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*This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.*

Matthew 17:5b

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
March 5, 2023

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Ms. Jill Marie Delano

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Reilly

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

Special Needs Mass:

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

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

DEVOTIONS

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

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

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

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

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THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 05, 2023

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The Story of Saint Perpetua

Watch this inspiring animated movie about the life of Saint Perpetua. Born from a noble Roman family, she converts to Christianity despite a new decree prohibiting new conversions in the Roman Empire. Ultimately, she gives her life for Christ.

LEARN



The Passion of Saint Perpetua with Mike Aquilina

Join Mike Aquilina, Vice-President of the Saint Paul Biblical Theology Center, in this informing and inspiring documentary that tells the true account of the courageous martyr, Saint Perpetua, and her companions

LISTEN



Living Lent as a Family (Part 1 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.



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PASTOR'S PAGE

Second Sunday of Lent

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent each year is always one of the accounts of the Transfiguration of Jesus, from one of the Synoptic Gospels (St. Matthew, St. Mark or St. Luke). As we are currently in Cycle "A" of the Sunday Lectionary readings, we hear from St. Matthew this year.

The account of the Transfiguration we hear from St. Matthew has all the marks of a biblical theophany, *i.e.*, a self-revelation of God. The voice from the clouds, the fear of the bystanders and the mountain site are all indications of a divine-human encounter. The voice from the cloud, understood to be God's, repeats what was said at Jesus' baptism. It is in sharp contrast to the mocking of the tempter in last Sunday's Gospel, "If you are the Son of God..." Today Jesus' mission and identity are affirmed; He will continue to Jerusalem and to His death and resurrection. We will walk with Him in these Lenten days.

To enter more deeply into the celebration of the Second Sunday of Lent, take some time to reflect not only on the Gospel of the Transfiguration, but also on the phrases used in the Collect (Opening Prayer) of the Mass of the day: "*listen to your beloved Son;*" "*nourish us inwardly by your word;*" "*spiritual sight made pure;*" "*rejoice to behold your glory.*" Such imagery all but puts us right there in the Transfiguration scene! Imagine what it would have been like to have actually been there. Can you picture yourself beholding the Lord's transfigured glory along with Peter, James and John? What would your reaction be? How would that experience change you?

We continue to be reminded of Lent as a journey toward Easter as we pray the words of the Preface (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, before the *Holy, Holy*) for this Sunday: "*the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection.*" During Lent we strive to take up our cross and believe more deeply that through Christ, with Christ and in Christ our sufferings and difficulties will lead to new life. That's the power of Christ's Paschal Mystery in our life.

Take some time this week to reflect on the entire mystery, the Paschal Mystery, which is our focus during Lent-Easter Time — that in order to rise with Christ we must die with Him, and how we experience that passage and transformation through Him, with Him, and in Him, certainly each time we celebrate the Eucharist, but also in our daily life.

Adult Faith Formation: The Responsorial Psalms of Lent

Are you participating in our special

opportunity for adult faith formation during Lent — our study of the Responsorial Psalms we pray at Sunday Mass during Lent? It's never too late to hop on board; each week is its own self-contained session, so you can come to any one even if you missed some or never came before. What a great opportunity to commit to a Lenten spiritual practice, and at the same time enrich your celebration of Sunday Mass! It's presented in a very user-friendly format, taking only a half-hour on Sunday morning in between the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon Masses (so, it starts at about 11:15 a.m.), and taking place in the North Sacristy in the church. Look for the information about this elsewhere in this bulletin, and be sure to come to one or more of the sessions.

Stations of the Cross

Friday night Stations continues this coming Friday, March 10; look for the information elsewhere in this bulletin. Many thanks to all the parish groups and to all the parishioners who are offering their time and witness to lead the Stations on Friday nights. This is a great Lenten spiritual practice to participate in. Come to Stations together as a family each Friday night, making it an opportunity for family prayer time together! A different format is prayed each week.

Also, take note of the special Easter Time devotion we are continuing this year, the *Via Lucis*, the Stations of the Resurrection. These will be prayed on Friday within the Octave of Easter ("Easter Friday"), April 14.

Sinners wanted!

Did I catch your attention with that headline? Well, it's meant to highlight your weekly Lenten reminder from me: have you put a date and time in your calendar, to set going to Confession as an actual appointment? Make it a point now to plan when you will go, and I would point your attention to Monday of Holy Week, April 3, as possibly the BEST time to go to Confession, because all the priests will be available constantly from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and then again 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on that day. Plus, you will be celebrating that sacrament in solidarity with all the other Catholics in this Diocese, and in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn, who will be observing this "Reconciliation Monday" in their parishes in the same way, with extended Confession times. Of course, as always, you can call or e-mail one of the priests and make a separate appointment to see him for Confession. We'll be happy to see you that way, too! What could

possibly be easier than that?

Don't leave it to the last minute and then find it's too late. Make specific plans NOW to get to Confessions.

New Translation of the Order of Penance

Speaking of Confession, I'll share with you an item from the "world of liturgy" concerning that sacrament.

As you might be aware, the Church is in the process of updating the translation of all of our ritual books. The most publicized re-translation which had the biggest impact was the new translation of the *Roman Missal* (the Mass prayers) which went into effect the First Sunday of Advent back in 2011 (remember that?). Since then, the Church has continued this process with other ritual books, such as a newly-translated *Order of Confirmation* and *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. Other examples are a newly-translated *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* ("OCIA," formerly the RCIA) which will be arriving for use soon, and, eventually, a new translation of the Liturgy of the Hours. Note that these are not new rituals — we're not changing things again like we did after the Second Vatican Council; these are just updated and more precise translations of the original Latin.

The latest release is a newly-translated *Order of Penance*. Again, the ritual has not changed — you still go to Confession the way you always have. There is no change in the structure of the celebration of the sacrament in any way. However, there is a slightly new wording of the Prayer of Absolution the priest prays, so you might notice a slightly different wording if you are one to listen attentively to it. The revised version of the prayer is: "*God, the Father of mercies, through the Death and Resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and poured out [the previous wording was "sent"] the Holy Spirit for [the previous wording was "Holy Spirit among us for"] the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God grant [the previous wording was "give"] you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*"

Technically, there are some adjustments to the Prayer of the Penitent (popularly called the Act of Contrition), and some new options for that prayer are given, but since essentially the penitent can express his or her contrition using any words of his or her choosing, you can continue to use the Act of Contrition you have always been using. In addition, the priest will always be able to provide you with an Act of Contrition if you are not able to say one on your own.

The change in the Prayer of Absolution said by

the priest was authorized to be used at the priest's discretion starting on Ash Wednesday this year, February 22, 2023; its use is mandatory, however, as of the Second Sunday of Easter, April 16, 2023. So, depending on who you go to for Confession, until April 16 you may or may not hear the new version, but as of April 16 you definitely will.

For you liturgy nerds (I say that with love and affection, since I myself am one!) who would like to read more about this, an internet search will uncover a plethora of sites that will give more details and information.

Altar Server Meeting this Tuesday, March 7

I remind all our Altar Servers about the very important meeting on this Tuesday, March 7, at 4:30 p.m. We will discuss the Holy Week/Sacred Paschal Triduum schedule, along with other important business. All current Altar Servers are required to attend, even if you will be away for Easter. I look forward to seeing you there!

St. Patrick's Parade 2023

Finally, let me call your attention to the upcoming Lindenhurst St. Patrick's Parade, which will be held this year on Saturday, March 25. It will be a great community event, following last year's first parade, which was an overwhelming success. This year's Grand Marshal is Lindenhurst's own Bishop Robert Brennan, currently the Bishop of Brooklyn, so it will be a real hometown event.

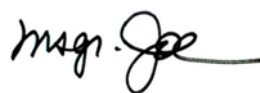
I'm pleased that OLPH is such a tremendous part of the parade, and this Italian boy will be marching in the parade to help celebrate an occasion which so many people find to be a day of joy and festivity. There's a new component added this year: the festivities are beginning with the 8:00 a.m. Saturday Mass here at OLPH, at which Bishop Brennan is scheduled to preside, and which I will concelebrate. So, everyone: begin the day with its proper spiritual focus by attending Mass at 8:00 that morning. I know we'll have a tremendous OLPH showing!

In conclusion...

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

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

Sincerely,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Stations of the Cross

Fridays

March 10, 17, 24 and 31
at 7:30 p.m. in the church
April 7 at 12:00 Noon



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

March 10 will be led by the Holy Name Society.

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



CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: March 11, 18, 25
4:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m.

Saturday April 1: 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

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

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING



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

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS TO OFFER TO HAVE THEIR FEET WASHED ON HOLY THURSDAY

The Washing of Feet is one of the most beautiful and powerful moments in the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. The action ritualizes the humble service of Jesus who came to serve and to lay down his life for us. The rite is also a powerful reminder of Jesus' command for us to imitate his humble service, and to wash each other's feet through acts of generous, self-emptying love.



Each year we select parishioners to have their feet washed, and we try to represent a good cross-section of the parish. **We would like to ask you to offer to have your feet washed at our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper this year, on April 6.** This is a great opportunity for you to offer to be part of our Sacred Paschal Triduum in a very powerful way. Don't be shy about nominating yourself or someone else! It's OK for more than one member of the same family to be included! It's a great offering you would be giving to OLPH. If you are interested, simply return the response coupon below.

Young or old; long-time parishioner or new; male or female; involved in the parish or not-so-involved — we want to get a good cross-representation, and so we want YOU to come forward and offer yourself. Because we are trying to have a representative balance, please do not worry or be insulted if you submit your name but are not called this year — we'll hold on to your name for future years! Return the response form today!

 YES! I would like to have my name included among those willing to have my feet washed on Holy Thursday, either this year or in a future year.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____



Age _____ *(sorry to ask...but we want to include a variety of ages!)*

If more than one member of your family would like to offer, you can make a copy of this or send in the information on your own paper, or list several names, if you would like to do it together.

REMINDER: CHILDREN'S BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE 10:00 a.m. MASS EACH WEEK

Remember that we have Children's Bulletins available at the end of the 10:00 a.m. Mass each week! These special Children's Bulletins are handed out at the end of the 10:00 a.m. Mass, or you can ask one of the Ushers for one. There are two bulletins for children, corresponding to two different age groups: one bulletin is for younger children, aged 3-6, and the other is for older children, aged 7-12. The idea is to take the bulletin home to reinforce the message of the Gospel. Ideally, after the child completes the bulletin, the family can talk about it together, as a way of bringing home the Gospel message and connecting our liturgical celebration in church with your family's faith life at home.

MEETING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar Servers are required to attend an important meeting on **Tuesday, March 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the church**. Among other items, we will discuss assignments for Holy Week, the Sacred Paschal Triduum and First Communions 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.)

SILENCE BEFORE MASS DURING LENT

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

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

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

HELP NEEDED TO WATER THE EASTER FLOWERS



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

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.



LIVE-STREAM MASS

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

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

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



JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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



LEGION OF MARY

The **Legion of Mary** invites all Legionnaires (active and auxiliary) to our annual re-commitment to Our Lady. Dedicating ourselves to Our Lady brings many blessings to ourselves and this world. This beautiful ceremony is a must for all Legionnaires. It will be held on **Sunday, March 12th at 2:00 p.m.** at St Anthony of Assisi (29 Northgate Drive, Greenlawn).

For more information call Louise 631-412-3831.



POPE FRANCIS ON LITURGICAL FORMATION

APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS

On June 29, 2022, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis released his Apostolic Letter Desiderio Desideravi, On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God. It is an exquisite summary of liturgical theology and a call for serious and vital liturgical formation for all Catholics. In this letter, the Holy Father addresses the nature of sacramental encounter, of symbols and symbolic language, of the art of celebration, and the need to engage all the baptized in the fruitful celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

Each week we have been presenting a small selection of the letter for your reading and reflection. This week concludes the letter with these final paragraphs. The full text can be found on the Vatican website at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html

63. For this I desire to leave you with yet a further indication to follow along our way. I invite you to rediscover the meaning of the *liturgical year* and of *the Lord's Day*. Both of these were also left us by the Council. (Cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, nn. 102-111)

64. In the light of all that we have said above, we see that the liturgical year is for us the possibility of growing in our knowledge of the mystery of Christ, immersing our life in the mystery of His Death and Resurrection, awaiting his return in glory. This is a true ongoing formation. Our life is not a random chaotic series of events, one following the other. It is rather a precise itinerary which, from one annual celebration of the His Death and Resurrection to the next, conforms us to Him, *as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

65. As the time made new by the mystery of His Death and Resurrection flows on, every eighth day the Church celebrates in the Lord's day the event of our salvation. Sunday, before being a precept, is a gift that God makes for his people; and for this reason the Church safeguards it with a precept. The Sunday celebration offers to the Christian community the possibility of being formed by the Eucharist. From Sunday to Sunday the word of the Risen Lord illuminates our existence, wanting to achieve in us the end for which it was sent. (Cf. Is 55:10-11) From Sunday to Sunday communion in the Body and Blood of Christ wants to make also of our lives a sacrifice pleasing to the Father, in the fraternal communion of sharing, of hospitality, of service. From Sunday to Sunday the energy of the Bread broken sustains us in announcing the Gospel in which the authenticity of our celebration shows itself.

Let us abandon our polemics to listen together to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Let us safeguard our communion. Let us continue to be astonished at the beauty of the Liturgy. The Paschal Mystery has been given to us. Let us allow ourselves to be embraced by the desire that the Lord continues to have to eat His Passover with us. All this under the gaze of Mary, Mother of the Church.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Prepare Your Heart for the Coming of the Lord

This season of Lent, as we prepare for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Adult Faith Formation program at OLPH is offering an uplifting experience to make ready for the Solemnity of Easter.

Every Sunday through March 26, we will offer parishioners the opportunity to study the Responsorial Psalms used in each Sunday's celebration of the Eucharist. We will meet from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. each Sunday in the north sacristy of the church. Each session will feature a discussion of the

themes of the Responsorial Psalm of the day, led by a member of the Pastoral Staff. Attend all of the sessions, or select those that fit your schedule. Handouts of the psalms will be provided. Come join us in breaking open the Word of the Lord.

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

LEVEL 7

On Wednesday, March 8, you will have a student meeting in the church. Join Fr. Frank as he teaches us about the parts of the Mass and their meaning.

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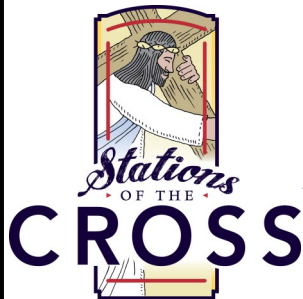
SPECIAL COMMUNION CLASS

On Saturday, March 11, there will be a Communion Parent Meeting. Please meet in the Auditorium during your child's class time. Don't forget to bring in your child's Communion banner!

Service Corps – Stations of the Cross

March 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Please join the Service Corps as we pray the Stations of the Cross with the OLPH community. If you are interested in participating in this event for service hours, please call April in the office.



Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Boniface was born in 675. He was called to be a missionary, to travel and bring Christianity throughout the world. He wanted people to believe in the one true God and showed the people God's great power. For example, he approached a giant tree with an axe and the tree split into four parts into a shape of a cross. St. Boniface was martyred for the faith and never gave up his mission. He is the Patron Saint of brewers, of Germany, and of World Youth Day.



Vacation Bible Camp Needs You! Planning Meeting *Saturday, March 18, at 11:30 a.m. in the school auditorium.* Please consider being a part of our **Space Ranger Team!** Contact April for more information.

Save the Date: *Vacation Bible Camp July 10th - July 14th*

Preview Day: Sunday, March 19, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the auditorium.

Are you looking to save BIG?!

For one day only register at this event and get the early bird special!



Family Life Ministry invites you to

Family Paint Day

Looking for something FUN and ARTSY to do as a family?
Join a talented artist who will guide you step by step to create your own



Reusable Canvas Bag

When: **Sunday, March 12, 2023** **Please dress for a mess 😊

Time: following the 12:00 p.m. Mass **(Bring your own smock as smocks will not be provided)**

Where: Cafeteria

Cost: \$25 per project (includes canvas bag and painting supplies)

Please bring your own snacks. We will provide drinks.

Please note that **children must be accompanied by an adult** throughout the paint session.

Adults are encouraged to paint with their children.

Reserve your spot early as spaces are limited.

Any questions or ticket information contact:

Jenine Jimenez Spina (516) 376-5146 or je91971@gmail.com

Paint Reply Form

First and Last Name _____

_____ # of adults

_____ # of children _____ ages of children

Telephone number _____ Email Address _____

Please email Jenine Jimenez Spina at je91971@gmail.com

RSVP NO Later than next Sunday, March 5, 2023

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- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631-592-1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631-561-5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

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Gates & High Streets

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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 Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him.”

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

NEW Food Pantry List!

TOMATO SAUCE

CEREAL

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COOKIES

JELLY

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PANCAKE MIX

SYRUP

CANNED PASTA

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Thank you

for your continued generosity.

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

SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Knights of Columbus Council #794

is holding its annual *Wheelchair Mission fundraiser*
outside the church following ALL MASSES this weekend.

The purpose is to collect money
to purchase wheelchairs for anyone who is in need, but cannot afford one.

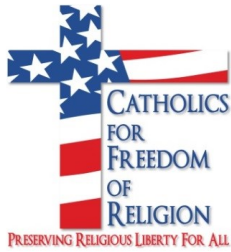
For more information contact:

Stephen M. Strigaro, Grand Knight,

cell: 631-747-4929

or e-mail: sdcjn@optonline.net

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



From Catholics for Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

"Violence is the last refuge of the incompetent."
—Isaac Asimov, writer, science professor

Attacks Against Churches and Pregnancy Centers Increasing in U.S.

"The vandalism we are seeing today is quickly rising to levels that haven't been seen since the late 1800's and early 1900's from organized groups such as the Know-Nothings and the Ku Klux Klan," said Brian Burch, president of Catholic Vote, in his recent report about hundreds of attacks against churches since May 2020.⁽¹⁾ "Since civil unrest began on May 28, 2020, following George Floyd's death in Minnesota, there have been at least 278 attacks against Catholic churches in the U.S. including arson attacks which damaged or destroyed historic churches, spray-painting and graffiti of satanic messages, rocks and bricks thrown through windows, and statues destroyed, often with the heads cut off," Catholic Vote reported.⁽²⁾ While the unrest over Floyd's death eventually subsided, attacks on Churches continued to rise.

"Americans appear increasingly comfortable lashing out against church buildings, pointing to a larger societal problem of marginalizing core Christian beliefs, including those that touch on hot-button political issues related to human dignity and sexuality," said a Family Research Council report released in December 2022.⁽³⁾ This report found that church attacks spiked to 397 following the overturning of Roe v. Wade that returned the abortion issue to the states.

Pro-life facilities have also faced a barrage of attacks since the Dobbs abortion decision leak at the Supreme Court last May 2022. At least 80 pregnancy resource center attacks have been reported but many attacks are unreported because these centers want to protect their clients. The pregnancy resource centers provide free medical and financial support to pregnant and new mothers. They have been spray-painted with pro-abortion and anarchist messages and symbols and several have been set on fire.

The FBI is offering rewards up to \$25,000 for information related to these attacks. "Today's announcement reflects the FBI's commitment to vigorously pursue investigations into crimes against pregnancy resource centers, faith-based organizations, and reproductive health clinics across the country," said the FBI Director.⁽⁴⁾

"Social justice cannot be attained by violence. Violence kills what it intends to create."
—St. Pope John Paul II

"Saying that there are too many children is like saying there are too many flowers."
—Mother Theresa of Calcutta

UPDATE YOUR VIRTUS SCREENING



*Are you an active Offerer in our parish?
Were you last background screened prior to 2018?*

If you answered 'Yes' to both questions – it is time to be re-screened.

To facilitate this process the Diocese has made the background screening application available on-line. You will receive an email shortly (if not already) from the Diocese advising you to log into your Virtus account.

Please follow the prompts when you log into your Virtus account (www.Virtus.org). You will be directed to complete the Sterling Solutions background screening application.

For security reasons, please complete the application in one session and be sure to hit the 'submit' button when completed. If you interrupt the process, you will be locked out of the system.

If you have any questions, please contact the Rockville Centre Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children/Young People: 516-678-5800, or mail pditomasso@drvc.org You may also contact Helene Calabrese by email with any questions, i.e., hcalab2@optonline.net

Thank you for your active participation in our parish community, for all you do to help create a safe environment for everyone and to make OLPH, as Msgr. Joe says, "The Place to Be!"

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Rectory Reception Desk	200	
Christopher Reilly, Director of Music	210	creilly@oloph.org
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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 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel
 Gerry Chille

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
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 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
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 Bob Mehm
 John Reynolds
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
 Deacon Robert Becker
 Mark Costantino
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Kenneth Hale
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
 Denise Martinez
 Barbara McPhail
 Chris Reilly
 Deacon Doug Smith
 Mike Williams
 Fr. Frank Zero

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Announcement:

Steve Eden & Leann Farah

First Announcement:

Donald Chaffin & Dana Colton

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

Matias Daniel Pinos Garcia

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

FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

***Carl Caristo Jr.
Geraldine Cassidy
Eleanor McLaughlin
Kathryn Pupello Berry***

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Patricio Torres</i>	<i>Patty Santopadre</i>
<i>Monica Pulla</i>	<i>Providence Colascione</i>
<i>Santiago Segovia</i>	<i>Sherwood Davis</i>
<i>Angela Gleixner</i>	<i>Ana-Paula Goncalves Kalinowski</i>
<i>Baby Antonio James Kienle</i>	<i>Rudy Calabrese</i>
<i>Kristin Goetze</i>	<i>Donald Thompson</i>
<i>John Leyden</i>	<i>Susan Ferraro</i>
<i>Giuseppe Ferrarelli</i>	<i>Sister JoAnn Bonauro</i>
<i>Cameron Allen</i>	
<i>Christopher Santiago</i>	

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

OLPH Confraternity of Christian Mothers & Guild

We are so very pleased to announce Mr. Jim Totino, deacon candidate, as guest speaker for our upcoming March meeting, Monday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 18 in the School Annex.

We humbly invite all women of our parish—whether single, married, widowed, with or without children—to attend. Refreshments to follow meeting.

Please mark you calendar and come see what we are all about.

For additional information please contact our President, Pat Gandarillas Tel. #:

631 956-1291

email: gandari@optonline.net



MASSES FOR THE WEEK	
MONDAY, March 6— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Patricia A. Diesso
12:15	John & Alice Manning <i>(Living)</i>
TUESDAY, March 7— Lenten Weekday (Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs)	
6:30	Sadie Calandra
12:15	Stephen Gosline
WEDNESDAY, March 8 — Lenten Weekday (Saint John of God, Religious)	
6:30	Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	Joan Paciello
THURSDAY, March 9 — Lenten Weekday (Saint Frances of Rome, Religious)	
6:30	William J. Matthews
12:15	Sally Russo
FRIDAY, March 10— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	William Matthews
12:15	Luciano Francese
SATURDAY, March 11 — Lenten Weekday	
8:00	Tommy Bochicho
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
5:00	Joann Vitti
Sunday, March 12 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
8:00	Mary Ann Boatman
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	Maria Laura Barberio

PARISH CALENDAR		
Monday, March 6, 2023		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
5:30 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
Tuesday, March 7, 2023		
4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Meeting	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Living the Eucharist	School
Wednesday, March 8, 2023		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831)	Off Campus
5:30 p.m.	Levels 6: Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Level 7: Teaching Mass	Church
7:00 p.m.	Level 8: Classes	School
Thursday, March 9, 2023		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday, March 10, 2023		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, March 11, 2023		
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5: Classes	School
12:30 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confession	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, March 12, 2023		
10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Room 18
11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation: Psalms	North Sacristy
1:00 p.m.	Family Life Paint Day	Cafeteria
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

Lecturas del 2º Domingo de Cuaresma - Ciclo A 3/5/23

Lea las lecturas en su Biblia y luego reflexione con nosotros.

Cuando apareció nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, abolió la muerte y proclamó la Buena Noticia de vida e inmortalidad. Que su gracia y su luz esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Génesis 12,1-4): ¡Abandonen su Seguridad!

Dios exige a Abrahán un cambio radical. Se le llama, cuando era todavía un pagano, a abandonar su seguridad en una peregrinación de fe y esperanza hacia una tierra prometida que se le dará, no a él sino al nuevo pueblo que nacerá de él. Abran marchó, como le había dicho el Señor. ¿Aremos tú yo lo mismo?

Segunda Lectura (2 Timoteo 1,8b-10): Dios Nos Llama a la Vida del Evangelio. Dios nos llama a aceptar y a difundir el evangelio de Jesús y a sufrir por el si es necesario

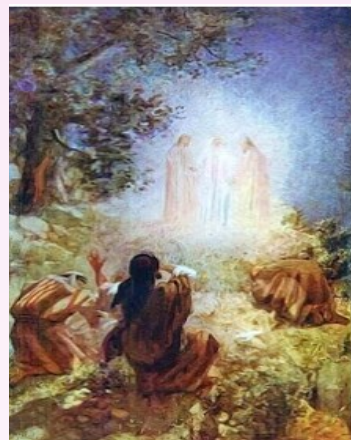
Evangelio (Mateo 17:1-9): Levántate, No Tengas Miedo

La breve visión fugaz de su futura gloria fortalece a Jesús en su camino a través del sufrimiento y de la muerte hacia la resurrección. Al mismo tiempo, Jesús fortalece la fe y esperanza de sus discípulos y las nuestras, en el camino de nuestra propia transformación en Cristo.

Un rostro transformado

La Cuaresma es para nosotros el tiempo privilegiado para el cambio, la transformación, la transfiguración. Nuestros rostros complacientes y culpables tienen que transformarse en rostros de alegría, amor y servicio. i. Jesús tiene a sus discípulos con Él cuando resplandece en su gloria. Él no es glorificado aparte de ellos, porque ellos comparten su gloria. Padre, aquellos que me has dado, quiero que donde yo estoy, también ellos estén conmigo, para que vean mi gloria que me has dado; porque me has amado desde antes de la fundación del mundo. (Juan 17:24)

ii. "Otra cosa que podemos aprender de nuestro Señor Jesucristo al haberse mostrado a sí mismo ante sus apóstoles vestido de resplandor, es que apenas somos conscientes de la gloria de la que es capaz el cuerpo humano Jesús es el Maestro que habla y enseña a los discípulos, pero a la vez, es el Señor penetrado por la luz de Dios y envuelto en la nube. El monte, lugar de la manifestación de Dios, como el Sinaí: el resplandor de su rostro y los vestidos, presencia de la gloria del Señor... reflejo de la divinidad. "Este es mi Hijo, a quien yo quiero, mi predilecto, Escúchadlo." Es la parte central de todo el relato. El Padre desde la nube reivindica la figura de Jesús por su actitud obediente, camino de Jerusalén, para entregar su vida. Mateo repite aquí las palabras dichas por la voz en el bautismo (3,17): "Este es mi Hijo querido, mi predilecto".



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**OFFERING UPDATE
February 25/26**

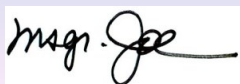
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	283	96	\$2,738.00
8:00 a.m.	177	74	2,646.00
10:00 a.m.	320	89	2,709.00
12:00 a.m.	356	88	2,676.00
Total coin:			22.74
Faith Direct			3,646.25
Children's Env.		19	113.75
Mail-ins:			1,493.00
TOTAL	1,136	366	\$16, 044.74
2022	982	333	\$13,959.26
Candles			\$1,180.21
Poor Box			\$299.75

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

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY286, or text 'Enroll' to (631) 201-5664 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,




**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY,
MARCH 12.
REMEMBER TO SET
YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD
ONE HOUR
SATURDAY NIGHT.**



THE SECOND ANNUAL
**LINDENHURST
ST. PATRICK'S
PARADE**

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2023

PARADE STEPS OFF AT 12PM

**GRAND MARSHAL
BISHOP ROBERT J. BRENNAN**

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MASS BEFORE THE PARADE AT 8AM
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP RCC
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**DEADLINES FOR
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- March 12—deadline passed
- March 19—March 10 deadline
- March 26—March 17 deadline

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.

John 4:14

Exodus 17:3-7

Water is an important part of life not only today but even more so in the time of Moses and Jesus. The lands of the Bible receive very little rain both today and then. As Moses led the Jews out of Egypt and through the desert, they were first tested by lack of food and then by lack of water. In both cases they grumbled and rebelled, preferring Egyptian life as slaves to being free while hungry and thirsty. But in both cases God provided for them in their need, first by sending quail and manna to eat and then, as we hear today, by instructing Moses to strike the rock from which water flowed freely. While the people of Israel continued to try God's patience and argue against his plan, as we may do ourselves, the Lord never ceased to offer life-giving waters of grace and forgiveness.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul wrote his letter to the church in Rome near the end of his life and it represents his most developed thought on the meaning of the Gospel. We hear today that the heart of this Gospel he preached was the Good News that God offers a new life to all as a free and unearned gift through Christ. Faith is accepting this gift whole-heartedly by laying aside any thought that we could have done something to deserve it. "We have been justified by faith" and not by our own actions. It gets even better: as a result "we have peace with God" because of Jesus and "we boast in hope of the glory of God." Good News indeed!

John 4:5-42

We hear of water again in the Gospel reading today. Jesus sits by a well and asks a Samaritan woman for a drink, thereby defying two conventions – that of talking to a woman and that of associating with a Samaritan. Samaritans and Jews did not associate with one another but Jesus models love for all people regardless of their status in life. As he talks with her, she begins to understand who he is and that the water he is talking about is not literal water to drink but the living water of eternal life that only he can provide. In the age of salvation, people will worship "in Spirit and truth"; "truth" points to Jesus himself as the Messiah and, when his work is accomplished, he will send the Spirit as "living water." We today have access to that living water always if we but accept and believe in Jesus and worship him "in Spirit and truth."

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. "Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans," the Gospel says. And the woman at the well was a Samaritan. How did Jesus handle this barrier, and the gender issue at the well? When was the only other time Jesus mentions his thirst?

2. In his general audience, Pope Francis spoke to 80,000 people about how the Holy Spirit is related to mankind's thirsts. For what do you thirst?

"Mankind is like a wanderer who, across the deserts of life, thirsts for water that's alive, gushing and fresh, able to fully slacken his deep desire for light, love, beauty and peace. Everyone desires this," he said.

It is Jesus who gives humanity this living water through the Holy Spirit, the pope said, "so that our lives may be guided, animated and nourished by God."

May 8, 2013

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 6, 2023:

Daniel 9:4b-10 + Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 7, 2023:

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 + Mathew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 8, 2023:

Jeremiah 18:18-20 + Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 9, 2023:

Jeremiah 17:5-10 + Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 10, 2023:

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

+ Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 11, 2023:

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 + Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 12, 2023:

Exodus 17:3-7 + Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

+ John 4:5-42



Help support OLPH by entering our new 50/50 Mega Jackpot!

As of March 1
the jackpot is
\$3,650!

50/50



1 winning ticket will be drawn

KICK OFF

DRAWING

Saturday
February 18, 2023
@ Sidelines Café
4:30 - 5:30 PM

Saturday
May 13, 2023
@ Fireman's Pavilion
7:30 PM



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
LINDENHURST, NY

To purchase the 50/50 either use the QR Code on this page, the 50/50 Board at the front of the church or come into the rectory to pay by using QR Code or cash/check.

Tickets are \$50 each.

If you have any questions contact Meg Danaher 631-450-4100 or Jill Marie Delano 631-226-7725 X204

2023
CATHOLIC
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*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*



"...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them."

- Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who reach out to us for help.

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



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Parish _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____


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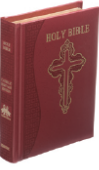


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