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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 31, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Frank Pokorney

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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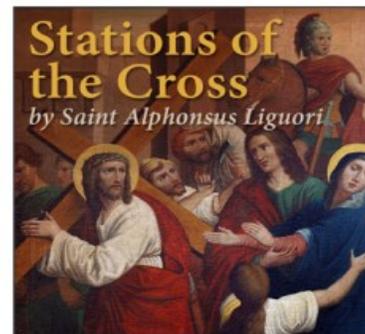
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Stations of the Cross

By Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Journey with Christ to Calvary

Personally follow Christ and His Sorrowful Mother on their journey to Calvary with the Stations of the Cross. Moving meditations by Saint Alphonsus Liguori accompanied by the beautiful Latin hymn, *Stabat Mater*, draw you into a more intimate experience of the Church's powerful Lenten prayer.



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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.

OLPH Parish Mission—March 31, April 1, 2

It's here! It starts tonight! It's our Parish Lenten Mission, given by my long-time friend and priest-mentor, Msgr. Bill Hanson. You heard Fr. Bill preach at Mass this weekend, so you have a glimpse of what a great speaker he is, and what a wonderful, uplifting and insightful Mission it's going to be as he shares his reflections with us.

It's important for everyone to take time out during Lent to nurture our spirituality, and the Parish Lenten Mission is a great way to do it. Invite someone to come with you; in fact, invite someone who has not been to

church for a long time. Many people find that something like a Mission is the perfect time to return. This is especially true with Fr. Bill as the presenter, since he is so down-to-earth and fun to listen to.

I am really looking forward to the next three nights as we all go on retreat together during the Parish Lenten Mission, and I hope to see you there.

Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery on Friday night, April 5

I strongly urge you and your family, as another way of deepening your observance of Lent and growing in your spirituality, to attend the Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery event which is taking place this Friday night, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. Presented to us by our Music Ministry, under the direction of Christopher Ferraro, it is always a very beautiful and deeply-spiritual reflection on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. Through Scripture, other reflections, and song, we will be led more deeply into the place of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection in our own life. I promise you this is something that will powerfully enrich your experience of Lent. This presentation takes the place of Stations of the Cross on this coming Friday night, April 5. I ask everyone to make it a priority to be a part of this important communal event and to come out on Friday night for Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery.

Afternoon Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 5

Since Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery takes the place of the Friday night Stations of the Cross this week, we have moved the Stations of the Cross to Friday afternoon on April 5; Stations will be prayed at 3:00 p.m., led by Fr. Emmanuel, who will be using a traditional format written by St. Alphonse Liguori. Be sure to continue to come to our Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross, but at 3:00 p.m. for this week only. (They return to 7:30 p.m. next Friday, April 12.)

Monday, April 15—Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Don't forget about the Diocesan Day of Recollection, which is on Monday of Holy Week, April 15. On that day at OLPH, as in every parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre (and in the Brooklyn Diocese and the Archdiocese of New York, too!), priests will be available for Confession continually from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Elsewhere in this bulletin we're printing the schedule of when each of the OLPH priests will be available, in case there is one of us in particular you wish to go to.

What a great day to go to Confession: Monday, April 15, the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation, when you will do so in concert with so, so many other

Catholics! Join the crowd — the crowd of those who will receive God's sacramental forgiveness on that day! There's no better way to get ready for Easter! Make your plans for that day now.

Second Scrutiny: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Our elect, Kevin, Emily, Catherine and Tara, continue their intense final period of spiritual preparation to receive the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at this year's Easter Vigil. Once again we have printed an explanation of the Scrutinies in the bulletin; look for it, and be sure to keep them in your prayers.

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.

I was recently asked in one of the Religious Education classes I was visiting if we "have to" go to church during the Triduum. My response is that it depends on how you define "have to." Honesty compels me to admit that, strictly speaking, according to church law, the only obligation — meaning that we commit sin if we miss the obligation — is to attend Mass for Easter Sunday, either at the Vigil or on Sunday, but not the other days. However, the liturgist in me answers another way. These days are SO important, and so powerfully define who we are, and present the Mysteries to us in such a powerful way, that I think the "should" is just about as close to a "have to" as we can get. I think there is a spiritual, liturgical and communal obligation to attend, for our own good, and for the sake of not missing out. Why would we not

want to attend these days? Why would we consider missing out on celebrations that are so beautiful, so moving, so enriching, and so powerful?

At the very least, 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. Look for more information about the Sacred Paschal Triduum in upcoming bulletins.

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.

Phony text messages being sent in my name

Finally, here's some very interesting information I want to share with you; this is a first for me! It seems that text messages are being sent out asking for money, and asking the receiver to send the money by buying gift cards, with the sender saying they are me — actually using the name "Msgr. Joe" (although they are not being sent from my cell phone number). I have heard that this is happening with other Pastors in the diocese, too. **THIS IS A SCAM! DO NOT RESPOND TO IT, AND DO NOT SEND MONEY OR BUY ANY GIFT CARDS!** I can assure you that I am not sending text messages asking for money; I only ask for money in letters signed by me or in person, like every other Pastor, and, when I do legitimately ask for money, I ask you to give generously! Otherwise, please do not fall for these phony text messages.

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,



PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Bread

the
GPS
to
Heaven



Did you ever feel lost on your way through life?

Do you wonder what and where Heaven is?

How you can know you're on the right track to getting there?

The Church provides a recipe and directions for all of these questions: Bread!

*Come and learn about **G**od's **P**rovidential **S**trategy*

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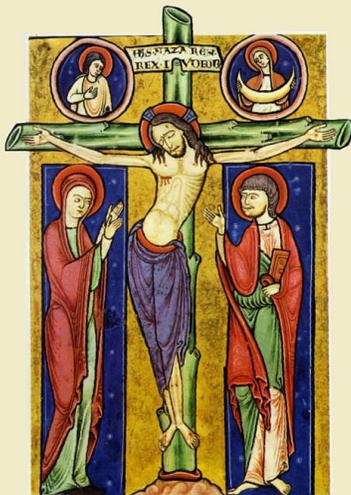
March 31 - April 1 - April 2, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Msgr. Bill Hanson, Pastor

Mary Immaculate Church, Bellport, New York



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP MUSIC MINISTRY



PASSION, PRAISE & PASCHAL MYSTERY

Friday, April 5, 2019

7:30 p.m.

An Evening of Choral Music
& Meditations on Christ's Passion and Death

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions

on Monday of Holy Week

April 15, 2019

*Along with all the other parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre,
OLPH will be having Confessions from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
on Monday, April 15, Monday of Holy Week.*

*What a great day to go to Confession to prepare for the
Sacred Paschal Triduum!*

Here is the schedule of when priests will be available:

<u>Msgr. Joe</u>	<u>Fr. Fidelis</u>	<u>Fr. Frank</u>	<u>Fr. Emmanuel</u>
3:00-5:30 p.m.	3:00-5:00 p.m.	3:00-4:30 p.m.	3:00-5:00 p.m.
6:30-9:00 p.m.	6:30-9:00 p.m.	5:30-9:00 p.m.	6:30-9:00 p.m.

*Note that 4 priests will be available from 3:00 to 4:30; 3 priests from 4:30 to 5:00;
1 priest from 5:00 to 6:30, and then 4 priests from 6:30 until 9:00.*

*We're making our best guess based on past patterns,
trying to give each priest a dinner break, too.*

Thank you for your understanding!

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.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Holy Saturday morning, April 20 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.



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CONFESSIONS

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

Saturday, April 6: 4:00 p.m.– 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 13: 3:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

April 5, 3:00 p.m. - Led by the Priest using
 St. Alphonse Liguori with Scripture

April 12, 7:30 p.m. - Led by Extraordinary Ministers
 of Holy Communion

We continue 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.



HELP NEEDED TO WATER THE EASTER FLOWERS

Help keep our beautiful Easter plants and flowers alive! We need people to offer to take turns to come in and water the Easter plants and flowers during the seven weeks of Easter Time, starting the week of April 21. It will take only a little while once or twice a week, and your commitment will be minimal. Your responsibility will end when we return to Ordinary Time after June 9 (Pentecost). It's a great way to do something helpful for the parish that does not require a huge ongoing commitment. It's something you can bring your child with you to do!

Won't you help us out? Please contact Lynn Bergin at lmbergin@optonline.net or at (516) 528-3404 and she'll give you all the details and sign you up. Thank you!



PALM SUNDAY VIGIL PROCESSION

Special Procession to Commemorate the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem **SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – 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 13, we will celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion with a special Solemn Procession.

For Saturday, April 13, please note:

- ◆ Confession time on Saturday, April 13 is earlier – 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
- ◆ We are closing the church to all but the handicapped; people will be directed to the auditorium
- ◆ 5:00 p.m. Mass begins in the auditorium, continues with the Procession, and continues in the church
- ◆ In case of inclement weather, we will begin in the church.

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



PALM SUNDAY & EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES:

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES FOR THESE DAYS

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 13:

5:00 p.m. Vigil with Procession

Sunday, April 14:

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



SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR

Easter Sunday Masses

Saturday, April 20:

8:00 p.m. only

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, April 21:

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

(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)

** note special times*



**FIRST FRIDAY,
FIRST
SATURDAY
& SUNDAY
DEVOTIONS**



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

First Friday Devotions will take place **April 5** 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 6** 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. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 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 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, **April 7** at 7:00 p.m.

Special Needs *Mass for All People With Special Needs*
April 6

The *Special Needs Ministry* hosts a monthly celebration of the Eucharist in a smaller setting designed to provide a fulfilling worship experience for all adults and children who may be uncomfortable in a larger setting.

Please join us on **Saturday, April 6 at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium.** Let's all come together and worship together! After Mass we have Hospitality!

Levels 6—8 and Teens may join us early to help the ministry with set up and to gain Confirmation Service hours. Call Jessica at the Religious Education office 631-226-7725 X 252 to let her know you are coming.

We can always use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you? Contact Jessica Becker at 631-226-7725 X 252 or email to jbecker@oloph.org

After April 6, our next Special Needs Mass is May 4 at 4:00 p.m.



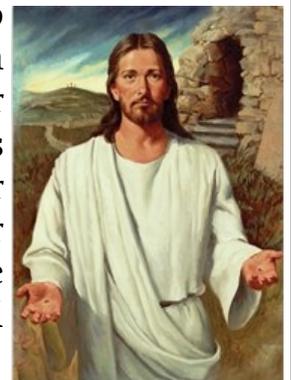
LENT 2019
ABSTINENCE
AND FASTING

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.

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.



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.

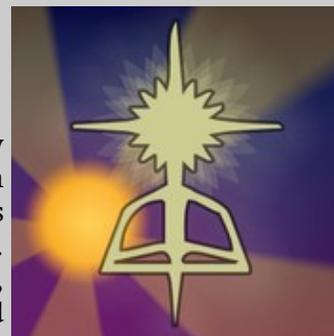
Monday, April 1—7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 8—7:00 p.m.

**Monday, April 15—No devotions due to
Confessions, 3:00 p.m.—9:00 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

Need a Piano For Your Home?

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



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.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Today we celebrate at the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass the **Second Scrutiny** of our elect preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion). These special prayer rites, called **Scrutinies**, are rites for self-searching and repentance. These Scrutinies are meant to heal all that is weak or sinful in the hearts of those about to be baptized and to strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. These Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. For their part, the elect are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance.

Thus, three Scrutinies are celebrated, on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, in order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ. The Scrutinies will be held at various parish Masses on those Sundays. Please remember to pray for our elect, **Kevin, Tara, Catherine, and Emily**, as they undergo this final stage of Lenten preparation for reception of the Easter sacraments.

THE THIRD SCRUTINY WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7 AT THE 8:00 a.m. MASS.

DRVC GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY LITURGY



The Diocese of Rockville Centre
Golden Wedding Anniversary Liturgy
 Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More

Sunday, May 5, 2019
 2:30 p.m.

Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa

- Please fill in the form below, have it signed by your pastor or someone designated by him and return to the address below.
- Approximately one week before the liturgy, you will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions.
- There will be **reserved seating for the registered couples only**. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.
- After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish. You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.

Please mail completed form to : Ellen T. Zafonte
 Office of Faith Formation
 PO Box 9023
 Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

Registration forms are available at the Rectory and must be received by the Office of Faith Formation by April 15, 2019. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 506.

ADULT FORMATION CLASS

Our next Adult Education Course...

PRAYING THE MASS:

A Catechesis on the Texts of the Mass

Instructor: Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

5 Nights, Tuesdays and Thursdays — May 2, 7, 9, 28 and June 4

Time: 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Place: Room 3, OLPH School

This course will explore the meaning of what we say and sing at Mass.

We'll look at elements such as the "Glory to God in the Highest," the "Holy Holy," the Collect, the Prayer over the Offerings, the Prayer after Communion, and other elements, to explore their history, to uncover how they function in the Mass, and to understand how they should lead us to be more deeply immersed in the Mystery being celebrated.

Advanced credit is available for those who have completed the diocesan Basic Studies Course.

To register, please return the coupon below

*or contact Josephine Vagelatos at jvagelatos@oloph.org or at 631-226-7725 x206
no later than Monday, April 29.*

Yes, sign me up for...**PRAYING THE MASS:**

A Catechesis on the Texts of the Mass

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

e-mail _____ @ _____

A \$20 per person free will offering to cover the costs of materials is requested.

IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

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

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

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
Email: religioused@oloph.org
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

Levels 6, 7, 8 & Teen Program:
Make sure you attend the Mission,
on Sunday, March 31, Monday, April 1 or
Tuesday, April 2, at
7:30 p.m. in the church each night!
And: don't forget that your Workbooks
are due in class on Weds., April 3, 2019!



Bible Camp Registration
is officially open!
Come into the Religious Ed Office
and sign your kids up for a wild ride
this summer with Jesus!

Level 1:
On Saturday, April 6, you have a Parent/
Child Workshop, during your child's class
time, on the topic of Easter!
Meet in the auditorium.

Level 5 had a great time at their Parent/Child Workshop learning all about Lent! Thank you to the presenters for all your hard work!

Last Happy Saint of the Day! **St. Bernadette Soubirous**

St. Bernadette was born in France and was the oldest of nine children. She had asthma and was sick throughout her life. When she was fourteen years old she had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary come to her, and was told to go to the grotto and drink the spring water, bathe in it, and eat the herb that grew there. The water was made clean the next day. This spring has cured many people to this day!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

NEW Food Pantry List!

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

(not evaporated)

**Thank you
for your continued generosity.**

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

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

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

In today's Gospel 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.

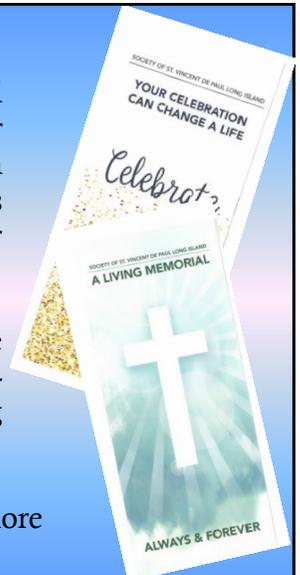
In February, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 33 children, 88 adults and 11 seniors, for a total of 132 persons in 65 households. Thank You!

† 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
- Blankets
- New or clean, gently used sneakers
- Sunscreen

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, April 9
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

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, May 7
7:00 p.m. in Room 24**

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

VIRTUS TRAINING



VIRTUS TRAINING

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
6:00 p.m. in ROOM 1**

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

*Registration **MUST** be done online.*

Simply go to drvc.org, Protecting God's Children to the Virtus training schedule. Find the date and OLPH, Lindenhurst to begin the registration process.

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

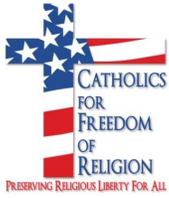


COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

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, May 19
Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass
then join us for
"Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.
in the school cafeteria.**

CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

www.cffor.org

Worldwide Religious Freedom Under Siege

Religious freedom for minority religions has suffered significant oppression in many countries according to reports from Human Rights Watch and Aid to the Church in Need *Religious Freedom in the World 2018*. These reports recognize the core tenets of religious liberty adopted by the United Nations in 1948 as the basis for their analysis:

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief; and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship or observance.

- Persecution of Christians worldwide is "today worse than at any time in history," with acute crises in Syria, Iraq, China, India and Pakistan.
- Tibetan Buddhists, Falun Gong in China, and minority Muslim sects in various countries are also persecuted.
- Nigerian Muslim herdsmen are waging ethnic cleansing against Christians.
- Muslims known as Rohingya were driven out of Myanmar in their campaign of ethnic cleansing.
- North Korea still holds more than 50,000 Christians in prisons or labor camps.
- India has seen a sharp decline in religious freedom with hardline Hindu groups held responsible for attacks as "part of an unprecedented trend to portray (minority faith groups such as Christians and Muslims) as acting against the state and national ethos.
- In China, as many as one million Christians and minority Muslims known as Uyghurs, are being held in re-education camps.
- Although Muslim persecution of Christians in Egypt, Turkey and elsewhere is significant, an important finding of the report is the growing conflict between Sunnis and Shia Muslims themselves.

In summary, the period under review saw some important steps forward for religious freedom due to the massive losses suffered by ISIS and certain other extremist groups in Iraq and Syria in the past year. However, while Islamic extremism has been pushed back in some regions, in others it has expanded. (religious-freedom-report.org; americamagazine.org, 8/24/18; dailysignal.com, 9/12/18)

"The right to religious freedom is innate to the dignity of every human person and is fundamental to the pursuit of truth."
 President Donald Trump, Religious Freedom Day proclamation, Jan. 16, 2019

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
 Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth in Our Community

Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing
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Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 DeGrococo
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 DeGrococo
Christine Donovan
Marie Gagneron
Kenneth Hale
Bob Meade
Bob Mehm
Frank Pokorney
John Reynolds
Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
Deacon Robert Becker
Lynn Bergin
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrococo
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

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



*Maxwell James Rawson
Cayla Marie Aidone
Benjamin Donald Cunningham
Leah Irma DeJesus
Louis John Ruic*
*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:

*Ellen Avitto
Peter Scazzuso
Teresa Oviedo Aguilar*

“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.”

PERPETUAL HELP MASS THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019 12:15 P.M. MASS

Adriana Vasquez
(Living)

Requested by
Alejandra Vasquez

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Maureen Molinari</i>	<i>Natalie & Lew Yugel</i>
<i>Dolores Muratore</i>	<i>Millie Abrusci</i>
<i>Agostino Pecoraro</i>	<i>Linda Menna</i>
<i>Jim Gordon</i>	<i>Patricia Donohue</i>
<i>Frank Garvano</i>	<i>Monica Angelucci</i>
<i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i>	<i>Mary Martin</i>
<i>Peggy McCloud</i>	<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>
<i>Marilyn Abbott</i>	<i>Michael Schauer</i>
<i>Carmela Sammartiano</i>	<i>Lillian Pigott</i>
<i>Fred Sawyer</i>	<i>Patrick Pigott</i>
<i>Jeanne Calise</i>	<i>Daniel Mueller</i>
<i>Lillian Setti</i>	<i>Erin Stanton</i>
<i>William Redlich</i>	<i>Willard Cleaver</i>
<i>Constance Belowski</i>	<i>Edward Jacobs</i>
<i>Salvatore Valela</i>	<i>Kenwyn Edwards</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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUPS NEAR OLPH

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

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

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

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

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 1 —

LENTE WEEKDAY

6:30 Gloria Karpin

12:15 Mary Geldermann

TUESDAY, April 2 —

LENTE WEEKDAY

(Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit)

6:30 Ronald Higgins

12:15 Jeanne Santoli

WEDNESDAY, April 3 —

LENTE WEEKDAY

6:30 Ronald A. Higgins

12:15 Irene Webb

THURSDAY, April 4 —

LENTE WEEKDAY

(Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

6:30 Eric Intoriano

12:15 Perpetual Help Mass (list on p.19)

FRIDAY, April 5 —

LENTE WEEKDAY

(Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest)

6:30 Burt Koza

12:15 The Fry & Hall Families

SATURDAY, April 6 —

LENTE WEEKDAY

8:00 For the Repose of the Souls of the
McCarthy Family

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 Agnes Huber
Special Needs Mass—Auditorium

5:00 Jacqueline Lynch

Sunday, April 7

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 Margaret Brogan

10:00 Patrick Summers

12:00 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Maria & Gaspar Piazza

Monday, April 1, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:15 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
6:30 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:30 p.m.	Parish Lenten Mission	Church

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Parish Lenten Mission	Room 19

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 & 7 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	Church
7:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church

Thursday, April 4, 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
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep For Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 1
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, April 5, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:30 p.m.	Passion, Praise & Paschal Mystery	Church
7:30 p.m.	CFFR	Room 18

Saturday, April 6, 2019

8:30,10:00	Levels 1-5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	School
11:00 a.m.	Communion/Confirmation Pictures	Cafeteria
12:00 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
1:30 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
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
8:00 p.m.	Nocturnal Adoration	Church

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
9:15 a.m.	RCIC Meeting	Room 18
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida” le invita a alabar y glorificar 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 7 de Abril del 2019

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

Saludo (Ver Segunda Lectura)

Con San Pablo decimos hoy:

*“Olvidándome de lo que queda atrás,
me esfuerzo por lo que hay por delante
y corro hacia la meta,
hacia el premio al que Dios nos llama”.*
*Que la fuerza del Señor, Jesús,
esté siempre con ustedes.*

Primera lectura (Isaías 43:16-21)

A este pueblo escogido, que sufre en el desierto, Dios le dice: He realizado grandes obras de salvación por ustedes en el pasado. Haré cosas mayores por ustedes en el futuro.

Segunda lectura (Filipenses 3:8-14)

Una vez que Pablo hubo sido “agarrado” por Cristo, el pasado ya no contó más, y se esforzó hacia su futuro en Cristo, por la fuerza del Señor resucitado.

Lectura del santo evangelio según (Juan 8:1-11)

La misión de Jesús no es juzgar y condenar, sino perdonar y dar nuevas oportunidades en la vida. ¿Acaso no es esa también nuestra misión? Jesús perdona el pecador: por eso resulta condenado por aquellos que se apegan a la ley. Su perdón le costara caro: será ejecutado, el inocente para salvar de la muerte al culpable. Y ¿quién está sin culpa?

1. No Arrojen Piedras

¿Has tenido tú alguna vez la experiencia de herir fuertemente a alguien, pero que la persona ofendida te perdonara, quizás con dificultad, pero aceptando tu disculpa, y el problema se acabó? ¿Recuerdas qué aliviado te sentiste, como si fueras una nueva persona? Así es como Dios sigue perdonándonos a nosotros: él nos vuelve a hacer nuevos cada vez. ¿Vivimos nosotros como perdonados, como pueblo nuevo? ¿Hacemos nuevos a otros con nuestro perdón? --- Encontremos nuevamente en esta eucaristía a nuestro Señor, Jesús, paciente y que siempre nos perdona, como perdonó a la mujer adúltera a quien iban a apedrear

Puntos de reflexión del Papa Francisco la cuaresma

Dios no se revela mediante el poder y la riqueza del mundo, sino mediante la debilidad y la pobreza: «Siendo rico, se hizo pobre por vosotros...». Cristo, el Hijo eterno de Dios, igual al Padre en poder y gloria, se hizo pobre; descendió en medio de nosotros, se acercó a cada uno de nosotros; se desnudó, se “vacío”, para ser en todo semejante a nosotros (cfr. Flp 2, 7; Heb 4, 15).3.- La razón de todo esto es el amor divino, un amor que es gracia, generosidad, deseo de proximidad, y que no duda en darse y sacrificarse por las criaturas a las que ama. La caridad, el amor es compartir en todo la suerte del amado. 4.- El amor nos hace semejantes, crea igualdad, derriba los muros y las distancias. Y Dios hizo esto con nosotros. Jesús, en efecto, «trabajó con manos de hombre, pensó con inteligencia de hombre, obró con voluntad de hombre, amó con corazón de hombre. Nacido de la Virgen María, se hizo verdaderamente uno de nosotros, en todo semejante a nosotros excepto en el pecado» (Gaudium et spes, 22).

OFFERING UPDATE March 23/24, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	349	142	\$3,509.00
8:00 a.m.	230	108	2,879.00
10:00 a.m.	520	138	4,297.00
12:00 p.m.	485	131	4,071.50
5:00 p.m.	200	32	1,023.00
Coin			15.49
Mail-ins:			132.00
Children's Env.		16	89.41
Faith Direct			2,326.25
TOTAL	1,784	567	\$18,342.65
2018 total* <i>Palm Sunday in 2018</i>	2,847	649	\$21,938.18
Candles			\$1,003.41
Poor Box			\$476.22



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April 7—passed
April 28—April 19
Due to earlier printer deadlines:
Palm Sunday, April 14—passed
Easter Sunday, April 21—April 5

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PREPARING FOR
Sunday, April 7, 2019
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 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. What was the woman's reaction when Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not sin any more?" 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. What does Pope Francis say is the message for us in this story of the woman caught in adultery?

"Mercy is the Lord's most powerful message. ... If we are like the Pharisee before the altar, who said: 'Thank you, Lord, for not making me like all the other men, and especially not like that fellow at the door, like that publican,' ... well, then we do not know the heart of the Lord, and we shall not ever have the joy of feeling this mercy.

It is not easy to trust oneself to the mercy of God, because his mercy is an unfathomable abyss — but we must do it!

He has the ability to forget. ... He kisses you, he embraces you, and he says to you: 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now, on, sin no more.' Only that counsel does he give you."

Pope Francis: Mercy is the Lord's Most Powerful Message Today

March 17, 2013



Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 1, 2019:

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

Tuesday, April 2, 2019:

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

Wednesday, April 3, 2019:

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

Thursday, April 4, 2019:

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

Friday, April 5, 2019:

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

Saturday, April 6, 2019:

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

Sunday, April 7, 2019:

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

BISHOP BRENNAN'S FAREWELL MASS SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019





DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Spring Open House Molloy College, Sunday, **April 7** at 1:00 p.m. Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 516-323-4000.

Healing Mass in the Church of St. Anastasia, 45-14 245 Northern Blvd., Douglaston, NY on Tuesday, **April 9**. 7:00 p.m. Rosary, Mass & Healing Service with Fr. Augustine Fernando. For info call 718-631-4454.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrates **Saint Gianna Feast Day** at Saint Agnes Cathedral, Saturday, **April 27**, 5:00 p.m. Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre, presiding. 6:00 p.m. Reception at the Pastoral Center. Register online at the DRVC Respect Life Office or call 516-678-5800 ext. 626.

Long Island Job Finder Job Fair Tuesday, **April 30**, 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Hauppauge, 110 Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy., Hauppauge. Free admission—wear proper attire and bring plenty of resumes! (For employer info on participation call 631-696-8568.)

Legion of Mary 10th Annual Woman's Retreat "Behold Thy Son" **Friday, May 10—Saturday, May 11** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Rd., Huntington. \$125 pp (payable to St. Patrick's R.C. Church, 280 East Main Street, Smithtown, NY 11787, Attn: Legion of Mary) For info contact Lena Maggio 631-374-1116 or Corinne Adiss 631-804-7222 or keepntouch@aol.com.

TV Mass for the Homebound WLNY ch. 10/55 at 7:00 a.m. & WRNN ch. 48 at 8:00 a.m. Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the *Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass* brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

A **50 year reunion** of the 1969 graduating class of Bishop Reilly HS (currently St. Francis Prep. HS), Fresh Meadows, NY. If you are a member of this class, or know someone who is a member of the class, please contact the committee at ReillyReunion50@gmail.com.



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The next scheduled day is:

Saturday, April 6, 2019

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Please register by Monday, April 1, 2019.

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Hispano, Southhampton
17 y 24 de marzo de 2019
2:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m.

**Un Día de Retiro para los
Electos de 2019**
Seminario de la Inmaculada
Concepción, Huntington
31 de marzo de 2019
2:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m.

Bible How To for Catechists
Our Lady of Grace, Babylon
Thursday, March 28, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bereavement Conference 2019
St. Patrick Parish, Huntington
March 30, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



RICA NIVEL II
San José, Babylon
6 y 27 de abril de 2019
9:30 a.m. a 1:30 p.m.

7th Annual Women's Conference
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception,
Huntington
Saturday, April 13, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Foccus
Facilitator Training**
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,
West Islip
Monday, March 18 and
Thursday, March 21, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Or
Saturday, March 23, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Retreat Day for
the Elect of 2019**
Seminary of the Immaculate
Conception, Huntington
March 31, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Bereavement Facilitator
Training Level I**
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays
Saturday, April 6 and 13, 2019
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Or
St. Bernard, Levittown
Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23,
and 30, 2019
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Or
Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon
Tuesdays, April 30, May 7, 14,
and 21, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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