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Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.

John 20:29

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 16, 2023

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco
Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo
Deacons: Deacon William R. Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker
Business Manager: Ms. Jill Marie Delano
Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
Music Director: Miss Erin Barrett

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses:
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.
Special Needs Mass:
First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)
Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

**We pray Evening Prayer 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.
*Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
First Saturdays: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass
Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass
The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following
12:15 p.m. Mass
First Fridays and First Saturdays:
As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 16, 2023

WATCH

God's School of Trust | Divine Mercy | Episode 1

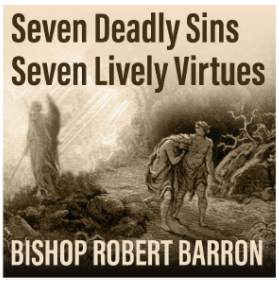
The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has distorted the way we see God. But God hasn't given up on us. In fact, he has tirelessly worked to heal our distorted image of him through his "School of Trust," beginning with his Chosen People in the Old Testament.

LEARN

St. Bernadette of Lourdes

"St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.

LISTEN



Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues by Bishop Robert Barron

Join noted professor of theology and author Bishop Robert Barron in this revealing presentation as he sheds light on the seven deadly sins—those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our relationship with God and others—and the antidote to them, the seven lively virtues!

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Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.

An offering from the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press

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. I must again express my deep, deep gratitude to all who in any way worked on, ministered at and participated in our liturgies during the Triduum. A special "shout out" goes to our new Director of Music, Erin Barrett, who really rose to the occasion and who magnificently pulled together all the elements of the Music Ministry so well, especially since it was her first time around with Holy Week, and since there really was not a great amount of time to do so before she came on board. Congratulations, Erin!

I personally was very moved, and I experienced moments of deep prayer; I found myself once again renewed and spiritually reinvigorated. That's 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). 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, beginning with the 12:00 Noon Mass, with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to conclude and follow that Mass; Confessions; recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Hour of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m.; and Benediction at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass

We're starting to announce it in the bulletin this week — our annual Wedding Anniversaries Mass, to celebrate and support

the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. You're invited if this year you're celebrating an anniversary "on the five's" — 5 years, 10, 15, 20, etc., and then once you're 50 years married or more, you're welcome to come every year (51, 52 years, etc.). Set aside Friday night, May 19. The festivities begin with Mass at 7:30 p.m., which will include the renewal of your commitment and a special blessing, and then after Mass it will be on to a fun-filled party which we throw for all of you. Full details are elsewhere in this bulletin. If you're celebrating an anniversary on a five-year mark, be sure to return the response form and join us for what is always a beautiful and uplifting evening.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

We're continuing to chug along in our Catholic Ministries Appeal this year, and I thank all who have already participated. Our assigned goal this year is once again **$114,600**, and I humbly ask that you send in your pledge if you have not already done so. 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!

Other ways to support OLPH, too…

Please also keep in mind several other ways you can support OLPH: through memorializing one or more bricks in our Let the Children Come to Me Prayer Garden; through the 50/50 Mega Raffle we are holding; and through the next SUPER 72 RAFFLE, the mailing for which will be going out within the next two weeks (look for it).

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,

Msgr. Joe

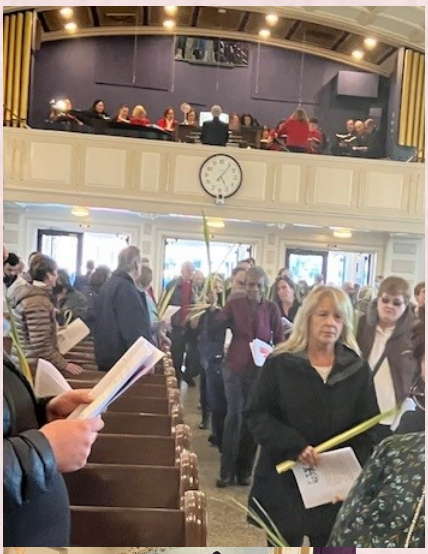
MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

Join us on
Monday, May 1
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.

5:00 P.M. MASS APRIL 1, 2023
PROCESSION FOR PALM SUNDAY



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

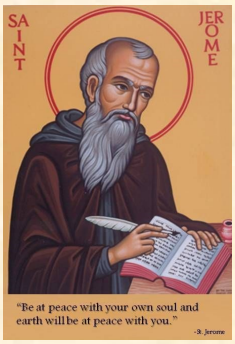
FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

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.

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

+ PRAYER FOR PRIESTS +
+ ADORATION AND PRAYER +



Everyone is welcome to join the 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 at

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Tuesday,

APRIL 18

Prayer participants are welcome to come and go as you like. Please pray along with your fellow parishioners of RVC Diocese and help make praying for priests a regular devotion.

For information PrayForPriestsDRVC@aol.com

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

YouTube

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

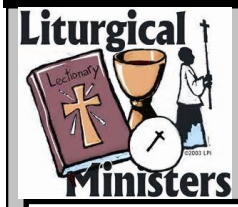
• Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

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

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

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING



WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU!
OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW LECTORS, USHERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

What do Extraordinary Ministers do?
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Those who wish can also go on for extra training to bring Holy Communion to our homebound sisters and brothers.

How Do I Become An Extraordinary Minister?

1. You must contact Barbara McPhail at 631-226-1354 or e-mail to gospa254@gmail.com.
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to msgrjoe@oloph.org requesting to become a minister.
3. You must meet with Msgr. Joe for an interview.
4. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions (see below). If you wish to also bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, you must attend a separate "Part B" training session. Information about that session can be obtained in your interview with Msgr. Joe.

What do Lectors do?
Lectors proclaim the Scriptures and sometimes the Intercessions at Sunday and daily Mass and at other liturgies.

How Do I Become A Lector?

1. You must contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or email to DeaconRobert@oloph.org
2. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.

LECTORS
Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville
(*Our own Msgr. Joe will be the presenter at this one on April 25!*)
Saturday, June 3, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Brookville

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, *"PART A"* FOR ALL MINISTERS

Tuesday, **April 25, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**
at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville
(*Our own Msgr. Joe will be the presenter at this one on April 25!*)
Saturday, **June 3, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**
at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Brookville*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, *"PART B"* FOR THOSE WHO WILL BRING COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Tuesday, **May 16, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.,**
St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville
Saturday, **June 3, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Brookville*

**Same day, Parts A and B—bring lunch or leave for lunch and return*

What do Ushers do?
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of the assembly during processions such as the reception of Holy Communion and at other times. Taking up the collection is another way Ushers serve the assembly.

Who Should Become an Usher?
Anyone, including teens who have received Confirmation, can become an Usher. This is a great ministry for **families to do together…the young ones can do this with parents and older children!**

How Do I Become an Usher?
You should contact Mike Williams at olphushersministry@gmail.com or, if you don't have e-mail, leave a message for Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office, 631-226-7725 and he will pass the message along to Mike.

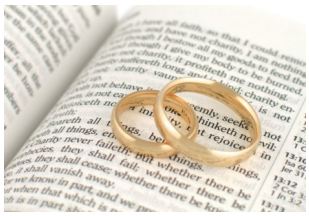
All liturgical ministers must complete a Volunteer Registration Form, have Virtus training and be a registered parishioner. *For information about becoming Virtus compliant: contact Helene Calabrese at hcalab2@optonline.net .*

OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage by celebrating your wedding anniversary!

We're celebrating Mass and throwing a party for YOU!

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2023 that is "on a five year mark," that is, if this year you're married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 – and for couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52…..67…etc.) – are invited to a special MASS AND RECEPTION!



FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

7:30 p.m. Mass

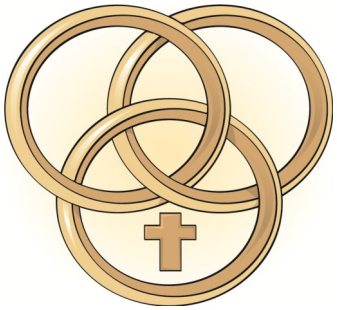
with Renewal of Commitment by the Married Couples for the Anniversary of their Marriage
Followed by a Reception in our School Gym

Invite your immediate family members! They are welcome!
(Immediate family only, please)

We're happy to provide this free of charge. If, however, you would like to send a donation along with your response, to help defray costs, it would be gratefully accepted.

You must reply NO LATER THAN MAY 10
WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY, USING THE FORM BELOW
NO PHONE REPLIES CAN BE TAKEN
Cut-out and fill-in the form below and return to the Rectory by May 10

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM



Last Name _____
First Name of Husband _____
First Name of Wife _____
Years Married _____
Date of Your Marriage _____
Your Wedding Song _____
Wedding Song Artist _____
Your Address _____
Your Phone Number _____
e-mail _____ **@** _____
Number of People Attending: Adults: _____ **Children:** _____

Please return this form as soon as possible to the Rectory,
or drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.
ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 10.
Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME" PRAYER GARDEN Engraved Bricks

Memorialize your loved ones or your prayer intention in our ***"Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden!***
The memorializations do not have to be only for children, though; the prayer garden is for all prayers, intentions and memorializations for loved ones of any age. Or, you can offer a prayer intention.

Your Name(s)_____

Street:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Phone:_____ Email:_____

Please enclose full payment of $125 with this completed form.
Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.
Mail or return form in person to:
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Attn: Brick Memorialization
Linda Coppola
210 South Wellwood Avenue
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Please print the inscription as it is to appear on the brick (3 lines/16 characters per line maximum). Each box represents one letter, number, character or space. The pavers will be engraved in all capital letters.

If you would like to add a heart or a cross to your brick, it will be engraved on the left hand side.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS:

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

LEVELS 6 and 7

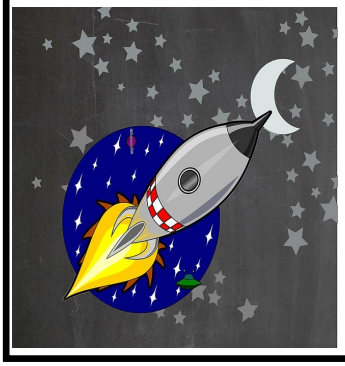
Don't forget that your Workbooks were due in class on Wednesday, March 29th! You MUST hand in any missing work. Mass Reflections are due on Wednesday, April 26th! Make sure you make up any missed Masses to hand in a completed book.

LEVEL 8

Your Confirmation Retreat is on Sunday, April 23, from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Bring your Mass Journals and Workbooks with you on this day to hand them in. The day will end with Mass at 5:00 p.m. with parents and/or Sponsors invited to join us.
The Confirmation Meeting is after Mass.

Vacation Bible Camp Needs You!

Our next Planning Meeting is on *Wednesday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.*
Please consider being a part of our Space Ranger Team!
Contact April for more information.



Save the Date:

July 10th - July 14th

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration Is Now OPEN

Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Early Registration for returning families began March 1st. There is a $30 discount for all families that register before May 31st. After June 1st, the Regular Registration Fee will be in effect for ALL registrations. For any late registrations that come in after July 31st there will be an additional $30 late fee. 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 2023-2024 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!

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
- ✞ 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—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- ✞ St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- ✞ Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

NEW Food Pantry List!

SOUP (ALL KINDS)
COOKIES
CANNED FRUIT
CANNED CHICKEN
CANNED PASTA
PUDDING
PANCAKE MIX
SYRUP
COFFEE (SMALL CANS)
TOILETRIES

Thank you
for your continued generosity.
Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.—12 Noon
1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In 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.

THANK YOU FROM THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who gave so generously on Holy Thursday. We received $1,130.00 in cash donations, and a hallway's worth of shelf-filling food. A special thank you to all who helped bring all of that food across the way to the pantry's hallway. Thanks to your generosity we are able to continue our mission of feeding the hungry, and helping those in need of other assistance.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! May you all have a Blessed Easter Season!"

PARISH LIFE AT OLPH

Our group photo from our March 28 ***Living the Eucharist*** *gathering. We are happy you were able to join us in prayer during this Lenten season and we pray the Holy Spirit continues to guide our path going forward.*

THANK YOU TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 794

We take this opportunity to thank **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Knights of Columbus Council #794** for their generous donation to help underwrite the costs for printing all of our Triduum Worship Aid booklets. We appreciate the Knights' generosity and their support in helping us to celebrate worthy and dignified liturgies during our holiest days, the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Support in carrying out the Lord's corporal work of mercy to care for the dead.

Please donate used, but operational, gas-powered lawn mowers for maintaining the former church grounds and St. Mary's cemetery. For more information contact Frank Odin, President, Holy Name Society at 631-988-2054 or fr_odin@yahoo.com.

OLPH CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & GUILD

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all the parishioners who contributed to the Palm Sunday Bake Sale. This event could not have been successful without your generosity and support. You truly showed that OLPH is the place to be!

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

Perpetual Help Mass
Saturday, April 22, 2023
5:00 p.m. Mass

For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family	*Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy*
Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton	*Requested by the Estate of Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton*

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.

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps 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.

Our next group starts **April 29 to July 1** from **11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for information.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish…

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Cathy Mistretta
Gus Garofalo
John Janczewski
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Winter Paspori
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Carl Zoccali
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Patricia Pedicina
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Henry Escano
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Valerie Mason
Susan Ferraro
Theresa Solino
Richard Palladino
Baby Antonio James Kienle
James Santoli
Henry Batz
Ken Gentz
Mary Ellen Cunningham
Nora McMahon
Patricia & Richard Kleczkowski
Jeanette Borowitz
Teresa Pirolo
Dana Giordano

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

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

Linda A. Martin
Kimmi Slater
Anna Cisek
Joseph Gervasio
George Misak

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 17— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Edith Edgar
12:15	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
TUESDAY, April 18— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Maryann Greff *(Living)*
12:15	Barbara Garwood
WEDNESDAY, April 19— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Giovanni D'Amore
12:15	Richard Sheehan
THURSDAY, April 20— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Kathleen Colletti
12:15	Franklin Weigold
FRIDAY, April 21— Easter Weekday *(Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)*	
6:30	Barbara Gardner
12:15	Louis Fernandez
SATURDAY, April 22— Easter Weekday	
8:00	Eulogio Baez Batista
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
5:00	Perpetual Help Mass *(List on p.15)*
Sunday, April 23 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
8:00	Margaret Graham
10:00	Teresa C. Votta
12:00	For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 17, 2023		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:45 p.m.	Christian Mothers Ministry	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
Tuesday, April 18, 2023		
6:00 p.m.	Exposition—Night of Prayers for Priests	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages Ministry	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation: Adult Confirmation	St. Mark's Room
Wednesday, April 19, 2023		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information)	Off Campus
6:00 p.m.	Bible Camp Meeting	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group Board Meeting	Cafeteria
Thursday, April 20, 2023		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 18
Friday, April 21, 2023		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
Saturday, April 22, 2023		
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.	Fundraising Committee selling chances after all Masses	Church
Sunday, April 23, 2023		
10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Room 18
2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

OFFERING UPDATE
Palm Sunday—April 1/2

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	379	113	$3,544.00
8:00 a.m.	320	117	4,358.00
10:00 a.m.	498	119	3,422.00
12:00 p.m.	540	102	3,342.00
Total coin:			4.11
Faith Direct			3,649.00
Children's Env.		10	36.00
Mail-ins:			625.00
TOTAL	1,737	461	$18,980.11
Palm Sunday 2022	1,651	460	$21,472.67
Candles			$494.45
Poor Box			$912.78
1st Saturday			$65.80

The totals for Easter Sunday and Easter Flowers will be printed later in the month in order to allow for mail-ins and other factors. Thank you for your understanding.

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

April 23—deadline passed
April 30—April 21 deadline
May 7—April 28 deadline

Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred, and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc

Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct.

You can sign up online at **faith.direct/FD2,** text 'Enroll' to (Text-to-Give Number) or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757.

You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Msgr. Joe

2023 OLPH SCHOLARSHIP

Inaugural ***Robert E. Dobres Memorial Scholarship***: Bob believed strongly in a commitment to **family, community** and the **Church**. He was always ready to volunteer. His dedication to others and to his community was clearly evident by the various organizations and groups he actively participated in, such as OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794, the OLPH Finance Committee, the Holy Name Society among others. The scholarship is sponsored by OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794. The recipient will receive a one-time scholarship for $1,000.00, which will be sent to the College or Trade School the winner is attending.

To be eligible, applicant must be child or grandchild of a member of OLPH Council 794, OLPH Ladies Auxiliary, or parishioner of OLPH Parish in Lindenhurst.

For application contact Mike Hearney at: mhearney@optonline.net or 631-560-0451.

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, April 23, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

While Jesus was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. Luke 24:30

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33
We hear today part of Peter's speech to the crowds assembled in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost. This festival, also known as Weeks (or Shavuoth), comes fifty days after Passover. On the Pentecost after Jesus' crucifixion, the Holy Spirit descended on his followers and inspired them to speak in different languages. The Spirit also inspired Peter to make a speech proclaiming how the death and resurrection of Jesus was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. In particular, Peter tells how God finished his plan of salvation through a descendant of King David, as he had promised long ago. God always keeps his promises.

1 Peter 1:17-21
We hear again from Peter, this time in a letter addressed to early Christians undergoing sufferings because of their faith in Jesus as Messiah. Peter encourages them to be strong and reminds them why. It's because they (and we today) have been ransomed from our futile way of life by the precious blood of Christ. This knowledge is enough to remind us that our "faith and hope are in God," which is good news indeed.

Luke 24:13-35
By the time Luke wrote his Gospel narrative, most if not all of Jesus' original followers had died. To those early Christians who had not ever seen Jesus in the flesh yet asked how they could know him, Luke gives three answers: in the faithful testimony of the early disciples, in Scriptures, and in the Eucharist. The two disciples who were walking to the town of Emmaus were dejected by the death of Jesus and puzzled by the accounts of the women who had seen him resurrected. Jesus appears to them and explains how his life and death fulfilled the Scriptures but still the two didn't recognize him. Only when they sat at table and Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them did they realize it was him. At that point, he vanished since they no longer needed to see with their eyes of flesh in order to believe. Believing in Jesus, for the early disciples and for us today, requires only the eyes of faith.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 17, 2023:
Acts 4:23-31 + John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 18, 2023:
Acts 4:32-37 + John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 19, 2023:
Acts 5:17-26 + John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 20, 2023:
Acts 5:27-33 + John 3:31-36

Friday, April 21, 2023:
Acts 5:34-42 + John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 22, 2023:
Acts 6:1-7 + John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 23, 2023:
Acts 3:14, 22-33
+ 1 Peter 1:17-21
+ John 24:13-15

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. Can you relate to any of the following in the Gospel story?
   - Confusion of the disciples
   - Inability to recognize Jesus
   - Desire to spend more time with a good friend
   - Sudden realization that the Lord is present

2. In section 3 of Pope Francis' address to the Bishops of Brazil he suggests an ecclesiology rooted in the Gospel story of Emmaus. The disciples ended up with hearts burning. What makes your heart "burn" within you?

"We need a Church unafraid of going forth into their night. We need a Church capable of meeting them on their way. We need a Church capable of entering into their conversation. We need a Church able to dialogue with those disciples who, having left Jerusalem behind, are wandering aimlessly, alone, with their own disappointment, disillusioned by a Christianity now considered barren, fruitless soil, incapable of generating meaning. …

But we need to know how to interpret, with courage, the larger picture. Jesus warmed the hearts of the disciples of Emmaus."

Address of Pope Francis
Archbishop's House,
Rio de Janeiro
Saturday, 28 July 2013

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To purchase the 50/50 either use the QR Code on this page, the 50/50 Board at the front of the church or come into the rectory to pay by using QR Code or cash/check.
Tickets are $50 each.
If you have any questions contact Meg Danaher 631-450-4100 or Jill Marie Delano 631-226-7725 X204

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2023 OLPH GOAL: $114,600

Total pledges: $61,807.00
# of pledges: 226
Total payments: $39,022.50
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"Dear young university students, your willpower and your capabilities, united to the power of the Holy Spirit that lives in each one of you from the day of your baptism, permits you to be not spectators, but protagonists in contemporary events."
-Pope Francis

Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports Campus Ministry at our secular colleges. These Campus Ministers journey with students by uniting them together in prayer and fellowship, becoming their faithful family on campus and keeping the faith vibrant.

Through Campus Ministry, there is much hope for our Catholic Faith on Long Island.

"Our job at Hofstra Campus Ministry is to evangelize, and we do that by forming relationships with people, being visible to them, celebrating mass on Sundays and Wednesdays, praying the rosary. Faithful young people are present here and they are on fire and they deeply desire to find Christ. They are seeking the truth and they will find it here in the Church," shared Gina, Campus Ministry Director of Hofstra University

"Campus Ministry makes me think of the influences of my life and to see where Christ is guiding me to see who would be my friends. It's like having a family on campus." "Although at times it may feel like I'm alone because there aren't many people my age who share the faith at Hofstra, those who are participating are doing their best to understand where Christ is in their life and how to spread it throughout the world. " shared Aaron, Campus Ministry Participant*."*

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DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

The Friends of the Seminary *are sponsoring* **THE MAGIC OF MOZART** on **Sunday, April 16,** at 5:00 p.m. featuring a selection of Classical compositions featuring, among others: *Jennifer Russo,* soprano; *Omar Bowey,* tenor; *Daniel Hyman,* violin; *Timothy Carl,* piano. Reservations required/limited seating $95 per guest; $85 for Members of the Friends of the Seminary. For reservations or information: Seminary Development Office, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743, (631) 423-0483 X 102, BBMALONE@ICSEMINARY.EDU.

The Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of Lindenhurst cordially invite you to the ***20th Community Fellowship Dinner,*** honoring the Lindenhurst Youth Center**, Thursday, April 27** at 6:30 p.m. at *Goccia D'Oro II*, 485 West Montauk Hwy., Lindenhurst. $50 per guest. ***RSVP by April 17*** to J. Reilly 631-455-2602.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application.

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:

1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children class: www.Virtus.org

When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.

a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first time registrant.
b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization-from the drop down list select **Rockville Centre-Safe Environment**.
c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
d. One screen will have the **Codes of Conduct**. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.

2. Background Screening Application:
   a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
   b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION! If you stop-you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
   c. You will need to provide your Social Security #; if you do not provide a Social Security # you will be charged a fee.
   d. After completing the application, hit the 'Submit Button'

Congratulations! You have now:

Registered to attend a Virtus class ~ signed the Codes of Conduct ~ Completed the Background Screening.

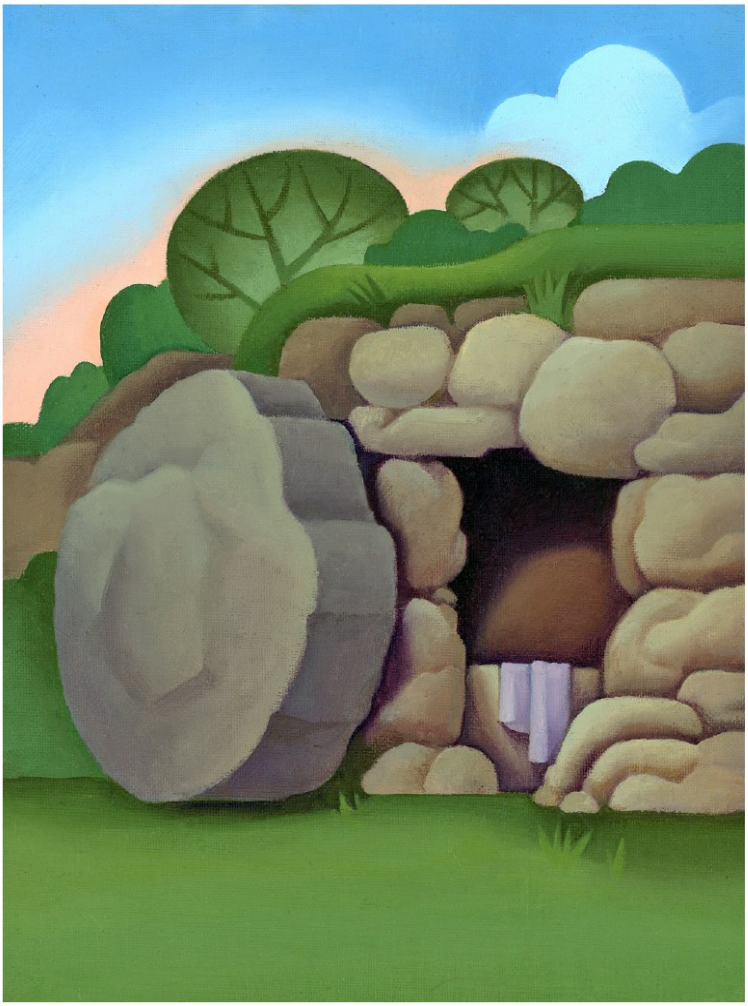
Absence and Presence at Easter

Easter conjures childhood memories of daffodils that pushed their way through the soil to announce the arrival of spring, of Easter bonnets and baskets, and of special Easter food.

At our house in western Pennsylvania, the kitchen surged with life in the days leading up to Easter. Dough was kneaded, placed in large bowls, and covered with dishcloths to slowly rise. Rice pies, a local delicacy, were made with care, and a leg of lamb, symbolic of Jesus, the Paschal Lamb, was prepared for the Easter feast.

The Easter after Mom died, I hosted the holiday dinner at the family home as she had done for so many years, and relatives came from many miles away. I retrieved the Easter decorations from the attic and dressed up the house. I baked the Easter bread and the rice pies. I prepared the leg of lamb, put it in the oven and set the table—just as Mom used to do. Mom was no longer there, but somehow performing the ritual of our Easter dinner made her present. That's what rituals do.

When we gather for the liturgy, we make present the person of Jesus through the rituals of the Mass. Liturgical symbols also make present the person of Jesus by helping us to relate to Jesus in new ways. Water washes us, renews us, and quenches our thirst. So does Christ. Oil soothes us and heals us. So does Christ. Light guides us and gives us direction. So does Christ. Bread and wine nourish us and sustain us. So does Christ. Liturgical symbols are packed with meaning. They invite us to see beyond the ordinary and to understand more deeply the mysteries they symbolize. That's what symbols do.



Faith helps us see beyond the obvious. The empty tomb reveals that the Lord has risen.

Symbols are powerful. John's account of the Gospel reveals a powerful symbol in the empty tomb. At the place where Jesus was buried, the disciples discover something completely unexpected—an empty tomb. Mary of Magdala sees the empty tomb and believes what appears to be obvious—the body of Jesus was stolen. But the other disciple sees beyond the obvious. The Gospel tells us that this disciple saw the empty tomb and believed. That's what faith does.

May we, who celebrate the rituals and witness the symbols of Easter, have the faith to see beyond the ordinary and beyond the emptiness to fullness of life in God. That's what Easter calls us to do.

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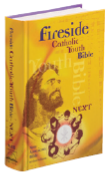

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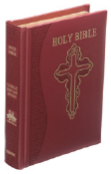

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