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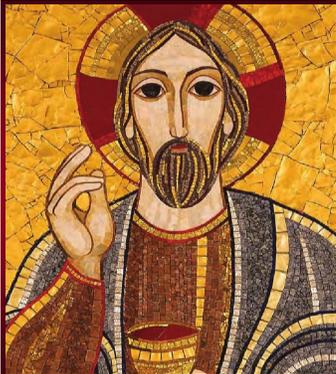


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*This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.*

John 15:12

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

Face covering and social distancing required.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

See inside bulletin for safety protocols.

Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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PICK OF THE WEEK

May 9, 2021

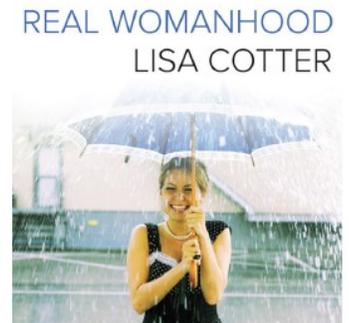
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PASTOR'S PAGE

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.

Happy Mother's Day!

Blessings and best wishes to all mothers celebrating Mother's Day today! May God bless you for the many sacrifices and offerings you make for your children and your family. We should be grateful to you not just on one day, but all year long, for the important role you play. Let's also keep in our prayers today those who might find Mother's Day to be a difficult day for them — mothers who have lost children; children who have lost their mothers; women who are having difficulty

becoming mothers; mothers and children who are estranged from one another; mothers whose children are ill and suffering. This year we can remember in a special way all the mothers we lost due to COVID. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (usually a Holy Day of Obligation)

This Thursday, May 13, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Usually it's a Holy Day of Obligation, but this year, as with Sundays, the obligation is lifted for those who might be unable to come to Mass due to COVID (although, we need to be honest with ourselves — if we're going to stores and other places, there's no reason why we can't come to Mass).

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. We should make every effort to mark this day as something special — especially by going to Mass!

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 this important 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!*

First Communions

Our celebrations of First Holy Communion continue at the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, and then wrap up with Mass on Saturday, May 15 at 11:00 a.m. It has been a beautiful time for us, especially since, unlike last year, we have been able to celebrate these Masses at this time when we normally do.

Congratulations and many blessings to the children who have celebrated First Holy Communion this year, and to their families. May the children always stay close to Christ Jesus by participating in Mass every Sunday, and may they continually be fashioned into His image and likeness!

Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass

We're continuing to advertise our annual Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass, the occasion when we affirm the graces and blessings married couples give to the Church, and to this parish in particular, through their living out of the Sacrament of Matrimony. A special Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. We always invite couples celebrating an anniversary on the five-year mark, and this year we're including the five-year-mark couples who missed out last year (so, they are on the six-year mark this year!). Also invited are couples married any year over 50 years.

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

Super 72 Raffle

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

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

Brick memorializations in our beautiful "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden on the south side of the church are continuing. Remember, the memorializations are to remember any person, living or deceased, or any prayer intention in general, and not just ones dealing with children. Thanks to all who have taken one or more bricks; we continue to receive orders, and that's great!

Journal Ads for the 150th Anniversary Journal

Also continuing to roll in are the ads for our 150th Anniversary Journal. Join your fellow parishioners, and many others, in taking out an ad: use the order form elsewhere in this bulletin. This is a great way to offer your congratulations to our parish on this milestone, or to advertise your business, or to honor someone you wish to put in the spotlight! The Commemorative Journal is an important fund raiser and a big part of our Anniversary Year celebration.

Anniversary Year Commemorative Items for sale

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

In conclusion...

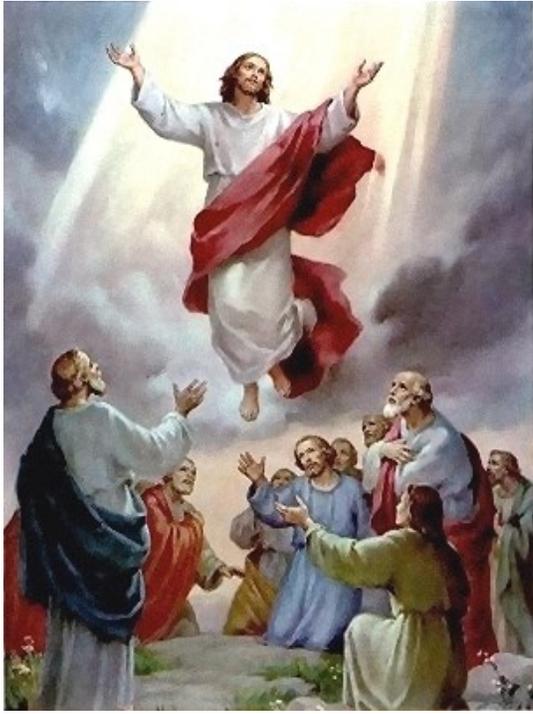
Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

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

Sincerely,



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Ascension of the Lord Thursday, May 13th

Masses will be celebrated

Wednesday, May 12th

5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 13th

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

& 7:30 p.m.



NOVENA TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT

Novena to the Holy Spirit

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

Friday, May 14 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

Saturday, May 15 following the 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses

Sunday, May 16 following all Masses

Monday—Friday, May 17-21 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

Saturday, May 22 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

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

**ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

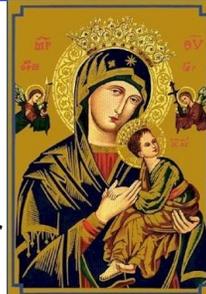
Wednesdays

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
in the church after the 12:15 p.m. Mass

**FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT
COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION
TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

*Novena
to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help*



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

Monday, May 10—12:45 p.m.

Monday, May 17—12:45 p.m.

Monday, May 24—12:45 p.m.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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



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

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

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



OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

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

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2021 "on a five year mark," that is, this year married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 — and couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) — are invited to a special MASS!

Also, since we could not do this last year due to the pandemic, we're inviting the couples who would have been eligible LAST year but missed out! So, if you're "on a SIX year mark" this year — this year, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, 36, 41, 46 or ANY year 50 or more — YOU'RE INVITED TOO!!!



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

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

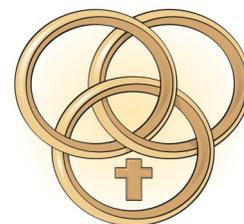
You may bring immediate family members, but due to space limitations, please bring only 3-4 people in addition to the anniversary couple (5-6 total).

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

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

2021 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

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



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

Only the first 50 responses can be accepted.

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

ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 17.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC



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May 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Easter Greetings! Since the COVID-19 Pandemic shutdown began wreaking havoc on our world our music ministry had to adapt in ways that we never imagined would be necessary. Our choirs haven't sung in person since early March 2020, singing and instrumentation have been restricted and worship aids have been printed for every single liturgy requiring music. We are now beginning to resume some choral singing, albeit with many precautionary measures (masks, distancing, proper ventilation, etc.). We tested the waters a bit during the Sacred Paschal Triduum with limited choral singing but our hope is that with the increased number of people being vaccinated and the hope of the numbers of positive cases going down, we might be able to do more very soon.

We are happy to announce the eighth year of the *Friends of Music* initiative here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. With the generosity of our *Friends* like you, we have been able to offer beautiful music throughout the year, despite the restrictions. With gratitude for your generous support in the past, we invite you to consider supporting this initiative for 2021. In these challenging times, the funds donated this year will go toward the annual expenses for software for our livestreaming technology, the printing of our weekly worship aids, the recent upgrade to the sound system in the choir loft and the new sound system in the Divine Mercy Chapel, the moving expenses related to the donation of the new baby grand piano for the Divine Mercy Chapel. Also, we hope to begin using extra instrumentalists again for our special liturgies throughout the year, particularly during the liturgical celebrations surrounding the 150th Anniversary of the parish.

Acknowledgment of contributions to the *Friends of Music* is made in our concert programs and in our parish bulletin throughout the year. Contributions can be given at any of the following levels:

- ◆ St. Cecilia (\$350 or more)
- ◆ St. Ambrose (\$50 to \$99)
- ◆ St. Gregory the Great (\$200 to \$349)
- ◆ St. Hildegard of Bingen (up to \$49)
- ◆ St. Augustine (\$100 to \$199)

To make a contribution, simply fill out the enclosed form and send a check made payable to OLPH in the enclosed envelope. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Chris Ferraro at cferraro@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210. Please consider being a part of our music history at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church once again! God bless you in advance for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocchio
Pastor

Mr. Christopher Ferraro
Director of Music

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP FRIENDS OF MUSIC

I wish to support the *Friends of Music* by making a donation of \$_____ (please make checks payable to OLPH)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone#: _____

This donation is:

- In memory of _____
- In honor of _____
- Anonymous



Thank you for your support of our Music Ministry!

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH

FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Each priest will be in his own classroom.

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

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

IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...

LIVE-STREAM MASS

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

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

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



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ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL PRICING

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

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

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

There are many possibilities!
Deadline is August 1, 2021!

Don't miss out!
Send in your ad copy and payment TODAY!

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

PLEASE INDICATE AD SIZE AND TYPE

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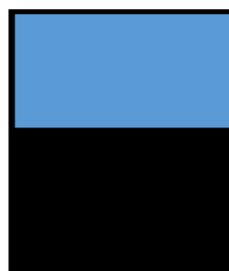
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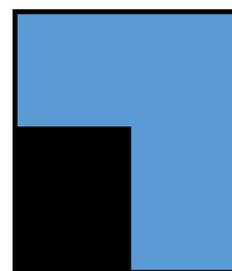
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Quarter Page
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Please submit payment along with ad materials no later than August 1st

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

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

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PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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150th Anniversary Memorabilia of
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Phone (cell/home) _____

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

<http://olph150th.com>

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

For Office Use Only

Total Price: _____ Number of items: _____

Received by: _____

Date: _____

Order Placed: _____ Order Received: _____

Pickup date: _____ Notified Date(s): _____

Picked up by: _____

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
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 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:

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

First Holy Communion Rehearsals

Saturday, May 15th Communion:
 Rehearsal will be Monday, May 10,
 at 5:00 p.m. in the church.
 All children must be accompanied
 by a parent or guardian.

Registration for 2021-22

registration **OPEN**

LEVELS 6, 7 and 8

Be sure to complete any missing assignments in your Mass Journals and Workbooks by Wednesday, May 12th!

Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families began April 5th. After June 15th, there will be a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations. We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a "New Family Appointment" or to call us for any information. Please remember that all new registered students, including those with siblings already in the program, must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate. New families **MUST** make an appointment to register by calling or e-mailing us. Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2021-2022 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION

Be sure to register ASAP, as spots are limited to 12 kids per group this year! Go to the website to sign up before June!
<https://forms.gle/E1vzrza6yQLsmixA8>
Vacation Bible Camp Needs YOU!



Planning Meeting Wednesday, June 9,
 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Auditorium.

Please consider being a part of our
 Adventure Team!
 Contact April for more information.

Confirmation Retreat - Sunday, April 25, 2021



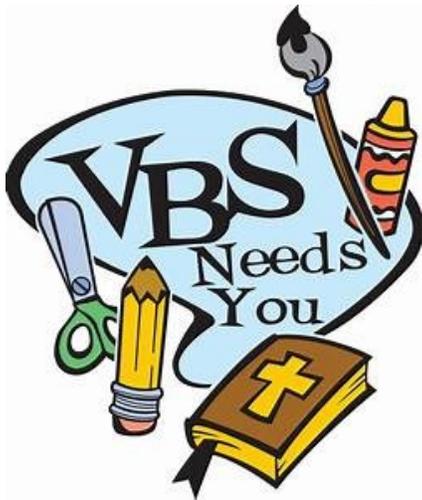
Pictured are students participating in inside exercises and outside games at the Level 8 Confirmation Retreat.

First Communion - May 1 and 2, 2021



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

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



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

Bible Camp Counselor Orientation

All Adventure Leaders will need to join us for Orientation on Wednesday, July 7, in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Please

RSVP to April by Tuesday, July 6, at (631) 226-7725 ext. 257 or akleinlaut@oloph.org

Supplies Needed for Bible Camp 2021

Arts and Crafts

Green Crepe Paper
Construction Paper
Markers
Pens

Middle School Camp

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

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

Snacks

(Everything Must be Individually Wrapped for COVID Safety Measures)

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

Decorating

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † 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: 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. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

631.226.7725 x. 234

Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and
1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill this commandment.

Food Pantry List

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



we will be
asking for your
help again
soon.

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

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL AT OLPH

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



WE'VE MOVED & WE'RE OPEN

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

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



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

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

The Diocese of Rockville Centre



Healing after Abortion

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

The next scheduled 2021 retreat day is:

**“Entering Canaan”
Day or Prayer and Healing for Women
Saturday, May 15th**

Please register by May 10th

All COVID protocols will be observed.

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

All information will remain confidential.

Woman-to-Woman: A dialogue with health experts on how to live your best healthy life



Topics:



Healthy Eating and Movement
Alysa Ferguson, RD, CDCES
Director, Diabetes Education
St. Joseph Hospital



Pelvic Floor Dysfunction:
Symptoms, Causes and Treatment
Laura Hendricks, PT, DPT
Senior Physical Therapist
Mercy Hospital



Breast Imaging: Modern Technology
for Diagnosis and Treatment
Alice Kim, MD
Director, Breast Imaging
Mercy Hospital



Colon Cancer 101 and Screening
Lynn M. O'Connor, MD
Chief, Colon and Rectal Surgery
Mercy Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital



Preserving Your Healthy Heart
Marilyn Chengot, MD
Cardiologist
St. Joseph Hospital

Wednesday, May 12th
6:00pm

First 50 attendees to register will receive a free gift!

To register scan QR code, or email elizabeth.schwind@chsli.org



For more information, please call (516) 520-2500

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrjoe@oloph.org
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Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
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 DeaconRobert@oloph.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
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Thomas Crennan
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Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Marie Gagneron
Kenneth Hale
Bob Meade
Bob Mehm
John Reynolds
Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Nancy Diaz-Ryan</i>	<i>Bunny Reiger</i>
<i>Mark Behr</i>	<i>Luisa, Bettina & Lisa</i>
<i>Mitch Wlazlo</i>	<i>Marino</i>
<i>Janet Novotney</i>	<i>Edward Kienle</i>
<i>Nora McMahon</i>	<i>Janet Leyden</i>
<i>Josephine Johnson</i>	<i>Mary Doran</i>
<i>Patricia & Richard Kleczkowski</i>	<i>Lew & Natalie Hugel</i>
<i>Carol Van Dyke</i>	<i>Anthony Lagala</i>
<i>Hank Skalkowski</i>	
<i>Jaclyn Smith</i>	

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

WE REMEMBER

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

Robert Nimmo
John Bucala
Marie Chaffin
Charlotte Corrar
George J. Vincent
Pedro Antonio Martinez
Felipe Vasquez
Jose A. Moya
Maria Rodriguez
George Schneider
Paula N. Cybula

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

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

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

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

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, May 10 —	
Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest)</i>	
6:30	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
TUESDAY, May 11— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
12:15	Jason Ross
WEDNESDAY, May 12—	
Easter Weekday <i>(Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr)</i>	
6:30	John B. Kiernan
12:15	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
The Ascension of the Lord	
5:00	Dorothy Rose Cassardo
THURSDAY, May 13—	
The Ascension of the Lord	
6:30	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
12:15	For the People of the Parish
7:30	Frank Duff
FRIDAY, May 14— Saint Matthias, Apostle	
6:30	George Walters
12:15	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
SATURDAY, May 15—	
Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Isidore)</i>	
8:00	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
5:00	Lawrence Lanza
Sunday, May 16—	
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
8:00	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mother's and Guild

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, May 10, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	First Communion Rehearsal	Church
Wednesday, May 12, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
8:30 p.m.	RCIA	Zoom
Thursday, May 13, 2021		
THE RECEPTION DESK WILL CLOSE AT 2:00 P.M. TODAY FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD NO OTHER OFFICE HOURS OR ACTIVITIES		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
Friday, May 14, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
After 12:15 Mass	Novena to the Holy Spirit	Church
2:30 p.m.	Wedding Ceremony	Church
Saturday, May 15, 2021		
After 8:00 Mass	Novena to the Holy Spirit	Church
11:00 a.m.	First Communion	Church
11:00 a.m.	Bereavement Group	Courtyard
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	School
After 5:00 Mass	Novena to the Holy Spirit	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, May 9, 2021		
After all Masses	Novena to the Holy Spirit	Church



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

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

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO

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

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

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

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

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

Lecturas del 5/9/2021

Primera Lectura (Hechos 10, 25-26, 34-35, 44-48): El Amor de Dios Abierto a Todos

La señal que Dios da a Pedro y a la Iglesia es de que acepte y ame a los creyentes que proceden del paganismo por que el Espíritu Santo desciende también sobre paganos.

Segunda Lectura (1 Juan 4, 7-10): Dios Nos Ama; Nosotros nos Amamos Unos a Otros

Dios nos amó de tal manera que su amor tomó forma humana en Jesucristo. Desde entonces, nuestro amor hacia el otro es la señal del amor de Dios y de su presencia en medio de nosotros.

Evangelio (Juan 15, 9-17): Ámense Unos a Otros como Yo Les He Amado

Jesús nos ama y quiere que permanezcamos en su amor y alegría guardando sus mandamientos de amor mutuo.

Un Amor sin Límites ni Fronteras

Hoy se nos recuerda de nuevo que el corazón del cristianismo es el Amor a Dios, amor de unos para con otros. Jesús nos dice que tenemos que amarnos unos a otros como él nos ha amado. Éste es un amor muy exigente, ya que nos compromete a amar no sólo a los que nos caen bien y que nos aman o son compañeros cristianos de las mismas ideas, sino también a los difíciles, a los “no atractivos”, a gente muy lejos de ser perfecta, a marginados y extraños... Eso no es tan fácil, y esa es probablemente la razón por la que él lo llama “mandamiento”.

Pidamos al Señor en esta eucaristía que crezcamos en esta apertura de auténtico amor. Alcemos nuestros corazones y nuestras voces a nuestro Padre bondadoso por habernos amado antes de que nosotros pudiéramos amarle. Con Jesús, signo máximo del amor de Dios hacia nosotros, ofrezcamos al Padre nuestro deseo y voluntad de dejar que su amor Derrame sobre todos los hermanos.

En esta fecha tan especial queremos felicitar a todas las madres de nuestra parroquia y del mundo entero, el amor más grande después de Dios.



OFFERING UPDATE May 1-2

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	215	79	\$2,683.00
8:00 a.m.	185	91	3,310.00
10:00 a.m.	270	77	2,801.00
12:00 p.m.	325	57	1,994.00
Coin			8.62
Faith Direct:			2,911.50
Children's Env.		13	67.00
Mail-ins:			4,058.00
TOTAL	995	317	\$17,833.12
2020 total	<i>We were shut down— No public Masses were said</i>		\$14,306.20
Candles			\$676.35
Poor Box			\$218.95
1st Saturday			\$129.00

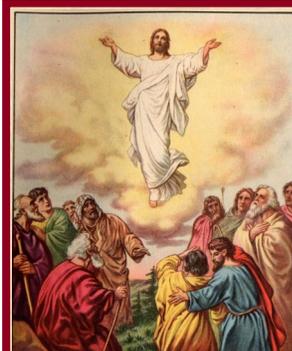


Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

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

Thank you.
God Bless You,



**All Rectory
and Religious Ed.
Offices
will be
CLOSED
MAY 13th
for**

ASCENSION THURSDAY
*The Rectory reception desk
will be open only until 2:00 p.m.*

Catholic Communication Campaign.

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



DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

May 16—passed

May 23—May 14

May 30—May 21

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, May 16, 2021
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*God is love,
and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.*

1 John 4:16b

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

We hear today how the Church asks God for a replacement for Judas in the interim period between Jesus ascending to heaven (the Ascension) and the descending of the Holy Spirit on the apostles (Pentecost). Peter takes charge and speaks in the midst of the assembly to guide them into choosing a successor. God, through the process of casting lots, chooses Matthias which brings the number of apostles back to twelve, a number of great significance for the early Jews since it is the number of the tribes of Israel that first inhabited the Promised Land. Thus it is a sign that the new Christian Church is the reconstituted Israel.

1 John 4:11-16

The declaration “God is love” is all about the experience of God. God has proved his love in the gift of his Son to the world. We Christians are urged to “remain in love” by continuing this gift. We do this whenever we show the same love to others. Our love for one another is the proof of God’s action, the evidence that God is with us. Faith and love are united since faith leads to a life of love in practice. Remember that old song? “And they’ll know we are Christians by our love...”

John 17:11b-19

Here we are listening in on an intimate conversation Jesus is having with the Father at the Last Supper. This is part of what is referred to as Jesus’ “high priestly prayer” since he is interceding with the Father for the apostles and indeed for all of us down through the ages who believe in him. Jesus asks the Father to keep us all in his name, protected and united as one. He also asks the Father to consecrate us, which is to make us holy and to set us apart from the world. He is about to depart from this world but here he prays for us. How powerful that is – the Savior of the entire world is praying for us to the Father! That’s cause for true comfort and encouragement.

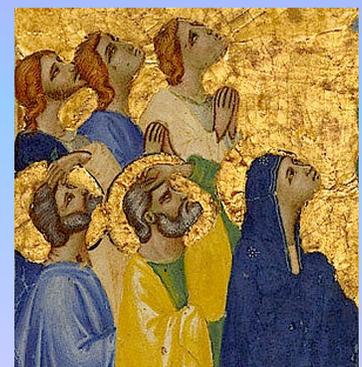
Gospel Reflection

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

1. “Then they prayed.” Do you pray before you make important choices? Would you feel comfortable “casting lots,” throwing dice, or flipping a coin after you pray? How would you make a final choice like the one the disciples had to make in choosing someone to take the place of Judas?
2. Discuss the implications of this reading’s last sentence:

God is love, and
whoever remains in
love remains in God
and God in him.

Can you think of examples from daily life of the fulfillment of this sentence? Are there scandalous exceptions to such an important revelation?



Readings for the Week

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

Monday, May 10, 2021:

Acts 16:11-15
+ John 15: 26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 11, 2021:

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

Wednesday, May 12, 2021:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
+ John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 13, 2021:

Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11 + Ephesians 1:17-23
+ Mark 16:15-20

Friday, May 14, 2021:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 + John 15:9-17

Saturday, May 15, 2021:

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

Sunday, May 16, 2021:

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
+ 1 John 4:11-16 + John 17:11b-19

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2nd Prize: \$250
3-6th Prizes: \$100



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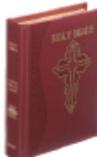
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