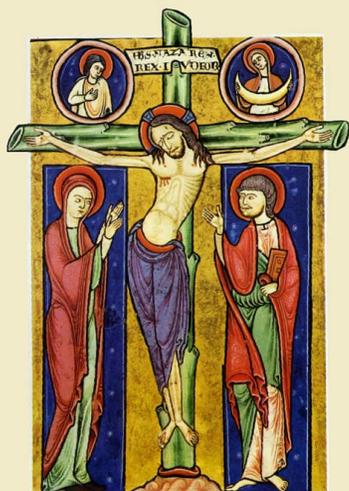
*Mary Immaculate Church, Bellport, New York*



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

# 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



This weekend we celebrated at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass the **First Scrutiny** of our elect preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and first Holy Communion). 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 SECOND SCRUTINY WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY,  
MARCH 31 AT THE 5:00 p.m. MASS.**

## 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.

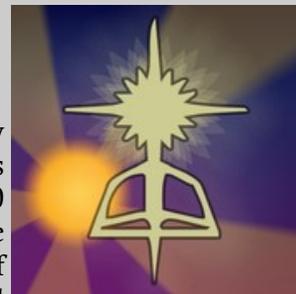
**Monday, March 25—7:00 p.m.**

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

**Monday, April 8—7:00 p.m.**

### Evening Prayer

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



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

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

**-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175**

### **A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH**

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

- **Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).
- **Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.
- **Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.
- **Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

#### **Mass Attendance: MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS!**

There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

## **LENT 2019**

### **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.

### **Need a Piano For Your Home?**

We have a Baldwin Hamilton studio upright piano that needs a new home. It currently resides in the school classroom where the youth choir rehearses. We are asking for a donation of \$200. If you are interested, or would like more information, contact Chris Ferraro at 226-7725 ext. 210 or [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org).



## **Prayer for Peace**



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

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

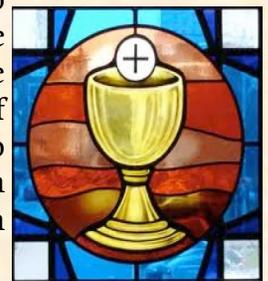
*Lord Jesus Christ,  
who are called the Prince of Peace,  
Who are yourself our peace  
and our reconciliation,  
Who so often said 'Peace to you',  
Grant us peace!  
Make all men and women witnesses  
of truth, justice and brotherly love.  
Banish from their hearts  
whatever might endanger peace.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

**AMEN**

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

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

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





**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 \_\_\_\_\_

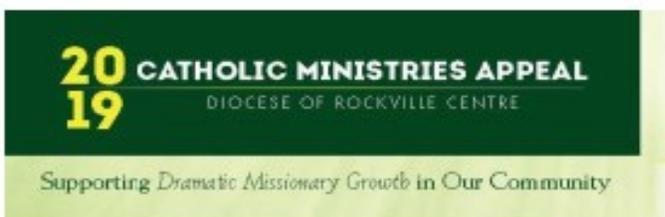
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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.





**2019 OLPH GOAL:**  
**\$109,400**  
**Total pledged: \$103,290.00**  
**# of pledges: 382**  
**94.4% of our goal**

*“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.

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

Make checks payable to:  
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU!**

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit [CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org) or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

## OLPH MUSIC MINISTRY

### Calling young singers!

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



### 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](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)  
Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
([akleinlaut@oloph.org](mailto: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 8:

On Wednesday, March 27 meet in the church at 7:00 p.m. with your parents for your Penance Service!

## 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 about registration! Only \$25 to attend!

Thank you to our speakers at the Level 7 Social Justice Meeting!



### Happy Saint of the Day! St. Joseph

*St. Joseph is Jesus' foster father and Mary's most chaste Spouse. He is part of the Holy Family and did everything in his power to keep his family safe. He had a vision from an angel telling him to go to Egypt with Mary and Jesus because Jesus' life was in danger. The family stayed there until Joseph had another dream from the angel telling him it was safe to return.*



### Pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to receive their final Sacrament of Initiation



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

## **NEW Food Pantry List!**

- PANCAKE MIX**
- COFFEE**
- CANNED TUNA**
- CANNED MEATS**
- JELLY OR JAM**
- JAR PASTA SAUCE**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- PORK & BEANS**
- SHELF STABLE MILK**

*(not evaporated)*

**Thank you  
for your continued generosity.**

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

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Located in the “New” School Building**

**Use Parking Lot located on corner of  
Gates & High Streets**

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
9:00 a.m.—12 Noon**

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

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: “bear fruit or be cut down.” This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work, far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins place by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.**

## **† 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
- Blankets
- New or clean, gently used sneakers
- Sunscreen

*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, April 2**  
**7:00 p.m. in Room 24**

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net)

### SENIOR MOMENTS GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:  
**Tuesday, April 9**  
**9:00 a.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.

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



### COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

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

**Our next Community Meal is  
Sunday, April 7  
Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass  
then join us for  
"Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.**

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directory of Phone Extensions

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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
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Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto: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  
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 Gerry Chille (Chair)  
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 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
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 Kenneth Hale  
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 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

## BEREAVEMENT GROUPS NEAR OLPH

For many of us, the loss of a loved one can be a devastating experience. Grief can cause us to become depressed, disoriented or angry. Ordinary aspects of our life can overwhelm us. Our experiences of grief affect us even more deeply when we do not have the support of family or friends. Sharing our pain with others in a bereavement group eases the anguish brought on by the death of a loved one. Many bereavement groups exist within driving distance of Lindenhurst. A complete listing of bereavement groups in the area can be found at the Diocese of Rockville Centre website.

*To access a complete listing of bereavement groups near OLPH, follow these steps:*

Open your web browser (Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Yahoo, etc.) Enter [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) in the address bar. You should be looking at the DRVC website. Move your cursor (pointer) across the top of the website to the box labelled "Faith Formation". This will launch a pull-down menu starting with Marriage. The last item on the list is "Bereavement". Click on "Bereavement".

There are many features to explore on this page. If you move your cursor to "Support Groups", you'll be taken to a page that permits you to go to articles about the nature of grief for individuals who are beginning the process of mourning. ("Find out more here.") Move your cursor over the list from each of the counties to view the bereavement programs in various parishes. These lists are maintained and updated by the Office of Faith Formation at the Diocese.

*Blessed are they who mourn  
for they will be comforted.  
(Matthew 5:4)*



## WE REMEMBER

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

*Margaret Almazan  
Frances M. Ricci  
Linda Marie Maul  
Helen Iannacone  
Annie Keating*

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

## WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Renato Leon</i>	<i>Constance Belowski</i>
<i>Randall I. Press</i>	<i>Salvatore Valela</i>
<i>Maureen Molinari</i>	<i>Natalie &amp; Lew Yugel</i>
<i>Dolores Muratore</i>	<i>Millie Abrusci</i>
<i>Agostino Pecoraro</i>	<i>Linda Menna</i>
<i>Jim Gordon</i>	<i>Patricia Donohue</i>
<i>Frank Garvano</i>	<i>Monica Angelucci</i>
<i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i>	<i>Mary Martin</i>
<i>Peggy McCloud</i>	<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>
<i>Marilyn Abbott</i>	<i>Michael Schauer</i>
<i>Carmela Sammartiano</i>	<i>Lillian Pigott</i>
<i>Fred Sawyer</i>	<i>Patrick Pigott</i>
<i>Jeanne Calise</i>	<i>Daniel Mueller</i>
<i>Lillian Setti</i>	<i>Erin Stanton</i>
<i>William Redlich</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 Communion will then visit each week.

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



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, March 25— THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

6:30 Eleanor Musco

12:15 Meghan Roach

### TUESDAY, March 26— LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of  
the Breitfeller Family

12:15 Paul LoMonaco

### WEDNESDAY, March 27— LENTEN WEEKDAY

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

12:15 Benedetto Alibrandt

### THURSDAY, March 28— LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 Anna Mileto

12:15 Michael Kaplan

### FRIDAY, March 29— LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 Patrick Manley

12:15 Rose Gallo

### SATURDAY, March 30— LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00 Agnes M. Huber

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

5:00 John Michael Caldwell

### Sunday, March 31 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of  
the Knights of Columbus

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 Christine Millar

5:00 Nicholas Zanatta

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Monday, March 25, 2019

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

### Tuesday, March 26, 2019

4:30 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Squires	Room 19
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

### Wednesday, March 27, 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
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Penance Service	Church

### Thursday, March 28, 2019

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

### Friday, March 29, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church

### Saturday, March 30, 2019

8:30,10:00	Level 2 Parent Meeting Levels 1-5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	Auditorium School
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

### Sunday, March 31, 2019

9:15 a.m.	RCIC Meeting	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
5:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church/Rm. 16
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Young Men's Spirituality	St. Mark's Room
7:30 p.m.	Parish Mission	Church

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

### Lecturas del domingo 31 de Marzo del 2019

*Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones*

#### Cuarto domingo de cuaresma

Bendito sea Dios, nuestro Padre,  
que nos ha reconciliado consigo mismo  
por medio de Cristo  
y nos ha encomendado +  
el trabajo de reconciliación en este mundo.  
Que su perdón y su paz estén siempre con ustedes.

#### Primera lectura (Josué 5:9a, 10-12 /33)

Dios había conducido a su pueblo de la tierra de esclavitud a su nueva tierra prometida. Ellos celebraron ese “regreso a casa” renovando la Alianza con Dios. Por eso, estaban obligados a vivir como su pueblo fiel.

#### Segunda lectura (2 Corintios 5:17-21)

Dios nos ofrece un nuevo mundo de perdón y reconciliación. Tenemos que llevar esta reconciliación a todos.

#### Lectura del santo evangelio según (San Lucas 15: 1-3, 11-32).

Los pecadores son los transgresores de la ley son esos pobres y deformes, ciegos y cojos en relación a la palabra –que son conducidos al banquete, tienen el oído adecuado para escuchar la palabra de la gracia y el perdón, escuchar significa hacerse discípulo el capítulo 14 ya habría debido convencer a los justos del pecado por que han rechazado la invitación. El Papa Francisco exhortándonos a vivir una cuaresma cerca de Cristo de una manera más profunda.

**Cuaresma pascual:** vivir la cuaresma es caminar hacia la pascua; pasar por la muerte de Cristo hecha en nosotros mortificación o muerte al pecado, conversión, penitencia y confesión, hasta purificar y aumentar el amor que nos hace vivir resurgiendo según la resurrección de Cristo a una vida nueva llena de esperanza, de luz, de alegría, de los frutos del amor.

**Cuaresma eclesial:** cuaresma vivida en “iglesia” para sentirnos más “iglesia”, más comunidad de Cristo en el mundo de hoy. Hemos de hacer comunidad, familia, grupo animado por la fe y la esperanza, que se apoya con amor y se abre y se da al servicio de los demás hombres.

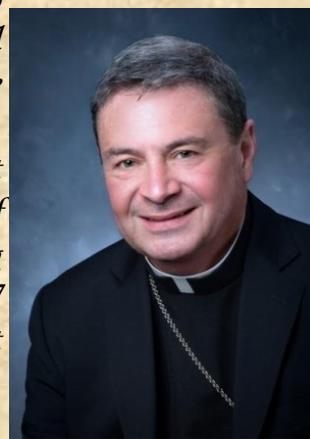


La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Los fondos recaudados en esta colecta proporcionarán comida a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados que han sido desplazados y llevarán el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a todos los pueblos aquí y en el exterior. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuye generosamente a la Colecta de CRSC. **Es Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?** Infórmate más acerca de la colecta en [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## OFFERING UPDATE March 16/17, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	330	147	\$3,352.00
8:00 a.m.	198	103	2,769.00
10:00 a.m.	493	132	3,276.00
12:00 p.m.	478	140	3,440.00
5:00 p.m.	240	41	1,176.00
Coin			14.05
Mail-ins:			1,177.00
Children's Env.		19	53.16
Faith Direct			2,326.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>\$17,583.46</b>
<b>2018 total</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>\$17,770.06</b>
Candles			\$988.46
Poor Box			\$382.81

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](http://www.CFNtv.org)



# Lent



### DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

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

**March 31—passed**  
**April 7—March 29**

*Due to earlier printer deadlines:*  
**Palm Sunday, April 14—March 29**  
**Easter Sunday, April 21—April 5**



Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**PREPARING FOR**  
**Sunday, March 31, 2019**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.*

2 Corinthians 5:17

**Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

This first reading, though brief, tells of how the Israelites finally came home. It takes place just after they have crossed the Jordan River into the land “flowing with milk and honey” promised to them by God, and just before they begin a campaign to claim the land with the battle for Jericho. The Lord finally removed the reproach that required the Israelites to wander in the desert for forty years as a result of their disobedience. After celebrating Passover one more time, the manna that sustained them in their long sojourn ceased because they would no longer need it. God was welcoming them home.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Just as the Israelites began a new life when they reached the Promised Land, Paul declares that we too begin a new life when we are in Jesus. We are a “new creation” and all the old things have passed away. Paul preaches the ministry of reconciliation that he has been given to proclaim – God has reconciled the world to himself through his son Jesus. That means that God forgives us our sins because Jesus took them all on his shoulders when he climbed up on the cross. We don’t have to carry them any more. We too can go home to the Father. What wonderful news!

**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

Jesus also tells a story about coming home. He tells us that there is no one who doesn’t need to rely on God’s mercy, whether it’s the prodigal son who has clearly strayed from the path or the resentful older brother who nurses anger and resentment in his heart because he’s always done the right thing and is jealous that his father has so easily forgiven his brother. In which brother do we see ourselves? But it doesn’t matter since the loving father goes out to meet each of them with unconditional mercy and open arms. We cannot exhaust the mercy of God and we can always rely on him as the loving Father who will always welcome us home.

**Gospel Reflection Questions....**

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

1. Jesus responded with the parable of the Prodigal Son when the Pharisees accused him of eating with sinners. How was Jesus “prodigal”? What was Jesus telling us about God’s forgiveness? In the story did the son have to ask for forgiveness or did he just start on the road back home? Do you forgive easily? Is it easy or difficult for you to ask for forgiveness? What are your feelings about the older brother’s behavior in this parable?

2. How would Pope Francis’ interpretation of the Prodigal Son below help someone who thought he/she had too many sins to be forgiven?

“The God of mercy; he does not tire of forgiving. We are the ones who tire in asking for forgiveness, but he does not tire.

The Gospel of Luke tells us that the father saw the son from afar because he was waiting for him. The father went onto the terrace every day to see if his son would return. He waited. And when he saw him, he went out in haste and ‘threw himself on his neck’. The son had prepared some words to say but the father did not let him speak; his embrace covered his mouth.

This is the heart of our Father, the God that waits for us. Always.”

*Pope Francis: [God Never Tires of Forgiving Us](#)  
March 28, 2014*

## Readings for the Week

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

**Monday, March 25, 2019:**

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10  
+ Hebrews 10:4-10  
+ Luke 1:26-38

**Tuesday, March 26, 2019:**

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

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019:**

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9  
+ Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday, March 28, 2019:**

Jeremiah 7:23-28 + Luke 11:14-23

**Friday, March 29, 2019:**

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

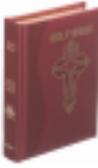
**Saturday, March 30, 2019:**

Hosea 6:1-6  
+ Luke 18:9-14

**Sunday, March 31, 2019:**

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
+ 2 Corinth 5:17-21  
+ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



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