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*I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me,
even if he dies,
will live.*

John 11:25

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 26, 2023

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

Deacons: Deacon William R. Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Ms. Jill Marie Delano

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Miss Erin Barrett

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**,
except on Thursdays (closed after the
12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning)
and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

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. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

Special Needs Mass:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person,
each Saturday in the church immediately following
the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning
Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.
on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

*Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

First Saturdays: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following
12:15 p.m. Mass

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Week of March 26, 2023

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The Hour of Our Death Eternal Rest Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.

LEARN



The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death

Through Jesus's Death on the Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is love. Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness. We are made to live like Christ: in total, self-giving love.

LISTEN



Living Lent as a Family (Part 4 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Kevin and Lisa Cotter to discuss liturgical living during Lent as a family. They discuss together about a variety of topics, including having a prayer space in the home and decorating the home according to the liturgical season.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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 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.*"

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.

Palm Sunday Procession at Saturday 5:00 Mass

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 you know, and as the Church asks us to do, we are once again celebrating a special **Procession for Palm Sunday, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass this coming Saturday, April 1.** What a gift it is to be able to celebrate this Mass in this way! 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 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 Procession:

- On Saturday, April 1, 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 in past years 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.

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 mailing sent out some time ago. (The schedule of Masses on Palm Sunday is the same as our usual weekend Mass schedule.)

Stations of the Cross

There's one more week for our Friday night Stations of the Cross, this Friday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. We will also pray the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 7, at 12:00 Noon.

Then, don't forget to be at the special Easter Time devotion, the Stations of the Resurrection, which will be prayed on Friday within the Octave of Easter ("Easter Friday"), April 14.

Still looking for sinners! Confessions this Saturday, April 1, and Monday, April 3, the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

On this coming Saturday, April 1, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, all four of us priests will be available for Confession 3:00-4:00 p.m.—*take your pick of who you go to!* Take note of the **special time** for Confession on this coming Saturday.

Also, don't forget about the Diocesan Day of Recollection, which is on Monday of Holy Week, April 3. On that day at OLPH, as well 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 continuously from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Once again, all four of us parish priests will be available the entire time, both periods.

Be sure to go to Confession as part of your

Lenten journey, **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 often joke that we priests get more "points" for the longer someone has been away when they come back to us for Confession, so help us to earn those "heavenly points"!!!

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! Sinners wanted and welcome!

Make your plans now to get to Confession. There's no better way to get ready for Easter!

Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards

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 beautiful custom of prayer and remembrance, 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.

Needed and wanted: new Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers

We are now recruiting new Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers. See the ad elsewhere in this bulletin for all the details.

I need everyone to realize that I am speaking to YOU — yes, YOU! — and inviting YOU to join one of these ministries. It is a beautiful offering and service that you give to the parish by serving in this way, and it brings you closer to Christ. You shouldn't wait for "someone else" to step forward — it's time for YOU!

I look forward to hearing from YOU about

joining and serving in one of those liturgical ministries. Check out the ad elsewhere in this bulletin.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2023

Thank you to all who have already contributed to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. I am very grateful. If you have not already done so, please send in your pledge. You are not only supporting the ministries of the Catholic Church throughout all of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, but you are also helping OLPH as we share in the rebate for all monies raised. Thank you for your generosity!

Begin planning now to attend the liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum

You should begin now to make your plans and arrangements to attend the liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, our holiest days of the year. The Sacred Paschal Triduum, our Great Three Days, begins on Holy Thursday night, so "day one" runs from Holy Thursday night to Good Friday night; "day two" is Good Friday night to Holy Saturday night, the night we celebrate the great Easter Vigil; and "day three" is from Holy Saturday night to Easter Sunday night, as the Triduum concludes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Easter Sunday night.

On Holy Thursday evening, April 6, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper; on Good Friday, April 7, the liturgy is the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord; on Holy Saturday night, April 8, we celebrate the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, and, of course, there are Masses on Easter Sunday, April 9 (note that the schedule on Easter Sunday is different from the normal Sunday schedule). We also gather to celebrate Morning Prayer on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. These are once-a-year liturgies, and we'll be having a full explanation of the

days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum and the liturgies celebrated those days in a special insert in the Palm Sunday bulletin next week; look for it.

We should begin to think now about how we will set time aside to make those days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum different from other days — in other words, not business as usual. Maybe we should consider taking time off from work, in order to take a spiritual vacation during those days, and in order to be available to go to the liturgies. Maybe we need to think about how those days will be days of fasting — fasting not just from food, but from distractions such as shopping, technology, social media and entertainment. Since the liturgies of those days are so central to our faith, we should certainly plan on attending.

50/50 Mega Jackpot

Lastly, I remind you about our newest fund raiser, the **50/50 Mega Jackpot**. Tickets are \$50 each, with no limit to the amount sold. One winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, May 13, and that winner will take home half of the jackpot. It's as simple as that!

Please participate, if you have not already done so, and spread the word to everyone you know.

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,



Special Needs Mass

for those who have Special Needs and for those who care for them.

No Special Needs Mass

Saturday, April 1

due to the Palm Sunday Procession

Join us at our next Special Needs Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 in the School Auditorium

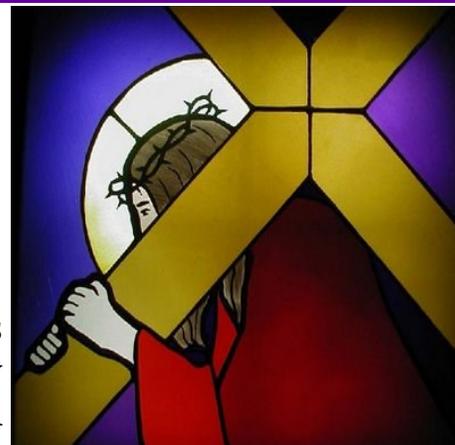
PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 31

at 7:30 p.m. in the church

April 7 at 12:00 Noon



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.

March 31 will be led by members of the Knights of Columbus.

And also, Friday, April 14—Stations of the Resurrection!

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CONFESSIONS

Saturday April 1: 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Monday of Holy Week, April 3:
2:00—4:00 p.m. and 6:00—9:00 p.m.

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING



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

THE PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Special Procession to Commemorate the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem SATURDAY, APRIL 1 — 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, April 1, we will celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion with a special Solemn Procession.

For Saturday, April 1, please note:

- ◆ Confession time on Saturday, April 1 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
- What a wonderful experience this has been in prior years, and will be again this year!
- ◆ 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.

PALM SUNDAY and EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES:

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES FOR THESE DAYS

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 1:

5:00 p.m. with Procession
(begins in the auditorium)

Sunday, April 2:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. *(Livestreamed)*,
and 12:00 Noon



SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR

Easter Sunday Masses

Saturday, April 8:

8:00 p.m. only

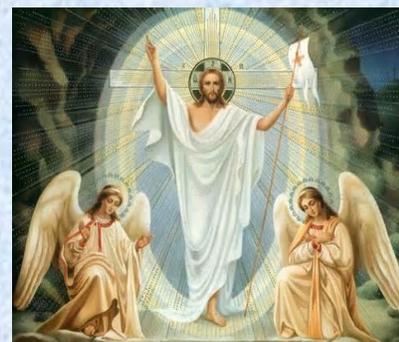
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, April 9:

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

*** note special times**



PROPER RESPECT FOR THE CONSECRATED HOST— IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

There's a serious problem which pops up from time to time which we must address. There are occasions when we find a Host in the pews — and even stuck underneath the pew! — mainly in the Divine Mercy side section of pews (the “bank side” of the church), but even elsewhere in the north side section of pews and elsewhere throughout the church. This is gravely sacrilegious to the Blessed Sacrament, and as a community we must try to do everything we can to prevent this from happening.

If you receive Holy Communion in the hand, **it must be consumed immediately and not carried back to one's seat.** If you are not receiving Communion in the correct way, please begin doing so immediately and do not carry the Host back with you to your seat. Parents, please make sure your children are consuming the Host immediately and not carrying it back to their seat.

We need **everyone** to be on guard about this throughout the entire church, especially those who sit in the north side section of pews. If you notice someone bringing the Host back to their seat, please kindly, politely and gently say something to the person about how this is incorrect, and/or inform an Usher. Proper reverence for the consecrated Host is essential. **“If you see something, say something!”**

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

—*Msgr. DeGrocco*

SILENCE BEFORE MASS DURING LENT

WE'RE HIGHLIGHTING THE LENTEN SEASON BY FOCUSING ON SILENCE BEFORE MASS BEGINS

During the holy season of Lent, we're emphasizing that the time before Mass should be a time for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord. Pope Francis once pointed out in one of his teachings, “When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chitchat with those in front of us...[However,]... “it is not meant for chitchat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus.” He added, “Silence is so important.” The Pope also spoke about how the Mass is not a show, but a place where we encounter the Lord. In this encounter, he said, silence is what “prepares us and accompanies us.”

During Lent, the Cantor will call everyone to silence five minutes before Mass begins. Let's all give each other the gift of silence, being quiet together in those last moments before Mass begins to prepare ourselves for Mass. Out of respect for each other, let's give each other that special gift. Maybe we can cultivate that habit inside us, and it will continue even after Lent! Thank you for your cooperation.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Holy Saturday morning, April 8 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.

HELP NEEDED TO WATER THE EASTER FLOWERS



Help keep our beautiful Easter plants and flowers alive! We need people to offer to take turns to come in and water the Easter plants and flowers during the seven weeks of Easter Time, starting the week of April 9. It will take only a little while once or twice a week, starting at 12:45 p.m. one or two days a week, so your commitment will be minimal. Your responsibility will end when we return to Ordinary Time after May 28 (Pentecost). It's a great way to do something helpful for the parish that does not require a huge ongoing commitment. It's something you can bring your child with you to do!

Won't you help us out? Please contact Denise Martinez at countrydee02@gmail.com or by **TEXT ONLY** at (631) 575-9519 and she'll give you all the details and sign you up. Thank you!



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.

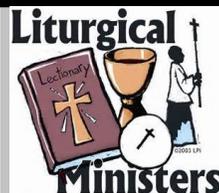
LENTEN ENVIRONMENT: COVERING STATUES AND IMAGES

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.

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 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 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING



WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU!

OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW LECTORS, USHERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

What do Extraordinary Ministers do?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Those who wish can also go on for extra training to bring Holy Communion to our homebound sisters and brothers.

How Do I Become An Extraordinary Minister?

1. You must contact Barbara McPhail at 631-226-1354 or e-mail to gospa254@gmail.com.
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to msgrjoe@oloph.org requesting to become a minister.
3. You must meet with Msgr. Joe for an interview.
4. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions (see below). If you wish to also bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, you must attend a separate "Part B" training session. Information about that session can be obtained in your interview with Msgr. Joe.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART A" FOR ALL MINISTERS

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville
(Our own Msgr. Joe will be the presenter at this one on April 25!)

Saturday, June 3, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Brookville*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART B" FOR THOSE WHO WILL BRING COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.,
St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville
Saturday, June 3, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Brookville*

**Same day, Parts A and B—bring lunch or leave for lunch and return*

What do Lectors do?

Lectors proclaim the Scriptures and sometimes the Intercessions at Sunday and daily Mass and at other liturgies.

How Do I Become A Lector?

1. You must contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or email to DeaconRobert9550@gmail.com
2. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.



LECTORS

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What do Ushers do?

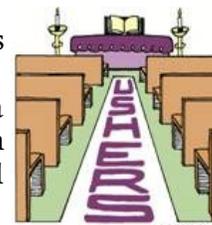
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of the assembly during processions such as the reception of Holy Communion and at other times. Taking up the collection is another way Ushers serve the assembly.

Who Should Become an Usher?

Anyone, including teens who have received Confirmation, can become an Usher. This is a great ministry for families to do together...the young ones can do this with parents and older children!

How Do I Become an Usher?

You should contact Mike Williams at olphushersministry@gmail.com or, if you don't have e-mail, leave a message for Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office, 631-226-7725 and he will pass the message along to Mike.



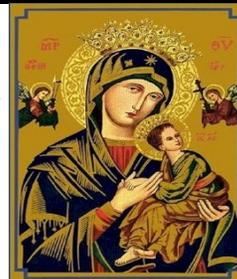
All liturgical ministers must complete a Volunteer Registration Form, have Virtus training and be a registered parishioner. For information about becoming Virtus compliant: contact Helene Calabrese at hcalab2@optonline.net.

PRAYER AND 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. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.



LIVE-STREAM MASS

We live-stream the **10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass** each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:
www.olphlindenhurst.com
- OLPH YouTube Channel: OLPH Church Lindenhurst



JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

We need new members to join our Live-Stream Team either for weekdays or weekends. If you are tech savvy, interested in broadcasting techniques and are willing to help record our liturgies, please contact Fr. Frank Zero at the rectory office at (631) 226-7725 or email fzero@oloph.org.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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NEXT SUNDAY A CHILDREN'S HOMILY WILL BE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL - OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST. LISTEN TO THE READINGS AND A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL!



Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things that are being done in the main body of the church



OLPH CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & GUILD



Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale April 1 and 2



Following Saturday 5:00 p.m. and all Sunday Masses
Located in the priest garages on High Street

Proceeds go for the benefit of OLPH

homemade baked goodies: cakes, bread, cookies, cupcakes, chocolate lollipops
cash only please

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

All are invited to come and pray with our parish community.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **April 1** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

All are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m., each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish, Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 10:00 p.m.

First Friday Devotions—**April 7: Communal recitation of First Friday Devotions will not take place on Friday, April 7 due to the observance of Good Friday. The devotions may be prayed privately. Note the different time for this month only: 7:00—10:00 p.m.**

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.

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.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
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 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

LEVELS 6, 7 and 8

On Wednesday, March 29, you will be taking your Final during class. Be sure to study hard and hand in all work that's due!

LEVELS 2, 3, 4 and 5

Saturday, April 1, will be your last day of class! Be sure to take the time to study at home for your Final Exam!

LEVEL 1

On Saturday, April 1, please meet in the auditorium for your Parent/Child Workshop on the topic of Easter. Attendance will be taken. You don't want to miss out on this fun and interactive last day of class!

Vacation Bible Camp Needs You!

Our next Planning Meeting is on Wednesday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Please consider being a part of our Space Ranger Team!
 Contact April for more information.

Save the Date:

*Vacation Bible
 Camp*

July 10th - July 14th

**REGISTRATION
 NOW OPEN!**

**Happy Saint of the Day!**

St. James the Greater was the brother of St. John the Apostle, and they were known as the “brothers of thunder.” St. James was called the Greater as a nickname to tell the difference between him and St. James the Lesser. Both St. James are among the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. In fact, St. James was one of the first Apostles called to follow Jesus, while James and his brother were out fishing. They had not caught anything that day when Jesus told them to cast their nets again. From that day on they were in Jesus’ trusted circle; with Peter, they were the only Apostles to see the Transfiguration!

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY EASTER FAMILY FUN EVENT

As we celebrate the Easter Season
at **OLPH**, come join us on
SUNDAY
APRIL 16, 2023

Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
RAIN OR SHINE on the Rectory Lawn
or School Auditorium

Easter Egg Hunt- Games- Music-Crafts

Snacks and lite refreshments will be available

PLEASE BRING A FOOD ITEM FOR THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY



*Easter Family Fun
Event RSVP*

Please Email Eileen at kencort36@gmail.com
or call 631-682-4853 with the # of children that will be
attending.

Please Reply by NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, April 9, 2023

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631-592-1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631-561-5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631-225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † 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—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631-226-7725 x 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631-226-6175—jbecker@oloph.org

NEW Food Pantry List!

PASTA SAUCE
SHELF STABLE MILK
TUNA
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY
PORK & BEANS
COFFEE
CEREAL
CANNED PASTA
TOILET PAPER

Thank you
 for your continued generosity.
 Cut out this list and bring it with you

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.

The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 99 adults, 71 children, and 17 seniors, for a total of 76 families. Thank you!

LONG ISLAND LIFE CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP

Urgent Baby Needs

The Life Center is in need
 of the following items:

Clothing: Newborn—Size 9 months, 2T – 4T

Diapers: Sizes: Newborn, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only

Baby wipes

Infant car seats (new, or if used, must be less than six years old)

GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF PREBORN CHILDREN

THE LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE is holding a GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF PREBORN CHILDREN on **APRIL 7, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. to NOON**, in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow; on the public sidewalk). Pro-life women, men and children are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event for the protection of life in the womb and as a visible reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Your participation for even part of the time is important. Signs provided (east end of hospital) or bring your own (no political signs). Please stand 5-10 feet apart for better messaging to the public. Information: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.

Catholic Health



Investing in Our Communities

Free screenings

As part of our mission to make care accessible to all, Catholic Health brings much-needed screening services directly to the community. Through our mobile outreach buses, we provide blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and glucose screenings, along with patient education and referrals to care.

No appointments are necessary. We do not ask individuals about immigration status, insurance is not required and there are no fees for our services.

We look forward to serving your community.

Our mission is to make care accessible to all.

*Wednesday, March 29
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
in the school parking lot*



RIGHT TO LIFE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

My Dear Friends in Christ,

With assaults on human life increasing at an alarming rate, we are asking you today to make a personal commitment to pray daily for one unborn child who is in danger of being aborted. Unfortunately, since the Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973, the number of abortions has increased to 1.4 million annually. Each of us is being asked to "spiritually adopt" one unknown baby for the next nine months. We will pray for this child, that he or she will be carried to term and experience the fullness of life, as God intended. All our prayers can make a difference between whether a baby will be born or aborted. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the baby's parents.

PLEASE RETURN THE RIGHT HALF OF THE COUPON TO THE CRADLE IN FRONT OF OUR LADY'S ALTAR

Our Lady of Perpetual Help SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Jesus, Mary & Joseph
I beg you to spare the life
of the unborn child
whom I have spiritually adopted
and who is in danger of abortion.

Baby's Name _____

Due Date: _____

Our Lady of Perpetual Help SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

I, _____,
spiritually adopt an unborn baby

Name of Child
and who is in danger of abortion
by praying daily for the life of this baby.
(Please return this half)

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



From Catholics for Freedom of Religion www.cffor.org

"Hostility is always at the beginning of the persecution of Christians." —Pope Francis

Persecution of Christians Increases in Nigeria and India

Nigeria, Africa: A Catholic priest was burned alive and his assistant pastor was shot in the parish residence in north central Nigeria in January, 2023. "It's a continuation of a situation that's been going on for years," said Stephen Rasche, from a center for peace and justice. "Many of the victims go unreported — all sorts of different types of Christians who are living in rural areas."⁽¹⁾ "This is a sad moment. For a priest to be killed in such a manner means that we are all not safe. These terrorists have lost it and drastic action is needed to end this ongoing carnage," said the state governor of Sani Bello.⁽²⁾

The *World Index of Christian Persecution* cites Nigeria as the first in the world for violence against Christians. It is estimated that 89% of Christians killed throughout the world are located in Nigeria, with more than 7,600 Nigerian Christians murdered from January 2021 to June 2022. Nigeria is 53.5% Muslim, 10.6% Catholic, and 35.3% other Christian, according to the CIA World Facebook.

India, Asia: The Christian churches in India are exhausted by the surge of anti-conversion laws and accusations of illegal proselytization. Mobs are driving out Christians from their villages and many face property destruction and personal violence. Recently, 22,000 Christians from many denominations and around the country gathered at the nation's capital to demand better. "This protest is basically to call the attention of the government to the increasing violence against Christians and our institutions," said the Orthodox Syrian Church in Delhi.⁽³⁾ "This coming together of all denominations...is a unity to strengthen the kingdom of God," said the National Council of Churches in India. "It is a cry of our people...who are suffering in rural areas. They have a right to believe in their God, but that is being curtailed."⁽⁴⁾

"Wherever persecution is reported, we approach the authorities to intervene and help Christians who are being targeted, but instead the authorities start to act against the Christians rather than help them...the situation in the state is worsening with every passing day...," said attorney Patsy David.⁽⁵⁾

"The age of martyrs is not yet over...the Church has more martyrs now than in the first centuries."

—Pope Francis

(aleteia.org, 1/15/23(1); cna.com, 1/15/23(2); abcnews.com, 1/15/23; africanews.com, 1/15/23; christianitytoday.com, 2/27/23(3)(4)(5); religionnews.com, 3/9/23; persecution.org, 3/9/23)

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directory of Phone Extensions

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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 Order 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 DeaconRobert@oloph.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Jeffrey Gaab
 Gregory Guido
 Sonia Hansen
 Joselyn Kalt
 Mary Leon
 Rachelle Louis-Jacques
 Carlton Mitchell
 James Totino

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel
 Gerry Chille

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
 Bill Bendernagel
 Gerry Chille (Chair)
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Jill Marie Delano
 Marie Gagneron
 Kenneth Hale
 Bob Meade
 Bob Mehm
 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
 Erin Barrett
 Deacon Robert Becker
 Mark Costantino
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Kenneth Hale
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
 Denise Martinez
 Barbara McPhail
 Deacon Doug Smith
 Mike Williams
 Fr. Frank Zero

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Our next group starts **April 29 to July 1** from **11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for information.



WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

***Della Daddario
Christine Liotta
Joseph Quinn***

“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>Cameron Allen</i>	<i>Matthew Mencarelli</i>
<i>Christopher Santiago</i>	<i>Annette Vita</i>
<i>Patty Santopadre</i>	<i>Karen Vita</i>
<i>Providence Colascione</i>	<i>Michael Anais</i>
<i>Sherwood Davis</i>	<i>Patricio Torres</i>
<i>Ana-Paula Goncalves Kalinowski</i>	<i>Monica Pulla</i>
<i>Rudy Calabrese</i>	<i>Roland Pulla</i>
<i>Susan Ferraro</i>	<i>Santiago Segovia</i>
<i>Sister JoAnn Bonauro</i>	<i>Dolores Muratore</i>
<i>Frank Farrugia</i>	<i>Joan A. Troiano</i>
<i>George La Clair</i>	<i>Cathy Mistretta</i>
<i>Mary Huber</i>	<i>Gus Garofalo</i>
<i>John McPhail</i>	<i>Jeanette Borowicz</i>
<i>Diane Wilmarth</i>	<i>John Janczewski</i>

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **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 four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 12:00 P.M. MASS

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>
<i>Jacek Jeglimski</i>	<i>Requested by Christina Wegrzynowski</i>
<i>Giuseppe Giuseppini</i>	<i>Requested by Ann Marie & Mike Ferrante</i>
<i>Luigi LaPietra</i>	<i>Requested by Eugenio & Elvia Gresia</i>
<i>Jeanne Guidice</i>	<i>Requested by Frank Guidice</i>

MASSES FOR THE WEEK	
MONDAY, March 27— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	RoseMarie Oliveri
12:15	Richard Valela (10 year Anniversary)
TUESDAY, March 28— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Virgil Zirpolo
12:15	Robert Dobres
WEDNESDAY, March 29— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Carl R. Kieninger
12:15	Irma Perez
THURSDAY, March 30 — Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Maureen Ericsson
12:15	Benedict Barbera
FRIDAY, March 31— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Beverly Dinnadge
12:15	Giulia Ciavarello
SATURDAY, April 1— Lenten Weekday	
8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Perrotta Family
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	
4:00	<i>No Special Needs Mass due to the Palm Sunday Procession</i>
5:00	Camille Caruso
Sunday, April 2— PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Bill Earp
12:00	Samuel Fabrizzio

PARISH CALENDAR		
Monday, March 27, 2023		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
1:30 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
4:30 p.m.	Youth Service Corps Meeting	Room 2
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
7:00 p.m.	Schola Rehearsal	Church
Tuesday, March 28, 2023		
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	Room 3
7:00 p.m.	Living the Eucharist	School
7:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark's Room
Wednesday, March 29, 2023		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831)	Off Campus
5:30 p.m.	Level 6: Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Levels 7 and 8: Classes	School
Thursday, March 30, 2023		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, March 31, 2023		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, April 1, 2023		
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5: Classes	School
11:00 a.m.	Decorate the church	Church
12:30 p.m.	Palm Sunday Procession Rehearsal	Church
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Christian Mothers Bake Sale	Garages
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Exposition	Church
Sunday, April 2, 2023		
8:00 a.m.	Christian Mothers Bake Sale	Garages
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida.

Le invita a alabar y glorificar a Dios todos los jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería, en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Alina Patrón al (516) 263-9401

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, llamar a la rectoría 631) 226-7725/ en español a Irma González al (631) 620-2401.

Lecturas del 5º Domingo de Cuaresma - Ciclo A 3/26/23

Lea las lecturas en su Biblia y luego reflexione con nosotros

Que el Espíritu que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos esté vivo en nosotros. Que vivamos ahora en plenitud la vida de Jesús, para que podamos resucitar en el último día. Que Jesús, el Señor de la vida, esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Ezequiel 37,12-14): Dios es la Vida de su Pueblo A su pueblo desalentado, exiliado en un país extranjero, Dios le anuncia por medio del profeta: "Quiero que ustedes vivan. Los llevaré de vuelta a la tierra de la promesa y les daré mi espíritu de vida y fortaleza.

Segunda Lectura (Romanos 8,8-11): El Espíritu Santo Nos Da la Vida de Dios Los cristianos no se escapan de la realidad de su naturaleza humana, del mal y del sufrimiento. Sin embargo, no capitulan ni se rinden a la muerte del pecado. Por medio del Espíritu Santo que vive en ellos, son llamados a participar de la vida eterna de Dios.

Evangelio (Juan 11,1-45). Llegamos al último domingo de Cuaresma. El evangelista Juan nos narra el último milagro de Jesús. Jesús recibe la llamada de las hermanas de Lázaro: «Jesús, tu amigo, está enfermo». Jesús dice: «Esta enfermedad no acabará en la muerte, sino que servirá para que el Hijo de Dios sea glorificado». Pasan dos días y Jesús se pone en camino, cuando llega, Lázaro lleva muerto cuatro días. Jesús ve la tristeza y el dolor de las hermanas de Lázaro y comparte con ellas el dolor, y también el llanto. La hermana que sale a recibirlo, sabe que todo lo que Jesús le pida a Dios le será concedido, tiene esa certeza. Jesús le dijo: «tu hermano resucitará».

Jesús, como todos nosotros no quiere la muerte del pecador, quiere la vida, pero sabe que para vivir en plenitud de Dios todos debemos pasar por ella. Pero nadie, absolutamente nadie, quiere morir, nos angustia pensar en ella, incluso hay personas que a cierta edad o ante la enfermedad sufren ansiedad o depresión. Pero si realmente creemos, debemos tener la certeza de que Jesús nos trae la esperanza y la resurrección; sin embargo, dudamos, no nos dejamos acoger en los brazos misericordiosos de Dios.

Durante estos cinco domingos se nos ha invitado a la conversión, a volver nuestra vida a Dios. Que nuestra fe sea firme, como fue la de las hermanas de Lázaro. Jesús nos dice que la muerte no es el final, sino el camino hacia la luz, hacia la vida.

"Padre, te doy gracias porque me has escuchado; yo sé que siempre me escuchas". El Padre de Jesús es el mismo Dios que lo resucitó de entre los muertos. Ya sanados de nuestra ceguera espiritual veremos más claro los misterios del evangelio del domingo que sigue. Que la Santísima Trinidad les bendiga. Atraves del corazón inmaculado de María segamos con Jesús en el desierto hasta crucificarnos con él para tener parte en la resurrección.

1. ¿Están seguros de que Dios resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos?
2. ¿Están seguros de que el Espíritu de aquel que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos habita en ustedes?



**OFFERING UPDATE
March 18/19**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	282	107	\$3,043.00
8:00 a.m.	198	67	2,525.00
10:00 a.m.	404	95	3,151.00
12:00 a.m.	330	84	2,144.00
Total coin:			3.57
Faith Direct			3,646.25
Children's Env.		12	49.90
Mail-ins:			1,984.00
TOTAL	1,214	365	\$16,546.72
2022	1,060	383	\$14,997.49
Candles			\$983.98
Poor Box			\$408.94

**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 as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org no later than the dates listed below. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

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April 9—March 31 deadline
April 16—April 7 deadline

Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred, and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drcv>

The Diocese of Rockville Centre
**GOLDEN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2023 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

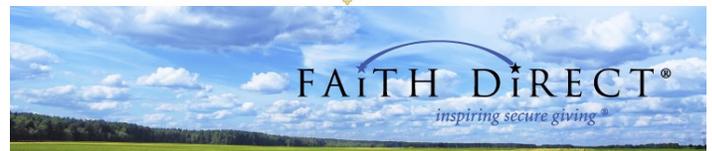
Church of St. James, Seaford

Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Register online at drcv-faith.org

Registration must be received by Friday, April 28, 2023

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drcv.org



As we approach Easter, we focus our daily activities on growing closer to Christ through an increase in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May this extend into our lives beyond this liturgical season. Signing up with *Faith Direct* is a great way to focus on almsgiving throughout the year. It is a secure and convenient way to make a conscious decision about your financial support of our many wonderful ministries.

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PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*Hosanna to the Son of David;
 blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
 hosanna in the highest.*

Matthew 21:9

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 to 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!"

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Today we hear Matthew's telling of the Passion and Death of Jesus, a truly moving account of how great God's love is for us. Matthew, writing to early Jewish Christians, was concerned to show them that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures. 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: he allowed his blood to be "shed on behalf of the many for the forgiveness of sins." That means all the disciples who deserted him could be forgiven. Peter could be forgiven. And yes, we can be forgiven. What good news!

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 endured abandonment by the one he loved most, his Abba. He chose to experience all of humanity's worst suffering. What does this tell us? Even though he couldn't access their love, do you think the Father and the Spirit were there with Jesus on the cross?

2. At the World Youth Day in 2013 Pope Francis addressed how the Cross of Christ contains all the love and mercy of God. Given that this is immeasurable love, how do you respond to it?

"The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: 'Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you. I have overcome death and I have come to give you hope, to give you life' (cf. John 3:16). ...

You see, it gives us a treasure that no one else can give: the certainty of the faithful love which God has for us. A love so great that it enters into our sin and forgives it, enters into our suffering and gives us the strength to bear it. It is a love which enters into death to conquer it and to save us. The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find his immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe."

*The Way of the Cross with Young People
 Waterfront of Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro
 Friday, July 26, 2013*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 27, 2023:

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
 + John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 28, 2023:

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

Wednesday, March 29, 2023:

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
 + John 8:31-42

Thursday, March 30, 2023:

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

Friday, March 31, 2023:

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

Saturday, April 1, 2023:

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

Sunday, April 2, 2023:

Matthew 21:1-11 + Isaiah 50:4-7
 + Philippians 2:6-11
 + Matthew 26:14—27:66

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-Pope Francis

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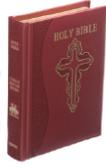


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