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Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 28, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Frank Pokorney

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.
We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

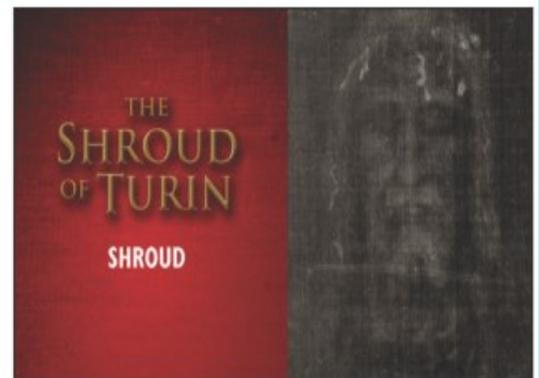
Shroud

The Shroud of Turin

Deepen Your Devotion

Discover the story of the Shroud in light of faith and science! Find out what the most studied article in the world tells us about the man whose image remains on the Shroud.

[Watch on formed.org](http://formed.org)



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PASTOR'S PAGE

Second Sunday of Easter

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

I'm still flying high from the amazing and beautiful liturgies we celebrated during the Sacred Paschal Triduum. I must again express my deep, deep gratitude to all who in any way worked on, ministered at and participated in our liturgies during the Triduum. I personally was very moved and experienced moments of deep prayer; I found myself once again renewed and spiritually reinvigorated. That's due primarily, of course, to the working of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit works through all of us; for me, all of you were vehicles of the Spirit as we prayed together so powerfully, and as you so generously offered your witness of faith.

It's fascinating to note that the Missal texts (prayers of the Mass) for this Second Sunday of Easter are filled with references to our sacramental initiation. Historically, this day was given the name *Dominica in albis* — a Sunday for the neophytes (newly-initiated) to wear their white baptismal garments (albs). Today, our neophytes Kevin, Catherine, Emily and Tara, who were baptized, confirmed and received First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil last Holy Saturday night, will be wearing their baptismal garments — their albs — at the Mass they attend! How fitting it is for all of us to reflect on what it means for us to be united to Christ and to have new life in Him through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the three sacraments of initiation, when we "put on" the life of Christ as a new garment!

As two examples of this emphasis on initiation in today's Mass, we can look to two of the prayers of the Mass for this Sunday. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for today's Mass is brimming with the language of initiation: it reminds us that we are the people who have

been made God's own through the font in which we have been washed (Baptism), by whose Spirit in whom we have been reborn (Baptism and Confirmation), and by whose Blood we have been redeemed (Eucharist). The Prayer over the Offerings asks that we may "attain unending happiness" because we have been "renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism."

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

Divine Mercy Devotions

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

OLPH will be participating in special devotions to mark the day. Please plan on joining in some or all of the special events which begin with the 12:00 Noon Mass and continue with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Hour of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m., and which are then followed by veneration of the image of Merciful Jesus and 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

Deadline for next batch of memorialized bricks is coming very soon!

Allow me to remind you that we will soon be sending off our next batch of memorialized bricks for engraving and then installation in the "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden — the deadline is May 6. Bricks will still be available for memorialization after that, but I don't know yet how long it will be before a subsequent batch is sent out for engraving and

installation. So, act soon if you want to get in on this batch! See the flyer elsewhere in the bulletin.

Welcome Ambassadors Ministry, and being a welcoming parish in general

I'm happy to announce to you a new ministry which is just on the verge of starting here at OLPH: our Welcome Ambassadors Ministry. The best way to think of it is as a "Welcome Wagon" type of thing.

When a person or a family registers with us as a new parishioner, they meet with a priest in person, and they fill out a Census Form. However, we want to extend the sense of welcome and hospitality beyond that of simply meeting one of the priests in person (as wonderful as that is!). So, the idea is that after registering, a new parishioner will receive a follow-up visit from one of our Welcome Ambassadors.

The Welcome Ambassadors will arrange to meet up with the new parishioners and will provide an introduction to the parish. We have put together a "goody bag" (with the Hollywood awards shows I think the term is "swag bag!") that has the parish name and logo on it. The bag will be filled with various items — things such as a bulletin, a Ministry Directory, a sheet that gives a ritual to use to bless their home, an icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and an information sheet describing our social media presence and all the ways to stay connected to the parish. The goal is to convey a sense of warmth and welcome about the parish by showing new parishioners that we care enough to take the time and effort to have a fellow-parishioner make a personal and friendly contact.

This project was adopted by our Family Life Ministry, and I am very grateful to those members of the Family Life Ministry who have offered to take on this important endeavor. You have done a great job, and I know this will be an important addition to the life of the parish!

While we're on the subject, though, I should point out that when you get right down to it, the job of welcoming others is not limited only to our Welcome Ambassadors. As one family in Christ, each and every one of us should consider it our duty and responsibility to be welcoming of others and to create a warm,

friendly, open and hospitable atmosphere in our parish (which, I believe, we have!). The fact is we are a huge parish; do we all see it as our job to be welcoming? We should! It can be intimidating for someone when they are new to our parish; it's a huge church and a large assembly gathered to worship. Do we say hello to people? Do we help it to feel less intimidating for others? Do we search out new people, that is, go up to someone if they look like they're unfamiliar with the parish? Do we take the risk to reach out to others?

We should all consider it our common responsibility to step up and take the initiative to greet others and be warm and welcoming to others, especially if they appear to be a "newbie." Everyone doing that is what will continue to make OLPH "the place to be!"

Lighting inside the church

Finally, you may have noticed that there are some changes with the lighting in the church. I mentioned some time ago in one of my bulletin columns that we were changing to more energy-efficient light bulbs. At the same time, we have been re-evaluating the lighting and the balance of lighting in various areas of the church and have been trying to make improvements; sometimes it has involved a little bit of trial-and-error and readjustment! If you have noticed and continue to notice from time to time that the lighting changes — it seems a little brighter, for example, or an area is lit up in a way that looks different — it is not your imagination. I thank you for your patience and understanding. We're constantly striving to make things as good as they can be here, especially in our worship.

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,



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION—APRIL 13, 2019





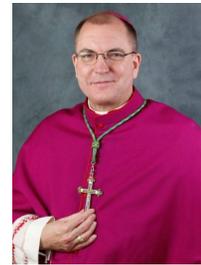
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BISHOP BARRES' EASTER LETTER



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

EASTER 2019



Dear Friends:

As we celebrate Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday and, indeed, the entire Easter Season on Long Island, we remember the power of the Risen Christ so eloquently captured in the Resurrection narratives of the four Gospels.

These Resurrection accounts put us in the presence of the Risen Lord and open us up to his power. These narratives reveal the Risen Christ's glorified wounds.

The light that streams from the glorified wounds of the Risen Jesus touch the wounds of the Church, the wounds of survivors of clergy sexual abuse, the wounds of our families and the wounds of the human family.

The power of the Risen Christ rolls back the stones of spiritual inertia and lukewarmness from our hearts, so that we can embrace a new and compelling spiritual vitality and commitment to advance *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island and beyond.

It is my role as your Bishop, as your successor to the Apostles on Long Island, and as your servant, to be a teacher of prayer. Every Pastoral Letter, every Catholic Faith Network *Encounter* program, every YouTube video, and every Twitter message I share with you, is designed to open us all to a deeper spirit of prayer, holiness and evangelization.

In my 2019 Lenten Letter, www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org, *Encounter* program link: https://youtu.be/AY_wYWE3b90 I asked us all to recommit ourselves to being deeply biblical Catholics who embrace daily *lectio divina*, the prayerful, daily reading and praying of Sacred Scripture.

In this 2019 Easter Letter, I am asking all of us to recommit to a period of daily silent mental prayer, a simple, heart to heart conversation with God. St. John Vianney, the holy Curé of Ars and patron saint of all Catholic priests, wrote: "Prayer is nothing but union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, he is given a kind of serenity and sweetness that makes him ecstatic, a light that surrounds him with marvelous brightness."

In our current noise-addicted and social-media addicted culture, it can seem almost impossible to commit to a serious period of silence and mental prayer each day.

In the past, we may have tried to be faithful and consistent to mental prayer but found we could not sustain it. We may have given up or become so discouraged that we no longer believe that we could ever be serious about mental prayer.

Father Walter Ciszek, S.J. (1904-1984), was a Polish-American Jesuit priest who was imprisoned for more than twenty years for doing missionary work in the Soviet Union. His cause for canonization is currently underway in Rome.

Father Ciszek wrote a memoir of his spiritual journey in which he explains how prayer saved him through his years in prison, in solitary confinement, and even in the Gulag. In the book *He Leadeth Me*, he makes the connection between deep faith and deep prayer: "We cannot pray as if we were talking to the empty air; so in the very act of praying we unconsciously remind ourselves of the reality and the presence of God, thereby strengthening our belief in him ... Without faith, our lives are just so many empty and boring routines, hollow at the core, as day succeeds day with little sense of meaning or feeling of accomplishment. With faith, however, even the most boring and routine action of every day has merit and significance for us – and for the kingdom of God."

And so, each Easter, we all together humble ourselves and begin again. The power of the Risen Christ allows us a new beginning and opens us up to new vistas of conversion and spiritual growth.

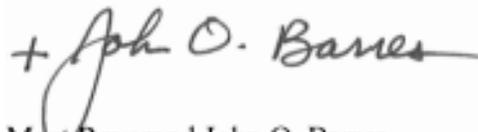
St. Peter of Alcantara (1499-1562) was a Spanish Franciscan friar who lived in the 1500's and was a master of spirituality. Consider what this great saint said about how mental prayer transforms our lives: "In mental prayer the soul is purified from its sins, nourished with charity, confirmed in faith, and strengthened in hope; the mind expands, the affections dilate, the heart is purified, truth becomes evident; temptation is conquered, sadness dispelled; the senses are renovated; drooping powers revive; tepidity ceases; the rust of vices disappears. Out of mental prayer issues forth, like living sparks, those desires of heaven which the soul conceives when inflamed with the fire of divine love. Sublime is the excellence of mental prayer, great are its privileges; to mental prayer heaven is opened; to mental prayer heavenly secrets are manifested and the ear of God ever attentive."

This Easter, may the power of the Risen Christ and the Gospel Resurrection narratives open us to the Holy Spirit expanding the height, depth and breadth of our daily mental prayer and our capacity for contemplative concentration.

May each one of us embrace our call as baptized Catholic Christians to not only pray at a deep level ourselves, but also to teach others to pray as well.

May the Holy Spirit continue to raise up contemplative missionary saints on Long Island!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Spring Concert

Be sure to join our music ministry

Saturday, May 11

7:00 p.m. in the church

In Memory of Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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

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



Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

Thursday, May 16

7:30 p.m. in church



Join us for a candlelight prayer service to help us reflect on the mystery of the Cross and the glory of Christ's resurrection. Consider setting aside one hour to join in this beautiful and contemplative form of prayer.

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. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, April 29—7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 6—

Replaced by May Crowning at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 13—7:00 p.m.

Prayer for Peace



Please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

May Crowning **Monday, May 6th** **7:00 p.m.**

Rectory Lawn in front of the Blessed Mother Statue

Join with your fellow parishioners for the annual crowning of the Blessed Mother.

The May Crowning will take the place of the weekly devotions.



HELP NEEDED TO WATER THE EASTER FLOWERS



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

commitment will be minimal. Your responsibility will end when we return to Ordinary Time after June 9 (Pentecost). It's a great way to do something helpful for the parish that does not require a huge ongoing commitment. It's something you can bring your child with you to do! Won't you help us out?

Please contact Lynn Bergin at lmbergin@optonline.net or at (516) 528-3404 and she'll give you all the details and sign you up. Thank you!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & SUNDAY DEVOTIONS



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

First Friday Devotions will take place **May 3** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **May 4** 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. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 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 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, **May 5** at 7:00 p.m.

Mass for All People With Special Needs

May 4

The *Special Needs Ministry* hosts a monthly celebration of the Eucharist in a smaller setting designed to provide a fulfilling worship experience for all adults and children who may be uncomfortable in a larger setting.

Please join us on **Saturday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium.** Let's all come together and worship together! After Mass we have Hospitality!

Levels 6—8 and Teens may join us early to help the ministry with set up and to gain Confirmation Service hours. Call Jessica at the Religious Education office 631-226-7725 X 252 to let her know you are coming.

We can always use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you? Contact Jessica Becker at 631-226-7725 X 252 or email to jbecker@olph.org

After May 4, our next Special Needs Mass is June 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...



Saturdays and Sundays After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

"The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself 'continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.'"

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175



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.

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 2019 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 17, 2019

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)*

**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.

2019 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name _____

First Name of Husband _____

First Name of Wife _____

Years Married _____

Date of Your Marriage _____

Your Wedding Song _____

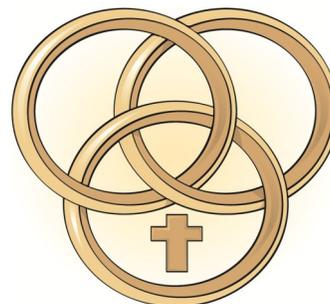
Wedding Song Artist _____

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.

ADULT FORMATION CLASS

Our next Adult Education Course...

PRAYING THE MASS:

A Catechesis on the Texts of the Mass

Instructor: Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

5 Nights, Tuesdays and Thursdays — May 2, 7, 9, 28 and June 4

Time: 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Place: Room 3, OLPH School

This course will explore the meaning of what we say and sing at Mass.

We'll look at elements such as the "Glory to God in the Highest," the "Holy Holy," the Collect, the Prayer over the Offerings, the Prayer after Communion, and other elements, to explore their history, to uncover how they function in the Mass, and to understand how they should lead us to be more deeply immersed in the Mystery being celebrated.

Advanced credit is available for those who have completed the diocesan Basic Studies Course.

To register, please return the coupon below

or contact Josephine Vagelatos at jvagelatos@oloph.org or at 631-226-7725 x206

no later than Monday, April 29.

Yes, sign me up for... **PRAYING THE MASS:**
A Catechesis on the Texts of the Mass

A \$20 per person free will offering to cover the costs of materials is requested.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____
e-mail _____ @ _____

please return the coupon no later than Monday, April 29.

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FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



Invites you to Easter Paint & Egg Hunt Night



Looking for something FUN and ARTSY to do as a family? Look no further, come out and uncork your inner Picasso!! Follow along with artist Gina Drost, founder of *Faithful Painting* who will guide you through every brush stroke to complete your own masterpiece.



When: Friday, May 10, 2019

Time: 6:45 – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Cafeteria

Cost: \$25 (includes canvas, all painting supplies and snacks)



Bring snacks to share with others

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the paint session. Adults are encouraged to paint along with their children.



RESERVE YOUR SPOT EARLY AS SPACES ARE LIMITED

Any questions or ticket information contact:

Jenine Jimenez Spina 631-226-0317 or je91971@gmail.com

Easter Paint and Egg Hunt Night **REPLY FORM**

First & Last Name: _____

_____ #of adults _____ # of children & ages _____

Telephone number: _____ Email Address: _____ @ _____

Please email Jenine Jimenez Spina at je91971@gmail.com

NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, May 5, 2019



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

Children receiving First Communion on Saturday, May 4—your Rehearsal is on Monday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the Church.
Children receiving First Communion at a Sunday Parish Mass—your Rehearsal is on Tuesday, April 30, at 5:00 p.m. in the Church.
All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
Attendance will be taken.

Levels 6, 7, 8 & Teen Program:
Don't forget that your Workbooks were due in class on Wednesday, April 3, 2019!
You MUST hand in any missing work!
Mass Reflections are due on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.
Make sure you make up any missed Masses to hand in a completed book!



Bible Camp Registration is officially open!
Come into the Religious Ed Office and sign your kids up for a wild ride this summer with Jesus!

Registration Is Now OPEN



Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families began April 1st. After June 14th, there will be a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations. We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a “New Family Appointment” or to call us for any information. Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—**must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate.** New families **MUST make an appointment to register by calling or emailing us.** Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2019-2020 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office. We can't wait to meet you!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
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- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
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NEW Food Pantry List!

- CANNED MEAT**
- CANNED CARRROTS**
- CANNED GREEN BEANS**
- PASTA SAUCE**
- PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP**
- PEANUT BUTTER**
- JELLY OR JAM**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- COFFEE/TEA**
- CRACKERS/COOKIES**
- SNACKS**

Thank you for your generosity.

Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!” Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace.

In the month of March, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor celebrate the peace of Easter, by assisting 37 children, 72 adults and 17 seniors, for a total 126 people in 56 households. Thank You!



Knights of Columbus
SQUIRES
Youth Organization.

Columbian Squires Food Drive

The OLPH Columbian Squires will be hosting a food drive

TODAY, Sunday, April 28th

at the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses at OLPH parish in Lindenhurst

We will be accepting any nonperishable food items at the front and side entrances before and after Mass. Any food received will be given to the OLPH food pantry and will be much appreciated.

Any questions about the food drive or the Knights of Columbus Squires, contact the following:

Chief Counselor Tom Romano PGK

Email: tomonli@aol.com

Phone: (631) 561-7052

Chief Squire Nick Artusa

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PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS:

We can use gift cards (Visa, Amazon, etc.) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping for items most often needed.

We are in need of the following:

- Sweat shirts
- Sweat pants
- Jeans (30-42)
- New women's underwear (5,6,7)
- New men's underwear (L, XL, 2x, 3x)
- Hoodies
- Blankets
- New or clean, gently used sneakers
- Sunscreen

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, May 14
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

MIDDLE AGES

*Are you a lady in your 40s, 50s, or 60s?
Are you looking to meet other women
who share your interest in spirituality,
socializing and social action?*

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, May 7
7:00 p.m. in Room 24**

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The Christian Mothers and Guild would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all those who supported our Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Your purchases and donations will directly benefit OLPH Parish. God bless you all.

OLPH Homeless Van Ministry Needs You...

*Can you join us
1-2 Wednesday evenings a month
for a few hours to offer food,
clothing, friendship and hope?*

For more information please contact:
Regina Muir 631 226-2709, rmuir11@aol.com or
Peggy Pannullo 631 9215994, justin97@aol.com

**Our next Community Meal is
Sunday, May 19
Come and pray with us
at the 12:00 p.m. Mass
& then join us for
“Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m.**

ONE MILLION ROSARIES

FOR UNBORN BABIES

May 3, 4 & 5

Join the

PUBLIC ROSARY

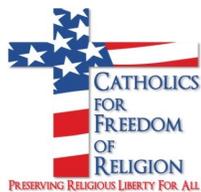
**3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4
Village Gazebo**



*OLPH was present for the peaceful protest
in front of Planned Parenthood, Massapequa,
April 13, 2019*



CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



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Teacher Forces Student to Remove Ash Wednesday Cross

"It was really bad," said 4th grader William McLeod. "I felt like I was in trouble." The Utah student had attended an Ash Wednesday Mass at his Catholic Church and had an ash cross placed on his forehead to mark the beginning of Lent, a season of prayer and penance that Christians observe before Easter. William's teacher asked him about the ash cross, and when he explained it, she said it was "inappropriate" and to "take it off" with a disinfectant wipe. His grandmother reported that being forced to wash off the ashes in front of his classmates left William crying and embarrassed when he went to the principal's office. "The teacher is currently on administrative leave," said a school district spokesman.

How could this denial of religious expression happen, and what emotional effect can this have on both William and his classmates who witnessed his humiliation? The long-term effects and impact of this trauma, as well as the legal implications, need to be considered.

Public schools are not God-free zones, and the right to religious expression in public schools is protected by the First Amendment. "The relationship between religion and government in the U.S. is governed by the First Amendment to the Constitution, which both prevents the government from establishing religion and protects private religious expression and activities from government interference and discrimination. The First Amendment thus establishes certain limits on the conduct of public school officials as it relates to religious activity, including prayer." (ESEA)

Section 8524 of the July 31, 2018 amended Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 requires that, as a condition to receiving federal funds, the local School District must certify in writing that it has no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies, participation in constitutionally protected prayer and religious expression in public schools. (usatoday.com, 3/7/19; cnn.com, 3/8/19; nbcnews.com, 3/7/19; www2.ed.gov)

Action Steps:

1. Attend your local School Board monthly meeting and ask for a copy of their written certification that must be sent to their State educational agency annually.
2. See Catholics For Freedom of Religion website, www.cffor.org, for information and materials about this topic.
3. Ask your organization, local church, or religious education program to invite volunteer speakers from CFFR to address your group.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM



MONTH 1 "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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

April 2019

Paul and Cheryl Santore

Helen and Miller Pineros Lozada

Carol Muller

Thomas Craine II

Ryan & Heidi Resky

Kevin & Jami Pugh



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 rabecker@optimum.net.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Gregory Guido
Sonia Hansen
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
James Totino
Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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John Reynolds

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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Deacon Robert Becker
Lynn Bergin
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
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Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Rosaleen Walters
Mike Williams

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.

Third Announcement:

Joseph O'Brien & Jennifer Muir

WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism

Tristan Jordan Edwards

Zachary Thomas Hansen

Elijah John Hick

Quinn Leigh Smith

Catherine Sophia Whelehan



We welcome the newest members of the Catholic community here at OLPH!

WE REMEMBER

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

Agostino Pecoraro

Josephine Del Vecchio

Maria Piazza

Victoria Garbo

“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.”

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.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Michael Schauer

Lillian Pigott

Patrick Pigott

Daniel Mueller

Erin Stanton

Willard Cleaver

Edward Jacobs

Kenwyn Edwards

Deacon Frank Odin

Randall I. Press

Joanne Press

Richard Perez Jr.

Lynn Perez

Addisu Bekele

Bunny Rieger

Loretto Dinardo

Jim Stegner

Lioba Koczian

Avelina Reyes

Randall Rieger

Fred Sawyer

Carl & Marie D'Angelo

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.

PASTORAL CARE & 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.

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

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, April 29—****SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENNA,
VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

6:30 Neil Miranda

12:15 Frederick Kienle

TUESDAY, April 30 —**EASTER WEEKDAY
(Saint Pius V, Pope)**

6:30 Joan M. Penny

12:15 Joan & William McCowan

WEDNESDAY, May 1 —**EASTER WEEKDAY
(Saint Joseph the Worker)**

6:30 Christopher Versace

12:15 Rocher Cha-os

THURSDAY, May 2 —**SAINT ATHANASIUS, BISHOP
& DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

6:30 Wendy Linn

12:15 Emil Nagle

FRIDAY, May 3 —**SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**

6:30 Paul, Cindy & Kenneth Breitfeller

12:15 Ann & James McCowan, Sr.

SATURDAY, May 4 —**EASTER WEEKDAY**8:00 For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy
Family**Vigil for
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**4:00 Gerald Cunningham
Special Needs Mass—Auditorium

5:00 Colleen English Flanagan

**Sunday, May 5
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00 Dominick Barone

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 Baginski Family

5:00 Dominick Barone

PARISH CALENDAR**Monday, April 29, 2019**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
5:00 p.m.	First Communion Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

5:00 p.m.	First Communion Rehearsal	Church
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:15 p.m.	Bereavement Ministry	St. Mark's Room

Thursday, May 2, 2019

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation: Liturgy	Room 3
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, May 3, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent

Saturday, May 4, 2019

11:30 a.m.	First Holy Communion	Church
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Nocturnal Adoration	Church

Sunday, May 5, 2019

All day	K of C Membership Drive	Outside
9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Room 16/3
1:30 p.m.	Young Men's Spirituality	St. Mark's Room
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Preparándonos para el Domingo 28 de Abril del 2019

EL SEÑOR RESUCITADO, PRESENTE EN MEDIO DE SU PUEBLO

Estamos reunidos en nombre de Jesús.

Él es el Primero y el Último,

el Viviente, que vive para siempre,

Señor y Dios nuestro.

Que su paz y alegría esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera lectura (Hechos de los Apóstoles 5:12-16)

“Tomás el incrédulo”, lo hemos llamado a él y a todos sus descendientes espirituales a lo largo de los siglos, porque Tomás se movía por el dicho “hasta no ver no creer” y porque buscó ciertos signos tangibles para apuntalar su fe.

Segunda lectura (Revelación 1:9-13,17-19)

El apóstol Juan sintió estimulada su fe con una visión del Señor resucitado. En su mensaje a las siete iglesias, símbolo de la Iglesia universal, anima a los cristianos perseguidos a no tener miedo y a permanecer firmes en la fe.

Lectura del Sato Evangelio según (San Juan 20:19-31)

“como el padre me envió así también yo los envió” cumplida su misión está presente en los hermanos con el don de su Espíritu para que continúen su obra y den testimonio del amor del padre que es también el nuestro.

¿Por qué nos reunimos cada domingo para celebrar la eucaristía del Señor? Por la misma razón por la que los primeros cristianos trasladaron su día de culto, del Sábado Judío al Domingo cristiano. Porque Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos el domingo, el primer día de la semana. El domingo vino así a ser “el Día del Señor”, el día en que los cristianos comenzaron a celebrar que Cristo estaba vivo y resucitado en la comunidad de sus fieles, como está ahora presente aquí entre nosotros. Él es real y está vivo entre nosotros, es nuestro compañero en el camino de -la vida y le reconocemos en la comunidad de la Iglesia.

El día de hoy vamos a reflexionar sobre tres ideas esenciales: la resurrección de Jesús, la paz, y la fe.

La resurrección de Jesús marca el inicio de un nuevo camino, el camino de la esperanza, el camino de la vuelta a la vida. En la pasada Vigilia Pascual renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales y nos comprometimos a seguir amando, a seguir confiando, a seguir el camino que Jesús nos aconseja. Un camino que Jesús nos marca con un saludo constante: la Paz sea con vosotros, y ese deseo, ahora más que nunca, debe ser el deseo de todos y para todos, tengamos presente en la eucaristía de hoy y en nuestras oraciones los actuales conflictos de Libia, Costa de Marfil, la República del Congo, Sudán, Siria, Egipto,... Que la paz esté con todos, esa paz que tanto deseamos y que es necesaria para el desarrollo de las naciones, para la felicidad de las personas, para el futuro de los niños. Y que en este largo, y no fácil, camino no nos falte la fe, no nos falte la esperanza y la confianza en que un mundo mejor es posible. Con nuestras manos, nuestras oraciones, nuestra acción, nuestra fuerza y, sobre todo, con nuestra unión.

OFFERING UPDATE April 20/21, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	Weekly
5:00		
8:00		
10:00		
12:00		
5:00		
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Mail-		
Childr		
Faith		
TOTAL		
2018 to		
Candles		
Poor Box		

Easter Sunday collection totals will be printed at a later date to allow time for mail-ins and all other donations to be counted.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

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

- May 5—passed
- May 12—May 3
- May 19—May 10



SpringFest comes to the Village on Wellwood Avenue

Sunday, May 5

Next **Sunday, May 5th, Wellwood Avenue** will be closed to all traffic from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. for SpringFest which will allow stores, vendors with arts and crafts to have outdoor displays and food stands from John Street to West Gates Avenue. So, plan ahead—leave a little early! *They are allowed to start setting up before 10:00 a.m.* You may have to find a new route to get to Mass on time and to find parking next weekend.

SUPER 72 RAFFLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL 2019 WINNERS

- \$1000** - Marige Reyes
- \$250** - Fran Grasso
- \$100** - Ray & Deb Barnes
- \$100** - Charles Moran
- \$100** - Megan Schaming
- \$100** - M & D Liotta

Going away on Vacation?



Remember, we never take a vacation from our obligation to attend Mass. Visit

www.masstimes.org
to find out where your family can gather for Sunday Mass.

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PREPARING FOR
Sunday, May 5, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*“To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor,
glory and might, forever and ever.”*

Revelation 5:13

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41

This reading continues to tell the story of the spread of the Gospel in the days following Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. To keep them from preaching about Jesus, the authorities had previously jailed the Apostles, but an angel of God secretly released them during the night and ordered them to resume their preaching in the Temple area. The authorities have them arrested for a second time and flog them before releasing them. Instead of silencing them, this persecution only strengthens the resolve of the Apostles to proclaim the name of Jesus since it is better to “obey God than men.” Such courage and conviction should challenge and encourage us in our own resolve to proclaim the Good News.

Revelation 5:11-14

Today's text from Revelation thrusts us into the heavenly throne room where a vast throng worships God and the “Lamb,” that is, Jesus. This reminds us that our weekly and daily liturgy is but a rehearsal for the eternal liturgy we will celebrate when we reach the shores of the divine kingdom in which every living creature will sing praise unceasingly. John's message is clear: Christ is not a victim but a victor reigning at the right hand of God. He is the source of life and those who give themselves to him, no matter what present trials they must endure, will conquer death with him and find eternal reward in his Kingdom.

John 21:1-19

There is much in this narrative from the last chapter of John's Gospel to dwell on when we read and hear it. Still feeling disoriented from their loss of Jesus, the Apostles do something familiar – they go fishing. This gives Jesus an opportunity to appear to them again, reaffirming that his Resurrection was a physical one, not merely spiritual. It gives him a chance to rehabilitate Peter by allowing him to profess his love for Jesus three times, counteracting his previous three denials. It also gives Jesus a chance to establish Peter as the undisputed leader of the emerging Church, one that has persisted under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to this very day.

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. Jesus was on the shore. John and the other disciples were in the fishing boat. Why do you think John recognized Jesus before the others? Discuss. There are four stories in this Gospel: the appearance of Jesus to the disciples, the large catch of fish, the meal, and Peter's commissioning. Which do you like to think about? Why?

2. Pope Francis suggests that future Vatican diplomats cast their nets in a certain place. Where? And where do you think “less obvious seas” are?

The Holy Father also asked that the future apostolic nuncios not look for “fish in aquariums or farms,” but that they “instead have the courage to leave behind the safe margins of what is already known and to cast your nets and rods in less obvious seas.”

*Pope Francis, Christ's Face to the
World,
June 25, 2015*



Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 29, 2019:

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

Tuesday, April 30, 2019:

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

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

Friday, May 3, 2019:

1 Corinthians 15:1-8
+ John 14:6-14

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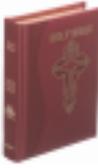
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