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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

Even now, says the Lord,
return to me with your whole heart...

Joel 2:12

PASTORAL STAFF

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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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Pastor

Ash Wednesday, 2023

Dear Parishioners, and Dear Visitors to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish,

The need to turn back to God and to find hope, meaning and fulfillment in Him alone, and not in anything of this world: If the last few years have taught us anything, we should certainly have learned that lesson! We have all dealt first-hand with the fragility of life, and with the struggle to find hope in the midst of darkness and brokenness.

So, there's the power of Ash Wednesday, and the challenge of the entire season of Lent: **Return to God! Renew your relationship with Jesus Christ! Return to the Church! NOW** is the time!

As Pastor, I am thrilled that you have been a part of our Ash Wednesday liturgy, and I hope that you will be with us regularly through the seasons of Lent and Easter Time, and beyond. If you have been away from the Church for a long time, **we are very happy to welcome you back — we make no judgments, and we ask no questions.** We're just glad you're here! If you need to come to Confession after being away for a long time, **I promise you a joy-filled and warm welcome — no judgments, no questions, and no harshness.** Please make a special effort to come to Confession sometime during Lent, especially if it has been a long time since you last celebrated that sacrament.

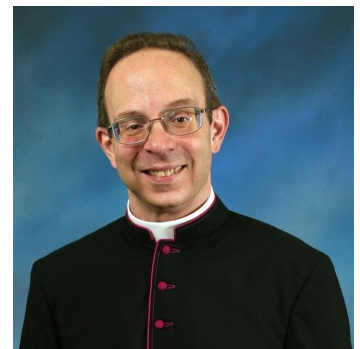
Give yourself the gift of experiencing the love, joy, mercy and forgiveness of God that comes to us through the Church by joining in the various Lenten activities and programs that our parish will be offering. Information about them can be found in this bulletin, in our weekly Sunday bulletins and on our website, www.olphlindenhurst.com. You can also sign up for our Parish App! Allow me to especially point out:

- Sunday Mass each and every week (our life as Catholics is incomplete without it!);
- Friday Stations of the Cross, led by different groups in our parish;
- the opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance (going to Confession).

Also, don't forget to make your plans now and mark your calendar to join in celebrating our holiest days, the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum — Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday!

Sincerely,

Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco
Pastor



ASH WEDNESDAY

THE MEANING OF ASHES

Lent begins with our being marked with ashes, reminding us of fundamental truths about ourselves. The dust of the ashes reminds us that death is inevitable for each of us. The ashes speak of repentance and of our need to convert our lives. The words at the imposition of ashes call us to repent and to believe in the Gospel. The ashes speak of a fire that has grown cold, a fire that needs to be rekindled within us by the time we gather around the new fire at the Easter Vigil. We seek to rise from the ashes of our sinfulness to a fuller life with Christ.

But before we can embrace the new life of the resurrection, we must embrace the cross. Before coming to the font of life-giving water, we must travel the desert. To embrace new life, we must be willing to embrace death. To become our true selves, we must leave the false selves behind which we have been hiding. Though it sounds negative, the dying to self to which we are called is the only way to fullness of life, and thus it is a profoundly positive step in our spiritual life, a step that begins with being signed with ashes.

COMMUNAL MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

We make our Lenten journey through the desert in the company of the catechumens preparing for the initiation sacraments at Easter. This is the origin of Lent.

What we have come to call Lent developed in the fourth century, when three intersecting movements coalesced. The first was a paschal fast that gradually developed from two days into a forty-day observance. The second was the pattern of initiation that gradually developed into a full catechumenate with an intense period of spiritual formation leading to the sacraments at Easter. The third was the order of penitents, which sought a second conversion for those who sinned seriously after baptism. Modeled on the catechumenate, this process of the order of penitents culminated with reconciliation just before Easter.

Thus the forty-day fast was understood as the final stage of preparation for those called to

baptism and also as a time for reconversion for the already-baptized. As the whole community accompanied the elect and the penitents through this season, it came to be seen as a time for baptismal renewal for all the members of the church.

In subsequent centuries, however, both the catechumenate and the order of penitents gradually disintegrated. Lent was still seen as a penitential season, but the emphasis was on individual works of self-denial and on personal identification with the passion and cross of Christ. Lent was still a preparation for Easter, but the baptismal focus was largely lost, and the communal nature of conversion was ignored. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were held up as Lenten activities, but they became private rather than corporate. The liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council called for a recovery of the ancient tradition of a communal understanding of Lent.

We are to journey through Lent together, then, as though we were all catechumens. We are to listen to the readings and pray the prayers as though we were approaching the waters of life for the first time. We seek to understand and thus to enter into the experience of the elect, those called to enter into the paschal mystery of Christ Jesus through the waters of the font. Thus we all prepare together to come to the water again, to be more deeply converted to Christ and to renew our baptismal promises with conviction.

DON'T JUST "RECEIVE" ASHES

As a parish, we wish to highlight that ashes are never just *received*, but rather that being branded with ashes is a sign of a **commitment** we make. The ashes are a sign that together we are all enrolled in the "order of penitents" and that we are committing ourselves to cooperate with God in **changing our life**. Ashes should not be passively received, but **actively accepted as a challenge** — a challenge to die and to rise with Christ, a challenge to embark on the Lenten journey with ones' brothers and sisters, a challenge to seriously undertake the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

LENT: ITS MEANING, STRUCTURE, AND OUR CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

THE MEANING OF LENT

We're going on retreat! True, we may not physically be traveling to a far-off place, but we are nonetheless going on retreat. The solemn season of Lent may be seen as a time of retreat for the entire Church, as we prepare to celebrate Easter and the new life which comes to us through Jesus' death and resurrection. In fact, three focal points can form the basis for our Lenten spiritual journey:



- focusing on the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection;
- final preparation of those in the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
- rediscovery of and recommitment to Baptism by those already baptized, through their penance, spiritual renewal, and ongoing conversion.

The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* of Vatican II explains:

The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent — the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance — should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer. More use is to be made of the baptismal features which are proper to the Lenten liturgy.... The same may be said of the penitential elements. But catechesis, as well as pointing out the social consequences of sin, must impress on the minds of the faithful the distinctive character of penance as a detestation of sin because it is an offense against God. The role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be passed over, and the need to pray for sinners should be emphasized. During Lent, penance should be not only internal and individual but also external and social.

THE STRUCTURE OF LENT

Most people know that Lent is 40 days long, but they think that the 40 days are the six weeks plus the four days of the week of Ash Wednesday (which totals 46 days) minus six Sundays, which equals 40 days. But Lent does not end on Holy Saturday; it ends on Holy Thursday evening. The Triduum, or Three Days, beginning with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concluding with evening Vespers on Easter Sunday, is a three-day season unto itself, and not merely the final three days of Lent. The span of days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday is 44 days, but the ancient fathers of the Church calculated 40 days by beginning the count with the First Sunday of Lent, and continuing until Holy Thursday. This practice has been kept to the present time, hence the 40 days of Lent.

At least four phases of the season can be discerned:

1. Ash Wednesday and the next three days: These four days form a solemn preview of the season; the Scriptures and Mass prayers announce the major aspects of the observance and call us to enter into the season. The First Sunday of Lent begins the period of 40 days, with the Rite of Election for the catechumens being one expression of this.

2. The 28 days from the First Sunday until the Saturday of the Fourth Week: Scripture readings and penitential rites provide the structure for these days. Penance services and the first two scrutinies for the elect on the Third and Fourth Sundays are all a part of this time. Two feast days — the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19, but moved to March 20 this year since March 19 is a Sunday) and the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25) — break this violet period in

2022. The Fourth or *Laetare* Sunday (March 19) brings its own nuances, and rose-colored vestments may be worn that day.

3. *From the Fifth Sunday and following:* Attention becomes focused on the Passion of Christ during this period of Lenten time. The Third Scrutiny for the elect is celebrated on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

4. *The last days, called Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:* These days are given the highest liturgical precedence so the Church will not be distracted from final preparations for the Triduum. Focus on the Passion of Christ becomes intensified.

Remembering that Lent is primarily about baptismal preparation and conversion, let us be aware of the structure and movement of this season as we journey toward Easter.



CHURCH ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER RITUAL ELEMENTS DURING LENT

Our church environment will look different during the Lenten season. The environment in which we worship helps us to enter into a Lenten spirituality — what we see (and don't see) and smell and hear is all a part of the way we pray. Here are some things you will notice during Lent:

THE ASHES USED ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE ON DISPLAY ALL DURING LENT, in the Divine Mercy Chapel area. This will be an ongoing reminder of the spiritual journey of Lent, a journey of dying and rising, a journey of changing our lives to be closer to Christ. The ashes come from burned palms saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH. The Roman Rite is specific about flowers for this penitential season: they are not allowed! The only exceptions this year are the feasts mentioned above and "Laetare" Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

OUR BAPTISMAL FONT WILL HAVE A "LENTEN LOOK" TO IT. Our baptismal font will be decorated with purple bands, as a reminder that these forty days of penance and conversion lead to a renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. We are thirsting for the new Easter water which will flow at the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection!

MUSIC WILL BE MUCH SIMPLER DURING LENT. For example, the organ will be used only to accompany singing, which means there will not be any prelude or postlude instrumental music, except on *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), when the liturgy has a more joyful tone. In a sense, then, you could say that we are fasting with our music. Don't worry, though; we'll make up for it in the exuberance and joy of Easter Time!

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, WE WILL KEEP THE CHURCH'S ANCIENT TRADITION OF SINGING THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS AS WE BEGIN OUR LENTEN PILGRIMAGE. We invoke the names of the saints who accompany us on our journey to Jerusalem.

ON THE OTHER SUNDAYS OF LENT WE WILL SING THE ENTRANCE ANTIPHON. In place of an Entrance Hymn, we will sing the proper (or assigned) text for the Entrance Antiphon as found in the *Roman Missal*. These antiphons set the tone for the liturgy and express the theology of the particular Sunday being celebrated. The antiphon and the accompanying psalm verses will be sung to a

Lenten psalm tone.

FOR THE PENITENTIAL ACT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES DURING LENT WE WILL RECITE THE *CONFITEOR* (THE “I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD...”) AND THEN SING THE *KYRIE ELEISON* (“LORD, HAVE MERCY”). This will highlight for us the penitential nature of the season and help us to more intently “acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.” It also gives us the chance to use the *Confiteor* (“I confess to almighty God...”) which is not often heard at Sunday Masses.

WE WON’T BE HEARING “ALLELUIA!” Instead of singing “Alleluia” before the Gospel, we sing a different acclamation in its place. Also, we won’t sing the word “alleluia” in any of our hymns. We look forward to Easter Time when we celebrate the newness of life and will again sing the “alleluia” with new joy and praise.

WE WILL USE THE APOSTLES’ CREED INSTEAD OF THE NICENE CREED. The *Roman Missal* tells us, “Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles’ Creed, may be used.” So, to highlight the sacredness of the season, we will use the Apostles’ Creed instead of the Nicene Creed, the one we usually use, for all of Lent and Easter Time. This will highlight for us the baptismal character of both the Lenten and Easter seasons.

THERE WILL BE NO SINGING OR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS DURING LENT. This will help create a mood of prayerful quiet and reflection appropriate to the season. The Priest may continue to pray the preparation prayers silently, or he may recite them out loud, giving the people the opportunity to respond, “Blessed be God forever.” The exception to this will be *Laetare* Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent), when the liturgy has a more joyful tone.

SIMPLE CHANT TONES WILL BE USED FOR THE EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS. The *Holy, Holy*, the *Mystery of Faith*, and the *Great Amen* will be sung to very simple chants, without accompaniment. Also, the *Lamb of God* chant will be sung using the Latin text (“*Agnus Dei...*”).

CROSSES AND IMAGES IN THE CHURCH WILL BE COVERED STARTING WITH THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. This custom becomes yet another stark visual reminder of the seriousness of Lent and helps us to truly experience heavenly joy and resurrected life when the images of the saints, who are in heavenly glory, are seen once again come Easter.

There are other ritual aspects that go into the celebration of Lent:

- the omission of the *Glory to God in the highest* at the beginning of all Sunday Lenten Masses;
- traditional Lenten practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;
- Lenten devotions such as Stations of the Cross;
- our *Living the Eucharist* program, which is taking the place of our usual Parish Lenten Mission this year.

As we journey through the days of Lenten springtime together, let us enter into its spirit by anticipating the new life which comes to us through Jesus’ resurrection at Easter.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Stations of the Cross

Fridays

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
at 7:30 p.m. in the church
April 7 at 12:00 Noon



We are continuing the custom of having different groups from the parish lead the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights during Lent as a great way to highlight the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

And also, save the date... Friday, April 14—Stations of the Resurrection!



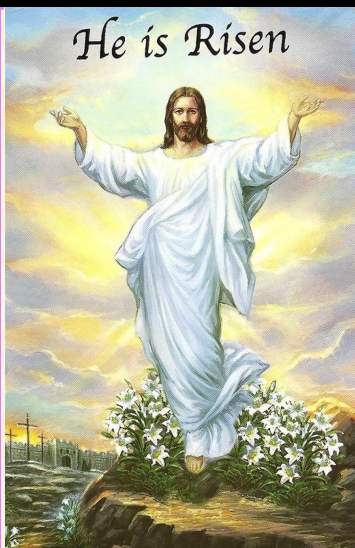
CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25
4:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m.

Saturday April 1: 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Monday of Holy Week, April 3:
2:00—4:00 p.m. and 6:00—9:00 p.m.

PLAN NOW FOR EASTER...



THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

at 8:00 p.m.

Note: There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 8

EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



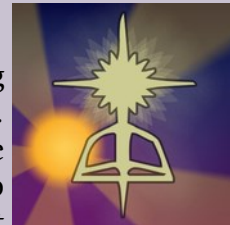
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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.

**Every Monday at 12:45 p.m.
unless otherwise noted**

Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays. We pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. It usually takes about ten to fifteen minutes.



Saturdays and Sundays

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.

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

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

NEW CATHOLICS WANTED and NEEDED!

What about you?

Do you want to be baptized?

Are you already baptized in another Christian church and want to become Catholic?

What are you waiting for?



We offer a beautiful and life-giving process to join the Catholic Church and would love for you to be a part of it! You will join with other women and men interested in becoming part of the Catholic faith. Together, led by members of our parish community, you will discover God's call for you!

We are looking to form the next group of those interested in joining the Catholic Church. **We need you to reach out and invite someone you know who might be considering this and have them contact us here at OLPH!**

Would you like to share your faith with those discerning God's call in their own hearts? To accompany another in this process not only aids those in this process of formation but transforms you as well. For more information about adult process, contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com. For information about becoming part of our children's process, contact Mrs. April Kleinlaut at 631-226-7725 X 253 or at religious@oloph.org

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for People with
Special Needs
and for those who care for them*

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

**1st Saturday of each month
4:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium**

*All are welcome
come celebrate Mass with us!*

*We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you?
Contact Jessica Becker Paolo at 631.226-7725 X 252
or email to jbecker@oloph.org*

*No Special Needs Mass April 1
due to Palm Sunday Procession*

FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

*All are invited to come
and pray with our parish community.*

First Friday Devotions will take place **March 3** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **March 4** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Spanish, Polish, English). The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:30 p.m.



LENT 2023 ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

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.

God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.¹ The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns

of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"²

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to



"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" (Lk 15: 31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

¹ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

² Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html.

FAITH
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JOURNEY
WITH CHRIST

How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all
the saints,
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,
heal your sins,
help you grow in holiness,
and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.
- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
(Rite of Penance, no. 45)
- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance, no. 47*).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Join us Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass



Children 1st Grade and older can join in the Children's Liturgy of the Word every 1st and 3rd Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

ON THE OTHER WEEKS A CHILDREN'S HOMILY WILL BE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL - OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST.

LISTEN TO THE READINGS AND A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL!

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

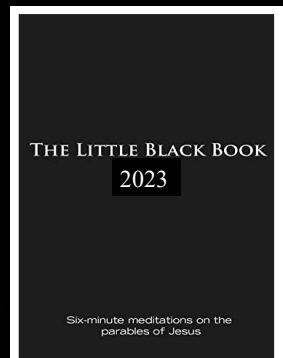


REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please take home a *Little Black Book*, new for 2023, which contains daily reflections for the Lenten season. This book provides the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Lent. Books are available throughout the church on the pew ledges. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the *Little Black Book*.



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 HOURS:

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

Levels 6, 7, 8 and Service Corps

Looking for service hours?

Join us for our

Lenten Mission Service Series!

Serve your community through the
 Corporal Works of Mercy:

On Saturday, February 25,

we will be meeting in room 18 to
 count out Rice Bowls for our
 Religious Ed. classes to collect
 change for third world countries
 during Lent.

Meet 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

On Monday, March 27,

we will be meeting in room 2 to
 make Easter gifts and cards for the
 homebound of the parish.

Meet 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

RSVP to April for all events.

Vacation Bible Camp Needs You!

**Planning Meeting Saturday, March 18 at
 11:30 a.m. in the school auditorium. Please
 consider being a part of our Space Ranger
 Team! Contact April for more information.**

Save the Date

**Vacation Bible Camp
 July 10th- July 14th**

Preview Day

Sunday, March 19, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass
 in the auditorium.

*Are you looking
 to save BIG?!*
For one day only
 register at this
 event and get the
 early bird special!



New registrants may begin registering **as of now**. This includes all students who will be in 1st grade in September 2023, all students in grades 1-7 who wish to begin religious instruction, and all homeschooled or Catholic school students who have not registered with the Office, who must receive their sacraments at their home parish of OLPH.

New registrants MUST come in person to register, and a baptismal certificate is required at the time of registration, no exceptions.

Returning Families:

Families continuing their child's religious education will be receiving a letter shortly regarding registration, which will begin in April 2023. Please call our office for more information on re-registering.

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 in the program**, 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.**

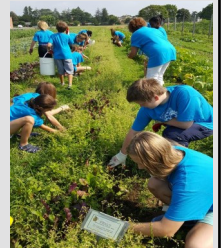
If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your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

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

**Do you want to help others in need in our local community?
Would you be up for helping with projects right here in our own parish?**

If so—

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS IS FOR YOU!



Here's how it works....

When a need for help comes in, we'll contact everyone who has signed up for the Service Corps. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. We'll contact you next time.

If you'd like to join, fill out the form below or contact April Kleinlaut by e-mail at: akleinlaut@oloph.org. In the past over 100 young people have stepped up for the Service Corps.

YES!!! Sign me up for the Youth Service Corps at OLPH!

Name _____ E-mail _____@_____

Home Phone # _____ Presently I am in (check one)

Cell Phone # _____ Middle School High School

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—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † 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—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631-226-7725 x 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631-226-6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

Use Parking Lot located
on corner of Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

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

St. Vincent de Paul is our parish's primary way to reach out to those in need in our local community. Our incredible offerers do all they can to assist those in our local community.

Please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings from your generosity.

NEW Food Pantry List!

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*Please bring your donations to the
St. VdeP office in Room 24:*

Monday, Wednesday or Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

or 1st & 3rd Saturday

1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

Are you interested in helping out your parish community?

Think about joining The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The commitment is minimal. Our members cover one three-hour shift in the pantry once every three weeks. The rewards are plentiful. You have the opportunity to bring hope and health to those in need right here in Lindenhurst. You also have the opportunity to meet many wonderful people, and make new friendships.

If you would like to join, call us at 631-226-7725, ext. 234 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. We are also open the first and third Saturdays of the month from 1:30—3:00 p.m. for those who are busy during the week.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY



Getting Married @ OLPH

It brings great joy to our parish community when a man and a woman come to the Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. Whenever we respond to God's call, the entire Church rejoices!

If you want to get married at OLPH, we ask you to contact the Parish Office at least six months before the desired date of your wedding. Before making any other arrangements, please call the rectory at 631-226-7725 to meet with one of our priests or deacons first. At least one of the parties should be a parishioner of OLPH.

"Baby Problems?" Don't give Respect up...there is always HOPE.

For example – Shellie & Greg Tucker were expecting a baby. Suddenly the doctor recommended "termination" because they would not survive since they were "co-joined" and shared a diaphragm and liver. As the doctor was saying this, the mother felt her babies kicking inside of her. They refused abortion and searched for another doctor. Four years later they have two separated happy "normal" little girls, climbing and getting into "trouble."

If you know ANYONE considering abortion or who has been advised to abort, do NOT be silent. Offer them hope and direct them to doctors who believe in life – **Gianna Center/Gabriel's Courage** at Good Samaritan Hospital or the **Life Center** or **Birthright**.

For more information about our Respect Life Committee – contact Louise 631-412-3831.



Legion of Mary

Become even closer to Our Lady by doing what our Mother asks of us—to **say the Rosary**. You can become part of her "Prayer Warriors" by joining the Legion of Mary.

All that is required (as an "auxiliary" of the Legion) is that you **say the Rosary** daily plus a few extra prayers (taking about 5 minutes). You do NOT have to say the Rosary as one unit but may break it up during your day.

If you'd like to be even closer to Our Lady, you are most welcome to join as an "active" Legionaire. This has the same prayer requirements as above BUT ALSO you would attend a weekly meeting and do a "spiritual work" each week.

Our meetings are held off campus on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. You are welcome to visit us with no obligation to join.

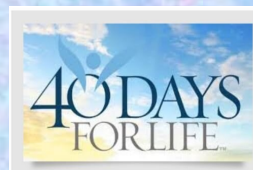
For information contact Louise Perrotta at 631.412.3831 or louiseperrotta123@gmail.com.

"FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE"

February 22 to April 2

We encourage you to join us in prayerfully picketing a local Planned Parenthood site to try to save some of those little ones. The local sites are: 540 Fulton Ave (Rte. 24), Hempstead and 70 Maple Ave, Smithtown (across the street from the new Life Ctr).

Sign in and check who else will be picketing at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/smithtown>



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

One of the ways we unite as parish is to come together for times of fellowship and hospitality. Our Hospitality Ministry works to bring people from all different walks of life in our parish together. This is a great ministry for those who are not involved in the life of our parish and it can easily work around your schedule. This might also be good for some who are already involved. It's yet another way to share your gifts!

Come and join the team!

For more information, contact Chris Ferris at 631-957-2321 (home) or 631-664-0986 (cell), email at Slwwhl52@optonline.net



PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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.

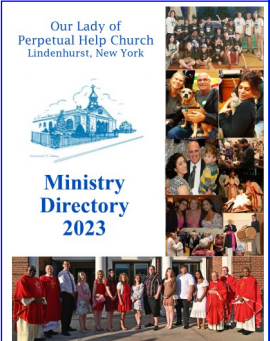
Our Spring program will begin **April 29 to July 1** from **11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** We ask for a \$25 donation to cover the cost of materials.

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



GET INVOLVED AT OLPH!

Be sure to get a copy of our **MINISTRY DIRECTORY!** This Directory lists all the ministries, activities and organizations at OLPH, describing what they do and who they are, and telling you how you can become involved. Joining one of these ministries or groups is a great way to deepen your relationship with the Lord, to serve your brothers and sisters, and to find fulfillment and satisfaction in offering your gifts, talents and presence. Copies of the booklet are available at the rectory office — stop by and pick one up! The Directory is also available on-line on our parish website: go to www.olphlindenhurst.com and then click on the “Get Involved” tab, and then click on the link where it says “Click here for our Ministry Directory.” We want YOU to be an active part of OLPH!



JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

Our live-stream camera system enable us to live-stream Masses, weddings, funerals and other sacramental and ritual moments. When the weather is bad in the winter or for parishioners who are homebound, we offer them a digital presence.

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.



MINISTRIES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

OLPH seeks to be a place where all are welcome and can worship fully and actively. Please take note of the following:



Parking: Specially designated parking spaces can be found on the north and south sides of the church.

Entering the Church: A specially-operated handicapped entrance is on the north side of the church (in the Chase bank parking lot). A ramp is also found on the south side of the church, near the handicapped parking spaces across from the Rectory. The Wellwood Avenue entrance is handicapped accessible also.

Hearing Devices: If you struggle to hear, listening devices are available. Simply go to the sacristy (you can enter via the right of the sanctuary) and ask for one. You'll need to leave some type of ID or “deposit” so we can be sure we get them back.



Special Seating: We have provided chairs with arms to make it easier to get up and down. They are located on the ends of certain aisles throughout the church.

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY



Catholics for Freedom of Religion Mission Statement

America's First Amendment guarantees its citizens five freedoms, the first of which is Freedom of Religion. Freedom of Religion includes the freedom to worship according to one's beliefs as well as the freedom to practice that faith in everyday life according to one's conscience.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion offers resources: To educate and advocate for Freedom of Religion; To remain non-partisan, advocating for no candidate or party; To invite and include other faith communities; To recognize and oppose attacks on Freedom of Religion from any source.

For more information about Catholics for the Freedom of Religion at OLPH contact Kathy Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net. To learn more about the larger CFFR movement visit their website at www.CatholicsforFreedomofReligion.org.

MIDDLE AGES

Are you looking to meet other women your age who have interests in spirituality, socializing and social action? This is a group for women who are young in spirit (40 +) and who are looking to enrich their lives by enjoying fun experiences and a new-found community. Group members plan and participate in a wide range of activities, including charitable projects (with special focus on the needs of veterans and community outreach) as well as movies, dinners and BBQ's. Meetings are generally held on the first and third Tuesdays in Room 24 of the new school building, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Contact: Gail Tonnessen 631-957-1449 gtonness@optonline.net

Family Life Ministry

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW OFFERERS TO SHARE THEIR GIFTS!

OLPH has a strong tradition of an active and vibrant Family Life Ministry. Over the past years, hundreds of families have been impacted by the events and efforts of our Family Life Ministry.



Family Life Ministry works to serve the parish community by:
Connecting families to the life of the parish community and the Church;
Building community among families;
Providing and increasing family spirituality among families in the parish.

In the past, Family Life has created, developed and organized such parish events as the Pumpkin Patch, Families in Service, the Christmas Pageant and much more!

The ministry meets approximately once a month throughout the year. *Contact Angela Garofalo 516-445-9635 or finestone@optonline.net: or Eileen Corticchia 631-682-4853 kencort36@gmail.com*

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

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

South Shore Catholic Young Adult Ministry

Ages 21-39



For info about monthly meetings contact:

Director: Bridget Jordan
Phone: (631) 226-7725 x 253
Email: bjordan@oloph.org

COME HANG OUT AND PRAY WITH US AND JESUS!

Take our survey, so we may better serve you in this ministry
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WEDDING DRESSES

We have several wedding dresses available. Please ask to see or try on if interested. On a budget, buy one of our dresses and alter it to make it your own. Very reasonably priced, all dresses under \$100. Also available, veils and slippers.



Entrance to Blue Door Boutique is located in the basement of the school, beneath the gym.

Interested in helping?

Stop by any time during our open hours and talk to the staff.
We are always in need of help!

THE
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SAT 1:30-3:00 p.m.

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 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia
 Msgr. Joe DeGrococo
 Jeffrey Gaab
 Gregory Guido
 Sonia Hansen
 Joselyn Kalt
 Mary Leon
 Rachele Louis-Jacques
 Carlton Mitchell
 James Totino

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel
 Gerry Chille

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

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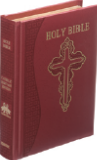


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