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*Peter got out of the boat
and began to walk on the water
toward Jesus.*

Matthew 14:29

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020**

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., 12:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass suspended until further notice.

Mass intention will be fulfilled privately by one of the priests.

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: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

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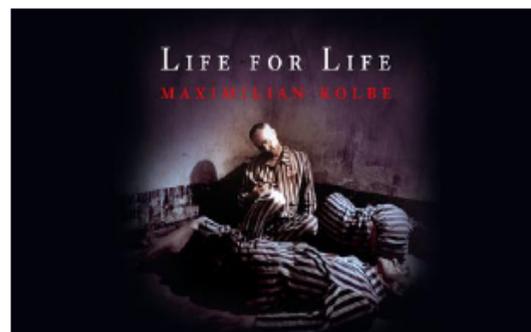


FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

Life for Life

Auschwitz, 1941. One of the prisoners, Jan, escapes from the German concentration camp while working at a gravel pit. Thanks to the help of kind-hearted people, he finds shelter. There Jan hears tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death by starvation as a punishment for his escape. One among the convicts is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of one of the inmates.



[SIGN UP FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP](http://formed.org/signup)

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Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to formed.org/signup, Select your parish
Register with your name and email address
Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and

custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to formed.org/signup and find your parish to register.

Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

PASTOR'S PAGE

A "Dog Days of Summer" Check-In from the Pastor!

I thought I would take this opportunity, somewhat mid-summer, to check in and update you with where we stand on our process of reopening the parish, and other adaptations we have made, and are making, in these ongoing days of learning to function within the coronavirus pandemic. I'll offer brief notes on a long list of topics, so here we go...

Presence at Mass: Masks, social distancing, and attendance

We seem to be navigating well the issue of Mass attendance. According to New York State guidelines, houses of worship are permitted to have up to 33% of capacity in attendance; for us that would be somewhere in the neighborhood of 250-300 at Mass. So far, we have not had to turn anyone away, but, happily, attendance has some weeks gone up about 10% at some Masses each week. At some point, we might have to look at the issue of saying that the church is full for a particular Mass and not allow anyone else in. We'll cross that bridge if and when we come to it, and, should it occur, I need to ask your understanding and cooperation. As a public gathering place, we need to be sure that we adhere to the rules; I do not want OLPH to be the church that is the cause for the Governor to close down churches again because we had too large a crowd.

Of course, wearing masks in church and keeping social distance from others, except from members of your own household with whom you live, continue to be in effect. I thank you for your cooperation with that. We have not had any problems, and, to my knowledge, all who have been coming to Mass have remained healthy, so we must be doing OK. Let's keep it up!

Cleaning and sanitizing the church and other facilities

Thanks to our great crew of Ministers of Hospitality — our Ushers and our special additional Ministers assisting the Ushers at this time — the church is sanitized after each liturgy (except for the last liturgy of the day). We have a professional cleaning crew come in seven nights a week to sanitize the church and five nights a week to sanitize the rectory offices. We are looking into cost and other details for the professional crew to also sanitize the school building when Religious Education classes begin (see below).

In some cases, this sanitizing process is taking its toll on the finish on the pews in the church, but it has to be; the safety of everyone is our first priority. Of course, our financial situation is also taking a hit because of the increased cleaning costs (see below for a note concerning finances).

Live-streaming the Mass and other events

As you have been reading in the bulletin, we are working on installing the technology to be able to live-stream Masses, and also to upgrade our recording capabilities in general. Right now, Bishop Barres is continuing to grant a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for those who are unable to do so for any reason due to the pandemic. We want to be able to continue to provide the Mass on YouTube for those unable to be present in person. In the future, when the obligation returns, we want to still be able to live-stream the Mass for those sick and homebound who still will not be able to attend, and we want to be able to live-stream and make available other special events in the church.

Please read the description of this project as explained elsewhere in this bulletin, and, if possible, please contribute to support this endeavor. I thank Chris Ferraro, our Director of Music, for his leadership in heading this up and keeping it moving forward.

Loss of income

I have tabulated that as of the weekend of August 1-2, OLPH has lost a total of \$125,754 in collection income and other income (candles, other donations) compared to the same period the previous year. So, so, so many people have been incredibly generous in keeping up with their weekly offerings, and sometimes even giving more. Many, many people mail in their offerings if they are not able to come to Mass, and we have had an increase in the number of people who use Faith Direct, our e-giving (online) service. I know that the pandemic has had a negative financial effect on many of you. I simply ask everyone to do the best they can to help support us so that we can continue to serve you in the best way possible.

Religious Education Program

The Religious Education Program will follow the lead of the school district. If classes are in session in public schools, we will hold in-person classes for religion; if not, we will offer an online program. We will also have the possibility for an online program for those families who will not be sending their children to school even if school is in session. All of this is being diligently worked out by our Religious Education Office, and I am grateful to our Director of Faith Formation, April Kleinlaut, for her energy, perseverance and leadership in putting all of this together.

Sacraments of Initiation

We have been, are in the process of, and will be celebrating all the Sacraments of Initiation that had to be postponed from Easter Time. First Holy

Communion wrap up this weekend, having been celebrated at parish Sunday Masses and separate Saturday Masses; all the children did an amazing job, and congratulations to them! Those who were to be initiated (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion) at the Easter Vigil will be initiated next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Then, that week, Confirmation will begin to be celebrated with our teens at separate Masses and at some Sunday Masses through the second half of August. Finally, adult Christians from another Christian tradition and adult Catholics who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation will complete their initiation into the Church on Sunday, September 6. Congratulations to all!

Sale of the Convent

All of the details and steps necessary for the sale of the Convent have continued to move forward and that project is still on track. It takes a great deal of time and patience with the process, as there are many layers involved — the legalities of selling commercial property, the necessary approvals from the Village of Lindenhurst, and the necessary approvals from the Diocese. We're navigating them all, however, and, all in all, it has been a smooth and painless process, although slow. I am grateful to our Business Manager, Tom Crennan, and to our Real Estate Broker, Jamie Winkler, for their amazing work in handling everything. I'll keep you posted on this.

150th Anniversary Year

As you know, plans were underway, and committees were already at work, for the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of OLPH, a year-long celebration originally scheduled to run November 28, 2020 to November 19, 2021. Exactly how many of the events and related activities originally planned we will actually be able to do, are questions which are yet to be determined. My goal is to do as much as we can within the limits of safety and reason. The Steering Committee for the Anniversary Year will be meeting in the coming weeks to begin to tackle these very questions.

Renovation projects associated with the Anniversary Year

There are a number of major renovation projects for our grounds and buildings that we were looking at in connection with the Anniversary Year, using monies realized from the sale of the Convent. I'm pleased to say that plans for those projects are moving forward, and you'll be hearing more about them in conjunction with publicity about our Anniversary Year and in my Pastor's Annual Report which I will give this October.

Groups, meetings and activities resuming on parish grounds

We're continuing to discuss what's involved in opening our facilities to those groups and activities that might wish to resume meeting here at the parish, in the school building. As you can imagine, there are many

logistics to work out in terms of safety and cleaning protocols, and we cannot open up our facilities until we can adequately work out these safety and cleaning protocols. Cost is a huge factor in this, as well as the time and labor involved. As of this writing, and as I have communicated to our Ministry Heads and Leaders via e-mail, our school building will continue, for all intents and purposes, to be CLOSED for use by parish groups for meetings and gatherings. There will be some very, very limited exceptions along the way, and, of course, our St. Vincent de Paul office and pantry will continue to remain open to serve the needs of the poor. We will revisit the issue again sometime in September for review and evaluation. Keep in mind that even when we do resume, there will very likely be limitations and restrictions; for example, only a limited number of rooms and times might be available, and, of course, the number of attendees will be limited, and they will be required to social distance and wear masks. I continue to urge groups to find other ways to meet, such as using the online Zoom video platform.

So, what will the ministerial year ahead look like?

Well, as you can imagine, the answer to the question above is, "I don't know yet." It's still a work-in-progress, and much will depend on factors beyond our control, such as the finding of a vaccine, for example. We will continue to monitor the situation, and we will strive to do as much as we can to return to parish-life-as-normal. I thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation.

As we do continue to move forward, let's do so with faith and trust. Come to Mass if you can; participate via the recorded Mass on our YouTube page if you cannot come in person. Continue to keep up your spiritual life: pray, pray, pray. Pray especially for those who continue to be impacted by the virus in any way. If you can drop off an offering for our food pantry, that would be a great way to do something good for others in need. If you can continue to financially support the parish, I would be grateful. Most importantly, let's remember that God never abandons us, and He will see us through.

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,



**SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Saturday, August 15
*Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Masses for the Solemnity are:

Saturday, August 15

8:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*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, August 10—12:45 p.m.

Monday, August 17—12:45 p.m.

Monday, August 24—12:45 p.m.

**ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Wednesday

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

in the church

after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Next Sunday, August 16, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, we will welcome our elect **Carmen Mitchell, Grace Mitchell, Leonardo Munoz, and William Shaffer** as they receive their Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church. At next Sunday's Mass, they will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion. Please pray for Carmen, Grace, Leonardo and William as we welcome them as fully-initiated members of our parish community!

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**
- ▶ **FOLLOW THE TRAFFIC PATTERNS ON THE FLOOR**
- ▶ **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...

Participate virtually in Sunday Mass online celebrated by your OLPH priests!

You can participate in Morning and Evening Prayer too.

Go to the website: www.olphlindenhurst.com

Click on the link to watch the video of the Mass anytime.

You can also click the link for our YouTube page

OLPH Church Lindenhurst.

In addition to Sunday Mass, other items of interest are occasionally posted on the YouTube page.

CAN YOU HELP US UPGRADE OUR LIVE-STREAM CAPABILITIES?



As you know, from March 18 through June 13, OLPH church, like just about every church throughout the country, was shut down as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. During those three months we were blessed to be able to maintain at least a digital presence. With the help of Fr. Fidelis' tripod, Fr. Frank's iPhone camera and his presence behind the camera and Chris Ferraro's newly acquired skills with social media video editing, we were able to livestream a weekly Mass and create daily video reflections by members of the Pastoral Staff. We made do with our technology in

those unfortunate circumstances and continue to make do as we continue to offer a pre-recorded Sunday Mass for those who are unable to be physically present at Mass.

The time has come, however, for us to upgrade our technology and to install a permanent live-stream system in the church. In addition to allowing us to unobtrusively live-stream Masses, a new system will also enable us to live-stream weddings, funerals and other sacramental and ritual moments. When the weather is bad in the winter or people are leery about coming out at night to attend Lessons and Carols, the Parish Mission or Taizé Prayer around the Cross, we will be able to maintain a digital presence. Of course, all of this will never replace our "in person" worship. Also, we have many homebound parishioners who just can't come out any more.

This new system will include the installation of two permanently fixed cameras, one in the choir loft focused on the sanctuary area and one in the sanctuary facing the back of the church to get views of the assembly praying, the reception of the body at funerals and important processions at Sunday Mass and weddings and funerals. While we are still finalizing estimates for this new system, we project that the cost for this project will come close to \$15,000. If you are interested in making a contribution to our new system, please contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory office, cferraro@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725. He can fill you in on all the details. We are also looking for some people to help with a new technology ministry to assist with the live-streaming. With public Masses now fully back in swing, Fr. Frank and Chris need more help. If you'd like more information, please contact Chris.



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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

Level 8: CONFIRMATION REHEARSALS ARE HERE!

We are having Confirmation rehearsals on Wednesday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the church for those who are receiving the sacrament on Wednesday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m., and Thursday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. All Confirmation Candidates must attend with their Sponsor. If their Sponsor is unable to attend, a parent or guardian is allowed to come in his/her place. You must wear a mask while inside the church!

Don't forget to properly prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance! Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m. in the new building of the school. *Make sure you go to Confession before receiving Confirmation!*

What classes will look like for Fall 2020

We have been working diligently on getting ready for the Fall of 2020 and what classes will look like.

We will follow the lead of the school district and state-mandated guidelines.

We are here for you and we have your safety listed as our number one (1) priority!

We will have cleaning and sanitation procedures in place so that everyone will be safe and can stay healthy while attending class at OLPH. We will be sending out these precautions via email. We will also list the requirements in order for your child to come into the classroom. In order to get the information for our class options you must be already registered for the 2020/21 academic year.

REGISTER NOW!

All Levels:

Please be sure to register for the 2020/21 academic year! You can mail in your registration fee to us at any time. Make sure to read through our new Parking Policy and hand in the signed form so we know you've read it.

All time switches and teacher requests can be mailed in as well. Please let us know if you have any changes for your contact information.

BIBLE CAMP IS FINALLY HERE!

We have been waiting so long for this and are so excited to be able to share this great time of faith, fun, and fellowship with the youth of OLPH! Make sure to get your permission slips in to us before the start of camp tomorrow, and get there early for check-in!

Help us make the Bible Camp magic happen!

We will be decorating the school on Sunday, August 9, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. This is the time to get all those finishing touches just right before our first official day on Monday!

We Are Looking for Donations!

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| ◆ Pop tarts | ◆ Canned tuna fish | ◆ Pork and beans |
| ◆ 8 oz. water bottles / Juice boxes | ◆ Pasta | ◆ Pancake mix / syrup |
| ◆ Bags of plain white rice (no Minute Rice) | ◆ Peanut butter | ◆ Cereal |
| ◆ Bags of uncooked kidney beans | ◆ Assorted cans of fruits and vegetables | ◆ Hand sanitizer / Wipes / Paper towels |
| | ◆ Canned meat | ◆ Disposable tablecloths |

***See info for Service Camp Car Wash on page 17.**

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Jayden Adames
Leilaney Adames
Joel Almonte
Ryan Azcona
Victoria Balazy
Julia Bezpalko
Colton Bodt
Andrew Bruno
Allison Butler
Sarina Casimir
Giuliana Cesarani
Derek Christ
Vanessa Ciervo
Nicholas Cutolo
Olivia Daub
Anthony DeGaetano
Logan Dennis
Lucas Dennis
Emma Disla
James Duffy
Angelina Edwins
Maya Farrell
Giuseppe Ferrarelli
Jonathan Flint
Aubree Gajeski
Alyssa Gervasio
Gianna Giurlanda
Mikaella Gonzales
Nicholas Goodenough
Raphael Grala
Gianna Grasso
Broso Greco
Hannah Hespeler
Ava Hovanec
Autumn Icart

Matteo Iorio
Juliana Johnson
Justin Johnson
Joseph Keller
Anthony Kenny
Joseph Knight
Abigail Kuzawinski
Kate LaTorre
Dylan Legutko
Mackenzie Leonard
Sophia Leonardo
Nicholas Lepik
Julian Lima
Nathan Lindstrom
Brayden Longo
Patrick Maletton
Ava Marino
Ryan Martin
Sage McGovern
Paris Kirstin Medina
Jackson Messineo
Shea Meyers
Lenna Mikolajczyk
Nathaniel Miranda
Christian Moronta
Giuliana Moschouris
Inara Muir
Nora O'Connell
Kelsey Olweck
Lillianna Ostrowski
Gianni Papa
Luke Michael Peluso
Clancy Phelan
Conly Phelan
Liam Francis Pointing

Liam Pritchard
Mason Randall
Zachary Resky
Darianny Rodriguez
Erianny Rodriguez
Joseph Russell
Anthony Russo
Tyler Russo
Eamon Ryan
Jose Salazar
Abigail Sanchez
Marjorie Sanchez
Isabella Saroniero
Madison Saroniero
Sophia Schauer
Lilliana Schnatz
Jake Schulz
Madison Seimer
Gianna Sevon
Aiden Soyack
Alexander Vasquez
Christian White
Kyle Whithers
McKenzie Wright
Riley Wright





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NEW Food Pantry List!

**CANNED VEGETABLES
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CANNED MEAT

CANNED TUNA

PORK AND BEANS

CANNED FRUIT

PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP

CEREAL

PAPER TOWELS

SHAMPOO

The pantry is in great need at this time.

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.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!”

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

**TO OUR ANONYMOUS SUPPORTERS WHO LEAVE FOOD ON THE
SANCTUARY STEPS AND MONEY IN THE POOR BOXES...THANK YOU!**

*...when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing
(Matthew 6:3)*

This teaching of Jesus is lived and practiced by so many of our fellow parishioners at OLPH. We are blessed by secret benefactors who anonymously make regular donations of food and other necessities, leaving them on the steps of the sanctuary, or dropping off at the Pantry during office hours. Also, take a look in the Sunday bulletin weekly collection breakdown. The contributions put into the poor boxes as you leave church add up and are the major source of our funding. You know who you are, but we’re not sure that you realize how much your quiet acts of charity mean to the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLPH, and to those whom we strive to serve. Thank you and may God bless you!!!



Energy Bill Assistance **E**XTENDED

through August 31st

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the financial burden on so many households, New York State has **extended the deadline for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) applications to August 31, 2020.**

HEAP helps income-eligible households pay heat-related energy bills, even beyond the heating season. Whether you own or rent you may qualify for a HEAP grant that you do not have to pay back.

HEAP Cooling Assistance Benefit — You may also qualify for a free air conditioner or fan based on income and medical need.

Learn more about HEAP qualifications and how to apply at <https://otda.ny.gov/HEAP>



Bill Discounts Available for Qualifying Customers

Our Household Assistance Program provides an automatic discount on every bill. You may qualify if you receive benefits from at least one the following programs:

- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
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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.

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

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We pray for the sick of our parish...

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PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020 10:00 A.M.

<i>Leonard Vicciardo</i>	<i>Requested by Mary Vicciardo</i>
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<i>Graceann Lennon</i>	<i>Requested by Elena Hauser</i>
<i>Margaret Aniello</i>	<i>Requested by Rita Johnston</i>

WE REMEMBER

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

***Edward Alonzo
Mary Elizabeth Martin
Felicia Lamia
Anna Marmo***

“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.”

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The ***Bereavement Support Group*** is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical, support as they learn to cope with their loss.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to know more about the ***OLPH Support Group Program***, please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or Marige Reyes at 631-608-3658. You may also leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the rectory.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**PARISH CALENDAR**

MONDAY, August 10— Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	
6:30	The Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	Mary Witt
TUESDAY, August 11— Saint Clare, Virgin	
6:30	Agnes V. Sullivan
12:15	Artie Eriksen
WEDNESDAY, August 12— Weekday (Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious)	
6:30	Mary Michalski
12:15	Hans Schmidt
THURSDAY, August 13— Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	
6:30	Martha Gomez (Living)
12:15	Margaret Joan O'Neill
FRIDAY, August 14— Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	
6:30	Catherine Neilan
12:15	Alfred Guardino
SATURDAY, August 15— The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
8:00	Maryann Pittelli
12:15	Marlene Reif
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	
5:00	Dominic M. Barone
Sunday, August 16 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	
8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers and Guild
10:00	Perpetual Help Mass (List on p.15)
12:00	For the People of the Parish
5:00*	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
*Will not be celebrated publicly; intention will be fulfilled in a private Mass by one of the priests.	

Monday, August 10, 2020		
9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible Camp	School
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
Tuesday, August 11, 2020		
9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible Camp	School
Wednesday, August 12, 2020		
9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible Camp	School
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal	Church
Thursday, August 13, 2020		
9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible Camp	School
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
Friday, August 14, 2020		
9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible Camp	School
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
Saturday, August 15, 2020		
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	School
Sunday, August 16, 2020		
7:00 p.m.	Devotions—Holy Hour	Church

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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.

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Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
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8:00 a.m.	137	103	2,730.00
10:00 a.m.	260	57	1,676.00
12:00 p.m.	204	57	1,703.00
Coin			9.32
Mail-ins:			3,567.00
Children's Env.		3	8.00
Faith Direct			2,998.50
TOTAL	722	279	\$14,523.82
2019 total	1,401	479	\$16,047.13
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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus said to her, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish."*

Matthew 15:28

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

This reading speaks of God's love for all people and not just his chosen people. When Isaiah was writing these words during the post-exilic period of Israel's history there were many foreigners living in Israel. Many Jewish leaders and people considered such people as outsiders and would be very resistant to allowing them join their worship services even though they were willing to accept the God of Israel and follow his ways. Isaiah challenges such a parochial and narrow mentality. Isaiah states if non-Jews "love the name of the Lord, become his servants, observe Sabbath, hold to God's covenant" then they must be welcomed into God's house of prayer for "God's house is for all peoples."

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

These verses are a continuation of last week's reading, which opened Paul's discussion on the fate of Jews who rejected Jesus. Paul is hoping that the crowds of Gentiles joining the New Way will arouse so much envy in his fellow Jews that they will also accept Jesus and his message. Then Paul expresses his hope and profound desire that all who initially rejected Jesus will, at some time in the future, accept him. Like Isaiah and Jesus, Paul wants all people to be included in God's saving plan.

Matthew 15:21-28

The tenacity and persistence of the Canaanite woman in this reading should be a source of inspiration to all people who are in any way oppressed and put down. She lived in a male-dominated society and as such was a foreigner who ventured alone into a Jewish milieu. When confronted by a distant Jesus, she did not "sulk". Rather, she persisted until she got what she wanted. She ended up, despite her background, being one of the most highly commended persons in the Gospels. Christ came for all. God really wants everyone at his table. It was the woman's wonderful faith in Jesus' saving power that is the central point of this story.

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. What is it about her statement, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters," that prompts Jesus to grant her request? Do you think Jesus might have understood his mission from his Father better, during this conversation?
2. What risk did the Canaanite woman take when she cried, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David"! Who are the risk takers today? Is anything gained without risk?

"The woman who was sick took a risk when she furtively touched the hem of Jesus' cloak: she risked being ridiculed. But she risked: because she wanted to be cured, she wanted to reach Jesus. Remember the Canaanite woman: women risk more than men do! That's true: they are better at it! We have to admit that. ...

Do I take risks, or do I follow Jesus according to the rules of my insurance company? ... Do I put my faith in Jesus? Do I entrust my life to Jesus? Am I walking behind Jesus even if sometimes I seem ridiculous? Or am I sitting still, watching what others are doing?"

Pope Francis, Homily, Mass in Chapel of Santa Marta, January 13, 2017

**Readings for the Week**

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

Monday, August 10, 2020:

2 Corinthians 9:6-10
+ John 12:24-26

Tuesday, August 11, 2020:

Ezekiel 2:8—3:4
+ Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 12, 2020:

Ezekiel 9:1-7, 10:18-22
+ Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 13, 2020:

Ezekiel 12:1-12
+ Matthew 18:21—19:1

Friday, August 14, 2020:

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63
+ Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday, August 15, 2020:

Revelations 11:9a, 12:1-6a, 10ab
+ 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
+ Luke 1:39-56

Sunday, August 16, 2020:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
+ Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
+ Matthew 15:21-28

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