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*For as often as you eat this bread
and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord
until he comes.*

1 Corinthians 11:26

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 19, 2022**

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Ms. Jill Marie Delano

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Reilly

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday Masses:

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

Special Needs Mass:

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

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person,
each Saturday in the church immediately following
the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning
Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.
on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

DEVOTIONS

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

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

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

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

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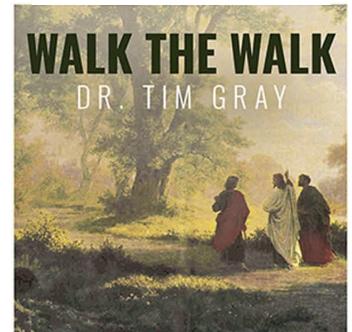
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JUNE 19, 2022

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

What a wonderful liturgical day this is for us: it's the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This beautiful feast gives us the opportunity to specifically acknowledge and celebrate the Eucharist as the center of our life and as the center of our liturgical worship as Catholics. We can never exhaust the richness or the depths of the mystery that at Mass the offerings of bread and wine really and truly become the Real Presence of Christ, His Body and Blood. Through this covenant of love at the Sacred Banquet, God draws us into His divine life and offers us food for our earthly pilgrimage. We can be confident in God's nourishment transforming our weakness and sufferings into life and joy. At every celebration of Mass, the work of our redemption is accomplished.

As always, the meaning and spirituality of what we celebrate can be found in the liturgical texts. The Collect (Opening Prayer) notes that in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, God has "*left us a memorial of your Passion.*" Our celebration of the Eucharist always immerses us in the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. The prayer goes on to ask that because of our revering of "*the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood,*" we may "*always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.*" Those fruits are expressed in a life of self-emptying love; our participation in the Paschal Mystery must be a means of being transformed by God so that we live out the mystery of love being celebrated.

The Prayer over the Offerings for today's Mass reinforces the idea that worship of the Eucharist must be expressed in the practical living out of our lives. This prayer reinforces that one of the chief results of Eucharistic celebration must be unity: as the "one bread" and "one cup" are prayed over at the one altar around which is gathered the one Body of Christ, we see in those signs the mystery of what we are to become — "one body, one spirit in Christ," in the words of Eucharistic Prayer III.

Finally, the Prayer after Communion points to the important but often-overlooked

eschatological dimension of the Eucharist, as it reminds us that the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord in this present age is a foreshadowing of sharing in God's divine life for all eternity.

All these Mass prayers remind us that we must never just simply passively receive the Body and Blood of Christ, but rather, as we reverence the great mystery of the Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist, we must, through our participation in Mass, always (to borrow from St. Augustine) **become what we receive.**

If you are attending Mass earlier than 10:00 a.m. this Sunday, keep in mind that we are having a special Eucharistic Procession at the end of the 10:00 a.m. Mass, with the Procession concluding with Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We have a great addition to our Procession this year: a special **CANOPY**, which will be carried over the Blessed Sacrament, as a special sign of honor to the Real Presence of Christ. Thanks go to Marguerette Hoffmann for her great work in making the canopy — you did a fantastic job, Marguerette! We are very, very grateful. So, everyone — do consider honoring the Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament by joining in the Procession.

We are also celebrating at that Mass all children who have received First Holy Communion this year, and we have invited them to attend in their First Communion attire and to participate in the Procession. What a festive occasion it is!

Eucharistic Revival

While we're on the subject of the Eucharist, I call your attention to the **Eucharistic Revival** which is taking place here in the United States.

The **National Eucharistic Revival** is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States to inspire and prepare the People of God to be formed, healed, converted, united, and sent out to a hurting and hungry world through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The Revival officially begins now, and its milestone event will be a National Eucharistic Congress in

Indianapolis, IN from July 17-21, 2024. The National Eucharistic Revival and National Eucharistic Congress are a direct response to the Holy Father's call, in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, for a "pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are" so that the Church in the United States might be "permanently in a state of mission" (n. 25). This Eucharistic movement seeks to bring together clergy, religious, laity, apostolates, movements, and parish and diocesan leaders to spur momentum, collaboration, and lasting impact for the renewal of the Catholic Church in the U.S. over the next three years. You'll be hearing more about this over the coming months through various media.

I invite you to go to the website www.EucharisticRevival.org and to read more about this. In addition, the Bishops are inviting people to join the Revival as "prayer partners" and/or as subscribers to the weekly newsletter about this, so you can sign up for those things there.

Happy Father's Day!

Allow me to offer blessings and best wishes to all fathers celebrating Father's Day today! May God bless you for the many sacrifices and offerings you make for your children. We should be grateful to you not just on one day, but all year long, for the important role you play. The role of a father giving witness as a Christian man within the family is one that is unique and irreplaceable. I ask that all fathers never underestimate the important role they play in the faith formation of their children. Unfortunately, in some families, raising the children in the faith is something that is relegated to the mother alone, and that is extremely unfortunate. I ask all Christian fathers to take seriously their role and responsibility in being a witness to their faith to their children, and perhaps especially to their sons. I'll say it again: no one can replace the importance of the father in the life of a family.

Let's also keep in our prayers today those who perhaps find Father's Day to be a difficult time — fathers who have lost children; children who have lost their fathers; husbands and wives who are having difficulty conceiving a child;

fathers and children who are estranged from one another; fathers whose children are ill and suffering.

Two Day Pastoral Staff Retreat/Meeting

This past Monday and Tuesday the members of the Pastoral Staff returned, after a two-year hiatus due to Covid, to our practice of having an annual Pastoral Staff Retreat and Meeting, held off-site. We went for two days (an overnight) to the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington for some spiritual time together, some social time, and plenty of work, as we looked at the "ministerial year" that just passed and as we did some pastoral planning for the year ahead and even beyond.

In the past, these were always very, very productive days, and this was certainly the case once again this year. We had some important discussions concerning ministering in a post-Covid Church, about the importance of evangelization, and exploring ways to communicate our faith throughout Lindenhurst. We accomplished a great deal of work!

I thank all the members of the Pastoral Staff who were able to set aside the time for these days. The truth is that things like administration, planning, coordinating calendars, evaluating programs, *etc.*, which were also a part of the discussions, are not always the most glamorous parts of parish ministerial life, but they are necessary and important if the mission of the parish is going to continue to move forward. You should know that the members of the Pastoral Staff take their jobs very seriously, for the good of the parish. We continue to press forward as best we can, celebrating and trying to build on past successes, and also trying to meet ongoing challenges.

Summer Appeal

It's the time of year when we are again starting up our annual **SUMMER APPEAL**. You should soon be receiving your 2022 **SUMMER APPEAL** letter, if you have not already received it. I respectfully and humbly ask that everyone take this **SUMMER APPEAL** very, very seriously and participate

in it by making your contribution, and, I hope, by being able to offer the requested amount, \$150, if not more. **If necessary, you can feel free to send the amount in installments over the summer; just be sure each payment is clearly marked “2022 Summer Appeal.”**

As you know, this annual **SUMMER APPEAL** is always a direct request from me, as your Pastor, to you, with no meetings, no time commitment on your part, and no phone calls. **Every dollar you give stays right here in the parish**, unlike with bazaars and other events where fees must be paid to vendors. Allow me to say **THANK YOU** to all who have made the **SUMMER APPEAL** so successful in prior years! I am very, very grateful, and I am once again pleading for your help. I personally give to this appeal each year; I ask you to do so, too.

The simple fact is that the double-whammy of continued reduced income due to the lingering effects of the pandemic combined with the higher cost of everything has had a devastating effect on our parish finances. It saddens me to say that for the first time in my 10 year tenure as your Pastor, we have fallen behind in our bills. It is therefore with a tremendous urgency that I beg for your support in the **2022 SUMMER APPEAL**.

I recognize — and deeply, deeply appreciate — that many of you already give to OLPH on a regular basis all year long and that you support other parish appeals. However, this **SUMMER APPEAL** continues to be necessary for our ongoing financial health, and so I do not hesitate to beg for your generosity. **THANK YOU** to all who have supported the **SUMMER APPEAL** in prior years and to those who will do so again this year.

Young Adult Ministry

In the coming weeks and months you will begin to see notices in our bulletin about a Young Adult Ministry which OLPH will participate in. This is being spearheaded by Bridget Jordan from our Religious Education Office and I am very excited about it. As you know, the young adult age group is one of those target groups that the Church continually tries to reach out to, and that age is a vital time in one's faith life.

Look for the different ways OLPH will be providing the opportunity for young adults to

deepen and share their faith, and deepen their involvement in the life of the Church, and spread the word about this to young adults you know! If you would like any additional information, you can contact Bridget Jordan in our Religious Education Office.

Fr. Jacob returns!

Great news: our friend Fr. Jacob returns! Covid and other travel restrictions prevented him from coming for the past two summers, but he's back, and, if it works out as planned as I write this for the bulletin deadline, will probably be here by the time you read this. So, as you begin to see him around, be sure to give him a big, big welcome! We're thrilled that he's able to visit us once again as a summer helping priest. Fr. Jacob will be with us until the end of August. Welcome, Fr. Jacob!

By the way, we're still working on having Fr. Alfred back, too. We're working on all the paperwork and the maze of requirements that are a complicated part of life these days, but if all goes well Fr. Alfred will be with us for August and September. So, let's hope you see him around, too!

Patronal Feast Mass next Sunday

Next Sunday is one of the annual big events in the parish — it's our Patronal Feast Mass, at the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, June 26. Celebrate the goodness of our parish life together by participating in this Mass. It promises to be another great, great liturgy — another “OLPH moment” at “the place to be” — and I don't want you to miss it. There'll be light refreshments on the Wellwood Avenue Plaza immediately following the Mass. See you there!

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,



PATRONAL FEAST MASS

THE PATRONAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



**SUNDAY,
JUNE 26, 2022
12:00 p.m. MASS**

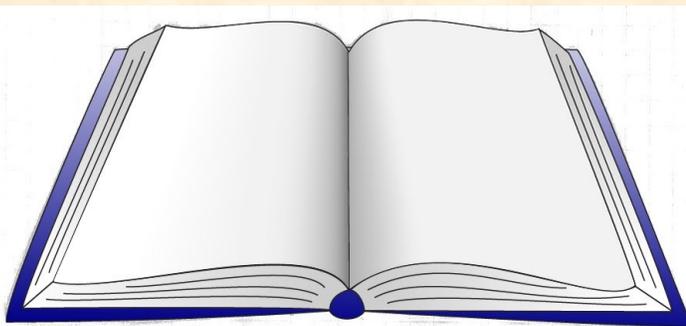
Come and celebrate our Patronal Feast
and build up our oneness
as a community of disciples!

Let's give praise and thanks to God
for the gift of OLPH
as "the place to be"
as we celebrate Eucharist together!

We'll honor the icon
of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
in our Entrance Procession.

Hospitality on the
Wellwood Avenue Plaza
will follow the Mass!

2023 MASS BOOK OPENS SOON!



**The 2023 MASS BOOK
WILL OPEN
Tuesday, July 5**

*Limit of 3 Masses per person per day.
Please complete the form on the following page
and bring it with you to the Rectory.*



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Below you will find a form to request Masses for the 2023 calendar year. To expedite the process of booking these Masses, please complete the form and bring with you the day you come to the Rectory to schedule your Mass requests. This will ensure a speedy and safe visit. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

MASS REQUEST FORM PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE: _____

MASS TIME: _____

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*Children's Liturgy of the Word
at the 10:00 a.m. Mass and
YouTube videos are both taking a
break for the summer!*

*Enjoy your summer
days and we'll see you
in the fall!*



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

**Mondays
at 12:45 p.m.**



The Way You Are Dressed DOES Matter!

Please dress appropriately for Mass during the summer months. Attire that is meant for the beach, barbecues, boat or athletic field is inappropriate for Mass and is disrespectful to the Lord as we offer ourselves to Him through the sacred actions in which we are engaged. It is also disrespectful to one's brothers and sisters in the community. Your cooperation in continuing to dress up and dress appropriately for Mass during the summer weather is appreciated.

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 YouTube Channel:
OLPH Church Lindenhurst



JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

We need new members to join our Live-Stream Team either for weekdays or weekends. If you are tech savvy, interested in broadcasting techniques and are willing to help record our liturgies, please contact Fr. Frank Zero at the rectory office at (631) 226-7725 or email fzero@oloph.org.



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. -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: 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
 Weekends: CLOSED

THANK YOU to All of Our Catechists!

We had a great time celebrating you and the time you give to the Religious Ed. Program! Thank you to the Holy Name Society for helping at our BBQ!



Decorating Meeting Wednesday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
 Contact April or Bridget for more info!

INTERESTED IN OFFERING YOUR TIME AS A CATECHIST OR HALL MONITOR?

Our program relies on the generous time and talent offered by our dedicated teachers and hall monitors.

We are in need of the following hall monitors:

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Assistants/Subs for other times always welcome!

Training is provided. Please call us with any questions.

registration **OPEN**

Registration for 2022-23

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. As of June 15th, there is now a \$25 late fee for ALL returning 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 classes. 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 2022-2023 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.



Bible Camp Counselor Orientation

All Adventure Leaders will need to join us for Orientation on Wednesday, July 6, in the church at 6:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to April by Tuesday, July 5, at (631) 226-7725 ext. 257 or akleinlaut@oloph.org

Supplies Needed for Bible Camp 2022

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Arts and Crafts</u></p> <p>Construction Paper Markers Pens/Pencils Glue Sticks Pencil sharpeners</p>	<p>Travel size bar of soap Peanut butter Jelly Plastic knives Sandwich bags Brown paper lunch bags Bows Glitter Shoe boxes Small toy to fit in shoe box Tennis balls Dog/cat food Cat litter Dog bones not made in China Dog/cat bed Dog/cat toys String for Friendship bracelets Beads for bracelets</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Decorating</u></p> <p>Dollar Tree Gifts Cards Joann's Gift Cards Home Depot Gift Cards Hobby Lobby Gift Cards Pool noodles Blue Tarp <i>Giant Cardboard Boxes</i> (moving boxes and/or appliance boxes that can be taped closed) Brown Roll Paper White Roll Paper Colored Tissue Paper Blue Table Clothes Any Color Tablecloth Rolls Big Rocks</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Middle School Camp</u></p> <p>Fake Flowers Easter Season/ Spring Colors (Purple, pink, yellow, green, white, and blue) Potpourri Scotch tape and tape dispensers Melting Chocolates Lollipop Sticks & Cover Baggies Twist ties Ribbons 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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Snacks</u> <i>(Everything must be individually wrapped prepacked)</i></p> <p>Pop Tarts Pretzels Chips Goldfish Cheese-Its Animal crackers Fruit snacks Cookies Juice Boxes 8oz Water Bottles</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other Items</u></p> <p>Disinfecting Wipes Tissues Paper Towels</p>

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

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SOUPS WITH MEAT
CANNED & INSTANT POTATOES
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JELLY OR JAM
CANNED FRUIT
SHELF STABLE MILK
CEREAL
COOKIES/SNACKS

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631.226.7725 x. 234

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

Today we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ. We hear Jesus ask his disciples, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" And he shows them how by the multiplication of the five loaves and two fishes.

Today, as you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that the multiplication of the loaves and fishes will happen again and the hungry will be fed.

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



*"The Society would like to remind you
 that to ask for help is not a sin.
 If you are experiencing difficulties putting food
 on the table, we are here. You need but ask.
 As the price of everything continues to rise,
 think of us as another tool in your box
 to help you through these difficult times.*

God bless you all for the help you have showered upon us.

Do not be afraid to ask for help in return. Thank you."

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

MIDDLE AGES

Are you a lady in your 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's?

Are you looking to meet other women who share your interest in spirituality, socializing and social action?

Our next meeting:

Tuesday, June 21

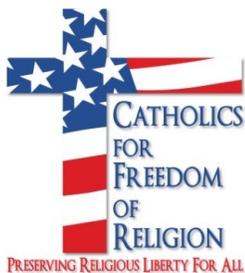
off campus Barbeque

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

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Religious Freedom Week 2022—Theme: Life and Dignity



Again this year the U.S. Bishops have declared June 22-29, 2022 Religious Freedom Week. We are all called to defend the God-given right to religious liberty, which continues to face grave threats in the U.S. and the world. Religious freedom allows the Church and all religious communities to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all.

The USCCB chose June 22, the feast day of Sts. Thomas More (1478-1535) and John Fisher (1469-1535), the patron saints of religious freedom, to begin this important week when Catholics and all Americans are urged to pray, reflect and act to promote religious freedom.

Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher were talented and brilliant Renaissance men who contributed to the humanist scholarship of early modern England. Thomas More wrote theological and philosophical treatises during his career as a lawyer and government official. Bishop John Fisher was notable as an administrator and for his dedication to preaching. Above all their accomplishments, these men bore witness to a deep faith in Christ and his Church.

Both men were opposed to King Henry VIII's divorce from his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, when he petitioned the Pope for an annulment in order to marry Anne Boleyn. Henry then claimed to be the supreme head of the Church in England, asserting sovereign power over English Christians and demanding they sign an oath of supremacy agreeing that King Henry was supreme head of the Church. More and Fisher refused to sign the oath because this law of the king came into conflict with the law of Christ. Ultimately, they were executed, since they followed their consciences and submitted to Christ. Thus, Sts. Thomas More and Bishop John Fisher gave their lives for the freedom of religion and for freedom of conscience.

(usccb.org; catholicnewsworld.com; catholiccourier.com, 6/24/21)

"I die the King's good servant, but God's first."

—St. Thomas More, 1535

Catholics For Freedom of Religion Celebrates Its Tenth Anniversary!

Please join Catholics For Freedom of Religion parish volunteers on June 26, 2022 at St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY, at 11:00 a.m. Mass, as we pray for religious freedom for all and celebrate ten years of ministry to educate and advocate for First Amendment freedom of religion for all.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

First Announcement:

***Idris Kanbur & Rebecca Volpe**
David Miller & Danielle Reddington
Kevin Guenther & Caitlyn Gibbons*

WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism



Matthew Divanna

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

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.

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

***Tanya Spector**
Lucille Kozlowski
Thomas J. Porzio
Dale Coolbaugh
Cosmo Cilluffo
Patricia DiMitri*

“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...

***Patricia & Richard Kleczkowski**
Nora McMahon
Carol Esposito
Elizabeth Fennell
Baby Cameran Benson
Celia Pastore
John (JACK) Gallagher
Jeanette Borowicz
Lenny Fries
Janet Hume
Richard Hume
Brody St. Clair
Mike Martino
Christopher DePalma*

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 four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

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

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

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, June 20—

Weekday

(Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time)

6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:15	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day Novena

TUESDAY, June 21—

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

6:30	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day Novena
12:15	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild

WEDNESDAY, June 22—

Weekday

*(Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;
Saint John Fisher, Bishop
and Thomas More, Martyrs)*

6:30	Charles Bailey
12:15	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day Novena

THURSDAY, June 23—

**THE NATIVITY OF
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

6:30	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day Novena
12:15	Rita Bannon

FRIDAY, June 24—

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

6:30	Arlene Ann Sredniawski
12:15	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day Novena

SATURDAY, June 25—

**The Immaculate Heart
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day Novena
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**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

5:00	Margaret Kohs
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**Sunday, June 26
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 794
10:00	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day Novena
12:00	For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, June 20, 2022

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Christian Mothers Monthly Meeting	Room 16

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages Meeting— Contact Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net	Off Campus

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

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

Thursday, June 23, 2022

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria

Friday, June 24, 2022

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12

Saturday, June 25, 2022

4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, June 26, 2022

2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
3:30 p.m.	Quince Años Blessing	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria



EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida” le invita a alabar y glorificar 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.

Refeciones de las lecturas del Domingo 19 de junio del 2022

Este domingo celebramos la institución de la Santa Eucaristía.

Los versículos 12-15 introducen el mensaje que es el de “dar “a todos, lo cual se realiza por medio de los discípulos por orden del Señor. Hagan esto en conmemoración mía

Primer Lectura (Génesis 14,18-20): Una Alianza por medio de Pan y Vino Melquisedec, sacerdote y rey de Jerusalén, dio la bienvenida a Abrahán con una comida de alianza, ofreciendo pan y vino. --- En los signos de pan y vino de la eucaristía, Jesús nos fortalece en la alianza con el Padre.

Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 11,23-26): El Banquete de la Venida del Señor. Pablo nos cuenta cómo Jesús instituyó la eucaristía en la Última Cena. Nosotros seguimos celebrando la eucaristía para acelerar la venida de su reino de amor y justicia entre nosotros, y para prepararnos para su gloriosa venida final.

Evangelio (Lucas 9,11b-17): El Papa Francisco explicó que “la fiesta del Corpus Christi nos invita cada año a renovar el estupor y la alegría por este don maravilloso del Señor, que es la Eucaristía”.

“Acogiéndolo con agradecimiento, no de modo pasivo, rutinario, sino renovando verdaderamente nuestro ‘amén’ al Cuerpo de Cristo para que el dinamismo de su amor transforme nuestra vida en oferta pura y santa a Dios para el bien de cuantos nos encontramos en camino”.

Cuando comemos el Pan y bebemos el Vino en la Eucaristía, nos hacemos responsables de ser solidarios con los demás hermanos, sean creyentes o no. Compartir y vivir la fe con la comunidad para ser testimonio de que el mejor alimento que tenemos es la Eucaristía.

Siempre, y de forma especial en estos tiempos de crisis, la Eucaristía debe llevarnos a trabajar por el bien común, por compartir nuestro tiempo y nuestros bienes con aquellos que carecen de lo más elemental, trabajo, comida y vivienda. Muchos habremos acompañado la procesión del Corpus, pero esta acción estará vacía de contenido si después nos olvidamos de acompañar a los más necesitados: aquellos que viven la enfermedad, la soledad de la ancianidad, el maltrato en sus más variadas formas y todo lo expuesto anteriormente.

En el evangelio se nos dice hoy: «Dadles de comer vosotros», por lo tanto, si somos realmente coherentes con nuestra fe, si somos seguidores de Cristo resucitado, tenemos que, al igual que los niños del evangelio, hacer que los cestos rebosen y nadie quede sin alimento, así demostraremos que amamos al prójimo al estilo de Jesús.



Solemnidad del Santo cuerpo
y la Sangre de Jesús.
Procesión Eucarística con el
Santísimo para terminar la
Santa Misa de las 10:00 de la
mañana

OFFERING UPDATE June 11/12

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	201	98	\$2,147.00
8:00 a.m.	186	98	2,686.00
10:00 a.m.	310	72	3,008.00
12:00 a.m.	316	100	2,816.00
Total coin:			7.86
Faith Direct			3,198.40
Children's Env.		5	16.00
Mail-ins:			1,743.00
TOTAL	1,013	373	\$15,622.26
2021	911	370	\$16,545.90
Candles			\$697.35
Poor Box			\$231.28

Next week, **June 25/26**, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous.

For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

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

Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

June 19—June 10 deadline
June 26—June 17 deadline
July 3—June 24 deadline

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Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, June 26, 2022

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*For freedom Christ set us free;
so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.*

Galatians 5:1

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Today's readings deal with what it takes to follow God, that is, with the requirements of discipleship. This first reading recounts how the great prophet Elijah appoints his successor, the similarly-named Elisha, as God had told him to do. Elijah does this by the dramatic gesture of casting his cloak over the younger man. Elisha for his part immediately takes leave of his life as a wealthy farmer by kissing his parents goodbye and then destroying the farm equipment. To follow God, Elisha had to place his family and wealth behind him. It is still true for us today, as with Elisha, that discipleship may require everything of us.

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Paul explains how freedom comes with this discipleship but it requires diligence. Christian freedom is less about being free *from* something than it is about being free *for* something. It is a freedom *for* the Spirit of God who places us at the service of love. Thus, we have to be diligent to not take this freedom as an excuse to do whatever we want. That path would take us back to the slavery of the flesh, that is, of acting on our baser impulses and desires such as jealousy, anger, selfishness, sexual license, laziness, quarreling and the like. Living with the Spirit of God frees us to love others and ourselves with a pure love that helps us overcome our weaknesses in order to live in the liberating freedom of God.

Luke 9:51-62

Echoing the first reading, Jesus calls new disciples on his journey towards Jerusalem and explains what a commitment that requires. To each would-be follower, Jesus makes it clear that there is a cost. True love does not shrink from commitment, though it may seem in today's world that many people have difficulty with that. Ours is not to judge, but Jesus asks all his followers to resist distractions from the call of the Gospel. To opt for God in our life is a very important choice. How reassuring it is when we know people who remain strong and firm in their Christian decision throughout their lives.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, June 20, 2022:

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18
+ Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 21, 2022:

2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36
+ Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 22, 2022:

2 Kings 22:8-13, 23:1-3
+ Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday, June 23, 2022:

Isaiah 49:1-6 + Acts 13:22-26

+ Luke 1:57-66

Friday, June 24, 2022:

Ezekiel 34:11-16 + Romans 5:5b-11
+ Luke 15:3-7

Saturday, June 25, 2022:

Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19
+ Luke 2:41-51

Sunday, June 26, 2022:

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21
+ Galatians 5:1, 13-18 + Luke 9:51-62

Gospel Reflection

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. The man said, "Lord, let me first go bury my father." This would be a good thing, but is there reason for urgency in proclaiming the kingdom? Where do you see such a need today? Ecojustice? Immigration? Incarceration? Changing the gun laws?

2. Why does Pope Francis say that Jesus was homeless or itinerant? Why does the Church need to be itinerant or in motion and "not sedentary within her enclosure"?

The first character promises him: "I will follow you wherever you go" (Lk 9:57). Generous! But Jesus replies that the Son of man, unlike foxes that have holes, and birds that have nests, "has nowhere to lay his head" (Lk 9:58). The absolute poverty of Jesus. Indeed, Jesus left his paternal home and gave up all security in order to proclaim the Kingdom of God to the lost sheep of his people. In this way Jesus pointed out to us, his disciples, that our mission in the world cannot be static, but is itinerant. The Christian is itinerant.

The Church by her very nature is in motion; she does not stay sedentary and calm within her enclosure. She is open to the broadest horizons, sent forth—the Church is sent forth—to bring the Gospel through the streets and to reach the human and existential peripheries.

*Pope Francis, Angelus for 13 Ord C
June 30, 2019*



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

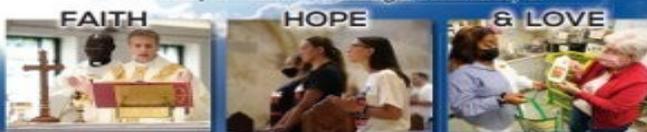
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DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Position Available The Church of St. Patrick, Bay Shore, is in need of a *part-time sacristan* to work 10-12 hours per week. Responsibilities include opening and closing the church, setting up for daily Masses, funerals and weddings. The sacristan would need to be available Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, with occasional additional hours on weekends or other days. Flexibility in scheduling is important. Interested parties should send their resume to Chris Ferraro, cferraro@stpatrickbayshore.org.

Religious Freedom Week June 22 — June 22—Walking with Moms in Need Pray that local churches and communities will have the vision and the freedom to walk with moms in need. **June 23—Church Vandalism** Pray that Christian witness in the face of attacks on our churches will convert hearts to faith in Jesus Christ. **June 24—Adoption and Foster Care** Pray that people of faith will continue to have the freedom to serve in the life-affirming ministry of adoption and foster care. **June 25—Taxpayer Funding for Abortion** Pray that civic leaders would promote life and dignity for all. **June 26—Religious Freedom in China** Pray for the freedom of the Church in China, and that the rights of all religious minorities would be respected. **June 27—Pregnancy Resource Centers** Pray that women facing unplanned pregnancies will continue to have access to support from people who help them choose life. **June 28—Health Care Workers** Pray that government will respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable. **June 29—Free Speech** Pray that Christians will have the courage to proclaim the gospel of life and dignity for all with kindness and clarity, even in the face of adversity.

Life Center of Long Island 5K Run/Walk 4 Life Saturday, **June 22** at Cedar Creek Park, 3340 Merrick Rd., Seaford, NY (Parking Field 6) Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Also looking for sponsors. For information and registration call Marina at 516-798-8746 or go to marinare33@gmail.com.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Those who come from large families will know that celebrations rarely come to an abrupt halt. Family members linger with farewell hugs, kisses, and well-wishes. We desire to see each other again.

In a similar way, the Concluding Rites of the Mass provide a closure to our weekly assembly. But they do so much more. They may be brief and simple, but the words and gestures offer an essential understanding to our Eucharistic Liturgy. They communicate that the Mass is ended. Yet, they also communicate that what we have accomplished at our Mass must continue long after we have exited the church doors.

THE ELEMENTS OF THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements: *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes that the announcements should be brief and only given when necessary. The announcements might seem like a practical task, but the potential for Christian witness should not go unnoticed. On the contrary, the announcements themselves could demonstrate the essential link between worship and mission. To preserve the dignity of Scripture, the announcements should be made from a place other than the ambo.

Greeting: Just as we did at the beginning of Mass, the faithful exchange a greeting with the priest — “*The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.*” We acknowledge the essence of holiness in each other.

Blessing: The Latin verb “to bless” is “*benedicere*.” It comes from two Latin roots: “bene” which means “good”, and “dicere” which means “to speak.” A blessing, therefore, is a “good word” towards another person. With a blessing, we call down God’s protection or favor upon a person or group of people. Blessings were common in the Old Testament. The patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all gave formal blessings to their children.

The blessing of Mass can take a number of forms. The priest may choose to use a simple blessing — *May almighty God bless you...* On certain liturgical days or seasons, he may choose a solemn blessing. (There are twenty options.) These usually have four invocations and to each of them we respond, “Amen.” This blessing may be preceded by a Deacon’s instruction to “Bow down for the blessing.” We bow our heads as a sign of humility and reverence.

The priest may also choose a Prayer over the People. These are used especially during Lent, and the Missal provides twenty-eight options. The presider offers a brief prayer which is followed by the traditional *May almighty God bless you...* If a Bishop is presiding, he may use a special greeting and some ancient words of blessing.

Regardless of the choice of words, an essential element is the invocation of the Trinity — asking the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to grant us their protection or favor. Note how this Trinitarian formula mirrors the Introductory Rites of the Mass which began with the Sign of the Cross. Indeed, the entire Mass has been offered to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

Dismissal: Even in the liturgies of the early Church, we find a formal dismissal. These words don’t tell us to “go,” they tell us to “go forth.” Some may remember the Latin words of the dismissal: “*Itē, missa est*” which means, “Go, it is the sending.” From that word “missa” we get “mission.” From that same word, we get “Mass.” For in the Mass, we have been nourished by word and sacrament to go out and share the Good News of God’s salvation with the rest of the world. The Deacon, or in his absence, the Priest, dismisses the people. In the English language edition of the Roman Missal (2011), one will find four options for the dismissal. We respond to each “Thanks be to God.”

- Go forth, the Mass is ended.
 - Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
 - Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
 - Go in peace.
- On Easter Sunday, in the Easter Octave, and on Pentecost, a “double Alleluia” is added.



In the *Misal Romano*, the Spanish-language edition of the Roman Missal, there are five options for the dismissal.

- Pueden ir en paz.
- La alegría del Señor sea nuestra fuerza. Pueden ir en paz.
- Glorifiquen al Señor con su vida. Pueden ir en paz.
- En el nombre del Señor, pueden ir en paz.
- En la paz de Cristo, vayan a servir a Dios y a sus hermanos.

and for the Sundays in Easter (complete with “Aleluyas”):

- Anuncien a todos la alegría del Señor resucitado. Pueden ir en paz.

After the dismissal, the celebrant reverences the altar (in a manner similar to the Introductory Rites). A closing hymn is actually not prescribed in the Mass, but its use can sometimes add to the festive character of our celebration. There are times, however, when we might depart in silence, such as, Good Friday.

And so we are greeted, blessed, and dismissed to continue the liturgy in our daily lives. ■

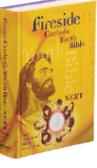
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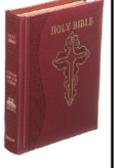


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