

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Celebrating 150 Years

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*Jesus said,
"I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

John 10:11

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

Face covering and social distancing required.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and
Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

See inside bulletin for safety protocols.

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons
at 12:45 p.m. in the church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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


Friday, Saturday and Sunday:
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

DOWNLOAD THE OLPH APP

Catholic Life Every Day

with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help App

Step 1: Open App Store or Google Play

Step 2: Search "myParish app" & press download 

Step 3: Open up the myParish app and type in "Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church"

Step 4: Set OLPH as your main parish

Step 5: Explore the great features in our parish app!



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April 25, 2021

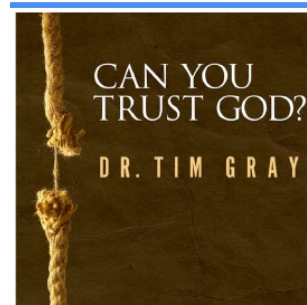
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SAVE THE DATE!



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 150th ANNIVERSARY YEAR DINNER DANCE ANNIVERSARY YEAR DINNER DANCE — SAVE THE NEW DATE!

We hope you will join us as we celebrate 150 years of "The Place to Be."
Due to Covid restrictions the dinner/dance has been rescheduled.
\$75 pp/ More formal details to follow!!! It will be GREAT!!!

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

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is also popularly referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the shepherd imagery from St. John's Gospel which is found in the Gospel reading on this Sunday every year. Hearing the Shepherd's voice, followers recognize it and know it is their God. Safe in the knowledge that they cannot be taken from the hand of the Shepherd, we who hear His voice should follow as faithful believers who are willing to go wherever God calls and sends us.

The imagery of following the Shepherd is also found in the Mass prayers for the day. The Collect (Opening Prayer) refers to us as "the humble flock" who ask to "*reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.*" The Prayer after Communion continues the Shepherd imagery as it mentions the "*eternal pastures*" which we, the sheep who have been redeemed, hope to settle in. What do you imagine those "eternal pastures" to be like?

In addition to the Shepherd imagery, another element of this Fourth Sunday of Easter is the continued expression of Easter joy. In the Prayer over the Offerings, we ask "*that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,*" and the prayer goes on to ask "*that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy.*" We must continue to keep alive throughout the entire fifty days of Easter Time our exultant joy and ecstatic cries of "Alleluia!" at the redemption and salvation won for us through the death and resurrection of Christ.

Continue to allow your reflections on the actual texts of the Mass to enrich your immersion in the spirituality of the fifty days of Easter Time.

Webinar on St. Joseph

This Tuesday, April 27, I will be presenting a special online webinar on the topic of St. Joseph in the Liturgy. I was asked by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions to lead this presentation, which they are offering in observance of the Year of St. Joseph as designated by Pope Francis. In this webinar we'll look at how the Church honors St. Joseph in the readings and prayers of the solemnities, feasts, memorials and other liturgical celebrations of St. Joseph.

The webinar is open to everybody, and there is no fee being charged. Please consider participating; I think you'll find it worthwhile. More information can be found in the ad elsewhere in this bulletin; to sign up, you can go to <https://www.fdlc.org/formation>

First Communions

Well, as of this coming Saturday, May 1, we are officially kicking off "First Communion Season" here at OLPH! How thrilled we are that, unlike last year, we are able to celebrate First Communions at the time we normally celebrate them; last year, because we were shut down, First Communions had to be postponed until the summer. Even though we still have to make some adaptations in our celebration of Mass due to COVID, these will be incredibly joyful and blessed occasions for the children and their families.

Next weekend, May 1-2, and also on Sunday, May 9, we will be 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. Parishioners love it, too, as many people comment to me how much they enjoy seeing the children and how being a part of the celebration enriches their own faith and their 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 other additional Masses on Saturdays on May 8 and May 15. These, too, are also very beautiful and powerful celebrations. I am extremely grateful to Mrs. April Kleinlaut, our Director of Faith Formation, to the Religious Education Office Staff, and to all the catechists, for all they have done to prepare our children for this important moment in their faith formation. Everyone associated with our Religious Education Program works very hard, and with great faith, devotion and dedication.

Please remember to pray for all of this year's First Communicants in the weeks ahead.

Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Allow me to remind you of our 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.

May Crowning

Since May is the month traditionally devoted to Our Blessed Mother, we will celebrate our annual May Crowning on Monday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar now! How great it is to be able to do this live and in person once again (last year we could only do it virtually, due to the pandemic)! We'll gather on the rectory lawn at the Blessed Mother statue (weather permitting — otherwise we'll move inside to the church) for a beautiful liturgy that will include the recitation of one decade of the Rosary. Thanks go to the Legion of Mary who offer their support and assistance with this liturgy each year! Please plan on being there to honor Mary, the Mother of God. It's especially important for us to do this, not only as Catholics, but also since our parish is under the patronage of Our Lady.

Also, once the outdoor Blessed Mother statue is crowned, there will also be a crown on the indoor statue in our church sanctuary.

Super 72 Raffle

The new set of tickets for our next SUPER 72 RAFFLE has been mailed out — have you received yours and sent them back yet? If not, do so now! Tickets may also be purchased at the rectory and at Johnston's Funeral Home. Please be sure to participate in this; it's an important fund raiser for the parish that continues to assist us in meeting expenses. We've been doing the SUPER 72 RAFFLE for several years now, and it continues to be a money-maker for us, but, like anything that is done regularly, we might also easily overlook it, so please don't forget about it, and join in the fun now!

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

Brick memorializations in our beautiful "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden on the south side of the church are continuing. Remember, the memorializations are to remember any person, living or deceased, or any prayer intention in general, and not just ones dealing with children.

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

for that matter, you don't even have to be Catholic! Thank you for your consideration.

Journal Ads for the 150th Anniversary Journal

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

Anniversary Year Commemorative Items for sale

There are still many beautiful 150th Anniversary Year Commemorative Items which can be purchased; see the order form in this bulletin, or use the special link on the homepage of our website www.olphlindenhurst.com to order online. Your purchase of these items is a great support to the parish. Tell your family and friends about this, too!

Catholic Ministries Appeal

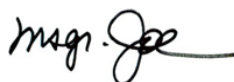
Thank you for your continued support of this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. We are moving closer and closer toward reaching this year's assigned parish goal of **\$111,600**, and that is wonderful. Please remember, we cannot do without the income we receive from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate, so we need your support. Thank you for your generosity!

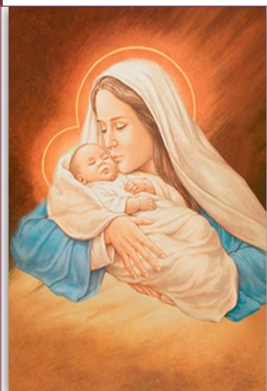
In conclusion...

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

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

Sincerely,





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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

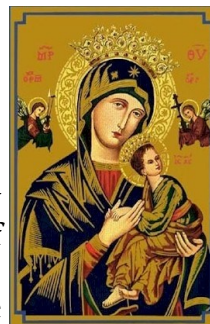
Please note that children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at parish weekend Masses on the dates and times indicated below. Attendance at those Masses will be heavier those weekends, and because we will still have to do social distancing, we are letting you know now in case you wish to plan ahead accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Saturday, May 1—
5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 2—
10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon**

**Sunday, May 9—
10:00 a.m.**

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

Monday, April 26—12:45 p.m.

Monday, May 3—12:45 p.m.

Monday, May 10—12:45 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

*All are invited to come
and pray with our parish community.*

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **May 1** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:30 p.m. Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Polish, English, Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:30 p.m. *Please note: A mask MUST be worn by all who attend First Saturday Adoration. Anyone not wearing a mask will be asked to leave.*

First Sunday Devotions —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, **May 2** at 7:00 p.m.

First Friday Devotions will take place **May 7** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays

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

in the church after the 12:15 p.m. Mass

MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER



Join us
on **Monday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.**
on the Rectory Lawn
in front of the Blessed Mother Statue for
the annual Crowning of
the Blessed Mother.



This is always such a beautiful experience of prayer and devotion, and it is especially important for us to honor Our Blessed Mother.

In case of inclement weather, the Crowning will be held indoors in the church.

Masks required and bring your own chair if desired.

WEBINAR ON SAINT JOSEPH, GIVEN BY MSGR. JOE DEGROCCO

In observance of the Year of St. Joseph as declared by Pope Francis, our own Msgr. Joe will be giving a special online presentation on the topic of St. Joseph in the Liturgy. The webinar, hosted by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC), will be held on this coming **Tuesday, April 27 at 1:00 p.m.** and run for an hour and fifteen minutes. Through an examination of the texts (readings and prayers) used in the *Roman Missal* and *Book of Blessings*, this special webinar for the Year of Saint Joseph will help us to discover the richness of the Church's esteem for St. Joseph as expressed in our official prayer. Attention will also be given to a brief review of the history of the development of devotion to St. Joseph.

All are welcome to participate, and there is no charge—it's FREE! To register go to <https://www.fdlc.org/formation>, scroll down and look for the "Honoring St. Joseph in the Church's Liturgy" information and registration link.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

EVERY SUNDAY ON YOUTUBE - [OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqJ8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K)



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

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

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



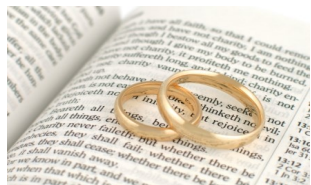
OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

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

We're celebrating Mass for YOU!

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2021 "on a five year mark," that is, this year married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 — and couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) — are invited to a special MASS!

Also, since we could not do this last year due to the pandemic, **we're inviting the couples who would have been eligible LAST year but missed out!** So, if you're "on a SIX year mark" this year — this year, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, 36, 41, 46 or ANY year 50 or more — **YOU'RE INVITED TOO!!!**



***FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021 7:30 p.m. Mass
with Renewal of Commitment by the Married Couples***

**DUE TO COVID SOCIAL DISTANCING LIMITATIONS,
ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 COUPLES WHO RESPOND.**

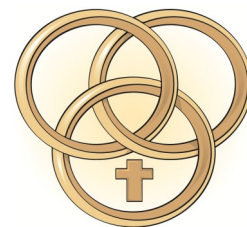
***You may bring immediate family members, but due to space limitations,
please bring only 3-4 people in addition to the anniversary couple (5-6 total).***

***Mask will be required,
and social distancing between different family groups will be enforced.***

**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 17.***

2021 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name _____
First Name of Husband _____
First Name of Wife _____
Years Married _____
Date of Your Marriage _____
Your Address _____
Your Phone Number _____
e-mail _____ @ _____



Number of People Attending: _____ ******Due to COVID restrictions, please limit
attendance to 5-6 people total, including the anniversary couple.***

Only the first 50 responses can be accepted.

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 17.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH

FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Each priest will be in his own classroom.

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

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

IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...

LIVE-STREAM MASS

We live-stream the **10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass** each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

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



JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM



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

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2020/2021 ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL PRICING**BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR AND SUPPORT OLPH!
PLACE AN AD IN OUR COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL!**

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

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

There are many possibilities!

Deadline is August 1, 2021!

Don't miss out!

Send in your ad copy and payment TODAY!

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

PLEASE INDICATE AD SIZE AND TYPE

☐ **GOLD FULL PAGE \$350**

☐ **B/W FULL PAGE \$150**

☐ **B/W HALF PAGE \$100**

☐ **B/W 1/4 PAGE \$75**

For more information call Bob Dobres at 631-592-8697 or

Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451

AD DIMENSIONS

(WIDTH X HEIGHT)



Full Page and Cover
8.5 x 11"



Half Page
8.5 x 5.5"



Quarter Page
4.25 x 5.5"

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

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

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Use this form to order great 150th Anniversary Memorabilia!150th Anniversary Memorabilia of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone (cell/home) _____

E-mail: _____

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

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

<http://olph150th.com>

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

For Office Use Only

Total Price: _____ Number of items: _____

Received by: _____

Date: _____

Order Placed: _____

Pickup date: _____

Picked up by: _____

Order Received: _____

Notified Date(s): _____



THE SUTTONS
TIM & KAREN
STEPHEN & VAL

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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:

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

Thank you!

Thank you to all the students who donated food for our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry! Also, thank you to all those who donated money to the Rice Bowl Program!

We appreciate your generosity!

Thank You

**Bible Camp Registration!**

Be sure to register ASAP, as spots are limited to 12 kids per group this year! Go to the website to sign-up before June.

Vacation Bible Camp Needs You!

Planning Meeting:

Wednesday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m.
in the school Auditorium.



Please consider being a part of our Adventure Team! Contact April for more information.

Registration for 2021-22

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

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Vacation Bible Camp Needs Adult Counselors.



Adventure Leaders this year! Counselors oversee a small group of campers as they travel throughout the day to different activities. Please consider offering your time to the youth of the parish this fun week. All Counselors over 18 must be Virtus Trained.

Please call or email April Kleinlaut if you are interested in helping out this year! (631) 226-7725 ext. 257 or akleinlaut@oloph.org

Bible Camp Counselor Orientation

All Adventure Leaders will need to join us for Orientation on Wednesday, July 7, in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to April by Tuesday, July 6, at (631) 226-7725 ext. 257 or akleinlaut@oloph.org

Supplies Needed for Bible Camp 2021

Arts and Crafts

Green Crepe Paper
Construction Paper
Markers
Pens

Middle School Camp

Empty Altoids Tins
Golf Pencils
Melting Chocolates
Lollipop Sticks & Cover Baggies
Tera cotta flowerpots 3.5 inches
Bags of Plain White Rice (*no Minute Rice*)
Bags of Uncooked Kidney Beans
Canned tuna fish
Pasta
Canned vegetables/fruits
Plastic Gloves
Washcloths
Travel Size Packs of Tissues
Small Combs
Travel Size Toothpaste
Travel size shampoo
Toothbrush
Travel size bar of soap

Razor
Bread
cold cuts/cheese
Peanut butter
Jelly
Plastic knives
Old t-shirts to rip up (dog toy)
Long socks to tie (cat toy)
Old blankets
Old towels
Empty 4 oz. water bottles
Christmas wrapping paper
Ribbons
Bows
Glitter
Shoe boxes
Tennis balls
Dog/cat food
dog bones *not made in China*
Dog/cat bed
Dog/cat toys
Rocks/seashells

Snacks

(Everything Must be Individually Wrapped for COVID Safety Measures)

Pop Tarts
Pretzels
Goldfish
Cheese-Its
Animal crackers
Fruit snacks
Juice Boxes
8oz Water Bottles

Decorating

Dollar Tree Gifts Cards
Joann's Gift Cards
Home Depot Gift Cards
Hobby Lobby Gift Cards
Weaved baskets
Green pool noodles
Treasure Boxes
Wrapping Paper Tubes
Blue Tarp
Giant Cardboard Boxes
(moving boxes and/or appliance boxes that can be taped closed)
Woven beach mats

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the School Building
Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets
631.226.7725 x. 234

Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and
1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” when we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 115 adults, 69 children, and 17 Seniors, for a total of 71 families. Thank you!

Food Pantry List

We thank you for
your continued generosity
in keeping
our shelves full but...



we will be
asking for your
help again
soon.

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

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL AT OLPH

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



WE'VE MOVED & WE'RE OPEN

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

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

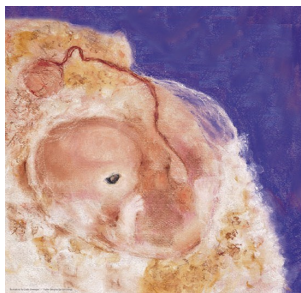
THE
*blue*door
BOUTIQUE

HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 1 - Developing Baby - **"My heart is beating!"**

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all - the gift of life.



The Diocese of Rockville Centre



Healing after Abortion

Project Rachel retreats are opportunities to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and heart for those who suffer.

The next scheduled 2021 retreat day is:

"Entering Canaan"
Day of Prayer and Healing for Women
Saturday, May 15th

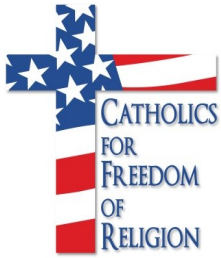
Please register by May 10th

All COVID protocols will be observed.

For more information please visit:
the Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics website
www.drvc.org/projectrachel or
contact Project Rachel at projectrachel@drvc.org
1(888)456-HOPE (4673) 1(516)766-2538 (local)

All information will remain confidential.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

"The Secret of Freedom — Courage"

—Thucydides (Greek historian, 5th century BC)

Some With Courage Are Defending Religious Freedom

"Get out! Get out!...Don't come back without a warrant!,"⁽¹⁾ yelled Pastor Artur Pawlowski to police and a public health officer as they "entered the church building uninvited on its holiest, most anticipated day for parishioners," during their church's Passover service in Alberta, Canada. "If they want to inspect the building, they can call me and we can arrange that...I asked them to get out and they would not move," said the Polish Pastor.⁽²⁾

"I grew up under Communist dictatorship behind the Iron Curtain, under the brute of the Soviets...It was like a...flashback when those police showed up at my church....And the only thing I could do is to fend off the wolves as a shepherd, and I used my voice to get rid of them."⁽³⁾

In a "Huge Win!"⁽⁴⁾ California lifts capacity limits on churches and in-home religious gatherings following five rebukes from the United States Supreme Court in five separate cases citing the First Amendment's right to religious freedom. "This is the fifth time the Court has summarily rejected the Ninth Circuit's analysis of California's COVID restrictions on religious exercise," the opinion said.⁽⁵⁾

"For over a year, the state of California has targeted the faith community for discriminatory treatment depriving them of their fundamental right to worship. It shouldn't take a decision from the Supreme Court, much less five decisions, for Governor Newsom to realize that what he has been doing is unconstitutional," said Center for American Liberty founder and CEO Harmeet Dhillon.⁽⁶⁾

"Truth draws strength from itself and not from the number of votes in its favor."

—Pope Benedict XVI

"Evil preaches tolerance until it is in power and then it seeks to silence good."

—Archbishop Chaput

Colorado cake artist Jack Phillips is again defending his freedom to practice his Christian faith in his refusal to create a cake celebrating a gender transition. "Jack Phillips serves all people, no matter how they identify, but he cannot violate his conscience and create custom cakes celebrating all messages," said Alliance Defending Freedom.⁽⁷⁾

"And, he is not alone. There are cases like these across the nation where an artist's livelihood — and in some instances, their homes and personal assets — are on the line simply for not wanting to speak a message that violates their core convictions....Our system of justice is being weaponized as nothing more than an arm of cancel culture to ruin people with whom one disagrees."⁽⁸⁾

(*chrisitanpost.com*, 4/7/21(1); *christianitydaily.com*, 4/8/21(2)(3); *independent.co.uk*, 4/7/21; *dailywire.com*, 4/12/21(4)(6); *yahoo.com*, 4/7/21(5); *brnow.org*, 3/39/21(7)(8); *usatoday.com*, 3/23/21)

"Courage is contagious."

When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are stiffened."

—Billy Graham

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The **National Day of Prayer** is on **May 6** this year. The President is required by law (since 1952) to sign a proclamation encouraging all Americans to pray. This year our prayers are even more urgent, as laws are proposed and passed in contravention of our Constitutional protections, including laws which are antagonistic to natural and moral law. Catholics should pray especially for the protection of our religious freedom, and in opposition to the expansion of abortions and to proposed euthanasia. Pray for our country, which was founded under God, that we may continue to have true freedom of religion, without interference by the government, and true freedom of speech, with equality for all.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Vincent Boccanfuso
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Thomas Crennan
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Marie Gagneron
Kenneth Hale
Bob Meade
Bob Mehm
John Reynolds
Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT:

Joseph Matos & Jaclyn Napoli

WE REMEMBER

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

Anthony D'Angelo

Joyce Forgione

Patricia Kenney

John Zanfardino

Kathleen Basiliced

Mary Nodell

"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."

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.

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.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Robert Huber
Marie & Tom Stagnitta
Darby Bandini
Dorothy Fitzgerald
Miranda Wesolowski
Mary Doran
Dawn Arpino
Baby Addison Rose White
Stephanie Guidice
Nancy Diaz-Ryan
Mark Behr

Mitch Wlazlo
Janet Novotney
Nora McMahon
Josephine Johnson
Patricia & Richard Kleczkowski
Carol Van Dyke
Charlotte Corrar
Hank Skalkowski
Jaclyn Smith
Bunny Reiger

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

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

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

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

Spring Bereavement Group will meet Saturdays **May 8 to June 26, 2021** from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Due to Covid restrictions and weather, the group will meet in the courtyard. Registration is required.

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062. Please bring your own chair and refreshments.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 26—

Easter Weekday

6:30 Angelina Marangoni

12:15 Joseph Aliano

TUESDAY, April 27—

Easter Weekday

6:30 Tadeusz Cimaszewski

12:15 Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

WEDNESDAY, April 28—

Easter Weekday

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

6:30 Mary Ann Bagnoli

12:15 Estelle Leonard

THURSDAY, April 29—

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

6:30 Roseanne Kellermann

12:15 Rosario Adesso

FRIDAY, April 30—

Easter Weekday

(Saint Pius V, Pope)

6:30 Mary Colombano (Living)

12:15 Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family

SATURDAY, May 1—

Easter Weekday

(Saint Joseph the Worker)

8:00 Christopher Versaco

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 2—

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 Gloria Brauer

10:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

12:00 Margaret McShea

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 26, 2021

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

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

12:45 p.m. Devotions Church

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

5:00 p.m. First Communion Rehearsal Church

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

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

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

12:45 p.m. Exposition Church

7:00 p.m. Level 8 Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting Church

8:00 p.m. RCIA Zoom

Thursday, April 29, 2021

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

Friday, April 30, 2021

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

Saturday, May 1, 2021

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

3:00 p.m. Confessions School

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

6:30 p.m. Adoration Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour Church

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

12:00 P.M.

John DiPietro

*Requested by
Catherine & Joseph Antonacci*

Francis Farrugia

Requested by Lena Farrugia

Helen Mattern

Requested by Jeff & Tara Gaab

Richard Reynolds

Requested by Daniel Murphy

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO

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

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

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

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

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

Lecturas del Domingo 4° de Pascua - Ciclo B

Preparándonos para el domingo 25 de abril de 2021

Yo soy el buen pastor dice el Señor.

No hay otro nombre por el que nos salvemos que el nombre de Jesucristo, crucificado, pero resucitado de entre los muertos.

Que Jesús, el Señor Resucitado, esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Hecho 4,8-12): Salvados en el Nombre de Jesús Resucitado

Pedro profesa sin miedo alguno su fe en Cristo Resucitado, en cuyo nombre ha curado de su discapacidad a un lisiado. Jesús es el nombre por el que todos nos salvamos. No hay otro nombre por el cual podemos ser salvados que el nombre de Jesucristo crucificado, pero resucitado de entre los muertos.

Segunda Lectura (1Juan 3,1-2): ¡Realmente Hijos de Dios!

Que somos hijos de Dios no es sólo un pensamiento bonito, sino la más profunda realidad, ya que estamos unidos a Jesús, Hijo querido de Dios. Solamente cuando veamos a Dios seremos capaces de entender esto.

Evangelio (Juan 10,11-18): Jesús, Nuestro Buen Pastor

Jesús nos dice que él no solo es un pastor, sino que él es un buen pastor. ¿Cuál es la diferencia de un pastor y un buen pastor? Un pastor es aquel quien está encargada de un rebaño, de un grupo de ovejas. Al estar encargado debe de cuidarlas, protegerlas, alimentarlas y guiarlas, en otras palabras, es responsable de las ovejas. En el pasaje Jesús menciona que su rebaño se lo entrego Dios, es un rebaño especial porque él conoce a sus ovejas, él las llama por su nombre y las ovejas conocen la voz de su pastor. Jesús como el pastor, cuida de su rebaño, las protege, las alimenta y las guía. Él menciona que él es la puerta de la salvación, el guía su rebaño hacia la salvación, guía su rebaño hacia Dios. ¿Entonces cuál es la diferencia del pastor y el buen pastor? El buen pastor ama a sus ovejas, el pastor común, pastorea porque es un trabajo o profesión. Jesús nos dice que al pastor asalariado (pagado) no les importan las ovejas, solo el salario, en cambio al buen pastor, ama a sus ovejas, al punto de dar su vida por sus ovejas. La gran diferencia de un buen pastor y un pastor es simplemente el amor. El buen pastor ama a cada una de sus ovejas, al punto de sufrir cuando una se pierde. El buen pastor que arriesga su vida por la oveja perdida y se regocija cuando la encuentra.

En el pasaje Jesús nos dice que él es el buen pastor. Idealmente Jesús es el pastor de tu vida, tu estas escuchando su voz y lo sigues. Pero a la vez tú también eres un pastor. Aunque no lo creas, Jesús permite que participes en su labor de pastor. Él quiere ser el buen pastor a través de ti.



OFFERING UPDATE April 17/18

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	183	79	\$1,880.50
8:00 a.m.	170	98	3,117.00
10:00 a.m.	265	74	2,664.00
12:00 p.m.	218	68	2,015.00
Coin			1.56
Faith Direct:			2,921.50
Children's Env.		10	44.00
Mail-ins:			2,031.00
TOTAL	836	329	\$14,674.56
April 18, 2020	<i>We were shut down— No public Masses were said \$7,874.00</i>		
Candles			\$586.18
Poor Box			\$257.13

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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 no later than the dates listed below and as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.
Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

May 2—passed

May 9—April 30

May 16—May 7



The value of learning. The learning of values.

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS May 1 & 2

A collection taken *next weekend* will be in support of Catholic elementary schools in the diocese and of the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. Tomorrow's Hope provides tuition assistance to students in need attending Catholic elementary schools and grants directly to schools to offset general expenses. The money that you give to the second collection next weekend will help to expand the academic excellence of our Catholic elementary schools and help them remain a place where our faith is taught and lived.

Sustaining Catholic elementary education is vital to the future of our society and our Church. Please be as generous as possible with your donation next weekend.



**TO OUR NEW
OLPH
PARISHIONERS
April 2021**

*Patricia Mae Atienza, Kaigreyson
& Shay Aitbrayam*

Ryan & Jennifer Fais

Ahkeen & Teresa McKinnon

SUPER 72 RAFFLE APRIL 2021 WINNERS

\$1000 - Patricia McQueen

\$250 - Michael Cannon

\$100 - Evelyn McBrien

\$100 - Lorraine O'Regan

\$100 - Jeff & Tara Gaab

\$100 - Caroline Kuil

PREPARING FOR Sunday, May 2, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."*

John 15:5

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

We hear today of the early days of Saul (Paul) in Jerusalem. Saul had been one of the fiercest persecutors of the first Christians. He had them imprisoned, tortured, and killed. It's no wonder the church members in Jerusalem were afraid of him. But he then met Jesus on the road to Damascus and was converted. When he came to Jerusalem he spoke boldly in Jesus' name, so boldly in fact that others tried to kill him. Isn't it amazing what God can do, that we're never so far from him that we can't turn around and embrace him?

1 John 3:18-24

John tells us plainly today: it's not what you say that counts, it's what you do. "Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and truth." Put your money where your mouth is. Then we will know that we belong to God. "Those who keep his commandments remain in him (God)." John asks us to search our hearts (consciences) to see if they condemn us, and if they do, not to worry because we can always ask God for help. The good news is that we will receive help from God for whatever we ask. Good news indeed!

John 15:1-8

Jesus tells his disciples and us that he is the true vine and his Father is the vine grower. We are meant to remain connected to him as our source of strength. A branch cut off a tree will wither and die. So will we if we cut off our source of strength by separating from Jesus. But if we stay connected we can expect many good things: our prayers will be answered, our work will be fruitful, and God will be glorified through us as we become an example to many. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." In today's world of technology that helps us network with other people, the most important person to stay connected to is Jesus.

Gospel Reflection

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

1. You (the branches) remain in Jesus (the vine), whose life runs through you. How does his life running through you relate to your asking God for whatever you want and it being done for you? How could you use this Gospel to explain Paul's actions in the first reading?

2. "And every one that [bears fruit] he prunes so that it bears more fruit." Have you ever felt like you were being "pruned"? Explain. At times do you have "dead wood" that needs to be pruned? Discuss.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 26, 2021:

Acts 11:1-18 + John 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 27, 2021:

Acts 11:19-26 + John 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 28, 2021:

Acts 12:24—13:5a + John 12:44-50

Thursday, April 29, 2021:

Acts 13:13-25 + John 13:16-20

Friday, April 30, 2021:

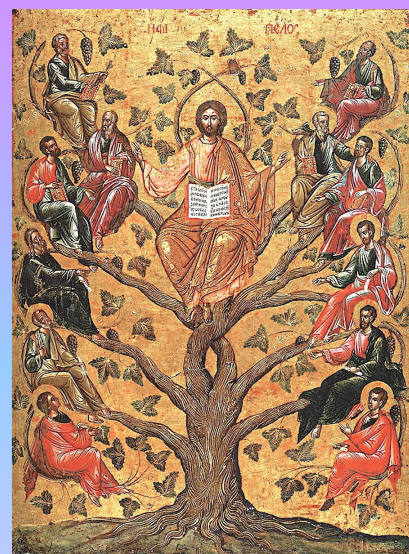
Acts 13:26-33 + John 14:1-6







Saturday, May 1, 2021:

Acts 13:44-52 + John 14:7-14

Sunday, May 2, 2021:

Acts 9:26-31
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