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*While Jesus was with them at table,
he took bread, said the blessing, broke it,
and gave it to them.*

*With that their eyes were opened
and they recognized him.*

Luke 24:30-31a

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**All Masses, weekday and weekend,
and all other liturgies including
funerals and wake services, devotions,
meetings and activities of the parish
are suspended until further notice.**

**All scheduled Confession times
are also suspended.**

**Mass intentions that have been
booked and paid for will be prayed for
and fulfilled in private Masses said by
the priests.**

THE CHURCH IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**WE HAVE DONE THIS OUT OF AN
ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION FOR THE
SAFETY AND HEALTH OF OUR
PARISHIONERS**

**ALL PARISH OFFICES INCLUDING THE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
ARE CLOSED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER**

STAY CONNECTED TO OLPH

Be sure to keep checking our website
www.olphlindenhurst.com
for up-to-date links and postings with
opportunities for prayer
and spiritual support

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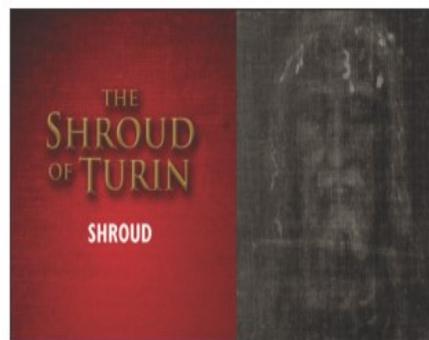
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Shroud

The Shroud of Turin

Deepen Your Devotion

Discover the story of the Shroud in light of faith and science! Find out what the most studied article in the world tells us about the man whose image remains on the Shroud.



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

Third Sunday of Easter

It's still Easter Time, and it will be until Pentecost (May 31)! Even though we are all finding it so, so difficult in not being able to gather together for public Masses, don't let your Easter joy wane! Let your shouts of "Alleluia!" ring out strongly in your home and in your neighborhood this Sunday and throughout these entire fifty days! It is especially during these challenging times that the world needs to hear us Christians more than ever proclaim the hope-filled message of the presence of the Risen Christ who is always with us.

Let the Sunday Mass from OLPH (see below about staying connected with the parish) be the center of the faith life of your Domestic Church at home. (The Sunday and daily Mass readings are available at the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org. Just click on the "Bible" tab and then on the "Today's Reading" link each day.) Let's take a moment to explore the spirituality of the Third Sunday of Easter using the texts of the Mass for this Sunday.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of this Third Sunday of Easter expresses well the tone of Easter joy: the prayer describes how God's people have been "*renewed in youthfulness of spirit*" and rejoice "*in the restored glory of our adoption.*" Such references to youthfulness, restoration, and adoption maintain the imagery of the new life given to us at Baptism. The Collect ends by reminding us that such Easter joy goes beyond the present moment; there is a fitting reference to the end times, the future fulfillment at Christ's second coming, as the prayer asks that "*we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.*" We must always remember that our present participation in the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection (the Paschal Mystery) cannot be separated from the way that participation points toward its future fulfillment. While strictly speaking the prayer refers to the future fulfillment at the Second Coming, we should not miss the connection to how the Eucharist points to Christ coming to fulfill all the "little futures" we face in this life, specifically, the future to which are guided, in

the power of the Holy Spirit, through this time of pandemic.

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

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

As always, the prayers of the Mass highlight for us the meaning of what we are celebrating, and, by praying over them and reflecting on them ahead of time in preparation for participating virtually in the Mass via Livestream or YouTube, we can gain a deeper immersion in the mysteries being celebrated by the Church.

Continuing until at least May 15...

So, in keeping with the latest directives from New York State and the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we're continuing with our shutdown, social isolation, quarantining, *etc.*, at least until May 15.

I know we're all getting tired of this and starting to go a little stir-crazy. We've been at this for a long time now, most painfully of all going without public gatherings for the Eucharist and other Sacraments. Don't get discouraged! Don't lose hope! It's a holy offering and a holy sacrifice we are making as we to continue to do what we are being asked to do, for the sake of the good of all.

Continue to use these 50 days of Easter Time to nurture the faith life of your Domestic Church, your faith life at home. Deepen your relationship to God through reading the Bible, by drawing closer to your family, and by relying on God alone. Stay connected to the parish through all the links that are offered on our website (again, see below).

As soon as we have information about how and when we can resume public gatherings, we will do our best to get the information out to you. Keep checking the website for updates. First Holy Communions,

Confirmation, Baptisms, Weddings...it will all have to be figured out.

For those who have lost a loved one during this time and could not have a Funeral Mass, we will schedule a Memorial Mass for your family and friends once we are able to resume public Masses. Know that we pray for you and for your deceased loved ones in our private Masses.

Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Even though we are not yet celebrating public Masses, the priests will still be offering private Masses for the intentions of the Mother's Day Novena of Masses. The Mother's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your mother, grandmother, godmother, the mother-to-be you know or any mother you wish to remember in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. You can use the envelope for this which was included in the package of offering envelopes mailed to you; write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either by mailing it to the rectory or by dropping it through the mail slot of the front door of the rectory on Wellwood Avenue. You can also simply make your own envelope — just make sure it is clearly marked MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES, write the name to be remembered on it, and enclose your donation and return it. Thank you.

Stay connected with OLPH

I hope you know by now that **we have not abandoned you!** Continue to check our website www.olphlindenhurst.com for information and updates. The website has:

- the link to Livestream our weekly Sunday Mass each Saturday night at 5:00 p.m.;
- the link to our YouTube page, where you will find: the weekly Sunday Mass; daily spiritual reflections; spiritual reflections for children; the Rosary;
- the link to pray Evening Prayer LIVE with OLPH every Saturday at 4:00 p.m.; Morning Prayer every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.; and Evening Prayer every Sunday at 4:00 p.m.;
- the weekly bulletin (click on the "Bulletins" tab at the top).

We're doing our best to provide spiritual support for you during these days. Tell everyone you know about the website and YouTube page, and the weekly bulletin online, so we can all stay connected.

I cannot wait until we can gather again as one to celebrate the Eucharist. How joyful an occasion that will be!

Please continue your monetary offerings to OLPH

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who have continued to send in or drop off your weekly financial offering. I cannot thank you enough for remembering this! You have been **ABSOLUTELY AMAZING IN YOUR GENROSITY AND FAITHFULNESS.** Please, please, please continue to do so.

I know that many of you are being negatively impacted by the slowdown and shutdown of businesses, and if you yourself are in difficult circumstances, I understand that you won't be able to offer what you have in the past. However, for those who can, please remember that the parish will continue to have bills to pay and financial obligations to employees to meet. Some of you have even been giving extra. **Amazing!!!** Financial offerings can be mailed in or dropped through the mail slot of the front door of the rectory on Wellwood Avenue. Thank you for whatever you can do.

Faith Direct

Of course, now is a great time to sign up for Faith Direct, the e-giving service we use. These circumstances provide the perfect example of why we should use this form of giving all the time. It's safe, easy, and once set up, you never have to worry about missing a week. You set up your account, you decide the amount and when it will be withdrawn from your account, and then it's done — it happens automatically! Then you have the peace of mind of knowing that when you cannot get to Mass, you are still offering your financial support to your beloved OLPH.

I use Faith Direct; that's how I make my weekly offering to the parish. Please give serious consideration to signing up for Faith Direct, and continuing to use it not just now,

but permanently. It is a great help to us. Full information and directions for signing up can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

In conclusion...

We will get through this —TOGETHER! 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,



IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children **celebrate those sacraments at OLPH**. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children in all grades who attend public school attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

- Children in all grades who attend a Catholic elementary school need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with us, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH, not at the parish of their elementary school.

- Children in all grades who are homeschooled must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH.

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

HELP KEEP OUR EASTER FLOWERS WATERED AND LOOKING GREAT!



Eventually, public Masses will resume, and our worship will return to normal. When that happens, we hope it will still be Easter Time (and not later than that!), and the church will still be decorated with beautiful flowers for Easter Time. We need offerers to help water the flowers and keep everything lovely for the entire 50 days of Easter Time. They must be watered twice a week, so we would need at least four or five people each watering time. We can use adults as well as 7th and 8th graders (you can earn Confirmation service hours each day you help water). If interested, please email Denise Martinez at countrydee02@gmail.com to add your name to the schedule. Schedules will be emailed to all offerers, and a sign-in sheet will be in the sacristy. Thank you!

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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

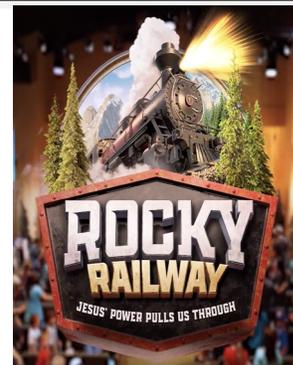
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 GOVERNOR'S COVID-19
 EXECUTIVE ORDER,
 THERE ARE NO OFFICE HOURS UNTIL
 FURTHER NOTICE. MESSAGES MAY
 BE E-MAILED OR LEFT IN THE RELIGIOUS
 EDUCATION VOICE MAILBOX.

All Levels:

At the beginning of Lent we gave out Rice Bowls to collect money for those less fortunate in third world countries. We had originally asked to bring them back on the last day of class, but classes ended before then. We are still collecting the Rice Bowls, however. If you would like to drop it off, contact the office by phone or by e-mail and we will make arrangements with you.

Register Now!

Vacation Bible Camp
July 13th-July 17th
 Now until 6/12/2020
 register online for a
 summer of faith and fun!
Follow the link below
to register:
<https://forms.gle/x9skup2cA8nKzJzr9>



Levels 6, 7 and Service Corps:

- Write a letter to a pen pal in Haiti or draw them a picture. Mail or e-mail the letter to us for 1 hour of service.
- There are Residents at Maria Regina in Brentwood that are lonely and looking for some comfort. Write them a letter or a card for 1 hour of service and send it to us.
 - Pray a Rosary at home. There is nothing stronger in our time of need than the power of prayer!

Level 2:

First Communion have been postponed. We are hoping to have them in the summer, but no official date has been decided. We will contact you once we know the rescheduled dates. In the meantime, please continue to practice receiving the Eucharist at home with a cracker. Keep watching our Masses on YouTube to learn the Mass. Make sure to say your prayers and have your banner completed!

Level 8:

We can now say for sure that Confirmation will not take place on the originally scheduled date — but it will happen! We will e-mail you immediately once we have definite information. In the meantime, please snail mail or e-mail to us any Workbook Projects or Mass Reflections that are due. You only need to complete ten (10) Mass Reflections. The Mission is no longer part of your Workbook.

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: Deborah Deasy—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

NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED TUNA
CANNED CHICKEN
SOUP WITH MEAT
PASTA SAUCE
SMALL PACKAGES OF RICE
CANNED CARROTS
CANNED FRUIT
SHELF STABLE MILK
DESSERTS
COOKIES, SNACKS

The pantry is in great need at this time.

Please bring items to the SVdP office:

Wednesday and Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.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

During the COVID-19 closings, all donations can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul Office only on:

Wednesday and Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

During March, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 73 adults, 33 children and 9 seniors, for a total of 115 persons in 64 households. Thank you!

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

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

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

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



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
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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

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Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
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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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

TELEHEALTH EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Fellow parishioners,
 In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic I know that many are feeling the anxiety of uncertainty and even fear. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who specializes in trauma, I understand how this impacts us not only personally but as a community as well. As part of the OLPH community I would like to offer my support to anyone who is struggling with the emotional impact of what is happening to, and around, us. While my office is in Lindenhurst, and I would love to meet you face to face, I am practicing social distancing and using a Telehealth platform. This allows us to video conference in a safe, secure way. Should you want to take advantage of the support (at no charge), please feel free to contact me at 631-450-2404 or mgrafflcsw@gmail.com to schedule a 15-20 minute session. Should you feel as though you may need ongoing support I will be happy to help you navigate your behavioral health insurance benefits to link you to a clinician that is in your network.

Wishing You Peace,
 Michelle Graff-Schmittberger, LCSW

Spiritual Adoption Program MONTH 1 — “My heart is beating!”

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all — the gift of life.



WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Dolores Otten</i>	<i>Irene Cannetelli</i>
<i>Nora McMahon</i>	<i>Karin Kienle</i>
<i>Patricia Kleczkowski</i>	<i>Joanne & Randall Press</i>
<i>Richard Kleczkowski</i>	<i>Florence R. Nerich</i>
<i>Mary Hawkins</i>	<i>Laura Janczewski</i>
<i>Florence Shea</i>	<i>John Pius</i>
<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>	<i>Ann Messina</i>
<i>Teddy Zimms</i>	<i>Nettie Deasy</i>
<i>Cindy Van Dorn</i>	

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

WE REMEMBER

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

<i>Bernadette (Betty) May</i>	<i>Raymond Kenny</i>
<i>Rachel Petrillo</i>	<i>Margaret Bergo</i>
<i>Ann Curtin</i>	<i>Florence Shea</i>
<i>Mary Nodell</i>	

“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.”

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

Go to the website:

www.olphlindenhurst.com

Click on the link to Livestream the Mass and watch it live each Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

You can also click the link for our YouTube page: OLPH Church Lindenhurst

to watch the video of the Mass anytime.

There are also daily spiritual reflections and more on the parish YouTube page.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

BY DIRECTIVE OF THE BISHOP, NO PUBLIC MASSES MAY BE CELEBRATED.

THESE MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE FULFILLED BY PARISH PRIESTS CELEBRATING PRIVATE MASSES.

MONDAY, April 27— Easter Weekday		FRIDAY, May 1— Easter Weekday (Saint Joseph the Worker)	
6:30	Tadeusz Cimiszewski	6:30	Christopher Versace
12:15	Estelle Leonard	12:15	Elaine Courtney O'Brien
TUESDAY, April 28— Easter Weekday (Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest)		SATURDAY, May 2— Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
6:30	Theresa Gigsnte	8:00	Catherine V. Wilson
12:15	Daniel DeGuzman	Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
WEDNESDAY, April 29— Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church		4:00	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
6:30	Robert Anthony Pruna	5:00	Margaret McShea
12:15	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family	Sunday, May 3 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
THURSDAY, April 30— Easter Weekday (Saint Pius V, Pope)		8:00	Gloria Brauer
6:30	Carol Riboldi	10:00	Maria Piazza
12:15	Joan & William McCowan	12:00	For the People of the Parish
		5:00	Ann DeGirolamo

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

John 10:10

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41

Today we hear roughly the second half of Peter's speech (we heard the first half last week) to fellow Jews in Jerusalem soon after the apostles' Pentecost experience of the Holy Spirit. Peter explains that the Jesus who was executed has been made both Lord and Messiah (Christ). Clearly Peter had the power of the Spirit within him since saying this openly was offensive both to the Jewish leaders and the Romans. But proclaiming Jesus this way had an amazing effect on his listeners: about three thousand people were baptized as a result. Speaking with the conviction of the Holy Spirit really is powerful!

1 Peter 2:20b-25

The Second Reading for today, as for all the Sundays after Easter, is taken from a letter attributed to Peter. He writes to Christians who were facing some unnamed trials and sufferings in order to encourage them and strengthen them in the faith in their hour of need. He tells them, "If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God." Then he gives us Jesus as a model. Although he committed no sin, he bore our sins patiently in his body on the cross so that we might be free from sin and live for righteousness. With such an example as this, it puts our day-to-day troubles into perspective.

John 10:1-10

John portrays Jesus as the Good Shepherd who was promised to appear at the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation. As a good shepherd, Jesus protects his sheep from harm and acts as the "gate" to allow his flock to go in and out safely and find pasture. Only those who belong to his flock, though, can enter and leave by the gate. Who are in his flock? Those who believe in Jesus belong to him, hear and respond to his voice, and so have life. Jesus promised his sheep life but not just ordinary life — he promised them abundant life. This is something wonderful and truly to be desired. The question for all of us is, though, do we recognize the Shepherd's voice?

Gospel Reflection

1. When flocks were mingled together, each flock would recognize the sound of their own shepherd's voice and come to him, ignoring other shepherds. Can you discern in your life which "voice" belongs to the Good Shepherd? Which of the following is your favorite comparison of Christ to the Good Shepherd? Explain.

- calling by name
- recognition of voice
- following the shepherd
- not following strangers
- shepherd as gate

2. According to Pope Francis in the following, why would a good shepherd take risks today?

"In seeking, he finds, and he finds because he takes risks. He does not stop when disappointed and he does not yield to weariness. Indeed, he is stubborn in doing good, anointed with the divine obstinacy that loses sight of no one. Not only does he keep his doors open, but he also goes to seek out those who no longer wish to enter them.

In the heart of the Good Shepherd, the Father's love shines forth. There I know I am welcomed and understood as I am; there, with all my sins and limitations, I know the certainty that I am chosen and loved.

The heart of the Good Shepherd tells us that his love is limitless. It is never exhausted and it never gives up. There we see his infinite and boundless self-giving. There we find the source of that faithful and meek love which sets free and makes others free."

How to Be a Good Shepherd—Pope Francis' Guide for Priests, June 3, 2016

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 27, 2020:

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

Tuesday, April 28, 2020:

Acts 7:51—8:1a + John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 29, 2020:

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

Thursday, April 30, 2020:

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

Friday, May 1, 2020:

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

Saturday, May 2, 2020:

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

Sunday, May 3, 2020:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

+ 1Peter 2:20b-25

+ John 10:1-10

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