

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*The devil said to him,  
"If you are the Son of God,  
command this stone to become bread."*

*Luke 4:3*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**February 14, 2016**

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. John Sureau, Rev. Fidelis Ezeani

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

**Deacons:** Deacon Frank A. Odin, Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith

**Business Manager:** Deacon Thomas J. Bast

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Christopher Ferraro

## **COME IN AND PRAY...**

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday – Friday**

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

## **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

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

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.*

## **OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS**

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

**Sunday:** 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**First Saturday:** 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

**Monday- Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## PARISH LENTEN MISSION

*Walking by Faith in a Holy Year of Mercy*  
*Save the dates...*

**Monday, March 7 + Tuesday, March 8**  
**+ Wednesday, March 9**  
**7:30 p.m. + Church**



*Mission Talks offered each day after the 12:15 p.m. Mass and at 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service (same talk afternoon and evening), Monday and Tuesday; closing Mass Wednesday night*

This year our parish Lenten Mission will be led by **Fr. Paul Fagan, C.P.**, a Passionist priest, a preacher, and a runner.

Monday, **March 7** — “What Do We Stake Our Life On? The Soil of a Faithful Person and a Good Parish Community”

Tuesday, **March 8** — “Are We willing To Take A Risk?”

Wednesday, **March 9** — “God Demands Our Life as Individuals, Families and Parish Community!”

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

LAUDATO SI'



### Catholic Social Teaching Through the Lens of *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' most recent encyclical has created great discussion within and outside the Catholic Church. The publication of this document gives each of us an opportunity to better understand the Catholic social teaching of the Church, in general, and the Church's teaching on the environment, in particular. The course will include a reading of the encyclical.

**Thursdays**

**March 3, 10, 17, 31 and April 7**

**7:30—9:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Fr. John Sureau**

**Place: Room 18, OLPH School**



## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *First Sunday of Lent*

So, we're off and running with another Lent! We have marked this First Sunday of Lent with an ancient custom by the singing of the Litany of the Saints during the Entrance Procession. Our stark worship environment reminds us of the simplicity and seriousness we are called to during this season, and it creates a hunger for the blossoming of new life we will experience at Easter. As always, the prayers of the Mass provide the central focus for us in our Lenten spirituality. Let's take a look at those prayers to explore their spiritual depth and richness, so that those prayers can ground our reflections for this first week of Lent.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) sets the agenda for us and very much gives us the sense that we are beginning something significant. We pray that *"through the yearly observance of holy Lent...we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects."* Notice how the emphasis is that our observance of Lent should have a concrete effect in our behavior — our conduct should be worthy of our life in Christ.

The Prayer over the Offerings also acknowledges the beginning of Lent as *"we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time,"* but, like the Collect, the prayer also reminds us of a change that is supposed to occur in us: *"Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings..."* We must always strive to present ourselves to the Lord with the acceptable sacrifice of a life that is good and holy and true.

The Prayer after Communion speaks of the nourishment that comes to us in the Eucharist by referencing the three traditional virtues of faith, hope and charity. Also, in a clear allusion to the Gospel for the Mass, the prayer goes on to ask *"that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth."*

Finally, the Preface (the first part of the Eucharistic Prayer, before the *Holy, Holy*) echoes the Gospel as it makes reference to Jesus' fast of forty days in the desert and the temptations he faced. It reminds us that we, too, are to go into desert during Lent and confront our temptations and our sins, strengthened in that spiritual combat by our union with Christ.

### *Rite of Election*

The First Sunday of Lent is a significant day in the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation because it marks the celebration of the Rite of Election for

those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist — at the Easter Vigil. The Rite of Election is a major moment for the catechumens as it marks their entrance into the final stage of their long journey toward the Sacraments of Initiation. The catechumens now become the elect and are formally embraced as those chosen to receive the sacraments this coming Easter. The Church has judged their state of readiness and has decided to advance them toward the Sacraments of Initiation. The catechumens, in becoming the elect, inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect as a pledge of their promise to commit themselves to Christ. The presiding celebrant for the Rite of Election is the Bishop himself, since the election is the focal point of the entire Church's (not just the parish's) concern for the catechumens who are becoming the elect.

Additional information about the Rite of Christian Initiation here at OLPH is available elsewhere in this bulletin. This Lent, please keep in mind all those in our parish and in our diocese who are preparing to be initiated into the Church this Easter. Preparing for Baptism, and renewing Baptism for those already-baptized, are major focal points for Lenten spirituality.

### *Praying with our bodies*

Allow me to mention something which I have written about before, but which bears repeating from time to time. Remember that when we celebrate liturgy, we pray not only with our minds and voices but also with our bodies. Such bodily actions help us to engage in praying the Mass more deeply, and they can help us to focus on what we are praying, thus minimizing the danger that the words become rote. Therefore, we should be attentive to certain ritual gestures and actions which the Church asks us to engage in; I mention some of them here.

- A bow of the head should be made when the three Divine Persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) are named together, and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated.

- A profound bow, that is, a bow of the body at the waist, is made at the words in the Creed when the Incarnation is mentioned (*"and by the Holy Spirit... and became man"*).

- A genuflection, that is, bending the right knee to the ground, is the reverence for the Most Blessed Sacrament, so when we come into or out of the church we should acknowledge the Real Presence by

genuflecting to the tabernacle. However, during Mass, ministers do not genuflect to the tabernacle except at the Entrance and at the Recessional (except ministers who are carrying something, *e.g.*, a cross, candles, the Book of Gospels—these ministers do a bow of the head instead of a genuflection). During the celebration of Mass itself, however, ministers do not genuflect, but instead bow to the altar.

- Interestingly, a genuflection is **not** to be made to the processional cross. Nowhere is this mentioned anywhere in Church documents; in fact, it is specifically stated that a genuflection is **reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament**, as well as for the Holy Cross from the solemn adoration during the liturgical celebration of Good Friday until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. Therefore, it is incorrect to genuflect to the processional cross. Many people seem to do that here at OLPH, but it is a practice that should be avoided.

- The proper gesture for reverence before receiving Holy Communion is a bow of the head, not a genuflection. The proper posture for receiving Holy Communion is standing. To genuflect before receiving Holy Communion and/or to kneel to receive Holy Communion creates confusion and a possible danger of tripping to others in the procession, and at times serves only to draw undue attention to the communicant.

### ***Catholic Ministries Appeal***

My deep and sincere thanks go to all who have already contributed to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. We all watched the CMA video at Mass last weekend, which reinforced for us the importance of participating in this Appeal. I must reiterate how much we count on the rebate income from the Appeal to keep us going, so your participation is crucial. My thanks and appreciation go to John Keller who year after year works on setting up the video and equipment and is instrumental in making sure all is done smoothly and professionally. I am grateful for the time and effort he puts in.

We will publish periodic updates about the Catholic Ministries Appeal in the bulletin, so you can keep track of our progress. Also, in the late winter/early spring we will again do our Phone-A-Thon to contact parishioners who have not yet given to the Appeal, asking them to participate.

### ***Need for Ushers at 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass***

I call your attention to a need for more Ushers at the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. We are very short-handed. Actually, that Mass has been a perennial problem as far as getting a sufficient number of litur-

gical ministers in general to commit to serving at it on a regular basis, and we need to work on that. The need for men and women (and even families) who can commit to serving as Ushers at that Mass is crucial. If you can make a commitment to attending that Mass regularly as an Usher, I ask you to contact me soon.

The Liturgy Committee continues to monitor the viability of that Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass in terms of commitment of ministers.

### ***St. Valentine's Day***

Since today is Valentine's Day, allow me to offer a nod to all lovers who will be celebrating this day with hearts, flowers, candy and an abundance of sentiment. We know that St. Valentine was a martyr, and evidence for early devotion to him in Rome is strong, with a basilica erected on the Flaminian Way, where his martyrdom was supposed to have taken place as early as the year 350. He has been described as being a holy priest in Rome who assisted many martyrs who were under persecution. Historically, it is difficult to determine how the saint's day came to be the day of giving or exchanging "valentines" and what the origin of his connection with lovers is. However the connection was made, though, it's a day that is celebrated as such, and so I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

### ***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,

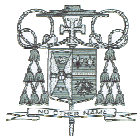


### **ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS**

There will be an important meeting for all Altar Servers on **Monday, February 29 at 4:30 p.m. in the church**. At this meeting we will discuss all the liturgies for Holy Week and Easter, and you will have the opportunity to sign up for your preferences to serve. Come prepared to sign up for as many as you would like to request to serve at! All Altar Servers are expected to attend. If you are unable to be there, you must contact Msgr. Joe at [msgrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgrjoe@oloph.org) before the meeting to let him know.



# A LETTER FROM BISHOP MURPHY



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

LENT 2016  
JUBILEE OF MERCY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Holy Father has sent us all a Message for this Lent of the Jubilee of Mercy. I want to call your attention to it and urge you to read it. It is beautiful, concrete and opens up to us rich and inspiring ways to make this Lent a deep and wonderful journey of faith as we seek God's merciful love and receive it during the forty days that we travel together to celebrate the Sacred Triduum of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

In his letter, Pope Francis says: *Let's not waste the season of Lent!* He goes on to call *Mary, the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes and is evangelized by the Holy Spirit.* We too, who make up the Church, must imitate Mary and open ourselves to the Spirit as she did at the Annunciation. Led by the Spirit this Lent we can become ourselves evangelizers of God's mercy by our words and our actions.

Pope Francis commends to us the time honored Corporal and Spiritual "Works of Mercy". He says, *God's mercy transforms our hearts to become merciful, inspiring us to love of neighbor.* Take one a day or use them to do an act of kindness. Corporal: feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; welcome the stranger; care for the sick; visit the prisoners; bury the dead. The Spiritual: convert the sinner; instruct the ignorant; counsel the doubtful; comfort the sorrowful; bear wrongs patiently; forgive injuries; pray for the living and the dead.

For me the most beautiful part of his message is when he speaks of God's merciful love for His Chosen People and the faithfulness of His love as a covenant that, despite all the sins of God's people, He will always be faithful, always forgives, and will never cease to love us. The Pope takes that and invites us to see God's compassion for us His people as a model and an inspiration of marriage between a man and a woman and the love that brings children into the world as part of a family. God's unceasing, faithful love (Hebrew: *hesed*) *culminates in the Incarnation of His Son as the bridegroom who does everything to win over His bride, the Church.* He even dies for her!

And He does that for us now and always. Make this Lent a time when you open yourselves up to that love, experience that love through the reconciling and healing sacrament of Penance; let this love heal your hearts and renew your faith and your commitment to your spouse, your children, your parents, all the members of your family, your neighbors, your friends, all from whom you may be alienated. God offers that love to you. You who accept His love then must be givers of that love to others.

May God's words of love and reconciliation dwell in our hearts this Lent of Mercy and may God bless our Church here on Long Island and make us instruments of His merciful love to others.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre



## *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, February 15—  
No Devotions (President's Day)**

**Monday, February 22  
Monday, February 29**

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m. in the Church

We are continuing a custom started last year 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.

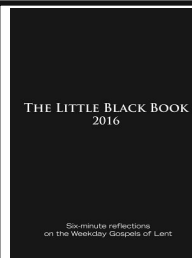
**February 19:** the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council

**February 26:** Family Life Ministry and Children's Choir

We would love to have some help on Feb. 26 by welcoming those who come, reading parts of the prayers and helping with the procession around the church. Please contact Jessica Ladolcetta at [familylife@oloph.org](mailto:familylife@oloph.org).

**March 4:** Community of Praise and Children's Liturgy of the Word

**March 18:** the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Respect Life



### LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please take home a *Little Black Book* which contains daily reflections for the Lenten season. This book, following on the *Little Blue Book* which was so popular for Advent, will provide the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Lent. 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*.

### **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.

## 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 the thirteenth paragraph of the document in this week's edition of the bulletin.

13. We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord's words: *Merciful like the Father*. The Evangelist reminds us of the teaching of Jesus who says, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (*Luke 6:36*). It is a program of life as demanding as it is rich with joy and peace. Jesus's command is directed to anyone willing to listen to his voice (cf. *Luke 6:27*). In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In this way, it will be possible to contemplate God's mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle.

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](http://www.im.va).



## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: LENT AND RECONCILIATION

"Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him."

With these words from the very first paragraph of Pope Francis' Bull of Indiction, *Misericordiae Vultus (MV)*, proclaiming the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, we see the heart of what we celebrate this year: that God's mercy is brought to us in Jesus Christ. The closer we come to Jesus, the Son of God, and the more intimately we know Him, the more we will experience the unbelievable richness of the Father's mercy.

The Holy Father has given the Church an extraordinary gift in the Year of Mercy. The word "mercy" reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Mercy is the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy is what connects God and His children, because His mercy opens our hearts "to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness." (MV 2) Indeed, this Year of Mercy is a special time for the Church, "a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective." (MV 3)

Isn't that a great challenge for us — that we might become more effective witnesses of mercy? Imagine if we could really do that! Maybe that's a good Lenten project for each and every one of us: to become a more effective witness of mercy!

We know that Lent prepares us for the celebration of Easter, either by preparing us for the Sacraments of Initiation, or by preparing us to recall our own Baptism. Doing penance is central to this. However, if we are going to truly

live Lent and not just "observe" it, we must make a true response to God's call to renewal, and accept the spiritual challenge to cooperate with God's grace by making a decision, a plan and a continuous effort.

To really live this Jubilee Year in keeping with its motto "Merciful like the Father," we must experience the proof of God's love for us: "He gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. He comes to our aid whenever we call upon him." (MV 14)

The Sacrament of Penance is for us one of the most powerful ways (or proofs!) we have of experiencing the mercy of God, and of renewing our baptismal dedication and dignity. Through the mercy of God, that sacrament becomes the opportunity to restore baptismal innocence, an innocence that becomes marred by sin.

Continuing through Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord this year, we will explore various aspects of the Sacrament of Penance, so that we might use this time of Lent for conversion and reconciliation in order to experience the richness of the Father's mercy and, come Easter, celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection with minds and hearts renewed by God's mercy. ❖





## 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 Rite 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, the Penitential Rite for candidates for reception into the full communion of the Church celebrated on the Second Sunday, and the first two scrutinies for the elect on the Third and Fourth Sundays, are all a part of this time. Only two feasts, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (February 22) and the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19), break this violet period in 2016. (March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, happens to be Good Friday this year, so the Solemnity is transferred to the first available day, which is Monday, April 4.) The Fourth or "Laetare" Sunday 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.

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.



## LENT: ITS MEANING, STRUCTURE, AND OUR CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

### 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.

**THE EASTER (PASCHAL) CANDLE WILL BE REMOVED.** The removal of the Easter candle in its stand contributes to the somber, penitential tone of Lent. The joy associated with sacramental initiation which is celebrated during the fifty days of Easter is out of place during these forty days of preparation, penance, and conversion. This is why adult confirmations and first communions are deferred until Easter Time.

Also, our baptismal font will be decorated with purple bands, again 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!

**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 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."

**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:

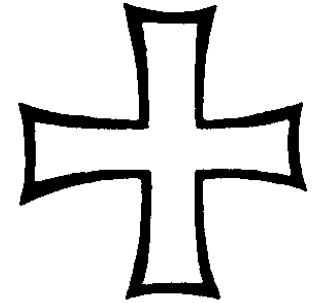
- the omission of the *Glory to God in the highest* at the beginning of all Masses;
- the omission of the Alleluia before the Gospel, replaced by another Gospel acclamation;
- traditional Lenten practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;
- Lenten devotions such as Stations of the Cross and our Parish Mission (look for details elsewhere in the bulletin).

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.

# MUSIC NOTES

## Music During Lent

At OLPH, we will observe the Lenten fast as a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter and for the renewal of our Baptismal promises. In keeping with the spirit of fasting, you will notice that the music at our liturgies will be much simpler during Lent as well. In a sense, you can say that we are fasting with our music. Don't worry, we'll make up for it in the exuberance and joy of the Easter Season.



- Our Eucharistic Acclamations (the Holy, Holy, the Memorial Acclamation and the Great Amen) will be sung to very simple chants. The Lamb of God chant will be sung using the Latin text (ie: *Agnus Dei*).
- During the Preparation of the Gifts, there will be no music at all.
- The organ will only be used to accompany singing which means there will not be any prelude nor postlude instrumental music, except on *Laetare* Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent).
- Each Sunday of Lent we will recite the words of the *Confiteor*, "I confess to almighty God . . ." We pray that the Lord's mercy will be with us on our Lenten journey. Then we will sing the Greek words "*Kyrie Eleison, Christi Eleison, Kyrie Eleison*" which mean "Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy."
- Instead of singing "alleluia" to announce the Gospel, we sing instead: "Praise and honor to you, O Lord, O Lord. Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ." We also won't sing "alleluia" in any of our hymns. We look forward to the Easter Season when we celebrate the newness of life and we will sing the "alleluia" again with new joy and praise.
- On the First Sunday of Lent we will be keeping the ancient tradition of the Church of singing the Litany of the Saints as we begin our Lenten Pilgrimage. We invoke the name of the saints who accompany us on our journey to Jerusalem.
- On the other Sundays of Lent, our Entrance Hymn will be a simple a cappella chant, to which we will respond: "Gather Us in Mercy Lord" and "From the depths we cry to you."

## Join Our Holy Week Choir

Are you interested in singing with our music ministry but can't commit to sing every Sunday? Consider singing for our Holy Week and Triduum liturgies. You won't want to miss the experience of being part of these unique and beautiful ritual moments in the life of the Church during the holiest days of the year. If you would like to participate, you would only have to attend a few rehearsals.

Contact Chris Ferraro for more information - [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org) or 226-7725 ext. 210. Don't worry about having to read music. The only requirement is the ability to carry a tune and a desire to praise God in song.

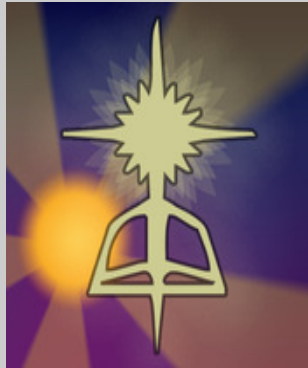


## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### 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**

### ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on 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 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 the Good Friday fast and abstinence.

### 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)*





## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

### OUR CATECHUMENS WILL BECOME THE ELECT

This Saturday at the 5:00 P.M. Mass, our parish celebrated the Rite of Sending of the Catechumens for Election. Here, the parish community “expressed its approval” and “sent them forth to the celebration of election assured of the parish’s care and support” (*Rite of Christian Initiation* 107). This Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, our parish’s catechumens celebrate the Rite of Election with Bishop Murphy at St. Joseph’s Church in Ronkonkoma. After the Rite of Election, and having completed the period of the catechumenate, they will be called the Elect. You can read more about the Rite of Election in next week’s bulletin.

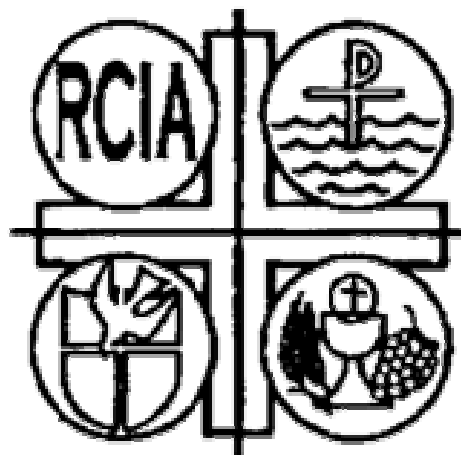
Noel Andrade, Leonard Ruiz and Sofia Ruiz have been meeting each Sunday and attending classes in our Faith Formation program. Now, as they take another step on their journey they enter the Period of Enlightenment and Purification. This period is a time of “more intense spiritual preparation, consisting of interior reflection...and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the elect as they search their own consciences and do penance. This period is intended as well to enlighten the minds and hearts of the elect with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 139).

Continue to pray for Noel, Leo and Sofia, their families, their sponsors and our parish as they continue on their journey of faith!

### NEXT STEP FOR OUR CANDIDATES

Our parish’s candidates - *Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets and Jamie Wittke* - continue on their journey towards acceptance and initiation in the Catholic Church. Different from our parish’s catechumens, their formation has been based on “the baptism they have already received” in other Christian faiths and calling them to focus on the effects of this baptism which they must develop” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* 400).

Their journey, too, will intensify in the season of Lent. Next Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate, as a parish community, the Rite of Sending the Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop and for the Call to Continuing Conversion. The Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on the Second Sunday of Lent, February 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Joseph’s R.C. Church in Ronkonkoma. Here they will gather with other candidates from parishes throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre.



### INQUIRERS

Please also pray for those who are discerning God’s call to join the Catholic community. They are presently in the Period of Evangelization. This period is of the utmost importance for “it is a time of evangelization: faithfully and constantly the living God is proclaimed and Jesus Christ whom he has sent for the salvation of all” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* 36). They are meeting now to more fully discern if God is calling them to membership in the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. John at [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) or at 631.226.7725, x. 203.

# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building

Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253

Email: [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)

Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
([akleinlaut@oloph.org](mailto: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

## Happy Valentine's Day!



St. Valentine was a priest who lived during the 3rd century. He performed Christian marriages when it wasn't allowed. Because of this, he was killed. St. Valentine teaches us to stand up for what we believe in and to value the holiness of Christian marriages!

## Level 6 and 7 Chastity Workshops

We were excited to welcome Laura Domanico, Maureen Brady, and Nolan Reynolds to speak to our Level 6 and 7 classes about chastity and human dignity. The students enjoyed it!



## Upcoming Dates

### WINTER RECESS

There will be no classes between Monday, 2/15 and Saturday, 2/20. Classes resume Monday, 2/22.

Have fun!

### Level 3

There will be a parent/child workshop on Saturday, 2/27.

## New Registration Info

Students must have a **Baptismal certificate** at the time of registration *and* be **registered with OLPH parish** prior to registering with the Religious Education program. Registration is now open, with our first "New Registration Week" held during winter recess.

Tuition for 2016/17 Year: One child: \$130; two children: \$165; three or more: \$195.

For more information, please call the Religious Education Office at (631) 226-7725 X 253 or email us at [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org).

Please spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors!

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cfr@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.**

When we give to the poor,  
God indeed pours his love,  
peace and joy into our hearts and into our lives.

**THE**  
*bluedoor*  
**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's 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](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com). You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

#### DONATIONS

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

- 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
- Blankets
- Low Temperature Sleeping Bags

*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 week-ends.*

## Family Life Ministry

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.



Would you like to help plan events and opportunities for families to come together? Would you like to find out more?

If so, contact [familylife@oloph.org](mailto:familylife@oloph.org) or call 631.226.7725.



### 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?*

Our next gathering is  
**Wednesday, February 17**  
**7:00 p.m. in Room 10**  
**(in the basement of the old school)**

For information call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto: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 23**  
**at 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, February 16**  
**at 6:00 p.m. in Room 18**

For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494



### VIRTUS TRAINING CLASS

**Thursday, February 25**  
**7:00 p.m. in ROOM 1**

**TRAINING IS REQUIRED**  
**FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS**  
**IN ALL MINISTRIES.**

*Registration **MUST** be done online in advance at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) under Protecting God's Children*

Simply go to [drvc.org](http://drvc.org), then **Protecting God's Children** on the right side and to Virtus training schedule to find OLPH Lindenhurst.

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
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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.

### YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork  
Tricia Buckley (Chair)  
Lori Byron  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Marie Foster  
Greg Guido  
Sonia Hansen  
John Keller  
Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
Christina Taparata  
James Totino  
Pete Triolo

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

### YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

### YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
Deacon Tom Bast  
Gerry Chille (Chair)  
Ed Cirella  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Bob Meade  
John Reynolds

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

### YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker  
Lynn Bergin  
Mark Costantino  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Chris Ferraro  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Amy Keller  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Fr. John Sureau  
Mike Williams

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

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida”. Te invita a alabar y glorificar a DIOS todos los jueves a las 7:00 p.m. en la cafetería. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Lleva la bendición a tu casa. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

**El sacramento del bautizo.** Las ceremonias bautismales se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes. Los padres que necesiten bautizar a sus hijos deben atender alas sección de charlas, estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales. Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, Contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 o email:

jsureau@oloph.org o en español, Irma González 631-620-2401 o correo electrónico:

[lanegra628@yahoo.com](mailto:lanegra628@yahoo.com).

## Lecturas del domingo 21 de Febrero del 2016

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

El Señor, Jesucristo, transformará nuestros cuerpos mortales y los hará gloriosos como el suyo.

Que su luz y su paz estén siempre con ustedes.

### Primera lectura (Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

En el momento en que la fe de Abrahán es seriamente probada, Dios le da esperanza; Dios se vincula a Abrahán con una Alianza; y, con el símbolo de la antorcha encendida, Dios muestra que él está presente.

### Segunda lectura (Filipenses 3:17-4, 1)

Transfiguración del Cristiano en Cristo

La gracia salvadora de Cristo transfigurará nuestra humanidad a imagen y semejanza de la humanidad resucitada del Señor.

### Lectura del santo evangelio según (San Lucas 9:28b-36)

Un Destello de la Gloria del Señor

Antes de que Jesús partiera ya hacia Jerusalén, camino de su pasión y muerte, brilló sobre él una vislumbre de su resurrección y gloria, para fortalecerle en su propia fidelidad y para animar a sus discípulos en su fe.

En la Bula de convocación del Jubileo invité a que «la Cuaresma de este Año Jubilar sea vivida con mayor intensidad, como momento fuerte para celebrar y experimentar la misericordia de Dios» (Misericordia vultus, 17). Con la invitación a escuchar la Palabra de Dios y a participar en la iniciativa «24 horas para el Señor» quise hacer hincapié en la primacía de la escucha orante de la Palabra, especialmente de la palabra profética. La misericordia de Dios, en efecto, es un anuncio al mundo: pero cada cristiano está llamado a experimentar en primera persona ese anuncio. Por eso, en el tiempo de la Cuaresma enviaré a los Misioneros de la Misericordia, a fin de que sean para todos un signo concreto de la cercanía y del perdón de Dios.

María, después de haber acogido la Buena Noticia que le dirige el arcángel Gabriel, María canta proféticamente en el Magnifica la misericordia con la que Dios la ha elegido. La Virgen de Nazaret, prometida con José, se convierte así en el icono perfecto de la Iglesia que evangeliza, porque fue y sigue siendo evangelizada por obra del Espíritu Santo, que hizo fecundo su vientre virginal. En la tradición profética, en su etimología, la misericordia está estrechamente vinculada, precisamente con las entrañas maternas (rahamim) y con una bondad generosa, fiel y compasiva (hesed) que se tiene en el seno de las relaciones conyugales y parentales.



# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

**Gregory Doyle**  
**Anna Pinto**  
**Marie Kreisler**  
**Louis Benevento**  
**Angela Jean Paleologopoulos**  
**Jeanne Neff**  
**Carol Russo**

*"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."*

## **MASS MEMORIALS**

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

**February 14-20:**

***Altar Bread & Wine***

*In Memory of*

***Margaret Nuss***

*Requested by*

***The OLPH Staff***

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

## **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.

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will then visit each week.

We pray for the sick and the homebound of our parish at each and every Mass.

## **WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

<i>Laura Fischer</i>	<i>Paul Beyer</i>
<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Imee Tornilla</i>
<i>Aida Asaro</i>	<i>Mr. Rosario Gerardi</i>
<i>Herb Otten</i>	<i>Rocco (no last name given)</i>
<i>Dolores Otten</i>	<i>Steven P. Schipsey</i>
<i>Marie Foster</i>	<i>Christopher Corso</i>
<i>Robert Santiago</i>	<i>Mary Pellegrino</i>
<i>Robert Schehr</i>	<i>Rosalie Grottola</i>
<i>Margaret Vacca</i>	<i>Mario Lotito</i>
<i>George Regan</i>	<i>Bob Little</i>
<i>Steve Moore</i>	<i>Bernadette Sinnott</i>
<i>Juliet Fredericks</i>	<i>Salvatore Rizzolo</i>
<i>Craig Kennedy</i>	<i>Jeanne Calise</i>
<i>Carol Ann Alma</i>	<i>Joanie Lawrence</i>
<i>Carol Gilroy</i>	<i>Anthony Gallo</i>
<i>Patricia Grasso</i>	<i>Karen Benus</i>

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 631-226-7725 x. 200. Names remain in the bulletin for three weeks.

## **GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS**

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY, February 15—</b> <b>Lenten Weekday</b> <i>(President's Day)</i>	
6:30	Joseph Sredniawski
12:15	Kevin Smith
7:00	NO Devotions
<b>TUESDAY, February 16—</b> <b>Lenten Weekday</b>	
6:30	Nancy Iozzia
12:15	Eleanor Zacher
<b>WEDNESDAY, February 17—</b> <b>Lenten Weekday</b> <i>(The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)</i>	
6:30	William DeSantis
12:15	Colleen English Flanagan
12:45	Exposition
<b>THURSDAY, February 18—</b> <b>Lenten Weekday</b>	
6:30	Christine Faye-Maloloyon
12:15	James Lynn
<b>FRIDAY, February 19—</b> <b>Lenten Weekday</b>	
6:30	William DiMaggio
12:15	Dana Romano
7:30	Stations of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY, February 20—</b> <b>Lenten Weekday</b>	
8:00	Gloria Braunsdorf
4:00 – 4:45	Confessions
<b>Vigil for SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
5:00	Dominick De Giorlamo
<b>Sunday, February 21—</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
8:00	Andrew Janusz
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	Living & Deceased members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
5:00	The Zegers Family

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, February 15, 2016</b>		
<b>ALL PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND ACTIVITIES CANCELLED DUE TO THE OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>		
<b>Tuesday, February 16, 2016</b>		
4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Widows & Widowers	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Wednesday, February 17, 2016</b>		
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
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 10
7:00 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 13
	No Religious Ed Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	RCIA—Inquirers	Church
8:00 p.m.	Christian Mothers	Cafeteria
<b>Thursday, February 18, 2016</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry Prep	Room 13
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.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Parent Baptismal Prep Class	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
<b>Friday, February 19, 2016</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	CFFR Movie Night	Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Young People	Room 24
<b>Saturday, February 20, 2016</b>		
8:00 a.m.	No Religious Ed Classes	School
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Sunday, February 21, 2016</b>		
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Cafeteria
1:30 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Prayers for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

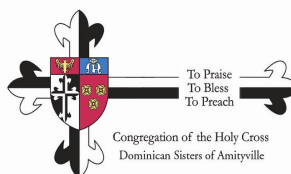
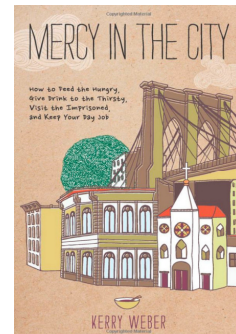
<b>WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE Feb. 6/7, 2016</b>			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	316	132	\$3,165.00
8:00 a.m.	294	136	3,977.00
10:00 a.m.	587	136	3,214.00
12:00 p.m.	492	153	3,258.00
5:00 p.m.	154	-	1,127.50
<b>Total coin:</b>			<b>23.71</b>
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			<b>741.00</b>
Children's Envelopes		30	68.82
Special Needs		14	463.38
Faith Direct			2,041.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>\$18,080.11</b>
<b>2015 TOTAL</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>\$17,193.49</b>
<b>Candles</b>			<b>\$735.28</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>			<b>\$248.79</b>
<b>1st Saturday</b>			<b>\$94.65</b>

**Don't just give up candy for Lent!**

Instead, consider participating in OLPH's *Works of Mercy Project*. Participants will read and discuss Kerry Weber's book *Mercy in the City* and follow up by pledging to perform works of corporal mercy.

Participants will pay a \$20 fee to cover the cost of the book, printed materials and refreshments.

Those interested contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or email him at [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net).



**Sisters of St. Dominic Irish Night Raffle Sales**

**At OLPH this Weekend - Feb. 13/14**

On Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> the *Dominican Sisters of Amityville* will be hosting their annual Irish Night at St. Brigid's parish in Westbury. The proceeds from this celebration are used for the needs of their retired sisters. As was done last year, Sisters will be selling chance book raffles after all the Masses here in OLPH during the weekend of February 13/14. Please consider buying some chances and, who knows, maybe you'll win! The Sisters will be thankful for of your generosity.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE STATION CAFÉ PARKING LOT**

We have been asked by the owners of the Station Café that parishioners not use their parking lot as parking for Masses. We thank you for your cooperation with this request.



**2015 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS**

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**In observance of President's Day MONDAY, February 15th,**

all parish offices will be closed and all activities are cancelled. Weekday 6:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. Masses will be celebrated as usual. However, the Monday night Devotions *will not be held*.



## Preparing for February 21, 2016

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah. ..*

*Luke 9:29-30*

### Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Abram was promised many descendants and vast land to live in if he trusted in the Lord. These blessings were very concrete and remind us that we too will be blessed abundantly, both in concrete and spiritual ways, if we put our faith in the Lord as Abram did.

### Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Paul reminds us not to become so involved with day-to-day concerns, even legitimate ones, that we forget our ultimate hope which is our transfiguration into the image of Christ. We are citizens of another realm which is heavenly and we too will have a “glorified body.” The ultimate truth remains – life does not end here.

### Luke 9:28b – 36

Today’s gospel relates how God passes the torch, as it were, from the two pillars of Jewish salvation history – the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah) – to their fulfillment, to the only one left when the cloud lifts – Jesus. We are called, as Jesus was, to move forward to death and then glory by heeding God when he says “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

### 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.*

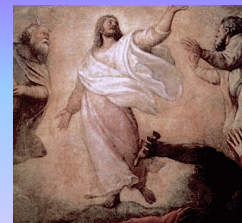
1. In the blinding light, did Peter, James and John begin to see or understand who Jesus was? Think of some times that you have seen the divine not in a transfiguration but in the ordinary. Share your experiences with others.

2. Pope Francis reflected on the Transfiguration with pilgrims gathered in St. Peter’s Square on the second Sunday in Lent. What does he say is the important message of the Transfiguration?

The mountain is the site of the encounter [with] intimate closeness with God—the place of prayer, in which to stand in the presence of the Lord. We, the disciples of Jesus, are called to be people who listen to His voice and take his words seriously. To listen to Jesus, we must follow Him.

We need to go to a place of retreat, to climb the mountain and go to a place of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. We cannot stay there, however. The encounter with God in prayer again pushes us to 'come down from the mountain' and back down into the plain, where we meet many brothers and sisters weighed down by fatigue, injustice, and both material and spiritual poverty.

Pope Francis: *We need to climb the mountain, but we cannot stay there* March 16, 2014



## Readings for the Week

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

### Monday, February 15, 2016:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18  
+ Matthew 25:31-46

### Tuesday, February 16, 2016:

Isaiah 55:10-11 + Matthew 6:7-15

### Wednesday, February 17, 2016:

Jonah 3:1-10 + Luke 11:29-32

### Thursday, February 18, 2016:

Ester C:12, 14-16, 23-25  
+ Matthew 7:7-12

### Friday, February 19, 2016:

Ezekiel 18:21-28  
+ Matthew 5:20-26

### Saturday, February 20, 2016:

Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
+ Matthew 5:43-48

### Sunday, February 21, 2016:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
+ Philippians 3:17—4:1  
+ Luke 9:28b-36

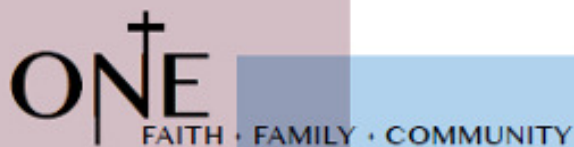


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