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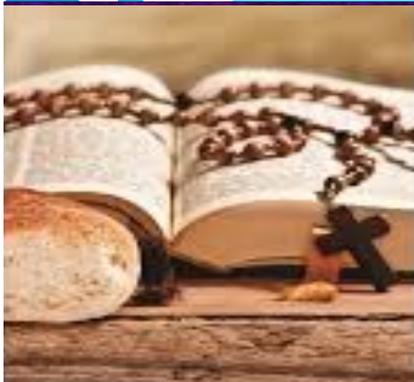
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"One does not live on bread alone."*

Luke 4:4

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 6, 2022**

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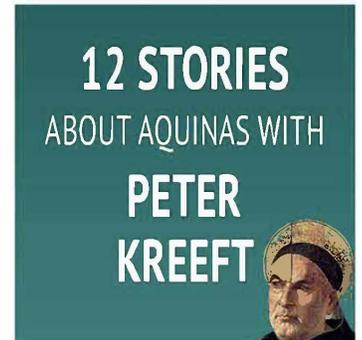
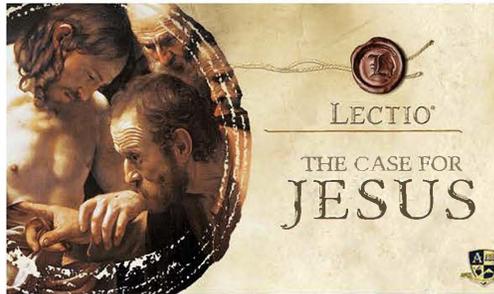
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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Ukraine*

I'll begin this week by mentioning what we have all been hearing so much about, and that is the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. As you know, due to printing deadlines, what I write here each week has to be prepared ahead of time, so I don't know exactly what the situation will be by the time you actually read this. What I will say now is to let you know that I sent a message of solidarity and prayer to Father Olvian Popovici, the Pastor at Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church here in Lindenhurst. I assured him of the prayers and support of all of us here at OLPH for his people. We must continually pray for the people of Ukraine — for those fighting to save their country, and for those who have lost their lives, and for the families of those who have been killed. Perhaps we could include this prayer intention, and perhaps even some spiritual sacrifice for it, as part of our Lenten discipline this year.

### *First Sunday of Lent*

So, we have begun another Lent. Are you prepared to journey with Jesus through the desert for 40 days, struggling with temptation and sinfulness?

The Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent is always one of the accounts of Jesus going into the desert and being tempted; this year we hear St. Luke's version. St. Luke's temptation story follows Jesus' baptism. Jesus goes into the wilderness led by the Spirit, whom Jesus experienced so vividly in His baptism. Jesus experiences trials like those His ancestors faced in their forty years in the wilderness. They, too, struggled to remain faithful to God when faced with hunger, the gods of other nations, and risky situations. It is important to recognize the temptations as real options that Jesus could reasonably have accepted (remember, Jesus was fully human, in every way we are, except sin, so His temptations were real — he wasn't play-acting). Yet, Jesus met those temptations with integrity and confidence in His Father. Jesus refuses to doubt or test His relationship with God, and He refuses to bypass the Cross.

Lent is the perfect time for us to question, to sort out our priorities, and to recommit

ourselves to God. Yes, we face temptations, but those temptations are a normal part of the Christian life, and they should force us to focus on what is really important, namely, our rootedness in Christ, and the grace to overcome temptation that comes to us when we turn to Christ.

As we begin this Lenten season, pay attention at Mass to see and hear how Lent is different than other times of the liturgical year. As we have been doing for a number of years now at OLPH, we have marked this First Sunday of Lent with an ancient custom of singing of the Litany of the Saints at the Entrance of the Mass. Notice, too, our stark worship environment in the church; this reminds us of the simplicity and seriousness we are called to during this season, and it creates a hunger for the blossoming of the new life we will experience at Easter. As always, the prayers of the Mass provide the central focus for us in our Lenten spirituality. I invite you to explore their spiritual depth and richness, and to use those prayers to ground your reflections during this first week of Lent.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) of the Mass sets the agenda for us and very much gives us the sense that we are beginning something significant. We pray that *"through the yearly observance of holy Lent...we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects."* Notice how the emphasis is that our observance of Lent should have a concrete effect in our behavior — our conduct should be worthy of our life in Christ. Also, there are "hidden riches" to discover in the life of Christ — especially the "riches" of rising with him to new life in the Paschal Mystery.

The Prayer over the Offerings also acknowledges the beginning of Lent as *"we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time,"* and, like the Collect, the prayer also reminds us of a change that is supposed to occur in us: *"Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings..."* We must always strive to present ourselves to the Lord with the acceptable sacrifice of a life that is good and holy and true.

The Prayer after Communion speaks of the nourishment that comes to us in the Eucharist by referencing the three traditional virtues of faith, hope and charity. Also, the prayer goes on to ask *“that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth.”*

Finally, the Preface (the first part of the Eucharistic Prayer, before the *Holy, Holy*) echoes the Gospel as it makes reference to Jesus’ fast of forty days in the desert and the temptations He faced. It reminds us that we, too, are to go into desert during Lent to confront our temptations and our sins, strengthened in that spiritual combat by our union with Christ.

And so begins another Lent!

### ***Adult Faith Formation: The Responsorial Psalms of Lent***

Allow me to highlight a special opportunity for adult faith formation during Lent: our study of the Responsorial Psalms we pray at Sunday Mass during Lent. What a great opportunity to commit to a Lenten spiritual practice, and at the same time enrich our celebration of Sunday Mass! It’s presented in a very user-friendly format, taking only a half-hour on a Sunday morning in between the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon Masses. Look for the information about this elsewhere in this bulletin, and be sure to come to one or more of the sessions. I thank Deacon Robert for heading up and organizing this venture. Adult Faith Formation is a high priority here at OLPH, and we regularly and frequently offer courses for adult education in the faith. Take advantage of them!

### ***Stations of the Cross***

We kicked off our Friday night series of Lenten Stations of the Cross this past Friday, March 4, with that first evening led by members of the Liturgy Committee. Friday night Stations continues this coming Friday, March 11; look for the information elsewhere in this bulletin.

I am extremely grateful to all the parish groups and to all the parishioners who are offering their time and witness to lead the Stations on Friday nights, and I am proud of how everyone is working together. In addition to enriching your own spiritual observance of Lent, coming out on Friday nights to attend

would show great solidarity and support to these fellow parishioners who are making this offering for YOU. Come to Stations together as a family each Friday night, making it an opportunity for family prayer time together!

Also, take note of the special Easter Time devotion we are adding this year, the *Via Lucis*, the Stations of the Resurrection. These will be prayed on Friday within the Octave of Easter (“Easter Friday”), April 22.

### ***When will you go to Confession during Lent? Don’t wait until the last minute!***

So, have you put your Confession Appointment in your calendar yet — you know, the time you have set aside when will you go to Confession during Lent?

Our confession times during Lent will be listed in a special bulletin ad throughout all of Lent. Don’t wait until the last minute and find that you can’t get to Confession! There are plenty of times available, especially from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday of Holy Week, April 11 — that would be the perfect day to go...maybe the best day, since all the priests will be available for all of those hours! Also, you can call or e-mail one of the priests and make a separate appointment to see him for Confession! (It’s a good idea to always call ahead and not just drop in; that way you can ensure we are available.) We’ll be happy to see you that way, too! What could be easier than that?

So, there’s no excuse! Make your plan NOW to go to Confession, if you have not already done so; it’s important enough to plan ahead for, right?

### ***Silence before Mass during Lent***

Remember that we are once again trying to cultivate a greater sense of silence during our Lenten liturgies, a practice we have done in the past. About five minutes before Mass is to begin, the Cantor will announce a call to silence, asking everyone to quiet down and sit in silence and in prayer for the remaining minutes before Mass begins. Give yourself and others this gift of silent preparation so that you can more richly participate in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Five minutes before Mass begins: *Shhhh!*

**LIVING THE EUCHARIST**

Our special program of LIVING THE EUCHARIST is underway! This special program of faith formation, which is centered on the connection between our participation in Sunday Eucharist and our daily life, is the way we are undertaking a Parish Lenten Mission once again this year. We continue to pray for all who are participating in this program, and we thank them for the way their Lenten offering of participating in this program will bear good spiritual fruit for all of us in our parish.

**Synod**

By now you may have heard about the world-wide Synod that has been called by our Holy Father Pope Francis. By doing so, Pope Francis has presented all Catholics around the world with a wonderful opportunity to examine how the Church is living up to the ideals established for us by Jesus, and how we as Church can more effectively live out our mission in the world today.

Your first question might be: “What exactly is a Synod?” Simply put, a synod is a meeting or assembly — a structured discussion, or consultation. The idea of a synod has New Testament roots in Acts 15. In essence, it’s a process of listening and discussing. It’s a model that includes listening to a broad range of people, and then discussing the issues together with the goal of hearing where the Holy Spirit is calling the Church.

The Church has held many Synods throughout her history. This current Synod has

as its theme *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and, Mission*. Interestingly, the point of these discussions is to examine the way we discuss things in the Church, and how we are one. The Pope has made it clear that this is not meant to discuss **what** the Church teaches or believes, because that is unchangeable; rather, it is meant to discuss **how** the Church teaches her truths, and lives out her beliefs.

Pope Francis desires the involvement of the People of God. He wants the Church to journey together — walking forward, listening to the Holy Spirit and to the Word of God. To this end, the Holy Father has asked every diocese to have an experience of synodality, and steps are underway for that to take place here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. OLPH will, of course, be participating, and you’ll be hearing more in the weeks ahead about how this will take place on the parish level.

For more information on the Synod, you can go to <https://drvcynod.com/>.

**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,



**AID TO UKRAINE**



For those looking to help Ukraine, local Ukrainian churches are organizing donation drives to help support those in Ukraine. Here in Lindenhurst, **Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church** is collecting the following supplies:

**Medical (most needed):** Medications OTC; Creams and ointments; Bandages; First-Aid Kits, etc.

**Baby:** Diapers; Formula; Baby wipes

**Food:** Canned goods; Non-perishable goods; Water

**Clothes:** Socks; Underwear; Baby clothes; Kids’ clothes; T-shirts

If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can write a check to: **Holy Family Ukrainian Church**. Memo: **“For People of Ukraine”** Mail or drop off to Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church, 225 N 4th St., Lindenhurst, NY 11757. If you have questions, you can call the Pastor, Father Olvian N. Popovici, at 631-877-0570.

## LENT: ITS MEANING, STRUCTURE, AND OUR CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

### THE MEANING OF LENT

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

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



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

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

### THE STRUCTURE OF LENT

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

At least four phases of the season can be discerned:

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

*2. The 28 days from the First Sunday until the Saturday of the Fourth Week:* Scripture readings and penitential rites provide the structure for these days. Penance services and the first two scrutinies for the elect on the Third and Fourth Sundays are all a part of this time. Two feast days — the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19) and the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25) — break this violet period in 2022. The Fourth or *Laetare* Sunday (March 27)

brings its own nuances, and rose-colored vestments may be worn that day.

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

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

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

## CHURCH ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER RITUAL ELEMENTS DURING LENT



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

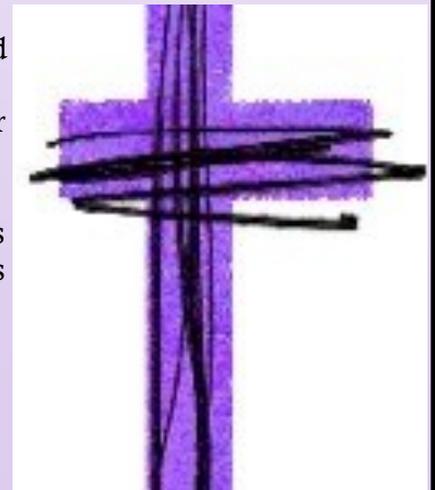
**SIMPLE CHANT TONES WILL BE USED FOR THE EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS.** The *Holy, Holy*, the *Mystery of Faith*, and the *Great Amen* will be sung to very simple chants, without accompaniment. Also, the *Lamb of God* chant will be sung using the Latin text (“*Agnus Dei...*”).

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

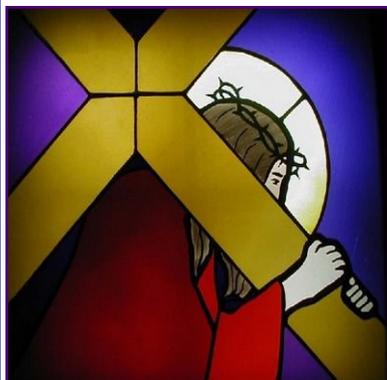
There are other ritual aspects that go into the celebration of Lent:

- the omission of the *Glory to God in the highest* at the beginning of all Sunday Lenten Masses;
- traditional Lenten practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;
- Lenten devotions such as Stations of the Cross, which can be prayed either in person or virtually, on our website;
- our *Living the Eucharist* program, which is taking the place of our usual Parish Lenten Mission this year.

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



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### Stations of the Cross

March 11, 18, 25, April 1 and 8  
at 7:30 p.m. in the church  
and Good Friday, April 15 at 12:00 Noon

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

March 11 will be led by the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council.

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



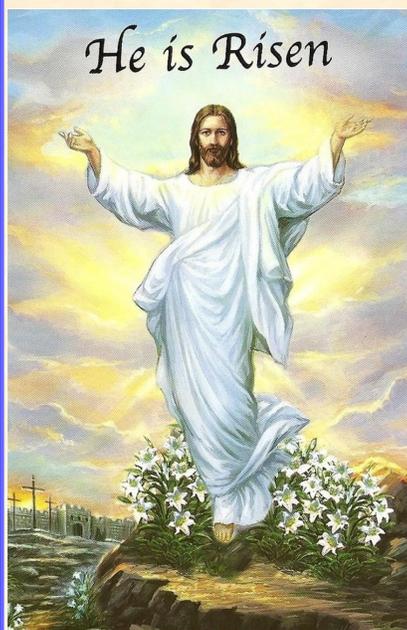
### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: March 12, 19, 26, April 2  
4:00 p.m.— 4:45 p.m.

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

Monday of Holy Week, April 11  
2:00—4:00 p.m. and 6:00—9:00 p.m.

## PLAN NOW FOR EASTER...



### THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 16  
at 8:00 p.m.

*Note: There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 16*

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, APRIL 17  
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

## SILENCE BEFORE MASS DURING LENT

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

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

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

## ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) 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.

## MEETING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar Servers are required to attend an important meeting on **Monday, March 14 at 4:15 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.)

## HELP NEEDED TO WATER THE EASTER FLOWERS

Help keep our beautiful Easter plants and flowers alive! We need people to offer to take turns to come in and water the Easter plants and flowers during the weeks of Easter Time, starting the week of April 18. It will take only a little while once or twice a week. We will start the schedule at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 and then on Saturday, April 23 between 11:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon (subject to change due to various activities that may take place in the church). We will continue to water every Tuesday and Saturday until we return to Ordinary Time after June 5 (Pentecost), and your commitment will be minimal. It's a great way to do something helpful for the parish that does not require a huge ongoing commitment. It's something you can bring your child with you to do! It's also great for getting in those community service hours for school!!

Won't you help us out? Please contact Denise Martinez at [countrydee02@gmail.com](mailto: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!

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



### Rite of Calling Candidates to Continuing Conversion

Next **Saturday, March 12**, our brother **Edward Cosgrove**, who is already baptized in another Christian tradition but who seeks to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, will enter a new stage in his journey. Our candidate Ed will undergo a period of more intense preparation during this Lenten season as he prepares to be received into the Catholic Church during this year's Easter Time. The ritual for him to begin this period is called **The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion**, and this will be celebrated here at OLPH **next Saturday, March 12**, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. With this ritual, Ed will be formally recognized and accepted as a candidate to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church during this Easter Time. Please keep Ed in your prayers as he enters this Lenten season, his final preparation before joining the Catholic Church and receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion at a Sunday Mass during Easter Time.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### *Prepare Your Heart for the Coming of the Lord*

This season of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Adult Faith Formation program at OLPH is offering an uplifting experience to make ready for the Solemnity of Easter. Every Sunday through April 3, we 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.

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

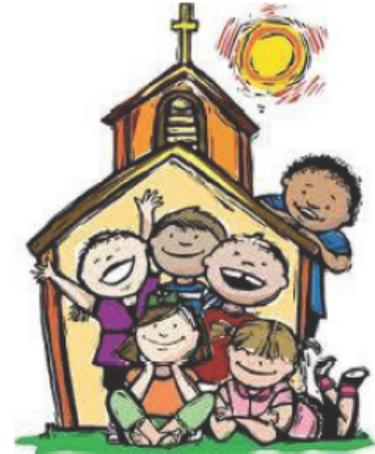
If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; 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.



## 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

### IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

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

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

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

## FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

### LIVE-STREAM MASS

We live-stream the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week. You can join us virtually using one of the following:

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



## LIVE-STREAM MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

### JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

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

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



## FR. FIDELIS HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Hear Fr. Fidelis give weekly reflections and more on his YouTube channel!

You can go to YouTube and search for **FADA PRINCE** (with the logo at left) and click on the **SUBSCRIBE** button.

## LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT

There may still be some copies of *The Little Black Book* left on the pews! If so, be sure to take one. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using *The Little Black Book*.



*Mardi Gras February 27, 2022*





**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

Located in the Rectory  
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 Email: [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)  
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 ([akleinlaut@oloph.org](mailto:akleinlaut@oloph.org))

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:**

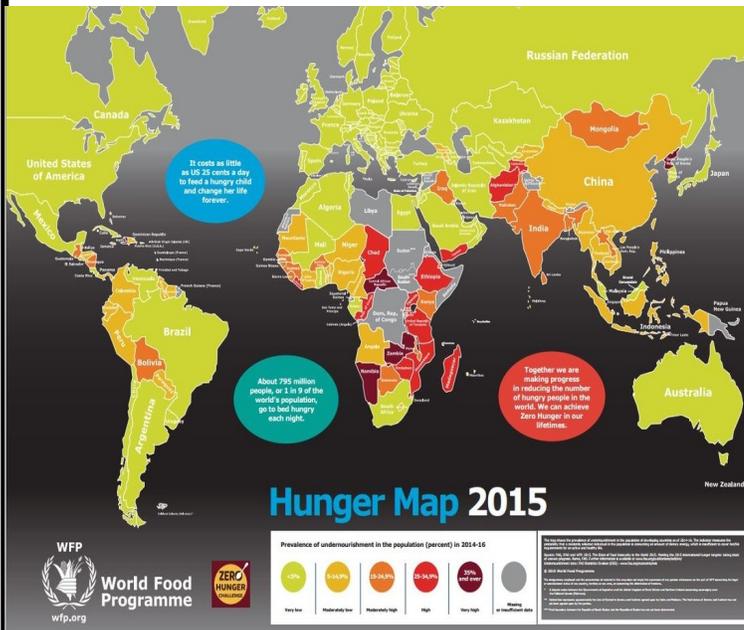
Monday: 9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday: CLOSED  
 Saturday: By Appointment

**LEVELS 7 and 8**

On Sunday, March 6, the Hunger Banquet will take place from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Be sure to bring your Workbook with you to complete the project!

**LEVEL 3**

On Saturday, March 12, you will meet in your child's classroom for your Child/Parent Workshop on Prayer. Parents must attend with students!

**BIBLE CAMP PREVIEW DAY!**

Early Registration: Are you looking to save BIG?! Get the early bird special!

Come to our

**Bible Camp Preview Day**

on Sunday, March 20th

after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

to get the pre-registration discount price!

Space is limited!

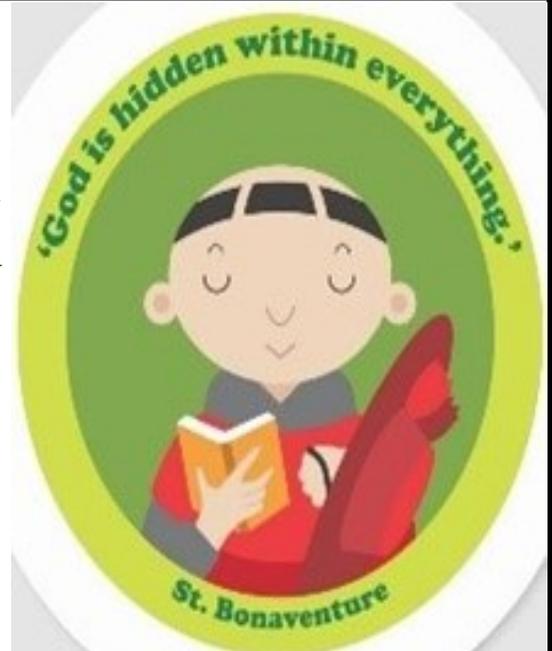
**Save the Date**

**Vacation Bible Camp**

July 11<sup>th</sup>- July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Saint of the Day!**

St. Bonaventure was born in Italy and named John. He became sick as a child. His mother asked St. Francis of Assisi to pray over him to get better. St. Francis saw that he was to be great and cried out, "O Buona ventura," which means "good fortune" in Italian. This is where he got his nickname. He later became a Franciscan Friar and best friends with St. Thomas Aquinas! The Pope saw his hard work and made him a Bishop and then a Cardinal of Albano.



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—[forubabe77@gmail.com](mailto:forubabe77@gmail.com)
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—[thebluedoor@oloph.org](mailto:thebluedoor@oloph.org)
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—[cdefeldman@optonline.net](mailto:cdefeldman@optonline.net)
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—[rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com)—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—[justin97@aol.com](mailto:justin97@aol.com)
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—[oneillp@optonline.net](mailto:oneillp@optonline.net)
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—[gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net)
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—[rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com)
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—[louiseperrotta@optimum.net](mailto:louiseperrotta@optimum.net)
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—[jbecker@oloph.org](mailto:jbecker@oloph.org)

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*Our regular office hours:*

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

## Food Pantry List

### ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

- COFFEE AND TEA
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- SHELF STABLE MILK
- CANNED TUNA
- CANNED MEATS (CHICKEN ETC.)
- PASTA SAUCE
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY OR JAM
- CANNED FRUIT
- FRUIT JUICE
- TOILET PAPER

*Please bring items to the SVdP office:*

*Wednesday and Friday*

*9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.*

*and on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays*

*1:30 – 3:00 p.m.*

**Thank you**

**for your continued generosity.**

## THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!



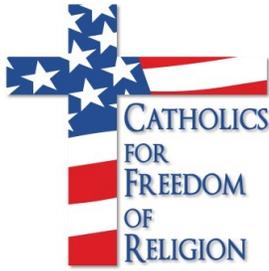
Are you interested in helping out your parish community?

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

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

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

## CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



### Focus on Religious Freedom

[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

*“A religion that doesn't interfere with the secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it.”*

—Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

#### New HHS Rule Would Deny

#### Religious Freedom's Conscience Protections in Healthcare

**Before April 2022 Catholics and Americans of all faiths must learn, pray, speak out, and act.**

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks to reverse and dismantle the Affordable Care Act (ACA) religious liberty protections that were implemented in 2017, as well as the 2020 clarification of discrimination criteria. The proposed new rule would add an "expansive definition" of discrimination on the basis of sex. "Via this redefinition of sexual discrimination, all health-care entities must participate in the provision of abortions, sterilizations, contraception, [and] gender-transition services."<sup>(1)</sup> Adding "sexual orientation and gender identity" to the ACA would require insurers to cover transgender surgeries, cross-sex hormones, and puberty blockers as "medically necessary gender-affirming care" without the ability to investigate religious freedom complaints.<sup>(2)</sup>

This new HHS rule, if approved, would allow no religious exemptions, and would force many medical professionals to violate their medical expertise and religious convictions. HHS advises in court documents that it expects this rule to be enacted in April 2022.

In late 2017, the administration delegated to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) broad authority to enforce violations of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). "Prior to the delegation in 2017, no division was singularly responsible for the Department's compliance with RFRA or the First Amendment," wrote OCR Director Lisa Pino.<sup>(3)</sup>

Also, in June 2020, HHS issued a final rule that affirmed it cannot discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex. HHS "did not create new protected categories under civil rights law," and determined that sex discrimination does not include gender identity or sexual orientation.<sup>(4)</sup> Sex neuroscientist, Debra Soh, explains that the term "gender" is a social and psychological correlate to sex and connotes "masculine" and "feminine." But gender is not a biological characteristic as is "male" and "female," nor is it equivalent to the inherent, biological characteristics of race, color, *etc.*

This plan would "effectively remove all religious considerations from issues around life, family, marriage, the very nature of men and women," said Doug Wilson, from Catholic Benefits Association. "This isn't a Catholic issue; this is a religious issue. This will impact everyone religious, and, essentially, they're saying that your beliefs have no standing in this discussion."<sup>(5)</sup>

*(ncregister.com, 11/24/21(1)(5); dailycitizen.com, 2/4/22(2); christianpost.com, 11/17/21(3); hhs.gov, 6/12/20; asha.org, 6/16/20(4)*

*Pope Francis appealed that freedom of conscience "always and everywhere be respected."*  
—June 17, 2020

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
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Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
 John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
 Bill Bendernagel  
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 Bob Mehm  
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*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.*

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

**Second Announcement:**  
***Ed Cosgrove & Lisa Angius***

## **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**

***Mia Gianna Schultz***

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

## **WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

<i>Camile Shea</i>	<i>Richard Haas</i>
<i>Cathy Postiglione</i>	<i>Daniel Murphy</i>
<i>Nick &amp; Marie Postiglione</i>	<i>Lora Flynn</i>
<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Michael Schroeder</i>
<i>Robert Cuoco</i>	<i>Anthony Russell Licata</i>
<i>Dilibeth Chirimo</i>	<i>Russell Steinmetz</i>
<i>Stephanie Guidice</i>	<i>Kathy Arnold</i>
<i>Anthony Trotta</i>	<i>Dina Zulueta</i>
<i>Antonio James Kienle</i>	<i>Janet Weber</i>
<i>Tom Ferris</i>	
<i>Kevin Ryan</i>	
<i>Giuseppe Pecoraro</i>	
<i>Christine Ann Kulmatycki</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 at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS** **SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022** **12:00 P.M.**

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society</i>	<i>Requested by Frank Odin</i>
<i>Nancy Minore</i>	<i>Requested by June McCowan</i>
<i>Mya Cercado</i>	<i>Requested by Cesar &amp; Andrea Carcado</i>
<i>Virginia Borelli</i>	<i>Requested by AnnMarie &amp; Mike Ferrante</i>
<i>Martene Arreaza de Martinez</i>	<i>Requested by Ilemar Martinez</i>
<i>Marleny Leeds</i>	<i>Requested by Maria Salazar</i>
<i>John Walton</i>	<i>Requested by Tricia Buckley</i>
<i>Florence Harsen</i>	<i>Requested by Bill Atkinson</i>
<i>Baby Anthony Russell Licata (Living)</i>	<i>Requested by Nora Steinmetz</i>
<i>Jose Quinones</i>	<i>Requested by Jacqueline DeJesus &amp; Ramonita Tellado</i>

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Barbara Boglino***  
***Dylan Robert Young***  
***Luis Gonzalo Yauri***  
***Helen Messina***  
***Annette Cilen***

*“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.”*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, March 7—</b> <b>Lenten Weekday</b> <i>(Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs)</i>	
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:15	Frederick Strawitch, Jr.
<b>TUESDAY, March 8—</b> <b>Lenten Weekday</b> <i>(Saint John of God, Religious)</i>	
6:30	Patricia DeRubio
12:15	Thomas J. McCormack
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 9—</b> <b>Lenten Weekday</b> <i>(Saint Frances of Rome, Religious)</i>	
6:30	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	Barbara Santora & Family
<b>THURSDAY, March 10—</b> <b>Lenten Weekday</b>	
6:30	Salvatore Mancuso
12:15	Mickey Jackvony
<b>FRIDAY, March 11—</b> <b>Lenten Weekday</b>	
6:30	Peter Manceri
12:15	Joseph Massiello
<b>SATURDAY, March 12—</b> <b>Lenten Weekday</b>	
8:00	Barbara O'Reilly
<b>Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
5:00	Patricia Henderickson
<b>Sunday, March 13—</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Ralph Silvestre
12:00	Perpetual Help Mass (Listing on p. 20)

<b>Monday, March 7, 2022</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
5:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
<b>Tuesday, March 8, 2022</b>		
5:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group Business Meeting	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society	Room 24
7:15 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation—Adult Confirmation	St. Mark's Room
<b>Wednesday, March 9, 2022</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831)	Off Campus
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Levels 7 and 8 Teaching Mass	School Church
<b>Thursday, March 10, 2022</b>		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
6:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Living the Eucharist	School
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Friday, March 11, 2022</b>		
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
<b>Saturday, March 12, 2022</b>		
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Level 3 Open House Levels 1-5 and Special Ed.	Auditorium School
12:30 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Sunday, March 13, 2022</b>		
11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation—Psalms	North Sacristy
12:30 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

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### Lecturas del domingo 6 de marzo del 2022

#### Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

Ahora -oráculo del Señor-, convertíos a mí de todo corazón, con ayunos, llantos y lamentos; rasgad vuestros corazones, no vuestros vestidos, y convertíos al Señor vuestro Dios, un Dios compasivo y misericordioso, lento a la cólera y rico en amor, que se arrepiente del castigo.

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

Que nuestros labios confiesen

que Jesús es nuestro Señor y Salvador.

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

#### Segunda lectura (Primera de Romano 10:8-13)

Ésta es la fe que profesamos y vivimos: Jesús es nuestro Señor y solo él es nuestro Salvador, sea cual sea nuestra raza o nacionalidad.

#### Lectura del santo evangelio según (San Lucas 4:1-13)

A medida que imite a Jesús y tenga esa misma relación con Dios, lo cual se logra si se alcanza un encuentro íntimo con Dios en la Oración, se alimenta del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús en la Misa, se hace lectura permanente de la Palabra de Dios, se reconoce necesitada de Dios. Solo entonces se es consciente que se es hijo de Dios, llamado a heredar su Reino y que sólo Dios es Señor y dueño de la vida. ¡Jesús, en Ti confío!



Siguiendo una larga tradición, las cenizas provienen de las ramas de olivo del **Domingo de Ramos** del año pasado. Representan la destrucción de los errores del año anterior; estas ramas son incineradas y bendecidas y, convertidas en ceniza, se imponen en la frente de los creyentes con las frases: “Recuerda que polvo eres y en polvo te has de convertir” o “Conviértete y cree en el Evangelio”, reiterando así que la vida en la Tierra es pasajera y que la definitiva se encuentra en el cielo.

#### **El ayuno, la abstinencia y la oración**

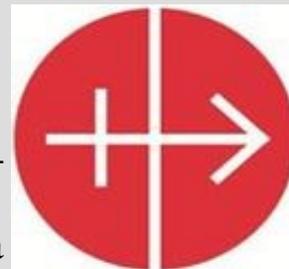
El ayuno consiste en alimentarse con una sola comida fuerte al día, mientras que la abstinencia implica no comer carne; ambas representan un modo de pedirle perdón a Dios por las ofensas y el deseo personal y de corazón de querer cambiar.

La oración en este tiempo es importante, ya que ayuda al prójimo a estar más cerca de Dios; le permite acercarse a Él con el deseo de cambiar lo que se quiere al interior de cada quien.

## OFFERING UPDATE FEBRUARY 26/27

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	230	93	\$3,057.00
8:00 a.m.	163	82	3,180.00
10:00 a.m.	261	60	2,166.00
12:00 p.m.	328	91	2,767.00
Coin			8.56
Faith Direct:			2,730.70
Children's Env.		7	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>\$13,959.26</b>
<b>2021 total</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>\$17,036.08</b>
Candles			\$925.52
Poor Box			\$196.38

## THE CHURCH IN NEED



### The Church in Need – Ukraine

On March 6, 2022 a collection will be taken for “The Church in Need.” The monies collected this year will be directed to assist the people of Ukraine during this time of suffering and war.

Thank you for your generosity.

### La Iglesia Necesitada - Ucrania

El 6 de Marzo del 2022, se hará una colecta a favor de "La Iglesia Necesitada". El dinero recaudado este año se dirigirá a ayudar al pueblo de Ucrania durante este tiempo de tanta necesidad.

Gracias por su generosidad.

### COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

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

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March 13—passed  
March 20—March 11  
March 27—March 18

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS  
NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13.**

**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD  
ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT.**



**PREPARING FOR**  
**Sunday, March 13, 2022**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

*This is my chosen Son; listen to him.*

Luke 9:35

**Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

Abram was promised many descendants and vast land to live in if he trusted in the Lord. These blessings were very concrete and remind us that we too will be blessed abundantly, both in concrete and spiritual ways, if we put our faith in the Lord as Abram did.

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Paul reminds us not to become so involved with day-to-day concerns, even legitimate ones, that we forget our ultimate hope which is our transfiguration into the image of Christ. We are citizens of another realm which is heavenly and we too will have a “glorified body.” The ultimate truth remains – life does not end here.

**Luke 9:28b-36**

Today’s gospel relates how God passes the torch, as it were, from the two pillars of Jewish salvation history – the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah) – to their fulfillment, to the only one left when the cloud lifts – Jesus. We are called, as Jesus was, to move forward to death and then glory by heeding God when he says, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

**Gospel Reflection**

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

1. In the blinding light did Peter know what he was saying? Think of some times that you have seen the divine, not in a transfiguration, but in the ordinary. Please share your experiences with others.

2. Pope Francis reflected on the Transfiguration with pilgrims gathered in St. Peter’s Square on the Second Sunday in Lent. What does he say is the important message of the Transfiguration?

*That feeling of Peter that “it is well that we are here” must not become spiritual laziness. We cannot remain on the mountain and enjoy the bliss of this encounter on our own. Jesus himself brings us back to the valley, among our brothers and sisters and into daily life. We must beware of spiritual laziness: we are fine, with our prayers and liturgies, and this is enough for us. No! Going up the mountain does not mean forgetting reality; praying never means avoiding the difficulties of life; the light of faith is not meant to provide beautiful spiritual feelings. No, this is not Jesus’ message. We are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by his light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere. Igniting little lights in people’s hearts; being little lamps of the Gospel that bear a bit of love and hope: this is the mission of a Christian.*

[Igniting Little Lights](#)

Angelus 2/28/2021



*Readings for the Week*

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

**Monday, March 7, 2022:**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18  
 + Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022:**

Isaiah 55:10-11  
 + Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday, March 9, 2022:**

Jonah 3:1-10  
 + Luke 11:29-38

**Thursday, March 10, 2022:**

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25  
 + Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday, March 11, 2022:**

Ezekiel 18:21-28  
 + Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday, March 12, 2022:**

Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
 + Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday, March 13, 2022:**

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
 + Philippians 3:17—4:1  
 + Luke 9:28b-36

**2022 OLPH GOAL: \$114,600**



*During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. -- Pope Francis*

Dear Parishioners:

As we begin the Lenten season, we are mindful of the three holy principles of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Today, I would like to focus on almsgiving. When we give alms, we are not only thinking of our neighbor, but we are also thinking of God and all the blessings He has generously given to us. Sharing these blessings to help others, enables us to fulfill our baptismal call to be missionary disciples. In doing so, together we *build a community of faith, hope and love*, the theme of this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we are given a wonderful opportunity to give alms through our gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The CMA calls together all of the parishes on Long Island to help raise funds to support our faith community and ensure that it will be vibrant for generations to come.

Your support of the CMA ensures that the ministries will have the funds they need to strengthen *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island and beyond. Ministries that include Faith formation of our seminarians, deacons, lay leaders, young adult and youth ministry and our children in religious education classes; Respect Life initiatives; Catholic Charities affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities, substance abuse programs, food programs and parish social ministry support. There are so many other vital programs that as a parish we could never accomplish alone. More than 600,000 are served by the CMA, each year. Additionally, since the pandemic, extended programs have been created to serve those in most need and virtual programs have been established.

I ask you to please join me and all Catholics within our diocese to become *One Family in Mission* spreading faith, hope and love to all those in need on our Island. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal to the best of your ability. Every gift matters, no matter the size. **Please remember that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

May God bless you, your loved ones, and our parish as we begin our Lenten journey.

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## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**The “Moving On” Group** An ‘After- Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents: **“Staying Safe”** Presented by: Jeanne Osias, of the Suffolk County Police Department. Topics Include Current Scams, Online Safety, Burglary Prevention, Etc. Friday, **March 11, 2022** at 7:30 p.m. Church of St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702, 631-669-0068. For further information please call Linda Sparaco, Facilitator, at 631-225-9530

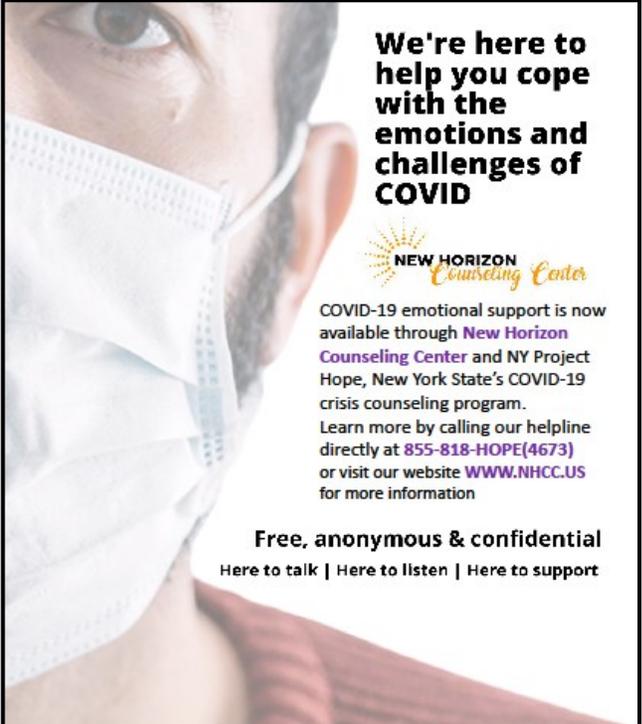
**Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection for Liturgical Ministers** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, and Parish Musicians are invited to come together and reflect on Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection and discover its meaning for their lives, their ministry, and their parish communities. Fr. Sebastian White, O.P., Editor-in-Chief, Magnificat Magazine. Saturday, **March 12, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.** St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers Registration fee: \$30 (includes lunch) More information and registration: [nyliturgy.org/dayofreflection](http://nyliturgy.org/dayofreflection) Contact: [liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org) or 914.968.6200, x 8177.

**Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island** Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. New Member Orientation Meeting Tuesday, **March 15th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Frances Columbus Club, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. (Parking in the rear of building) Non-denominational. All are welcome! Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. *Proof of vaccination or a recent negative test required.* For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting -Angel at 631-574-0368 or Janet 516-579-4016.

**Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers.** 8-week program for age 50 and over, Thursday, **March 24, 2022, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** at St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 N. Carll Ave., Babylon. **For losses that have occurred before December 31, 2021.** For more information and registration, please call: Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson 631-661-8994.

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

The **Retrouvaille Program** is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriages counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, **May 13th**, please visit our website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help. Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743.



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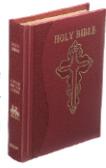


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