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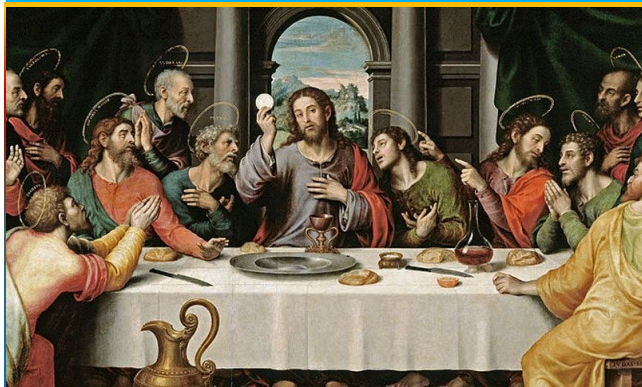
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*While Jesus was with them at table,
he took bread,
said the blessing, broke it,
and gave it to them.*

Luke 24:30

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 23, 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 23, 2023

WATCH



Episode 1: Saint Mark the Evangelist

Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.

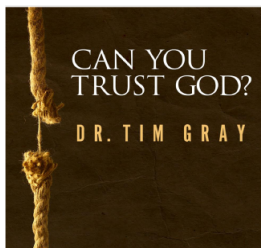
LEARN



Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.

LISTEN



Can You Trust God? by Dr. Tim Gray

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Third Sunday of Easter

It's still Easter Time, and it will be until Pentecost! Don't let your Easter joy wane! Let your shouts of "Alleluia!" continue to be as strong this Sunday (and throughout these entire fifty days) as they were on Easter Sunday!

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of this Third Sunday of Easter expresses well this tone of joy: the prayer describes how God's people have been "*renewed in youthfulness of spirit*" and rejoice "*in the restored glory of our adoption.*" Such references to youthfulness, restoration, and adoption maintain the imagery of the new life given to us at Baptism, and also as recalled in the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water with which we begin all our Easter Time Sunday Masses. The Collect ends by reminding us that such Easter joy goes beyond the present moment — there is a fitting reference to the end times, the future fulfillment at Christ's Second Coming, as the prayers asks that "*we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.*" We must always remember that our present participation in the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection (the Paschal Mystery) cannot be separated from the way that participation points toward its future fulfillment.

The Prayer after Communion picks up this same theme when it asks that we may attain in our flesh "*the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.*"

The Prayer over the Offerings continues to echo the joyful tone of Easter by describing us, as the Church, as "exultant" in offering the gifts (offerings) of this Mass, again asking that the offerings "*may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.*"

As always, the prayers of the Mass highlight for us the meaning of what we are celebrating, and, by praying over them and reflecting on them ahead of time in preparation for Mass, we can gain a deeper immersion in the mysteries being celebrated when we are at Mass.

Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Allow me to highlight our custom of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day, and to invite you to participate in this beautiful way to remember and pray for your living or deceased mother, grandmother or godmother, or for a mother-to-be. Use the Mother's Day cards and envelopes that have been placed around the church or that have been mailed to you; your intention will be remembered in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses. Be sure to return your envelope and share in the prayers and blessings of this Novena.

First Communions

Next weekend, April 29-30, and also the following Sunday, May 7, and the weekend after that on Saturday, May 13, we are celebrating First Holy Communions at certain Sunday Masses. There is no better way for children to celebrate First Holy Communion than within the Sunday assembly, as the Church celebrates the Eucharist on the Lord's Day, our primary holy day! I am thrilled that over the years since we introduced this option more and more families are making this important connection and are taking advantage of this option. So many parishioners love it, too, as you comment to me how much you enjoy seeing the children, and how being a part of the celebration enriches your own faith and your appreciation of the Eucharist. I hope you are fortunate to be at a Mass at which we are celebrating First Holy Communion!

In addition, we will also celebrate First Holy Communion at an additional Mass on Saturday, May 6. Please remember to pray for all of this year's First Communicants.

Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass

You've seen the bulletin ad announcing our annual Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass, the occasion when we affirm the graces and blessings married couples give to the Church, and to this parish in particular, through their living out of the Sacrament of Matrimony. A special Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m., followed by a reception in the auditorium. As you know, this celebration is geared toward couples celebrating an anniversary on any five-year mark (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.), and couples married any year over 50 years. If you are celebrating an anniversary "on one of the fives" this year or are married more than 50 years and you would like to attend, please be sure to get your response in as soon as possible, so we can plan appropriately. We ask you to limit attendance to immediate family members only, due to space limitations. Also, while we're happy to provide this free of charge, if you would like to make an extra donation to help cover the costs for the reception following the Mass, we would gratefully accept your generous offering.

To all married couples: THANK YOU for your Sacrament of Matrimony, and for the way you give witness to Christ's love through your love for each other.

Super 72 Raffle

New SUPER 72 RAFFLE tickets, for the new

game, are being mailed out this week, so look for them in the mail if you receive the weekly envelopes mailed out throughout the year. If you don't receive them this way, tickets can be purchased at the rectory. Be sure to take advantage of our special 5-tickets-for-\$100 deal! Please do participate in this important fund raiser for the parish. I am very grateful for your support of the parish in this way.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

May I offer a quick reminder to all about the importance of your participating in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, with our assigned goal of **\$114,600**. 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!

Some spiritual thoughts about the season of Easter Time

Finally, allow me to supplement my thoughts in the first section of this column by providing you with some spiritual food-for-thought concerning the liturgical season of Easter Time.

It has been said that Catholics are good at doing the season of Lent but bad at doing the season of Easter Time, and I think there is some truth to that. Think about it. We understand Lent rather easily, and it seems easy to get into the spirit of it. We think about what we're going to do for Lent, whether it's giving something up, and/or doing spiritual reading, and/or attending the Stations of the Cross, and so on. Somehow, though, we don't seem to be as resolute and determined about celebrating the fifty days of Easter Time. I think we need to get better at doing Easter!

The fifty days of Easter Time is the oldest liturgical season we have. It is both more ancient and more important than Lent. Lent only exists as a preparation for Easter! Maybe one of the ways we can get better about celebrating Easter Time is by focusing on the resurrection of Christ, and by being more joyful.

Easter celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Jesus Christ is alive! Our Lord has conquered death, and through his resurrection he offers us new life, supernatural life, eternal life. How often do we think and pray about that? How often do we let that truth of our faith color and influence everything we say and do?

Because of that, we should be more joyful.

Why is it that some people, and sometimes all of us, find it easier to feel guilt rather than joy? Why do we sometimes think that holiness must be equated with somberness and suffering? I think we Catholics need to be better at joy — especially when it comes to being joyful when we're at Mass together (sometimes it's difficult to tell the difference between a Mass and a wake!).

So, how can we keep Easter Time better? Maybe one way is to allow Easter to be a preparation for Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the way Lent is a preparation for Easter. Maybe we need to really pray over the Mass prayers during Easter Time. Maybe we could read the Acts of the Apostles, and the Book of Revelation, books which are read at Mass during Easter Time. Maybe we need to take more prayer walks and make the connections between the spring renewal in nature and the supernatural renewal of new life in Christ that comes to us at Easter.

May we all keep the fifty days of Easter Time in the most complete and spiritually-fulfilling ways possible!

In conclusion...

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

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

Sincerely,



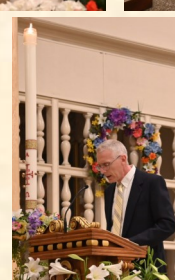

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2023



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7 3:00 P.M. LITURGY



SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023



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.

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.

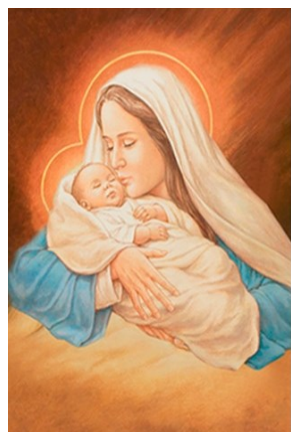
Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

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.

Mother's Day Novena of Masses



Mother's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the church. The Mother's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your mother, grandmother, godmother, the mother-to-be you know or any mother you wish to remember in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. Simply take an envelope, write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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



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



IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

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

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

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

OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

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

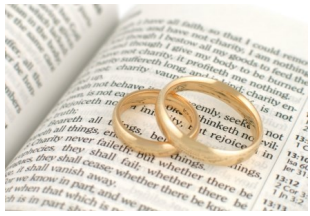
We're celebrating Mass and throwing a party for YOU!

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 _____

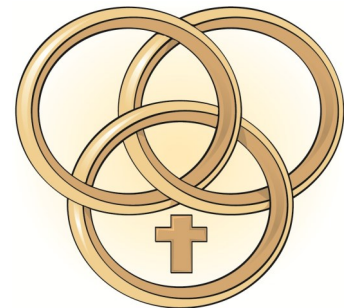
Wedding Song Artist _____

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.

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

LEVEL 5 GOING INTO LEVEL 6:

There is a Parent/Student Meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium. This meeting is to go over the Confirmation Preparation Program the students will enter into next year. You can register on this day as well, during our Early Registration Time!

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSALS

There is a Communion Rehearsal on Monday, April 24th at 5:00 p.m. in the church, for students receiving their First Communion at Saturday night and Sunday Masses.

There is a Communion Rehearsal on Monday, May 1st at 5:00 p.m. in the church, for students receiving their First Communion on Saturday, May 6th.

Vacation Bible Camp Needs You!

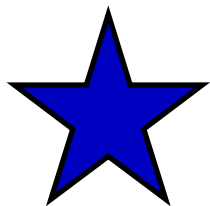
Our next Planning Meeting is on Wednesday, May 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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

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- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
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- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor and was able to assist 130 adults, 91 children, and 21 seniors, for a total of 94 families. Thank you!

NEW Food Pantry List!

- SOUP (ALL KINDS)**
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- CANNED FRUIT**
- CANNED CHICKEN**
- CANNED PASTA**
- PUDDING**
- PANCAKE MIX**
- APPLESAUCE**
- COFFEE (SMALL CANS)**
- TOILETRIES**

Thank you
for your continued generosity.
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when you go shopping!

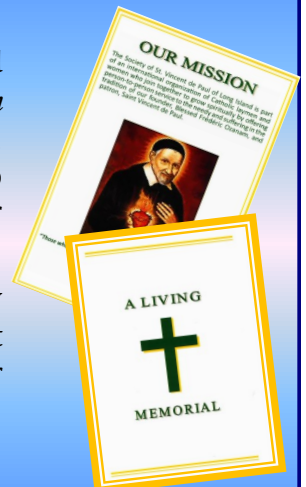
THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP’s efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

Memorial/ Special Occasion card envelopes are available in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

Please contact the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Delaware and Vermont Bills
Threaten Religious Liberty: Their Only Goal,
They State, Is to Remove the Rights of Priests

A New Threat to Religious Liberty for Catholics

by Matt Lamb

Delaware and Vermont legislators are debating bills that would do away with what is called the “seal of confession,” a teaching of the Catholic Church that forbids priests from divulging what is heard during confession, when a Catholic shares his or her sins with a priest and seeks absolution.

Efforts to force Catholic priests to reveal admissions of child abuse heard in the confessional, the location where the Sacrament of Reconciliation is heard, are a threat to religious liberty.

While it is not clear if anti-Catholic animus is behind this legislation, it is also unclear what this bill would accomplish besides targeting Catholic priests for further questioning and forcing them to choose between going to jail or breaking a sacred promise they made never to divulge what is said in confession.

A priest who shares what someone told him in confession is automatically excommunicated, forbidden from accessing the other sacraments.

Continue reading at <http://bit.ly/412pMXb>

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THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Please donate used, but operational, gas-powered lawn mowers, other tools and your time 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.

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.

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 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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.

MASS MEMORIALS

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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.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

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

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

Ken Gentz

"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."

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 24

Easter Weekday
(Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr)

6:30 Alice White

12:15 Agostino Pecoraro

TUESDAY, April 25—

Saint Mark, Evangelist

6:30 Jennie Kowalski

12:15 Patricia Researvato

WEDNESDAY, April 26—

Easter Weekday

6:30 Tadeusz Cimaszewski

12:15 Joseph Aliano

THURSDAY, April 27—

Easter Weekday

6:30 Carl R. Kieninger

12:15 Rosario Adesso

FRIDAY, April 28—

Easter Weekday
*(Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest)*

6:30 John Christopher Miolla

12:15 Stephanie Guidice

SATURDAY, April 29—

**Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin
and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 Michael Strazza

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

5:00 For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, April 30
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus Council 794

10:00 Hank & Tina Sirico

12:00 Lawrence & Michelle Lanza

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 24, 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

2:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting Room 23

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal Room 18

5:00 p.m. 1st Communion Rehearsal Church

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

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

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Room 12

12:45 p.m. Exposition Church

2:30 p.m. Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information) Off Campus

Thursday, April 27, 2023

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

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, April 28, 2023

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

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Room 12

Saturday, April 29, 2023

11:30 a.m. Bereavement Ministry Room 22

12:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word Recording North Sacristy

4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

5:00 p.m. 1st Communions at Mass Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Sunday, April 30, 2023

8:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Breakfast Cafeteria

10:00 a.m. 1st Communions at Mass Church

10:00 a.m. OCIA Room 18

12:00 p.m. 1st Communions at Mass Church

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

Domingo, 23 de abril de 2023

TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA (Ciclo A)

Primer Lectura (Hechos 2,14.22-33): El Señor ha Resucitado y Vive para siempre

Lleno del Espíritu Santo, el día de Pentecostés, Pedro proclama el centro y corazón del mensaje cristiano: Cristo murió, pero vive como nuestro Señor resucitado. Éste es el fundamento de nuestra fe. Por eso Jesús puede estar ahora con nosotros.

Segunda Lectura (1 Pedro 1,17-21): El Señor Resucitado es el fundamento de Nuestra Esperanza.

Pedro anima a los fieles: Dios es nuestro Padre; él envió a su Hijo para salvarnos por su muerte y resurrección. Esto da sentido a nuestras vidas; éste es el fundamento de nuestra fe y de nuestra esperanza.

Evangelio (Lucas 24,13-35): Le Reconocieron al Partir el Pan

Lucas aprovecha la ocasión del desaliento de dos discípulos y su encuentro con Cristo para decirnos esto: El Señor resucitado sigue viviendo entre nosotros, sus fieles, por la Palabra que nos proclama y por la Eucaristía.

Las Escrituras, llamadas con la expresión: "Moisés y los profetas" son el antecedente necesario para conversión y la fe en Cristo. Lo había dicho Jesús en una severa advertencia: "Si no escuchan a Moisés y los profetas, no se convertirán ni aunque resucite un muerto" (Lc 16,31). Más argumento de fe es la atención a la Palabra de Dios que la resurrección de un muerto. Por eso interesaba menos que los discípulos reconocieran a Jesús en el camino: lo que interesaba es que comprendieran que su muerte era parte del plan salvífico anunciado por Dios, es decir, que "era necesario que padeciera eso y entrara así en su gloria". Y así lo estaban comprendiendo, pues sentían que "les ardía el corazón dentro del pecho cuando les hablaba y les explicaba las Escrituras".

Pero sus ojos se abrieron y lo reconocieron "cuando se puso a la mesa con ellos, tomó el pan, pronunció la bendición, lo partió y se lo iba dando". Es el gesto que ellos citan expresamente cuando refieren el hecho a los apóstoles: "Contaron lo que había pasado en el camino y cómo lo habían conocido en la fracción del pan". Ya no tenían dudas. Se han convertido radicalmente por el contacto con la Palabra y la Eucaristía. En lugar del abatimiento y la tristeza que los llevaba a alejarse de Jerusalén, están ahora llenos de gozo que les hace arder el corazón y vuelven corriendo a Jerusalén. En lugar de confiar en un caudillo terreno, confiesan al Señor de la gloria.

Este cambio tan radical es lo que se llama "ser evangelizado". Mientras no se haya vivido esto, no se habrá recibido aún la Buena Nueva. Y la evangelización acontecerá siempre por el examen de "todo lo que dice la Escritura acerca de Cristo" y por el contacto directo con El en la Eucaristía.



OFFERING UPDATE			
April 15/16			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	256	114	\$3,285.00
8:00 a.m.	171	79	3,510.00
10:00 a.m.	347	84	2,516.00
12:00 p.m.	350	81	2,167.00
Total coin:			10.96
Faith Direct			3,649.00
Children's Env.		8	31.75
Mail-ins:			1,156.00
TOTAL	1,124	366	\$16,325.71
2022	<i>This was Easter Sunday in 2022.</i>		
Candles			\$817.39
Poor Box			\$269.53

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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.

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 30—deadline passed
 May 7—April 28 deadline
 May 14—May 5 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>

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, April 30, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41

Today we hear roughly the second half of Peter's speech (we heard the first half last week) to fellow Jews in Jerusalem soon after the apostles' Pentecost experience of the Holy Spirit. Peter explains that the Jesus who was executed has been made both Lord and Messiah (Christ). Clearly Peter had the power of the Spirit within him since saying this openly was offensive both to the Jewish leaders and the Romans. But proclaiming Jesus this way had an amazing effect on his listeners: about three thousand people were baptized as a result. Speaking with the conviction of the Holy Spirit really is powerful!

1 Peter 2:20b-25

The Second Reading for today, as for all the Sundays after Easter, is taken from a letter attributed to Peter. He writes to Christians who were facing some unnamed trials and sufferings in order to encourage them and strengthen them in the faith in their hour of need. He tells them, "If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God." Then he gives us Jesus as a model. Although he committed no sin, he bore our sins patiently in his body on the cross so that we might be free from sin and live for righteousness. With such an example as this, it puts our day-to-day troubles into perspective.

John 10:1-10

John portrays Jesus as the Good Shepherd who was promised to appear at the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation. As a good shepherd, Jesus protects his sheep from harm and acts as the "gate" to allow his flock to go in and out safely and find pasture. Only those who belong to his flock, though, can enter and leave by the gate. Who are in his flock? Those who believe in Jesus belong to him, hear and respond to his voice, and so have life. Jesus promised his sheep life but not just ordinary life – he promised them abundant life. This is something wonderful and truly to be desired. The question for all of us is, though, do we recognize the Shepherd's voice?

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. When flocks were mingled together, each flock would recognize the sound of their own shepherd's voice and come to him, ignoring other shepherds. Can you discern in your life which "voice" belongs to the Good Shepherd? Which of the following is your favorite comparison of Christ to the Good Shepherd? Explain.

- calling by name
- recognition of voice
- following the shepherd
- not following strangers
- shepherd as gate

2. According to Pope Francis in the following, why would a good shepherd take risks today?

"In seeking, he finds, and he finds because he takes risks. He does not stop when disappointed and he does not yield to weariness. Indeed, he is stubborn in doing good, anointed with the divine obstinacy that loses sight of no one. Not only does he keep his doors open, but he also goes to seek out those who no longer wish to enter them.

In the heart of the Good Shepherd, the Father's love shines forth. There I know I am welcomed and understood as I am; there, with all my sins and limitations, I know the certainty that I am chosen and loved.

The heart of the Good Shepherd tells us that his love is limitless. It is never exhausted and it never gives up. There we see his infinite and boundless self-giving. There we find the source of that faithful and meek love which sets free and makes others free."

*How to Be a Good Shepherd—
Pope Francis' Guide for Priests,
June 3, 2016*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 24, 2023:

Acts 6:8-15 + John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 25, 2023:

1 Peter 5:5b-14 + Mark 16:15-20

Wednesday, April 26, 2023:

Acts 8:1b-8 + John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 27, 2023:

Acts 8:26-40 + John 6:44-51

Friday, April 28, 2023:

Acts 9:1-20 + John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 29, 2023:

Acts 9:31-42 + John 6:60-69

Sunday, April 30, 2023:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

+ 1 Peter 2:20b-25

+ John 10:1-10

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2023

He is Risen! Alleluia! I pray you and your loved ones know the peace of our Risen Lord in these weeks of Easter!

Last Easter, Pope Francis has said, "*The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One ... In his glorious body He bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope.*" During these difficult times and global unrest, peace and hope must be in the forefront of our being.

This year's Catholic Ministries Appeal theme – *Journeying Together in Communion, Participation and Mission*, answers our Holy Father's invitation to journey with one another and show love to those in need. Your commitment to the support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us to serve more than 600,000 people each year by supporting formation programs that prepare our priests, deacons and lay leaders; training our religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders who educate our youth and parish families; providing food and housing programs that serve our seniors, disadvantaged families, and people with special needs, those struggling with substance abuse; and promoting the sanctity of life at all stages. Working together, we are all enriching the lives of all of Long Island.

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Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal and reaching out to those need. Please pray for the success of this year's Appeal and for those who are supported by the Appeal.

You and your loved ones will be remembered in my prayers and Masses. May you and they know the love of our Risen Lord!

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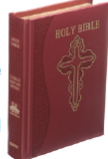
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