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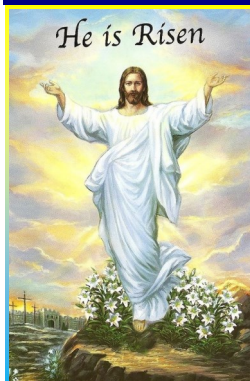


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*Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.*

John 20:8

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 4, 2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open

6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. seven days a week,

except for Thursdays when it closes

after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

Face covering and social distancing required.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

See inside bulletin for safety protocols.

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons

at 12:45 p.m. in the church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday, Saturday and Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Easter Sunday! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy Easter!

The Lord has risen from the dead! Jesus is alive! He has conquered death, and so we need never fear death again! We have risen with him and have everlasting life with him, and we have the forgiveness of our sins! The crucified-risen Lord is in our midst! As we sang at our Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, *“Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King’s triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.”* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter, and I speak for the entire OLPH Pastoral Staff in wishing you and your family many blessings today and every day during this fifty-day season of resurrection and new life. As Catholics, we look especially to the power of the Lord’s resurrection as the Risen Christ continues to lead us to new light and new life as we emerge from the darkness of the coronavirus pandemic. What a difference a year makes: we were not able to gather for public Masses last Easter! All around us are signs of new life and restored hope; let’s never forget that those gifts always have their origin in God, who gives life and who restores life. Such is the heart of our faith as Christians who follow the same path as the Crucified-Risen Lord Jesus!

Easter is our greatest feast and the center of the liturgical year; it’s important for us to make sure we give it the centrality it deserves. Look for a special **Easter Time insert** elsewhere in this bulletin that explains the meaning of the liturgical season and highlights some important liturgical elements.

Easter Sunday Vespers (Evening Prayer)

The Sacred Paschal Triduum, our three holiest days of the year, began on Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper and ends tonight, Easter Sunday night, with Easter Sunday Vespers (Evening Prayer). I hope these Great Three Days have truly been holy days for you, days that were “time outside of time” that allowed you to enter into the great mysteries of our salvation.

I would like to encourage everyone to celebrate Easter Sunday by praying Evening Prayer with your family or with others; it would be a great

way to mark the day at the end of the day. We have included an insert in this bulletin which gives a simple prayer service that you can use. Perhaps you could use this as your prayer before your big meal on Easter Sunday. Let’s do all we can to celebrate our faith in every circumstance and situation, and to bring our faith traditions from the church building right into our homes! Look for our special Easter Sunday Vespers insert.

THANK YOU to all for a beautiful Sacred Paschal Triduum!

Even though we had to make adaptations necessitated by the safety protocols required because of the pandemic, we have nonetheless had an absolutely amazing celebration of Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum once again this year, and I have to say **THANK YOU** to the numerous ministers who offered their time, their presence and their service to make it all happen. I hesitate to mention names for fear of leaving someone out, so suffice it to say that we all owe a huge debt of gratitude to everyone who worked during Holy Week, whether it was “in front of the scenes” or “behind the scenes” — all the liturgical ministers, including clergy, readers, EM’s, ushers, musicians, sacristans, altar servers and ministers and catechists in our RCIA process; those who decorated the church; our Liturgy Committee; our maintenance crew; and parishioners who assisted in many “behind the scenes” aspects of setting things up for or cleaning up after liturgies; those who handled the technology so that we could livestream so many liturgies. So many people put in so much time, energy and love! To anyone who participated in any way, and most especially to all who participated as members of the assembly, bringing your “full, conscious and active participation” and your witness of faith to our worship as a “person in the pew”: **THANK YOU** for making OLPH “the place to be” for Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum this year. We have all enriched each other through the offering of our gifts to one another as disciples following Christ. What a great gift the Lord has given to us in the gift of being able to worship together once again this year! Gathering as the Body of Christ, the liturgical assembly, is something we must never, ever take for granted.

Easter Week

This week coming up is the Octave of

Easter, as the joy of Easter Sunday continues to be celebrated in an intense way; each day this week has the liturgical rank of Solemnity. The *Glory to God in the highest* continues to be used each day this week, as does the solemn dismissal at the end of Mass with its double alleluia. (These elements end on weekdays after the Second Sunday of Easter.)

If possible, why not consider coming to Mass on one or more, or even all, of the weekdays this week, in order to mark the festivity of this Octave of Easter? Our daily Masses are celebrated at 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, and at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Blessing of your home at Easter

Elsewhere in this bulletin we have included a special ritual for **Blessing Your Home at Easter**. It is traditional to bless the home during Easter Time, and I encourage each and every family to pray that blessing together at home. It's a ritual that you can pray yourself, using holy water. Of course, if you would like your house blessed by one of the priests, just ask us...we would be very happy to come and do a blessing at some point during the fifty days of Easter Time!

Supporting OLPH through Amazon purchases

OLPH participates in AmazonSmile, a fund raising avenue associated with Amazon.com.

AmazonSmile is the program whereby OLPH receives a 0.5% donation from all eligible purchases on Amazon; all you have to do is be sure to select OLPH as your designated charity when you make purchases through smile.amazon.com. You enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient features as on Amazon.com; the difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, donations in the form of a percentage of the purchase price are made to us (you don't make the donation — AmazonSmile does, from their foundation funded by the purchases). There is absolutely no cost to OLPH to be part of this, and for you, the shopping experience is identical to the usual Amazon experience, except that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate to OLPH when you select us as your charity. You do not pay anything additional.

Would you help support OLPH by signing up for this? I'm already signed up for it and have used it! It's safe, easy and costs nothing. It's easy; just use our direct link at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/11-1797184> and you'll be signed up! Full details are explained elsewhere in this bulletin. **Also, please**

tell everyone you know about this; spread the word so this can be a success for OLPH.

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

As you can see from the flyer printed elsewhere in the bulletin, you still have the opportunity to memorialize bricks in our beautiful "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden on the south side of the church.

Please consider memorializing one or more bricks. Even if you have already memorialized a brick here at OLPH, I'm sure there's another person or intention you would like to have memorialized; you're not limited to only one! Please see the order form elsewhere in the bulletin, and feel free to tell all your family and friends about this so they can participate too. Remember: you don't have to be a parishioner of OLPH to memorialize a brick...for that matter, you don't even have to be Catholic! Thank you for your consideration.

Journal Ads for the 150th Anniversary Journal

If you have not already done so, please take an ad in the special Commemorative Journal in celebration of the parish's 150th Anniversary; use the order form elsewhere in this bulletin. This is a great way to offer your congratulations to our parish on this milestone, or to advertise your business, or to honor someone you wish to put in the spotlight! The Commemorative Journal is an important fund raiser and a big part of our Anniversary Year celebration, so we're looking for many, many people and many, many businesses to take out ads. Please be sure to participate, and spread the word to your family and friends.

Anniversary Year Commemorative Items for sale

Also, many beautiful items celebrating our 150th Anniversary continue to be on sale; see the order form in this bulletin, or use the special link on the homepage of our website www.olphlindenhurst.com to order online. Your purchase of these items is a great support to the parish. Supplies are limited, so get them while they last! Tell your family and friends about this, too!

Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Catholic Ministries Appeal continues this year at OLPH. Our goal is **\$111,600**, and I am grateful all of you who have already submitted your pledges. Thank you! Please remember, we cannot do without the income we receive from the Catholic

Ministries Appeal rebate. We need that income to keep from “going under,” so we need your support.

Keep in mind, too, all the wonderful ministries throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports: Catholic Charities (feeding, clothing and sheltering the needy); programs of formation and training for future priests, deacons and lay leaders; programs of ministry to those in prison; substance abuse services and day treatment programs; and Youth Campus and Young Adult ministries, to name a few. Thank you for your generosity!

Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy

The Second Sunday of Easter, next Sunday, April 11, is also referred to as “Divine Mercy Sunday,” and OLPH will be participating in special devotions to mark the day; full details are described elsewhere in the bulletin. Please plan on joining in some or all of the special events.

Little White Book

Look around the church for the 2021 edition of the *Little White Book*; there may still be some copies left on pew ledges. If so and if you don't already have one, be sure to take one. The book contains daily meditations for each day of Easter Time. The books, enjoyed by so many parishioners, are a great way for you to pray each day during the fifty days of this great season of Easter Time and to be united more deeply to the Risen Lord who shares His risen life with us.

Faith Direct

Now might be the time to sign up for Faith Direct, the e-giving service we use, if you are not already using it for your weekly financial offering. It's safe, easy, and once set up, you never have to worry about missing a week in giving your monetary offering to the parish. You set up your account, you decide the amount and when it will be withdrawn from your account, and then it's done — it happens automatically! Then you have the peace of mind of knowing that when you cannot get to Mass, you are still offering your financial support to your beloved OLPH.

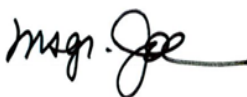
I use Faith Direct; that's how I make my weekly offering to the parish. Please give serious consideration to signing up for Faith Direct. It is a great help to us. Full information and directions for signing up can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

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,



LIVING THE EUCHARIST PROGRAM CONTINUES



As a continuation of the *Living the Eucharist* program, Chris Ferraro, our Director of Music, will offer two virtual presentations on the Mass

on Tuesday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

We will use the same Zoom link that we have been using for the other Tuesdays of Lent (see the parish website). Participation in the *Living the Eucharist* program is encouraged but not required. Over the two sessions, Chris will walk participants through of the Mass and will unpack the rich theology the Mass texts and ritual gestures. Please join us to deepen your appreciation of the Mass.

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 4. It will take only a little while once or twice a week, starting at 12:45 p.m. on a Tuesday and/or a Thursday, and your commitment will be minimal. Your responsibility will end when we return to Ordinary Time after May 23 (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 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!

We encourage all parishioners to use this picture of the Paschal Lamb, placing it in a front window in your home, facing the street, throughout the entire Easter Season, until Pentecost (May 23).

**PROCLAIM TO THE WHOLE WORLD
THE VICTORY OF THE RISEN JESUS!**



EASTER SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

The Sacred Paschal Triduum concludes with the celebration of Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. While we won't have a communal gathering in church for Evening Prayer, we invite you to pray at least a shortened version of Evening Prayer to bring the Triduum to a close. This could be the prayer before Easter Dinner or at the end of the day before sunset.

Introductory Verse

Leader: God, + come to my assistance:

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning
is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn (all sing)

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia.

Our triumphant holy day, alleluia.

Who did once upon the cross, alleluia.

Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia.

Antiphon

Leader: Mary Magdalen and the other Mary
came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

Psalm 110 (all recite together)

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

"Sit on my right:

your foes I will put beneath your feet."

The Lord will wield from Zion
your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
"You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old."

The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever, amen.

Antiphon

All: Mary Magdalen and the other Mary
came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

Reading from Scripture Hebrews 10:12-14

Reader: Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are placed beneath his feet. By one offering he has forever perfected those who are being sanctified.

Antiphon

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father . . .

Concluding Prayer

Leader: O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal
brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Conclusion

Leader: May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER TIME

THE MEANING OF THE SEASON

Alleluia! He is risen! The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one “great Sunday.” With Easter Sunday we begin Fifty Days of rejoicing.

During these Fifty Days the Church continues to instruct the neophytes (the newly baptized) about the new life they have embraced. In the process, all of us are called to reflect on the meaning of our baptism and on what living the baptized life looks like. What does it mean to live the resurrected life of Christ? What does it mean to be Church? How do we live life now that we have died with Christ and have been raised up with Him?

The neophytes spend this time in post-baptismal formation (which is also referred to as *mystagogical catechesis*). It is an opportunity to unpack their experience of the Easter sacraments and to reflect on what it all means for their life now as members of the Church.



The readings of the Sundays of Easter Time offer the opportunity for such reflection. This year, the first readings of these Sundays are from the Acts of the Apostles (as they are every year), the second readings are from the First Letter of St. John, and the Gospels are from St. John (except for the Third Sunday of Easter). The readings from Acts give us a picture of life in the early Church, as the apostles began preaching the good news of the resurrection, encountering both joyful welcome and opposition. The readings from the First Letter of St. John

echo the Gospel readings from St. John's Gospel, consistently affirming that God is love and that the one who loves abides in God in a mutual indwelling. Such indwelling calls us to love one another the way God has loved us; that's the only way we can truly show that we love God. The Gospels from St. John present us with a Jesus who has been Lord from the start of time. St. John uses many metaphors to help us understand our relationship with the Lord—the Good Shepherd, the True Vine, and the Bread of Life are important images in St. John's Gospel.

These readings offer not only the neophytes, but also all of us, the chance to reflect on the meaning and shape of our life of faith together. Like the early Church, we are a people shaped by the resurrection, a people called to share our joy and the good news with others, a people freed from sin and filled with the life of the Holy Spirit, a people who constantly give thanks for all God's gifts, a people who have risen from the font to a whole new way of life.

FIFTY DAYS OF CELEBRATION

Part of the challenge of Easter is learning how to celebrate a fifty-day feast! Perhaps as Catholics we find it easier to do penance than to celebrate; we find it easier to observe the forty days of Lent than the fifty days of Easter. Part of the problem lies with placing too much stress on Lent as “the” religious period for Catholics. For many people, unfortunately, Easter Sunday still seems to be simply the end point of Lent; come Easter Monday, it's back to everyday life as usual.

The truth is, however, that we are called to maintain the festivity and celebration throughout the entire fifty-day period as one joyful feast; there's an entire season following Easter Sunday that should be anything but everyday life as usual. Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost are not three separate, independent feast days, each with its own themes. They are all part of the one Easter celebration.



THE STRUCTURE OF THE SEASON

Easter Time is composed of three phases, but these internal variations in rhythm never should eclipse its unity as the great Fifty Days.

1. *The Octave:* The first eight days are celebrated almost as one exuberant festival, with each day celebrated as a Solemnity. The tradition of mystagogical catechesis during this time influenced the selection of the Scriptural passages. Each day has the liturgical rank of Solemnity.

2. *The 31 middle days:* The Gospels of the Sundays give focus to the season of Easter Time. The first three Sundays of Easter relate post-resurrection appearances. The Fourth Sunday always focuses on the powerful image of the Good Shepherd. The next three Sundays of the season (and many of the weekdays nearby) draw from what has come to be known as the “farewell discourse” or “high-priestly prayer” in the Gospel of John. (While this paschal season can include references and hymns to Mary, the paschal references and overall unity of the Fifty Days should not be compromised by excess attention to May as “Mary’s month.”)

3. *The final days:* The season does not end on Ascension Thursday! Over the following nine days (the original novena!) and then on Pentecost day itself, we are invited into intense prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Easter Time ends at the conclusion of Pentecost Sunday.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



To highlight the “original novena” of the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost, and to focus on those days as days of intensely praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit, OLPH Parish will engage in a Novena to the Holy Spirit. Look for more information on this later in Easter Time.

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT DURING EASTER TIME AND CELEBRATING THE SEASON

Many rich symbols and images pervade the Fifty Days, linked in various ways to initiation. The resurrection inaugurates a new creation, the eighth day, a new Pentecost, a new covenant, a new way of life.

The Paschal Candle will remain prominently displayed near the ambo during the Fifty Days, and it will be lit for all liturgical celebrations. The new holy oils used in the celebration of the sacraments have been enthroned in our ambry.

New life will abound in our parish as we celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation throughout Easter Time. Children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at certain parish Sunday Masses throughout Easter Time and at additional Saturday morning and afternoon Masses on May 8 and May 15. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for our teens at separate Masses on May 22, 24, 25 and 27 and at the 10:00 a.m. parish Mass on Sunday, May 23. This year, due to COVID (like last year), a bishop will not be coming to administer the sacrament, and Msgr. Joe, as Pastor, will have the honor of doing so. These events are connected as part of the Easter complex of initiation rites, as Easter is the season *par excellence* for celebrating initiation.

We will highlight the initiatory character of Easter Time each Sunday by **beginning Mass with the Rite for Blessing and Sprinkling of Water**, recalling our baptism. Also, we will continue to use the **Apostles’ Creed** during Easter Time, since that Creed is often referred to as the “Baptismal Symbol of Faith.”

Also, there is a strong tradition of blessing homes during Easter Time, a blessing which can be arranged for with one of the priests by calling the rectory, or by using the home blessing provided elsewhere in this bulletin.

As we celebrate the Fifty Days of Easter Time together, may we all come to a deeper appreciation of the Risen Lord’s presence in our midst, as the Lord calls us to share in fullness of risen life with him through the sacraments and through our life together.

BLESSING OF YOUR HOME AT EASTER

It's traditional for families to bless their home sometime during the fifty days of Easter Time. Pick a special day and use this prayer service to bless your home and your family during Easter Time.

Be sure to use newly-blessed Easter water!

All who live in the house should be present for the blessing.

(All make the sign of the cross as the Leader begins:)

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

All respond: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ, risen from the dead, who is our source of hope, joy, and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

(Now someone reads the Scripture reading, Luke 24-28-32:)

Reader: Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

As the disciples approached the village to which they were going, Jesus gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(The intercessions are then said:)

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him. Our response will be: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, through you every dwelling is a temple of holiness: build those who live in this house into the dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit. We pray:

All respond: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the disciples recognized you in the breaking of the bread: grant that the members of this family may be open always to the presence of Christ in Word and sacrament. We pray:

All respond: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you appeared to the frightened Apostles and said, "Peace be with you"; grant that your abiding peace may remain with the members of this family. We pray:

All respond: Stay with us, Lord.

(After the intercessions, all pray the Lord's Prayer:)

Leader: Our Father...

(After the Our Father, the leader prays the prayer of blessing with hands joined:)

Leader: Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death: by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise. Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the Paschal Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All respond: Amen.

After the prayer, the leader may sprinkle those present and the home with holy water brought from the church. During the sprinkling the leader says:)

Leader: Let this water call to mind our Baptism in Christ, who by his death and resurrection has redeemed us.

(After the sprinkling, all make the sign of the cross as the leader concludes:)

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

All respond: Amen.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



Divine Mercy Devotions

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

“Sunday of Divine Mercy”

12:00 Noon Mass, ending with

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30 p.m. Benediction and Reposition

of the Blessed Sacrament

(This year, due to COVID restrictions,

there will be no veneration of the relic of St. Faustina)

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

PRAY FOR ALL PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

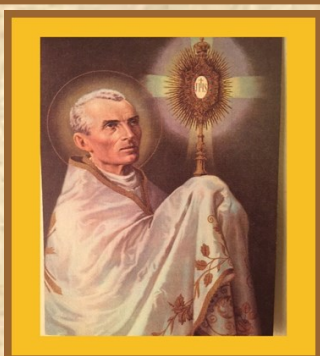
to join the semi-annual tradition of praying for priests and seminarians of the Rockville Centre Diocese. Every priest and seminarian's name will be read aloud.

Adoration and silent prayer will take place on

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

OPEN HOURS 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Prayer participants are welcome to come and go at these participating parishes:



Cure of Ars, Merrick

Holy Name of Jesus, Woodbury

Maria Regina, Seaford 4:00-8:00 p.m. ONLY

Our Lady of Poland, Southampton 6:00-8:00 p.m. ONLY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst

St Agnes Cathedral, RVC Holy Cross Chapel

St Aidan, Williston Park, 2:00-4:00 p.m. ONLY

St Anthony, Oceanside

St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport

St Barnabas, Bellmore 3:00-7:00 p.m. ONLY

St Dominic, Oyster Bay

St Isidore, Riverhead 6:00-8:00 p.m.

LIVE STREAM: saintisidoreriverhead.org

St. Mary of the Isle, Long Beach

St Rosalie, Hampton Bays

Please pray along with your fellow parishioners of RVC Diocese and help make praying for priests a regular devotion two times every year, every Tuesday before ALL SOULS DAY and every Tuesday after DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

PASCHAL CANDLE MEMORIAL



“This Paschal Candle has been memorialized in thanksgiving for all of God’s blessings given to me and my family. – L.C.”

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council No. 794 for providing the printed worship aids for Palm Sunday and the Sacred Paschal Triduum. We are grateful for their support and generosity.

PRAYER & 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, April 5, 12 and 19—12:45 p.m.



LITTLE WHITE BOOK FOR EASTER TIME

There may still be some copies of the *LITTLE WHITE BOOK* for Easter Time available on the pew ledges throughout the church. The *Little White Book* contains brief daily reflections for each of the 50 days of Easter Time, new for 2021. Many people have enjoyed the *Little Black Book* for Lent, and it is important to not stop with the end of Lent, but rather to continue to explore the richness of the Paschal Mystery by continuing our daily reflections throughout all of Easter Time. The books are provided free of charge, but if you wish to make a donation to help offset the cost, you can just put a little something extra into your next collection offering. Thank you.

THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK
2021

Six-minute reflections
on the Sunday Gospels of Easter (Year C)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

EVERY SUNDAY ON YOUTUBE - [OLPH.CHURCH.LINDENHURST](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqHh1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1)



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

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

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

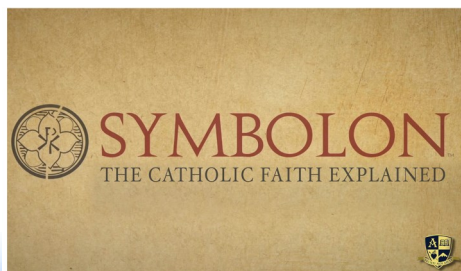


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April 4, 2021

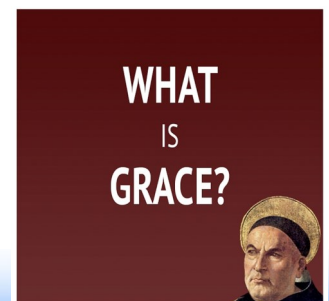
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SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH

FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Each priest will be in his own classroom.

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

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

IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...

LIVE-STREAM MASS

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

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

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



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Celebrating 150 Years

2021

2020/2021 ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL PRICING

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

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

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

Deadline is August 1, 2021!

Don't miss out!
Send in your ad copy and payment TODAY!

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

PLEASE INDICATE AD SIZE AND TYPE

☐ GOLD FULL PAGE \$350

☐ B/W FULL PAGE \$150

☐ B/W HALF PAGE \$100

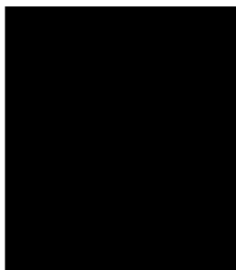
☐ B/W 1/4 PAGE \$75

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

Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451

AD DIMENSIONS

(WIDTH X HEIGHT)



Full Page and Cover

8.5 x 11"



Half Page

8.5 x 5.5"



Quarter Page

4.25 x 5.5"

Please submit payment along with ad materials no later August 1, 2021.

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

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Use this form to order great 150th Anniversary Memorabilia!

150th Anniversary Memorabilia of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Name: _____ Date: _____


Phone (cell/home) _____

E-mail: _____

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

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

<http://olph150th.com>

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

For Office Use Only

Total Price: _____ Number of items: _____

Received by: _____

Date: _____

Order Placed: _____ Order Received: _____

Pickup date: _____ Notified Date(s): _____

Picked up by: _____

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

NEW Food Pantry List!

**SMALL PKGS. OF RICE
SHELF STABLE MILK
BAKED BEANS
PANCAKE SYRUP**

*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
in keeping
our pantry well stocked.**

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.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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

*"The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
wishes to send our condolences to the
family of Mildred Matera,
and thank them for their
generous donation to the Society"*

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:

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

ALL LEVELS

There will be no classes on Wednesday, April 7, and Saturday, April 10, due to Easter Week. Be safe and have a blessed time with your families!

LEVELS 6-8

Be sure to complete your Mass Journals and Workbooks over the Easter break. Everything is due when you get back!

Registration for 2021-22

Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families begins April 5th. After June 15th, there will be a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations. Levels 6 and 7 students do not register until Mass Journals and Workbooks are completed for this year!

Bible Camp Early Registration!

Be sure to register this week, Monday, April 5th – Saturday, April 10th for the special discount prices! Go to the website to sign-up ASAP!

<https://forms.gle/tGAxBtk6NbsKp1p59>

**Vacation Bible Camp Needs YOU!**

Planning Meeting **Saturday, April 17, at 12:00 p.m. in the school Auditorium.**

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

Last Happy Saint for the Year!

St. Gianna Molla was a mother and a doctor. She had a deep devotion to the Lord and always wanted to do what was right according to His Word. She met her husband and got married right away. They had three children. When she was pregnant with their fourth child, they found a tumor, and she needed surgery. Before they removed the tumor, she insisted they save the baby no matter what. Her baby was born safely!

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Thomas Crennan, Business Manager	204	tcrennan@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrio@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
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Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
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

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Thomas Crennan
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Kenneth Hale
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Bob Mehm
John Reynolds
Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.



WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

<i>Gasper Santos Accurso</i>	<i>Frances Rea</i>
<i>John Neilan</i>	<i>Dorothy Sheevers</i>
<i>Anthony B. Gennusa</i>	<i>Michelina Locascio</i>
<i>Miranda Wesolowski</i>	<i>Richard J. Hartley</i>
<i>Anthony Adragna</i>	

"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."

FR. FIDELIS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Move Around With Us, Inc.

is a non-profit organization created by Fr. Fidelis to help young Nigerians who are in desperate need of wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, etc. but cannot afford such luxuries. **You can help!** If you have (in good condition) and no longer need such items please contact Fr. Fidelis at the rectory who, with the Pastor's permission, will collect and arrange for the items' transport overseas.



(Charitable donation tax letter available upon request)

<http://www.movearoundwithus.org>

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Christine Guido
Aida Sormiento
James Schmitt
Sophia Wiesler
Edward Henry
Lisa Hulsen
William Fleming*

*Adonis Catania
Robert Huber
Marie & Tom Stagnitta
Darby Bandini
Dorothy Fitzgerald
Mary Doran
Dawn Arpino*

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

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

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

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

Spring Bereavement Group will meet Saturdays **May 8 to June 26, 2021** from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Due to Covid restrictions and weather, the group will meet in the courtyard. Registration is required. Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062. Please bring your own chair and refreshments.



GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 5—

Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 Mark Santoli

12:15 Sr. Anne Umbach O.P.

TUESDAY, April 6—

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 Peter Kassimatis

12:15 Frank & Frances Peluso

WEDNESDAY, April 7—

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 For the Repose of the Souls of the
McCarthy Family

12:15 Margaret Brogan

THURSDAY, April 8—

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 Richard Garbe

12:15 Jean Sheppard (Living)

FRIDAY, April 9—

Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

12:15 Marcel Malcuit

SATURDAY, April 10—

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Jozef Jendruczyk

**Vigil for
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

5:00 Ann & Dominick DeGirolamo

**Sunday, April 11
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

8:00 For the People of the Parish

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

12:00 Anniversary of Jason & Joselyn Kalt

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 5, 2021

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

12:45 p.m. Devotions Church

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

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

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

12:45 p.m. Exposition Church

Thursday, April 8, 2021

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

Friday, April 9, 2021

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

Saturday, April 10, 2021

4:00 p.m. Confessions School

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Sunday, April 11, 2021

1:00 p.m. Exposition Church

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Devotions Church

3:30 p.m. Benediction Church

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



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.

Reflexión de las Lecturas del domingo de Resurrección 4/4/2021

ALELULLA CRISTO VIVE!!!! La gran noticia de la resurrección de Cristo es el centro de las lecturas de hoy. El triunfo de Jesús sobre la muerte, la gloria de su resurrección, tiene sus testigos, y son los que dan fe ahora, de que Cristo está vivo! Escuchemos atentamente!

Primera Lectura (Hechos 10: 34, 37-42):

Este nuevo discurso de Pedro sigue el esquema del Pentecostés, se inicia con el escándalo de la cruz que fue el suplicio, y demuestra que Dios transforma el mal en bien.

Segunda lectura del apóstol san Pablo a los Colosenses (3,1-4):

Ya que habéis resucitado con Cristo, buscad los bienes de allá arriba, donde está Cristo, sentado a la derecha del Padre; aspirad a los bienes de arriba, no a los de la tierra. Porque habéis muerto al pecado, y vuestra vida está con Cristo escondida en Dios.

Evangelio del año C (Juan 20, 1-9): ¡El Señor Está Vivo y Resucitado!

¡Feliz Pascua de Resurrección a todos! La Resurrección es la fiesta de la alegría, de la esperanza, la fiesta de la vida. La Resurrección debe calar fuerte en nuestro interior y darnos una actitud de misericordia, de perdón hacia aquellas personas que nos vilipendian, que no respetan nuestra forma de ser o actuar, y no debe resultarnos muy difícil si nos miramos en la figura de Jesús, que en la cruz perdonó a todos los que lo abandonaron, a los que le iban a quitar la vida. Vivimos en un mundo donde la riqueza está en manos de pocas personas, mientras abundan cada vez más pobres y marginados. Un mundo donde muchos quieren aparentar en lugar de ser, donde ansiamos demostrar tener poder, ya sea político o religioso, y si miramos en nuestras comunidades siempre encontraremos personas así. Pero el verdadero cristiano es aquel a quien le importa poco el poder, sólo quiere servir, no desea ser salvador de nada, ni de nadie. Sólo quiere servir y colaborar en que la misericordia, el amor, la justicia divina se abran camino en un mundo cada vez más alejado de Dios.

Por ello, en la Pascua de Resurrección, el perdón y la misericordia tienen un lugar preferente, porque las personas maduras en la fe tienen una verdadera conversión, una verdadera reconciliación con los hermanos. La Pascua es abrir los brazos al hermano, al mundo. Es respetar la vida humana desde el nacimiento hasta su finitud. Es valorar y respetar a las personas, y tener la certeza de que ese es el deseo de Dios: que todos seamos hermanos.



OFFERING UPDATE March 20/21

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	192	93	\$2,062.50
8:00 a.m.	151	81	2,467.00
10:00 a.m.	250	73	2,533.00
12:00 a.m.	240	61	1,970.00
Total coin:			4.04
Faith Direct			2,916.50
Children's Env.		8	60.00
Mail-ins:			1,713.00
TOTAL	833	316	\$13,726.04
March 22, 2020	<i>We were under shutdown— No public Masses were said</i>		\$5,973.11
Candles			\$722.52
Poor Box			\$354.77

OFFERING UPDATE Palm Sunday—March 27/28

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.			
8:00 a.m.			
10:00 a.m.			
12:00 a.m.			
Total coin:			
Faith Direct			
Children's Env.			
Mail-ins:			
TOTAL			
Palm Sunday			
Candles			
Poor Box			

*Due to early printer deadlines
the collection totals
for Palm Sunday
will be printed at a later date.
Thank you
for your understanding!*



The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online by visiting www.faithdirect.net using our church code: NY286.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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A LETTER FROM BISHOP BARRES



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
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Easter 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia! Around the world and across Long Island, we proclaim this marvelous truth. Good news is ours. Sin and death have been vanquished. Christ has conquered. God is victorious!

In light of the suffering and death of the past year, how blessed we are to behold again the Mystery of the Resurrection. These months have been dark and bleak. They have been long and challenging. Yet, as we encounter Easter 2021, we are reminded that God has the final word. Indeed, *Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it* (John 1:5). This Light, Jesus Christ, illumines our path. He gives hope. As the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council said:

Through Christ and in Christ, the riddles of sorrow and death grow meaningful. Apart from His Gospel, they overwhelm us. Christ has risen, destroying death by His death; He has lavished life upon us so that...we can cry out in the Spirit: Abba, Father.¹

With significant challenges facing us still on Long Island and across the globe, with darkness still afoot, perhaps the joy of Easter is difficult to embrace. Our hearts maybe like those of the disciples who went on Easter dawn to anoint the Lord's body. At the strange sight of an empty tomb and an apparently absent Jesus, instead of experiencing immediate joy, they were confused and distressed. Only in seeing the Lord face to face did they come to embrace His rising from the dead.

Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, we need to see Christ alive among us. We need to see the Resurrection in our midst. So, this Easter, let us ask, "Where is Christ alive?"

Christ is alive in the countless frontline workers, civil servants, and medical professionals who have served so faithfully and so heroically this past year. Their sacrificial love and Good Samaritan-willingness to help neighbors in need radiate the Lord Jesus!

Christ is alive in the catechumens who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Their reception of the Sacraments reminds us of the power of our own Baptism – where each of us has died with Christ and risen with Him to new life.

Above all, Christ is alive in His risen and glorified presence in the Eucharist and in the transforming power of His Body and Blood that we receive in the celebration of the Mass. Christ

¹ Second Vatican Council, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World *Gaudium et Spes* (December 7, 1965), 22, in *The Documents of Vatican Council II* (St. Paul's Publications, 2009).

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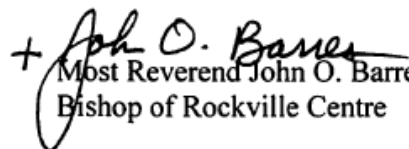
is alive, and therefore the Church is alive. The Eucharist is the source of this life – and its power has become perhaps more evident than ever, after months of separation from the weekly and daily celebration of the Mass. Together, we recall the disciples' recognition of Jesus following the Resurrection at Emmaus in the opening of the Scriptures and the breaking of the Bread. We are grateful for the many ways in which our parishes and schools have continued to foster creatively this Emmaus experience on Long Island, both in-person and virtually. May we continue to recognize the Sunday Eucharist as the source from which the life of the Resurrected Christ bursts forth into the world.

At his Sunday Angelus on January 3, 2021, Pope Francis beautifully reminded us of Christ's continued presence in our midst:

"I like to think that when the Lord prays to the Father for us, he does not merely speak: he shows him the wounds of the flesh, he shows him the wounds he suffered for us. This is Jesus: with his flesh he is the intercessor, he wanted to bear even the signs of suffering. Jesus, with his flesh, is before the Father. Indeed, the Gospel says that *He came to dwell among us*. He did not come to visit us, and then leave; He came to dwell with us, to stay with us."²

May we continue to encounter the presence of Jesus Christ who dwells in and through His Church. May we continue to experience signs of His Resurrection even amidst the challenges and crosses we embrace, and may this encounter continue to fill our hearts, so that our voices can confidently cry out: *The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia!*

Faithfully in the Lord,

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Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

² Francis, Angelus, 3 January, 2021. http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20210103.html

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, April 11, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?”
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” John 20:29

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the early Church, beginning in Jerusalem and ending in Rome. Today's reading describes how the community of believers continued to grow even after Peter and John had been ordered by the Temple leaders not to preach in Jesus' name. What is most important about this community is that they were "of one heart and mind." Because of this, they were able to share what they had and take care of the needy in their midst. This should lead us to reflect on our own parish today. Are we of one heart and mind?

1 John 5:1-6

For John, believing and loving are intimately related. "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him." To be a believer means to adhere in loving reverence to authentic Christian teaching: "For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments." Belief in Jesus as the Son of God leads to the victory that overcomes the world. What a hopeful message when we feel overcome by the world – the victory is ours in Christ Jesus!

John 20:19-31

Today's Gospel is for all of us who have not seen Jesus but still believe. The first apostles were given the great grace of seeing the risen Jesus face-to-face, of talking and even eating with him. But we, two thousand years removed from these awesome events, are like doubting Thomas at times. We struggle with belief. We have moments of doubt and uncertainty. But day after day, in season and out, we profess with our lips and believe in our hearts that Jesus is our Lord and God. Because of this, Jesus calls us "blessed." What good news!

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 5, 2021:

Acts 2:14, 22-33
 + Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 6, 2021:

Acts 2:36-41 + John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 7, 2021:

Acts 3:1-10 + Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 8, 2021:

Acts 3:11-26 + Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 9, 2021:

Acts 4:1-12 + John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 10, 2021:

Acts 4:13-21 + Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 11, 2021:

Acts 4:32-35
 + 1 John 5:1-6
 + John 20:19-31

Gospel Reflection

Rising to New Life

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” Easter is the great celebration of victory of life over death.

Ours is an Easter religion. We do not deny or turn away from the evils that surround us: the wars that have killed some 100 million people in our (last) century; the poverty that grips more than half of the human race; the hunger that kills millions every year and ruins the lives of millions more; the discrimination that divides the human family into contending parties.

We do not deny these miseries, but we refuse to surrender to their power because of our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Suffering will be vindicated; death will be overcome; a new life will arise: that is the Easter message of the paschal mystery.

“Let us feast with joy in the Lord.” Just as Christ passed through death to resurrection, so too will the world pass through its suffering to the glory of a new life.

There is no room for despair: our Easter faith tells us that God will “raise us up and renew our lives.” This is the ‘day which the Lord has made.’ Alleluia! Take fresh hope, brothers and sisters of the whole world! With Christ our Passover everything is possible! Christ goes forward in our future!

*Pope St. John Paul II,
 Easter Message, 1991*

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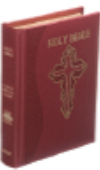




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