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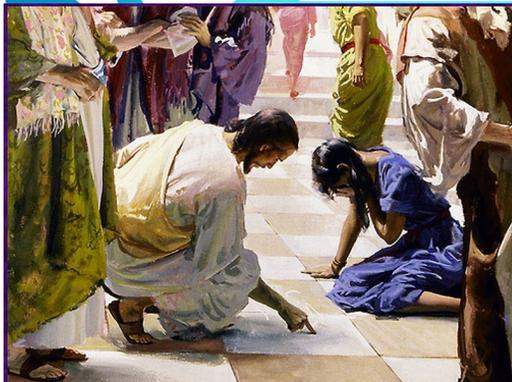
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*Jesus said,
“Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on
do not sin any more.”*

John 8:11

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 3, 2022

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Mr. William D'Alessio

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Reilly

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday Masses:

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

Special Needs Mass:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,

each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

on the Zoom video platform.

Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following
12:15 p.m. Mass

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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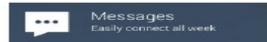
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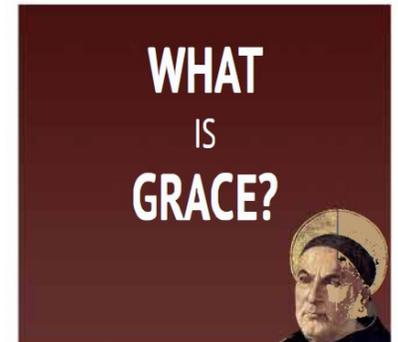
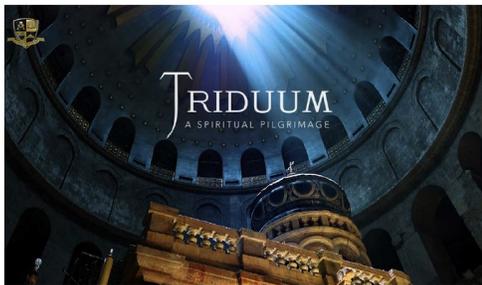
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April 3, 2022

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Fifth Sunday of Lent

I find it hard to believe that the time has gone by so quickly, but there are now less than two weeks left before we begin the Sacred Paschal Triduum — we're at the Fifth Sunday of Lent! We have a visual reminder that we have reached this point in this holy season: the statues and images in church have been covered or removed. We are starkly aware that the celebration of the Lord's Passion is rapidly approaching.

As evidence that our holiest days of entering into the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's Death and Resurrection are drawing near, the Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent specifically mentions how the Son of God *"handed himself over to death."* Along with remembering that act of perfect love, the prayer asks that we may *"walk eagerly in that same charity."* In other words, Jesus' death on the cross as an offering of love cannot remain some remote and disconnected example for us, but rather, it must be the actual pattern of living that we imitate daily. We must hand ourselves over to God and to others in complete love and self-sacrifice in our life, in imitation of Christ. When we hear about *"the teachings of the Christian faith"* in the Prayer over the Offerings, we should think of a whole way of life that follows Christ's example of self-emptying. Additionally, this life of self-emptying in imitation of Christ is never something that we live in isolation; rather, we live it as members of the Christian community, the Body of Christ. Therefore, the Prayer after Communion prays *"that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion."*

Ponder the meaning of these Mass texts during this fifth week of Lent as we draw closer to our holiest days of the year, when we celebrate so powerfully and in such a focused way the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

Palm Sunday Procession at Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday! The formal liturgical title for the day is "Palm Sunday of the

Passion of the Lord." "On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery." (*Roman Missal*) With this day we enter into Holy Week, a week which culminates in the Great Three Days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

We're thrilled that this year we are able to return to our custom of celebrating a special **Procession for Palm Sunday, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass this coming Saturday, April 9.** Now, don't be grumpy about this, and be joyful that we are able to do this again after taking a pause the past two years due to the pandemic! I would like everyone to stretch themselves a little bit and be willing to participate in the procession. Sure, it requires a little extra effort on our part, but since liturgy is the most important thing we do, and since Holy Week is our most important week, we should make the extra effort. So, there is to be no grumbling at the 5:00 p.m. Mass next Saturday about the extra effort of starting in the auditorium and then joining in the procession! Please note the following details related to our Palm Sunday Procession:

- On Saturday, April 9, Confessions will be held at a special time, **3:00-4:00 p.m., and will end promptly at 4:00 p.m.**

- At 4:00 p.m., the doors of the church will be locked. Everyone attending the 5:00 p.m. Mass will gather in the school auditorium, where we will assemble for the **Procession**. Ushers will assist in directing people to the auditorium.

- The handicapped and others who would have difficulty walking will be allowed to enter the church, and they will wait there for the Procession to arrive. Please: this is for only the truly handicapped — not just because you don't want to walk in procession!

- **Mass begins in the auditorium with Entrance Rites particular to this Sunday.** Then, after those rites, **we process in song** from the auditorium, along Wellwood Avenue, into the church.

- Mass then continues in the church.
- In case of inclement weather, we will simply gather in the church as usual.

Those who have participated in this Procession in past years know how beautiful it is to mark Palm Sunday this way. The Church gives us a special gift by asking us to include this Procession at a principal Mass. What a beautiful expression of prayer it is to pray with our bodies as we walk the journey of entering into Jerusalem with the Lord! What a powerful way to mark our entry into this holiest of weeks!

Even if you don't usually come to the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays, why not do so next week for Palm Sunday? You'll be glad you did! I hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity to enter Holy Week by joining in this beautiful special liturgy.

Special schedule for Easter Sunday

Please note that there is a special schedule for the Masses on Easter Sunday. The schedule for Easter Sunday is printed elsewhere in this bulletin, is posted on signs at all the church entrances, and is printed in the mailing sent out some time ago. (The schedule of Masses on Palm Sunday is the same as our usual weekend Mass schedule.)

Stations of the Cross

There's one more week for our Friday night Stations of the Cross, this Friday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. We will also pray the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 15, at 12:00 Noon.

Then, don't forget to be at the special Easter Time devotion we are adding this year, the *Via Lucis*, the Stations of the Resurrection, which will be prayed on Friday within the Octave of Easter ("Easter Friday"), April 22.

Confessions this Saturday, April 9, and Monday, April 11, the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

On this coming Saturday, April 9, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, all four of us priests will be available for Confession 3:00-4:00 p.m.—*take your pick of who you go to!* Take note of the special time for Confession on this coming Saturday.

Also, don't forget about the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation, which is on Monday of Holy Week, April 11. On that day at OLPH, as well as in every parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre (and in the Brooklyn Diocese and the

Archdiocese of New York, too!), priests will be available for Confession continuously from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again 6:00-9:00 p.m. Once again, all four of us parish priests will be available the entire time, both periods.

Be sure to go to Confession as part of your Lenten journey, **especially if it has been a long time since you have gone to Confession. I promise you a very warm and welcoming experience, with no judgment and no lecturing or haranguing. IN FACT, JUST THE OPPOSITE: WE HAVE TREMENDOUS RESPECT FOR, AND JOY OVER, SOMEONE WHO COMES BACK TO CONFESSION AFTER A LONG TIME! We would love to welcome you back!** I often joke that we priests get more "points" for the longer someone has been away when they come back to us for Confession, so help us to earn those "heavenly points"!!!

I promise you that there will be no better feeling than hearing those words of forgiveness "I absolve you from your sins..." from the priest. Finally, once and for all, you can leave that sin behind and be free! Come to Confession!

Make your plans now to get to Confession. There's no better way to get ready for Easter!

Watering flowers during Easter Time

There's still room for you to join in helping to water the flowers during Easter Time, a period of approximately seven weeks. It would not involve a large time commitment on your part, especially with many people pitching in. Look for the announcement in this bulletin, and please consider helping out.

Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Allow me to remind you that Easter Spiritual Bouquet cards are now available throughout the church and at the rectory. As is our custom, all the Masses on Easter Sunday will be for the intentions of the Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards. If you would like to participate in this beautiful custom of prayer and remembrance, and to have your intentions prayed for at Easter Sunday Masses, please use the cards and envelopes available and be sure to return them before Easter Sunday to the rectory.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2022

Thank you to all who have already contributed to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. I am very grateful. If you have not already done so, please send in your pledge. You are not only supporting the ministries of the Catholic Church throughout all of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, but you are also helping OLPH as we share in the rebate for all monies raised. Thank you for your generosity!

Begin planning now to attend the liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum

You should begin now to make your plans and arrangements to attend the liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, our holiest days of the year. The Sacred Paschal Triduum, our Great Three Days, begins on Holy Thursday night, so "day one" runs from Holy Thursday night to Good Friday night; "day two" is Good Friday night to Holy Saturday night, the night we celebrate the great Easter Vigil; and "day three" is from Holy Saturday night to Easter Sunday night, as the Triduum concludes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Easter Sunday night.

On Holy Thursday evening we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper; on Good Friday the liturgy is the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord; on Holy Saturday night we celebrate the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, and, of course, there are Masses on Easter Sunday (note that the schedule on Easter Sunday is different from the normal Sunday schedule). We also gather to celebrate Morning Prayer on

Thursday, Friday and Saturday. These are once-a-year liturgies, and we'll be having a full explanation of the days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum and the liturgies celebrated those days in a special insert in the Palm Sunday bulletin; look for it.

We should begin to think now about how we will set time aside to make those days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum different from other days — in other words, not business as usual. Maybe we should consider taking time off from work, in order to take a spiritual vacation during those days, and in order to be available to go to the liturgies. Maybe we need to think about how those days will be days of fasting — fasting not just from food, but from distractions such as shopping, technology and entertainment. Since the liturgies of those days are so central to our faith, we should certainly plan on attending.

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,



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE, MARCH 26, 2022

Msgr. Joe with former Congressman Peter King, Grand Marshall, and Lindenhurst Mayor Mike Lavorata, at Lindenhurst's first St. Patrick's Day parade, March 26, 2022.



Msgr. Joe with Kevin McCaffery, Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

THE PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION RETURNS THIS YEAR!

Special Procession to Commemorate the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem **SATURDAY, APRIL 9 – 5:00 P.M. MASS**

On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. This is always such a great celebration for the parish!



**At the 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, April 9, we will celebrate
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion with a special Solemn Procession.**

For Saturday, April 9, please note:

- ◆ Confession time on Saturday, April 9 is earlier – 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
- ◆ We are closing the church to all but the handicapped; people will be directed to the auditorium
- ◆ 5:00 p.m. Mass begins in the auditorium, continues with the Procession, and continues in the church
- ◆ What a wonderful experience this has been in prior years, and will be again this year
- ◆ In case of inclement weather, we will begin in the church.



Even if you do not usually attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, consider attending as together we begin the celebration of Holy Week.

PALM SUNDAY and EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES:

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES FOR THESE DAYS

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 9:

5:00 p.m. with Procession
(begins in the auditorium)

Sunday, April 10:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. *(Livestreamed)*,
and 12:00 Noon



SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR

Easter Sunday Masses

Saturday, April 16:

8:00 p.m. only

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)

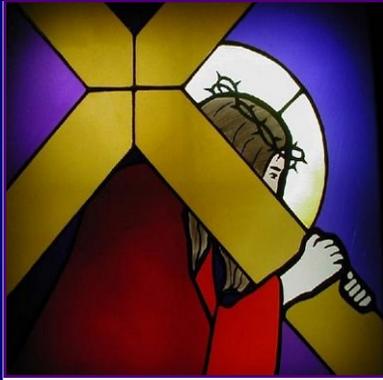
Sunday, April 17:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
and 1:00 p.m.

*** note special times**



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Stations of the Cross

April 8

at 7:30 p.m. in the church
and Good Friday, April 15 at 12:00 Noon

We are continuing the custom of having different groups from the parish lead the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights during Lent as a great way to highlight the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

April 8 will be led by the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
April 15 will be led by the Children's Liturgy of the Word and Family Life.

And also, Friday, April 22—Stations of the Resurrection!

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CONFESSIONS

Saturday April 9:

3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Monday of Holy Week, April 11:

2:00—4:00 p.m. and 6:00—9:00 p.m.

EASTER SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS

Easter Spiritual Bouquet cards are now available throughout the church. These cards are a meaningful way for you to have your intentions prayed for in the Masses of Easter Sunday. Take an envelope, fill out your prayer intention, and return the envelope with your donation. Envelopes may be returned either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. All the Masses offered on Easter Sunday will be for the intentions of the Easter Spiritual Bouquet.



LENTEN ENVIRONMENT: COVERING STATUES AND IMAGES

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the

Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



CHANGE IN TIME FOR SATURDAY CONFESSIONS NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 9 (SATURDAY OF PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND)

Confessions on Saturday, April 9 will be 3:00-4:00 p.m. This time change is necessary due to the special Palm Sunday Procession Mass which we will be celebrating on Saturday night, April 9.

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from the Good Friday fast and abstinence.

SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING OFFERINGS FOR THE POOR ON HOLY THURSDAY

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



JOIN THE YOUTH CHOIR!

Come Sing With Us

*Sing with the OLPH
Youth Choir for
Easter!*

*Rehearsals are:
Mondays 4:30-5:30
in the Choir Loft*



Contact Samantha Free for more
information at
samantha.free918@gmail.com

Music Office: 631-226-7725 ext. 210

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Holy Saturday morning, April 16 at 9:30 a.m.**, immediately following Morning Prayer. We would love to have lots of folks come on down to pitch in. Why not join the fun and come down to help? (Come to Morning Prayer, and then stay to help out!)



It should not take much longer than an hour or so. Bring the kids and do this as a family — what a great way for your family to share in the joy of Easter!

We appreciate whatever help you can give us.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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



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



IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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 YouTube Channel: OLPH Church Lindenhurst



LIVE-STREAM MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

Our live-stream camera system enable us to live-stream Masses, weddings, funerals and other sacramental and ritual moments. When the weather is bad in the winter or for parishioners who are homebound, we offer them a digital presence.

We need new members to join our Live-Stream Team either for weekdays or weekends. If you are tech savvy, interested in broadcasting techniques and are willing to help record our liturgies, please contact Fr. Frank Zero at the rectory office at (631) 226-7725 or email fzero@oloph.org.



FR. FIDELIS HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Hear Fr. Fidelis give weekly reflections and more
on his YouTube channel!

You can go to **YouTube** and search for
FADA PRINCE (*with the logo at left*)

and click on the **SUBSCRIBE** button.



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 weeks of Easter Time, starting the week of April 18. It will take only a little while once or twice a week. We will start the schedule at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 and then on Saturday, April 23 between 11:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon (subject to change due to various activities that may take place in the church). We will continue to water every Tuesday and Saturday until we return to Ordinary Time after June 5 (Pentecost), and your commitment will be minimal. 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! It's also great for getting in those community service hours for school!!

Won't you help us out? Please contact Denise Martinez at countrydee02@gmail.com or by **TEXT ONLY** at (631) 575-9519 and she'll give you all the details and sign you up. Thank you!

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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 (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

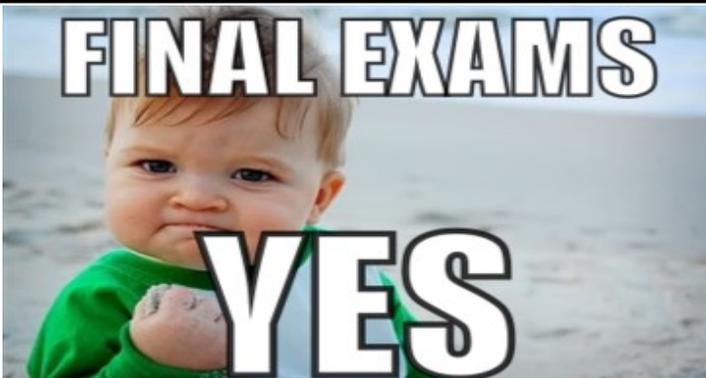
LEVELS 6, 7 and 8

On Wednesday, April 6, you will have your Final Exam, in class. Be sure not to miss it, and study hard! All projects in your Workbook should be completed and handed in at this time for Levels 6 and 7!

LEVELS 2-5

On Saturday, April 9, you will have your Final Exam, in class. Be sure not to miss it, and study hard!

FINAL EXAMS



Bible Camp Registration is Open!

Looking for a fun and faith-filled camp for the Summer? Look no further! Bible Camp and Service Camp allows your kids to have a blast while developing a close friendship with Christ! Register with the Religious Education Department in the Rectory. Space is limited!

Save the Date

July 11th - July 15th

Vacation Bible Camp Needs YOU!

Planning Meeting Saturday, April 9,
 at 12:00 p.m. in room 3.

Please consider being a Mountaineer!
 Contact April for more information.

Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Pedro Calungsod was a Filipino who went on mission trips to Guam. While he was there he was helping the priest to baptize babies and adults into the Catholic faith. The people there who did not believe in Christ thought that the men were poisoning the water that was used for the baptisms. They were then martyred because of the rumor. Pope St. John Paul II canonized St. Pedro in 2000, making him the second Filipino saint in Catholic history to be recognized.



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY EASTER EGG HUNT!

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY EASTER FAMILY FUN EVENT

As we celebrate the Easter Season
at **OLPH**, come join us on
SUNDAY
APRIL 24, 2022

Following the 10:00 am Mass
RAIN OR SHINE on the Rectory Lawn
or School Auditorium

Easter Egg Hunt- Games- Music-Crafts

Snacks and lite refreshments will be available

PLEASE BRING A FOOD ITEM FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY



*Easter Family Fun
Event RSVP*

Please Email JENINE AT je91971@gmail.com
OR call 631-226-0317 with the # of Children that will be
attending.

Please Reply by NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, April 17, 2022

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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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.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

Food Pantry List

- ITEMS MOST NEEDED:**
PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP
CANNED MEATS
CANNED MEALS
INSTANT POTATOES
CHICKEN AND BEEF BROTHS
GRAVIES
CANNED FRUIT
FRUIT JUICES
CEREALS
SHELF STABLE MILK

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.
Thank you
for your continued generosity.

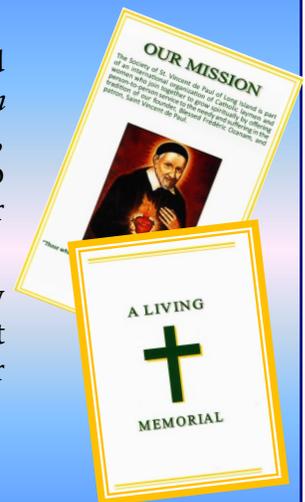
THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

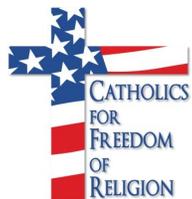
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP’s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

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

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



CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

“If Virtue and Knowledge are diffused among the People, they will never be enslav’d. This will be their great security.”

—Samuel Adams

Religious Freedom Rights Denied at Some Colleges

The University of Nebraska, Lincoln (UNL) chapter of the evangelical Christian student group Ratio Christi is suing the university, claiming it was discriminated against when it was denied funding for a talk by philosopher, Robert Audi, former UNL professor for 30 years, now teaching at Notre Dame. The student group filed the lawsuit claiming “viewpoint discrimination” after university officials denied a funding request of \$1,500 in student activity funding for the event. Professor Audi’s talk was titled *Is Belief in God Rational Given the Evils of This World?*⁽¹⁾ The school claimed funding could not be used for “speakers of a political and ideological nature.”⁽²⁾

“Defendants spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in student fees each year to pay for speakers and other events promoting political and ideological viewpoints on topics like sexual orientation, social justice, police reform, and political activism,” the lawsuit reads.⁽³⁾ Governor Pete Ricketts urged UNL to support “speakers from a wide variety of viewpoints on campus, including Christian speakers.”

The College of the Ozarks, a private Christian college, awaits a ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals, one step below the U.S. Supreme Court, in its lawsuit against the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and its directive forcing colleges and universities to open their dorms, bathrooms, and showers to members of the opposite sex. By requiring colleges covered by the Fair Housing Act to not “discriminate” based on sexual orientation or gender identity, this directive forces religious schools to violate their beliefs.

“Religious freedom is under attack in America, and we won’t stand on the sidelines and watch,” said college president Dr. Jerry C. Davis. “To threaten religious freedom is to threaten America itself. College of the Ozarks will not allow politicians to erode this essential American right or the ideals that shaped America’s founding.”⁽⁴⁾

Hope for Religious Revival in America from College Students

Christian Union Universities is launching a campaign from March 13-May 7, 2022 to share the Gospel with 70,000 students at the nation’s most influential and secular schools — Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard College, Harvard Law School, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Stanford University, and Yale University. The goal is to ensure that every student hears the Gospel three times through social media platforms.⁽⁵⁾

(dailynous.com, 11/5/21(1); thechristianpost.com, 11/3/21(2)(3); campusreform.org, 12/8/21; adf.org, 4/20/21(4); conservativehq.com, 1/26/22, dayandnight.org, 2/25/22(5))

RIGHT TO LIFE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

My Dear Friends in Christ,

With assaults on human life increasing at an alarming rate, we are asking you today to make a personal commitment to pray daily for one unborn child who is in danger of being aborted. Unfortunately, since the Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973, the number of abortions has increased to 1.4 million annually. Each of us is being asked to “spiritually adopt” one unknown baby for the next nine months. We will pray for this child, that he or she will be carried to term and experience the fullness of life, as God intended. All our prayers can make a difference between whether a baby will be born or aborted. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the baby’s parents.

PLEASE RETURN THE RIGHT HALF OF THE COUPON TO THE CRADLE IN FRONT OF OUR LADY’S ALTAR

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help
SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

Jesus, Mary & Joseph
I beg you to spare the life
of the unborn child
whom I have spiritually adopted
and who is in danger of abortion.

Baby’s Name _____

Due Date: _____

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help
SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

I, _____,
spiritually adopt an unborn baby

Name of Child
and who is in danger of abortion
by praying daily for the life of this baby.

(Please return this half)

AID TO UKRAINE

For those looking to help the people of Ukraine, the Holy Family Ukrainian Church here in Lindenhurst is collecting supplies and monetary donations. In an effort to raise funds, the Blue Door will be open after all Masses the weekend of **April 2-3**, with **ALL proceeds raised going directly to the Holy Family Ukrainian Church.**



**SPECIAL HOURS
FOR WEEKEND OF APRIL 2-3, 2022**

SATURDAY, APRIL 2 - 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 3 - 8:45 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

blue **THE** door
BOUTIQUE

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' ANNUAL BAKE SALE

**OLPH CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND GUILD
PARISH FUNDRAISER**

ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE



In the priests' garage

*Saturday: April 9, 5:00 p.m. Mass
Palm Sunday: April 10, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.*

**DELICIOUS HOME BAKED GOODS
CAKES, COOKIES, BROWNIES, CUPCAKES, CHOCOLATE LOLLIPOPS & MORE!**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

THE HOSPITALITY MINISTRY CAN USE YOUR HELP!!!

**HELP
WANTED**



Who are we? We are a group of people in the parish who enjoy meeting new people, baking, or entertaining. Most of us are involved in many activities, so we do not have time for weekly meetings or to commit to more than one or two activities a year.

What do we do: We provide baked goods and beverages at various parish events during the year, including after concerts, special Masses, and Summer Evening Prayer. We also coordinate, provide food and beverage for the Annual Wedding Anniversaries Mass and Reception.

Interested? Can you help with one or more of these events?

Contact: Chris Ferris: slwwhl52@optonline.net or text 631-664-0986.



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

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

Eileen Corticchia
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Gregory Guido
Sonia Hansen
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
James Totino

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)
William D'Alessio
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
MaryAnn Haas
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Denise Martinez
Barbara McPhail
Chris Reilly
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:

Daniel Crowther & Lauren Salvia

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



John Crawford Dunlop

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

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

12:15 P.M.

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Maryanne Tracy</i>	<i>Requested by Christen Breitfeller</i>
<i>Cynthia Breitfeller</i>	<i>Requested by Christen Breitfeller</i>

WE REMEMBER

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

John Marr

Patricia Koehler

Mark Kessinger, Jr.

Robert Dobres

Jaime Hernandez

“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.”

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Kevin Ryan</i>	<i>Joseph Ingino</i>
<i>Giuseppe Pecoraro</i>	<i>Stephanie Guidice</i>
<i>Christine Ann Kulmatycki</i>	<i>Lori McKeever</i>
<i>Richard Haas</i>	<i>Lynn Simonetti</i>
<i>Daniel Murphy</i>	<i>Ethan Insigne</i>
<i>Lora Flynn</i>	<i>Joan Carbaugh</i>
<i>Anthony Russell Licata</i>	<i>Mary Ann Trigg</i>
<i>Russell Steinmetz</i>	<i>Carole Fasso-Borsett</i>
<i>Kathy Arnold</i>	<i>Patricia & Richard Kleczkowski</i>
<i>Dina Zulueta</i>	<i>Nora McMahon</i>
<i>Janet Weber</i>	<i>Stella Barbera</i>

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

LEGION OF MARY

The Bible directs that *“at the name of Jesus every knee will bow.”* Should we not follow the Bible directive and least bow our head when mentioning the name of our Lord and Savior? Please join with us to make such a simple act and encourage others to join us. (Legion of Mary, OLPH Praesidium)



Contact: Louise Perrotta, (H) 631-412-3831, (cell) 631-572-2772, or louiseperrotta@optonline.net.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, April 4—****Lenten Weekday***(Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)*

6:30 Samantha Belfort

12:15 Cynthia Breitfeller

TUESDAY, April 5—**Lenten Weekday***(Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest)*

6:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:15 Frank Gaudio

WEDNESDAY, April 6—**Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Joseph V. Brando, Sr.

12:15 Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

THURSDAY, April 7—**Lenten Weekday***(Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest)*

6:30 Margaret L. Brogan

12:15 Perpetual Help Mass (List on p. 19)

FRIDAY, April 8—**Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Thomas Brustad

12:15 Richard Garbe

SATURDAY, April 9—**Lenten Weekday**

8:00 Dorothy Rose Cascardo

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

5:00 Dominick M. Barone

**Sunday, April 10—
PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

8:00 For the People of the Parish

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

12:00 Anthony Betro

PARISH CALENDAR**Monday, April 4, 2022**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Board Meeting	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society Meeting	Room 24

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831)	Off Campus
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Levels 7 and 8 Classes	School

Thursday, April 7, 2022

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Living the Eucharist	School
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Friday, April 8, 2022

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, April 9, 2022

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1- 5 and Special Ed. Classes	School
11:00 a.m.	Decorate for Palm Sunday	Church
12:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible Camp Meeting	Cafeteria
12:30 p.m.	Rehearsal for Palm Sunday Procession	Church
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
3:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, April 10, 2022

2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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 5° de Cuaresma - Ciclo C

QUE LA LUZ DE CRISTO ILUMINE BRILLANTEMENTE EN NUESTRAS VIDAS Y DISPULSE TODA LA OSCURIDAD.

Primera Lectura (Isaías 43,16-21): Olviden el Pasado. Adelante Conmigo.

A este pueblo escogido, que sufre en el desierto, Dios le dice: He realizado grandes obras de salvación por ustedes en el pasado. Haré cosas mayores por ustedes en el futuro.

Segunda Lectura (Filipenses 3,8-14): Esfuércense por lo Que Hay por Delante

Una vez que Pablo hubo sido "agarrado" por Cristo, el pasado ya no contó más, y se esforzó hacia su futuro en Cristo, por la fuerza del Señor resucitado.

Evangelio (Juan 8,1-11): Vete y, en Adelante, No Peques Más.

La misión de Jesús no es juzgar y condenar, sino perdonar y dar nuevas oportunidades en la vida. ¿Acaso no es esa también nuestra misión?

El evangelista nos habla hoy de como Jesús busca el silencio y la meditación, y se deja llenar del infinito amor de Dios. Cuando regresa al templo sigue enseñando la Palabra de Dios, pero los hombres quieren poner a prueba a Jesús; quieren saber si cumple con la Ley judía: «castigar a quien comete pecado, en este caso, adulterio».

Jesús que conoce el amor de Dios, no condena, como hacen los demás, él sabe que esta mujer está siendo humillada públicamente, la están juzgando sin haber tenido un juicio, Él en cambio la mira con misericordia y después se dirige a los escribas, fariseos y personas que estaban allí expectantes, (escribas son los que interpretan la Biblia y fariseos grupos sectarios que hacen cumplir la Ley), les dice: «Aquel que esté libre de pecado tire la primera piedra» y acto seguido se pone a escribir en la arena.

Todos comienzan a retirarse, porque ven que Jesús ha dado en el clavo, todos sin excepción tienen pecados, faltas. Cuando se quedan solos Jesús le dice a la mujer: ¿Dónde están los que te acusaban?. Vete, yo tampoco te condeno, pero a partir de ahora no peques más.

Jesús le ofrece el perdón del Padre, la misericordia infinita de Dios, pero también le dice que no vuelva a pecar. Le está pidiendo un cambio radical en su vida.

También a nosotros nos pide lo mismo: que no juzguemos, no condenemos y no pequemos. Él nos ofrece su perdón y misericordia, a cambio sólo nos pide que cambiemos, que volvamos nuestros ojos, nuestro corazón, hacia Él. Que convirtamos nuestro corazón de piedra en un corazón de amor, abierto a la vida, y no a la muerte, que es a lo que nos conduce el pecado.

¡Feliz semana!, disfruten y déjense moldear por Dios.

OFFERING UPDATE MARCH 26/27

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	222	151	\$3,102.00
8:00 a.m.	193	106	3,283.00
10:00 a.m.	334	82	3,006.00
12:00 p.m.	320	79	2,295.00
Coin			20.78
Faith Direct:			3,243.00
Children's Env.		3	24.00
Mail-ins:			2,100.00
TOTAL	1,069	421	\$17,073.78
2021 total	1,121	339	\$17,192.75
Candles			\$891.10
Poor Box			\$381.76

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

The 150th Anniversary Year is over, but we still have some souvenirs and commemorative items available, as long as supplies last. Great T-shirts, warm sweat shirts, sturdy tote bags, tumblers to keep your coffee or hot chocolate nice and hot, beautiful key chains, versatile playing cards and elegant stylus pens can still be purchased! Contact Helene at hcalab2@optonline.net for more information on how to purchase an item.

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** by the dates listed and **as a Word document** to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

April 10—passed
April 17—passed
April 24—April 15

Early deadlines due to early printer deadlines.

OFFICE HOURS



NOTICE CONCERNING CHANGE IN RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

*Please note that beginning
Friday, April 15,
the Rectory Office
will close at 1:00 p.m. each Friday
(one hour earlier than the current time).
All business at the main desk
must be concluded by 1:00 p.m. on Fridays.
Thank you.*



The Lenten season fills our parish with hope and promise – opportunities abound to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2022, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is reaching out to our parishioners.

With eGiving, you can help sustain and build ministries this year that reflect the promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY286, or text 'Enroll' to (631) 201-5664.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,



PREPARING FOR
Sunday, April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

Luke 19:38

Isaiah 50:4-7

This selection from Isaiah is the third of four poems usually called the “Servant Songs,” all of which we will hear throughout Holy Week. This “Servant of the Lord” (also known as the “Suffering Servant”) who is speaking is sent by God to proclaim to the Israelites who were exiled to Babylon a message of hope and deliverance despite the desperate nature of their present circumstances. He is rejected but undeterred, even though he is grossly mistreated. God has given him the word and he must deliver it, even at the cost of personal suffering. And he is confident that God will eventually prove him right.

Philippians 2:6-11

Paul’s letter to the church at Philippi, thirty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, incorporates an early church hymn that we hear today. When he wrote this letter, Paul was in prison, perhaps facing death for preaching about Jesus. He exhorts the church then, and us today, to follow the example of Jesus’ passage through death to greater life, despite any difficulties that we face. Imagine that – Jesus did not cling to being in the form of God but stooped down to our level so that he could rescue us from the fall of Adam. Truly, every tongue should confess that “Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!”

Luke 22:14—23:56

Today we hear Luke’s account of the Passion and Death of Jesus, a truly moving account of how great God’s love is for us. As the events unfold, Jesus models what we are called to be: people of service to others. He strengthens his disciples, and Peter especially, at their last supper together. He healed the servant whose ear had been cut off. He interrupts his painful walk to Calvary to instruct some women of Jerusalem along the way. Even under the duress of imminent death, he reached out with words of encouragement to the “good thief” while on the cross. When the hour was darkest, Jesus still loved the people he encountered, so he surely can love us in our dark hour. What good news!

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. Luke says that the marginalized or the neglected went with Jesus on the way to his death. These included the women, and Simon, and the good thief. What does this tell you about Jesus and those who went with him? What does it tell you about Luke?

2. Pope Francis asks what happened to those people who in admiration for Jesus, cried “Hosanna” but shortly afterward shouted “Crucify him.” What were they missing?

Let us ask for the grace to be amazed. A Christian life without amazement becomes drab and dreary. How can we talk about the joy of meeting Jesus, unless we are daily astonished and amazed by his love, which brings us forgiveness and the possibility of a new beginning? When faith no longer experiences amazement, it grows dull: it becomes blind to the wonders of grace; it can no longer taste the Bread of life and hear the Word; it can no longer perceive the beauty of our brothers and sisters and the gift of creation. It has no other course than to take refuge in legalisms, in clericalisms and in all these things that Jesus condemns in chapter 23 of the Gospel of Matthew.

*[Pope Francis Asks for the Grace to Be Amazed](#)
Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 4, 2022:

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-63
+ John 8:12-20

Tuesday, April 5, 2022:

Numbers 21:4-9
+ John 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 6, 2022:

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
+ John 8:31-42

Thursday, April 7, 2022:

Genesis 17:3-9 + John 8:51-59

Friday, April 8, 2022:

Jeremiah 20:10-13
+ John 10:31-42

Saturday, April 9, 2022:

Ezekiel 37:21-28
+ John 11:45-56

Sunday, April 10, 2022:

Luke 19:28-40
+ Isaiah 50:4-7
+ Philippians 2:6-11
+ Luke 22:14—23:56

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- Pope Francis

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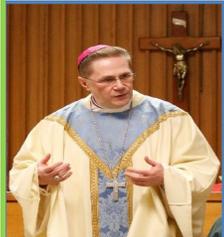
DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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The Lord's Prayer

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Unfortunately, because the prayer is so familiar, there can be a temptation not to pay attention to the meaning of the words.

When prayed slowly and contemplatively, the placement of the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of the Communion Rite is obvious. The prayer teaches that God desires an intimacy with those he has created that enables them to call him "Father." Since the plural pronouns *us* and *our* are used throughout, the prayer shows that our lives are interdependent with the community of believers, that our words and actions have an effect on others. Ultimately, the prayer teaches that true peace can only occur through forgiveness, surrender to God's will, and accepting that the "daily bread" we seek will be more than enough.

Jesus teaches his followers the Lord's Prayer in both Matthew's (6:9–13) and Luke's (11:2–4) accounts of the Gospel. In Matthew, he shows the crowds how to pray and in Luke, he teaches the disciples. From the early Church, the prayer has been said both in private and in liturgical worship. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2761, notes that Tertullian, one of the Fathers of the Church, said that the Lord's Prayer "is truly the summary of the whole gospel." The prayer is presented to those preparing for the sacraments of initiation less than two weeks before they receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 147, notes, "The Lord's Prayer fills them with a deeper realization of the new spirit of adoption by which they will call God their Father, especially in the midst of the eucharistic assembly."

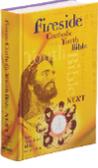
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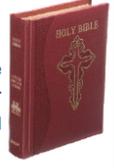


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