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is known by its own fruit.*

Luke 6:44a

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 3, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

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COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mondays following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

Sunday: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Saturday: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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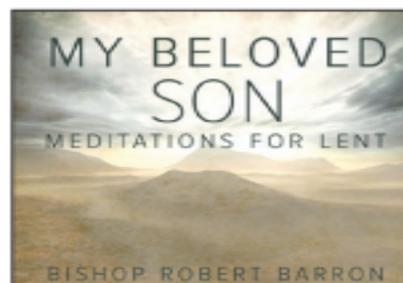
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent

By Bishop Robert Barron

Make This Lent Meaningful

Bishop Barron reflects on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season. He covers topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, and how to embrace the way of happiness joyfully.



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PASTOR'S PAGE

Ash Wednesday—Lent begins!

And away we go! This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Take a look at our schedule of liturgies for Ash Wednesday and be sure to attend one of them. Read through our special insert in this bulletin about the meaning and significance of Ash Wednesday and spend some time reflecting on and praying about the power of the day. Remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence, so try to observe those laws of the Church in order to mark the holiness of the day; in fact, pay attention to the rules about fasting on all the Fridays throughout Lent. Most importantly, take the time to ponder how you will make the most of this Lent, and make it a special time of grace and renewal.

As I frequently say, holiness and growing in grace do not just happen on their own, automatically, simply because we wish them to happen; it takes decision-making and concrete action in participating with God's grace. Perhaps one serious thing for us to consider this Lent is the idea of making room for **SILENCE** in our life. We are bombarded by so much noise, so much information input, and so much instantaneous communication, that we might actually lose the ability to be still and **LISTEN** to God.

Many times we think about giving up something for Lent, although I, and many people, prefer to take on an additional spiritual practice rather than just give something up. What about doing penance this Lent by **ADDING SILENCE** to your life every day, and being still and listening to God? This might include giving something up — putting the phone down or fasting from social media. I think we would be amazed at what will happen if we are faithful to a Lenten discipline of silence. Try it!

Please do not park in the bank parking lot on Ash Wednesday

Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a regular business day, so please do not park in the bank parking lot on the north side of the church during business hours when you come for Ash Wednesday. We need to be a good neighbor and respect the need for the bank to have parking available for their customers. Your cooperation with this is appreciated. What a great way to begin a season of Lenten charity...by being concerned about the needs of our neighbor!

Mardi Gras

Of course, before we settle in to the serious business of Lent, it makes perfect sense to go a little crazy with fun and feasting, so be sure to be at our parish Mardi Gras this Tuesday night (see the bulletin ad elsewhere). We begin with a beautiful Evening Prayer, at the end of which we will say good-bye to the "Alleluia" until its return at Easter, and we will move in procession to the burning of the palms outside. Then, we'll move to our Ice Cream Social for fun, music and games. It will be another great "OLPH Moment," and you won't want to miss it. I always enjoy being there, and I know you will, too.

Go to Confession during Lent—don't wait until the last minute!

As part of our thinking ahead of time as to how we will make the most of Lent, don't forget to make plans to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). As I wrote last week, why not schedule it as an actual appointment in your calendar? Our Confession times during Lent will be listed in a special ad throughout all of Lent. Don't wait until the last minute and find that you can't get to Confession! There are plenty of times available. Normally, two priests are assigned for our Saturday afternoon Confessions, and that's enough to handle the need. During Lent, though, as much as possible, three priests will be assigned for the Saturday Confessions, with the hope that the extra priest will be needed to handle the additional traffic. So, you have no excuse to not take advantage of a Saturday afternoon Confession time!

Also, don't forget that we will once again have Confessions from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday of Holy Week, this year on April 15 (as will every other Catholic parish) — that would be a great day to go! Maybe you should schedule that as your Lenten Confession Appointment. Mail your tax returns and then head to church to go to Confession (hopefully, though, you won't have to confess cheating on your taxes!).

So, make your plan **NOW** to go to Confession.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Also take note in our bulletin of the times for Stations of the Cross throughout Lent. I love the idea that this popular Lenten devotion becomes

another “OLPH Moment” as various groups in the parish work together to take responsibility for leading a service, and I think it’s a great thing that different formats and styles are used for these Stations. That’s another example of what it means to be a parish family, and of what makes OLPH “the place to be.” I am grateful to Deacon Robert Becker who coordinates these Stations of the Cross each year, and I thank all the groups and group leaders who step up to the plate and respond to Deacon Robert’s request to take a turn. Do make sure you make it a point to attend the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Watch the bulletin each week throughout Lent and into Easter Time for explanations and announcements concerning the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults as we journey with and pray for those who will become Catholic in the coming months. RCIA is a very spiritual and life-giving process, and it is very much a ministry and responsibility of the entire parish community; everyone should be praying for and be in solidarity with those who are being initiated into the Catholic Church. Please be sure to keep yourself apprised of what’s going on with our soon-to-be Catholics in the weeks ahead. Special thanks go to Jeffrey Gaab, our Coordinator of RCIA; the process has many details and “moving parts,” and he does a great job not only of keeping track of everything, but also of bringing a real depth to the process of formation for those becoming Catholic. Thanks too to Jo-Ann Domanico, who works with Jeff by overseeing the process as it applies to older children. She too is very dedicated to her ministry!

Professional Mentorship Ministry

Last weekend we had the privilege of learning about a new ministry here at OLPH, the Professional Mentorship Ministry. Thanks to all the members who spoke at the Masses, and thanks especially to Julian Barrios who started this ministry and who leads it. I think this is a great ministry and a wonderful way for parishioners to connect with parishioners in an area that has practical effects in their life. Even though this ministry deals with professions and occupations, it has a very real spiritual component to it insofar as it connects people with each other as part of the life of the parish.

I hope this ministry is hugely successful. If you would like to learn more about it or follow up

on what you heard at Mass last week, you can contact the ministry at pmm@oloph.org and someone will get back to you.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019

If you have not yet made your pledge to this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal, please do so as soon as possible. We count on the rebate money we receive to keep us afloat, and the sooner we reach and surpass our goal, the sooner we begin to receive that income. I give to the Appeal each year, and I ask you to, also, especially if you have never given before. My deepest thanks go to all those who have already given to this year’s Appeal, and I also thank, in advance, those who will soon be making their pledge.

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Brick memorializations continue

Finally, please note that there is still the opportunity to memorialize one or more bricks in our beautiful and prayerful “Let the Children Come to Me” Prayer Garden. This is important to us, too, so I thank you for your support of this fund raiser for the parish.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES

- 6:30 a.m.— Mass
- 12:15 p.m.—Mass
- 4:15 p.m.—Word Service
- 5:30 p.m.—Word Service
- 7:30 p.m. — Mass



Stations of the Cross

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

- March 8** - Led by Liturgy Committee
- March 15** - Led by Youth Service Corp
- March 22** - Led by Holy Name Society & K of C
- March 29** - Led by Finance Committee & Pastoral Council
- April 5 3:00 p.m.** - Led by Priest using St. Alphonse Ligouri with Scripture
- April 12** - Led by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



We are continuing the custom of having different groups from the parish lead the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights during Lent as a great way to highlight the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross.



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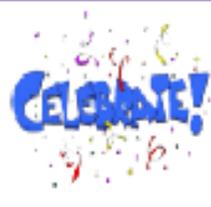
Every Monday
following the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass

Saturdays: March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6
4:00 p.m.— 4:45 p.m.

Saturday April 13: 3:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Monday of Holy Week, April 15:
3:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



MARDI GRAS ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Come join us for a family evening of prayer and fun including the burning of palms as we begin our Lenten journey by strengthening our relationship with God!



Tuesday, March 5

Starting with
Evening Prayer
at 7:00 p.m.
in the Church

Please bring non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul pantry!



Games, music and toppings galore!

Any questions contact:
Eileen Corticchia 631.682-4853 or kencort36@gmail.com

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ASH WEDNESDAY

THE MEANING OF ASHES

Lent begins with ashes on our brows, reminding us of fundamental truths about ourselves. The dust of the ashes reminds us that death is inevitable for each of us. The ashes speak of repentance and of our need to convert our lives. The words at the imposition of ashes call us to repent and to believe in the Gospel. The ashes speak of a fire that has grown cold, a fire that needs to be rekindled within us by the time we gather around the new fire at the Easter Vigil. We seek to rise from the ashes of our sinfulness to a fuller life with Christ.

But before we can embrace the new life of the resurrection, we must embrace the cross. Before coming to the font of life-giving water, we must travel the desert. To embrace new life, we must be willing to embrace death. To become our true selves, we must leave the false selves behind which we have been hiding. Though it sounds negative, the dying to self to which we are called is the only way to fullness of life, and thus it is a profoundly positive step in our spiritual life, a step that begins with being signed with ashes.



COMMUNAL MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

We make our Lenten journey through the desert in the company of the catechumens preparing for the initiation sacraments at Easter. This is the origin of Lent.

What we have come to call Lent developed in the fourth century, when three intersecting movements coalesced. The first was a paschal fast that gradually developed from two days into a forty-day observance. The second was the pattern of initiation that gradually developed into a full catechumenate with an intense period of spiritual formation leading to the sacraments at Easter. The third was the order of penitents, which sought a second conversion for those who sinned seriously after baptism. Modeled on the catechumenate, this process of the order of penitents culminated with reconciliation just before Easter. Thus the forty-day fast was understood as the final stage of preparation for those called to baptism and also as a time for reconversion for the already-baptized.

As the whole community accompanied the elect and the penitents through this season, it came to be seen as a time for baptismal renewal for all the members of the church.

In subsequent centuries, however, both the catechumenate and the order of penitents gradually disintegrated. Lent was still seen as a penitential season, but the emphasis was on individual works of self-denial and on personal identification with the passion and cross of Christ. Lent was still a preparation for Easter, but the baptismal focus was largely lost, and the communal nature of conversion was ignored. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were held up as Lenten activities, but they became private rather than corporate. The liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council called for a recovery of the ancient tradition of a communal understanding of Lent.

We are to journey through Lent together, then, as though we were all catechumens. We are to listen to the readings and pray the prayers as though we were approaching the waters of life for the first time. We seek to understand and thus to enter into the experience of the elect, those called to enter into the paschal mystery of Christ Jesus through the waters of the font. Thus we all prepare together to come to the water again, to be more deeply converted to Christ and to renew our baptismal promises with conviction.

DON'T JUST "RECEIVE" ASHES

As a parish, we wish to highlight that ashes are never just *received*, but rather that being branded with ashes is a sign of a **commitment** we make. The ashes are a sign that together we are all enrolled in the "order of penitents" and that we are committing ourselves to cooperate with God in **changing our life**. Ashes should not be passively received, but **actively accepted as a challenge** — a challenge to die and to rise with Christ, a challenge to embark on the Lenten journey with ones' brothers and sisters, a challenge to seriously undertake the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

LENT: ITS MEANING, STRUCTURE, AND OUR CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

THE MEANING OF LENT

We're going on retreat! True, we may not physically be traveling to a far-off place, but we are nonetheless going on retreat. The solemn season of Lent may be seen as a time of retreat for the entire Church, as we prepare to celebrate Easter and the new life which comes to us through Jesus' death and resurrection. In fact, three focal points can form the basis for our Lenten spiritual journey:

- focusing on the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection;
- final preparation of those in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
- rediscovery of and recommitment to Baptism by those already baptized, through their penance, spiritual renewal, and ongoing conversion.



The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* of Vatican II explains:

The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent — the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance — should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer. More use is to be made of the baptismal features which are proper to the Lenten liturgy....The same may be said of the penitential elements. But catechesis, as well as pointing out the social consequences of sin, must impress on the minds of the faithful the distinctive character of penance as a detestation of sin because it is an offense against God. The role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be passed over, and the need to pray for sinners should be emphasized. During Lent, penance should be not only internal and individual but also external and social.

THE STRUCTURE OF LENT

Most people know that Lent is 40 days long, but they think that the 40 days are the six weeks plus the four days of the week of Ash Wednesday (which totals 46 days) minus six Sundays, which equals 40 days. But Lent does not end on Holy Saturday; it ends on Holy Thursday evening. The Triduum, or Three Days, beginning with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concluding with evening Vespers on Easter Sunday, is a three-day season unto itself, and not merely the final three days of Lent. The span of days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday is 44 days, but the ancient fathers of the Church calculated 40 days by beginning the count with the First Sunday of Lent, and continuing until Holy Thursday. This practice has been kept to the present time, hence the 40 days of Lent.

At least four phases of the season can be discerned:

1. Ash Wednesday and the next three days: These four days form a solemn preview of the season; the Scriptures and Mass prayers announce the major aspects of the observance and call us to enter into the season. The First Sunday of Lent begins the period of 40 days, with the Rite of Election for the catechumens being one expression of this.

2. The 28 days from the First Sunday until the Saturday of the Fourth Week: Scripture readings and penitential rites provide the structure for these days. Penance services, the Penitential Rite (Call to Continuing Conversion) for candidates for reception into the full communion of the Church celebrated on the Second Sunday, and the first two scrutinies for the elect on the Third and Fourth Sundays, are all a part of this time. Two feast days, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19)

and the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25), break this violet period in 2019. The Fourth or *Laetare* Sunday (March 31) brings its own nuances, and rose-colored vestments may be worn that day.

3. *From the Fifth Sunday and following:* Attention becomes focused on the Passion of Christ during this period of Lenten time. The Third Scrutiny for the elect is celebrated on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

4. *The last days, called Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:* These days are given the highest liturgical precedence so the Church will not be distracted from final preparations for the Triduum. Focus on the Passion of Christ becomes intensified.

Remembering that Lent is primarily about baptismal preparation and conversion, let us be aware of the structure and movement of this season as we journey toward Easter.

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER RITUAL ELEMENTS DURING LENT



Our church environment will look different during the Lenten season. The environment in which we worship helps us to enter into a Lenten spirituality — what we see (and don't see) and smell and hear is all a part of the way we pray. Here are some things you will notice during Lent:

THE ASHES USED ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE ON DISPLAY ALL DURING LENT, in the Divine Mercy Chapel area. This will be an ongoing reminder of the spiritual journey of Lent, a journey of dying and rising, a journey of changing our lives to be closer to Christ. The ashes come from burned palms saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH. The Roman Rite is specific about flowers for this penitential season: they are not allowed! The only exceptions this year are the feasts mentioned above and "Laetare" Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

OUR BAPTISMAL FONT WILL HAVE A "LENTEN LOOK" TO IT. Our baptismal font will be decorated with purple bands, as a reminder that these forty days of penance and conversion lead to a renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. We are thirsting for the new Easter water which will flow at the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection!

MUSIC WILL BE MUCH SIMPLER DURING LENT. For example, the organ will be used only to accompany singing, which means there will not be any prelude or postlude instrumental music, except on *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), when the liturgy has a more joyful tone. In a sense, then, you could say that we are fasting with our music. Don't worry, though; we'll make up for it in the exuberance and joy of Easter Time!

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, WE WILL KEEP THE CHURCH'S ANCIENT TRADITION BY SINGING THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS AS WE BEGIN OUR LENTEN PILGRIMAGE. We invoke the names of the saints who accompany us on our journey to Jerusalem.

ON THE OTHER SUNDAYS OF LENT WE WILL SING THE ENTRANCE ANTIPHON. In place of an Entrance Hymn, we will sing the proper (or assigned) text for the Entrance Antiphon as found in the *Roman Missal*. These antiphons set the tone for the liturgy and express the theology of the particular Sunday being celebrated. The antiphon and the accompanying psalm verses will be sung to a Lenten

psalm tone. The text for the antiphons and psalm verses and music for the psalm tone can be found in the Music Supplement in the back of the *Gather* hymnal.

FOR THE PENITENTIAL ACT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES DURING LENT WE WILL RECITE THE *CONFITEOR* (THE “I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD...”) AND THEN SING THE *KYRIE ELEISON* (“LORD, HAVE MERCY”). This will highlight for us the penitential nature of the season and help us to more intently “acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.” It also gives us the chance to use the *Confiteor* (“I confess to almighty God...”) which is not often heard at Sunday Masses.

WE WON’T BE HEARING “ALLELUIA!” Instead of singing “Alleluia” before the Gospel, we sing instead: “Praise and honor to you, O Lord, O Lord. Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.” Also, we won’t sing the word “alleluia” in any of our hymns. We look forward to Easter Time when we celebrate the newness of life and will again sing the “alleluia” with new joy and praise.

WE WILL USE THE APOSTLES’ CREED INSTEAD OF THE NICENE CREED. The Roman Missal tells us, “Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles’ Creed, may be used.” So, to highlight the sacredness of the season, we will use the Apostles’ Creed instead of the Nicene Creed, the one we usually use, for all of Lent and Easter Time. This will highlight for us the baptismal character of both the Lenten and Easter seasons.

THERE WILL BE NO SINGING OR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS DURING LENT. This will help create a mood of prayerful quiet and reflection appropriate to the season. The Priest may continue to pray the preparation prayers silently, or he may recite them out loud, giving the people the opportunity to respond, “Blessed be God forever.” The exception to this will be *Laetare* Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent), when the liturgy has a more joyful tone.

SIMPLE CHANT TONES WILL BE USED FOR THE EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS. The *Holy, Holy*, the *Mystery of Faith*, and the *Great Amen* will be sung to very simple chants, without accompaniment. Also, the *Lamb of God* chant will be sung using the Latin text (“*Agnus Dei...*”).

CROSSES AND IMAGES IN THE CHURCH WILL BE COVERED STARTING WITH THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. This custom becomes yet another stark visual reminder of the seriousness of Lent and helps us to truly experience heavenly joy and resurrected life when the images of the saints, who are in heavenly glory, are seen once again come Easter.

There are other ritual aspects that go into the celebration of Lent:

- the omission of the *Glory to God in the highest* at the beginning of all Lenten Masses;
- traditional Lenten practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;
- Lenten devotions such as Stations of the Cross and our Parish Mission (look for details elsewhere in the bulletin).

As we journey through the days of Lenten springtime together, let us enter into its spirit by anticipating the new life which comes to us through Jesus’ resurrection at Easter.





LENT 2019
ABSTINENCE
AND FASTING
ASH WEDNESDAY
AND FRIDAYS
OF LENT

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and 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 Ash Wednesday and 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 Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

MEETING FOR
ALL ALTAR SERVERS

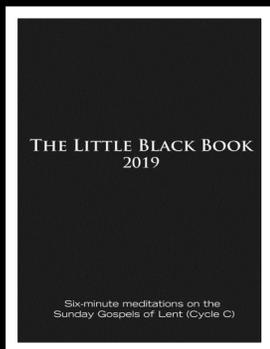
All Altar Servers are required to attend an important meeting on **Monday, March 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the church.** Among other items, we will discuss assignments for Holy Week, the Sacred Paschal Triduum and First Communion and Confirmation. All servers are expected to attend. **You are expected to attend even if you will be away for Easter; other things will be discussed besides Easter.** If you absolutely cannot be there, you must contact Msgr. Joe as soon as possible. Thank you. (Note: this meeting applies only to the young people who serve; it does not apply to the adults who serve at weekday Masses and Funerals.)

Prayer for Peace

Please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS
FOR LENT
ARE NOW AVAILABLE



Please take home a *Little Black Book* which contains daily reflections for the Lenten season. This book, following on the *Little Blue Book* which was so popular for Advent, will provide the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Lent. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the *Little Black Book*.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK
IN BANK PARKING LOT
ON ASH WEDNESDAY

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



MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL BISHOP ROBERT J. BRENNAN SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 12:00 Noon



Join us as OLPH prays with and for, and bids farewell to,
our own Bishop Robert Brennan
as he leaves to begin his new ministry as
Bishop of Columbus, Ohio

*Bishop Brennan, who has been an Auxiliary Bishop in our diocese,
and who will be installed as the Bishop of Columbus
on March 29, 2019,
grew up in Lindenhurst and attended OLPH School,
so OLPH is his home parish!*



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Next Sunday, March 10, **the First Sunday of Lent**, our brother and sisters who are in formation to become Catholic through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** will enter a new stage in their journey. Just as Lent is a time for all Catholics for intense renewal, conversion, and purification, the same is true for those preparing to become Catholic at Easter.

The **catechumens** (those who are unbaptized), having completed the period of their catechumenate, will be accepted into a more intense preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation. This third step is called **the Period of Purification and Enlightenment**. They will no longer be called catechumens, but will be referred to as **the Elect**; their names will be enrolled in a special Book of the Elect, signifying them as people who have been chosen for initiation. This ceremony is called the **Rite of Election** and is celebrated on a diocesan level with the Bishop of the diocese.

Our diocese will celebrate the Rite of Election for the catechumens next Sunday, **the First Sunday of Lent, March 10, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Church in Brentwood**. Next week at the **12:00 p.m.** Mass here at OLPH, we will call forward our catechumens by name, pray for them, and formally send them forth to the Rite of Election to be recognized by the Bishop. Please feel free to join us at this important communal celebration.

During Lent, special prayers will be offered for our elect. These prayers, or "**Scrutinies**," occur on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. More information will be coming in future bulletin announcements about these Scrutinies. In the meantime, please keep our catechumens (soon-to-be-elect) **Tara, Kevin, Catherine and Emily** in your prayers as they enter this Lenten season, their final preparation before becoming Catholic by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at this year's Easter Vigil.

BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE PARISH, FOURTH GRADE AND OLDER

We are in the process of **recruiting new Altar Servers!** Being an altar server is a great way to be involved at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You make an important contribution to the life of the parish and you perform an important ministry. Besides, it's fun!!! You serve at weekend Masses and other special events, attend some meetings throughout the year, and have fun parties!

Why not become an altar server? We would love to have you, and we will provide plenty of training — no prior experience is necessary!! If you are a boy or a girl who is in the **4th grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, or even older!)**, you are invited to become an altar server. Parents, why not mention it to your daughter or son to get them interested? Training will start soon, so sign up now. If you are interested, **mail or drop off the coupon below to Monsignor Joe at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue.** *No phone calls, please; you must let me know in writing! It's OK to scan this page and send it electronically with all the info to msgrio@oloph.org*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, RESPOND BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019, SINCE THE FIRST TRAINING MEETING WILL BE SOON AFTER THAT (you will receive a letter giving you specific information).

Sorry...no responses can be accepted after March 20!

We hope to hear from YOU!!!

 Yes, I am interested in becoming an Altar Server! **RETURN THIS BEFORE MARCH 20!**

Name _____

Address _____

Town/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____@_____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____/_____/_____

Family Envelope/Registration Number _____ *****Required: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH.**

Year You Received First Holy Communion _____

Grade you are in right now _____

Check one:

_____ I go to public school; Name of School _____

_____ I go to Catholic school; Name of School _____



PRAYER & WORSHIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

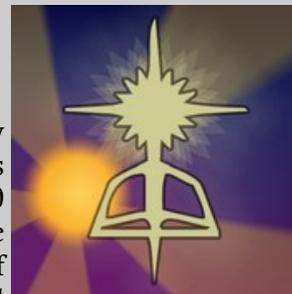
Monday, March 4—7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 11—7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 18—7:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer

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



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

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

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

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

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

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

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Level 8:

On Sunday, March 3
rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 & 18 have their retreat!
Meet in the auditorium at 2:00 p.m. for
an ice cream social!

Level 3:

On Saturday, March 9
meet in the church at 11:15 a.m.
with a parent or guardian for Penance!
Do not go to your regular class!

Levels 6-8:

On Wednesday, March 6
there is no class, due to Ash Wednesday!
Make sure you start off Lent right and
attend one of the Services or Masses!
If you have not completed a Holy Day of
Obligation Mass Reflection,
attend a Mass on this day and reflect on it
as a make-up assignment.

Level 8:

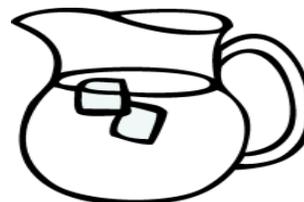
On Sunday, March 10
rooms 19, 20, 21, 22, Teen, Special Ed.
& Catholic School students
have their retreat!
Meet in the auditorium at 2:00 p.m.
for an ice cream social!

Levels 6, 7, & Service Corps—
Looking for service hours?

Join us for our Lenten Mission Service
Series! Serve your community through the
Corporal Works of Mercy:

On Saturday, March 16
bury the dead with us by making Rosaries
and praying a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
in room 24 of the school at 12:00 p.m.

On Sunday, March 17
give drink to the thirsty by serving at the
Community Meal in the school cafeteria
from 12:15 p.m.—3:00 p.m.



Happy Saint of
the Day!
St. Philomena



St. Philomena was a Greek princess who dedicated her life to Christ. Her father brought her to Rome, and the emperor there fell in love with her and demanded her hand in marriage. When she refused because of her vow of chastity, the emperor became enraged and ordered her to be killed. They tried drowning her with an anchor and shooting her with arrows, but finally beheaded her.

IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children **celebrate those sacraments at OLPH**. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with us, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH, not at the parish of their elementary school.

- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their home-school curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. 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.

CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

www.cffor.org

Hope

For New HHS Division of Conscience & Religious Freedom:

In 2018, the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) created the Division of Conscience & Religious Freedom to protect doctors, nurses and other health care workers who decline to participate in procedures such as abortion, sterilization, assisted-suicide, or other services on moral or religious grounds. This new division seeks to enforce existing laws, some of which have been on the books for decades, that went under-enforced during the last 10 years.

"Never forget that religious freedom is a primary freedom, that it is a civil right that deserves enforcement and respect," said Roger Severino, Director of HHS Office for Civil Rights.

"For too long, too many of these health care practitioners have been bullied and discriminated against because of their religious beliefs and moral convictions," said acting HHS Secretary Eric Hargan.

"Health providers should have the ability to live their religious beliefs without fear of workplace discrimination," said Sen. James Lankford (OK).

Fear

Over Proposed Restrictions on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act:

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) was sponsored by the late Sen. Ted Kennedy and overwhelmingly passed in 1993. It set up strict standards for judging government violations of the First Amendment's free exercise of religion clause in order to assure that government couldn't punish people for practicing their religion unless it had a good reason. Americans have relied on the RFRA law to protect them from government rules that violate their religious beliefs.

The leaders of the new House of Representatives have promised to prioritize protected class status to LGBT Americans while undermining the protections codified in the RFRA Act. "...One side of the culture war wishes the total subjugation of the other," wrote a professor of Biblical studies at Boyce College. "They will run roughshod over the religious consciences of their fellow citizens." (*healthleadersmedia.com*, 1/29/18, 3/27/18; *npr.org*, 1/18/18; *world.wng.org*, 1/8/19; *washingtonpost.com*, 5/22/18; *constitutioncenter.org*)

"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves." Abraham Lincoln

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED MEATS
TUNA
PORK & BEANS
CANNED CARROTS
PEANUT BUTTER
JAM OR JELLY
PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP
SHELF STABLE MILK
(not evaporated)
CANNED FRUIT
JUICES

Thank you
 for your continued generosity.
 Cut out this list and bring it
 with you when you go shopping!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

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

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: “Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother’s eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit....”

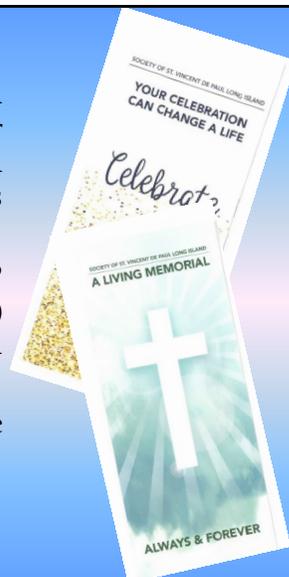
It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is happy to announce an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we are now able to offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP’s efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available on the pew ledges or in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

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



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS:

We can use gift cards (Visa, Amazon, etc.) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping for items most often needed.

We are in need of the following:

- Sweat shirts
- Sweat pants
- Jeans (30-42)
- New women's underwear (5,6,7)
- New men's underwear (L, XL, 2x, 3x)
- Hoodies
- Thermal underwear
- Blankets
- Clean, gently used sneakers
- Gloves
- Winter berets/skull caps

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

MIDDLE AGES

*Are you a lady in your 40s, 50s, or 60s?
Are you looking to meet other women who share your interest in spirituality, socializing and social action?*

Our next meeting:
Tuesday, March 5
7:00 p.m. in Room 24

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

SENIOR MOMENTS GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:
Tuesday, March 12
9:00 a.m. in Room 24

BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE QUARTERLY BAG SALE

\$5 a BAG

Running for the entire month of March, the Blue Door Boutique's bag sales are the best bargain around. Purchase a reusable bag for \$5 and fill it with almost any clothing item in the shop. Summer clearance. Fall and winter preview. Includes blazers, jackets, dresses, shirts, pants and more!
Fancy dresses not included.



We thank you for your generous donations of new and gently used items. Donations are gratefully accepted M,W,F 10-1 and Saturday 1:30—3. We cannot accept the following items: Electronics, anything electrical (even working), bathing suits, underwear (except new), toys, games, stuffed animals, baby gear (strollers, car seats, etc.).

THE
*blue*door
BOUTIQUE

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

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



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

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

**Our next Community Meal is
Sunday, March 17**
Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass
then join us for
"Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.

2019 OLPH GOAL: \$109,400

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19** CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing
Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

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Support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Church to encourage and provide the opportunity for tomorrow's priests to discern their vocation. When a priest is ordained... when a person becomes a deacon or lay minister – your gifts have helped in their formation.

Ordained in 2014, Fr. Joseph Scolaro answered the call to serve when he began the program of priestly formation at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in 2010. Today Fr. Scolaro is the Pastor of Notre Dame in New Hyde Park.



"I know first-hand how important the Catholic Ministries Appeal is. It helped to support my formation and gave me the freedom to really focus on my studies. Now as a priest in the Diocese, I feel blessed that God has chosen me to make the Body and Blood of Christ present on the altar and to bring that gift to the people, bring God to the people – the same people who helped to bring me to this point by their support."

**Please consider donating to the Appeal and a difference in someone's life.
Thank you!**

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA>
or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

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Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
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St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Jeffrey Gaab
 Gregory Guido
 Sonia Hansen
 Joselyn Kalt
 Mary Leon
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.
 James Totino
 Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
 John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
 Bill Bendernagel
 Gerry Chille (Chair)
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Christine Donovan
 Marie Gagneron
 Kenneth Hale
 Bob Meade
 Bob Mehm
 Frank Pokorney
 John Reynolds

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
 Deacon Robert Becker
 Lynn Bergin
 Mark Costantino
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Chris Ferraro
 MaryAnn Haas
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
 Barbara McPhail
 Deacon Doug Smith
 Rosaleen Walters
 Mike Williams

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

Ryan Resky & Heidi Segelke

Second Announcement:

Tyler Kenny & Zhenqiu Liu

First Announcement:

Vincent Siraco & Nicole Kurtz

WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism



***Hailey Jane Bloch
Addison Rita Dempsey***

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

WE REMEMBER

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

RoseMarie Lind

"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."

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of

February 24-March 2:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Donald Doyle

Requested by

The Whiston & Valela Families

*Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725
for other options for memorials.*

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Lora Flynn</i>	<i>Natalie Nizza</i>
<i>Colette Nasser</i>	<i>Ann Kuller</i>
<i>Haley Kerwin</i>	<i>Mark Kuller</i>
<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Renato Leon</i>
<i>Dorothy Schatzger</i>	<i>Dominick Santonastaso</i>
<i>Linda Menna</i>	<i>Randall I. Press</i>
<i>Natalie & Lew Yugel</i>	<i>Helen Iannacone</i>
<i>Nancy Kaden</i>	<i>Maureen Molinari</i>
<i>Frances Scarfo</i>	<i>Dolores Muratore</i>
<i>Carmela Sammartiano</i>	<i>Agostino Pecoraro</i>
<i>Millie Abrusci</i>	<i>Jim Gordon</i>
<i>Dean Latkowski</i>	<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>
<i>Sophia Marzullo</i>	<i>Frank Garvano</i>
<i>Ray Churik</i>	<i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i>

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

PASTORAL CARE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Community will then visit each week.

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 4—	
WEEKDAY <i>(Saint Casimir)</i>	
6:30	Denise Midnet
12:15	Dorothy Leahy
TUESDAY, March 5—	
WEEKDAY	
6:30	Wing Wo Lee & Mai So Ma Lee
12:15	Barbara Evans
WEDNESDAY, March 6—	
ASH WEDNESDAY	
6:30	Doris Greene
12:15	For the repose of the souls of the McCarthy Family
4:15	<i>Word Service</i>
5:30	<i>Word Service</i>
7:30	Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
THURSDAY, March 7—	
THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY <i>(Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs)</i>	
6:30	Walter & Rose Camier
12:15	Richard Pierce
FRIDAY, March 8—	
FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY <i>(Saint John of God, Religious)</i>	
6:30	Josephine Merante
12:15	Dr. Alan Lloyd Steinberg (Living)
SATURDAY, March 9—	
SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY <i>(Saint Frances of Rome, Religious)</i>	
8:00	John J. Hogarty
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
5:00	Dominick M. Barone
Sunday, March 10 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
8:00	Lynn Hyland
10:00	For the Living & Deceased members of the Holy Name Society
12:00	Virgilio Leon
5:00	For the People of the Parish

Monday, March 4, 2019		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
Tuesday, March 5, 2019		
7:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras	Church
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
Wednesday, March 6, 2019		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	No Exposition	
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
6:15 p.m.	Youth Service Corp. Practice	Church
8:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday, March 7, 2019		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Rm.
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Planning Meeting	St. Mark Rm.
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 1
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
Friday, March 8, 2019		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, March 9, 2019		
8:30,10:00	Levels 1,2,4,5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Level 3 Penance Service	Church
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, March 10, 2019		
9:15 a.m.	RCIC Meeting	Room 18
12:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

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Lecturas del domingo 10 de Marzo del 2019

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

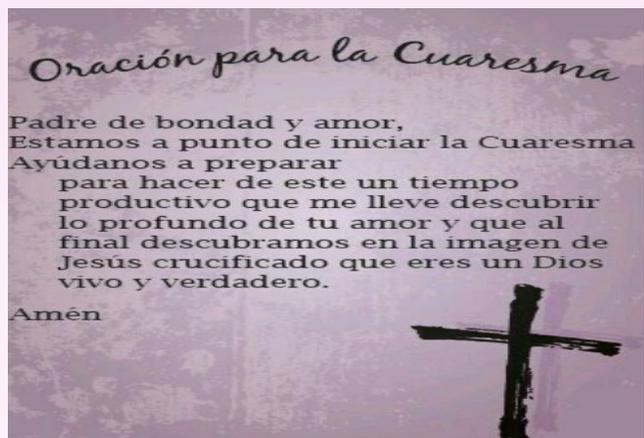
*Que la Palabra de Dios esté bien cerca de nosotros,
en nuestros labios y en nuestro corazón.*

*Que nuestros labios confiesen
que Jesús es nuestro Señor y Salvador.*

Primera lectura (Deuteronomio 26:4-10) *Como el pueblo judío, tenemos que convencernos de que es Dios quien nos hace pueblo libre: Él es nuestro Salvador.*

Segunda lectura (Primera de Romano 10: 8-13) *Ésta es la fe que profesamos y vivimos: Jesús es nuestro Señor y solo él es nuestro Salvador, sea cual sea nuestra raza o nacionalidad.*

Lectura del santo evangelio según (San Lucas 4: 1-13) *En este primer domingo de Cuaresma, el Evangelio de hoy expone que una vez bautizado, Jesús vuelve del Jordán lleno del Espíritu Santo, quien lo lleva por el desierto donde permaneció cuarenta días, allí es tentado por el diablo y estuvo sin comer pero al final sintió hambre. Vence Jesús las tentaciones, así: Lo primero que le dice el tentador fue: “Si de veras eres el Hijo de Dios, manda que esta piedra se convierta en pan”, es decir que comienza por proponerle que sea un Mesías materialista y satisfaga las necesidades corporales del ser humano (tentación de poseer), a lo cual Jesús se opone diciendo: “La Escritura dice: No solamente de pan vive el hombre.”, mejor dicho que al hambre corporal de poseer se le vence con el alimento de la Palabra de Dios. Seguidamente, lo lleva a un alto y le muestra todos los reinos de la tierra y le dice: “Yo te voy a dar el poder sobre todos estos reinos y toda su gloria, porque a mí me pertenecen y se los doy a quien yo quiero. Si te arrodillas y me adoras, todo eso será tuyo.” Le sugiere así un mesianismo triunfalista, milagroso y de éxito (tentación del placer) pero Jesús responde: “La Escritura dice: Al Señor tu Dios adorarás y sólo a Él le servirás.” De forma tal que como Siervo de Dios se opone a la rienda suelta del mundo y el placer de los sentidos con la disponibilidad y fidelidad al Padre. Finalmente, lo lleva a Jerusalén, lo colocó en el lugar más alto del Templo y le dijo: “Si de veras eres el Hijo de Dios, tírate de aquí. Porque la Escritura dice: «A sus ángeles dará órdenes para que te guarden y también, te llevarán en sus palmas, para que tu pie no tropiece en la piedra”. Le plantea ser Salvador con dominio, reconocimiento (aplausos) y en últimas, se constituya “señor y dios” (Tentación del Poder), a lo cual Jesús responde: “Esta mandado: No exigirás pruebas al Señor tu Dios”, es decir que declara el señorío absoluto de Dios. Después de las tentaciones el diablo lo dejó hasta el momento propicio. Jesús es tentado por el maligno con las mismas tentaciones con las cuales el tentador quiere hacer caer en pecado a todo ser humano; sin embargo, se debe tener en claro que la tentación, el pecado y la muerte ya fueron vencidas por Jesús, quien tenía una relación amorosa, clara y sana con Dios Padre. De ahí que, toda persona también puede vencerlas en la medida que imite a Jesús y tenga esa misma relación con Dios, lo cual se logra si se alcanza un encuentro íntimo con Dios en la Oración, se alimenta del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús en la Misa, se hace lectura permanente de la Palabra de Dios, se reconoce necesidad de Dios, es consciente que es hijo de Dios, llamado a heredar su Reino y que sólo Dios es Señor y dueño de la vida. ¡Jesús, en Ti confío!*



OFFERING UPDATE			
February 16/17, 2019			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	338	150	\$3,296.00
8:00 a.m.	210	113	3,035.00
10:00 a.m.	422	108	2,626.00
12:00 p.m.	460	123	3,021.00
5:00 p.m.	202	44	1,150.00
Coin			19.25
Mail-ins:			785.00
Children's Env.		17	86.00
Faith Direct			2,336.25
TOTAL	1,632	555	\$16,354.50
2018 total	1,691	582	\$17,996.63
Candles			\$1,052.02
Poor Box			\$289.46

OFFERING UPDATE			
February 23/24, 2019			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	379	169	\$4,252.00
8:00 a.m.	222	94	2,870.00
10:00 a.m.	354	79	2,133.00
12:00 p.m.	475	140	3,304.00
5:00 p.m.	196	44	1,220.00
Coin			17.24
Mail-ins:			537.00
Children's Env.		18	31.83
Faith Direct			2,336.25
TOTAL	1,626	544	\$16,701.32
2018 total	1,797	582	\$17,814.56
Candles			\$899.48
Poor Box			\$296.63

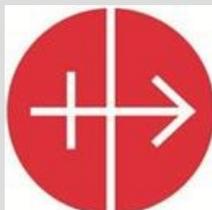
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March 10—passed
March 17—March 8
March 24—March 15

THE CHURCH IN NEED

On March 10, 2019 a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is a particular need for help:



Church in Central and Eastern Europe - the funds collected provide support for pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

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The Church in Africa - the fund supports pastoral projects that strengthen communities in their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, March 10, 2019
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.*

Luke 4:1-2a

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

In Old Testament times, Hebrew believers presented some of the annual harvest to the Lord as an expression of gratitude. As part of this ritual, the offerers prayed a brief summary of salvation history, remembering how the Lord had saved them from slavery in Egypt. This remembrance identified the individual believer with the larger Israelite community, a feature that was central to their covenant faith.

Romans 10:8-13

In contrast to the communal dimension in the first reading, this second one has Paul explaining the personal aspect of salvation which consists of internalizing what Christ has done for us. This entails a deep commitment to the Lord Jesus, who alone justifies and saves. This is a salvation open to all people. To confess Jesus as Lord was frequently quite hazardous in the first century when Paul was writing. For a Jew it could mean disruption of normal familial and other social relationships, including great economic sacrifice. To say "Jesus is Lord" is to put Jesus at the center of our lives even today. In the face of penalties imposed by the secular world, Christians are assured that no one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame.

Luke 4:1-13

As part of salvation, the Christian is called to deal forcefully with temptation. In this, Jesus is the model we should follow. His temptations are matched in our lives today – power, wealth, sensuality, egotism. Today's Gospel teaches us to deal with temptation quickly and effectively by living in the Holy Spirit whom we received at baptism, just as Jesus did.

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. When an athlete starts to get saggy or lethargic, he/she exercises to get back in shape. Is there an analogy here for your spiritual life? How do you exercise to get into shape spiritually? What would a "flabby" spiritual life look like? How does yours look now?
2. Pope Francis says going to the desert helps us hear the voice of God in our lives. He also says it helps us make room for others and strengthens solidarity with our brothers and sisters. How do these ideas relate?

"The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. ... That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ. ...

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day."

*Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium
of the Holy Father Francis*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 4, 2019:

Sirach 17:20-24 + Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 5, 2019:

Sirach 35:1-12 + Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 6, 2019:

Joel 2:12-18
2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
+ Mark 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 7, 2019:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
+ Luke 9:22-25

Friday, March 8, 2019:

Isaiah 58:1-9a + Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, March 9, 2019:

Isaiah 58:9b-14 + Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, March 10, 2019:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
+ Romans 10:8-13 + Luke 4:1-13

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