

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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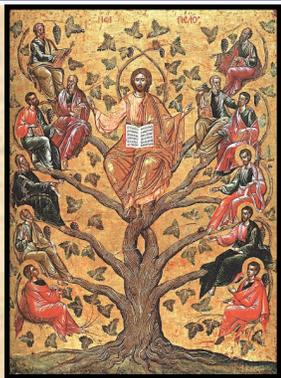


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Celebrating 150 Years

2021

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*Jesus said,
“I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him
will bear much fruit.”*

John 15:5

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open

6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. seven days a week,
except for Thursdays when it closes
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

Face covering and social distancing required.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday Masses:

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

See inside bulletin for safety protocols.

Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons
at 12:45 p.m. in the church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

DOWNLOAD THE OLPH APP

Catholic Life Every Day

with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help App

Step 1: Open App Store or Google Play



Step 2: Search "myParish app" & press download 



Step 3: Open up the myParish app and type in "Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church"

Step 4: Set OLPH as your main parish

Step 5: Explore the great features in our parish app!



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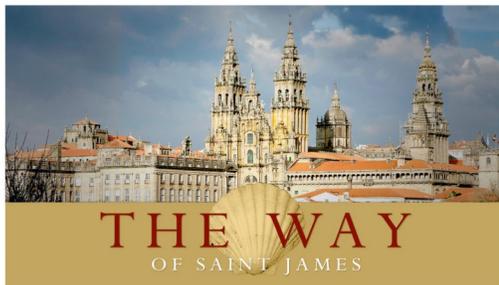
PICK OF THE WEEK

May 2, 2021

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The ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



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PASTOR'S PAGE

Fifth Sunday of Easter

We continue to celebrate these fifty days of Easter Time “overcome with paschal joy,” as the words of the Preface in the Eucharistic Prayer tell us, and, on this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the liturgical season still reverberates with the joy and enthusiasm of the sacramental initiation that occurred at the Easter Vigil, and also with the theme of sacramental initiation in general. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for this Sunday’s Mass makes explicit reference to “*those you [God] were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism.*” The prayer goes on to ask that the baptized will “*bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.*” Notice how the meaning of Baptism continues to be center stage in the liturgical meaning of Easter Time! To further highlight the meaning of Baptism, in that prayer we also ask God to “*constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,*” so that all of us as the baptized may “*bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.*” The work of our renewal and redemption through Christ’s death and resurrection continues to be at work within us!

The saving work of the Paschal Mystery is what takes place at each and every Mass; thus, our Prayer over the Offerings acknowledges “*the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice*” that makes us “*partakers of the one supreme Godhead.*” Our newness of life in Christ must show itself in our living a worthy way of life — in the words of the Prayer after Communion, passing “*from former ways to newness of life.*”

Continue to reflect on the newness of life that comes to us through Christ’s death and resurrection and through the Sacrament of Baptism, and on what it means to be baptized. The glorious fifty days of Easter Time give us a special season to unpack the meaning of the mystery of being baptized and of being sharers in Christ’s life, death and resurrection. Also reflect on the new life you have experienced this Easter Time — how the Risen Christ has given you new life and deeper joy, especially as we continue to emerge from the horror of the pandemic.

May Crowning

It’s here — this Monday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.! It’s our annual May Crowning, which is always such a beautiful experience of prayer, devotion and community; along with other prayers and Scripture reading, it will include the praying of one decade of the Rosary. The May Crowning will be held at the Blessed Mother statue on the rectory lawn (weather

permitting; if not, we’ll move indoors, into the church). Do plan on being there!

We’re thrilled to be able to do this live and in person once again (last year we could only do it virtually, due to the pandemic)! Thanks go to the Legion of Mary, who offer their support and assistance with this liturgy each year, and to Chris Ferraro who coordinates all the liturgical details. Please plan on being there to honor Mary, the Mother of God. It’s especially important for us to do this, not only as Catholics, but also since our parish is under the patronage of Our Lady.

First Communions

First Communions at OLPH begin this weekend! Even though we’re still making some adaptations in our celebration of Mass due to COVID, these will be incredibly joyful and blessed occasions for the children and their families.

This weekend, May 1-2, and also next Sunday, May 9, we are celebrating First Holy Communions at certain Sunday Masses. There is no better way for children to celebrate First Holy Communion than within the Sunday assembly, as the Church celebrates the Eucharist on the Lord’s Day, our primary holy day! I am thrilled that over the years since we introduced this option more and more families are making this important connection and are taking advantage of this option. So many parishioners love it, too, as you comment to me how much you enjoy seeing the children, and how being a part of the celebration enriches your own faith and your appreciation of the Eucharist. I hope you are fortunate to be at a Mass at which we are celebrating First Holy Communion!

In addition, we will also celebrate First Holy Communion at other additional Masses on this coming Saturday, May 8, and next Saturday, May 15. Please remember to pray for all of this year’s First Communicants.

Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass

You’ve seen the ad running about our annual Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass, the occasion when we affirm the graces and blessings married couples give to the Church, and to this parish in particular, through their living out of the Sacrament of Matrimony. A special Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. We’re thrilled that this event, too, is returning this year, after a year off last year due to COVID. We always invite couples celebrating an anniversary on the five-year mark, and this year we’re including the five-year-mark couples who missed out last year (so, they are on

the six-year mark this year!). Also invited are couples married any year over 50 years.

Unfortunately, we will have to limit attendance due to COVID restrictions, so we can accept only the first fifty (50) responses we receive. If you would like to attend, please be sure to get your response in as soon as possible, so you don't miss out. Also, we need to ask your cooperation to bring no more than four (4) other people with you to celebrate, again, due to space limitations necessitated by social distancing.

To all married couples: THANK YOU for your Sacrament of Matrimony, and for the way you give witness to Christ's love through your love for each other.

Super 72 Raffle

Remember to return your SUPER 72 RAFFLE tickets, and be sure to take advantage of our special 5-tickets-for-\$100 deal! Additional tickets may be purchased at the rectory and at Johnston's Funeral Home. Please be sure to participate in this important fund raiser for the parish. Join in the fun of the SUPER 72 RAFFLE, and good luck!

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

Brick memorializations in our beautiful "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden on the south side of the church are continuing. Remember, the memorializations are to remember any person, living or deceased, or any prayer intention in general, and not just ones dealing with children.

Even if you have already memorialized a brick here at OLPH, I'm sure there's another person or intention you would like to have memorialized; you're not limited to only one! Please see the order form elsewhere in the bulletin, and feel free to tell all your family and friends about this so they can

participate too. As I always say, you don't have to be a parishioner of OLPH to memorialize a brick... for that matter, you don't even have to be Catholic! Thank you for your consideration.

Journal Ads for the 150th Anniversary Journal

We're getting a great response for ads in our 150th Anniversary Journal, so if you haven't already done so, join your fellow parishioners, and many others, in taking out an ad: use the order form elsewhere in this bulletin. This is a great way to offer your congratulations to our parish on this milestone, or to advertise your business, or to honor someone you wish to put in the spotlight! The Commemorative Journal is an important fund raiser and a big part of our Anniversary Year celebration, so we're looking for many, many people and many, many businesses to take out ads. Spread the word to your family and friends!

Anniversary Year Commemorative Items for sale

Make sure to purchase some 150th Anniversary Year Commemorative items; see the order form in this bulletin, or use the special link on the homepage of our website www.olphlindenhurst.com to order online. Your purchase of these items is a great support to the parish. Tell your family and friends about this, too!

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,



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays

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

in the church after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



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.

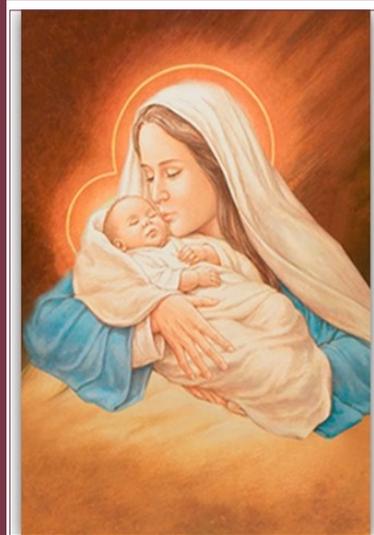
Mondays, May 3, 10 and 17—12:45 p.m.

MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER



Join us on **Monday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.** on the Rectory Lawn in front of the Blessed Mother Statue for the annual Crowning of the Blessed Mother. This is always such a beautiful experience of prayer and devotion, and it is especially important for us to honor Our Blessed Mother.

In case of inclement weather, the Crowning will be held indoors in the church. *Masks required and bring your own chair if desired.*



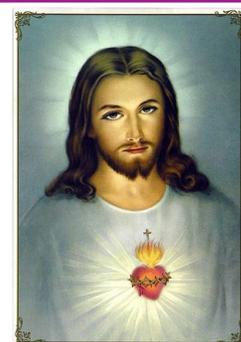
Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Mother's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the church. The Mother's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your mother, grandmother, godmother, the mother-to-be you know or any mother you wish to remember in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. Simply take an envelope, write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. Thank you.

FIRST FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

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

First Friday Devotions will take place **May 7** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please note that children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the parish weekend Mass indicated below. Attendance at that Mass will be heavier next weekend, and because we will still have to do social distancing, we are letting you know now in case you wish to plan ahead accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Sunday, May 9—10:00 a.m.

OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage by celebrating your wedding anniversary! We're celebrating Mass for YOU!

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2021 “on a five year mark,” that is, this year married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 — and couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) — are invited to a special MASS! Also, since we could not do this last year due to the pandemic, **we're inviting the couples who would have been eligible LAST year but missed out!** So, if you're “on a SIX year mark” this year — this year, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, 36, 41, 46 or ANY year 50 or more — **YOU'RE INVITED TOO!!!**



FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021 7:30 p.m. Mass
with Renewal of Commitment by the Married Couples

DUE TO COVID SOCIAL DISTANCING LIMITATIONS, ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 COUPLES WHO RESPOND.

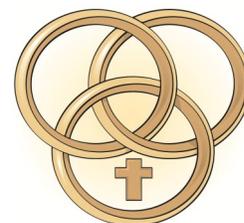
You may bring immediate family members, but due to space limitations, please bring only 3-4 people in addition to the anniversary couple (5-6 total).

Mask will be required, and social distancing between different family groups will be enforced.

WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY, USING THE FORM BELOW—NO PHONE REPLIES CAN BE TAKEN
*Cut out and fill in the form below and return to the Rectory by **May 17.***

2021 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name _____
First Name of Husband _____
First Name of Wife _____
Years Married _____
Date of Your Marriage _____
Your Address _____
Your Phone Number _____
e-mail _____ @ _____



Number of People Attending: _____ *****Due to COVID restrictions, please limit attendance to 5-6 people total, including the anniversary couple.**

Only the first 50 responses can be accepted.

Please return this form as soon as possible to the Rectory, or drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.

ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 17.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Belmont Lake State Park, West Babylon, NY
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FUN, GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP!



*Please bring your own food and drinks for the day, picnic tablecloth and of course, your mask!
Entrance to the Park is \$8 per car. Parking and rest rooms will be available.*



**To attend the Parish Picnic, please fill out the below form.
Space at the Pavilion is limited so be sure to reserve your space
as soon as possible! You don't want to miss the fun!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

No. of Persons Attending: _____



Picnic

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH

FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Each priest will be in his own classroom.

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

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

IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...

LIVE-STREAM MASS

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

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

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



JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM



We are in need of one or two people willing to help with the live-streaming of funerals which are held on weekday and Saturday mornings. Training will be provided. There are others involved too, so the commitment might be only three or four times a month. For more information, contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory, cferraro@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210. Consider being a part of this important outreach to our bereaved families.

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2020/2021 ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL PRICING

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

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

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

There are many possibilities!

Deadline is August 1, 2021!

Don't miss out!

Send in your ad copy and payment TODAY!

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

PLEASE INDICATE AD SIZE AND TYPE

GOLD FULL PAGE \$350

B/W FULL PAGE \$150

B/W HALF PAGE \$100

B/W 1/4 PAGE \$75

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

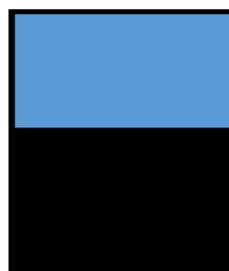
Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451

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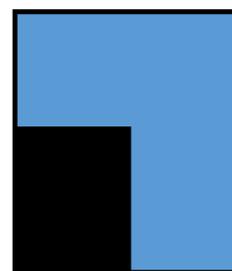
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Full Page and Cover
8.5 x 11"



Half Page
8.5 x 5.5"



Quarter Page
4.25 x 5.5"

Please submit payment along with ad materials no later than August 1st

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

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Use this form to order great 150th Anniversary Memorabilia!

150th Anniversary Memorabilia of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone (cell/home) _____

E-mail: _____

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

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

<http://olph150th.com>

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

For Office Use Only

Total Price: _____ Number of items: _____
Received by: _____
Date: _____

Order Placed: _____ Order Received: _____
Pickup date: _____ Notified Date(s): _____
Picked up by: _____

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:

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

First Holy Communion Rehearsals

Saturday, May 8th Communion:
 Rehearsal will be Monday, May 3, at
 5:00 p.m. in the church. All children
 must be accompanied by a parent or
 guardian

LEVELS 6, 7 and 8

Be sure to complete any missing
 assignments in your Mass Journals and
 Workbooks by Wednesday, May 5th!

BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION

Be sure to Register ASAP, as spots are
 limited to 12 kids per group this year. Go
 to the website to Sign-up before June.
<https://forms.gle/E1vzrza6yQLsmixA8>



Vacation Bible Camp Needs YOU!
 Planning Meeting **Wednesday, May 6,**
at 6:30 p.m. in the school Auditorium.
 Please consider being a part of our
 Adventure Team!
 Contact April for more information.

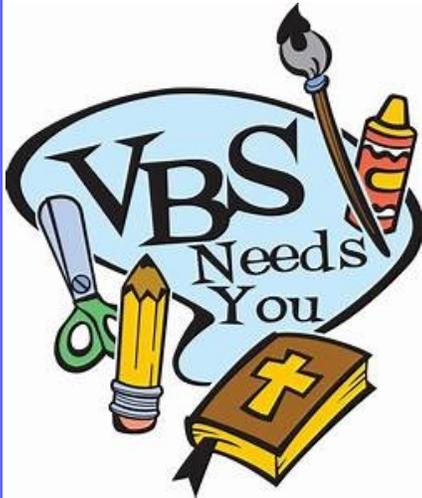
Registration for 2021-22



Letters with details about re-registration
 have now been mailed to all families with
 students in our program. Registration for
 returning families began April 5th. After
 June 15th, 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 e-mailing us. Should you have any
 questions regarding religious education,
 registration for the 2021-2022 year, or
 offering your time as a catechist or hall
 monitor in our program, please contact our
 office.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Vacation Bible Camp Needs Adult Counselors. Please consider being a part of our Adventure Leaders this year! Counselors oversee a small group of campers as they travel throughout the day to different activities. Please consider offering your time to the youth of the parish this fun week. All Counselors over 18 must be Virtus Trained.



Please call or email April Kleinlaut if you are interested in helping out this year! (631) 226-7725 ext. 257 or akleinlaut@oloph.org

Bible Camp Counselor Orientation

All Adventure Leaders will need to join us for Orientation on Wednesday, July 7, in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to April by Tuesday, July 6, at (631) 226-7725 ext. 257 or akleinlaut@oloph.org

Supplies Needed for Bible Camp 2021

Arts and Crafts

Green Crepe Paper
Construction Paper
Markers
Pens

Middle School Camp

Empty Altoids Tins
Golf Pencils
Melting Chocolates
Lollipop Sticks & Cover Baggies
Tera cotta flowerpots 3.5 inches
Bags of Plain White Rice (*no Minute Rice*)
Bags of Uncooked Kidney
Beans
Canned tuna fish
Pasta
Canned vegetables/fruits
Plastic Gloves
Washcloths
Travel Size Packs of Tissues
Small Combs
Travel Size Toothpaste
Travel size shampoo
Toothbrush
Travel size bar of soap

Razor
Bread
cold cuts/cheese
Peanut butter
Jelly
Plastic knives
Old t-shirts to rip up (dog toy)
Long socks to tie (cat toy)
Old blankets
Old towels
Empty 4 oz. water bottles
Christmas wrapping paper
Ribbons
Bows
Glitter
Shoe boxes
Tennis balls
Dog/cat food
dog bones *not made in China*
Dog/cat bed
Dog/cat toys
Rocks/seashells

Snacks

(Everything Must be Individually Wrapped for COVID Safety Measures)

Pop Tarts
Pretzels
Goldfish
Cheese-Its
Animal crackers
Fruit snacks
Juice Boxes
8oz Water Bottles

Decorating

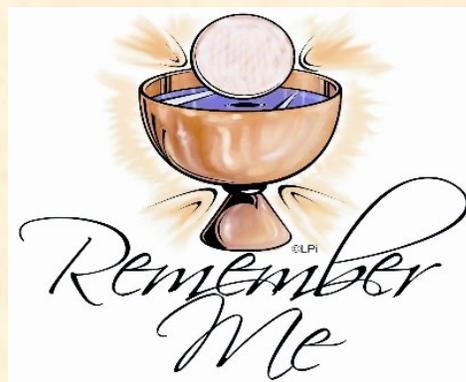
Dollar Tree Gifts Cards
Joann's Gift Cards
Home Depot Gift Cards
Hobby Lobby Gift Cards
Weaved baskets
Green pool noodles
Treasure Boxes
Wrapping Paper Tubes
Blue Tarp
Giant Cardboard Boxes
(moving boxes and/or appliance boxes that can be taped closed)
Woven beach mats

*Congratulations to the following students on
receiving your First Holy Communion at OLPH!
May 1, 2, 8, 9, and 15, 2021*

*Cristian Aidone
Thomas Barongi
Salvatore Bartkus
Kaitlyn Beatty
Olivia Blum
Allana Bucala
Anthony Carlton
Davelis Collado
Anthony Coppola
Adrian Corrente
Story Cosgrove
Dominic D'Angelo
Gaetano Drago
Gerard Drescher
Sofia Ebbert
Matthew Eibach
Adrian Farrell
Shae Figueiredo
Dominick Filippi
Ethan Fischer
Liliana Genovese
Joseph Giordano
Angelo Giurlanda, Jr.
Nicholas Goodwin
Christopher Hansen
Suzanne Huber
Ava Innamorato
Antonella Inzinna
Gabriela Isaac*

*Leila Keane
Liam Kosiorek
Amelia Landaverde
Alessia LaRocca
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Food Pantry List

We thank you for
your continued generosity
in keeping
our shelves full but...



we will be
asking for your
help again
soon.

*Please bring items to the SVdP office:
Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and
on 1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and

1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” Indeed, by helping the poor we can “bear much fruit” and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

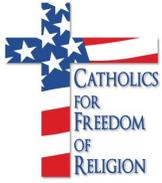
THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL AT OLPH

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

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

"You will never do anything in the world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor."

—Aristotle

Some With Courage Are Defending Religious Freedom (Continued)

The United States Supreme Court ruled in favor of former Georgia college student Chile Uzuegbunam, who was prevented from expressing religious views in a free-speech zone on campus. In an 8-1 decision, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote that the student "experienced a complete violation of his constitutional rights when respondents enforced their speech policies against him."(1) The student wanted to speak with interested students about his faith but was silenced by a security officer until he obtained a special permit for a "designated speech area." "When Uzuegbunam reserved a zone and again tried to share his faith, officials ordered him to stop because someone complained," said his Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) attorney.(2)

"Groups representing diverse ideological viewpoints (atheist, Jewish, Catholic and Muslim) supported our client because the threat to our constitutionally protected freedoms doesn't stop with free speech rights or a college campus," said Kristen Waggoner, ADF attorney.(3)

Hundreds of Canadian Christians gathered at the GraceLife Church in Edmonton, Alberta on Sunday, April 11 to protest and tear down a chain link fence that government officials erected to prevent worshipping. Alberta Health Services (AHS) had closed the building and access roads were closed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. AHS said the church would remain closed until they "can demonstrate the ability to comply with Alberta's chief medical officer of health restrictions."(4) In February, Pastor James Coates was charged with breaching COVID health guidelines that limited services to 15% of capacity and not enforcing masks and distancing regulations. He spent 35 days in custody and paid a fine.

The worshippers peacefully gathered to sing hymns and listen to Bible readings outside, but the crowd grew, and some started to remove the fence. Riot police dispersed the crowd. "I'm very disappointed to see this kind of draconian and aggressive enforcement of health orders...It shows a very aggressive government that is not answering questions about its policies, but wants to push its weight around and try to make an example of GraceLife Church," said a JCCF attorney.(5)

The Indiana legislature sent a bill to Governor Eric Holcomb that would classify religious services as essential during declared disaster emergencies and would prevent the government imposing any restrictions on religious services. "Religious organizations provide essential services that are necessary for the health and welfare of the public during a disaster emergency," the bill reads.(6)

"I hope it's another 500 years before we ever have another disaster...like what our state and nation have experienced this last year," said State Senator Eric Koch. "But should that arise, this [bill] should protect that very enshrined right in our Constitution."(7)

(catholicnewsagency.com, 3/8/21(1); wnd.com, 3/8/21(2)(3); callingalchristians.net, 4/11/21(4(5)); cna.com, 4/13/21(6); apnews.com, 4/8/21(7)

"In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The **National Day of Prayer** is on **May 6** this year. The President is required by law (since 1952) to sign a proclamation encouraging all Americans to pray. This year our prayers are even more urgent, as laws are proposed and passed in contravention of our Constitutional protections, including laws which are antagonistic to natural and moral law. Catholics should pray especially for the protection of our religious freedom, and in opposition to the expansion of abortions and to proposed euthanasia. Pray for our country, which was founded under God, that we may continue to have true freedom of religion, without interference by the government, and true freedom of speech, with equality for all.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS



The Diocese of Rockville Centre



project rachel

Peace starts here

Healing after Abortion

Project Rachel retreats are opportunities to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and heart for those who suffer.

The next scheduled 2021 retreat day is:

**"Entering Canaan"
Day of Prayer and Healing for Women
Saturday, May 15th**

Please register by May 10th

All COVID protocols will be observed.

For more information please visit:
the Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics website
www.drvcclife.org/projectrachel or
contact Project Rachel at projectrachel@drvc.org
1(888)456-HOPE (4673) 1(516)766-2538 (local)

All information will remain confidential.



WE'VE MOVED & WE'RE OPEN

The **Blue** Door Thrift Boutique is open with limited hours of operation, in our new location. We are open **Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

We have moved into the basement of the school, entrance off the small school parking lot near the gym and cafeteria doors. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, The Blue Door can only accept clothing donations of CLEAN clothes, bagged and tied up in plastic bags. All shoppers will be expected to wear masks and we may limit the number of shoppers in the store due to social distancing. Please note, we also have a new phone number: 631-226-7725 extension 248.

THE
*blue*door
BOUTIQUE

HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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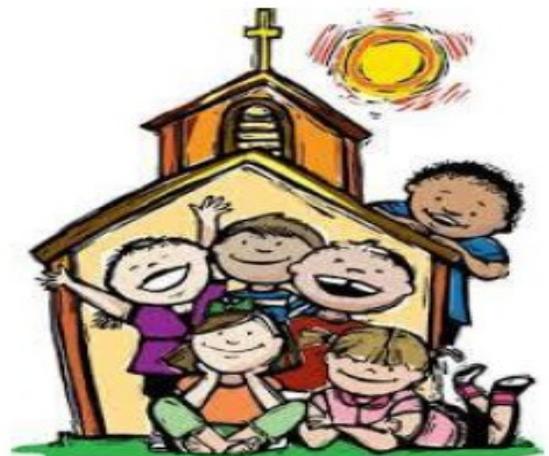
EVERY SUNDAY ON YOUTUBE - [OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST](#)



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

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

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



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
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Thomas Crennan
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Kenneth Hale
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Bob Mehm
John Reynolds
Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT:

Joseph Matos & Jaclyn Napoli

WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism



***Neve Celine Jacques
Blake Harper Perez
Ava Brielle Vancol
Olivia Sky Winiarz***

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

WE REMEMBER

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

***Raymond Marko
George Mcginn
Reynaldo Lactaen***

“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.”

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

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

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

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Baby Addison Rose White
Stephanie Guidice
Nancy Diaz-Ryan
Mark Behr
Mitch Wlazlo
Janet Novotney
Nora McMahon
Josephine Johnson
Patricia & Richard Kleczkowski
Carol Van Dyke*

*Charlotte Corrar
Hank Skalkowski
Jaclyn Smith
Bunny Reiger
Luisa, Bettina & Lisa Marino
Edward Kienle
Janet Leyden
Mary Doran*

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.

PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021 12:00 P.M.

<i>Theresa Quinn</i>	<i>Requested by Dunstan Bradley</i>
<i>Colleen English Flanagan</i>	<i>Requested by Austin & Mae English</i>
<i>Patricia Riccio</i>	<i>Requested by Peter & Marilyn Riccio</i>
<i>Lenore Roach</i>	<i>Requested by Carol, Desiree & Andrea</i>
<i>Francis Farrugia</i>	<i>Requested by Lena Farrugia</i>
<i>Ludovic Desruisseaux</i>	<i>Requested by Fahymir Francis</i>
<i>Jose A. Moya & Maria Rodriguez</i>	<i>Requested by Michelle Martin</i>
<i>Margaret McDonald</i>	<i>Requested by Chris Ferraro</i>
<i>Stanley Kalemba</i>	<i>Requested by Chris Ferraro</i>
<i>Jacqueline Tanturri</i>	<i>Requested by Connie Fine</i>

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, May 3 — Saints Philip and James, Apostles	
6:30	The Deceased Members of the Mehm Family
12:15	Stanislaw Barany
TUESDAY, May 4— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Margaret Therese Egan
12:15	Brieffeller Family Living & Deceased
WEDNESDAY, May 5— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Frederick Dyer
12:15	Otto Hackerman
THURSDAY, May 6— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:15	Maria Aurora Leon & Grace Ford
FRIDAY, May 7— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Dorothy R. Cascardo
12:15	Macie & Josef Filipkowski
SATURDAY, May 8— Easter Weekday	
8:00	Anthony Pellarin
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
5:00	Lanza & Barry Families
Sunday, May 9— SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	The Mothers Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
12:00	The Perpetual Help Mass (<i>List on p. 19</i>)

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, May 3, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
5:00 p.m.	First Communion Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	May Crowning	Lawn
7:30 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	Church
Wednesday, May 5, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
6:30 p.m.	Bible Camp Planning Meeting	Auditorium
Thursday, May 6, 2021		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
Friday, May 7, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
Saturday, May 8, 2021		
11:00 a.m.	First Holy Communion	Church
11:00 a.m.	Bereavement Group	Courtyard
2:00 p.m.	First Holy Communion	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	School
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, May 9, 2021		
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church

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.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO

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

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

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

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

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

Lecturas previas de la santa palabra de Dios para el domingo 2 de Mayo del 2021

¡Oh Dios!, que amas la inocencia y la devuelves a quienes la han perdido; atrae hacia ti el corazón de tus fieles, para que siempre vivan a la luz de tu verdad los que han sido librados de las tinieblas del pecado. Por nuestro Señor.

Primera Lectura (Hechos 9,26-31): Los Comienzos Difíciles de un Apóstol

De fanático perseguidor, Pablo se convierte en un celoso apóstol. Al comienzo, la gente no se fía de él. Bernabé responde por él y Pablo es aceptado, pero aun entonces provoca controversia.

Segunda Lectura (1 Juan 3,18-24): Fe en Jesús y Amor Mutuo

Estamos seguros de que Dios está presente en nosotros y de que estamos unidos a él si creemos en Jesucristo y nos amamos unos a otros con un amor auténtico y activo.

Evangelio (Juan 15,1-8): Yo Soy la Vid, Ustedes los sarmientos

El v. 2 refiere precisamente al hecho de cortar los sarmientos (pámpanos) estériles que no dan fruto y de podar o limpiar a los que sí dan fruto, para que den aún más. La viña es un campo en el cual algunas vides dan frutos y otras no. El tema de los frutos ya ha sido abordado en Jn 4:36 y 12:24.32 con un sentido de universalidad. La figura del viñador está siempre en relación con el conocimiento de la vid; sabe qué hacer, cómo cuidarla y de qué forma cortar y podar para mantenerla.

Vv. 3-4: "Ya vosotros estáis limpios por la palabra que os he hablado" (v. 3). Ahora Jesús se refiere a la comunidad, que además de haber sido limpiada, debe permanecer en él, así como Jesús permanece en el Padre. De la misma manera que sucede con el pámpano, tampoco los miembros de la comunidad pueden dar fruto por sí solos; es vital la permanencia en la vid.

Vv. 5-6: "Yo soy la vid, vosotros los pámpanos." Jesús reitera que es la vid y les dice a sus oyentes que son los pámpanos. Mientras que en el v. 1 la vid se corresponde con el viñador, en el v. 5 la vid se corresponde con los pámpanos, que son los discípulos que están unidos a él. Jesús continúa diciendo: "El que permanece en mí y yo en él, este lleva mucho fruto." Algunos exegetas amplían la comprensión de este verso con la frase de Jesús en Jn 6:56: "El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre permanece en mí y yo en él." Así, por ejemplo, Juan Mateos dice: "El texto alude a la eucaristía, explicada como el compromiso con Jesús que lleva al compromiso con los demás. Esa asimilación a Jesús es la que produce el fruto."¹

La sentencia del v. 6 ("El que en mí no permanece, será echado fuera como pámpano, y se secará; y los recogen, los echan en el fuego y arden.") amplía lo dicho en el v. 2 en cuanto a cortar los pámpanos que no dan fruto. Nos advierte que la no permanencia (que no da fruto) ocasiona una serie de acciones que implican la exclusión y la destrucción. Esta dura imagen nos confronta con la radicalidad de la permanencia y pertenencia como comunidad en Jesús y en su Espíritu.

V. 7: "Si permanecéis en mí y mis palabras permanecen en vosotros, pedid todo lo que queráis y os será hecho."

La comunidad que permanece en Jesús y sus palabras está en concordancia con lo expresado por Jesús en Jn 5:24: "El que oye mi palabra y cree al que me envió tiene vida eterna, y no vendrá a condenación, sino que ha pasado de muerte a vida." Esas palabras de Jesús, sin embargo, están circunscritas a un contexto de controversia con los judíos, por haber sanado a un hombre enfermo en día sábado. Claro que la controversia no es solamente porque hace un milagro en sábado, sino porque llama "Padre" a Dios.

OFFERING UPDATE April 24/25			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	171	67	\$1,713.50
8:00 a.m.	176	95	2,952.00
10:00 a.m.	215	55	1,963.00
12:00 p.m.	230	79	2,150.00
Coin			3.27
Faith Direct:			2,911.50
Children's Env.		14	72.00
Mail-ins:			3,217.00
TOTAL	792	310	\$14,982.27
2020 total	<i>We were shut down— No public Masses were said</i>		\$12,332.00
Candles			\$749.18
Poor Box			\$217.20

**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* no later than the dates listed below and *as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.
Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

May 9—passed
 May 16—May 7
 May 23—May 14



**CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS OF
LONG ISLAND**

The value of learning. The learning of values.

**COLLECTION FOR
CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS
May 1 & 2**

The collection taken this weekend will be in support of Catholic elementary schools in the diocese and of the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. Tomorrow's Hope provides tuition assistance to students in need attending Catholic elementary schools and grants directly to schools to offset general expenses. The money that you give to the second collection this weekend will help to expand the academic excellence of our Catholic elementary schools and help them remain a place where our faith is taught and lived.

Sustaining Catholic elementary education is vital to the future of our society and our Church. Please be as generous as possible with your donation.



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Spring is in full bloom – God's glory is all around us! You can help Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish flourish by making the switch to eGiving. It's a great way to grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the brightest days and the darkest storms. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY286, or text 'Enroll' to (631) 201-5664.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,



PREPARING FOR
Sunday, May 9, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*This is my commandment:
 love one another as I love you.*

John 15:12

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

This reading is the climax of a longer story that is very important. Cornelius is a Roman centurion, a Gentile (non-Jew), who has a vision. Peter, many miles away in another city, also has a vision. When they meet, as we hear today, it becomes clear that these two visions were meant to convert Cornelius to belief in Jesus Christ but also to convert Peter to the belief that God's love is for everyone, Jews and non-Jews alike. God pours out his Holy Spirit on Cornelius and his whole household even though they were not Jewish, a fact that initially astonished Peter. However, Peter came to see by this that "God shows no partiality." We today are the beneficiaries of that impartial love as God's Holy Spirit is available to all of us through our baptism.

1 John 4:7-10

We hear today one of the most beautiful poems in the New Testament. When we hear this poem we think with our hearts not with our heads. It is a wonderful poem about the tender love that God has for us. Indeed, we hear forms of the word "love" ten times in the space of a few short lines. This is meant to draw those who hear it into an experience of a loving relationship with God who loved us so much that he sent his only Son to die for us. This is the foundation of our relationship with God and with one another.

John 15:9-17

Today's Gospel is a continuation of Jesus' teaching on the "vine and branches" we heard last Sunday which he gave to his disciples at the Last Supper. Before he leaves them he wants them to understand how and how much he loves them. Surely his disciples had previously noticed the loving relationship Jesus had with his Father. Now Jesus is telling them that this relationship extends to them, too. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." This shows how the disciples, and we today, are to love one another: "Love one another as I love you." That's a tall order sometimes but comes with the assurance that doing so will make our joy complete. That's good news indeed!

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, May 3, 2021:

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

Tuesday, May 4, 2021:

Acts 14:19-28 + John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 5, 2021:

Acts 15:1-6 + John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 6, 2021:

Acts 15:7-21 + John 15:9-11

Friday, May 7, 2021:

Acts 15:22-31 + John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 8, 2021:

Acts 16:1-10 + John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 9, 2021:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 + 1 John 4:7-10
 + John 15:9-17

Gospel Reflection

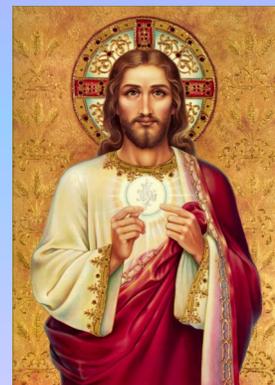
After reading next Sunday's readings take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. The one thing Jesus asks of us is that we love our neighbor. How would you rate this assignment on a "difficulty" scale from 1-10? Explain. What gift (First Reading) does God give you to help with this assignment?

2. According to Pope Francis, how can we get to know and love God?

"This is the doctrine of two Commandments: the most important is "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." To get to the first we must ascend the steps of the second: that means that through our love for our neighbor we can get to know God, who is love. Only through loving can we reach love."

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A Language of Love: The Liturgy of the Word

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, many Catholics did not read the Bible, nor was reading it encouraged. Church authorities were concerned that the laity would not know how to interpret Scripture, or worse, would interpret it incorrectly.

With the Second Vatican Council, that thinking changed. The Council document the *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation* states, “Easy access to Sacred Scripture should be provided for all the Christian faithful” (22).

This increased emphasis on the Word of God is clearly evident in the amount of Scripture proclaimed during the liturgy. Before the Council, the readings followed a one-year cycle, with two readings proclaimed during Mass. With the reform of the liturgy, the faithful hear a much greater portion of the Bible proclaimed.

The readings for the liturgy now follow a three-year cycle with three readings and a psalm proclaimed during Sunday Mass. Typically, the order of the readings follows the format of a reading from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a reading from the New Testament, and a Gospel reading.

The synoptic Gospel accounts, those from Matthew, Mark, and Luke, are divided over a three-year period. In Year A, Matthew’s Gospel account is heard, in Year B, Mark’s account, and in Year C, Luke’s. John’s Gospel account is used throughout the three-year cycle, in particular during Lent, the Triduum, and Easter. This expansion of the number of readings at Mass affirms the statement in the Vatican II document the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, which called the use of Sacred Scripture in the liturgy “of the greatest importance” (24). The document went on to state:

The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful. In this way a more representative portion of the holy Scripture will be read to the



Reflection on the readings at Mass helps the Scripture to become a lamp to light our path.

people in the course of a prescribed number of years. (51)

Since the Lectionary includes only portions of Scripture, reading the surrounding text of the day’s reading will enhance understanding. The text that comes before and after the reading provides the context for the portion proclaimed in the liturgy. That context may give insight into the intent of the author, which often reveals a new and deeper understanding of God.

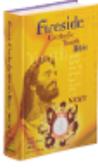
The ambo, the place where the readings are proclaimed during the liturgy, is intended to reflect the dignity and nobility of God’s word. The US bishops’ document *Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture and Worship*, 61, explains, “Here the Christian community encounters the living Lord in the word of God and prepares itself for the ‘breaking of the bread’ and the mission to live the word that will be proclaimed.”

Reading and meditating on the Scriptures, exploring them during Bible study, or sharing their meaning for our lives with others in a small faith community enhances the experience of hearing the Word proclaimed at the liturgy. Reflection on the Scripture helps it to become for us a living Word, a lamp for our feet and a light for our journey.

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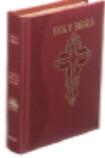
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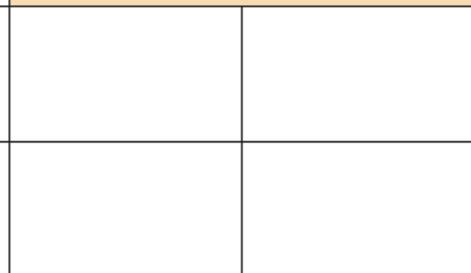
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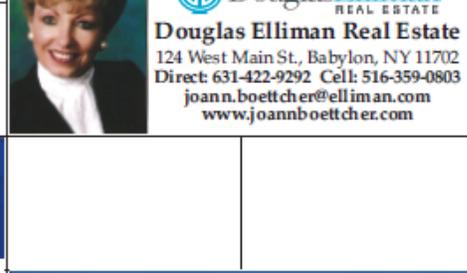
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