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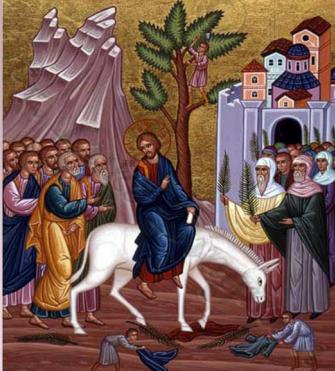
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*“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”*

Luke 19:38

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD April 14, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Frank Pokorney

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK**Three Days That Changed the World**

By Fr. Hector R.G. Perez

Enter into the Triduum

Go alongside Jesus in the final hours of his public ministry as he brings to fulfillment the very purpose of his Incarnation: the salvation of all mankind. Insights into those last three days offer a moving look into the loving heart of Christ.

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Three Days That Changed the World

FR. HECTOR
R.G. PEREZ



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PASTOR'S PAGE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Our holiest week of the year begins today with this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. As the *Roman Missal* tells us: “*On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.*” Later this week we will enter into the holiest time of all, that time-outside-of-time, the Sacred Paschal Triduum. During this week, and especially during those Great Three Days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, we are asked to enter deeply into the mystery of the Lord’s dying and rising. We are called to make that Paschal Mystery our own mystery, and make it the heart of the way we live; we are asked to die and to rise with Christ.

Allow me to take this opportunity today to welcome parishioners who are not regular participants but who have come for Palm Sunday. We are very happy to have you with us! You have enriched our worship through your presence and participation, and we extend to you a warm invitation to come more frequently, indeed, every Sunday! You are a valued part of our community of faith. We hope to see you again next Sunday, Easter Sunday, and every Sunday thereafter. We want you here, and we need you here, each and every week. If there is anything at all that I as your Pastor, or that any of the other priests, can do to facilitate your participation in the life of the parish, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be happy to make the time to meet with you.

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you know about this; spread the word so this can be a success for OLPH.

Brick Memorialization in the “Let the Children Come to Me” Prayer Garden

As you can see from the flyer printed elsewhere in the bulletin, you still have the opportunity to memorialize bricks in our beautiful “Let the Children Come to Me” Prayer Garden on the south side of the church. Even if you have already memorialized a brick here in another location, I’m sure there’s another person or intention you would like to have memorialized; you’re not limited to only one brick! 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. 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.

Have you updated your Census Registration?

It is vitally important that we keep our census information as accurate as possible, so we know how many families we have in our parish, how many members overall, and what the demographic information is concerning the makeup of our parish; this information will help us to do accurate pastoral planning. In addition, we need to clean up our records, for example, by removing people who are no longer in the parish, so that we do not waste money doing mailings that are no longer valid. Toward that end, over the course of the past several years, we have been updating our parish Census Registration, using new Census Forms.

Have you filled out one of the new forms we started using in 2016? If not, please do so; you can stop by the rectory for information, or perhaps you still have one at home somewhere, which you received when we did our big parish mailing last year. Maybe you’ve been meaning to get to it, but keep putting it aside; well, now’s a great time to get it done!

Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about whether you have updated your records, you can always call the parish office and ask. You can also stop down and pick up a new Census Form at the rectory any time during normal business hours. Please remember to return an updated Census Registration Form!

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Also continuing at OLPH is this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our goal this year is **\$109,400**, 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.

Keep in mind, too, all the wonderful ministries throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports: Catholic Charities (feeding, clothing and sheltering the needy); programs of formation and training for future priests, deacons and lay leaders; programs of ministry to those in prison; substance abuse services and day treatment programs; and Youth Campus and Young Adult ministries, to name a few.

I really, really hope we can once again go over goal, as we have done in all my years here. As your Pastor, I ask you to please join with me (I give to the Appeal each year) and so many of your fellow parishioners by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, giving at a minimum what you gave last year, but also even giving more (as I will do). If you have never given in the past, this is the year to do so; OLPH needs you more than ever. Thank you for your generosity!

Special Mass schedule for Easter Sunday, and extra chairs, too!

Please note our special schedule for Masses on Easter Sunday, which is printed elsewhere in this bulletin; it differs slightly from our normal Sunday schedule. Please check the schedule carefully to make sure you have the correct Mass times.

Also, please note that we will be adding chairs in the church for Easter Sunday, to try to provide for more seating and to ease the burden of people who find standing difficult. For a couple of years now we have made this our custom at Christmas and Easter, and it has worked out well. Feel free to take advantage of this extra seating. In addition, I ask everyone to be especially observant next week to offer your seat to someone who might have difficulty standing...as well as being especially kind and patient with all the crowds!

Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Remember that all the Masses on Easter Sunday will be for the intentions of the Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards. If you would like to participate in this meaningful custom and have your intentions prayed for at Easter Sunday Masses, please use the cards and envelopes available and be sure to return them before Easter Sunday to the rectory.

Super 72 Raffle

SUPER 72 tickets have been mailed out; this is our ongoing fun and exciting fund raiser. If you received the mailing and haven't already returned your tickets, please be sure to do so. If you did not receive the mailing, or wish to purchase additional tickets, stop by the rectory for them. Thank you for your support with this fun game!

Little White Books

The *Little White Book*, to follow the *Little Black Book*, containing daily meditations for each day of Easter Time, will be available on the pew ledges starting this Wednesday, April 17. These little books are always so well received that we are happy to provide them for you.

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation: Monday, April 15

Tomorrow, Monday, April 15, Monday of Holy Week, is our annual Diocesan Day of Reconciliation, sometimes referred to as “Reconciliation Monday.” We priests will be continuously available in the church from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to hear Confessions (with each of us, Fr. Fidelis, Fr. Frank, Fr. Emmanuel and I, taking one break each at staggered times to grab some supper; we've printed elsewhere in this bulletin the times each of us will be available, in case there is one of us in particular you wish to go to). What a great opportunity this is to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

You are especially encouraged to come if you have been away from the Sacrament for a long time; we love to welcome back those who have not come in 10 or 20 years! (I always joke that we priests receive extra “points” when we celebrate Reconciliation with someone who has been away for a long time, so we love to see you come!) I promise you will receive a warm greeting and it will be an uplifting experience.

If the door to a Confessional is open and the light is on inside, that means the priest inside is “open for business” — come on in! If the door is closed but the light is on, it means someone is inside going to Confession. If the door is closed and the room is dark, then no priest is inside that particular room, but from 3:00 to 9:00 on Monday, at least one priest, and most of the time all four of us, will always be available. Make your plans now for coming to Confession on “Reconciliation Monday,” April 15.

Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

As you know, in accord with the ancient tradition of the Church, the only Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday is the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, there is no Mass whatsoever on Good Friday, and the only Mass on Holy Saturday is the great Easter Vigil in the evening. Thus, the usual weekday Masses are not celebrated those days. However, **daily liturgy is celebrated: it's the daily prayer of the Church — the Liturgy of the Hours!** We will be celebrating **Morning Prayer** at 9:00 a.m. each of those days, and I strongly urge everyone to attend.

Even though there is no weekday Mass, it is especially important for us to gather as Church. The *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours* reminds us of the importance of parish communities gathering to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as a means of carrying out the

mission to pray unceasingly: “*In the Holy Spirit Christ carries out through the church ‘the task of redeeming humanity and giving perfect glory to God,’ not only when the Eucharist is celebrated and the sacraments administered but also in other ways and especially when the Liturgy of the Hours is celebrated. There [in the Liturgy of the Hours] Christ himself is present — in the gathered community, in the proclamation of God’s word, ‘in the prayer and song of the Church.’” (#13)*

If you usually come to one of the weekday Masses, you should come to Morning Prayer. If you don’t usually come to weekday Mass, you should also come to Morning Prayer, as a special observance of these holy days. We are already familiar with the Liturgy of the Hours as we have been gathering to pray Evening Prayer after the 5:00 p.m. Masses on Saturdays and Sundays. I hope you will allow these liturgies to provide a structure and rhythm of daily prayer that will set these days aside as holy and as “outside of time.”

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday into Good Friday, Good Friday into Holy Saturday, and Holy Saturday into Easter Sunday are our three holiest days, and everyone should come to the special liturgies for those days. They are meant for everyone! Read a more in-depth explanation of those days elsewhere in this bulletin.

So, we look forward to seeing you at the liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum: the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.; the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, April 19, at either 3:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.; the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night on Holy Saturday night, 8:00 p.m. on April 20; and, of course, Morning Prayer on each of those days, as I have already mentioned.

In addition, don’t forget that there is the diocesan celebration of the **Chrism Mass** at 11:00 a.m. on Holy Thursday morning at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, to which everyone in the diocese is invited. This is not a “ticketed” event; it is open to everyone!

These days, the heart of our liturgical year and the holiest days of all, should not be business as usual, but rather should be days set apart and be days “outside of time” as we enter deeply into the Lord’s Paschal Mystery. Just as it is important for your family to gather for special occasions, because those get-togethers make you who you are as a family, so too with our church family — we should make it a priority to gather together to celebrate the liturgies which immerse us in the mystery of the Lord’s death and resurrection. Make the most of these days; you will be glad you did.

Please do not park in bank parking lot on Good Friday afternoon

One final note: I ask that you kindly not park in the bank parking lot on the north side of the church during the day on Good Friday. Remember that Friday is a normal business day for the bank, and the bank lot is not our property. Let’s be a good neighbor! Please do not park in their lot on Good Friday. Thank you.

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,



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**OLPH CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND GUILD
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ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE



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Palm Sunday, April 14, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

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EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:***PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES FOR THESE DAYS*****Easter Sunday Masses****Saturday, April 20:**

8:00 p.m. only

**The Easter Vigil
in the Holy Night
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)**

Sunday, April 21:7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
& 1:00 p.m.

*(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)
* note special times*

PRAYER AND WORSHIP**DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION**

Confessions
on Monday of Holy Week

April 15, 2019

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

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

Here is the schedule of when priests will be available:

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

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

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

Thank you for your understanding!

LITTLE WHITE BOOK FOR EASTER TIME

Continuing with the popular "Little Book" series, OLPH is happy to provide for you the LITTLE WHITE BOOK for Easter Time. The Little White Book contains brief daily reflections for each of the 50 days of Easter Time, new for 2019. Many people have enjoyed the *Little Black Book* for Lent, and it is important to not stop with the end of Lent, but rather to continue to explore the richness of the Paschal Mystery by continuing our daily reflections throughout all of Easter Time. The books will be available starting Wednesday, April 17. Please look for the *Little White Book* on the pew ledges in church starting on Wednesday of Holy Week and during the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

**LENTEN ENVIRONMENT:****COVERING STATUES AND IMAGES**

We have taken the opportunity to observe the custom of covering (or removing, where possible) crosses and images throughout the church, a practice permitted starting the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Crosses will remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. Since the environment perceived by our senses is an important part of our worship, we hope this custom facilitates your entrance into and spiritual participation in these last days of Lent, as we approach the Sacred Paschal Triduum and the fifty days of Easter Time.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

EASTER SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS

Easter Spiritual Bouquet cards are now available throughout the church. These cards are a meaningful way for you to have your intentions prayed for in the Masses of Easter Sunday.

Take an envelope, fill out your prayer intention, and return the envelope with your donation. Envelopes may be returned either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. All the Masses offered on Easter Sunday will be for the intentions of the Easter Spiritual Bouquet.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHASE PARKING LOT DURING THE DAY ON GOOD FRIDAY

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

SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING OFFERINGS FOR THE POOR ON HOLY THURSDAY

All who attend the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper are asked to bring an offering of food and/or other items for the poor and homeless (for example, for our Van Ministry). Insofar as one of the principal mysteries commemorated on Holy Thursday is the Lord's command to love one another, as also ritualized in the Washing of Feet, this ritual expression of bringing offerings for the poor reminds us that "where true charity is dwelling, God is present there." Check the shopping list for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry and/or the list of items needed for our Van Ministry to the Homeless as printed elsewhere in this bulletin and bring one or more of those items. **REMEMBER, THOUGH: DO NOT BRING YOUR GIFT TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY BEFORE MASS BEGINS! HOLD ONTO IT — YOU WILL CARRY IT UP IN PROCESSION AT THE USUAL TIME OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS, AS DIRECTED BY THE USHERS.** This offering for the poor is the "collection" for that Mass. Thus, these offerings for the poor and the bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist will powerfully symbolize the offerings of ourselves and of our love for one another as we participate in the offering of the Mass.



Save the Date ...

Spring Concert

Saturday, May 11

7:00 p.m. in the church

**featuring our cantors, adult choir, youth band
and youth choir**

We are in need of empty baskets and items to be raffled off or even completed baskets with raffle prizes. We are looking for baskets to be worth at least \$50. Items must be brand new. Gift cards of any amount and scratch off lottery tickets are also most welcome. If you have an extra bottle of wine laying around the house, we'll take that too. Items can be brought to the rectory anytime before Sunday, May 5. Thank you for your support of our music ministry.



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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



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

Monday, April 22—7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 29—7:00 p.m.

HELP NEEDED TO WATER THE EASTER FLOWERS



Help keep our beautiful Easter plants and flowers alive! We need people to offer to take turns to come in and water the Easter plants and flowers during the seven weeks of Easter Time, starting the week of April 21. It will take only a

little while once or twice a week, and your commitment will be minimal. Your responsibility will end when we return to Ordinary Time after June 9 (Pentecost). It's a great way to do something helpful for the parish that does not require a huge ongoing commitment. It's something you can bring your child with you to do! Won't you help us out? Please contact Lynn Bergin at lmbergin@optonline.net or at (516) 528-3404 and she'll give you all the details and sign you up. Thank you!

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING ON GOOD FRIDAY

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Good Friday. 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, but keep in mind that a serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Good Friday fast and abstinence.

This Paschal Fast is to be considered sacred and, if at all possible, consideration should be given to prolonging it through Holy Saturday as a way of coming, with spirit uplifted, to the joys of the Lord's Resurrection.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Holy Saturday morning, April 20 at 9:30 a.m.**, immediately following Morning Prayer. We would love to have lots of folks come on down to pitch in. Why not join the fun and come down to help? (Come to Morning Prayer, and then stay to help out!) It should not take much longer than an hour or so. Bring the kids and do this as a family—what a great way for your family to share in the joy of Easter! We appreciate whatever help you can give us.



THE THREE DAYS: THE SACRED TRIDUUM

THE MEANING OF THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

We are about to enter into the holiest days of the Church year, the days called the Sacred Paschal Triduum. The word “Triduum” means “Three Days,” and it refers to the three days that begin on Holy Thursday evening (April 18) and end on Easter Sunday evening (April 21). These three days form one observance that is its own unique and central part of the liturgical year. The Three Days are not part of Lent, since Lent ends on Holy Thursday before the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Indeed, the Sacred Paschal Triduum is a season set apart, three full days lived as one central moment in the life of every Christian and the life of the Christian community as a whole.

During these days, we are called to enter into a period of prayer, fasting, and vigiling, a period which reaches its climax at the Easter Vigil. There is a unity to the Triduum days that is manifested even in the way the different liturgies begin and end: on Thursday, there is no dismissal or conclusion; on Friday, we gather and leave with no introductory or concluding rites; and at the Vigil we begin around the new fire without the usual introductory rites of the Mass. We begin on Thursday and don’t conclude until after the Vigil, as Easter Sunday is a kind of extension of the Vigil celebration.

These days are the focal point for the entire liturgical year, the central moment around which all else revolves. These days are central because they draw us into the heart of our identity as Church, as a people who have died and risen with Jesus Christ. We celebrate our dying and rising in Christ today. We are all called to re-enter the mystery of dying more fully to self and rising in the Lord.

SETTING SPECIAL TIME ASIDE

Because the Triduum leads us powerfully into the core of who we are in Christ, these days should be observed as fully as possible. Our activities during the Three Days should be something other than “business as usual.” As far as possible, Christians should abstain from normal activity on these days. We should free ourselves from the usual routines of

work, meals, household tasks and entertainment; these should give way to keeping these days as a time of “retreat,” a special time set apart for intense involvement with the mystery we celebrate. We should give ourselves the luxury of allowing these days to look and feel different from other days of the year, entering into a sense of timelessness so that these days stand apart. There should be nothing in our schedule that distracts us from the proper spirit of these days.

One central focus which can help us enter into the proper spirit is **fasting** during these days. The Second Vatican Council issued this appeal for the **Paschal Fast** in its *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, paragraph #110: *Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged through Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind.*

This fast is not penitential in nature, like the Lenten fast; instead, it is preparatory, in anticipation of the coming feast. It is the fasting of those who are



too excited to eat, the fasting of those who are so engrossed in something that they simply forget to stop for a meal. It is a powerful way of marking these days as unique — nothing as usual prevails, not even our habits of eating and drinking. Of course, this fast can involve more than food and drink. The purpose of the fast is to focus our life on the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection, so it may be just as or more important to fast from television, the internet, our iPhones, iPads, tablets, Facebook, Twitter, shopping, and all the other distractions that usually fill our life. The challenge is to find ways to keep these days special, to keep them holy, to keep ourselves focused on the Lord and the meaning of our life in Him.

Thus, while the fast is only strictly required on Good Friday, the Second Vatican Council and subsequent documents have called for its extension through Saturday. As such, the fast becomes a focus for preparing to approach the Easter Vigil on Saturday night; the Church gets ready for that night. Each individual should create his or her own routine of prayer and reflection and fasting for these days.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THESE THREE DAYS

Everyone is invited to share in celebrating the Triduum liturgies! Whether you are young or old, currently active in the parish or not, please set these days aside. All of us should know that we are needed at these liturgies; all of us need our whole community together on these greatest days in our year so that we can pray together as the Body of Christ.

During the three days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, we gather a number of times. Together we hear some of the Church's most beautiful prayers and Scriptures, and we make some of our finest music. Below is the parish schedule and brief explanation of each of the liturgies. Make plans to take part in the various liturgies of Holy Thursday night, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday; above all, come on Saturday night for the Vigil. Don't forget to be at Morning Prayer each day, too!



HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday evening, April 18, we enter together into the Sacred Paschal Triduum with the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.** After listening to the Scriptures, we do something strange: we wash feet. Jesus himself gave us this image of what the Church is supposed to look like, feel like, and act like.

The humble service of washing feet reminds us of the humble service which is the heart of Christian life, a humble service which includes dying to ourselves as the Lord gave his life for us.

Pope Francis has explained that the ritual of washing feet reflects the significance of the gesture Jesus performed in the Upper Room, giving himself "to the very end" for the salvation of the world, his boundless charity. Thus, the rite of washing feet is carried out from among all members of the People of God — men and women, young and old, healthy and sick, clergy, religious and laity. It can be any number of people; it need not be twelve. The rite clearly signifies in a powerful way the love we are called to have for one another.

After the washing of feet, the Mass continues with the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but the evening liturgy has no ending. The Blessed Sacrament is transferred to a separate place, where we are invited to remain in prayer until 11:00 p.m. At OLPH we will transfer the Blessed Sacrament to a special chapel set up in the school auditorium. In that special place parishioners are invited to enter into the quiet and peace and glory of the Sacred Paschal Triduum. **A special "Night Watch" of Scripture readings and music will begin at 10:00 p.m., and then Night Prayer will be prayed at 11:00 p.m.**, after which the Blessed Sacrament will be removed from this special chapel.

Parishioners are also invited to attend **Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday morning, which will be at 9:00 a.m. in the church, and to attend the Chrism Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre**. At the **Chrism Mass** the Oil of Catechumens and Oil of the Sick will be blessed, and the Sacred Chrism will be consecrated. These oils, used in the sacraments throughout the year, will be presented to the parish as part of the evening Mass on Holy Thursday.

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)

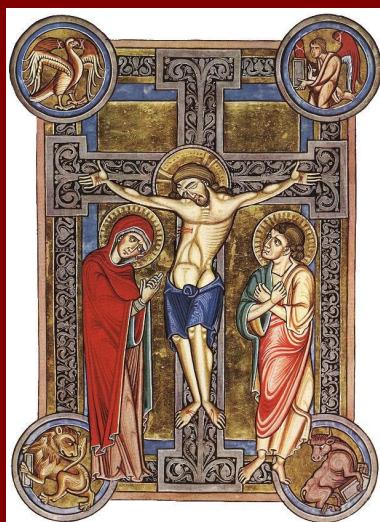
On this day “when Christ became our paschal sacrifice,” the Church reflects on the Passion of her Lord and Spouse, adores his cross, commemorates her own origin from the side of the dead Christ on the cross, and intercedes for the salvation of the entire world.

The principal liturgy for this day, April 19, is the **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 p.m.** This liturgy will be **repeated at 7:30 p.m. for those who are unable to attend at 3:00.** At this liturgy, we gather quietly to listen to Scripture, particularly the chanted proclamation of the Passion from St. John’s Gospel. We pray at length for all the world’s needs with special solemn prayers of intercession. Then there is another once-a-year event: the Holy Cross is held up in our midst, and we come forward to adore the Holy Cross with a kiss or a bow or a genuflection.

The liturgical norms in the *Roman Missal* clearly tell us that only one Cross is to be used for adoration. Parishioners will be directed to come forward to adore this one Cross in a steady flow, **with three people approaching the Cross at the same time (the Cross will be large enough to do this);** please follow the direction of the ushers. This rite is meant to be a communal action, not a moment of private adoration. The Cross will remain on display after the liturgy for those who wish to privately adore the Cross. Also, a Cross will be used rather than a crucifix, since we are not reverencing the dead body of Christ, but rather are adoring, as the liturgical text tells us, “the wood of the Cross on which hung the salvation of the world.”

In the third part of the liturgy, Holy Communion is distributed; it is bread that was consecrated on Holy Thursday evening, since no Mass is celebrated today.

We leave the liturgy in silence, continuing in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. We will also gather to pray **Morning Prayer** together at **9:00 a.m. on Good Friday.** Also, **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at **12:00 Noon.**





HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday for us is like God's rest at the end of creation; it is Christ's repose in the tomb. It is a day of profound silence as the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and awaiting his Resurrection. We will gather to pray **Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.**

THE EASTER VIGIL

Our parish celebration of the great Three Days culminates with the celebration of the **Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening, April 20, at 8:00 p.m.** The Vigil is the heart of our worship; it is the essence of what we have been preparing for during Lent and will celebrate during the great Fifty Days of Easter. **Four elements make up the celebration of the Easter Vigil:**



The Service of Light: The image of the struggle between light and darkness, before us since Ash Wednesday, reaches its climax. A new fire is blessed, the Easter Candle is lit, light fills the darkened worship space, and the candle is honored in the Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*). During this prayer, we bless, praise, and thank God for the light of His Son's resurrection overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

The Liturgy of the Word: The basic stories of our faith are proclaimed. This is meant to be, and will be, a lengthy word service which retells the story of our salvation as nine (9) readings are proclaimed: seven from the Old Testament, a New Testament Epistle, and a Gospel. The Word provides the foundation leading to the Liturgy of Baptism.

The Liturgy of Baptism (Initiation): Those who have been preparing for initiation into the Church now receive the sacraments of new life. This year, OLPH gives birth to four new Christians at the womb of the Church, the baptismal font, as we welcome our elect Kevin McCall, Emily Narine, Catherine Perez and Tara Zemel into the life of Christ and of the Church as they receive the Easter sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Also, as is always done at the Easter Vigil, we as a community will renew our own baptism, as a reminder of our call to ongoing conversion in the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist: All present share in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. There is nothing greater for us to do as Christians than to share in the Eucharist. Kevin, Emily, Catherine and Tara, the newly-baptized and confirmed, receive Holy Communion for the first time.

The Easter Vigil, then, is more than just another Saturday evening Mass. It is the celebration of who we are as people who have died and risen with Christ, proclaimed with fire and candle light, readings and songs, water and oil, bread and wine. The Vigil runs longer than the usual Mass, but those who enter into the spirit of prayer and celebration often experience a sense of timelessness as they encounter the holy.

EASTER SUNDAY VESPERS AND EASTER TIME

The Triduum ends on Easter Sunday evening with Vespers (Evening Prayer), and we encourage you to pray **Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday; in next week's bulletin we will include a simple prayer service you can use at home.** After Easter Sunday, the days of Easter Time begin. The fifty (50) days of Easter Time, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, even as one "great Sunday." This is the period of *Mystagogia*, of reflecting on the mysteries, for those initiated into the Church. It is the time for all of us as Christians to reflect on the meaning of our baptism and the meaning of living the resurrected life of Christ.

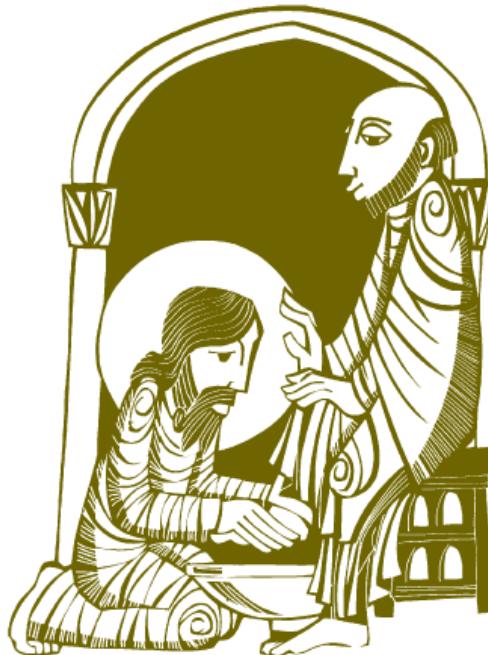
Why Are Feet Washed on Holy Thursday?

Kristopher W. Seaman

During a very blustery winter, my family and I were carefully trying not to slip on the ice as we made our way through a crowded parking lot to the church. Upon entering the worship space, the pastoral associate and pastor asked me to fill in for a person who was frightened to leave the house during the snow storm. I responded with enthusiasm, “I would love to help out! What do you need?” The priest said, “Someone to have their feet washed.” Later on, I remember myself being the one inviting people to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. One person I asked, because of her profound sense of service on behalf of the parish, responded by saying, “Oh! I don’t know. I would gladly wash people’s feet, because I know how to serve others. I am not very good at people doing things for me.” Both stories embody a sense of service, helping out others by invitation.

The biblical basis for the washing of the feet occurs in the Last Supper narrative, and is only found in the Gospel according to John. At the moment when we expect Jesus to take bread and wine and transform them, as he does in the Gospel accounts of Mark, Matthew, and Luke, Jesus in John’s Gospel account gets up and begins to wash feet. Peter first refuses to allow Jesus to wash his feet; it should be, as Peter reasoned it, Peter washing Jesus’s feet. Jesus rebukes Peter: “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you” (John 13:12-15).

Jesus serves his disciples, and then instructs them to imitate his practice of washing feet. There is a sense of humility. A disciple is to serve others. Because of the context of the washing of the feet in John’s Gospel, there is also a sense of transformation. As disciples, our model, *par excellence*, is Jesus Christ. His practices in scripture provide a model for our



practices as disciples. Jesus knew he was going to be crucified, and gave this practice as a sign for disciples to serve one another. Pope Francis has been receiving a lot of press since his election, and part of this is his profound sense of humble service to all people. He models service in his daily actions.

During his Homily on Holy Thursday evening, Pope Francis remarked that this rite is “a caress of Jesus.” Feet stink, feet were callused and blistered from long walks. In Jesus’s day proper hospitality required the servants to wash the guests’ feet. Jesus, as the host, turns this practice upside down. He bends low and washes the feet of the lowly. He caresses, an act of love. True service wells up from a profound love and faith that seeks to help others daily. The rite of washing feet is called the *mandatum*, Latin for “commandment.” Jesus summed up the law by saying there are two fundamental commandments: Love God and love one’s neighbor. Loving the neighbor is acting humbly and in service.

Jesus, in John’s Gospel account, offers a meaning of Eucharist: The encounter with Christ Jesus has implications in one’s life. What Jesus did and does for us, we are to do for one another. As Pope Francis remarked: “because this is the real reason why Jesus came: to serve, to help us.”

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How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all
the saints,
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,
heal your sins,
help you grow in holiness,
and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.

—Rite of Penance, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ's commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [give days, months, or years] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

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- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

(*Rite of Penance, no. 45*)

- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance, no. 47*).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)



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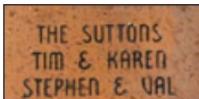
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FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

7:30 p.m. Mass

***with Renewal of Commitment by the Married Couples
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Followed by a Reception in our School Gym***



*Invite your immediate family members! They are welcome!
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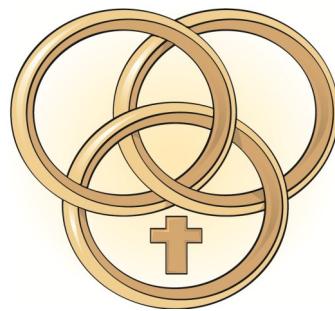
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IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

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

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

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Don't forget that your Workbooks were due in class on Wednesday, April 3, 2019!

You MUST hand in any missing work!

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Make sure you make up any missed Masses to hand in a completed book!

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the Long Island Catholic Youth Day! We had a spiritually enriching retreat and time for fun too!



Bible Camp Registration is officially open!

Come into the Religious Ed Office and sign your kids up for a wild ride this summer with Jesus!

Registration Is Now OPEN

Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families began April 1st. After June 14th, 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 emailing us.** Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2019-2020 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

We can't wait to meet you!

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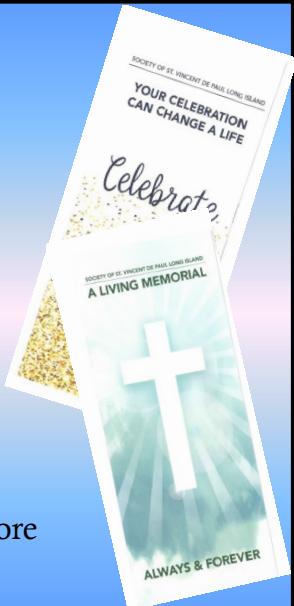
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VIRTUS TRAINING

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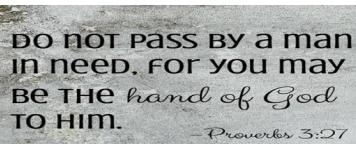
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(check the schedule printed in the bulletin)

Feel free to call Louise (631-412-3831)

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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

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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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

First Announcement:

Joseph O'Brien & Jennifer Muir

WE REMEMBER

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

Alyssa M. Drenkalo

"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."

BEREAVEMENT GROUPS NEAR OLPH

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

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

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

There are many features to explore on this page. If you move your cursor to "Support Groups", you'll be taken to a page that permits you to go to articles about the nature of grief for individuals who are beginning the process of mourning. ("Find out more here.")

Move your cursor over the list from each of the counties to view the bereavement programs in various parishes. These lists are maintained and updated by the Office of Faith Formation at the Diocese.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Fred Sawyer

Jeanne Calise

Lillian Setti

William Redlich

Constance Belowski

Salvatore Valela

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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.

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

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



MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 15 —

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

6:30	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	Stefano Sergio Filippioni
3:00 – 9:00	Confessions—No Devotions

TUESDAY, April 16 —

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

6:30	Phyllis Ehrhardt
12:15	Ronald Higgins

WEDNESDAY, April 17 —

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

6:30	Felicidad Ramos
12:15	Ronald Higgins
12:45	No Exposition

THURSDAY, April 18 —

THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (Holy Thursday)

9:00	Morning Prayer
7:30	Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:00	Night Watch (Auditorium)
11:00	Night Prayer (Auditorium)

FRIDAY, April 19 —

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Good Friday)

9:00	Morning Prayer
12:00	Stations of the Cross
3:00	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
7:30	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, April 20 —

HOLY SATURDAY

9:00	Morning Prayer
Vigil for EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	
8:00	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night — For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 21

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:00	Easter Spiritual Bouquet
9:00	Easter Spiritual Bouquet
11:00	Easter Spiritual Bouquet
1:00	Easter Spiritual Bouquet
	No 5:00 p.m. Mass

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 15, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
7:00 p.m.	No Devotions	Church

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Rehearsal-Holy Thursday	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir	Room 16
6:30 p.m.	Holy Thursday Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	No Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12

Thursday, April 18, 2019

ALL RECTORY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES WILL CLOSE AT 3:00 P.M. TODAY (NO EVENING HOURS)

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Church
3:45 p.m.	Rehearsal 3:00 Good Friday Liturgy	Church
4:30 p.m.	Rehearsal 7:30 Good Friday Liturgy	Church
10:00 p.m.	Night Watch	Auditorium
11:00 p.m.	Night Prayer	Auditorium

Friday, April 19, 2019

ALL RECTORY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED. THE RECEPTION DESK WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ONLY.

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Church
12:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, April 20, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Church
12:30 p.m.	Rehearsal for Easter Vigil	Church
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24

Sunday, April 21, 2019

ALL RECTORY OFFICES, RECEPTION DESK AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED. THE RECEPTION DESK WILL OPEN MONDAY, APRIL 22 AT 9:00 A.M.

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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.

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March 8, 2019

Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
210 So. Wellwood Avenue
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Dear Msgr. Joseph,

On behalf of the Life Center of Long Island, I would like to thank you and the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign. I am pleased to share that the campaign rose over \$9,292.65!!!

This generosity allows the Life Center to continue to flourish and provide the services needed by so many each year, including those from your community. Thank you for bringing hope, healing, and new life to those mothers and fathers in the midst of an unexpected pregnancy.

In the last 2 years, the Life Center has saved the lives of 153 babies; this is only possible thanks to the spiritual and financial support and volunteers we receive from the parishes like yours.

A special note of gratitude to Louise Perrotta, for her faithful dedication to upholding the dignity of Life. We would not have had the successful campaign that we had without their hard work and commitment.

For all God's children,

Gloria Schreiber

Gloria Schreiber
Executive Director

Cc: Louise Perrotta



OFFERING UPDATE April 6/7, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	368	144	\$3,461.00
8:00 a.m.	270	118	3,294.00
10:00 a.m.	448	129	3,317.00
12:00 p.m.	425	148	3,304.00
5:00 p.m.	185	46	1,222.00
Coin			10.74
Faith Direct			2,181.90
Children's Env.		16	43.76
Mail-ins:			194.00
Special Needs	49	16	560.00
TOTAL	1,745	617	\$17,588.40
2018 total	1,876	598	\$16,998.22
Candles			\$955.07
Poor Box			\$382.46
1st Saturday			\$163.00

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS DURING THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Please note these special hours for the rectory reception desk on the following days this week:

Holy Thursday, April 18—
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

closed for remainder of afternoon and evening on Holy Thursday

Good Friday, April 19—
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
no evening hours on Good Friday

Holy Saturday, April 20—
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21—
Closed

Normal office hours resume on Monday, April 22

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or ministry moderator. All material must be submitted as a Word document no later than the dates listed below to Carmel Becker at cbecker@olph.org.

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April 21—passed

April 28—April 19

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, April 21, 2019

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*“Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.” John 20:8*

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

We hear today Peter’s speech to the household of Cornelius, a Roman centurion, that is, a Gentile (non-Jew), who received a vision from God and sent for Peter to explain it. Peter comes to understand by this that God wants the message of the good news of the salvation won by Jesus’ death and resurrection to be given to all people, not just the Jews. Peter emphasizes that he and the other disciples are actual witnesses to the events of which he speaks, an experience that has transformed him from a fearful doubter to a fearless proclaimer of the risen Christ.

Colossians 3:1-4 (or 1 Cor 5:6b-8)

Paul reminds the church at Colossae and us that those who were raised to a new life in Christ through baptism should seek “what is above.” Our lives must be radically changed, for we have chosen to die to our old selves. Life must be lived very differently until Christ comes again in his glory at his Second Coming.

John 20:1-9

For John, in his account of the Easter morning discovery that Jesus’ tomb is empty, seeing is believing, and believing is the ultimate goal of any encounter with Jesus. After Mary told the disciples about the open tomb, Peter and the “other disciple” ran to see for themselves. They both went in, Peter first, and saw the burial cloths there but no body. The other disciple “saw and believed.” Jesus would later appear to the other disciples and many others, who then came to believe that he had risen from the dead, conquering death and opening heaven to all. Once the disciples saw, they believed. What did it take for you to begin to believe in this wonderful news?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 15, 2019:

Isaiah 42:1-7 + John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 16, 2019:

Isaiah 49:1-6 + John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 17, 2019:

Isaiah 50:4-9a + Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 18, 2019:

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

+ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

+ John 13:1-15

Friday, April 19, 2019:

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

+ Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

+ John 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 20, 2019: Vigil

Genesis 1:1—2:2 + Genesis 22:1-18

+ Exodus 14:15—15:1 + Isaiah 54:5-

14 + Isaiah 55:1-11 + Baruch 3:9-15,

32-4:4 + Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

+ Romans 6:3-11 + Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 21, 2019:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

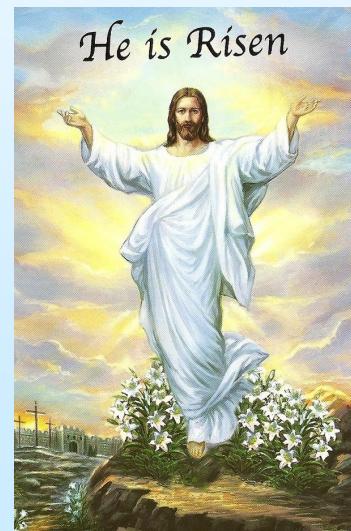
+ John 20:1-9

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. The same women who came to anoint his body in the morning had been with Jesus when he died. Were they deterred from their task by fear or an immovable stone? Compare and contrast their behavior with the actions of some of Jesus’ other disciples. Think about events like the Selma march, ISIS beheadings, and people like Gandhi and Dorothy Day. Were they stopped by fear? Where is your own courage on a scale of 1 to 10?

2. What is it that allowed John to “see and believe,” to have this kind of clarity? Does love give you knowledge about a person, or insights into their behavior? In John, Jesus said “Whoever loves me ... I will love him (her) and reveal myself to him (her)” (John 14:21). Is there a connection between Jesus’ statement and John’s “seeing and believing”?



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