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*Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."*

John 14:27

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 26, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Frank Pokorney

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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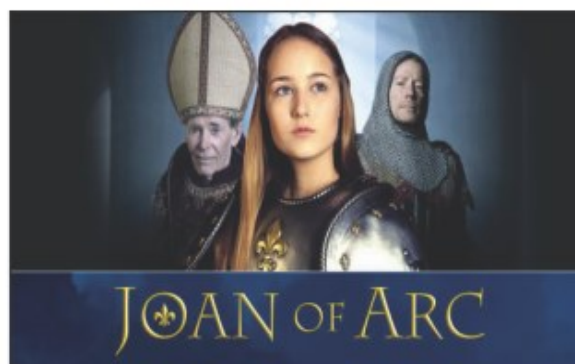
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Joan of Arc

See Trust and Faith in Action

Join the adventure of the legendary warrior and saint, Joan of Arc, who, at seventeen, led one of the greatest military campaigns for freedom the world has ever witnessed.

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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 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.

Memorial Day

This Monday we celebrate Memorial Day, our civil holiday for remembering all the brave men and women who have died while serving our country in the Armed Forces. Let's all be sure to take a few moments of prayer and remembrance for those who have made the ultimate offering of themselves in order to preserve our freedoms and defend our country. Even though Memorial Day is focused on remembering those who have died, I think we should also take the occasion to thank and affirm all those who serve us in any of the Armed Forces; remember to thank them for their service and pray for them, too.

Memorial Day is, of course, also the unofficial start of the "summer season," and it's good that we celebrate with gatherings of family and friends, BBQ's and other festivities. Let's not forget, however, the real reason behind it all, as I described above.

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

This Thursday, May 30, 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 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!*

Vito Cudia

Our parish will see a significant change in our staff this week, as Vito Cudia of our Maintenance Department completes his employment at OLPH this Friday, May 31, and begins a much-deserved and well-earned retirement.

Every parish should be lucky enough to have a Vito Cudia, and we have been that lucky for over 20 years; Vito began his employment in October of 1998. For all these years Vito has been a dedicated and hard-working full-time maintenance man for the parish and has been a fixture and a “go-to” guy. All of us love him and have deeply appreciated having him as a constant presence, especially since he would frequently come here to check up on things even beyond his work hours. Vito truly loves OLPH and he and his family have a long history as parishioners here, so, as you might expect, for him, this job was much more than just a job; it was a way for him to give back to this parish and to make an offering to the Lord. Vito has worked here with great skill, great generosity, and great expertise; he has been the one who has known the place inside and out, knows where everything is, and, as the joke goes, “where all the skeletons are.” As I said, any parish that has a Vito Cudia is lucky to have one, and we have been blessed.

I would add a personal thank you to Vito. When I first came to OLPH seven years ago, Vito was one of the first people I met, and he welcomed me warmly and helped me to feel at home right away. He made himself 100% available to me in my transition and moving in and, then and up until this very day, has always been there at a moment's notice whenever I needed anything. Of course, the full truth is that Vito is, and has always been, that way with everyone on staff, and that's why we have all enjoyed working with him so much.

While we're glad that he will now be able to enjoy some much-deserved relaxation in his retirement, we will miss him around here. The good part, though, is that, as a parishioner, we will still be seeing Vito around, at Mass each and every week, of course (he is a faithful and devout Catholic who “walks the walk” of his faith), and also, I'm sure, as an offerer in different parish projects and at different parish events.

Thank you, Vito, for your amazing service to the parish, your kind-heartedness and goodness, and your care for all of us. We wish you many years of blessings and happiness in your retirement!

Strengths Finder Process

This weekend we have heard parishioners speak about the Gallup program for discovering our God-given strengths; we use that tool here at OLPH as an important initiative for increasing involvement and engagement in the life of the parish. As you heard, through this program, which involves taking the Clifton Strengths Finder Survey and then the follow-up workshops (which over 175 of us here at OLPH have already done), we can discover and explore the meaning of, and how to best use, our top five God-given strengths. We've been running testimonials from the Pastoral Staff members in a special box in the bulletin each week, as they have been giving witness to how they see their strengths in service in their ministry.

What are your strengths? How can you use them to serve God and to serve your parish family? I urge you to learn what your top five strengths are, what they mean, and what they say about you; it's a fascinating process that can deepen your spirituality and connect you more deeply with the life of the parish. Contact Deacon Robert Becker or April Kleinlaut to become part of it, or to simply get more information, if you did not sign up after Mass this past weekend.

You'll continue to hear more about the Strengths Finder in the weeks and months ahead, and how we will be using it as a pastoral tool here at OLPH.

Blue Door Boutique Fashion Show

Next Sunday afternoon, June 2, is our Blue Door Boutique Fashion Show. It's always a fun afternoon and I hope you'll be able to be there. In addition to being another great occasion of building up community, the event supports the work of the Blue Door Boutique, which does a great job both as a thrift shop for those who shop there and as a financial support to the parish. Come on down to the Fashion Show and have a great time! I'll be helping to host the event and run the auction, so expect a few laughs along the way!

Thanks go to all who offer their time and service at the Blue Door Boutique, headed by Tricia Buckley, for running such a smooth and successful parish ministry. If you have never stopped by the Blue Door Boutique, make it a point to do so; you'll be impressed with their operation.

5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays

I take this opportunity to revisit a topic that I have written about before, and it concerns our 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays. We're back to a rather shaky situation in that once again we do not have enough ministerial support to sustain the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays. We have just a small crew of liturgical ministers (Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers) who serve that Mass; those few are extremely generous and faithful, and I thank them for that, but they are too few in number, and it gets to be too much of a burden for them to be the only ones who consistently serve at that Mass. We must be careful that we don't wind up taking advantage of people because they are generous! I predict that the summer months, with ministers being away on vacation, will only make the situation worse.

We cannot allow the dignity and reverent enactment of the liturgy to suffer because we are scrambling to find the needed number of ministers. The Liturgy Committee and Pastoral Staff will continue to look at and discuss the feasibility of that Mass going into the future. In the meantime, it would really be helpful if all liturgical ministers would step up to the plate and take turns being assigned to that Mass. Speak to the coordinator of your ministry — Deacon Robert Becker for Readers, Barbara McPhail for E.M.'s, and Mike Williams for Ushers — about taking a turn once in a while at that Mass. They can always add you into the Ministry Scheduler manually, even if the two-month schedule has already been run.

One possibility is to say that if the Mass is going to continue, **all** ministers must take a turn at that Mass once or twice a year; that would be a fair thing to do. We'll continue to discuss all options and keep you posted.

Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, June 8, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Finally, I ask you to mark your calendar now for our special Vigil of Pentecost Mass which we will be celebrating on Saturday, June 8 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 here at "the place to be," 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.

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,



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We are grateful to the following for their very generous donations to our Music Ministry Spring Concert on May 11. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to raffle off 37 baskets and 3 silent auction prizes.

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation



Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 30

Masses will be celebrated

Wednesday, May 29

5:00 p.m.

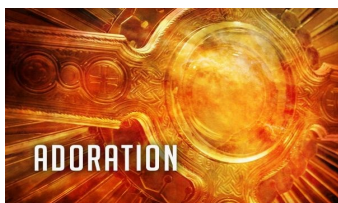
Thursday, May 30

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

& 7:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

**FIRST FRIDAY,
FIRST
SATURDAY
& SUNDAY
DEVOTIONS**



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

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **June 1** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, June 1 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Spanish, Polish, English). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, **June 2** at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Mass for All
People With
Special Needs
June 1**

The *Special Needs Ministry* hosts a monthly celebration of the Eucharist in a smaller setting designed to provide a fulfilling worship experience for all adults and children who may be uncomfortable in a larger setting.

Please join us on **Saturday, June 1 at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium.** Let's all come together and worship together! After Mass we have Hospitality!

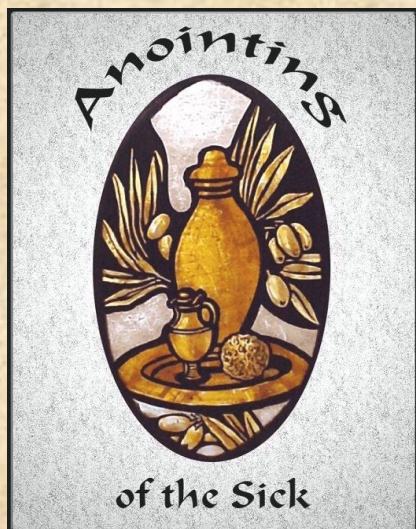
Levels 6—8 and Teens may join us early to help the ministry with set up and to gain Confirmation Service hours. Call Jessica at the Religious Education office 631-226-7725 X 252 to let her know you are coming.

*We can always use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you? Contact **Jessica Becker** at 631-226-7725 X 252 or email to jbecker@oloph.org*

*After June 1, our next Special Needs Mass is
July 6 at 4:00 p.m.*

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

at the
12:00 Noon Mass
SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019



We'll be celebrating the
 Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
 during the **12:00 Noon Mass**
 on **Sunday, June 2.**

Anyone in need of being anointed
 is invited to participate in the Mass
 and to receive the Sacrament when it is offered.

We have also invited our parishioners
 who are homebound and who receive Holy Communion at home.

*This Sacrament brings the blessings of God's comfort, peace and grace, offering
 strength and the assurance that one is facing the illness
 in union with Christ.*

Who should be anointed?

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for baptized Christians
 whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age.
 It should be celebrated at the beginning of the illness or during the illness
 and should not be delayed.

So, the condition should be more serious than just a cold or some normal illness,
 but the old thinking about waiting until one is near death
 is no longer proper for this Sacrament, either.

Also, it is appropriate to be anointed before undergoing any kind of surgery,
 or when one has received a diagnosis and will be undergoing a course of treatment
 for something significant.

***Please let us know ahead of time
 if you would like to be anointed at that Mass!***

Please notify us in advance so we can make adequate preparations:
 Call the rectory at **(631) 226-7725** and leave word.

*"Through this holy anointing
 may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit."*
 —Rite of Anointing of the Sick

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Saturday, June 8

5:00 p.m. Mass—Church

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

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!



JUNE 8 and 9, COME TO MASS DRESSED IN RED FOR PENTECOST

We invite all parishioners to come to Mass on Pentecost, June 8 and 9, 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!



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 31 following the 12:15 Mass

Saturday, June 1 following the 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Masses

Sunday, June 2 following all Masses

Monday—Friday, June 3—June 7 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

Saturday, June 8 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer for Peace

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



*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,
Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!
Make all men and women witnesses
of truth, justice and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.
Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee
and defend the great gift of peace.
May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.
May longed-for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.
AMEN
Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)*

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

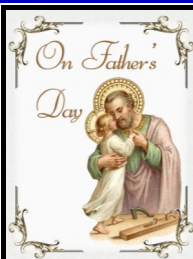


Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of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

**Monday, May 27—No Devotions
due to Memorial Day holiday**

Monday, June 3—7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 10—7:00 p.m.



FATHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

Father's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the church. The Father's Day

Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your father, grandfather, godfather, the father-to-be you know or any father you wish to remember, living or deceased, in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Father'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 if appropriate. Thank you.

Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...

Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass



OUR GOD-GIVEN STRENGTHS

Here at OLPH we participate in the Clifton Strengths Finder Program, to help us discover our God-given strengths. Once we know them, we can better understand how God is calling us to use these strengths to serve Him and others. All the Pastoral Staff members and over 175 parishioners have already taken the survey and discovered their strengths. What about you? Have you taken advantage of this parish program to deepen your relationship with God?

*In the weeks to come we will be presenting testimonials from each of the members of the Pastoral Staff who will share how they use their gifts in service to the parish. This week, **Mrs. April Kleinlaut** shares with us her strengths and how she uses them in ministry.*

When I was a catechist many years ago, we were asked to take the Clifton Strengths Finder Assessment Tool. My Top 5 Signature Strengths were **Empathy, Responsibility, Maximizer, Developer and Relator**. Over the years, I didn't think much about my Strengths until I came to work here at OLPH. I was curious to take the Assessment Tool again to see if my Top 5 Strengths had changed in any way. My recent Top 5 Signature Themes are **Relator, Responsibility, Developer, Empathy, and Harmony**. Not much has changed over the years as I still have 4 of the same Strengths. I particularly feel God is working through me with my **Empathy** and **Responsibility** Strengths. Being a Director of Religious Education, I feel that I am able to understand the families that we minister to and be a listening ear to the different situations that arise; my Empathy Strength is an instinctive ability to be sympathetic to their needs. My **Responsibility** Strength has always led me to be dependable and I take it very seriously that the Religious Education Program will run smoothly because the things that need to get done will get done. My other 3 Strengths, **Relator, Developer, and Harmony**, demonstrate to me how important my relationships are to me. Personally, my relationships with my friends and family are very dear to me and I choose to cultivate these relationships through my **Relator and Harmony** Strengths. Professionally, these Strengths have drawn me to the Strengths Ministry and the Community Meal Ministry. As one of the Strengths Leaders, my **Developer** Strength likes to help foster growth in people whether it be spiritual, emotional or educational. I am happy to work in the Strengths Ministry to help foster my own Strengths but to help others come to realize their own. When you look at the way God has given you these particular strengths, it is important to realize how you can give back to God by fostering your strengths in a ministry here at OLPH.

Look for more about the Strengths Finder in the coming weeks, and be sure to join in on this wonderful parish endeavor if you have not already done so!

OFFERERS NEEDED

HELP TAKE DOWN AND PUT AWAY THE EASTER DECORATIONS

SUNDAY—June 9

Immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Mass the beautiful Easter decorations need to be taken down. We need parishioners to assist us

for about a half-hour to forty-five minutes.

Can you please help us?

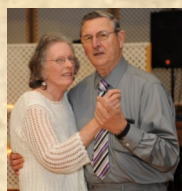
If so, please leave a message with Msgr. Joe at msgrjoe@oloph.org.



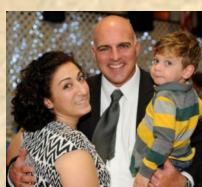
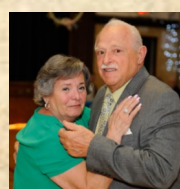
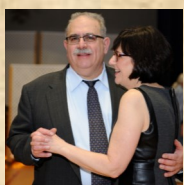
OLPH SPRING CONCERT MAY 11, 2019



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THOSE WHO JOINED IN THE OLPH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS & RECEPTION



Wolfgang & Catherine Unterschuetz—56 Years



Richard & Edna Hartley —71 Years

Dom & Judy Totino—65 Years

Thomas & Rita Aloisi—64 Years

Pietro & Mary Curto—62 Years

Sam & Joan Mangieri—62 Years

Frank & Barbara Odin—62 Years

Joe & Angie Mirabile—61 Years

Richard & Patricia Perez—60 Years

William & Maryann Trigg—60 Years

Carmyn & Mary Ann Molaro—59 Years

Oscar & Norma Roco—59 Years

August & Rose Garofalo—57 Years

Sal & Joan D'Antona— 55 Years

Robby & Jane McGrath—55 Years

Edward & Virginia Beyrer—50 Years

Edward & Linda Hall—50 Years

James & Anne Nellis—50 Years

Andrew & Janet Novotny—50 Years

Peter & Dymrna O'Neill—50 Years

Ken & Donna Hale – 45 Years

Jose & Patricia Del Tejo—40 Years

Charles & Kathleen Feldman—40 Years

Michael & Josephine Vagelatos—40 Years

Thomas & Lisa Eberhardt—35 Years

Michael & Ann Marie Ferrante—35 Years

Terance & Kathleen McCormick—30 Years

Carl & Joan Palladino—30 Years

Thomas & Caroline Grogan—25 Years

Bogdan & Anna Jendruczyk—25 Years

Timothy & Kristen Hamoy—20 Years

Neal & Diane Ronessi—20 Years

James & Jennifer Bucala—15 Years

Deny & Martina Cruz – 15 Years

Robert & Maria Fischer—10 Years

Jim & Jackie Totino—10 Years

Anthony & April Kleinlaut—5 Years

Photos courtesy of Michael Ferrante



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

Congratulations to all our First Communicants!

Zachary Accurso	Brian Falci	Noah Lynch	Gabriella Tedesco
Nicholas Agovino	Riley Figueiredo	Liliana Macaluso	James Thomson
Anthony Alejandria	Emma Fiocca	Sophia Mangione	Ariel Tineo
Ava Andersen	Mia Garcia-Giarusso	Jacub Marchlewski	Dylan Torres
Victoria Arroyo Aguiar	Matthew Gelshion	Thomas Maroney	Noel Torres Jr.
Julianna Barongi	Andrew Gennings	Frank Martin	Dominic Tota
Molly Bartkus	Luvy German	Matthew Martin	Gabriella Waskewicz
Logan Baumann	James Giancola	Isabella Moragiemos	Thomas Waskewicz
Celia Belesi	Sophia Giordano	Jayden Morse	Kayla Zawojski
Eva Bowen	Victoria Giuliano	Ashley Mott	Rachel Zimmermann
Giavanna Bucaro	Leonardo Gonzalez	Daniel Mrvica	Frank Zoladz
Paige Campbell	Schirrmeister	Catherine Ogilvie	
Narciso Cantalupo	Kevin Grogan	Sarah Papp	
Michael Capobianco	Faith Henry	Elizabeth Posillico	
Robert Caputo	Arthur Horbas	Matthew Ramirez	
Jackson Carl	Kaiden Hubschmitt	Kyra Randall	
Jake Carlton	Tyler Hurd	Stefany Rooney	
William Carrara	Giovanni Iadicicco	Max Rouse	
Mackenzie Cheeseman	Marissa Johnson	Angelo John Rudy	
Jason Ciero	Jack Keogan	Jayden Ryzak	
Julianna Colao	Sean Kosiorek	Sophia Scarpella	
Emily Collins	Cooper Ladolcetta	Blake Sceviour	
Nia Cornwall	Amber Lanas	Emily Schaming	
Grace Donadeo	Isabella Landaverde	Logan Schmittberger	
Ryleigh Drago	Emily Leonardo	Luciana Sorrentino	
Adeline Drescher	Jake Lepano	Daniel Staak	
Anthony Drofenik	Alessandra Logan	Antonio Tamburello	
Maggie Erickson	Cameron Lynch	Aiden Tedesco	

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

A REMINDER THAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL JUNE 14TH; AFTER JUNE 14TH
 ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL INCUR A \$25 LATE FEE, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Please come during our office hours; Saturday by appointment only. Call for more information!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

**CANNED MEATS
CANNED TOMATO SAUCE
CANNED FRUIT
JELLY/JAM
CAKE MIX
COFFEE/TEA
TOILET PAPER
TOOTHPASTE/BRUSHES
BATH SOAP
WATER**

(Please no pasta at this time!)

Thank you
for your continued generosity.
Cut out this list and bring it
with you when you go shopping!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 79 adults, 38 children and 23 seniors for a total of 140 persons in 68 households. Thank You!

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

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

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

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



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS:

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

We are in need of the following:

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

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting: **Tuesday, June 4**
9:00 a.m. in Room 24

MIDDLE AGES

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

Our next meeting: **Tuesday, June 11**
7:00 p.m. in Room 24

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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



On behalf of Birthright of Long Island, the OLPH Respect Life Committee would like to thank our generous parishioners and our OLPH Middle Ages who purchased 50 flowers and put in vases for our EMs to bring to the homebound. Because of your generosity, OLPH will be sending Birthright a total of \$2,231.

The Legion of Mary would like to thank The Little Flower Shop for the crowns used in OLPH's annual May Crowning held May 6.



COME TO THE FASHION SHOW NEXT SUNDAY!

THIRD ANNUAL BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE FASHION SHOW & LIVE AUCTION

**June 2, 2019 immediately following
the 12:00 p.m. Mass.**

OLPH School Auditorium, Wellwood Avenue Entrance

Come and join us and watch the priests and parishioners walk the runway, modeling fashions from our own Blue Door Boutique. Raffles, 50/50 and **LIVE AUCTION!**

Support the great work of the Blue Door Boutique and support your fellow parishioners who will be modeling.

Auction items include: brand new wedding dress, art work, designer purse, decorative and collector items.



Tickets will be on sale at the Blue Door Boutique during regular business hours and at the door.

Tickets only \$5.00 and includes paddle for bidding in the LIVE auction.

THE
*blue*door
BOUTIQUE

HOURS OF OPERATION

M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd SAT 1:30-3:00 p.m.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
 John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
 Bill Bendoragel
 Gerry Chille (Chair)
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Christine Donovan
 Marie Gagneron
 Kenneth Hale
 Bob Meade
 Bob Mehm
 Frank Pokorney
 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
 Lynn Bergin
 Mark Costantino
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Chris Ferraro
 MaryAnn Haas
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
 Barbara McPhail
 Deacon Doug Smith
 Rosaleen Walters
 Mike Williams

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

First Announcement:

Victor Garcia and Melissa Martinez

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019 5:00 P.M. MASS

Theresa Lander	Requested by Faye Steckis
Giovanni Antonio Riceputo	Requested by Dillia & Joseph Riceputo
John Hill	Requested by Bob & Sue Scarandino
Sebatian Charles Pierre (Living)	Requested by Your Loving Grandmother
John McWhiter	Requested by Pat Feliciano

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish:

Carol Massa

Jean Calise

Anthony E. Galiotta Jr.

"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."

MASS MEMORIALS

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

May 26-June 1:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Agostino Pecoraro

Requested by

Elizabeth Pecoraro

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Randall Rieger	Anthony Colletti
Fred Sawyer	Catherine Basile
Carl & Marie D'Angelo	Joanne Hernandez
Dawn Hili	Ginny Gala
Natalie & Lew Yugel	Marilyn Abbott
George Small	Kyara Dunleavy
Roberta Caristo	Leo Zulueta Jr.
Mary Doran	Donald Smith
Roberta Fifield	Lorraine Arpino-Jimenez

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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS



May 2019

Robert & Jenna Mayer & Baby Brielle

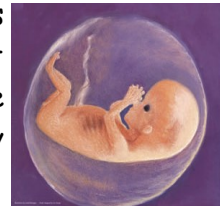
Diane Sheehan

**Akisha Christopher & Mario Hampson
& Baby Kairo**

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 2 — "I can jump!"

Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, May 27—

EASTER WEEKDAY

(Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop)

6:30 Ralph F. DeMayo

12:15 James McCowan, Jr.

TUESDAY, May 28 —

EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 Joseph Vellone

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

WEDNESDAY, May 29 —

EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 Msgr. Daniel Hamilton

12:15 Burt Koza

VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

5:00 For the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, May 30 —

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

6:30 Paul Gemellaro

12:15 Juanita Oro

7:30 Lucille Sullivan

FRIDAY, May 31—

**THE VISITATION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

6:30 Lorraine Wickenheiser

12:15 Dolores Soboul
Followed by Novena to the Holy Spirit

SATURDAY, June 1 —

SAINT JUSTIN, MARTYR

8:00 Julia Marie Morales
Followed by Novena to the Holy Spirit

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

4:00 Ronald Berberich
Special Needs Mass—Auditorium

5:00 Perpetual Help Mass (list on p.17)
Followed by Novena to the Holy Spirit

Sunday, June 2

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 For the People of the Parish
Followed by Novena to the Holy Spirit

10:00 Peter Keller
Followed by Novena to the Holy Spirit

12:00 Lawrence Lanza
Followed by Novena to the Holy Spirit

5:00 Juan Nieves
Followed by Novena to the Holy Spirit

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, May 27, 2019

**ALL PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 27 FOR MEMORIAL DAY.
THE MONDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS ARE CANCELLED
DUE TO THE HOLIDAY. THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL
RE-OPEN TUESDAY, MAY 28 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Advanced Course in Liturgy	Room 3
7:30 p.m.	Squires	Room 19
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Pre-Cana Teaching Mass	Church

Thursday, May 30, 2019

**ALL PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED TODAY FOR
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, May 31, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Novena to the Holy Spirit	Church
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24

Saturday, June 1, 2019

8:30 a.m.	Novena to the Holy Spirit	Church
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Novena to the Holy Spirit	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Nocturnal Adoration	Church

Sunday, June 2, 2019

After all Masses	Novena to the Holy Spirit	Church
9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 16
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Room 16/3
1:00 p.m.	Blue Door Fashion Show	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 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 al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPÍRITU 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.

Preparándonos para las lecturas del domingo 2 de Junio del 2019

Señor a ti clamo no escondas tu rostro de mí. Aleluya

Que la Santísima trinidad les bendiga y la gracia del Espíritu Santo en esta eucaristía nos haga uno con Jesús y con el Padre.

Primera lectura (Hechos de los apóstoles 7:55-60)

Los apóstoles nos relatan los hechos reales de su tiempo y nosotros somos testigos de los de hoy en día. Estaban proclamando evangelio y les criticaba por no abrir su corazón al Espíritu Santo. Miraba hacia arriba y vio los cielos abiertos y al hijo de Dios sentado ala derecha del Padre, el la refiere a Jesús y su rol como juez universal venido del cielo.

Segunda lectura (revelación 22:12-14, 16-17, 20)

Mira que vengo pronto dice Cristo, 12 y llevo con migo el salario para dar a cada uno según su trabajo pide que repitamos esta oración: Ven Señor Jesús. No importa el plazo el corazón está preparado

Proclamación del Santo Evangelio (San Juan 17:20-26)

‘El amor con el que tú me has amado este en ellos’.

- El evangelio de hoy nos presenta la tercera y última parte de la Oración Sacerdotal, en la que Jesús mira hacia el futuro y manifiesta su gran deseo de unidad entre nosotros, sus discípulos, y para la permanencia de todos en el amor que unifica, pues sin amor y sin unidad no merecemos credibilidad.

- Juan 17,20-23: Para que el mundo crea que tú me enviaste. Jesús alarga el horizonte y reza al Padre: No ruego sólo por éstos, sino también por aquellos que, por medio de su palabra, creerán en mí, para que todos sean uno. Como tú, Padre, en mí y yo en ti, que ellos también sean uno en nosotros, para que el mundo crea que tú me has enviado. Aquí aflora la gran preocupación de Jesús por la unión que debe existir en las comunidades. Unidad no significa uniformidad, sino permanecer en el amor, a pesar de todas las tensiones y de todos los conflictos. El amor que unifica al punto de crear entre todos una profunda unidad, como aquella que existe entre Jesús y el Padre. La unidad en el amor revelada en la Trinidad es el modelo para las comunidades. Por esto, a través del amor entre las personas, las comunidades revelan al mundo el mensaje más profundo de Jesús. Como la gente decía de los primeros cristianos: “¡Mirad como se aman!” Es trágica la actual división entre las tres religiones nacidas de Abrahán: judíos, cristianos y musulmanes. Más trágica todavía es la división entre los cristianos que dicen que creen en Jesús. Divididos, no merecemos credibilidad. El ecumenismo está en el centro de la última plegaria de Jesús al Padre. Es Su testamento. Ser cristiano y no ser ecuménico es un contrasentido. Contradice la última voluntad de Jesús.

- Juan 17,24-26: Que el amor con que tú me amaste esté en ellos. Jesús no quiere quedar solo. Dice: Padre, los que tú me has dado, quiero que donde yo esté estén también conmigo, para que contemplen mi gloria, la que me has dado, porque me has amado antes de la creación del mundo. La dicha de Jesús es que todos nosotros estemos con él. Quiere que sus discípulos tengan la misma experiencia que él tuvo del Padre. Quiere que conozcan al Padre como él lo conoció. En la Biblia, la palabra conocer no se reduce a un conocimiento teórico racional, sino que implica experimentar la presencia de Dios en la convivencia de amor con las personas en la comunidad.

OFFERING UPDATE May 18/19, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	435	141	\$3,508.00
8:00 a.m.	260	113	2,986.00
10:00 a.m.	374	115	3,165.00
12:00 p.m.	375	110	2,730.00
5:00 p.m.	161	34	1,080.00
Coin			5.09
Mail-ins:			510.00
Children's Env.		13	70.50
Faith Direct			1,741.87
TOTAL	1,605	526	\$15,796.46
2018 total	1,785	522	\$17,288.38
Candles			\$831.75
Poor Box			\$234.15



**ALL RECTORY
AND PARISH OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, MAY 27,
MEMORIAL DAY.**

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The Solemnity of Ascension
of the Lord.*



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PREPARING FOR
Sunday, June 2, 2019

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the hearer say, "Come." Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water.

Revelation 22:17

Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60

The early Christian writer, Tertullian, famously said, "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Today we hear of the first Christian martyr, Stephen, one of the first seven deacons commissioned by the Apostles. He was a man of great faith also known to work miracles, but he enraged the synagogue leaders by proclaiming the superiority of Jesus to Moses and the Temple. In the midst of his trial before the Sanhedrin, he is graced with a vision of the Risen Christ standing at God's right hand. Accused of blasphemy because of this, he is stoned to death with the approval of young Saul, who would later be known better as St. Paul. Like Jesus, Stephen is falsely accused and forgives his attackers before they put him to death, invoking God's mercy on them, a true testament of faith for us to think about today where martyrs for the faith still happen in the Middle East and elsewhere.

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

This reading includes the final words of the entire New Testament which are appropriately emotional and inspiring. Originally intended for people in turmoil and under persecution from the Roman authorities, these words speak comfort even today to anyone experiencing distress, whether personal or global. Jesus tells us that he is all that we need, the source of all our satisfaction and the fulfillment of all our desires.

John 17:20-26

As part of Jesus' "high priestly prayer" spoken to God in front of the Apostles at the Last Supper in anticipation of his arrest and Passion, his words underscore his desire for unity among his followers and their unity with him and the Father. Jesus prays for his disciples, sharing with them his "glory." Our task today as his disciples is also to share this glory with others by making God visible in the love that we show for each other.

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. What was the Father's promise that Jesus spoke of? Who brings Jesus' message and mission to completion in us and in the world? Do you listen for the Spirit's message to you personally?

2. According to Pope Francis' homily, Jesus prayed saying: "*Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one.*" What is the price Jesus paid for our unity? Why such a high price? Is it a challenge? Why? Does unity come with grace?

"Maybe, we do not pay enough attention to these words: Jesus prayed for me! This is really a source of confidence: He prays for me; He prayed for me ... I imagine ... a figure ... as Jesus is before the Father in Heaven. It is so: he prays for us; he prays for me. And what does the Father see? The wounds, the cost. The price he paid for us. Jesus prays for me with his wounds, with his wounded heart and he will continue to do so.

We must be one, just one being, as Jesus and the Father are one. This is precisely the challenge for all of us Christians: to not give way to division among us; to not let the spirit of division, the father of lies, come between us. Continuously seek unity. Everyone is different in his own way, but we must try to live in unity."

*Homily at Mass Thursday morning
in the chapel of the Santa Marta guesthouse,
May 5, 2015*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, May 27, 2019:

Acts 16:11-15 + John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 28, 2019:

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

Wednesday, May 29, 2019:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1

+ John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 30, 2019:

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

+ Mark 16:15-20

Friday, May 31, 2019:

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

+ Luke 1:39-56

Saturday, June 1, 2019:

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

Sunday, June 2, 2019:

Acts 7:55-60

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

+ John 17:20-26

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