

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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2021

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*Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.”*

John 20:29

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

April 11, 2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open

6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. seven days a week,
except for Thursdays when it closes
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

Face covering and social distancing required.

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.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Confessions are being heard in classrooms
in the “new school annex” near High Street.

See inside bulletin for safety protocols.

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons

at 12:45 p.m. in the church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday, Saturday and Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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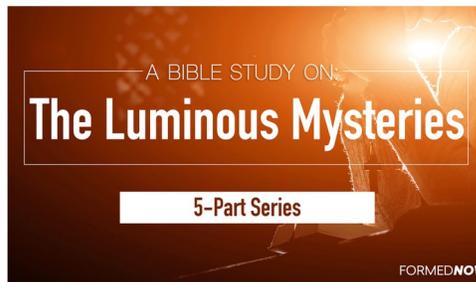
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April 11, 2021

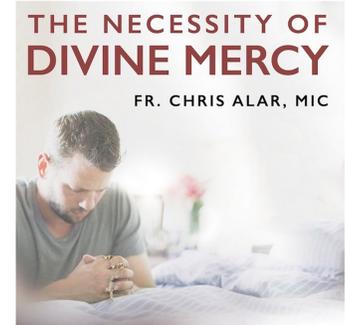
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PASTOR'S PAGE

Second Sunday of Easter

Happy Easter! This Sunday is the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, and so the Sunday we celebrate today completes the Easter Octave. Our joy-filled cries of "Alleluia!" continue as we exult in the new life and salvation we have been given through the Lord's Resurrection! Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! Happy Easter!

I'm still flying high from the amazing and beautiful liturgies we celebrated during the Sacred Paschal Triduum — and simply from the fact that we were able to gather in person again, unlike last Easter. I must again express my deep, deep gratitude to all who in any way worked on, prepared for (including the decorating!), ministered at and participated in our liturgies during the Triduum. I personally was very moved, and I experienced moments of deep prayer; I found myself once again renewed and spiritually reinvigorated, which this year I needed very, very much (going by comments many of you made to me, I would say you needed it too!). All that is due primarily, of course, to the working of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit works through all of us; for me, all of you were vehicles of the Spirit as we prayed together so powerfully, and as you so generously offered your witness of faith.

It's fascinating to note that the Missal texts (prayers of the Mass) for this Second Sunday of Easter are filled with references to our sacramental initiation. Historically, this day was given the name *Dominica in albis* — a Sunday for the neophytes (newly initiated) to wear their white baptismal garments (albs). We can continue to pray for our neophyte this year, Wende Mitchell, who was initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil. How fitting it is for all of us to reflect on what it means for us to be united to Christ and to have new life in Him through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the three Sacraments of Initiation, when we "put on" the life of Christ as a new garment!

As two examples of this emphasis on initiation in today's Mass, we can look to two of the prayers of the Mass for this Sunday. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for today's Mass is brimming with the language of initiation: it reminds us that we are the people who have been made God's own through the font in which we have been washed (Baptism), by whose Spirit in whom we have been reborn (Baptism and

Confirmation), and by whose Blood we have been redeemed (Eucharist). The Prayer over the Offerings asks that we may "attain unending happiness" because we have been "renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism."

Throughout all the fifty days of Easter Time, we rejoice as we reflect on what Christ has done for us, and as we extol the mystery of sharing in His life; as one of the Prefaces for Easter reminds us, "...by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life." Alleluia!

Divine Mercy Devotions

St. John Paul II gave the additional title of "Divine Mercy Sunday" to this Second Sunday of Easter. This title does not connote a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather it leads us more deeply into the continuing celebration of God's mercy on this Second Sunday of Easter and throughout all of Easter Time.

OLPH will be participating in special devotions to mark the day. Please plan on joining in some or all of the special events which begin with the 12:00 Noon Mass and which continue with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Hour of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m., and then Benediction, followed by Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, at 3:30 p.m.

Thank you for all the Easter cards and notes and good wishes!

To all of you who sent Easter cards and notes and good wishes to the priests, and to those of you who sent cookies and other goodies, we want to express our gratitude and appreciation to you for your kindness and generosity. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Brick Memorialization in the "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden

Please remember that we continue to accept memorializations for bricks in our beautiful "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden on the south side of the church. Don't let the name of the statue fool you — the memorializations are to remember any person, living or deceased, or any prayer intention in general, and not just ones dealing with children.

Even if you have already memorialized a brick here at OLPH, I'm sure there's another person or intention you would like to have memorialized; you're not limited to only one! Please see the order form elsewhere in the bulletin, and feel free to tell all your family and friends about this so they can participate too. Remember: you don't have to be a parishioner of OLPH to memorialize a brick...for that matter, you don't even have to be Catholic! Thank you for your consideration.

Journal Ads for the 150th Anniversary Journal

We're also still accepting ads for the special Commemorative Journal in celebration of the parish's 150th Anniversary; use the order form elsewhere in this bulletin. This is a great way to offer your congratulations to our parish on this milestone, or to advertise your business, or to honor someone you wish to put in the spotlight! The Commemorative Journal is an important fund raiser and a big part of our Anniversary Year celebration, so we're looking for many, many people and many, many businesses to take out ads. Please be sure to participate, and spread the word to your family and friends.

Anniversary Year Commemorative Items for sale

There are still many beautiful 150th Anniversary Year Commemorative Items which can be purchased; see the order form in this bulletin, or use the special link on the homepage

of our website www.olphlindenhurst.com to order online. Your purchase of these items is a great support to the parish. Tell your family and friends about this, too!

Catholic Ministries Appeal

We're continuing to do well in our Catholic Ministries Appeal this year, and I thank you for that, especially in the midst of all the hardships you have faced over the past 12-plus months. Our assigned goal this year is **\$111,600**, and I am grateful to all of you who have already submitted your pledges. Thank you! Please remember, we cannot do without the income we receive from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate. We need that income to keep from "going under," so we need your support. Thank you for your generosity!

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,



HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND THE EASTER VIGIL



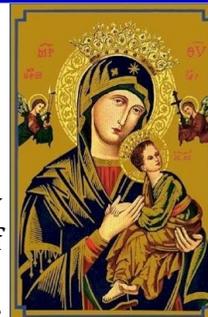


**ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesdays**

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



*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.

Monday, April 12—12:45 p.m.

Monday, April 19—12:45 p.m.

Monday, April 26—12:45 p.m.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

PRAY FOR ALL PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

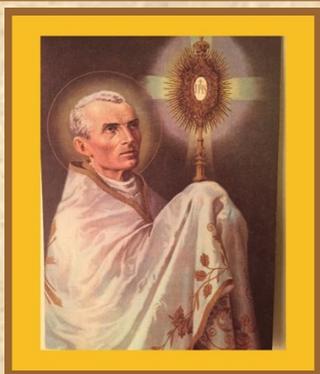
to join the semi-annual tradition of praying for priests and seminarians of the Rockville Centre Diocese.

Every priest and seminarian's name will be read aloud.

Adoration and silent prayer will take place on

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

OPEN HOURS 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.



Cure of Ars, Merrick

Holy Name of Jesus, Woodbury

Maria Regina, Seaford 4:00-8:00 p.m. ONLY

Our Lady of Poland, Southampton 6:00-8:00 p.m. ONLY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst

St Agnes Cathedral, RVC Holy Cross Chapel

St Aidan, Williston Park, 2:00-4:00 p.m. ONLY

St Anthony, Oceanside

St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport

St Barnabas, Bellmore 3:00-7:00 p.m. ONLY

St Dominic, Oyster Bay

St Isidore, Riverhead 6:00-8:00 p.m.

LIVE STREAM: saintisidoreriverhead.org

St. Mary of the Isle, Long Beach

St Rosalie, Hampton Bays

Prayer participants are welcome to come and go at these participating parishes.

Please pray along with your fellow parishioners of RVC Diocese and help make praying for priests a regular devotion two times every year, every Tuesday before ALL SOULS DAY and every Tuesday after DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM



We are in need of one or two people willing to help with the live-streaming of funerals which are held on weekday and Saturday mornings. Training will be provided. There are others involved too, so the commitment might be only three or four times a month. For more information, contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory, cferraro@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210.

Consider being a part of this important outreach to our bereaved families.

MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER



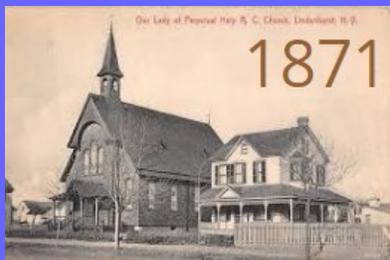
Join us on **Monday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.**
on the Rectory Lawn

in front of the Blessed Mother Statue
for the annual Crowning of the Blessed Mother.

This is always such a beautiful experience of prayer and devotion, and it is especially important for us to honor Our Blessed Mother. In case of inclement weather, the Crowning will be held indoors in the church.

SAVE THE NEW DATE!

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 150th ANNIVERSARY YEAR DINNER DANCE



ANNIVERSARY YEAR DINNER DANCE —

SAVE THE NEW DATE!

We hope you will join us as we celebrate 150 years of “The Place to Be.”
Due to Covid restrictions the dinner/dance has been rescheduled.

See new date below.

\$75 pp/ More formal details to follow!!! It will be GREAT!!!

**Friday,
Sept. 24, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

**MEMORARE CATERERS
2183 JACKSON AVENUE
SEAFORD, NY 11783**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

EVERY SUNDAY ON YOUTUBE - [OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST](#)



LOOKING FOR ANOTHER WAY TO ENGAGE YOUR CHILD IN THEIR FAITH FROM HOME?

JOIN US WEEKLY TO BREAK OPEN THE GOSPEL AND LISTEN TO A REFLECTION ON THE OLPH YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

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



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. It will take only a little while once or twice a week, starting at 12:45 p.m. on a Tuesday and/or a Thursday, and your commitment will be minimal. Your responsibility will end when we return to Ordinary Time. 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!

IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH

FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:

- ▶ **WEAR A FACE MASK OR FACE COVERING — NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ▶ **REMAIN AT LEAST SIX (6) FEET APART, SIDE-TO-SIDE AND IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND YOU**
- ▶ **SIT IN DESIGNATED SEATS ONLY**
- ▶ **ENTER ONLY THROUGH WELLWOOD AVENUE DOORS**
- ▶ **EXIT ONLY THROUGH SIDE DOORS ON NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE**

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are being celebrated in the school building, in classrooms in the “new school” annex along High Street every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. until further notice.

Each priest will be in his own classroom.

These are the protocols that must be followed for going to Confession:

- ▶ **Entry is only via the blue doors at the north end of the hallway (off of the small parking lot)**
- ▶ **Exit is only via the doors at the south end of the hallway (into the large parking lot)**
- ▶ **Everyone — priests and penitents — is required to wear face masks or face coverings**
- ▶ **Lines on the floor will indicate a 6-foot social distance between those waiting on line outside each classroom**
- ▶ **Signs on easels outside the classroom will indicate the name of the priest who is in the classroom**
- ▶ **Social distancing and plexiglass dividers will keep a safe distance between priest and penitent, whether the penitent celebrates anonymously or face-to-face (both options are available)**

IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...

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 Facebook page: @olphlindenhurst
- OLPH YouTube Channel: OLPH Church Lindenhurst



CAN YOU HEAR US?



We are in the process of upgrading the sound system in the choir loft and completing the installation of a sound system in the Divine Mercy Chapel for use by our Schola and Youth Choir. We are in need of a new or gently used iPad which will be used to control the sound levels in both the choir loft and the Divine Mercy Chapel. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory (631) 226-7725 X 210 or cferraro@oloph.org.

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2020/2021 ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL PRICING

**BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR AND SUPPORT OLPH!
PLACE AN AD IN OUR COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL!**

One of the highlights of the Anniversary Year will be a **Commemorative Journal**, available in conjunction with our Anniversary Year Dinner Dance on September 24, 2021.

Support the parish by placing an ad in our journal! An ad can be taken in the name of your family, or your business, and can include congratulatory wishes to the parish, or it can be a memorialization of deceased loved ones, or an expression of gratitude to God. Honor that special priest, family members living or deceased, or just say thanks for the memories. If you're creative, prepare your own ad; if you're not that creative, just send us your message and our team will create the ad for you!

There are many possibilities!
Deadline is August 1, 2021!

Don't miss out!
Send in your ad copy and payment TODAY!

If you need additional information, or have questions, contact Bob Dobres 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney 631-560-0451.

PLEASE INDICATE AD SIZE AND TYPE

- GOLD FULL PAGE \$350
- B/W FULL PAGE \$150
- B/W HALF PAGE \$100
- B/W 1/4 PAGE \$75

For more information call Bob Dobres at 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451

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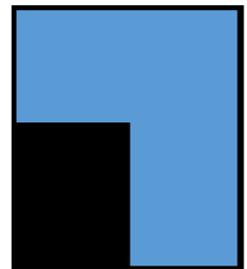
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Full Page and Cover
8.5 x 11"



Half Page
8.5 x 5.5"



Quarter Page
4.25 x 5.5"

Please submit payment along with ad materials no later than **August 1st**

Mail hard copy to rectory address above and attach copy of ad or materials (ad text, photos, images) to this form or write copy on back.

Email electronic version to 150thjournal@oloph.org. Please email a .pdf or .jpg file format.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Use this form to order great 150th Anniversary Memorabilia!

150th Anniversary Memorabilia of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone (cell/home) _____

E-mail: _____

Thank you for celebrating with us! Bring this form & hand it in to the rectory with precise payment of either cash (in a ziplock bag) or check. You will be notified when your order is ready for a pickup date.

You may also check the website for a closer look at these products!

<http://olph150th.com>

Item	Price	Quantity	Item	Price	Quantity
 Keychain	\$10.00		 Tote bag	\$10.00	
 T-Shirt	\$15.00	S ___ M ___ L ___	 Pen with Stylus	\$3.00	
 Sweatshirt	\$40.00	M ___ L ___ XL ___	 Playing cards	\$12.00	
 Tumbler	\$15.00		 Magnet	\$ 3 2 for \$5	

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Date: _____

Order Placed: _____ Order Received: _____
Pickup date: _____ Notified Date(s): _____
Picked up by: _____

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:

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

ALL LEVELS

Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 14 and Saturday, April 17. Get ready for final reviews, as we only have two classes left for the year!

Registration for 2021-22

registration **OPEN**

LEVELS 6-8

Be sure to complete your Mass Journals and Workbooks over the break. Everything is due when you get back!

Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families began April 5. After June 15, there will be a **\$25 late fee** for ALL registrations. We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a "New Family Appointment" or to call us for any information. Please remember that all new registered students, including those with siblings already in the program, must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate. New families **MUST** make an appointment to register by calling or e-mailing us. Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2021-2022 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

Bible Camp Registration!

Be sure to register ASAP, as space is limited to 12 kids per group this year! Go to the website to sign-up before June! <https://forms.gle/E1vzrza6yQLsmixA8>
Vacation Bible Camp Needs You!
 Planning Meeting **Saturday, April 17,**



at 12:00 p.m. in the school Auditorium.
 Please consider being a part of our Adventure Team!
 Contact April for more information.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864— cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon— mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
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NEW Food Pantry List!

**SMALL PKGS OF RICE
SHELF STABLE MILK
BAKED BEANS
PANCAKE SYRUP**

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

**Thank you
for your continued generosity
in keeping
our pantry well stocked.**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

631.226.7725 x. 234

Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!”

During Mass we turn to each other and say “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say “Peace be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL AT OLPH

During these very difficult times many of us find ourselves in financial difficulty, often for the first time. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. Please don't feel embarrassed—you are not alone. We want to assure you that all matters relating to SVDP are completely confidential. All volunteer workers in the Food Pantry are Vincentians who are pledged to follow the “Rule” in dealing with our friends and neighbors. We reach out to those who come to us with kindness, sincerity and total confidentiality. You may come to the pantry for food every two weeks. The money that would have been spent on this food can then be used to pay other bills. Please reach out to us by calling our Food Pantry office at 631-226-7725 x. 234. Our regular office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and 1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. We're here for you.



WE'VE MOVED & WE'RE OPEN

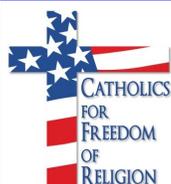
The **Blue** Door Thrift Boutique
is open with limited hours of operation,
in our new location. We are only open
Wednesdays,
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

We have moved into the basement of the school, entrance off the small school parking lot near the gym and cafeteria doors. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, The Blue Door can only accept clothing donations of CLEAN clothes, bagged and tied up in plastic bags. All shoppers will be expected to wear masks and we may limit the number of shoppers in the store due to social distancing. Please note, we also have a new phone number: 631-226-7725 extension 248.

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CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

"Opponents of Christianity will believe anything except Christianity."—G.K. Chesterton

Canceling Christianity Continues in America

"Cancel culture is the modern social attitude that controversial speech or behavior must be punished through public shaming, silencing, boycotting, firing, bankrupting, de-platforming, etc. The result is that the so-called offender's influence, presence, and/or reputation is 'canceled out.'" ⁽¹⁾

In America today, Christian figures and symbols have increasingly become the subject of debate and vandalism as protestors pull down statues of saints, such as St. Junipero Serra in California, calling him a colonizer when he actually combated the cruelties of the Spanish colonizers. One prominent activist said that taking down statues of Jesus is acceptable so long as they depict Jesus as white, saying, "They are a form of white supremacy." ⁽²⁾

Opposition to core Christian beliefs on life, marriage, and gender have affected many institutions and resulted in numerous lawsuits. An example is the Little Sisters of the Poor, forced by the government to provide objectionable healthcare insurance, have taken their case to the Supreme Court three times.

Last summer, Msgr. Charles Pope, a popular Washington, D.C. priest, became a victim of the cancel movement after he led a religious procession to the Emancipation Memorial and read Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. He received so many online attacks, he had to shut down his accounts.

(gotquestions.org/cancel culture, 2021(1); washingtonexaminer.com, 6/23/20(2); 1.cbn.com, 6/26/20; rt.com, 6/23/20; crosswalk.com, 11/5/20)

Happening Now: Satanic Temple Suing Boston City Over Opening Prayer

The Satanic Temple has sued Boston after the city council declined to allow Satanists to deliver an invocation at the start of its meetings. The group, which has lodged freedom of religion challenges nationwide, said that the council's policy for its opening prayer is discriminatory and unconstitutional because it does not permit prayer from every religious organization that wishes to deliver one.

However, our laws do not require that Satanism be protected as a religion because it is, in fact, not a religion. It is irreligion or anti-religion, meant to deny devotion to God. "Its goal is to produce a society where religion is no longer viewed as a duty or inalienable right. Thus, granting Satanism religious freedom protections undermines rather than strengthens religious freedom rights by directly attacking their foundation: the existence of a Creator who is the source of unalienable rights." ⁽³⁾

(indcatholicnews.com, 2/1/21; returntoorder.org, 1/31/21; thecatholicthing.org, 5/6/17(3))

"Evil triumphs when good men do nothing."—Thomas Jefferson

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE CELEBRATE

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



-Rite of Baptism

Olivia Marie Blum

**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.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

WE REMEMBER

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

Antonio Senande

John Delfino

John Sheehan

Samantha Chapman Belfort

Emilia Giancola

Frank DiSclafani

Alice M. Aguanno

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...

Christine Guido

Aida Sormiento

James Schmitt

Sophia Wiesler

Edward Henry

Lisa Hulsen

William Fleming

Adonis Catania

Robert Huber

Marie & Tom Stagnitta

Darby Bandini

Dorothy Fitzgerald

Miranda Wesolowski

Mary Doran

Dawn Arpino

Baby Addison Rose White

Stephanie Guidice

Nora McMahon

Josephine Johnson

Patricia & Richard Kleczkowski

Carol Van Dyke

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

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and help the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Through reading, self discovery, and group discussions, members find a new and meaningful way to cope with their loss. OLPH will hold groups in the Spring and Fall.

Spring Bereavement Group will meet Saturdays **May 8 to June 26, 2021** from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Due to Covid restrictions and weather, the group will meet in the courtyard. Registration is required. Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062. Please bring your own chair and refreshments.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, April 12—****Easter Weekday**

6:30 Mary Anne Bagnoli

12:15 Perrotta & Brancalo Families

TUESDAY, April 13—**Easter Weekday***(Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr)*

6:30 Patrick Carragee

12:15 Melissa Eramian

WEDNESDAY, April 14—**Easter Weekday**

6:30 Rosario Pisano

12:15 Agostino Pecoraro

THURSDAY, April 15—**Easter Weekday**

6:30 Jadwiga Charzanowska

12:15 Michael Tretola, Sr.

FRIDAY, April 16—**Easter Weekday**

6:30 Dorothy R. Cascardo

12:15 Mark Santoli

SATURDAY, April 17—**Easter Weekday**

8:00 Mildred Gugliotti

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

**Sunday, April 18—
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Christian Mothers and Guild

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 For the Repose of the Souls of the
McCarthy Family**PARISH CALENDAR****Monday, April 12, 2021**

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

12:45 p.m. Devotions Church

2:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting Room 24

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

6:00 p.m. Prayer for Priests Church

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

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. Exposition Church

5:30 p.m. Level 6 Class School

7:00 Level 7 and 8 Class School

7:30 p.m. Family Life Ministry Meeting Cafeteria

8:30 p.m. RCIA Zoom

Thursday, April 15, 2021

1:00 p.m.-on Church closed for cleaning Church

7:30 p.m. Baptismal Prep Class Room 16

Friday, April 16, 2021

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

Saturday, April 17, 2021

8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Levels 1-5 and Special Ed. Classes School

12:00 p.m. Bible Camp Planning Meeting Auditorium

1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

4:00 p.m. Confessions School

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Sunday, April 18, 2021

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 al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

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

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

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

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

Liturgia Viva del Domingo 2º de Pascua - Ciclo B reflexiones de las lecturas 4/11/2021

A los discípulos reunidos como comunidad se les apareció Jesús y les deseó la paz.

A todos ustedes, reunidos aquí como comunidad del Señor,

les saludo con el mismo deseo

y con las mismas palabras de Jesús:

"¡Que la paz esté con ustedes!"

Primera Lectura (Hechos 4:32-35): Un Solo Corazón y una Sola Alma

Los miembros de las primeras comunidades cristianas creían firmemente que el Señor Resucitado estaba vivo entre ellos. A causa de esta fe, eran "un solo corazón y una sola alma" y compartían con los necesitados. ¿Tenemos también nosotros esta fe y este amor?

Segunda Lectura (1 Juan 5:1-6): Una Vida de Fe y Amor

Los que creen en Dios y en su Hijo Jesucristo Resucitado también aman a su prójimo. Pertenecen a la familia de Dios, como nosotros, aun cuando a veces los otros nos parecen parientes extraños.

Evangelio (Juan 20:19-31): De la Duda a la Fe

Para personas como nosotros, que no hemos visto a Cristo Resucitado, Juan nos relata la historia **Todos Uno en el Señor Resucitado**

Sabemos lo desalentados y deprimidos que estaban los apóstoles y discípulos del Señor después que Jesús murió en la cruz. Cuando experimentaron que había resucitado, supieron que estaba vivo y presente entre ellos. Su fe en el Señor Resucitado los unió a todos como "un solo corazón y una sola alma" y les movió a preocuparse los unos por los otros. Y nosotros ¿qué? Nos hemos reunido aquí en la presencia del Señor Resucitado. ¿Somos todos uno en él? ¿Nos preocupamos los unos de los otros? del incrédulo Tomás que se convirtió en el Tomás creyente y fiel.

Recordándoles que el Viernes Santo comienza la novena ala Divina misericordia

"La humanidad no conseguirá la paz hasta que se dirija con confianza a Mi misericordia" (Diario, 300) La Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia tiene como fin principal hacer llegar a los corazones de cada persona el siguiente mensaje: Dios es Misericordioso y nos ama a todos... "y cuanto más grande es el pecado, tanto más grande es Mi misericordia" (Diario, 723). En este mensaje, que Nuestro Señor nos ha hecho llegar por medio de Santa Faustina, se nos pide que tengamos plena confianza en la Misericordia de Dios, y que seamos siempre misericordiosos con el prójimo a través de nuestras palabras, acciones y oraciones... "porque la fe sin obras, por fuerte que sea, es inútil" (Diario, 742).

Con el fin de celebrar apropiadamente esta festividad, se recomienda rezar la Novena a la Divina Misericordia que contiene la coronilla y las oraciones; un buen examen de conciencia, confesión, y recibir la Santa Comunión el día de la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia, que es el domingo después del domingo de resurrección.



OFFERING UPDATE			
March 27/28—Palm Sunday			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	242	80	\$2,891.00
8:00 a.m.	219	110	3,962.00
10:00 a.m.	278	69	2,243.00
12:00 p.m.	257	57	1,946.00
3:30 p.m.	125	10	882.00
Coin			3.25
Faith Direct:			2,921.50
Children's Env.		13	77.00
Mail-ins:			2,267.00
TOTAL	1,121	339	\$17,192.75
April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday	<i>We were under lockdown— No public Masses were said</i>		\$13,355.00
Candles			\$688.84
Poor Box			\$319.72

OFFERING UPDATE			
April 3/4—Easter Sunday			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.			
8:00 a.m.			
10:00 a.m.			
12:00 p.m.			
Total			
Faith Direct			
Children's Env.			
Mail-ins			
TOTAL			
Palm Sunday			
Candles			
Poor Box			

The Collection totals for Easter Sunday will be printed at a later date. Thank you for your understanding!



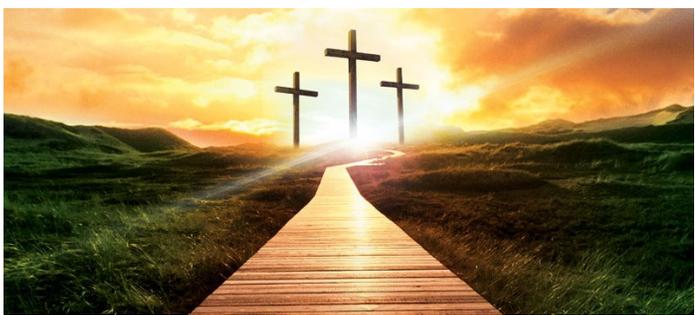
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All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted* no later than the dates listed below and *as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.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

April 18—passed
 April 25—April 16
 May 2—April 23

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, April 18, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Peace be with you.

Luke 24:36

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

What Peter says in this speech may be familiar to us today but it would have been scandalous to his hearers back in the day. Peter is speaking to the crowds of Jews in the Temple area who likely would have thought of Jesus as a common criminal that they had just seen executed. Yet here is Peter who tells them that Jesus is the “author of life” and is raised from the dead. He tells them that God has fulfilled what the prophets said a long time ago by having Jesus suffer and die, as in the Suffering Servant songs in the Book of Isaiah. How would you react if you were in their place? Would you believe what you were hearing? Do you believe it now?

1 John 2:1-5a

John writes some reassuring words to his readers back in the day but also to us today. He tells us that if we sin (who doesn't?) that we have an Advocate with the Father, someone who will take our side to intercede for us and comfort us. That someone is Jesus who died to expiate not only our sins but the sins of the whole world. What should be our response? We should come to know Jesus by keeping his commandments. If we keep his word, the love of God will be perfected in us. Reassuring indeed!

Luke 24:35-48

We hear in the Gospel today of how Jesus appeared to his disciples in a locked upper room in Jerusalem where they were hiding. What was their reaction? They were startled and terrified. They knew he was dead and now here he was alive and talking to them in their midst. How would we have responded? Probably the same way. But Jesus goes on to reassure them that he is alive and opens their minds to how these great events had been foretold by the Scriptures. Then he commissions them to go out and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name. That same commission is still ours today two thousand years later.

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. He appeared in their midst. But why did Jesus say, “Peace be with you” to his disciples? What was the emotional atmosphere in the group at that time? Are there times in your life when you are distraught and you need some peace? Does it help you that Jesus has experienced trials like yours? Did God take our flesh because he needed to do so, or because it was us who needed him to?

2. What was the disciples' task, having recognized the risen Lord, and seeing that he “opened their minds to understand the scripture”? Is our task now to preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations? How can we do that globally? What about locally or in our neighborhoods?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 12, 2021:

Acts 4:23-31 + John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 13, 2021:

Acts 4:32-37 + John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 14 2021:

Acts 5:17-26 + John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 15, 2021:

Acts 5:27-33 + John 3:31-36

Friday, April 16, 2021:

Acts 5:34-42 + John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 17, 2021:

Acts 6:1-7 + John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 18, 2021:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

+ 1 John 2:1-5a

+ Luke 24:35-48



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Irish and Catholic? The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest Irish-Catholic Fraternal Organization in the United States, which was founded in New York City in 1836. AOH St. Patrick's Division 2 is located in the Babylon Village and is the only AOH Division in the Town of Babylon. If you're Roman Catholic and Irish by birth or decent, please consider becoming a member. We have men's, ladies, Jr. Boys & Jr. Girls Divisions. We are a very active and charitable AOH Division. We offer Irish Step Dancing classes, Irish-language classes, Bagpipe & Drum lessons and more! For more information, contact President Jim Killen—email president.babylonhibernians.com, www.BabylonHibernians.com or 631-587-1896.

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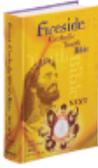
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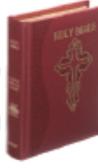
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