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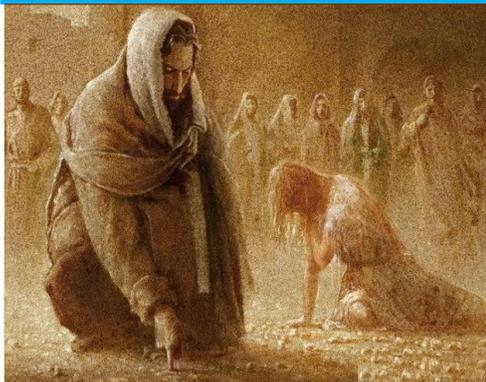
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*Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on
do not sin any more."*

John 8:11

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 7, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Frank Pokorney

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Convinced

Why Would Anyone Become Catholic?

Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic? As he was considering his own move into the Church, Donald Johnson traveled around the country to get answers from some of today's most prolific Catholic converts.



Watch on formed.org



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PASTOR'S PAGE

Fifth Sunday of Lent

It might be hard to believe, 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.

Next set of memorialized bricks

Allow me to point out that we are preparing to send out our next set of bricks to be engraved, and then installed, in our "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden. We have set a deadline of **May 6** as the cut-off date; that will be the last day we can accept orders for the next batch. After that date, we will send out the bricks for engraving and set a date, probably at the end of the summer, for a blessing of these new bricks.

So, if you have been meaning to memorialize a brick but have not yet done so, now is the perfect

time. Even if you have already memorialized a brick, I'm sure there's another person or intention you would like to have memorialized — you're not limited to only one brick! 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. 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 with this important fund raiser for OLPH.

Palm Sunday Vigil and Procession

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday! Wow... already!!! 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.

As has become our custom, we will celebrate a special **Procession for Palm Sunday at the 5:00 p.m. Mass this coming Saturday, April 13.** Now, don't be grumpy about this! 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 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 Vigil Procession:

- On Saturday, April 13, 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 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.

Be nice to our non-regulars!

It's no secret that for the next two weekends, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we will have many more people coming to Mass who do not come on a regular basis. It's the job of all of us "regulars" to welcome them and be nice to them — even if they sit in "your" seat! Here's a chance to concretely live out our Christian faith in action by not resenting their presence. OLPH is always such a very welcoming parish, and I know that will be especially true over the next two weekends. Your greeting and welcome may just entice someone to come back more frequently! What I am sure of is that if someone is greeted with rudeness, chances are they will not be back, so let's all do our best to be patient and kind. Let's show everyone why we are "the place to be!"

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 leaflet mailed out some time ago. (The schedule of Masses on Palm Sunday is the same as our usual weekend Mass schedule.)

Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Speaking of Easter, 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.

April 15, Monday of Holy Week — Diocesan Day of Reconciliation, or "Reconciliation Monday"

As the remaining weeks of Lent, our season of conversion and renewal, wind down, I have the PERFECT opportunity for you to go to Confession: on Monday, April 15, Monday of Holy Week. It has been dubbed "Reconciliation Monday" since in every parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of New York, priests will be available to hear Confessions from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We have printed elsewhere in this bulletin the schedule of when each of us parish priests will be available, in case you want to go to one of us in particular, and we'll even stay past 9:00 p.m. if people are still coming.

Be sure to join with all your brothers and sisters who will be celebrating God's mercy and forgiveness on that day. Be sure to go to Confession on that day **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!

Remember: if the door to the Reconciliation Room is closed, that means either someone is in there, or the priest is not there, so do not go in; if the door is open, then the priest is "open for business" and you can feel free to walk right in. Also, we will have ministers of hospitality, from the Liturgy Committee, to assist anyone who needs help that day.

Come to Confession on Monday of Holy Week, April 15!

Third Scrutiny: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Our elect, Kevin, Emily, Catherine and Tara, are celebrating their third and final Scrutiny this weekend, as their initiation into the Catholic Church draws closer and closer. Their reception of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at this year's Easter Vigil is just around the corner! Once again we have printed an explanation of the Scrutinies in the bulletin; look for it, and be sure to keep them in your prayers.

Participating in the liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum

Have you been making your plans and arrangements to participate in the liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, our holiest days of the year? I hope so!

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 (Holy Saturday is 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 then, of course, there are Masses on Easter Sunday (note, as already mentioned, 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 next Sunday's Palm Sunday bulletin; look for it.

These days are so important, and so powerfully define who we are, and present the Mysteries to us in such a powerful way, that I think we should make every effort to attend these liturgies. Why would we not want to attend these days? Why would we consider missing out on celebrations that are so beautiful, so moving, so enriching, and so powerful?

At the very least, 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, social media, the iPhone and iPad, and entertainment. Give yourself and your family the special gift of celebrating the Sacred Paschal Triduum in a powerful and meaningful way.

In conclusion...

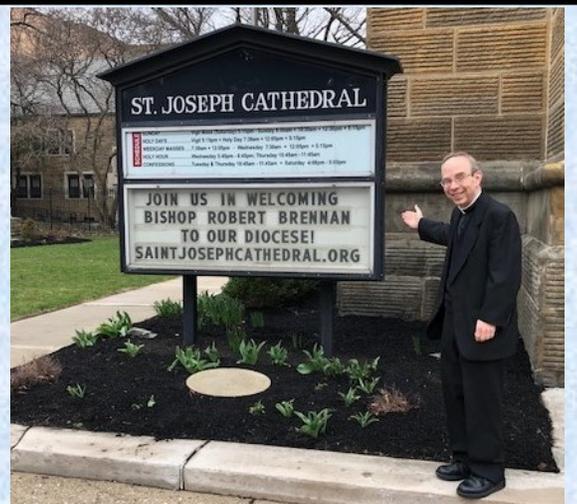
Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

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

Sincerely,



Msgr. Joe in front of St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus, Ohio, before the installation of Bishop Robert Brennan as the twelfth Bishop of Columbus, March 29, 2019



PALM SUNDAY VIGIL PROCESSION

Special Procession to Commemorate the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem **SATURDAY, APRIL 13 — 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 13, we will celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion with a special Solemn Procession.

For Saturday, April 13, please note:

- ◆ Confession time on Saturday, April 13 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
- ◆ 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 & EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES:

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES FOR THESE DAYS

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 13:

5:00 p.m. Vigil with Procession

Sunday, April 14:

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



SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR

Easter Sunday Masses

Saturday, April 20:

8:00 p.m. only

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, April 21:

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

(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)

*** note special times**



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



CONFESSIONS

Monday, April 8 following the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass
 Saturday, April 13: 3:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.
Note special time!

DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions on Monday of Holy Week

April 15, 2019

*Along with all the other parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre,
 OLPH will be having Confessions from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 on Monday, April 15, Monday of Holy Week.*

*What a great day to go to Confession to prepare for the
 Sacred Paschal Triduum!*

Here is the schedule of when priests will be available:

<u>Msgr. Joe</u>	<u>Fr. Fidelis</u>	<u>Fr. Frank</u>	<u>Fr. Emmanuel</u>
3:00-5:30 p.m.	3:00-5:00 p.m.	3:00-4:30 p.m.	3:00-5:00 p.m.
6:30-9:00 p.m.	6:30-9:00 p.m.	5:30-9:00 p.m.	6:30-9:00 p.m.

*Note that 4 priests will be available from 3:00 to 4:30; 3 priests from 4:30 to 5:00;
 1 priest from 5:00 to 6:30, and then 4 priests from 6:30 until 9:00.*

*We're making our best guess based on past patterns,
 trying to give each priest a dinner break, too.*

Thank you for your understanding!

Stations of the Cross

April 12 - Led by Extraordinary
 Ministers of Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. in the church



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.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Holy Saturday morning, April 20 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.



LITTLE WHITE BOOK FOR EASTER TIME

Continuing with the popular “Little Book” series, OLPH is happy to provide for you the **LITTLE WHITE BOOK** for Easter Time. The Little White Book contains brief daily reflections for each of the 50 days of Easter Time, new for 2019. 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 will be available starting Wednesday, April 17. Please look for the *Little White Book* on the pew ledges in church starting on Wednesday of Holy Week and during the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK
2019

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

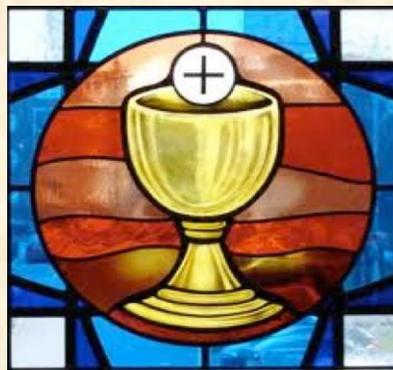
Prayer for Peace

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



BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, April 8—7:00 p.m.

**Monday, April 15—No devotions
due to Confessions, 3:00—9:00 p.m.**

Monday, April 22—7:00 p.m.

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.

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 and/or other items for the poor and homeless (for example, for our Van Ministry). 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/or the list of items needed for our Van Ministry to the Homeless as printed elsewhere in this bulletin 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.

HELP NEEDED TO WATER THE EASTER FLOWERS

Help keep our beautiful Easter plants and flowers alive! We need people to offer to take turns to come in and water the Easter plants and flowers during the seven weeks of Easter Time, starting the week of April 21. It will take only a little while once or twice a week, and your commitment will be minimal. Your responsibility will end when we return to Ordinary Time after June 9 (Pentecost). It's a great way to do something helpful for the parish that does not require a huge ongoing commitment. It's something you can bring your child with you to do! Won't you help us out? Please contact Lynn Bergin at lmbergin@optonline.net or at (516) 528-3404 and she'll give you all the details and sign you up. Thank you!



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.

NO EXPOSITION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Please note that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, April 17 (Wednesday of Holy Week). It is necessary to cancel Exposition that day because the cleaning of the church must be moved from Thursday to Wednesday this week.

Thank you for your understanding.

DRVC GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY LITURGY



The Diocese of Rockville Centre
Golden Wedding Anniversary Liturgy
 Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More

Sunday, May 5, 2019
 2:30 p.m.

Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa

- Please fill in the form below, have it signed by your pastor or someone designated by him and return to the address below.
- Approximately one week before the liturgy, you will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions.
- There will be **reserved seating for the registered couples only**. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.
- After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish. You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.

Please mail completed form to : Ellen T. Zafonte
 Office of Faith Formation
 PO Box 9023
 Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

Registration forms are available at the Rectory and must be received by the Office of Faith Formation by April 15, 2019. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 506.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Today, on this **Fifth Sunday of Lent**, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the **elect** in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process (*i.e.*, those adults who are unbaptized and who will be celebrating the three Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist — at the Easter Vigil) undergo their third and final **Scrutiny**. The three Scrutinies prayed on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent have been special prayer rites for purification and enlightenment to prepare the elect for their sacramental initiation into the Church. Now their long journey of going through the RCIA process is reaching its climax. Please continue to pray for our elect **Kevin, Tara, Catherine** and **Emily** as they draw closer to the Sacraments of Initiation at this year's Easter Vigil.

Save the Date ...



Spring Concert

Be sure to join our music ministry

Saturday, May 11

7:00 p.m. in the church
featuring our cantors, adult choir,
youth band and youth choir

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



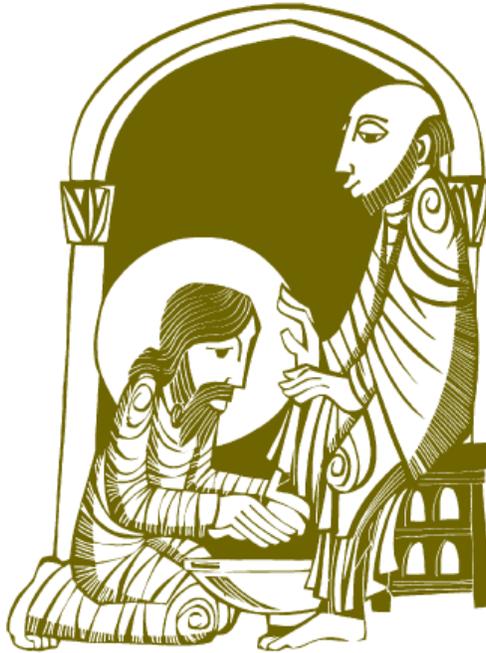
Why Are Feet Washed on Holy Thursday?

Kristopher W. Seaman

During a very blustery winter, my family and I were carefully trying not to slip on the ice as we made our way through a crowded parking lot to the church. Upon entering the worship space, the pastoral associate and pastor asked me to fill in for a person who was frightened to leave the house during the snow storm. I responded with enthusiasm, "I would love to help out! What do you need?" The priest said, "Someone to have their feet washed." Later on, I remember myself being the one inviting people to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. One person I asked, because of her profound sense of service on behalf of the parish, responded by saying, "Oh! I don't know. I would gladly wash people's feet, because I know how to serve others. I am not very good at people doing things for me." Both stories embody a sense of service, helping out others by invitation.

The biblical basis for the washing of the feet occurs in the Last Supper narrative, and is only found in the Gospel according to John. At the moment when we expect Jesus to take bread and wine and transform them, as he does in the Gospel accounts of Mark, Matthew, and Luke, Jesus in John's Gospel account gets up and begins to wash feet. Peter first refuses to allow Jesus to wash his feet; it should be, as Peter reasoned it, Peter washing Jesus's feet. Jesus rebukes Peter: "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (John 13:12-15).

Jesus serves his disciples, and then instructs them to imitate his practice of washing feet. There is a sense of humility. A disciple is to serve others. Because of the context of the washing of the feet in John's Gospel, there is also a sense of transformation. As disciples, our model, *par excellence*, is Jesus Christ. His practices in scripture provide a model for our



practices as disciples. Jesus knew he was going to be crucified, and gave this practice as a sign for disciples to serve one another. Pope Francis has been receiving a lot of press since his election, and part of this is his profound sense of humble service to all people. He models service in his daily actions.

During his Homily on Holy Thursday evening, Pope Francis remarked that this rite is "a caress of Jesus." Feet stink, feet were callused and blistered from long walks. In Jesus's day proper hospitality required the servants to wash the guests' feet. Jesus, as the host, turns this practice upside down. He bends low and washes the feet of the lowly. He caresses, an act of love. True service wells up from a profound love and faith that seeks to help others daily. The rite of washing feet is called

the *mandatum*, Latin for "commandment." Jesus summed up the law by saying there are two fundamental commandments: Love God and love one's neighbor. Loving the neighbor is acting humbly and in service.

Jesus, in John's Gospel account, offers a meaning of Eucharist: The encounter with Christ Jesus has implications in one's life. What Jesus did and does for us, we are to do for one another. As Pope Francis remarked: "because this is the real reason why Jesus came: to serve, to help us."

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ADULT FORMATION CLASS

Our next Adult Education Course...

PRAYING THE MASS: A Catechesis on the Texts of the Mass

Instructor: Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Place: Room 3, OLPH School

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

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

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

To register, please return the coupon below

*or contact Josephine Vagelatos at jvagelatos@oloph.org or at 631-226-7725 x206
no later than Monday, April 29.*

Yes, sign me up for... **PRAYING THE MASS:**

A Catechesis on the Texts of the Mass

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

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

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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 with us, 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.



Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing
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“Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day.”

Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

During the special Lenten season, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven’t contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of our Parish family to make a donation to the 2019 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised by this fund is restricted to the ministries and programs that serve more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans; respect life initiatives; and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you! **Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others!**
THANK YOU!!

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal
 Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____
 Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit drvc.org/CMA
 or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296
 Thank You!

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Levels 6, 7, 8 and Teen Program:

Make sure you study for your Final Exam that will take place during your final class on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

Also, don't forget: your Workbooks were due in class on Wednesday, April 3, 2019! You MUST hand in any missing work!

Levels 2, 3, 4 and 5:

On Saturday, April 13, you have your Final Exam during your last class. Make sure you STUDY!



Bible Camp Registration is officially open!

Come into the Religious Ed Office and sign your kids up for a wild ride this summer with Jesus!



Our Happy Saints Bingo game is officially over for the year and will be returning in October! Thank you all for playing with us! Make sure you get your special prize for filling the board!

Registration Is Now OPEN



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

Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2019-2020 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

We can't wait to meet you!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
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- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
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- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
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- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

- PASTA SAUCE**
- PANCAKE MIX**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- JELLY OR JAM**
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES**
- CRACKERS/COOKIES**
- JUICES**
- PAPER TOWELS**
- TOILET PAPER**
- TOILETRIES**

**Thank you
for your continued generosity.**

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

The office is open:

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

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

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

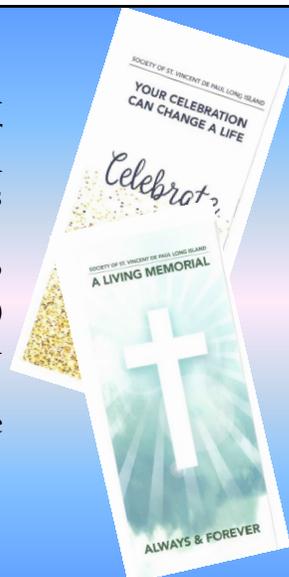
When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is happy to announce an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we are now able to 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 on the pew ledges or 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 Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS:

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

We are in need of the following:

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

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

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

MIDDLE AGES

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

Our next meeting:

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

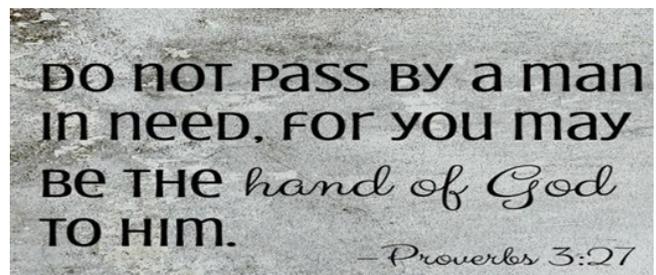
Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449
or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

OLPH

Homeless Van Ministry needs You...

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

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



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

CHANGE THE WORLD –

*Are you interested in
preserving the environment?
(recycling, protecting air quality, etc.)
preventing the extinction of animals?
saving lives (of the elderly, infirm, born alive,
unborn)?
knowing how to handle death (yours or loved
ones)?*

You **CAN** do all this when you join our
OLPH/Respect Life Committee.
Check us out with **NO** obligation.
We (**AND** our world) **NEED YOU!**

We usually meet
on the 1st Thursday of the month
7:00 p.m. in room 18.
(check the schedule printed in the bulletin)
Feel free to call Louise (631-412-3831)
for further information.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM -- PRAY FOR AN UNBORN BABY

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, we begin our adoption program. We will have the opportunity to "spiritually" adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to "adopt". You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by signing up this weekend. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great. You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin describing your baby's development and birth. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God have given you?

<p style="text-align: center;">NAME OF PARISH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPIRITUAL ADOPTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jesus, Mary and Joseph I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. -- Bishop Fulton J. Sheen</p>  <p>Baby's Name: _____ (choose a name)</p> <p>Due Date: _____ (9 months from today)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NAME OF PARISH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPIRITUAL ADOPTION</p> <p>I, _____ (your name)</p> <p>promise to spiritually adopt an unborn baby, _____ (name of baby)</p> <p>in danger of abortion by praying daily for the life of this child.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(return this portion)</p>
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CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM www.cffor.org
Anti-Semitism Increasing in America and Europe

"Silence in the face of Evil, is itself evil."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, pastor and holocaust martyr

Even though the U.S. is considered among the least anti-Semitic countries in the Diaspora, hate crimes rose 57% in 2017 according to the Anti-Defamation League. Jews make up only 2% of the U.S. population but faced more physical attacks than all other religions combined. In October 2018 the deadliest attack on a Jewish community in the history of the U.S. was in Pittsburgh, when a gunman killed 11 worshippers in a synagogue.

The Boycott, Sanction, and Divestment (BDS) movement against the country of Israel is gaining attention across the country. Two newly-elected House members support the BDS movement, are close followers of anti-Semitic minister Louis Farrakhan, and openly express anti-Semitic views in Congressional hearings.

Anti-Semitism is rising sharply across Europe as France reported a 74% increase in offenses and Germany said the number of violent antisemitic attacks surged by more than 60%. The UK, Belgium, Sweden, and the Netherlands also saw increases in incidents.

Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27, was established by the United Nations in 2005 to promote Holocaust education, and is the date of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Marking the 74th Anniversary of this day, the White House said, "Six million Jews were systematically slaughtered in horrific ways. Nazis also enslaved and murdered Slavs, Roma, gays, people with disabilities, religious leaders, and others who opposed their cruel regime...the brutality of the Holocaust was a crime against men, women, and children. It was a crime against humanity. It was a crime against God."

Sadly, recent surveys show many adults lack basic knowledge about the genocide, and since 2017, anti-Semitic cases were reported in all 50 states.

- * 52% of Americans said incorrectly that Hitler came to power through force.
- * 41% of Americans, 66% of millennials (ages 23-38), don't know what Auschwitz was.
- * 22% of millennials said they had never heard of the Holocaust.

(*businessinsider.com, 1/27/19; theguardian.com, 2/15/19; usatoday.com, 10/28/18; washingtonpost.com, 10/27/18; dailycaller.com, 1/24/19*)

"To remain silent and indifferent is the greatest sin of all." —Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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John Reynolds

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Mike Williams

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of

April 7-13:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Ronald A. Higgins

Requested by

Fran Higgins

Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 for other options for memorials.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Fred Sawyer</i>	<i>Lillian Pigott</i>
<i>Jeanne Calise</i>	<i>Patrick Pigott</i>
<i>Lillian Setti</i>	<i>Daniel Mueller</i>
<i>William Redlich</i>	<i>Erin Stanton</i>
<i>Constance Belowski</i>	<i>Willard Cleaver</i>
<i>Salvatore Valela</i>	<i>Edward Jacobs</i>
<i>Natalie & Lew Yugel</i>	<i>Kenwyn Edwards</i>
<i>Millie Abrusci</i>	<i>Richard Garbe</i>
<i>Linda Menna</i>	<i>Deacon Frank Odin</i>
<i>Patricia Donohue</i>	<i>Randall I. Press</i>
<i>Monica Angelucci</i>	<i>Joanne Press</i>
<i>Mary Martin</i>	<i>Richard Parez Jr.</i>
<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>	<i>Lynn Parez</i>
<i>Michael Schauer</i>	<i>Richard Garbe</i>

WE REMEMBER

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

Matthew J. Hess Jr.

Frank Giordano

Rose Marie Whalen

Josephine M. Gambino

Rose Marie T. Russo

Marie A. Golly

"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."

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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUPS NEAR OLPH

For many of us, the loss of a loved one can be a devastating experience. Grief can cause us to become depressed, disoriented or angry. Ordinary aspects of our life can overwhelm us. Our experiences of grief affect us even more deeply when we do not have the support of family or friends. Sharing our pain with others in a bereavement group eases the anguish brought on by the death of a loved one. Many bereavement groups exist within driving distance of Lindenhurst. A complete listing of bereavement groups in the area can be found at the Diocese of Rockville Centre website.

To access a complete listing of bereavement groups near OLPH, follow these steps:

Open your web browser (Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Yahoo, etc.) Enter www.drvc.org in the address bar. You should be looking at the DRVC website. Move your cursor (pointer) across the top of the website to the box labelled "Faith Formation". This will launch a pull-down menu starting with Marriage. The last item on the list is "Bereavement". Click on "Bereavement".

There are many features to explore on this page. If you move your cursor to "Support Groups", you'll be taken to a page that permits you to go to articles about the nature of grief for individuals who are beginning the process of mourning. ("Find out more here.") Move your cursor over the list from each of the counties to view the bereavement programs in various parishes. These lists are maintained and updated by the Office of Faith Formation at the Diocese.

Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 8 — LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 Geraldine Morgan

12:15 Salvatore Palazzolo

TUESDAY, April 9 — LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 Kathleen Doyle

12:15 Giuseppe Lentini

WEDNESDAY, April 10 — LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 Ronald A. Higgins

12:15 Edgar P. Lovelock

THURSDAY, April 11 — LENTEN WEEKDAY (*Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*)

6:30 Theresa Giafone

12:15 For the Repose of the Souls of the
McCarthy Family

FRIDAY, April 12— LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 Mike Angotta, Sr.

12:15 Ronald A. Higgins

SATURDAY, April 13 — LENTEN WEEKDAY (*Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr*)

8:00 Ronald A. Higgins

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

5:00 Margaret Cronin

Sunday, April 14 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8:00 Dorothy Bott

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

12:00 Anthony Mainini

5:00 For the People of the Parish

Monday, April 8, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business	Room 24
4:15 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Hospitality Planning	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Board Meeting	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Squires	Room 19
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Religious Education Pictures	Cafeteria
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 & 7 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	Cafeteria

Thursday, April 11, 2019

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:15 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Hospitality Ministry Meeting	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, April 12, 2019

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

Saturday, April 13, 2019

8:30,10:00	Levels 1-5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	School
11:00 a.m.	Decorate for Palm Sunday	Church
12:30 p.m.	Palm Sunday Vigil Rehearsal	Auditorium
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
3:30 p.m.	Youth/Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:00 p.m.	No Evening Prayer	

Sunday, April 14, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Christian Mothers' Bake Sale	Garages
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church

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DOMINGO DE RAMOS 14 de Abril de 2019 EN LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR (Ciclo C

PRIMERA LECTURA (ISAÍAS 50:4-7)

El Siervo de Dios, Sufriente, permanece fiel a su misión incluso cuando es perseguido, ya que confía plenamente en Dios.

SEGUNDA LECTURA (FILIPENSES 2:6-11)

El Hijo de Dios se humilló a sí mismo para hacerse uno de nosotros y para servirnos. Por eso Dios lo resucitó y le hizo Señor de todo.

LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGÚN (LUCAS 22: 14-23,56) En la pasión, Lucas presenta a Jesús como el que vino a buscar y salvar lo que estaba perdido.

Pasamos muy rápidamente de la celebración de la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén a la lectura de la Pasión. Todo en la misma celebración. Oímos al pueblo aclamar a Jesús a su entrada en Jerusalén. Y poco después es el mismo pueblo el que grita ante Pilatos exigiendo que éste condene a Jesús a morir en la cruz.

Hoy nos podemos encontrar nosotros reflejados en ese pueblo. Ya hemos terminado la Cuaresma. Esos cuarenta días nos han ayudado probablemente a conocernos un poco mejor. Sabemos de nuestras incoherencias, de nuestras infidelidades, de nuestras debilidades. Al repasar nuestra vida recordamos que ha habido momentos en los que nos hemos dejado llevar por el entusiasmo. Fueron momentos en los que nos identificamos con Pedro y, como él, le dijimos a Jesús que le íbamos a seguir a donde fuese necesario, que siempre estaríamos a su lado. Como el pueblo de Jerusalén a la entrada de Jesús sobre el borrico, le aclamamos como nuestro señor y nuestro salvador.

Pero también recordamos los muchos momentos en que hemos sido también como ese pueblo de Jerusalén pero unos días más tarde. O como Pedro en el momento de la dificultad. Le hemos negado, hemos abandonado sus caminos y hemos puesto el corazón y la vida y la esperanza en otros señores que nos han llevado inevitablemente a la esclavitud y a la muerte. Como el pueblo de Jerusalén en el momento de la Pasión, hemos gritado “Crucifícale”. Y como Pedro hemos preferido decir que no le conocíamos de nada, que nosotros no sabemos nada y que nunca nos hemos cruzado con ese señor al que llaman Jesús.

Nuestra vida se va haciendo también de esas inconstancias e incoherencias. Pero frente a todo ello está la coherencia y constancia de Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, el enviado del Padre, empeñado en mostrarnos su amor hasta el final, hasta dar la vida totalmente por nosotros. Dios es tozudo en su amor. No se mueve ni un centímetro y, aunque nosotros digamos que no le conocemos de nada, sigue reconociéndonos como hijos y hermanos, como miembros queridos de su familia. Ahí está la clave de la celebración de la Semana Santa. Recordamos el amor de Dios por nosotros. Más fuerte que la muerte y, por supuesto, más fuerte que nuestro mismo pecado. El punto clave para entenderlo está en la mirada que lanza Jesús a Pedro cuando éste le ha negado por tercera vez. Fue una mirada llena de cariño. Le conocía bien en su debilidad. Pero no por eso le amaba menos. Hoy esa mirada nos llega a cada uno de nosotros. Nos conoce bien. Por dentro y por fuera. Y nos mira con cariño y amor total.

Para la reflexión

Hoy entramos en la Semana Santa. Ya no es tiempo de mirarnos a nosotros y a nuestras faltas sino de contemplar el amor de Dios manifestado en Jesús. Convendría que encontrásemos un tiempo a lo largo de esta semana para leer con tranquilidad la Pasión de Jesús en los cuatro evangelios. Y dejar que ese relato de amor nos llegue al corazón.

Ofrece la misericordia de Dios al pueblo de hoy.



OFFERING UPDATE March 30/31, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	330		\$3,594.00
8:00 a.m.	280	130	3,267.00
10:00 a.m.	474	125	3,384.00
12:00 p.m.	435	122	2,897.00
5:00 p.m.	235	59	1,073.00
Coin			15.54
Mail-ins:			2,334.00
Children's Env.		15	32.45
Faith Direct			2,181.90
TOTAL	1,754	451	\$18,778.89
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April 28—April 19

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May 12—May 3

Due to earlier printer deadlines:

April 14 & April 21—passed

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, April 14, 2019
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!

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 8, 2019:

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
 + John 8:12-20

Tuesday, April 9, 2019:

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

Wednesday, April 10, 2019:

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

Thursday, April 11, 2019:

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

Friday, April 12, 2019:

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

Saturday, April 13, 2019:

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

Sunday, April 14, 2019:

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

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

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

2. Pope Francis listened to the Gospel account of how Jesus’ disciples had fallen asleep just before he was betrayed by Judas. He ignored his prepared homily and invited the people, including himself to look into their hearts. How would you answer his questions?

“Has my life fallen asleep?”

“Am I like Pontius Pilate, who, when he sees the situation is difficult, washes my hands?”

Pope Francis on Palm Sunday:

“Has my life fallen asleep?”

April 13, 2014



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Spring Open House Molloy College, Sunday, **April 7** at 1:00 p.m. Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 516-323-4000.

Healing Mass in the Church of St. Anastasia, 45-14 245 Northern Blvd., Douglaston, NY on Tuesday, **April 9**, 7:00 p.m. Rosary, Mass & Healing Service with Fr. Augustine Fernando. For info call 718-631-4454.

3-hour Fund Raiser for Patrick Donovan (whose Lindenhurst home went up in flames on March 16) Thursday, **April 18** from 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. at Fireman's Pavilion, Lindenhurst. Music, food, cash bar, & Chinese auction. For info call 516-635-3082.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrates **Saint Gianna Feast Day** at Saint Agnes Cathedral, Saturday, **April 27**, 5:00 p.m. Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre, presiding. 6:00 p.m. Reception at the Pastoral Center. Register online at the DRVC Respect Life Office or call 516-678-5800 ext. 626.

Long Island Job Finder Job Fair Tuesday, **April 30**, 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Hauppauge, 110 Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy., Hauppauge. Free admission—wear proper attire and bring plenty of resumes! (For employer info on participation call 631-696-8568.)

Legion of Mary 10th Annual Woman's Retreat "Behold Thy Son" **Friday, May 10—Saturday, May 11** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Rd., Huntington. \$125 pp (payable to St. Patrick's R.C. Church, 280 East Main Street, Smithtown, NY 11787, Attn: Legion of Mary) For info contact Lena Maggio 631-374-1116 or Corinne Addiss 631-804-7222 or keepntouch@aol.com.

TV Mass for the Homebound WLNY ch. 10/55 at 7:00 a.m. & WRNN ch. 48 at 8:00 a.m. Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the *Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass* brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

Have you received a gift that you can't use?

Did you receive an item that you already have?

Do you have a present that you could give away?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, the *Dominican Sisters of Amityville* invite you to donate your items for our **Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon** on Friday, **June 28th** 2019. Items will be used in our raffle baskets and all proceeds from the event benefit the elderly and retired Sisters living in the Motherhouse. Last year, the event grossed over \$114,000!

Unfortunately we are unable to accept donations of clothing. Also, we ask that all items be in brand **NEW** and **unused** condition. Items can be dropped off at the Motherhouse between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday: 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY, attn.: Advancement Office. If you have any questions, please call (631) 842-6000 ext. 238. Thank you for your support.



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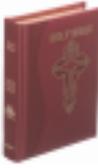


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