

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

from Holy Hour to Happy Hour to Holy Hour

Come join us for a family evening of prayer and fun concluding with the burning of palms as we begin our Lenten journey by strengthening our relationship with God!



Tuesday, February 9



5:45 p.m. — Church

**Cost: \$20.00 per family
or \$5.00 per person**

Please bring a covered dish to be shared with your family and a few others!
You may drop off your dish as you enter the church.



Music, games, 50/50 & more!

Any questions or ticket information contact:

Deirdre Strigaro 631.225-0928 or familylife@oloph.org

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

First & Last Name: _____

_____ #of adults _____ # of children & ages _____

Telephone number: _____ Email Address: _____ @ _____

Amount enclosed: cash _____ check _____ *Make checks payable: OLPH*

Covered dish _____

Please return to OLPH Rectory or in the collection basket

NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, February 7th.

All donations accepted.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Ordinary Time

OK, things have definitely settled back to normal (whatever “normal” is!) after the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, and liturgically the Church now finds herself in the season of Ordinary Time. The term “ordinary” is used not because these days are commonplace or mundane, but because the Sundays are numbered within the liturgical calendar. This segment of Ordinary Time will last for a very short period — only four Sundays (three after this one!). Lent arrives very early this year, with Ash Wednesday on February 10.

One way to think of the Scriptures of Ordinary Time is to see them as familiar family stories that we need to burn into our hearts if we are really going to know Jesus, love Him and give witness to Him in the world. During the weeks of Ordinary Time we can take the time to learn exactly what we are called to do to live as His disciples.

We are in what is referred to as “Year C” in the three-year cycle of Sunday readings at Mass, and so most of the Gospels this year will come from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel for today’s Mass is taken from St. John’s Gospel, giving us the story of the wedding feast at Cana, but the readings from St. Luke will begin next week. St. Luke’s is the longest of the four Gospels and there are particular themes which run through his Gospel which are uniquely emphasized and highlighted by him.

His Gospel is sometimes called “The Gospel of Mercy” or “The Gospel of Forgiveness” because it is in Luke alone that we find scenes such as the forgiveness of the sinful woman, Jesus’ stay at the house of Zacchaeus, and Jesus promising heaven to the repentant thief as he hangs on the cross on Calvary, as well as the parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Son.

Luke’s Gospel is also known as “The Gospel of Universal Salvation” and “The Gospel of the Poor.” It is in Luke where the universality of Christ’s salvation is most strongly emphasized, and Luke is the one to take special

care to highlight God’s blessings on the poor and the lowly. The lowly and humble, and the seemingly insignificant and often overlooked, frequently take center-stage in his Gospel.

Look for these themes in the Sundays ahead and reflect on what particular insights they give you into who Jesus is and what His ministry is all about.

New Mass schedule

Well, we are a few weeks into the new Mass schedule, and all seems to be going well. It’s nice to have a little bit of extra time in between Masses, and that, of course, helps with our limited parking situation. Most importantly, though, is the improved quality of our celebration. Several people have commented to me how great it is to have a fuller church, and how the increased number of people at a Mass has such a positive effect on the celebration — the responses and singing are more robust and livelier, and having less empty seats in the church serves to build up a better sense of community and communal worship. Another positive aspect is that the reduced number of Masses helps our liturgical ministers; it is easier to fill all the slots needed, and easier for them to find replacements when they cannot fulfill an assignment.

Thanks to all for your cooperation and adjustments with the new Mass schedule.

Telecare Telethon

This weekend is the annual Telecare Telethon. Telecare, as you know, is the television station of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and once a year Telecare broadcasts an 18-hour telethon to raise much-needed funds. I know many, many people in our parish enjoy watching Telecare for the wonderful spiritual programming it provides, especially devotions such as the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and, of course, the telecast of the daily Mass several times a day. I think one or two people even watch my show, *Insight!*

If you have the chance to tune into the telethon this weekend, and perhaps to even

make a donation, that would be great. You can help support the work of Catholic television not only here on Long Island, but throughout the United States, since Telecare is broadcast on many different systems throughout the country. I will be appearing on the telethon on Sunday night, from 7:00-10:00 p.m., and I know Fr. John will be appearing at some point over the course of the telethon, too. If you do call to make a pledge, make sure you mention OLPH!

First sacraments are received in the child's home parish

Over the next few weeks, we'll be hearing a lot about registration for our Religious Education Program, so I thought now would be a good time to review some important information.

Parents must remember that, as required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. This means that for all families of OLPH, children are to celebrate First Communion and Confirmation here 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, it is important that all 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. Here is a listing of important points to keep in mind; it applies to all families who consider themselves to be parishioners of OLPH:

- Children who attend **public school** must attend our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents must participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

- Children who attend a **Catholic school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered in our Religious Ed-

ucation Program, and they and their parents must participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

- Children who attend a **Catholic school** must receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation (and First Penance, too) here at OLPH, not at the parish of the school which they attend.

- Children 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 must attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

- Children who are **homeschooled** must receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation (and First Penance, too) here at OLPH, not at some other parish.

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic 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 in any of these circumstances who should be registered in the Religious Education Program, please let them know of this policy and urge them to contact us. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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,



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY HAPPINGS...



MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 22, 2016

Our parish is attending the *Annual March for Life* on Friday, January 22, 2016. We will gather at OLPH at 5:00 a.m. for Mass in the church and depart immediately after.

To RSVP to this event, contact Kathy Feldman of our Respect Life Committee at 631.225.9864.



Nursing Ministry

Parish nurses work with parishioners to provide spiritual support, consultation, assistance with medical forms, resources and referrals and encouragement.

In addition, nurses assist at parish events and perhaps provide spiritual and health programs for parishioners.

If you are interested in being a part of this new ministry and want to find out more information, please contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com.

The next event sponsored by the Nursing Ministry is...

The OLPH Blood Drive

Sunday, January 31, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

In Room 15 in the School

*Prescheduled appointments are preferred, but walk-ins welcome.
Contact Regina Muir 226-2709 or Rmuir11@aol.com to sign up.*

MUSIC NOTES

Have you unpacked all your gifts?

Perhaps God is calling you to become a part of the music ministry at OLPH. If so, read below to see which ensemble might suit your gifts. Perhaps one of your spiritual gifts has not yet been opened. Pray about it and then give a call.

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at the 12:00 p.m. Mass most Sundays (September to June) and for other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the church. Members are high school aged or older. Reading music is not a requirement, just a desire to praise God in song and the ability to carry a tune. Please call in advance if you are interested in joining or would like more information.

Contact:
Chris Ferraro
(631) 226-7725, ext. 210
cferraro@oloph.org



Youth Choir

The Youth Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. Mass three times a month (September to June) and at other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the school building. Members are in grades 3 through 12.

Contact:
Amy Keller
mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com



Youth Band!

Members of the Youth Band lead the music at the Sunday night 5:00 p.m. Mass twice a month. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings. The band needs young musicians: piano, flute, cello preferred. Try-outs are required.

Contact:
Dan Volpe
(917) 468-9584



YEAR OF MERCY

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Jubilee of Mercy began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Jubilee of Mercy is an opportunity for the Church and its members—each one of us—to rediscover God’s gift of mercy so we may become “missionaries of mercy.”

Pope Francis called for this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in April with the publication of the Papal Bull *Misericordiae Vultus*. Throughout the year ahead, we will publish excerpts of this document as well as other resources about this special time of mercy. We continue with part two of the eighth paragraph of the document in this week’s edition of the bulletin.

Jesus, seeing the crowds of people who followed him, realized that they were tired and exhausted, lost and without a guide, and he felt deep compassion for them (cf. *Matthew 9:36*). On the basis of this compassionate love he healed the sick who were presented to him (cf. *Matthew 14:14*), and with just a few loaves of bread and fish he satisfied the enormous crowd (cf. *Matthew 15:37*). What moved Jesus in all of these situations was nothing other than mercy, with which he read the hearts of those he encountered and responded to their deepest need. When he came upon the widow of Nain taking her son out for burial, he felt great compassion for the immense suffering of this grieving mother, and he gave back her son by raising him from the dead (cf. *Luke 7:15*). After freeing the demoniac in the country of the Gerasenes, Jesus entrusted him with this mission: “Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you” (*Mark 5:19*). The calling of Matthew is also presented within the context of mercy. Passing by the tax collector’s booth, Jesus looked intently at Matthew. It was a look full of mercy that forgave the sins of that man, a sinner and a tax collector, whom Jesus chose – against the hesitation of the disciples – to become one of the Twelve. Saint Bede the Venerable, commenting on this Gospel passage, wrote that Jesus looked upon Matthew with merciful love and chose him: *miserando atque eligendo*. This expression impressed me so much that I chose it for my episcopal motto.

You can read the entire document by going to the new OLPH website or by visiting the Jubilee of Mercy website at www.im.va.



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Monday night Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been a longstanding OLPH tradition. 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. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, January 18

Cancelled due to Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

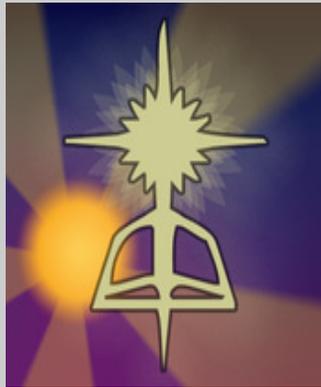
Monday, January 25

Monday, February 1

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length.



So come and pray...

Saturdays and Sundays After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

"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

IF YOU SIT IN ONE OF THE MAIN CENTER SECTIONS...

If you sit in one of the main center sections of the church, we ask the following favor when you come forward to receive Holy Communion: we ask that you be sure to use the **main center aisle** to come forward for Holy Communion, not the side aisle, even if you are sitting near one of the side aisles, and even if you are towards the back. This is important in helping us to maintain an orderly and reverent flow to the Communion Procession. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

In response to Bishop Murphy's call for parishes to urgently pray for peace because of all the unrest in the world, please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

Prayer for Peace

Following Bishop Murphy's request, we are asked to pray this prayer privately, and we are encouraged to use this prayer as a part of all meetings and gatherings held here at OLPH.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,
Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!*

*Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice
and brotherly love.*

*Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.*

*Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and
defend the great gift of peace.*

*May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.*

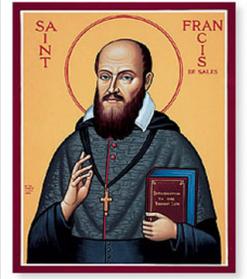
*May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign al-
ways over us all. AMEN*

Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)



FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Hi! My name is St. Francis de Sales, and I'm the patron saint of writers. That's why your Pastoral Council has picked me as their patron and intercessor in this column which they offer to you. Here we will grow in our appreciation of the Catholic faith through questions and answers. So, I encourage all of you to send me your questions about Catholicism. All questions are welcomed and all will remain just between you and me (we won't print your name in the bulletin). Please e-mail pastoralcouncil@oloph.org and each time this column appears, a new question will be answered. So, let's get started! I'll pray for you what I pray for everyone: May the Lord grant you His peace!



“Let us begin to do good, for as yet we have done little.” – St. Francis of Assisi

Question 12: What does it mean to live out my faith?

Let's first think about the number 167. Does it mean anything to you? Hint: It's not the winning lotto number, but in some ways it could be.

For the most part, when we are inside the walls of our Church, we are doing the holy things God wants us to do. We may show reverence by genuflecting before entering the pew, we acknowledge our sins, ask for forgiveness, we are courteous to others around us, we offer ourselves to God and pray to do His will. We also may feel at peace, and any anxious thoughts or worries we may have seem to drift away. But then comes the leaving of the Church walls and we enter the outside world. What's next?

Let's stop, think, and observe! A mother or father may be scolding a child for not behaving well. A fellow neighbor is trying to pull out of her driveway but too many parishioners are in a rush and don't offer our neighbor that common courtesy. Another parishioner wants to make the green light but the car in front is going too "slow;" the frustration and blasting of the horn begins. This, by the way, is taking place right after Mass! Give it a few more hours and we are wrapped up in the world and doing things of the flesh, and not of God.

For some of us, it may be an effort to enter the Church, but the bigger effort for all us should be once we exit the Church. Though our actions may be holy inside the Church walls, what counts more are our actions outside. Think about it! If we spend only one hour going to Mass each week, that leaves another 167 hours (bingo!) when we are outside of the Church walls. How do we behave? What are our thoughts? What are our actions?

The Church building is a place where we come together as a community and pray to our Lord. But we as a community make up the Church, and our thoughts and actions should always be centered on the Lord and not on the world. St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Galatians (and to all of us) to live in the Spirit, and not in the flesh.

When you think about it, that one hour out of a total of 168 hours each week makes up one half of one percent (.5%) of our time. Yes, a tiny fraction! But that one hour in Church can be the weekly reset we need to carry out what we need to do for the remaining 99.5 % of the time we are living in the world.

Three things to reflect upon:

- 167
- Exiting the Church building
- Live in the Spirit, not in the flesh

Keep these three things in mind and reflect on them before going to bed. Then ask yourself the question: Did I live out my faith today?

Further reading: Do you want to listen to what our Lord is telling us about how to live life? Read the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY POSTER CONTEST

The OLPH Holy Name Society congratulates the winners of the 2015 "Christmas is Jesus' Birthday" poster contest held Friday, January 8. We would also like to thank all those who participated in this year's contest. This was our biggest participation year in a long time! We look forward to Christmas 2016. Keep up the good work!

1st Grade:

1st place: Izabella Kazimierczyk

2nd place: Susanna Wozniak

3rd place: Isabella Zelaya

Honorable Mention: Emil Zysko

3rd Grade:

1st place: Kevin Kujawski

2nd place: Roxane Kozina

3rd place: Kevin Foley

Honorable Mention: Natalia Kazimierczyk

5th Grade:

1st place: Sabrina Roberts

1st place: Sinead Buckley

2nd place: Mia Fauara

3rd place: Margaret Natonio

Best In Show: Jessica Bryant



2nd Grade:

1st place: Diana Lupo

1st place: Victoria Ogilvie

2nd place: Olivia Kapusta

3rd place: Jayden Galdorisi

4th Grade:

1st place: Sofia Lupo

2nd place: Julia Kapusta

2nd place: Thomas Bamundo

3rd place: Nicholas Calderaro

6th Grade:

1st place: Jessica Bryant

2nd place: Taylor Ferazzoli

3rd place: Angela Marie Sessa

Fr. Fidelis and April Kleinlaut, OLPH Religious Education Coordinator, congratulate Angela Marie Sessa on her 3rd place win.

A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

- **Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).
- **Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.
- **Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.
- **Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

Mass Attendance: MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS!

There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building

Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253

Email: religoused@oloph.org

Coordinator: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
(akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM

TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM

WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM

THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM

SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Did you know?

The priest wears green vestments—and you'll see green around the Church—as the liturgical color for the Church season of Ordinary Time!

Level 8: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

A reminder that there will be NO CLASS on January 18th due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
This applies to Level 8 only.



Midterm Information

Level 6-7 Midterms: 1/20

Level 3-5 Midterms: 1/23

Level 8 Midterms: 2/1

All families will be sent an email/letter reminding that midterms are coming up. Text messages and Facebook posts will also be sent for those who have those.

New Student Registration

Letters have been mailed to families with children who will be entering 1st grade in the 2016-17 year and were baptized at OLPH regarding registration for religious education. We encourage all families with students who have not yet begun religious education, who will be beginning 1st grade (or older), to register for religious education during our registration week.

We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to come to our office during **Registration Week**: Please remember that all newly registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—**must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate and must be registered with the OLPH parish BEFORE registering with the religious education program.**

Saturday, Feb. 20th: 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 22nd: 11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 23rd: 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 24th: 2:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 25th: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions regarding religious education registration for the 2016/17 year, or offering your time and service in our program, please contact our office.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.567.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cffer@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@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. Bernard League: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Caroline Grogan—(631)225-7688—straightclaw@optonline.net
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494

NEW Food Pantry List!

Pasta Sauce with Meat

Hot & Cold Cereal

Canned Juice

Baked Beans

(No other beans at this time please!)

Paper Towels

Shave Cream

Bath Soap

Toothpaste

Shampoo

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

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 Noon

Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

THE
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BOUTIQUE

Hours of Operation:

Mon/Wed/Fri 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Third Sunday of each month -1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Closed Tuesdays and Thursdays

The entrance to the Thrift Boutique is on the south side of the parish campus, next to the St. Vincent de Paul bins. Park using the Gates Street/High Street Parking Lot.

New treasures arriving every day!

Come explore *The Blue Door Boutique* and find:

The latest Teen Trends at affordable prices—Forever 21, Hollister, A&F, and more.

Top brands on display in Men's and Women' clothing including—Talbots, Coach, Lands End, London Fog, Vineyard Vines, and more.

Household items including—candles, dishes, crystal, wall art, knick-knacks and collectibles from Corningware, Pyrex, Precious Moments, Lenox and more.

Discovering a great find is half the fun! Visit The Blue Door Boutique see for yourself.

Want to get involved in the Blue Door?

E-mail to thebluedoor@oloph.org for more information!

We need greeters, sorters and floor workers!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

HOMELESS MINISTRY

FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com. You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

DONATIONS

As we are in the winter months, we are in need of the following:

- washcloths
- Men's briefs - Small, Medium and Large (NO XL; must be new and in package)
- Women's underwear - sizes: 6, 7, 8 & 9
- undershirts - Small, Large and Extra-Large
- Rain Ponchos
- sweat pants

If it is easier, we can always use Kmart gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?
Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

**Wednesday, January 20
7:00 p.m. in Room 10**

Come help us with Outreach van lunch preparation and the Veterans' Super Bowl Party planning.

For information call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Our next meeting will be on
**Tuesday, February 9
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Widows and Widowers provides a comfortable, social setting for men and women who have lost a spouse to support and encourage one another.

Our next meeting will take place on
**Tuesday, January 19
6:00 p.m. in Room 18.**

For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494

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Saint Bernard League

We need Saint Bernards!



Can you and/or your family shovel, snow blow or clear out another family or two in need within our parish community? A number of our "St. Bernard's" from last year have moved on to college and we are in need of some new hands and hearts (and shovels!)

At this time, we are in need of St. Bernard's for the following areas:

S. 8th St. (300s)
Pecan St. (500s)
S. 3rd (400s)
S. 4th St. (700s)

S. 5th St. (300s)
30 Bedell Pl., Amityville
290 Walnut St
237 Houston St.

400's Leonard Ct.
200's N. Delaware Ave.
100's N. Jefferson Ave.

We have families in need on the following streets (with area of house #).

We have already assigned close to 50 families.....so we would like to get the ones above assigned ASAP!

If you can help, please e-mail to stbernardleague@oloph.org. We'd love to have all families matched up before the first snow of the season.

If you can help with this, call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 and leave a message or e-mail to stbernardleague@oloph.org. This is a great way to help those in need (do some tremendous community service!)

COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

In April, OLPH started a Community Meal Ministry. Each month, we host meals for those in need in our community. Each month, approx. 50 guests and over 25 members of the parish offer their time and talent to make the afternoon a wonderful time for food, fellowship and a welcome break from the cold weather.

Are you or your family or group of friends or a ministry you are part of interested in preparing part of our next community meal? If so, contact Gigi Gracey at 631-943-0095 or at gigigracey1962@gmail.com.

Are you interested in helping at the next Community Meal? Please contact Debbie McDonald at 516-662-2529 or e-mail to dnk875@aol.com.



Calling All Boys & Girls

(Ages 10 through 17)

DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH?

The Junior Legion of Mary is a perfect blend of prayer and works that will lead you to a moral life, and you will have fun doing it. Some of the works we are currently involved with is the May crowning of the Blessed Mother, helping serve at the Community Meals, making rosaries, visiting nursing homes, sending cards to our military, just to name a few.

The word Legion means army. The Legion of Mary is our Blessed Mother's army. Our ammunition is the rosary and the Miraculous Medal.

There is no obligation to join. ***Come to a meeting held in Room 24 of the School at 1:30 p.m. on any Sunday*** and see what it is all about. There will be two members of the Senior Legion of Mary present at all meetings. Refreshments will be served.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

NEW CATHOLICS WANTED and NEEDED!

What about you?

Do you want to be baptized?

**Do you want to become a member of
the Catholic Church?**

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!

If you or someone you know is not baptized or were baptized in another Christian faith, please contact Fr. John Sureau at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org to find out more about the process.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

Please continue to pray for those who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation and for reception into the Catholic Church.

Noel Andrade, Leo Ruiz and Sophia Ruiz are our parish's catechumens. They are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Sandra Best, Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets and Jamie Wittke are our parish's candidates. They are seeking reception into the Catholic Church from other Christian faiths.

Each Sunday, they gather at Mass and are sent forth to break open God's Word and reflect upon the teachings of the Catholic Church.

CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION

Are you interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?



If you are a baptized Catholic, but have not been fully initiated, we offer a process for those who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

For adults who desire more information, contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net

For teenagers and their families who desire more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631.226.7725, x.251 or e-mail to religious@oloph.org.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRIES

PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35-36

Prison Families Anonymous, a project of FEGS Health and Human Services System, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system.

At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

Prison Families Anonymous (PFA)

Life becomes more difficult and stressful for family and friends when a loved one becomes incarcerated. Relationships and responsibilities can become strained and the dynamics within the family often change dramatically.

The PFA Support Group provides a safe, non-judgmental place where those in similar situations can connect with each another. It provides compassion, support and information to family members during their very difficult times.

The Prison Families Anonymous Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7:30 P.M. at the Community Presbyterian Church 1843 Deer Park Avenue Deer Park, NY 11729 Northeast corner of Deer Park Avenue and Lake Ave Parking lot entrance on Lake Ave - Use rear door closest to parking lot



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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

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 Fr. John at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism



***Theodore Benjamin Tennant
Jaxson Peter Wichern***

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Vanessa Faith Probst</i>	<i>Fr. Ignace Lolecki</i>
<i>Rocco (no last name given)</i>	<i>Theresa Ferrara</i>
<i>John Gussmano</i>	<i>George Anderson</i>
<i>Glenn Cording</i>	<i>Laura Fischer</i>
<i>Jeanne Calise</i>	<i>Mary Doran</i>
<i>Eileen Garbe</i>	<i>Aida Asaro</i>
<i>Judith Walsh</i>	<i>Herb Otten</i>
<i>Jennie Ocasio</i>	<i>Dolores Otten</i>
<i>Mary Pellegrino</i>	<i>Marie Foster</i>
<i>Kaylin Zimms</i>	<i>Robert Santiago</i>
<i>James Dunn</i>	<i>Robert Schehr</i>
<i>Jordan Manning</i>	<i>Christopher Corso</i>
<i>Maureen Nalewajk</i>	<i>Margaret Vacca</i>
<i>Evelyn Sondey</i>	<i>George Regan</i>
<i>Ed (no last name given)</i>	<i>Steve Moore</i>
<i>Catherine Mullin</i>	<i>Juliet Fredericks</i>
<i>Margaret Nuss</i>	<i>Craig Kennedy</i>
<i>Theresa Lisio</i>	

WE REMEMBER

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

***Loretta Breuer
Carolyn Clark
Rosemary DeMartino
William Dow
Robert McAllister***

*“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.”*

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 at 631-226-7725 x. 200. Names remain in the bulletin for three weeks.

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for
week of

January 17-23:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Loretta Breuer

Requested by

***OLPH Pastoral Staff
& Support Staff***

*Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725
for other options for memorials.*



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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS



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The LI Coalition for Life invites you to hear guest speaker Jean Marie Prince at its meeting on **January 25th**. Ms. Prince, abandoned as a 2-day-old infant in Korea, is a songwriter and hosts of her TV show "Inspired Blessings."

The LI CL meeting starts at 7:45 p.m. at St. Regis Council K of C (Rosevale Ave. & Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma). No charge.
 For more information: [631-243-1435](tel:631-243-1435); or email: info@prolifeLI.org.

Telecare Telethon 2016!

The Telecare Telethon is the weekend of Saturday, **January 16th** from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, **January 17th** from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please tune in on *Cablevision channel 29/137* or *Verizon FiOS channel 296* to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest "stars" including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of our Diocese and across the country.

Additionally, visits from some celebrity chefs, musical groups and New York sports teams will help fuel the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun and the priests of our Diocese and beyond for the 24th annual Telecare Telethon celebrating Catholic evangelization through Television!

Consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at www.TelecareTV.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Bishop Murphy is happy to announce that there will be a

Diocesan Year of Mercy Pilgrimage
 to the Basilica of the
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
 Washington, D.C.

Saturday, September 24, 2016



More information will be coming soon.
 Please watch the bulletin and/or diocesan website.



Retrouvaille Weekend
 ... a lifeline for Marriages **January 22-24th, 2016**

You Can Help Heal Your Marriage!

Do you feel alone?

Are you frustrated or angry with each other?

Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday, January 22th** please call **1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Please call or go on the web to make a reservation!

Weekends get filled up very quickly

1-800-470-2230

website www.retrouvaille.org

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, January 18—

Weekday

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

6:30 Mary Ann Cassar

12:15 Francisca Martinez (Living)

7:00 **NO Devotions**

TUESDAY, January 19—

Weekday

6:30 Louis De Meo

12:15 Agnes Dal Col

WEDNESDAY, January 20—

Weekday

(*Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr*)

6:30 Pauline Micovsky

12:15 Edward Pauciuillo

12:45-
2:00 Exposition

THURSDAY, January 21—

Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

6:30 Kevin Smith

12:15 Joan Airoidi

FRIDAY, January 22—

Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of Unborn Children

5:00 Mass for the March For Life

6:30 Helen Trocchio

12:15 Gerry Svezia

SATURDAY, January 23—

Weekday

(*Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr;
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin*)

8:00 Joseph Micovsky

4:00 –
4:45 Confessions

Vigil for

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother &
The Sacred Heart

Sunday, January 24—

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Anthony Romano

10:00 Silvio & George Alessi

12:00 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Jennie Ricci

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 18, 2016

**ALL PARISH OFFICES ARE
CLOSED & ACTIVITIES
CANCELLED DUE TO
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
HOLIDAY**

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy
6:00 p.m.	Widow & Widowers	Room 18
7:45 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 10
7:00 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 13
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School
8:00 p.m.	Christian Mothers	Cafeteria

Thursday, January 21, 2016

2-6:00 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Parent Baptismal Prep Class	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Introduction to Morality	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, January 22, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Young People	Room 24

Saturday, January 23, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Level 1- 5 Classes	School
12:00 p.m.	Parish Social Ministry Coordinator's Meeting	St. Lucy
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, January 24, 2016

12:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Cafeteria
1:30 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Prayers for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE
Jan. 9/10, 2016**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	398	205	\$4,905.00
8:00 a.m.	240	86	2,304.00
10:00 a.m.	608	127	2,842.00
12:00 p.m.	485	128	3,176.00
5:00 p.m.	256	46	1,516.50
Total coin:			20.38
Mail-ins:			455.00
Children's Envelopes		19	33.13
Faith Direct			2,067.64
TOTAL	1,987	611	\$17,319.65
2015 TOTAL	2,154	593	\$18,453.46
Candles			\$814.41
Poor Box			\$244.87



The Rectory
and all parish
offices will be
closed

**MONDAY,
January 18**

due to the Federal holiday
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Devotions will NOT take place
Monday evening.

The Rectory office will
re-open 9:00 a.m. Tuesday.

The *IRA Charitable Rollover* is back
and is now permanent!



What's called a rollover is
actually a "qualified chari-
table distribution" that can
be made to our Parish.

If...

- You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
- Your IRA is a traditional or Roth
- You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

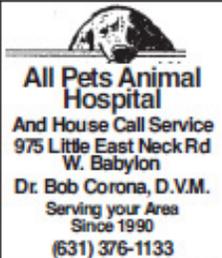
VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

Example: Mrs. Connors, age 76, has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to her Parish in 2016. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, she directs the custodian of her IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2016 directly to the Parish as a 2016 gift. She will not be subject to income tax on her \$5,000 qualified charitable distribution.

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Luke 4:21

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Nehemiah 8 shows us what it looks like when God's people gather to hear the written word proclaimed and interpreted, and then let that proclamation shape and energize their life in community. When they hear the written word proclaimed and interpreted, the people weep because they hear their sins spoken out loud. They weep because they fear death and the justice of a God, and they do not know how to bridge the gulf that separates sinful humanity from the faithful God who made them. But as surely as God's Word reveals our sins to us, it also reveals to us the source of our hope and joy: the God who keeps His promises.

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

As all the spiritual gifts possessed by the different members of the Church come from the same divine source and are intended for the same lofty purpose, which is the good of the Church, those who have the more humble gifts ought to be contented, not envying those who are more highly endowed; and, likewise, those who have been more especially favored must not look down upon or despise any of their brethren. In fact, often those members who perform the lowest functions in the Body are the most indispensable to the welfare of the whole.

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

This passage is essentially Jesus' life, ministry, and mission in a nutshell: who He is, what He will do, and for whom He has come. When Jesus reads the words of Isaiah, He is not quoting Scripture. Rather, these words are truly His, and are a call to real life, real people, in real time. This is our God come among us, and speaking to us in our present and in our reality.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 18, 2016:

1 Samuel 15:16-23 + Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 19, 2016:

1 Samuel 16:1-13
+ Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 20, 2016:

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
+ Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 21, 2016:

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7
+ Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 22, 2016:

1 Samuel 24:3-21
+ Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 23, 2016:

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19-27
+ Mark 3:20-21

Sunday, January 24, 2016:

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
+ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
+ Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. Jesus went to Nazareth, his hometown. People there thought of him as Mary and Joseph's son. Suddenly he claims to be the Messiah. What would your reaction have been to such a declaration?
2. Jesus said he had been "anointed to bring glad tidings to the poor, ... liberty to captives, ... sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" Pope Francis names some of today's captives and oppressed in *Evangelii Gaudium*. What can you do to bring liberty, or make life a little easier for today's captives and oppressed?

It is essential to draw near to new forms of poverty and vulnerability, in which we are called to recognize the suffering Christ, even if this appears to bring us no tangible and immediate benefits. I think of the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned, and many others. Migrants present a particular challenge for me, since I am the pastor of a Church without frontiers, a Church which considers herself mother to all. ... How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: "Where is your brother?" (Genesis 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labor? Let us not look the other way.

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