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“To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.”

Revelation 5:13

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 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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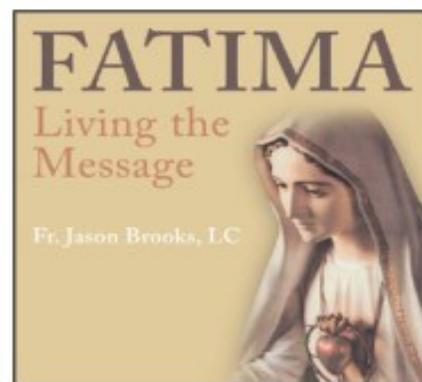
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Fatima: Living the Message

By Fr. Jason Brooks

Heed Your Mother's Advice

Fr. Jason Brooks brings to light why Fatima is regarded by many as the most important spiritual event of the past 100 years and why Our Lady's message is still as relevant as ever.



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PASTOR'S PAGE

Third Sunday of Easter

It's still Easter Time, and it will be until Pentecost! Don't let your Easter joy wane! Let your shouts of "Alleluia!" continue to be as strong this Sunday (and throughout these entire fifty days) as they were on Easter Sunday!

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of this Third Sunday of Easter expresses well this tone of joy: the prayer describes how God's people have been "*renewed in youthfulness of spirit*" and rejoice "*in the restored glory of our adoption.*" Such references to youthfulness, restoration, and adoption maintain the imagery of the new life given to us at Baptism, and also as recalled in the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water with which we begin all our Easter Time Sunday Masses. The Collect ends by reminding us that such Easter joy goes beyond the present moment — there is a fitting reference to the end times, the future fulfillment at Christ's second coming, as the prayers asks that "*we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.*" We must always remember that our present participation in the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection (the Paschal Mystery) cannot be separated from the way that participation points toward its future fulfillment.

The Prayer after Communion picks up this same theme when it asks that we may attain in our flesh "*the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.*"

The Prayer over the Offerings continues to echo the joyful tone of Easter by describing us, as the Church, as "exultant" in offering the gifts (offerings) of this Mass, again asking that the offerings "*may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.*"

As always, the prayers of the Mass highlight for us the meaning of what we are celebrating, and, by praying over them and reflecting on them ahead of time in preparation for Mass, we can gain a deeper immersion in the mysteries being celebrated when we are at Mass.

First Holy Communions

It's that time of year again: we're right in the thick of "First Holy Communion Season" here at OLPH! This weekend we're celebrating the first set of First Communions; we celebrated a First Communion Mass on Saturday, May 4 at 11:30 a.m., and our second Saturday First Communion Mass will be this coming Saturday, May 11, also at 11:30 a.m. In addition, our First Communions at

parish Sunday Masses are starting this weekend. What a beautiful and spiritually uplifting experience it is for us as a parish to have our children celebrate First Holy Communion! What a grace it is for both the families of the first communicants and for our entire parish family! First Communion truly is a parish, communal event!

As we begin celebrating many of our children's First Communions at Sunday Masses, let's remember that, when you get right down to it, there really 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. Parishioners love it, too, as many people comment to me how much they enjoy seeing the children and how being a part of the celebration enriches their own faith and their appreciation of the Eucharist. I hope you are fortunate to be at a Mass at which we are celebrating First Holy Communion, and I ask that you pray for all of this year's First Communicants.

Please remember to pray for all the First Communion children and their families. Let's especially pray that all these families will continue to see the necessity of participating regularly in weekly Sunday Mass, and that the parents of these children will continue to fulfill the promise they made at their child's baptism to raise them in the practice of the faith.

Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Allow me to remind you about our Novena of Masses for Mother's Day, a beautiful way to remember and pray for your living or deceased mother, grandmother or godmother, or for a mother-to-be. Use the Mother's Day cards and envelopes that have been placed around the church or that have been mailed to you; your intention will be remembered in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses. Next Sunday is Mother's Day, so be sure to return your envelope this week.

May Crowning

Since May is the month traditionally devoted to Our Blessed Mother, we will celebrate our annual May Crowning this Monday, May 6, at

7:00 p.m., and for this week the May Crowning will take the place of the usual Monday night devotions. How great it is to celebrate this right at the beginning of the month! We'll gather on the rectory lawn at the Blessed Mother statue (weather permitting — otherwise we'll move inside to the church) for a beautiful liturgy that will include the recitation of one decade of the rosary. Thanks go to the Legion of Mary who offer their support and assistance with this liturgy each year! 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.

Also, once the outdoor Blessed Mother statue is crowned, there will also be a crown on the indoor statue in our church sanctuary.

Super 72 Raffle

The new tickets for our next SUPER 72 RAFFLE has been mailed out — have you received yours and sent them back yet? If not, do so now! Tickets may also be purchased at the rectory and at Johnston's Funeral Home. Please be sure to participate in this; it's an important fund raiser for the parish that continues to assist us in meeting expenses. We've been doing the SUPER 72 RAFFLE for several years now, and it continues to be a money-maker for us, but, like anything that is done regularly, we might also easily overlook it, so please don't forget about it, and join in the fun now!

Deadline for the next batch of memorialized bricks is here!

This is it! We're down to the wire! The time has come! The deadline of May 6 for sending off our next batch of memorialized bricks for engraving and then installation in the "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden is here! Of course, bricks will continue to be available for memorialization, but I don't know yet how long it will be after this deadline before the next batch will be sent out for engraving and installation, so act NOW if you want to get in on this batch! See the flyer elsewhere in the bulletin. Last chance this time around!

Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass, Friday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.

We've been advertising it in the bulletin: our Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass, celebrating couples having an anniversary "on the fives" (5

years, 10, 15, 20, *etc.*, up to 50) and every year after 50, with a special Mass and then a party after the Mass (at which we play the couples' wedding songs). The Mass and party will be celebrated a week from this coming Friday, May 17, but the RSVP cut-off date is THIS coming Friday, May 10, so don't miss out.

As many of you know, this is always such an uplifting and joyous parish celebration! This is our way of supporting and affirming the Sacrament of Matrimony, and of reminding married couples how important that Sacrament is to the life of the Church. Because it is always a wonderful and joyous occasion, I look forward to seeing you there if this year you are one of our "anniversary couples"! Find more complete information in the ad elsewhere in the bulletin, and make sure you respond this week.

Spring Concert, Saturday, May 11

Allow me to call your attention to what is always another wonderful "OLPH moment," namely, our Music Ministry's annual Spring Concert. It's not only an evening of magnificent music presented by our incomparable music ministers, but it is also a great evening of community and sharing. I look forward to being there, and I hope you will be there too. What a great way for your family to spend a Saturday evening together! We are so blessed to have such a magnificent music ministry here at OLPH! I am grateful to all our music ministers, under the guidance and leadership of Christopher Ferraro, for offering their gifts and talents at this annual concert, and also for all they do for us as liturgical ministers throughout the entire year.

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,



PRAYER & WORSHIP



**Spring
Concert**

Be sure to join our music ministry
this week

Saturday, May 11

7:00 p.m. in the church

In Memory of Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

Featuring our cantors,
adult choir, youth band
and youth choir



**Taizé
Prayer
Around
the Cross**

Thursday, May 16

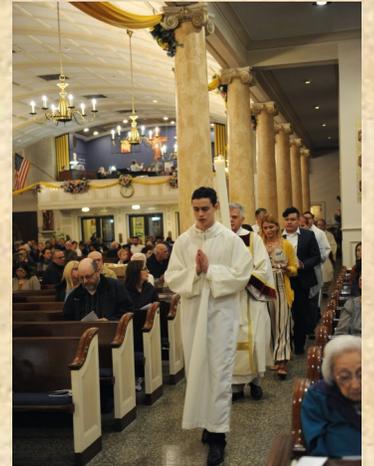
7:30 p.m. in church



Join us for a candlelight prayer service to help us reflect on the mystery of the Cross and the glory of Christ's resurrection. Consider setting aside one hour to join in this beautiful and contemplative form of prayer.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2019





Photos courtesy of Michael Ferrante.

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 6—

Replaced by May Crowning at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 13—7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 20—7:00 p.m.

May Crowning

Monday, May 6th

7:00 p.m.

**Rectory Lawn
in front of the
Blessed Mother Statue**

Join with your fellow parishioners for the annual crowning of the Blessed Mother.

The May Crowning will take the place of the weekly devotions.



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.

HELP NEEDED

We are in need of one or two people to help with the laundering and ironing of the Mass linens. We need a parishioner willing to make a once a week commitment to pick up, launder, iron and drop off these linens. Would you consider serving your parish in this way? The schedule is flexible and it is not a very time consuming ministry but it is of great value to the parish. If you think you can help please contact Mary Ellen Barrett by phone (631) 252-3852 or email bonnybluehouse@gmail.com for more information.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



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.

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

"The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself 'continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.'"

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

Need a Piano For Your Home?

We have a Baldwin Hamilton studio upright piano that needs a new home. It currently resides in the school classroom where the youth choir rehearses. We are asking for a donation of \$100. If you are interested, or would like more information, contact Chris Ferraro at 226-7725 ext. 210 or cferraro@oloph.org.



BRINGING FORWARD
THE OFFERINGS
OF BREAD AND WINE

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



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 and throwing a party for YOU!

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 that is "on a five year mark," that is, if this year you're married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 – and for couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) – are invited to a special MASS AND RECEPTION!

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

7:30 p.m. Mass

with Renewal of Commitment by the Married Couples for the Anniversary of their Marriage Followed by a Reception in our School Gym



*Invite your immediate family members! They are welcome!
(Immediate family only, please)*

You must reply NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY, MAY 10!

**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 10.

2019 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name _____

First Name of Husband _____

First Name of Wife _____

Years Married _____

Date of Your Marriage _____

Your Wedding Song _____

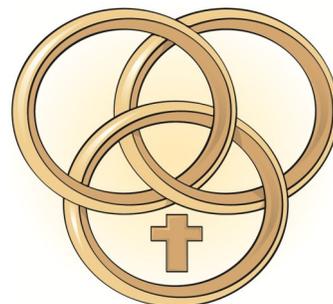
Wedding Song Artist _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone Number _____

e-mail _____ @ _____

Number of People Attending: Adults: _____ Children: _____



*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 BY FRIDAY, MAY 10.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



Invites you to Easter Paint & Egg Hunt Night



Looking for something FUN and ARTSY to do as a family? Look no further, come out and uncork your inner Picasso!! Follow along with artist Gina Drost, founder of *Faithful Painting* who will guide you through every brush stroke to complete your own masterpiece.



When: Friday, May 10, 2019

Time: 6:45 – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Cafeteria

Cost: \$25 (includes canvas, all painting supplies and snacks)



snacks to share with others

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the paint session. Adults are encouraged to paint along with their children.



RESERVE YOUR SPOT EARLY AS SPACES ARE LIMITED

Any questions or ticket information contact:

Jenine Jimenez Spina 631-226-0317 or je91971@gmail.com

Easter Paint and Egg Hunt Night **REPLY FORM**

First & Last Name: _____

_____ #of adults _____ # of children & ages _____

Telephone number: _____ Email Address: _____ @ _____

Please email Jenine Jimenez Spina at je91971@gmail.com

NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, May 5, 2019



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

Communion Rehearsal is on Monday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the church for those receiving First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 11. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Attendance will be taken.

Levels 6, 7, 8 & Teen Program: All Mass Journals and Workbooks should have been completed and handed in as of Wednesday, May 1, 2019. If you have yet to complete your work you must do so and hand it in to the Religious Education Office in order to move up to the next Level or receive the Sacrament!



Bible Camp Registration is officially open!
Come into the Religious Ed Office and sign your kids up for a wild ride this summer with Jesus!

Registration Is Now OPEN



Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families began April 1st. After June 14th, there will be a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations. We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a “New Family Appointment” or to call us for any information. Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—**must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate. New families MUST make an appointment to register by calling or emailing us.** Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2019-2020 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office. We can’t wait to meet you!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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- † 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

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PAPER PRODUCTS
TOILETRIES**

(Please no pasta at this time!)

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for your continued generosity.
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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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 this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim “It is the Lord!”

Have you considered answering the call to “help the poor recognize the Lord in their life” by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Members of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the doors of the church after all the Masses the weekend of May 18-19 collecting your monetary donations to help St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry better serve our community in need. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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, May 14
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

MIDDLE AGES

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

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, May 7
7:00 p.m. in Room 24**
Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449

**DO NOT PASS BY a man
in need. FOR YOU may
BE THE hand of God
TO HIM.**

—Proverbs 3:27

OLPH Homeless Van Ministry Needs You...

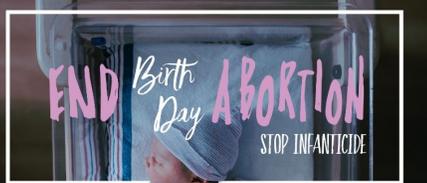
*Can you join us
1-2 Wednesday evenings a month for a few hours to offer food,
clothing, friendship and hope?*

For more information please contact:

Regina Muir 631 226-2709,
rmuir11@aol.com or
Peggy Pannullo 631 9215994,
justin97@aol.com

**Our next Community Meal is
Sunday, May 19
Come and pray with us
at the 12:00 p.m. Mass
& then join us for
“Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m.**

RIGHT TO LIFE



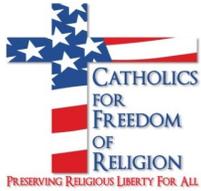
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LIVE born citizens of the USA.
Write to Congress in protest –***

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
US House
1236 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515
sf.nancy@mail.house.gov

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22 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
www.schumer.senate.gov

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand
478 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510
Submit emails online.

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Confession and Its Seal of Secrecy is Under Attack

A new bill in California seeks to remove "penitential communications" — the most sacred relationship between clergy and penitent — in a formal Confession. Currently, California law carves out a narrow exception for information obtained during the Catholic sacrament of Penance and other religions' similar penitential rituals, which bind clergy to secrecy. If the California legislature enacts this bill, that exception would disappear and Catholic priests, bound by canon law not to disclose the contents of a confession, could face criminal prosecution and imprisonment for refusing to comply.

The Catholic Code of Canon Law states, "The sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore it is absolutely forbidden for a confessor to betray in any way a penitent in words or in any manner and for any reason." The penalty for any priest who divulges anything heard in Confession is automatic excommunication. Since the Middle Ages it has not been unusual for priests to risk — and occasionally endure — martyrdom from secular authorities rather than break the seal, as with several priests who were executed by militant secularists during Mexico's uprisings and Civil War in the 1920's and 1930's.

Catholics believe that Confession is between the penitent and Christ, with the priest representing Christ, and able to talk to, advise, counsel, or simply listen to the person. When the person expresses sorrow for the sins confessed, the priest imparts absolution.

Since 2003, other state legislatures have tried to force clergy to violate the seal of Confession if he learns about child abuse during a sacramental confession. Although this is a very heinous sin, the priest is bound by the Church canon law, a much higher authority for him than state law. Maryland, Kentucky, Nevada, Florida, New Hampshire, and Louisiana all introduced bills that were eventually rejected.

(firstthings.com, 3/18/19; thefederalist.com, 2/26/19; bishop-accountability.org; catholic365.com, 7/21/14)

"The framers of the Constitution meant we were to have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion."—Rev. Billy Graham

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**20
19** CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE REMEMBER

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

***Paul M. Folan Jr.
Carol Frank
Christopher Ford Jr.
Timothy Vitanza
Angelina Villano
Matthew H. Miller***

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Michael Schauer</i>	<i>Lynn Perez</i>
<i>Lillian Pigott</i>	<i>Addisu Bekele</i>
<i>Patrick Pigott</i>	<i>Bunny Rieger</i>
<i>Daniel Mueller</i>	<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>
<i>Erin Stanton</i>	<i>Jim Stegner</i>
<i>Willard Cleaver</i>	<i>Lioba Koczian</i>
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<i>Joanne Press</i>	<i>Dawn Hili</i>
<i>Richard Perez Jr.</i>	<i>Natalie & Lew Yugel</i>

PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019 5:00 P.M. MASS

Francis Green	Requested by Peter J. Marren
Agostino Pecararo	Requested by John & Loretta Gelina
Angelina Villano	Requested by Maureen & Mitch Bistyga

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.

FINDING BEREAVEMENT GROUPS NEAR OLPH

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

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

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

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

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, May 6—

EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 Ronald Higgins

12:15 Noreen Cronin

TUESDAY, May 7 —

EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 Gloria McDaniel

12:15 Gloria McDaniel

WEDNESDAY, May 8 —

EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 Agnes Neilan

12:15 Frank Duff & Founders of the Legion of Mary

THURSDAY, May 9 —

EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 Giuseppe Rinaudo

12:15 Sean Riordan

FRIDAY, May 10 —

EASTER WEEKDAY

(Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest)

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

12:15 Josephine Martino

SATURDAY, May 11 —

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00 Frank Rocco

Vigil for FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 Dominick M. Barone

Sunday, May 12 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena

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

12:00 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Perpetual Help Mass (listing on p.18)

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, May 6, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
5:00 p.m.	First Communion Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	May Crowning	Outside

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

4:15 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation: Liturgy	Room 3
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, May 8, 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
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	Cafeteria

Thursday, May 9, 2019

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:15 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	RCIA Catechist Meeting	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation: Liturgy	Room 3
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, May 10, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
6:00 p.m.	Family Life Paint Night	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society	Room 24

Saturday, May 11, 2019

11:30 a.m.	First Holy Communion	Church
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spring Concert	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
9:00 p.m.	Hospitality after Concert	Auditorium

Sunday, May 12, 2019

After Mass	RTL Carnation Sale	Outside
9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Room 16
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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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 el Domingo 5 de Mayo del 2019

Lea en su biblia estas Escrituras y luego lea las reflexiones.
EL SEÑOR RESUCITADO, PRESENTE EN MEDIO DE SU PUEBLO

Poder, Honor, Gloria y Alabanza al que ha resucitado, y al que vive para siempre. Que su paz y alegría esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera lectura (Hechos de los Apóstoles 3:27-32, 40b-41/40)

Damos Testimonio de que Jesús es Nuestro Guía y nuestro Salvador.

Ninguna amenaza de los poderosos puede silenciar a la Iglesia que da testimonio del Señor Resucitado. Como los apóstoles, nosotros también podemos contar con la fuerza del Espíritu Santo.

Segunda lectura (Revelación 5:11-14)

El apóstol Juan anima a los cristianos perseguidos con una visión celestial. Allí ve a Jesús en su gloria. Aunque Jesús fue sacrificado, él está vivo y glorioso. Los que han recibido vida de él comparten su vida y su victoria de resucitado.

Lectura del Sato Evangelio según (San Juan 21:1-19)

Los apóstoles estaban pescando en el mar, evidentemente sin éxito. Ellos no reconocieron la presencia del Señor. Pero él estaba realmente con ellos, como lo está con nosotros, para darnos fuerza y esperanza. Aunque abecés no lo reconocemos

Los discípulos reconocen y confiesan por boca del discípulo amado y se reencuentran con el Señor Resucitado, que les devuelve su dignidad de apóstoles: Simón, que desnudo es sólo Simón, se reviste con la túnica que hace de él Pedro, la Roca, y dejando atrás todo temor se lanza al mar, al mundo en que ha de ser de nuevo pescador de hombres, sin dejarse asustar ya más por las dificultades y persecuciones que habrá de afrontar a causa de esta otra pesca, como leemos en el texto de los Hechos de los Apóstoles

La madurez del discipulado es posible en la fidelidad y la perseverancia. Por eso la Eucaristía es el sacramento de la vida diaria. Los símbolos usados: la Palabra, el pan y el vino, nos hablan de la cotidianidad. En la vida la rutina, el aburrimiento, por mil dificultades: la primera lectura nos recuerda las primeras dificultades y persecuciones contra la naciente Iglesia; y sólo si hay perseverancia, fidelidad y constancia es posible seguir adelante, atravesar la noche, ver la luz del amanecer, “ver” al Señor



OFFERING UPDATE April 27/28, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	331	132	\$3,032.00
8:00 a.m.	275	116	3,207.00
10:00 a.m.	486	129	3,397.00
12:00 p.m.	402	110	2,802.00
5:00 p.m.	235	45	1,429.00
Coin			21.57
Mail-ins:			58.00
Children's Env.		8	21.00
Faith Direct			1,741.87
TOTAL	1,729	540	\$15,709.44
2018 total	1,713	560	\$16,522.68
Candles			\$883.91
Poor Box			\$413.66



May can be a busy month. Are you booking travel for Memorial Day? Gearing up for summer vacation? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure your gifts reach Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NY286.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

Going away on Vacation?

Remember, we never take a vacation from our obligation to attend Mass. Visit www.masstimes.org to find out where your family can gather for Sunday Mass.



DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted as a Word document* no later than the dates listed below to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.
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May 12—passed
May 19—May 10
May 26—May 17

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PREPARING FOR
Sunday, May 12, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."*

John 10:27-28

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Nothing is clearer in the Book of Acts, as we hear in today's reading, than the fact that good comes out of misfortune. God indeed writes straight with crooked lines. Rebuffed by his own people in the synagogue and town of Antioch, and even persecuted by them, Paul and Barnabas move on to the Gentiles, the non-Jews, who were "delighted" when they heard the Good News. The Spirit of God is always at work. So often in life, misfortune or tragedy becomes a moment of grace, although often that is not easy to see at the time of the trial.

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

All of us long to hear words of comfort and assurance like the ones we hear at the end of this second reading. During times of crisis and daily struggle we all need a pledge that tears will be wiped from our eyes and that the one who loves us will forever shelter us. This is what is promised to us if we persevere through our times of great distress and hold fast to what we know to be true: those who oppose God's work will not prevail and that those who suffer are never forgotten. Our trials will lead to a new and greater life than we could ever have imagined.

John 10:27-30

Jesus gives us more reassuring words in today's Gospel. God the Father has entrusted us, his faithful ones, to his Son who is our Good Shepherd. We who hear his voice hear the voice of the Father who speaks through the Son. When our hearts are open, we recognize our dependence on God and trust in him for our safety and salvation. He will protect us and lead us to eternal life so that we will never perish. No one can wrest us away from his wonderful and loving care.

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. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice." Do you? Maybe in your heart? Or in homilies, or in the poor, or in people around you? In books, poems, nature? Any of the above? All of the above?

2. According to Pope Francis, how do we recognize Jesus' voice among all the other "voices" we hear?

We can study the whole history of salvation, we can study the whole of Theology, but without the Spirit we cannot understand. It is the Spirit that makes us realize the truth or—in the words of Our Lord—it is the Spirit that makes us know the voice of Jesus. Jesus, the Good Pastor, says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me."

*Pope Francis: Humble Prayer is the Key to
Discernment*

Vatican Radio, April 28, 2015

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, May 6, 2019:

Acts 6:8-15 + John 6:22-29

Tuesday, May 7, 2019:

Acts 7:51—8:1a + John 6:30-35

Wednesday, May 8, 2019:

Acts 8:1b-8 + John 6:35-40

Thursday, May 9, 2019:

Acts 8:26-40 + John 6:44-51

Friday, May 10, 2019:

Acts 9:1-20+ John 6:52-59

Saturday, May 11, 2019:

Acts 9:31-42 + John 6:60-69

Sunday, May 12, 2019:

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

+ John 10:27-30



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

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

"Moving On" Group An 'After- Bereavement' Group for Widows and Widowers presents: *"Organize, De-Clutter and Downsize"* presented by Alice Price of Organize Long Island, Inc. Friday, **May 10th @ 7:30 p.m.** Church of Saint Joseph Parish Center, 39 North Carl Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702. For further information please call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994.

Fatima Day, Monday, **May 13** at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport Rd., Manorville, NY. 10:00 a.m. procession & prayer at the Rosary Walk, 11:30 a.m. Mass, 1:30 p.m. presentation, 3:00 p.m. Holy Hour. For info call 631-325-0661.

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, cordially invites you to a Dinner on **May 30th** at Pompei Restaurant in West Hempstead, NY. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Douglas Arcoleo, who has been Pastor of Our Holy Redeemer Parish in Freeport since 2008. He is a staunch Pro-Life Advocate and Spiritual Advisor of Magnificat's Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapter. The dinner is \$50 per person and pre-registration is required. Make checks payable to "Magnificat" and mail to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst Street, Lido Beach, NY 11561. Checks must be received by May 25th. Payment will not be accepted at the door. For information, contact Judy at (917) 453-5750. Bring a friend for an evening of fellowship, refreshment, and worship!

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

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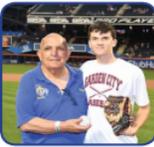
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LITURGY OF THE WORD: PART TWO

THE READINGS AND THE LITURGICAL YEAR

All liturgies have only one central “theme” — the Paschal Mystery of the life, Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and our participation in it. “Dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life” (Preface I of Easter). This mystery is so vast that it takes an entire liturgical year to even begin to explore the facets of it.

The Church arranges seasons, weeks, days, and even hours so that we might meditate on and engage in the Paschal Mystery. Passages from the Bible are an integral part of this yearly plan. Season by season, day by day, we listen to God’s revealed word and learn about Jesus, God’s Word made flesh.

During the liturgical year, we meet the many characters and groups of people who have become our models of faith. From the Old Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures), we are introduced to our first human parents, Adam and Eve, to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, Moses and the Israelite people, the prophets and kings, the preachers and leaders, the people in power and the people in exile. From the New Testament, we read about the life of Jesus — we meet the people he met, the ones he cured, the ones he welcomed, the ones he challenged, and the ones he called to be his Disciples. There is continuity between the two Testaments. The Old Testament is a prelude to the New Testament; God’s promises of old are fulfilled in Jesus. The story of the Chosen People is also our story. It is part of our Christian heritage.

Some of you may recall that before the Second Vatican Council (1961-1965) we did not read too many passages from the Old Testament. Indeed, the Bishops of the Council dictated that “the treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that a richer share in God’s word may be provided for the faithful. In this way a more representative portion of holy Scripture will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years” (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* 51). So, after the Council, liturgical and Biblical scholars met to create a greatly expanded “Order of Readings for Mass.” In 1969, these would be published in a book apart from the prayers of the Mass — in the *Lectionary for Mass* (*lectio* = reading).

The scholars chose readings that had a long history of liturgical use. For example, they used passages that had always been read during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter. They had evidence that certain readings had long been associated with catechumens in Lent (e.g., the Samaritan Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus). Some readings had always been specific to the day (such as the story of the Magi on Epiphany).

The Church arranged the Sunday readings over the course of three years — Year A, Year B, and Year C. In Year A, the Church draws most heavily from the Gospel of Matthew, in Year B from the Gospel of Mark, and in Year C from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is featured in all three years, especially during the Easter Season. The First Reading (from the Old Testament or from the Acts of the Apostles in the Easter season) complements the Gospel. In most seasons, the Second Reading, too, relates to the gospel passage, but in Ordinary Time, the Second Reading may be read “in course,” that is, we’d read from the same book for a few weeks in a row. A psalm was assigned which would relate to all the readings. It was designed to help us meditate on them.

On weekdays, the readings are divided into Cycle I (used in the odd-numbered years) and Cycle II (used in the even-numbered years). On weekdays, the gospel passage would remain the same from year to year, but the reading before the gospel would vary.

The readings are so much more than mere dramatizations of events in the life of Christ or a glimpse into the struggles of the early Church. Blessed Pope Paul VI aptly noted that our readings have “a special sacramental power and influence which strengthens Christian life.”

Thus, the liturgical year commemorates the numerous ways in which Christ still lives among us today, the many ways in which he still saves us, the various ways in which he still helps us to overcome death and restores us to life. Put another way, the liturgical year is our way of encountering the Lord as we progress onward to the fullness of the Kingdom. It is a time when we enter the timelessness of God, not merely looking back at a past event, but participating in a present reality and anticipating the heavenly realm.

The Scriptures proclaimed on each liturgical day highlight various aspects of the Paschal Mystery. And yet, the Liturgy never loses sight of the whole mystery. The infant we celebrate on Christmas is the same Lord who preaches the Good News of God’s kingdom. The Lord who feeds the multitudes is the same Lord who institutes the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. The Lord who suffers and dies on Good Friday is the same Lord who rises on Easter Sunday. All of Scripture is related and it all leads to Christ!

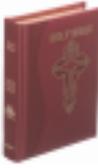
Whenever...the Church, gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration announces, and proclaims the word of God, she is aware of being a new people in whom the covenant of the past is perfected and fulfilled. Baptism and confirmation in the Spirit have made all Christ’s faithful into messengers of God’s word because of the grace of hearing they have received. They must therefore be the bearers of the same word in the Church and in the world, at least by the witness of their lives (Lectionary for Mass: Introduction 7).

For further reading: *The Lectionary for Mass: Introduction* ■

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