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*I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.*

John 14:16-17a

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Ms. Jill Marie Delano

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Miss Erin Barrett

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday Masses:

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

Special Needs Mass:

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

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

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

on the Zoom video platform.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

DEVOTIONS

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

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

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

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

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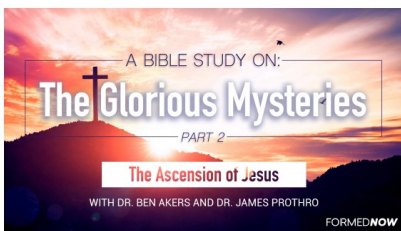
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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of May 14, 2023

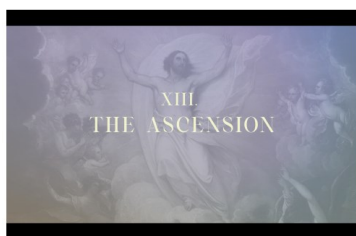
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A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Ascension (Part 2 of 5)

Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture.

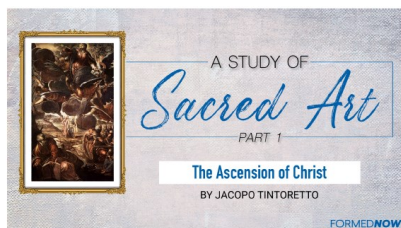
LEARN



Station 13 | Via Lucis Commentary | The Ascension

Pray with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Tim Gray as they walk through the Stations of the Resurrection. In this meditation, you will reflect on the mystery of Christ's ascension into Heaven.

LISTEN



The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Yes, it's still Easter Time! We're starting our sixth week in the liturgical season of Easter Time, but our sense of joy, wonder and awe over the Lord's Resurrection should be as rich and deep as it was back on Easter Sunday! The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of the Sixth Sunday of Easter reminds us of this: "*Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord...*" The prayer then goes on to remind us that what we celebrate at liturgy must always have an effect in our everyday life, as it asks "...*that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.*"

This theme of what we celebrate at Mass truly having an effect in the way we live everyday life is carried through in the Prayer over the Offerings and the Prayer after Communion. In the Prayer over the Offerings, we ask that "*we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love*" — with the principal mystery of God's "mighty" love being, of course, the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Christ, a dying and rising after which we are to pattern our life. However, such transformation into Christ's life can be the result only of God's grace, not our own efforts alone, and so the prayer also recognizes our need to be purified by God's graciousness. The Prayer after Communion asks that we be given "*the strength of this saving food*" and that it might bear fruit in our life, *i.e.*, that the Sacred Banquet of the Eucharist will increase our love for one another.

The depth and beauty of the Mass prayers during Easter Time continue to enrich our journey through these Fifty Days! They also always remind us of the important connection we must make between what we celebrate at Mass (God's love and saving power) and the way we live our life (we are to show that same love of God to one another). Think about that, and pray about those thoughts this week, so that the Sunday Mass continues to be with you.

Happy Mother's Day!

Blessings and best wishes to all mothers celebrating Mother's Day today! May God bless you for the many sacrifices and offerings you make for your children and for your family. We should be grateful to you not just on one day,

but all year long, for the important role you play. Let's also keep in our prayers today those who might find Mother's Day to be a difficult day — mothers who have lost children; children who have lost their mothers; women who are having difficulty becoming mothers; mothers and children who are estranged from one another; mothers whose children are ill and suffering.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord—Holy Day of Obligation

This Thursday, May 18, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, and it is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**. Therefore, we will see everyone back for Mass either Wednesday night or Thursday (check the Mass schedule elsewhere in this bulletin). It's vitally important for us to celebrate these special holy days, because they provide a rhythm and a structure for us to enter into the mysteries of the Lord throughout the liturgical year. It's a great reminder of the centrality of our faith to "interrupt" the normal routine of our week to celebrate an important liturgical day. Besides, it's a day that all Catholics are obligated to participate in celebrating Mass! (Emphasis on "obligated" — just like Sunday!)

The dating of the Ascension of the Lord as occurring forty days after Easter comes to us from the Acts of the Apostles, the book from which our first reading is taken for the Mass of that day. The meaning of the Ascension is spelled out for us clearly in the texts of the Mass for the day; listen to them carefully when you are at Mass. Allow me to point out two texts in particular that seem to especially zero in on the central theme of the Ascension; these each come from one of the two choices for the Preface (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer) that the priest might use.

One says, "*Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where, he, our Head and Founder, has gone before;*" the other says, "*For after his Resurrection he plainly appeared to all his disciples and was taken up to heaven in their sight, that he might make us sharers in his divinity.*" Notice how both texts point out how the Lord's Ascension is not about his absence, but about his deeper presence to us, and how we are invited to share more fully in the mystery of his life. Keep these thoughts in mind as you celebrate Mass on

the Holy Day this week.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Then, after the Ascension, we begin a period of time which is the original Novena — nine days of intense prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost, as the Church prays for the coming of the Holy Spirit. You can see advertised elsewhere in our bulletin our schedule for the communal praying of a Novena to the Holy Spirit; please be sure to join in if you are available. I am grateful to Deacon Robert Becker who generously coordinates this Novena each year.

Even if you are not able to join in the communal prayers, use these nine days as days to pray intensely for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, either through your own prayer, or through some other Novena or personal devotion you might have. *Come, Holy Spirit!*

Deacon Jim Totino

This coming Saturday, May 20, our parish will rejoice as our own Jim Totino is ordained to the Order of Deacon and begins serving in ordained ministry here at OLPH. We offer our congratulations to Jim and to his wife Jackie on this joy-filled occasion.

We're all familiar with the ministry of deacons thanks to the presence and hard work of our parish deacons over the years. Deacon Jim will join Deacon Doug, Deacon Bill and Deacon Robert in full-time diaconal ministry, and we recall the many years of ministry given by Deacon Frank, who is now retired. We look forward to Deacon Jim's ministry as he begins assisting at Mass, presiding at baptisms and weddings, presiding at non-Eucharistic prayer services, and, in general, doing whatever else I can think up!

Centered on the ministries of word, service and charity, deacons are integral to the life of the Church, and we are enriched by their ministry. As Deacon Jim embarks on his ministry, the words of St. Polycarp come to my mind: "Be merciful and zealous, walking according to the truth of the Lord, who made himself the minister of all."

The ordination will take place this Saturday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. All are invited to attend. Most especially, please make it a point to come and celebrate the 12:00 Noon Mass here

next Sunday, May 21, when Deacon Jim will serve as a deacon and preach the homily for the first time. Hospitality will follow, and it will be a great opportunity for us to come together as a parish family to celebrate the gift of this new diaconal ministry which we have been given. *Congratulations, Deacon Jim, and we look forward to many, many years of fruitful and Spirit-filled ministry being served by you!*

Combined Pastoral Staff/Pastoral Council Meeting

This past week we held our annual combined meeting of the Pastoral Staff and the Pastoral Council. We prayed Evening Prayer, shared a festive dinner together, and then had the meeting itself.

I always place a high value and a great deal of importance on this annual meeting with these two leadership and advisory boards of the parish. Aside from the value of having the members of the two groups interact and get to know each other a little better, these meetings have always provided important input for me, and even specific recommendations and plans of action, concerning the direction of the parish for the upcoming year and beyond. This year we explored and discussed how we can continue to enhance lay leadership in the parish, and deeper active engagement by parishioners, especially in these days when we are still in many ways recovering from the effects of the pandemic shutdowns. It was a very rich and energizing evening, and I know that much good fruit will come out of it. I am grateful to all the Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council members who participated.

Vigil of Pentecost—May 27, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Mark your calendar now for our special Vigil of Pentecost Mass which will be celebrated on Saturday, May 27 at 5:00 p.m.; the ad with more information can be found elsewhere in this bulletin. This Mass is always one of the highlights of the year, and it's a fitting way to celebrate the culmination, completion and conclusion of the great season of Easter Time. Plan on being there to be part of one of our major events as a parish family.

Next set of memorialized bricks is being sent out

Reminder: The deadline for getting in on the next set of bricks is Tuesday, May 30, 2023. This next set of new bricks will be installed and

blessed sometime at the end of August/beginning of September, so you must submit your form and payment before May 30 if you want to be in on this batch.

However, **this does not mean there are no more bricks available; just the opposite! There are still plenty of bricks available for memorialization!** Our brick memorialization program is ongoing. We will accumulate the next batch and, when we have accumulated enough, we will send those out, as a group, for engraving and installation. So, even if you missed out this time around, send in your order! This ongoing fund raiser is a big help to us, so your continued support is appreciated.

First Communions

This weekend's Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass saw the last of our First Communions for this year, and we take this opportunity to once again congratulate all the children and their families who have celebrated a First Communion. I remind all the families of First Communicants that we ask them to make it a point to come to the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 11, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood Christ, at which time we will celebrate and acknowledge all our 2023 First Communicants. Mark your calendar now for this occasion, which is especially appropriate since it is the day we hold our outdoor Eucharistic Procession.

Speaking of which...

We still need folks to help carry the canopy in our Eucharistic Procession!

I'm a little surprised, and actually disappointed, at the poor response we have had to our call for people to offer to help carry the canopy which is used over the Blessed Sacrament during our outdoor Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday, June 11. This is an amazing opportunity to help us give public witness to the Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament during this outdoor Procession which will conclude the 10:00 a.m. Mass on that day.

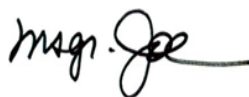
So, come on, folks — individuals, couples, families (especially families of First Communicants!) — it's time to step up and get on board with this! All the information is in the ad elsewhere in this bulletin, so take a look, and then return your response. Don't let me down!

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,



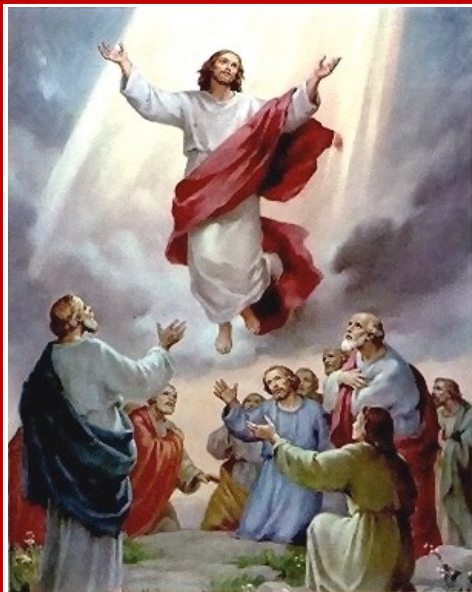
MAY CROWNING

***Crowning of the Blessed Mother
Monday, May 1, 2023***



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation



Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 18

Masses will be celebrated
Wednesday, May 17

5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
and 7:30 p.m.



NOVENA TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT

Novena to the Holy Spirit

The Novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas as it was first made at the direction of Our Lord when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Consider joining us for one or all sessions.

Friday, May 19 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

Saturday, May 20 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday, May 21 following all Masses

Monday—Friday, May 22-May 26 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

Saturday, May 27 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Novena booklets are provided. Recitation of each day's prayers and reflection only takes about ten minutes.

OFFERERS NEEDED

HELP TAKE DOWN AND PUT AWAY THE EASTER DECORATIONS— SUNDAY, MAY 28



With the end of Easter Time, our beautiful Easter decorations need to be taken down. We'll be doing this immediately following the Baptisms on **Sunday, May 28**. We need parishioners to assist us for about a half-hour to forty-five minutes. Can you please help us? This would be a great thing to do as a family! No response necessary...just come on down! Baptisms will end at approximately 2:45 p.m., so please plan on arriving between 2:45 and 3:00 p.m. Thank you!

ORDINATION OF JAMES TOTINO TO THE ORDER OF DEACON

Please join us as our parish proudly and joyfully celebrates the ordination of our own Jim Totino to the Order of Deacon. Deacon Jim will serve as a Deacon for the first time, and will preach the Homily, at the **12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, May 21**. Hospitality will follow the Mass, and there everyone will have the opportunity to congratulate Deacon Jim and his family in person on this wonderful occasion. Please plan on joining us at this special Mass and at the parish reception afterwards.



In addition, the Ordination itself, presided over by Bishop John Barres, will be celebrated on Saturday morning, May 20, at 11:00 a.m. Mass in St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. As a diocesan event, all are invited to participate. Ordination is truly a beautiful and inspiring liturgy, and it is always such a joyous occasion.



VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Saturday, May 27
5:00 p.m. Mass



The Church encourages parishes to celebrate a **special Mass as a Vigil of Pentecost**.

- Entrance Procession highlighting the gifts of different ministries and the sacraments
- A special Vigil of Readings
- The Sacrament of Confirmation:

Jacqueline Corsitto, Shelby L. Grillo, Matthew Knowles, William R. Scott and Jordan Steiger will be confirmed at this Mass. Please pray for all of these adults as we welcome them as fully initiated members of our parish community.

Come and feel the fire of the Holy Spirit!

Come and feel the breath of the Holy Spirit!

Come and celebrate Easter Time coming to fruition!

MAY 27 AND 28 COME TO MASS DRESSED IN RED FOR PENTECOST

We invite all parishioners to come to Mass on Pentecost, May 27 and 28, wearing something red. Since red is the color of the Holy Spirit and of the Mass for Pentecost, and therefore the color of the vestments worn by the priest and deacon at Pentecost, let's all celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in a festive, fun and joyful way by making our church bright and glorious throughout the entire liturgical assembly with the red color of the fire of the Holy Spirit!

HELP US HONOR THE LORD’S REAL PRESENCE IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—HELP CARRY THE CANOPY!

As you know, each year, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, OLPH gives public witness to our faith in the Lord’s Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament by having an outdoor Eucharistic Procession, on the streets around the church. A canopy is carried over the Blessed Sacrament during the Procession, to give special honor to the Lord.



We’re looking for people — individuals and families — to carry the canopy in this year’s Procession, which will take place on **Sunday, June 11, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.** There are four corners to the canopy, so we need four carriers at a time, but we need lots of people, so you can take turns during the Procession, so the carrying does not become too strenuous.

What great blessings you will experience by participating in the Procession in this way! It’s a great thing to do together as a family — your family as a group can take charge of one or more corners for a period of time! You can offer to take a turn just by yourself, as an individual! What a great thing for a group to offer to do, as Knights of Columbus, or as Holy Name Society men, or as Christian Mothers, or as the Youth Service Corps, or any group! Let’s get lots of great OLPH parishioners to help carry the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament!

Return this response form to the rectory, to Msgr. Joe’s attention, as soon as possible. Further information will be forwarded to you.

Yes! I want to help carry the canopy in our Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord, Sunday, June 11, as part of the 10:00 a.m. Mass!

Your Name or Your Family’s Name _____

Number of People in Your Group _____

Best e-mail to use to contact you _____

Best phone number to use to contact you _____

Return this to Msgr. Joe at the rectory, or e-mail the information to him at msgrrjoe@oloph.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Join us Next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass
 Children 1st Grade and older can join in the Children's
 Liturgy of the Word every 1st and 3rd Sunday during the
 10:00 a.m. Mass.



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



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

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.

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

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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

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Here are some pictures from the Confirmation Retreat that took place on April 23rd. Pray for these candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Registration Is Now OPEN



Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Early Registration for returning families began March 1st. There is a \$30 discount for all families that register before May 31st. After June 1st, the Regular Registration Fee will be in effect for ALL registrations. For any late registrations that come in after July 31st there will be an additional \$30 late fee. 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 2023-2024 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!

Vacation Bible Camp Needs You!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Please consider being a part of our Space Ranger Team!

Contact April for more information.

Save the Date:

July 10th - July 14th

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



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- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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

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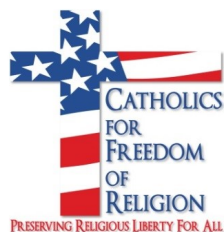
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Catholic Veterans at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center No Longer Guaranteed Catholic Pastoral Care

By Andrea M Piccotti-Bayer—*National Catholic Register*

Roughly 20% of our military personnel are Catholics. Thanks to an incomprehensible decision by the hospital, if they or their dependents end up at Walter Reed, they are no longer guaranteed ready access to the Church's sacraments.

Just days before Holy Week, Walter Reed ended its contract for pastoral care with the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name College in nearby Silver Spring, Maryland. Incredibly, they are being replaced by a secular government contractor that offers a wide range of specialists in “administrative and religious staffing.” In other words, they are not necessarily priests, and therefore cannot administer the sacraments often asked for by Catholics in the hospital — celebration of the Holy Mass, confession, and anointing of the sick.

Archbishop for the Military Services Timothy Broglio, elected president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops last year, is not happy, to put it mildly — and the hospital should be warned that he is a formidable defender of the Catholics in his care. He says it is “incomprehensible” that essential pastoral care is being taken away from the sick and the aged and that the new contracting group “cannot provide the necessary service.”

<https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/the-tone-deaf-development-at-walter-reed>

*“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.
If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.”*

James 5:15

2023 OLPH SCHOLARSHIP



Inaugural *Robert E. Dobres Memorial Scholarship*: Bob believed strongly in a commitment to **family**, **community** and the **church**. He was always ready to volunteer. His dedication to others and to his community was clearly evident by the various organizations and groups he actively participated in, such as OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794, the OLPH Finance Committee, the Holy Name Society among others. The scholarship is sponsored by OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794. The recipient will receive a one-time scholarship for \$1,000.00, which will be sent the College or Trade School the winner is attending.

To be eligible, applicant must be child or grandchild of a member of OLPH Council 794, OLPH Ladies Auxiliary, or parishioner of OLPH Parish in Lindenhurst.

For application contact Mike Hearney at: mhearney@optonline.net or 631-560-0451.

RESPECT LIFE AND LEGION OF MARY



Respect Life and Legion of Mary are holding a Rosary Rally!

COME PRAY WITH US for America –

Saturday, May 20th

at the Gazebo at 12:30 p.m.

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 Order 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.

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

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

Michael Taylor & Elizabeth Johnson

First Announcement:

Christopher Mehm & Cara LoBianco

Louis DeMartino & Amanda Mierzejewski

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.

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.

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

Benny John DeStefano

Patricia Pancamo

Nicole T. Poole

“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Susan Ferraro</i>	<i>Elizabeth Fahmi</i>
<i>Theresa Solino</i>	<i>Dave Reid</i>
<i>Richard Palladino</i>	<i>Elvira Martinez</i>
<i>Baby Antonio James Kienle</i>	<i>Rolando Pulla</i>
<i>James Santoli</i>	<i>Monica Pulla</i>
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<i>Dana Giordano</i>	<i>Grace Germano</i>
<i>Shakelia Seepersaud</i>	
<i>Frank Farrugia</i>	

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

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps 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.

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for information.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, May 15—****Easter Weekday**
(Saint Isidore)

6:30	Jennie Kowalski
12:15	Mothers Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 16—Easter Weekday

6:30	Mothers Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
12:15	Vera Lombardo

WEDNESDAY, May 17—Easter Weekday

6:30	Alejandro Marines
12:15	Mothers Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena

**VIGIL FOR
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

5:00	For the People of the Parish
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THURSDAY, May 18—**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

6:30	Mothers Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
12:15	In Thanksgiving for all Saints
7:30	Judith Carlson

FRIDAY, May 19—**Easter Weekday**

6:30	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	Mothers Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena <i>Followed by the Novena to the Holy Spirit</i>

SATURDAY, May 20—**Easter Weekday***(Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest)*

8:00	Mothers Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena <i>Followed by the Novena to the Holy Spirit</i>
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**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00	Mothers Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
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**Sunday, May 21—
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
12:00	For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR**Monday, May 15, 2023**

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

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation: Confirmation	St. Mark's Room
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information)	Off Campus
6:00 p.m.	Bible Camp Decorating	School

Thursday, May 18, 2023

8:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
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Friday, May 19, 2023

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:30 p.m.	Wedding Anniversaries Mass and Reception	Church Auditorium

Saturday, May 20, 2023

11:30 a.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 22
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, May 21, 2023

10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	Hospitality for Deacon Jim Totino	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida.

Le invita a alabar y glorificar a Dios todos los jueves a las 7:00 p.m. en la cafetería, en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Alina Patrón al (516) 263-9401

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, llamar a la rectoría 631) 226-7725/en español a Irma González al (631) 620-2401.

Liturgia Viva del Domingo 6° de Pascua - Ciclo A

Domingo, 14 de mayo de 2023

“No les dejaré huérfanos”, dice Jesús, “mi Padre les dará el Espíritu de la verdad”.

Primera Lectura (Hechos 8,5-8.14-17): Recibieron el Espíritu Santo

Cuando se fundó en Antioquía una comunidad no-judía, el Espíritu Santo confirmó este paso importante en la vida de una Iglesia universal, ya que descendió sobre los samaritanos.

Segunda Lectura (1 Pedro 3,15-18): Sufrir con la Mentalidad y Actitud de Cristo

Pedro anima a los cristianos que sufren incomprensión y persecución. Den testimonio de su fe, dice, y acepten los sufrimientos con la actitud y mentalidad de Cristo. Entonces vencerán con él.

Evangelio (Juan 14,15-21): El Padre les dará a Ustedes el Espíritu

Cristo promete su Espíritu Santo para ayudarnos a creer y a vivir nuestra fe, y así vivamos en el amor del Padre y del Hijo. “Si me amáis, guardad mis mandamientos” (v. 15), es decir, el amor hacia Cristo es un requisito que debe cumplirse por medio de la obediencia y la práctica de sus mandamientos (véanse Mt 22:37-40 y Jn 13:34). A quienes amen a su Señor, se les promete un Consolador. En el original griego se usa la palabra *Paracleto*, que también se puede traducir como Ayudador. Tradicionalmente se lo ha identificado con la tercera persona de la Trinidad. Es también el “Espíritu de verdad,” que a la vez da cuenta de la deidad de Jesucristo (véase Jn 14:6). Según el evangelista Juan, el Consolador puede ser visto y recibido por quienes conocen a Jesús, es decir, por quienes mantienen con él una relación fraternal en el estado de hijos/as de Dios. Y aunque parece que el evangelista se muestra exclusivista o excluyente, en realidad lo que está haciendo es marcar la diferencia tajante que hay entre el bien y el mal. Cuando dice que “el mundo no puede recibir, porque no lo ve ni lo conoce,” la palabra en griego que usa para “mundo” es *kosmos*. *Kosmos*, para el evangelista, significa sistema, y en su contexto se refiere al sistema impuesto por el imperio romano que generaba injusticias, desigualdades y opresión.

La promesa de no dejarlos solos se repite; es más, Jesús les asegura que volverá a ellos. Se adelanta a lo que se va a materializar en el día de Pentecostés, cuando él mismo presente a su iglesia, no en forma de institución o denominación, sino como “cuerpo vivo,” testificando de su amor, en la plenitud del Ayudador y Espíritu de verdad. Jesús espera ser visto por medio de su iglesia en el mundo, por la simple razón de que él vive en y por su iglesia.



OFFERING UPDATE May 6/7			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	247	90	\$2,940.00
8:00 a.m.	220	88	3,379.00
10:00 a.m.	376	77	2,473.00
12:00 p.m.	380	78	2,363.00
Total coin:			3.89
Faith Direct			3,345.20
Children's Env.		13	50.00
Mail-ins:			1,490.00
Special Needs	37	18	505.00
TOTAL	1,260	364	\$16,549.09
2022	1,113	312	\$15,277.59
Candles			\$879.83
Poor Box			\$255.54
1st Saturday			\$151.95



All parish activities except for Masses are cancelled on Thursday, May 18, for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

The Rectory Reception Desk will be open only until 2:00 p.m.; no other afternoon or evening rectory office hours that day.

LOST AND FOUND



The lost and found located in the sacristy is overflowing! If anyone has lost items in the church, please come to the sacristy to retrieve your lost items.

After May 28 all remaining usable items will be donated to the Blue Door Boutique. Thank you.


DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

May 21—deadline passed
 May 28—May 19 deadline
 June 4—May 26 deadline

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BANK PARKING LOT ON ASCENSION THURSDAY



We ask that you kindly not park in the bank parking lot on the north side of the church if you come to the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Ascension Thursday. Remember that Thursday is a normal business day for the bank, and the bank lot is not our property. Let's be a good neighbor! Thank you.

Catholic Communication Campaign

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.



PREPARING FOR

Sunday, May 21, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*When the apostles entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying . . .
and devoted themselves with one accord to prayer.*

Acts 1:13a, 14a

Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14

At Jesus' Ascension he gave his closest followers a mission – they were to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. However, he did not send them out right away. Instead, he sent the Eleven back to Jerusalem to wait and pray in the upper room until the Holy Spirit came to them and they received the power to carry out this awesome mission. That's what we are hearing about today. The time between the Ascension and Pentecost, the nine days which were the first novena, was a period of intense prayer among the apostles and the community. There were one hundred twenty people gathered in that room, Scriptures record, including Mary and Jesus' brothers, and certainly they were anxious and fearful and uncertain what was in store for them. Yet they gathered and prayed until Jesus' promise was fulfilled. That's a good model for us today – persist in prayer because Jesus never fails to keep his word.

1 Peter 4:13-16

In this selection from the first letter of Peter, which we have been hearing as the second reading all through this Easter season, we hear of opposites: rejoicing and suffering, insults and blessings. This should remind us of Jesus' words of the Beatitudes ("Blessed are ...") where we heard that each trial is accompanied by a reward. So too says Peter. As long as we are being persecuted for doing the right thing, that is, for being a Christian and acting uprightly, then we are blessed because this is a way to show to the world how different and how wonderful our values are.

John 17:1-11a

Here we are listening in on an intimate conversation Jesus is having with the Father at the Last Supper. This is part of what is referred to as Jesus' "high priestly prayer" since he is interceding with the Father for the Apostles and indeed for all of us down through the ages who believe in him. While he told his mother at the wedding at Cana that his hour had not yet come, here he says that it has. He is about to depart from this world but he tells us that he will pray for us. How powerful is that – the Savior of the entire world is praying for us to the Father! That's cause for true comfort and encouragement.

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. Ascension: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Jesus said this after telling the eleven to make disciples of all nations. Discuss what Pope Francis said about that:

"He is with God the Father, where he always intercedes in our favor. Jesus is no longer in a definite place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in all space and time, next to each of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us."

General Audience, St. Peter's Square, April 17, 2013, paragraph 5

2. 7th Sunday: The Father entrusted the good news of salvation to Jesus, and he in turn entrusted it to his disciples. What are the implications for you?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, May 15, 2023:

Acts 16:11-15 + John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 16, 2023:

Acts 16:22-34 + John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 17, 2023:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 + John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 18, 2023:

Acts 1:1-11 + Ephesians 1:17-23

+ Matthew 28:16-20

Friday, May 19, 2023:

Acts 18:9-18 + John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 20, 2023:

Acts 18:23-28 + John 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 21, 2023:

Acts 1:1-11

+ Ephesians 1:17-23

+ Matthew 28:16-20



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Please consider supporting the work of the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** so that we can continue to care for God's children and their families through our Parish Outreach programs and Catholic Charities.

Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God's generosity in their lives.

No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!

For more information visit www.drvc.org/CMA or call 516-678-5800- ext. 296
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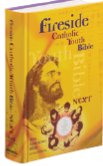
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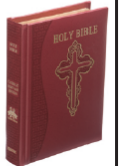


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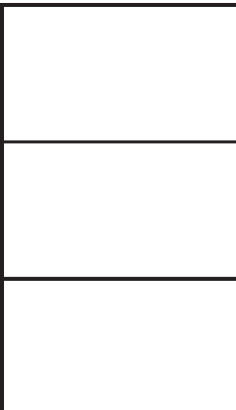
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