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

2 Corinthians 5:17

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 27, 2022

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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Music Director: Mr. Christopher Reilly

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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 each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.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, Saturday and Sunday:
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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March 27, 2022

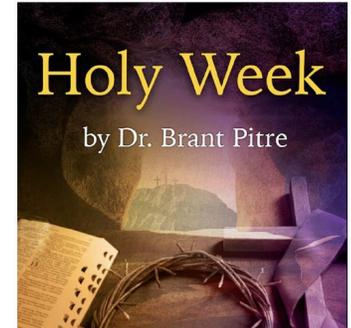
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PASTOR'S PAGE

Fourth Sunday of Lent

We get a little break from the ultra-seriousness of Lent on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, which is referred to as *Laetare* Sunday. The name comes from the Entrance Antiphon for this Mass, from Isaiah 66:10-11, which we chanted during our Entrance Procession: "*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*" Rose-colored vestments may be worn today, although the Glory to God in the highest is still omitted.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Mass for this Sunday recalls how God has reconciled the human race to Himself through His Word; salvation was accomplished through the Paschal Mystery (death and resurrection) of the Word-made-flesh, Jesus. It is because of God reconciling us to Himself (something we could never have accomplished ourselves) that we can make the petition asked in the second part of the Collect: that "*...the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.*" We get a certain sense that the Easter feasts are coming closer, and this is the source of our rejoicing. Thus does the prayer continue to orient us toward Easter, which is drawing ever nearer.

The Prayer over the Offerings mentions the joy that characterizes today as it notes that we place our offerings before God "with joy." We are also reminded of the inherently missionary nature of the Eucharist — how it is not something just for ourselves, but rather how it impels us to look outward to serve the world. We are reminded of this as the prayer expresses that we present the offerings "*for the salvation of all the world.*"

Once again our Mass prayers offer us much occasion for further spiritual reflection on the meaning of Lent. Let this *Laetare* Sunday be for you a turning point in your own Lenten journey, and experience the joy of Easter coming soon! If you have not been serious about Lent so far, it's not too late to get started, so that the remaining days before Easter will truly be days of purification, enlightenment and renewal.

Adult Faith Formation: The Responsorial Psalms of Lent

Our sessions focused on the Responsorial Psalms during Lent continue, and it's never too late to hop on board; each week is its own little session, so you can come at any time. What a great opportunity to enrich your celebration of Sunday Mass! It takes place between the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon Masses (so, it starts at about 11:15 a.m.) in the North Sacristy in the church.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed again this Friday night, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. Look for the details elsewhere in this bulletin. I hope you have been attending. Thanks to the parish groups and parishioners who have answered the call and accepted a leadership role in praying the Stations.

Also, don't forget to be at the special Easter Time devotion we are adding this year, the *Via Lucis*, the Stations of the Resurrection, which will be prayed on Friday within the Octave of Easter ("Easter Friday"), April 22.

Confessions during Lent, especially Monday, April 11, the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Keep in mind that, as usual, there are Confessions on this coming Saturday, April 2, 4:00-4:45 p.m. Then, next Saturday, April 9, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, all four parish priests will be available 3:00-4:00 p.m. (note the special time frame).

Most especially, don't forget about the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation, which is on Monday of Holy Week, April 11. 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 then again from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Here at OLPH, **all four priests will be available for all those hours during both sessions on Monday, April 11**, so you have your choice of any one of us!

Make your plans now to get to Confession, perhaps especially on that Monday of Holy

Week, since that day will provide the widest opportunity. There's no better way to get ready for Easter than to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Ushers Meeting this Saturday, April 2

I remind all Ushers to attend the meeting this coming Saturday, April 2, at 12:30 p.m. This important meeting is mandatory for all Ushers, since we will be discussing the schedule and special procedures concerning Palm Sunday and the Sacred Paschal Triduum. I look forward to seeing all Ushers there.

Watering flowers during Easter Time

You'll see an ad we're running in this bulletin looking for help in watering the flowers during Easter Time, a period of approximately seven weeks. It would not involve a large time commitment on anyone's part, especially with many people pitching in. Look for the announcement in this bulletin, and please consider helping out.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2022

Last weekend we officially started the Catholic Ministries Appeal here at OLPH, and so I once again ask for your help and generosity in participating in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. I personally give to the Appeal every year, and I am asking you to do the same.

I am being up front with you in telling you that we cannot do without the income we receive from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate. We need that income to keep from "going under," especially since our income continues to be reduced due to the pandemic and due to the horrendous economic conditions our country is undergoing. By giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are raising money for your beloved OLPH as much as you are also supporting the Catholic Church's many different ministries throughout all of Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

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 we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper; on Good Friday the liturgy is the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord; on Holy Saturday night we celebrate the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, and, of course, there are Masses on Easter Sunday (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; 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 and entertainment. Since the liturgies of those days are so central to our faith, we should certainly plan on attending.

St. Kilian, Farmingdale

Finally, I'll share a personal note with you to say that this coming Saturday night I'll be presiding and preaching at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Kilian's in Farmingdale, as part of their 125th Anniversary Year. St. Kilian's was my first parish as a newly-ordained priest, and I was there for five very wonderful years, 1988-1993, so they invited me back to preside and preach at a Mass. Actually, I was originally supposed to do this on January 29 of this year, but you may recall we had a blizzard that weekend. (I'm sure

the two events are not related!). Let's hope the weather is better this time!

Hmmm...they're celebrating 125 years... they're youngsters compared to our 150 years!

In conclusion...

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

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

Sincerely,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Stations of the Cross

April 1 and 8

at 7:30 p.m. in the church

and Good Friday, April 15 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.

April 1 will be led by the Knights of Columbus.

April 8 will be led by the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

And also, Save the Date... Friday, April 22—Stations of the Resurrection!



CONFESSIONS

Saturday, April 2

4:00 p.m.– 4:45 p.m.

Saturday April 9: 3:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Monday of Holy Week, April 11

2:00—4:00 p.m. and 6:00—9:00 p.m.

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.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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

First Friday Devotions will take place **April 1** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **April 2** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:30 p.m. Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish, Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:30 p.m.

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.



*Special
Needs
Mass*

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

Saturday, April 2

4:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium

Please join us at our Special Needs Mass, a Mass for those who have Special Needs and for those who care for them.

We meet the **first Saturday of each month.**

After Mass we have hospitality to introduce the ministry members to the people who attend the Mass.

If you would like to join our ministry or help before or after Mass or with our hospitality table please contact Jessica Paolo at jpaolo@oloph.org or call 631-226-7725 X 252.

LENTEN ENVIRONMENT AS OF NEXT WEEKEND, THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

As of next weekend, we will 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 the last days of Lent, as we approach the Sacred Paschal Triduum and the fifty days of Easter Time.

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Prepare Your Heart for the Coming of the Lord

This season of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Adult Faith Formation program at OLPH is offering an uplifting experience to make ready for the Solemnity of Easter. Every Sunday through April 3, we offer parishioners the opportunity to study the Responsorial Psalms used in each Sunday's celebration of the Eucharist. We will meet from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. each Sunday in the north sacristy of the church. Each session will feature a discussion of the themes of the Responsorial Psalm of the day, led by a member of the Pastoral Staff. Attend all of the sessions, or select those that fit your schedule. Handouts of the psalms will be provided. Come join us in breaking open the Word of the Lord.

MEETING FOR USHERS—HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

All Ushers are required to attend a special meeting on Saturday, **April 2** at 12:30 p.m. in the church. At this very important meeting, we will review all the schedules and special information concerning all the Holy Week liturgies (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday). All Ushers are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 RETURNS THIS YEAR!

Special Procession to Commemorate the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem **SATURDAY, APRIL 9 – 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 9, we will celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion with a special Solemn Procession.

For Saturday, April 9, please note:

- ◆ Confession time on Saturday, April 9 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

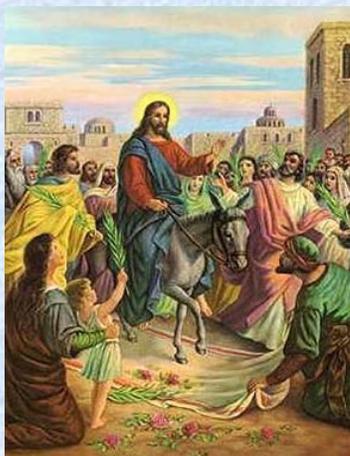
Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 9:

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

Sunday, April 10:

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



SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR

Easter Sunday Masses

Saturday, April 16:

8:00 p.m. only

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, April 17:

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

*** note special times**



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 14.** 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 _____ *(sorry to ask...but we want to 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.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Holy Saturday morning, April 16 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.



OLPH YOUTH CHOIR NEEDS MORE YOUNG VOICES

Come Sing With Us

*Sing with the OLPH
Youth Choir for
Easter!*

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in the Choir Loft*



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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

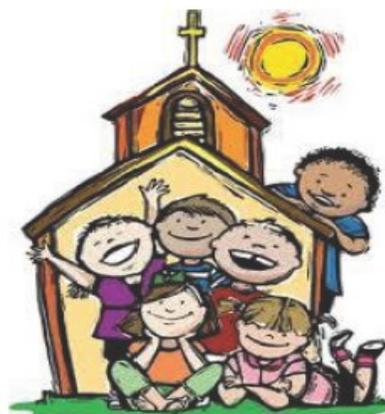
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Join us Next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass



Children 1st Grade and older can join in the Children's Liturgy of the Word every 1st and 3rd Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

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.



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 in the program**, 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.

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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



LIVE-STREAM MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

Our live-stream camera system enable us to live-stream Masses, weddings, funerals and other sacramental and ritual moments. When the weather is bad in the winter or for parishioners who are homebound, we offer them a digital presence.

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.



FR. FIDELIS HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL



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on his YouTube channel!

You can go to YouTube and search for
FADA PRINCE (*with the logo at left*)

and click on the **SUBSCRIBE** button.



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 weeks of Easter Time, starting the week of April 18. It will take only a little while once or twice a week. We will start the schedule at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 and then on Saturday, April 23 between 11:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon (subject to change due to various activities that may take place in the church). We will continue to water every Tuesday and Saturday until we return to Ordinary Time after June 5 (Pentecost), and your commitment will be minimal. 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! It's also great for getting in those community service hours for school!!

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!

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION 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 30, you will have your final review in class. Be sure not to miss it, and study hard! All Service Hours in your Workbook should be completed and handed in at this time.

LEVEL 1

On Saturday, April 2, you will have your Parent/Child Workshop in the auditorium during your regular class time.

The topic will be EASTER!

A parent or guardian must attend the meeting. Attendance will be taken.

LEVELS 2-5

On Saturday, April 2, you will have your final review in class. Be sure not to miss it, and be sure to study hard!

Bible Camp Registration is Open!
 Looking for a fun and faith-filled camp for the summer? Look no further! Bible Camp and Service Camp allows your kids to have a blast while developing a close friendship with Christ! Register with the Religious Education Department in the Rectory. Space is limited!

Save the Date
July 11th - July 15th

Vacation Bible Camp Needs YOU!
 Planning Meeting Saturday, April 9,
 at 12:00 p.m. in the school Auditorium.
 Please consider being a Mountaineer!
 Contact April for more information!

Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Martha of Bethany was one of Jesus' close friends and followers, and she was sister to Mary and Lazarus. During one of Jesus' visits to their home, Martha was busy getting ready for the meal to serve Jesus and his disciples all by herself. She expected Mary to help her with the chores, but instead Mary was listening to Jesus. When Martha told Jesus how upset she was, he told her that she worried about many things, but she should spend the time that she had with him.



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Food Pantry List

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

- PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP**
- CANNED MEATS**
- CANNED MEALS**
- INSTANT POTATOES**
- CHICKEN AND BEEF BROTHS**
- GRAVIES**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- FRUIT JUICES**
- CEREALS**
- SHELF STABLE MILK**

*Please bring items to the SVdP office:
Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Thank you
for your continued generosity.*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the School Building
Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and

1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In today’s Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

In the month of March, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 51 families by providing support to 82 adults, 62 children and 16 seniors. Thank you!

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!



Are you interested in helping out your parish community?

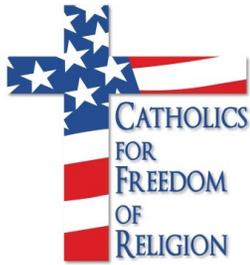
Think about joining The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The commitment is minimal. Our members cover one three-hour shift in the pantry once every three weeks. The rewards are plentiful. You have the opportunity to bring hope and health to those in need right here in Lindenhurst. You also have the opportunity to meet many wonderful people, and make new friendships.

If you would like to join, call us at 631-226-7725, ext. 234 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. We are also open the first and third Saturdays of the month for those who are busy during the week.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Canadian Pastor Put into Solitary to Prevent Him from Preaching

"God allows me to be here for a witness to the entire world, to show what happens when you kick God out of your nation. Lawlessness, injustice, abuse of power and corruption crept in," said Pastor Artur Pawlowski, after being imprisoned in February for attempting to preach and minister to truckers in the Freedom Convoy along the U.S.-Canada border.⁽¹⁾ Pastor Pawlowski's son said, "They [the police] were staking out our

home for hours, waiting for him to leave the house and they grabbed him...right before he could perform his duties as a clergyman."⁽²⁾ Law enforcement told the pastor he was under arrest for "mischief."

For two years, Pastor Pawlowski has been standing up for the right to hold church services during the Covid lockdowns, and has been repeatedly arrested and imprisoned.

"He is not the first pastor to be targeted and persecuted for speaking the truth in the face of tyranny and injustice," wrote Standing for Freedom Center. "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was labeled a public safety risk by the FBI. Pope John Paul II, who inspired the Solidarity Movement [in Poland] was considered so dangerous by the Soviet Union that the KGB tried to have him assassinated...Rumanian Pastor Richard Wurmbbrand was imprisoned and tortured for 14 years for publicly declaring that his only loyalty was to Christ and that he would never place the state or the party above Him."⁽³⁾

Hope for Religious Revival in America

"We can feel and sense the rumblings of revival, and when I say revival, I mean people's hearts turning back to God," said Donna Stands-Over-Bull of the Crow Tribe. "There's a lot of broken areas, broken communities, and our communities are rampant with drugs," said Stands-Over-Bull, describing the plight of Native Americans.⁽⁴⁾

"We've been having healing revivals over the on-line church. God's been healing through social media," said Russell Stands-Over-Bull, senior pastor of Arrow Creek TV e-church.⁽⁵⁾

"One of the marvels of American history is how the country was born between two of the greatest revivals in history," wrote Robert J. Morgan, teaching pastor and author of *100 Bible Verses That Made America*. "The First Great Awakening prepared the Colonies for independence, and the Second Great Awakening solidified the moral and spiritual foundation for the future."⁽⁷⁾

"Today our nation's problems are not primarily political but spiritual. And the answers are not found in our politics but in the hope of another spiritual return to God."⁽⁸⁾

(foxnews.com, 2/24/22(1); thechristianpost.com, 2/10/22(2); standingforfreedom.com, 2/22/22(3); theancestry.com, 2/18/22; 1.cbn.com, 2/2/22(4)(5); standingforfreedom.com, 2/24/22(7)(8)

A Prayer for Revival in America

Father, as your children, your faithful remnant, we come before you today to confess our sins.

We recognize our wrongdoing and admit to You that we have been calling right wrong, and wrong right, and have even legalized evil.

Father, help us in our desperate hour of need.

Without You we are lost. Intervene on our behalf.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

RESPECT LIFE



"Forty Days for Life" will continue to **April 10th**. We encourage you to join us in prayerfully picketing a local Planned Parenthood site to try to save some of those little ones. The local sites are: 540 Fulton Ave (Rte. 24), Hempstead and 70 Maple Ave, Smithtown (across the street from the new Life Ctr).

Sign in and check who else will be picketing at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/smithtown>

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)

AID TO UKRAINE

For those looking to help the people of Ukraine, the Holy Family Ukrainian Church here in Lindenhurst is collecting supplies and monetary donations. In an effort to raise funds, the Blue Door will be open after all Masses the weekend of **April 2-3**, with **ALL proceeds raised** going directly to the Holy Family Ukrainian Church.



**SPECIAL HOURS
FOR WEEKEND OF APRIL 2-3, 2022**
SATURDAY, APRIL 2 - 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 3 - 8:45 a.m. —1:30 p.m.

**THE
bluedoor
BOUTIQUE**

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
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William D'Alessio
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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
Deacon Robert Becker
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
MaryAnn Haas
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Denise Martinez
Barbara McPhail
Chris Reilly
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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

First Announcement:

Daniel Crowther & Lauren Salvia

WE CELEBRATE

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



-Rite of Baptism

Lily Grace Mailloux

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

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.

WE REMEMBER

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

Kathleen Juliano

Sal Rendina

Jennie Gigante

Nestor Juan Bonora

Daniel Eurell

Darlene Sawyer

“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...

Anthony Trotta

Antonio James Kienle

Tom Ferris

Kevin Ryan

Giuseppe Pecoraro

Christine Ann Kulmatycki

Richard Haas

Daniel Murphy

Lora Flynn

Anthony Russell Licata

Russell Steinmetz

Kathy Arnold

Dina Zulueta

Janet Weber

Joseph Ingino

Stephanie Guidice

Lori McKeever

Lynn Simonetti

Ethan Insigne

Bob Dobres

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 at least 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.

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 Spring program will begin **April 23 through June 11.** We ask for a \$25 donation to cover the cost of materials.

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 28— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Edward Randazzo
12:15	Dorothy Brady
TUESDAY, March 29— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Carl R. Kiehinger
12:15	David Brunt
WEDNESDAY, March 30— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Vincent Genna
12:15	Katherine Edgertown
THURSDAY, March 31— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:15	Therese Finn
FRIDAY, April 1— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Perrotta & Brancato Family
12:15	Mary Geldermann
SATURDAY, April 2— Lenten Weekday (Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit)	
8:00	Eugene Coughlin, Sr.
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
4:00	Sean James Varela <i>Special Needs Mass—Auditorium</i>
5:00	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, April 3— FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
8:00	Frederick Strawitch
10:00	Agnes Cronk
12:00	Martha (Chickie) Bearese

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 28, 2022		
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
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	Room 3
7:00 p.m.	Schola Rehearsal	Church
Tuesday, March 29, 2022		
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:15 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation—Adult Confirmation	St. Mark's Room
Wednesday, March 30, 2022		
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 31, 2022		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Living the Eucharist	School
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, April 1, 2022		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
5:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, April 2, 2022		
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.	Levels 2-5 and Special Ed. Classes Level 1 Parent/Child Workshop	School Auditorium
12:30 p.m.	Ushers Meeting	Church
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.	Exposition	Church
Sunday, April 3, 2022		
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Room 16
11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation - Psalms	North Sacristy
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida” le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

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

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

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

Lecturas del domingo 27 de marzo del 2022

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)

La llamada de Jesús nos impulsa a cada uno de nosotros a no detenerse jamás en la superficie de las cosas, sobre todo cuando estamos ante una persona. Estamos llamados a mirar más allá, a centrarnos en el corazón para ver de cuánta generosidad es capaz cada uno.

Nadie puede ser excluido de la misericordia de Dios. Todos conocen el camino para acceder a ella y la Iglesia es la casa que acoge a todos y no rechaza a nadie. Sus puertas permanecen abiertas de par en par, para que quienes son tocados por la gracia puedan encontrar la certeza del perdón. Cuanto más grande es el pecado, mayor debe ser el amor que la Iglesia expresa hacia quienes se convierten. ¡Con cuánto amor nos mira Jesús! ¡Con cuánto amor cura nuestro corazón pecador! Jamás se asusta de nuestros pecados.

Pensemos en el hijo pródigo que, cuando decidió volver al padre, pensaba hacerle un discurso, pero el padre no lo dejó hablar, lo abrazó (cf. Lc 15, 17-24). Así es Jesús con nosotros. “Padre, tengo muchos pecados...”. —“Pero Él estará contento si tú vas: ¡te abrazará con mucho amor! No tengas miedo “porque te ama hasta la muerte.



OFFERING UPDATE MARCH 19/20

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	236	117	\$2,753.00
8:00 a.m.	175	86	2,485.00
10:00 a.m.	331	96	3,905.00
12:00 p.m.	318	80	2,175.00
Coin			10.49
Faith Direct:			2,914.00
Children's Env.		4	23.00
Mail-ins:			732.00
TOTAL	1,060	383	\$14,997.49
2021 total	833	316	\$13,726.04
Candles			\$848.60
Poor Box			\$307.43



This week, March 26/27, our parish will take up *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. This week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.**

Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS March 2022

Caitlyn Perillo

Emilio Rivera & Regina Restivo

Johnnatan & Luz-Helena Marquez & Valentina

Erik Rizzo & Courtney Guilfoyle

Dennis Bravo & Alexandra Segovia

Joseph & Catherine Fucci

Scott & Vanessa Haughney

Janet Waters & John Waters

Nicholas & Theresa Gardner

Christopher Antoci

Thomas, Kimberly, Cameron & Alison Fridley

Roberto, Betzdia & A'Delyz Sotalin

Christopher & Kristin Guardino

Kyle, Tiffany & Jason Kelly

Diane & Bill Wankmiller

Christopher & Stacy Chin

Anthony & Brittany DiCaprio

Benjamin & Katherine Ellingsworth

Alana DeSimone & Nicholas Carnevale

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

The 150th Anniversary Year is over, but we still have some souvenirs and commemorative items available, as long as supplies last. Great T-shirts, warm sweat shirts, sturdy tote bags, tumblers to keep your coffee or hot chocolate nice and hot, beautiful key chains, versatile playing cards and elegant stylus pens can still be purchased! Contact Helene at hcalab2@optonline.net for more information on how to purchase an item.

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* by the dates listed and *as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

April 3—passed

April 10—March 30

April 17—April 1

Early deadlines due to earlier printer deadlines!

**PREPARING FOR
Sunday, April 3, 2022
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on do not sin any more."*

John 8:11

Isaiah 43:16-21

This passage is addressed to the Israelites when they were in exile, taken from their land and transported to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar in 587 B.C. because of their faithlessness toward God. Many years before, they had also been captives in a foreign land (Egypt) and the Lord God had rescued them through the Red Sea and had vanquished Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers. But "remember not the events of the past . . . see, I am doing something new!" says the Lord since he will again bring his people home. This will be a second Exodus when God will again forgive his people their sin and bestow his kindness upon them.

Philippians 3:8-14

What is worth most in life . . . possessions, being well-known and respected, control over the events around you, being right? For Paul, all this is "rubbish." He had all these things before his conversion, when he was a Pharisee who persecuted the early Christians because he was sure he was righteously following the Law of Moses which dictated the actions of every pious Jew. But then he met Jesus and all that changed. The only prize worth seeking, says Paul, is Christ himself. Faith in Christ, righteousness from God, knowing Jesus, not only requires we share in his sufferings, but brings with it the ultimate prize of sharing in his resurrection, God's "upward calling."

John 8:1-11

Strict adherence to the Law of Moses required that the woman caught in adultery be killed by stoning. The religious leaders hoped to trap Jesus by asking his opinion about what should be done with her. But Jesus makes the woman more important than their gamesmanship. He sees a real person gripped by sin and public shame who needs liberation, just as Paul and the early Israelites did. Even though sin is real and hurtful, Jesus opts for mercy and forgiveness. God always wants to draw us back to himself so we may have that wonderful prize of life in Christ.

Gospel Reflection

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

1. What was the woman's reaction when Jesus said "neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not sin anymore"? From his actions, what do you think Jesus thought about the law that dictated stoning? What would he think of torturing prisoners? Capital punishment?
2. Jesus came to bring us new life. Which brings about conversion and new life? "Being a guardian of, and implementing the Law" or having mercy and being forgiving? Could "Mercy First" be the "something new" from the First Reading?

"On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the liturgy presents us the episode of the adulterous woman (cf. [Jn 8:1-11](#)). In it, there are two contrasting attitudes: that of the scribes and the Pharisees on the one hand, and that of Jesus on the other. The former want to condemn the woman because they feel they are the guardians of the Law and of its faithful implementation. Jesus, on the other hand, wants to save her because he personifies God's mercy which redeems by forgiving and renews by reconciling." ...

Jesus' interrogators are confined to narrow legalism and want to oblige the Son of God to conform to their perspective of judgment and condemnation. However, he did not come into the world to judge and condemn, but rather to save and offer people a new life.

*[Angelus, 5th Sun of Lent](#)
Pope Francis, April 7, 2019*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 28, 2022:

Isaiah 65:17-21 + John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 29, 2022:

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
+ John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 30, 2022:

Isaiah 49:8-15
+ John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 31, 2022:

Ezekiel 32:7-14
+ John 5:31-47

Friday, April 1, 2022:

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
+ John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 2, 2022:

Jeremiah 11:18-20
+ John 7:40-53

Sunday, April 3, 2022:

Isaiah 43:16-21
+ Philippians 3:8-14
+ John 8:1-11

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- Pope Francis

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Lent: Cleaning and Prioritizing

Every year at this time my mother would rearrange the furniture in the living room and family room and change the drapes. Then she would open the cupboards and drawers in the kitchen, remove all the dishes, glasses, cups, goblets, plates, pitchers, platters, bowls, casseroles, china, and silverware to clean them.

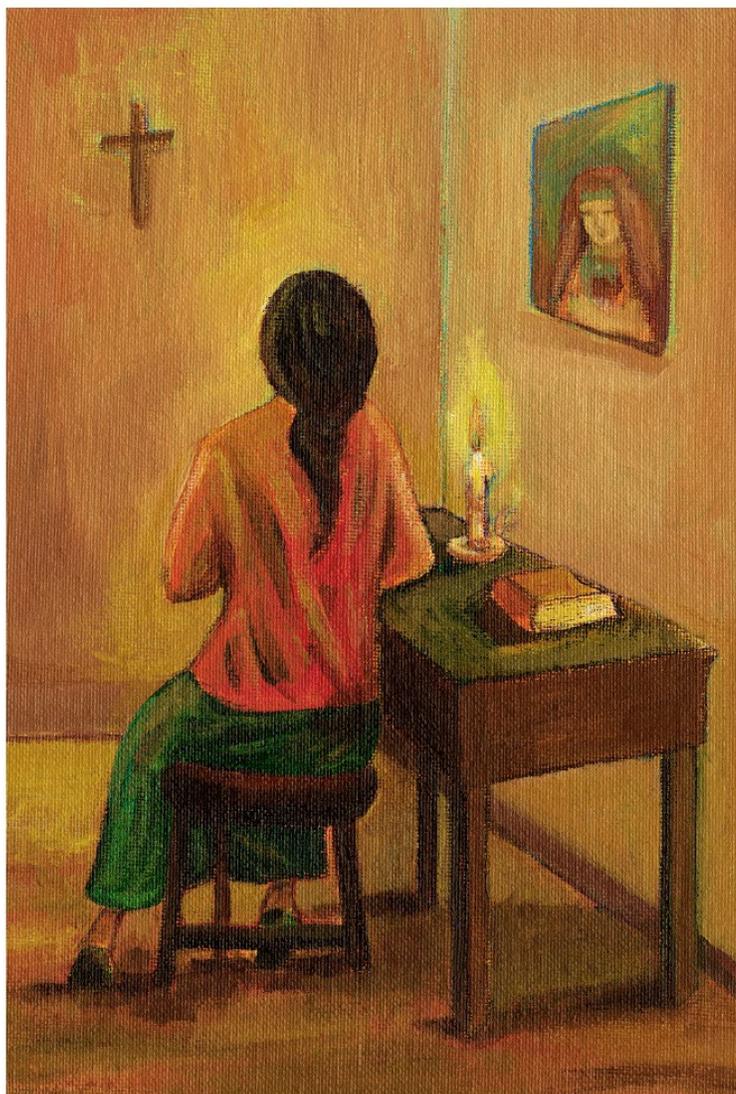
It was as if we were preparing for the biggest banquet of the year. She called this cleansing fury “spring cleaning.”

Every year at this time the Church provides the opportunity to do some inner spring cleaning. In fact, the word *Lent* is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning “spring.” Lent is a prime time to rearrange our priorities and to open the cupboards of our hearts and hold our egos to the light to see those areas that need to be cleaned and polished.

This idea of inner cleansing or conversion has always been at the heart of Lent. In the early Church, Lent was the final leg of the journey for the catechumens preparing for Baptism. It was also a time when already-baptized penitents, isolated from the assembly because of their sins, would prepare to be reconciled to God and the community.

The journeys of the catechumen and the penitent were related in that both embraced a significant conversion. As the catechumen looked forward to Baptism, the penitent looked forward to reconciliation with the Church. To this day, the focus of Lent remains both baptismal and penitential.

It is easy to rearrange chairs and to clean dishes. Inner change, though, is a challenge. Christians do not, however, seek transformation alone. God calls us to conversion, and God’s grace accompanies us on the



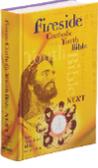
God’s grace accompanies all who make an interior journey during Lent to conversion and transformation.

journey of conversion. On our part, we pray for the courage to be open to this grace that we might come to Easter, the high point of the liturgical year, with hearts cleansed and spirits renewed.

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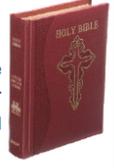


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