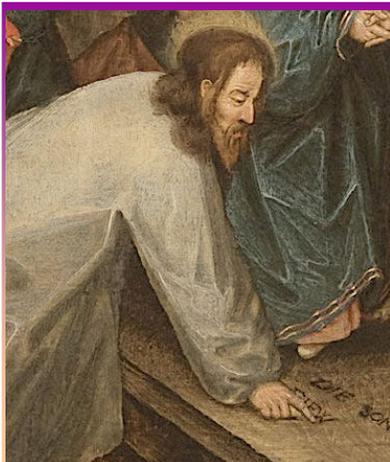


# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.  
Go, and from now on do not sin any more."*

John 8:11

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13, 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.

# HOLY WEEK BEGINS MARCH 20

*PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW MASS TIMES  
FOR PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY*

## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, March 20**

Saturday, March 19, 5:00 p.m.: The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem with Solemn Procession

Sunday, March 20: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.



## **HOLY THURSDAY, March 24**

9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer

11:00 a.m. — Chrism Mass in St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre

7:30 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, following the Mass, until 11:00 p.m.

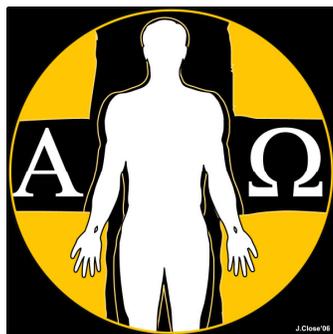
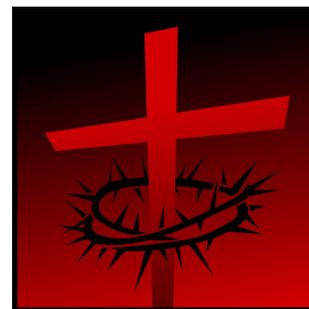
## **GOOD FRIDAY, March 25**

9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon — Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. — The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 p.m. — The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, repeated



## **HOLY SATURDAY, March 26**

9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer

## **THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

Saturday, March 26

8:00 p.m.

*Note: There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 26*

## **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Sunday, March 27

7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

*Note: There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.*

*PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW MASS TIMES FOR EASTER SUNDAY*

# HOLY WEEK 2016

## Special Procession to Commemorate the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 19 – 5:00 P.M. MASS



On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. Last year, this was a great celebration for the parish.

**At the 5:00 p.m. Mass next Saturday, March 19, we will celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion with a special Solemn Procession.**

**For next Saturday evening, please note:**

✠ **Confessions will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

✠ The church building itself will be closed prior to the Mass (except for those who are physically disabled).

✠ We will be gathering in the school auditorium for the Blessing of Palms and then process into the church. Remember, when we process, we are commemorating **the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem.**

**Wave your palm branches and sing!**

✠ Our procession is a time of prayer—so as we process we pray in word and song. Be sure to enter into the prayer!

✠ If it is raining, we will begin in the church.



Even if you do not usually attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, consider attending next week as together we begin the celebration of Holy Week.



### SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING OFFERINGS FOR THE POOR ON HOLY THURSDAY

All who attend the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper are asked to bring an offering of food for the poor. Insofar as one of the principal mysteries commemorated on Holy Thursday is the Lord's command to love one another, as also ritualized in the Washing of Feet, this ritual expression of bringing offerings for the poor reminds us that "where true charity is dwelling, God is present there." Check the shopping list for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry printed elsewhere in this bulletin and bring one or more of those items. **REMEMBER, THOUGH: DO NOT BRING YOUR GIFT TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY BEFORE MASS BEGINS! HOLD ONTO IT — YOU WILL CARRY IT UP IN PROCESSION AT THE USUAL TIME OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS, AS DIRECTED BY THE USHERS.** This offering of food for the poor is the "collection" for that Mass. Thus, these offerings of food for the poor and the bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist will powerfully symbolize the offerings of ourselves and of our love for one another as we participate in the offering of the Mass.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

This Fifth Sunday of Lent can be seen as a turning point in our Lenten journey as we enter into the final days of this liturgical season; there are less than two weeks left before we begin the Sacred Paschal Triduum. We have visual reminders that we have reached this point in Lent in the statues and images in the church that have been covered or removed. We are starkly aware that the celebration of the Lord's Passion is rapidly approaching.

As evidence of that celebration drawing near, the Collect (Opening Prayer) for today's Mass specifically mentions how the Son of God "*handed himself over to death.*" Along with remembering that act of perfect love, the prayer asks that we may "*walk eagerly in that same charity.*" In other words, Jesus' death on the cross as an offering of love cannot remain some remote and disconnected example for us, but rather, it must be the actual pattern of living that we imitate daily. When we hear about "the teachings of the Christian faith" in the Prayer over the Offerings, we should again think of a whole way of life that follows Christ's example of self-emptying. Additionally, this life of self-emptying in imitation of Christ is never something that we live in isolation; rather, we live it as members of the Christian community, the Body of Christ. Therefore, the Prayer after Communion prays "*that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.*"

Ponder the meaning of these prayers during this fifth week of Lent as we draw closer to our holiest days of the year when we celebrate so powerfully and in such a focused way the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord.

### *Palm Sunday Vigil Procession Next Week*

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday already! The formal liturgical title for the day is "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." "On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery." (*Roman Missal*) With this day we enter into Holy Week, a week which culminates in the Great Three Days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

As has become our custom, we will celebrate a special **Procession for Palm Sunday at the 5:00 p.m. Mass this coming Saturday, March 19.** Please note the following details:

- On Saturday, March 19, Confessions will be held at a special time, **3:00-4:00 p.m., and will end promptly at 4:00 p.m.**
- At 4:00 p.m., the doors of the church will be locked. Everyone attending the 5:00 Mass will gather in

the school auditorium, where we will assemble for the **Procession.** Ushers will assist in directing people to the auditorium.

- The handicapped and others who would have difficulty walking will be allowed to enter the church, and they will wait there for the Procession to arrive. Please: this is for only the truly handicapped — not just because you don't want to walk in procession!

- **Mass begins in the auditorium with Entrance Rites particular to this Sunday.** Then, after those rites, we **process in song** from the auditorium, along Wellwood Avenue, into the church.

- Mass then continues in the church.
- In case of inclement weather, we will simply gather in the church as usual.

Those who have participated in this Procession know how beautiful it is to mark Palm Sunday this way. The Church gives us a special gift by asking us to include this Procession at a principal Mass. What a beautiful expression of prayer it is to pray with our bodies as we walk the journey of entering into Jerusalem with the Lord! What a powerful way to mark our entry into this holiest of weeks!

Sure, it requires a little extra effort on our part, but since liturgy is the most important thing we do, and since Holy Week is our most important week, we should make the extra effort. So, there is to be no grumbling next week about the extra effort to join in the procession! Even if you don't usually come to the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays, why not do so next week for Palm Sunday? You'll be glad you did! I hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity to enter Holy Week by joining in this beautiful special liturgy.

### *Be kind to folks the next two weeks!*

It's time for our reminder concerning the "big" days: please be kind to the folks who come to Mass only at special times such as Palm Sunday and Easter! We "regulars" must show our Christian faith-in-action by not resenting their presence. It is up to us to provide a warm welcome and a sense of hospitality. Let's all stay calm; our new special Mass schedule (see below) should help with parking and traffic congestion. OLPH is always such a very welcoming parish, so let's continue to show it. You may just entice someone to come back more frequently. What can be said for sure is that someone definitely will not come back if they are greeted with rudeness.

### *Special schedules for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday*

**Don't say we didn't warn you! There is a new and special schedule for the Masses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.**

**Take note of the special schedules for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday as printed elsewhere in this bul-**

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

letin, as posted on signs at all the church entrances, as posted on our website, and as printed in the leaflet mailed out some time ago (which is NOT a misprint—the times printed in that leaflet are correct). Spread the word to others to make sure they are aware of the schedule!

### *New Altar Servers*

This is it! Boys and girls in fourth grade and older: we are recruiting new altar servers!!! Now is the time for you to sign up! The sign-up form is elsewhere in this bulletin and must be returned to me by Monday, March 28, 2016. It's a lot of fun, and you perform a great service to the parish, and being a server helps you to draw closer to God — what's not to like about it?!? I look forward to hearing from you soon about becoming an altar server. Moms and dads: encourage your children to become altar servers!

### *Viewing Parish Facilities Calendar online*

I want to call your attention to another great feature we've added to our website. You can now view the Parish Facilities Calendar online by clicking the "Parish Calendar" tab on the right in the top bar. You can then view what events have already been booked and what facilities are being used in the parish. It is hoped that this will make things easier for ministry heads and leaders when they are looking to request using space here. Before you submit your request form, you can check to see if the room or space you want is available. If it's not, you can avoid requesting that space and it will save some back-and-forth of the paperwork. I hope this new feature

proves to be useful to everyone.

### *Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards*

Easter Spiritual Bouquet cards are now available. As is our custom, all the Masses on Easter Sunday will be for the intentions of the Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards. If you would like to participate in this and to have your intentions prayed for at Easter Sunday Masses, please use the cards and envelopes available and be sure to return them before Easter Sunday to the rectory.

### *St. Patrick and St. Joseph*

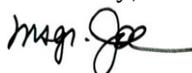
This week we celebrate the two popular saints whose feast days fall in March, St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19). St. Joseph's Day is celebrated with the liturgical rank of a Solemnity, and so we will have music at our 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> to properly observe the Solemnity. Blessings to all who celebrate these days and who enjoy marking their Irish and Italian heritages through these occasions! Even as I write this I am already eagerly anticipating all the delicious St. Joseph's pastries!!!

### *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,



## **SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY & EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES:**

***PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING NEW SCHEDULES FOR THESE DAYS***



### **Palm Sunday**

**Saturday, March 19:**

5:00 p.m. Vigil  
with Procession

**Sunday, March 20:**

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### **Easter Sunday**

**Saturday, March 26:**

8:00 p.m.,  
The Easter Vigil  
in the Holy Night

*(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)*

**Sunday, March 27:**

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.  
*(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)*



### **Confessions This Week**

**Monday—Friday:**

following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

**CHANGE IN TIME FOR  
SATURDAY CONFESSIONS ON  
SATURDAY, MARCH 19  
(SATURDAY BEFORE PALM SUNDAY)**



Confessions on **Saturday, March 19** will be **3:00—4:00 p.m.** This time change is necessary due to the special Palm Sunday Vigil Mass Procession which we will be celebrating on Saturday night, March 19.

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Monday of Holy Week, March 21: 3:00—9:00 p.m.**  
**Holy Saturday, March 26: 3:00—5:00 p.m.**

**BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER:  
ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE PARISH, FOURTH GRADE AND OLDER**

We are in the process of **recruiting new Altar Servers!** Being an altar server is a great way to be involved at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You make an important contribution to the life of the parish and you perform an important ministry. Besides, it's fun!!! You serve at weekend Masses and other special events, attend some meetings throughout the year, and have fun parties!

*Why not become an altar server?* We would love to have you, and we will provide plenty of training — no prior experience is necessary!! If you are a boy or a girl who is in the **4<sup>th</sup> grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, or even older!)**, you are invited to become an altar server. Parents, why not mention it to your daughter or son to get them interested? Training will start soon, so sign up now. If you are interested, **mail or drop off the coupon below to Monsignor Joe at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue (no phone calls, please; you must let me know in writing! It's OK to scan this page and send it electronically with all the info to [msgjrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgjrjoe@oloph.org)).**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE RESPOND BEFORE MARCH 28, 2016, SINCE THE FIRST TRAINING MEETING WILL BE SOON AFTER THAT** (you will receive a letter giving you specific information).

**Sorry...no responses can be accepted after March 28!**

*We hope to hear from YOU!!!*

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Yes, I am interested in becoming an Altar Server! **RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE MAR. 28**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Family Envelope/Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ **\*\*\*Required: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH.**

Year You Received First Holy Communion \_\_\_\_\_

Grade you are in right now \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I go to public school; Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I go to Catholic school; Name of School \_\_\_\_\_



**PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

**LENTEN ENVIRONMENT:  
COVERING STATUES AND IMAGES**

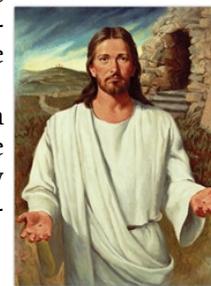
We have taken the opportunity to observe the custom of covering (or removing, where possible) crosses and images throughout the church, a practice permitted starting the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Crosses will remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. Since the environment perceived by our senses is an important part of our worship, we hope this custom facilitates your entrance into and spiritual participation in these last days of Lent, as we approach the Sacred Paschal Triduum and the fifty days of Easter Time.



**EASTER  
SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS**

Easter Spiritual Bouquet cards are now available throughout the church. These cards are a meaningful way for you to have your intentions prayed for in the Masses of Easter Sunday. Take an envelope, fill out your prayer intention, and return the envelope with your donation. Envelopes may be returned either in the collection basket or at the rectory.

Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. All the Masses offered on Easter Sunday will be for the intentions of the Easter Spiritual Bouquet.



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## 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.



## 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.

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



## *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, March 14—7:00 p.m.**  
*Monday, March 21— No devotions due to Confessions on Monday of Holy Week*  
**Monday, March 28—7:00 p.m.**

## **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.

## 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 — FRIDAYS OF LENT**

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 Good Friday fast and abstinence.

## DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS



The Diocese of Rockville Centre

### Golden Wedding Celebration

Sunday, April 10,

Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville  
OR

Sunday, April 24,

Church of Maria Regina, Seaford  
Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm.

Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by **March 25** for the April 10 liturgy & **April 8** for the April 24 liturgy.  
Call 516-678-5800 X 207 or 516-867-6340.

**In *The Long Island Catholic Magazine***—In the March edition you will read about how women who have had an abortion are now experiencing God's mercy through special retreats conducted by the Sisters of Life right here in our own diocese. Bishop Murphy reflects on the process for selecting a new shepherd. Read about ways to celebrate the Easter Triduum with your family and so much more. Please support the monthly magazine of the Diocese of Rockville Centre --subscribe today! One year of 10 issues for \$20. Sign up today on line at [licatholic.org](http://licatholic.org) or call 1-800-443-2155.

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### *The Voice of Catholic Women*

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THE MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS

Carol Dunning, Esq.  
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Saturday, March 19, 2016

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at the

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## THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: EXAMINING YOUR CONSCIENCE

The spiritual exercise of examining our conscience is something that every Christian should do on a regular basis. The habit of reviewing our actions or behaviors each day to see how our life is, or is not, in accord with the way God asks us to live can be a wonderful opportunity for spiritual discernment and growth.

Of course, as the *Rite of Penance* reminds us, “the inner examination of heart and the outward accusation must be made in the light of God’s mercy.” (6) In other words, the way for us to begin to examine our conscience and to uncover the areas of sin in our life that need to be healed by God’s forgiveness is to start with God’s love. God has created each and every one of us, redeemed us through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus, and has given us all that we need to live a good and moral life. In the light of God’s goodness and mercy, we should never be afraid to be brutally honest with ourselves about what our sins are.

When going to the Sacrament of Penance, it is important to spend time examining our conscience before we go to Confession. It’s not helpful to think about our sins for the first time only while we are waiting on line, for example. If examining our conscience is a regular part of our prayer life, this preparation for the sacrament will come easy.

In examining our conscience, we should look at our relationships both with God and with other people. We should ask ourselves if we are really growing to be

a better, more loving, and less self-centered person, and if we are growing closer to God. We should pray to the Holy Spirit for the Spirit’s guidance to see those areas of our life where sin has damaged our relationship with God and with others.

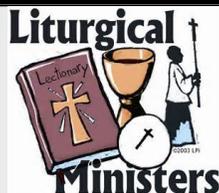
Sometimes we will discover that our sins are quite specific and have to do with concrete actions; other times we will discover that our sinfulness is related to a general pattern of behavior or attitude. To help us in discerning what our sins are, the Ten Commandments are a great place to start, as are the Beatitudes, as found in Matthew 5:1-12, for example. There are also many guides to examining one’s conscience that can be found in spiritual reading and in other Catholic resources. For example, the Bishops of the United States have provided some guides for the examination of conscience on their website: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience.cfm>

Remember that not all sin is equally serious. Sin might be serious enough such that I have broken off my relationship with God (mortal sin), or it might be less serious and only damage my relationship with God (venial sin). Whichever it is, we should never hesitate to confess all our sins openly.

Our celebration of the Sacrament of Penance will be all the more fruitful and beneficial to the degree we have done the work ahead of time in examining our conscience. ✠



# LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING



**WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU!**

**OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW READERS, USHERS AND  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## What do Extraordinary Ministers do?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Those who wish can also go on for extra training to bring Holy Communion to our homebound sisters and brothers.

## How Do I Become An Extraordinary Minister?

1. You must contact Barbara McPhail at 631.226-1354 or e-mail to [gospa254@gmail.com](mailto:gospa254@gmail.com).
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to [msgjrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgjrjoe@oloph.org) requesting to become a minister.
3. You must meet with Msgr. Joe for an interview.
4. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions (see below). If you wish to also bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, you must attend a separate "Part B" training session. Information about that session can be obtained in your interview with Msgr. Joe.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART A" FOR ALL MINISTERS

**Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

**Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.**  
at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART B" FOR THOSE WHO WILL BRING COMMUNION TO THE SICK

**Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
at McGann-Mercy High School, Riverhead

**Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.**  
at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

**Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

## What do Readers do?

Readers proclaim the Scriptures and sometimes the Intercessions at Sunday and daily Mass and at other liturgies.

## How Do I Become A Reader?

1. You must contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or email to [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net)
2. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.



## READERS

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## What do Ushers do?

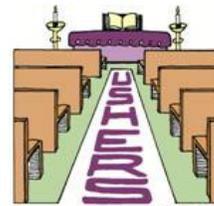
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of the assembly during processions such as the reception of Holy Communion and at other times. Taking up the collection is another way Ushers serve the assembly.

## Who Should Become an Usher?

Anyone, including teens who have received Confirmation, can become an Usher. This is a great ministry for **families to do together...the young ones can do this with parents and older children!**

## How Do I Become an Usher?

You should contact Mike Williams at [olphushersministry@gmail.com](mailto:olphushersministry@gmail.com) or, if you don't have e-mail, leave a message for Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office, (631) 226-7725 and he will pass the message along to Mike.



All liturgical ministers must complete a Volunteer Registration Form, have Virtus training and be a registered parishioner. For information about becoming Virtus compliant: Contact Jean Bjork at [jean.bjork@gmail.com](mailto:jean.bjork@gmail.com).

## IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with the Religious Education Office, and they and their parents must participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their home-school 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.

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

## PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY



*OLPH Christian Mothers  
& Guild*

**Palm Sunday Bake Sale**

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> –  
after Masses**

**Location: Priest Garages on High Street**

*Homemade Baked Goods  
Cakes, Cupcakes, Muffins,  
Cookies*



**“Specialty Chocolate” Raffle**

**Roe Roe’s Sweet Street**

**Babylon Village**

**\$1.<sup>00</sup> each or 6 for \$5.<sup>00</sup>**

**Questions or Additional Information?**

**Deb Duffy 631 956-3202**



### 2015-2016 OLPH CYO Basketball Awards Ceremony

Please Join Us In Celebrating Our Basketball  
Athletes At The OLPH CYO 2015-2016  
Awards Ceremony

**Date:** Saturday March 19, 2016

**Where:** Lindenhurst Middle School-

**When:** **Girls** 1-2 & 3-4 Divisions

2:00PM

**Boys** 1, 2, 3, 4-5 Divisions

3:30PM



Families Please Bring a  
Non-Perishable Food Item To Be  
Donated To The St. Vincent **de Paul**



Society For The Needy

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building

Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253

Email: [religious@oloph.org](mailto:religious@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 St. Patrick's Day And St. Joseph's Day!



On Thursday, *March 17*, we remember St. Patrick, the 5<sup>th</sup>-century bishop who brought Catholicism to Ireland. Along with St. Brigid, he is considered Ireland's patron saint. On Saturday, *March 19*, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is Patron of the Universal Church and also the patron saint of workers, carpenters and fathers.



## REGISTRATION FOR 2016/17 IS NOW OPEN!

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. 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 or email us at [religious@oloph.org](mailto:religious@oloph.org).

Our goal is to bring your child into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church.

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

### Vocations Talk with Fr. Joe Fitzgerald!

On Thursday, March 3rd, Olympic-athlete-turned-priest and diocesan vocations director *Fr. Joe Fitzgerald* and seminarian *Matt Browne* came to speak with the Level 7 students.



## UPCOMING DATES

### LEVEL 8

Parent Meeting for Group A  
(rooms 1, 2, 4, 16, and Catholic/homeschool)  
on **Monday, March 14**

### LEVEL 7

Penance in Church at 7:30 p.m. on  
**Wednesday, March 16**

### LEVEL 5

Penance in Church at 11:00 a.m. on  
**Saturday, March 19**

### EASTER RECESS:

**MONDAY, 3/21—MONDAY, 3/28**



# 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—cffr@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!

- CANNED FRUIT**
- HOT AND COLD CEREAL**
- COFFEE**
- PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT**
- BAKED BEANS**
- CANNED JUICE**
- SHAMPOO**
- BATH SOAP**
- TOILET PAPER**
- PAPER TOWELS**

**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.**

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

## 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’ 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*

### DRIVING MINISTRY...



Did you know that our Driving Ministry has made over 100 pick-ups since the inception of the ministry? What a beautiful way to assist and support others in need!

We are trying to increase our driving ministry at OLPH. We need a commitment from a number of drivers with a good license and insurance and, of course, some time to donate to others. The service will be medical appointments and participation at Sunday Mass.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182 or the Rectory at 631.226.7725.

**ALL DRIVERS MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED**

### 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

During these winter months, we are in need of the following:

- heavy socks** (we have plenty of the regular white tube socks)
- male underwear** (small, medium & large)
- gloves**
- underwear**
- thermal underwear** M-L-XL
- socks**
- Mens shoes/boots** 9-15
- Mens jeans**-all sizes
- 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 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?*

Our next gathering is  
**Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Patrick's / St. Joseph's Party**  
*(being held off Church property)*

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net)

#### *Future activities:*

Wednesday, **April 6:** Preparing booth for the Lindenhurst Spring Fair on May 1st.

Wednesday, **April 20:** Work on Spring Fair booth and putting together van lunches.

Sunday, **May 1:** Lindenhurst Spring Fair on Wellwood Avenue, 12:00 p.m.-5P:00 p.m. – fundraiser for Father Fidelis' Nigerian Charity.

### WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

*Widows and Widowers for men and women who have lost a spouse to support and encourage one another.*

*Our next meeting will take place on*

**Tuesday, March 15**  
**at 6:00 p.m. in Room 18**

*For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494*

The OLPH Conference of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Memorial Cards** are now available. The Memorial Cards are a wonderful way to honor the dearly departed while benefitting the less fortunate in our community. A beautiful "Living Memorial" Card will be sent acknowledging your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Donation forms are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Monday, Wednesday & Friday) or at the Rectory.

For further information, please contact:  
Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234.



# 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 20 de Marzo del 2016

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

DOMINGO DE RAMOS EN LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR (Ciclo C

Jerusalén: Lugar de Sufrimiento y de Triunfo

Y la Pasión Continúa

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Hoy, y durante toda la Semana Santa, nuestra atención se concentra en los sufrimientos que nuestro Señor soportó por nosotros y cómo esos sufrimientos condujeron a su resurrección y a nuestra liberación del pecado y del mal, y finalmente de la muerte. Pero tenemos también muy presente que Jesús sigue sufriendo hoy en su cuerpo, es decir, en los que son víctimas de injusticia, de pobreza y penuria, traición, persecución. Roguemos por ellos para que se alcen con el Señor, y para que nosotros les ayudemos a levantarse.

### Primera lectura (Isaías 50:4-7)

El Siervo de Dios, Sufriente, permanece fiel a su misión incluso cuando es perseguido, ya que confía plenamente en Dios.

### Segunda lectura (Filipenses 2:6-11)

El Hijo de Dios se humilló a sí mismo para hacerse uno de nosotros y para servirnos. Por eso Dios lo resucitó y le hizo Señor de todo.

### Lectura del santo evangelio según (Lucas 22:14-23,56)

En la pasión, Lucas presenta a Jesús como el que vino a buscar y salvar lo que estaba perdido. Ofrece la misericordia de Dios al pueblo de hoy.

En el pórtico de la Semana Santa la liturgia pone ante nuestros ojos dos cuadros contrapuestos, casi contradictorios. Por un lado la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén, que da nombre a la solemnidad de hoy, “domingo de Ramos”; por el otro, la Pasión y Muerte de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Lo hace para recordarnos que el triunfo de Jesús no es un triunfo según los criterios humanos. Al contrario, se trata del ingreso triunfal que precede a lo que, según esos criterios, es una completa derrota. ¿Se trató, tal vez, sólo de un hermoso sueño, otro más, roto por la crueldad de la historia? La liturgia nos está diciendo también que esta muerte ignominiosa es el prelude de una victoria que supera toda medida. Por eso, tiene sentido la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén, en la que es aclamado y confesado por sus discípulos como el verdadero Rey de los tiempos mesiánicos, el Mesías enviado por Dios, al tiempo que, a la luz de la lectura de la Pasión, nos revela, anticipándose al Viernes de Pasión, el sentido del mesianismo y la realeza de Cristo: cómo nos salva Dios, cuál es el trono del Rey que viene en su nombre.

Es tiempo de preguntarnos ¿cómo estoy yo delante de Jesús? Soy como aquellos que se burlaban de Él, como aquel que lo vendió, como aquel que quería arreglar todo con la espada? O como aquellos valientes que no se separaron de la Cruz.



## CLASES THE VIRTUS EN ESPANOL

**JUEVES, MARZO 31  
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**, 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

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Deacon Tom Bast, Business Manager	204	tbast@oloph.org
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrojoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religiously@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Coordinator of Faith Formation	257	acarbaugh@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor	203	jsureau@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact 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  
Bill Bendernagel  
Sandra Best  
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.*

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **Third Time:**

*David Saccente  
& Jessica Kramer*

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

<i>Dorothy Bever</i>	<i>Dorothy Chiavola</i>
<i>Marie D'Andrea</i>	<i>Antoinette Ryan</i>
<i>Maria Gragnano</i>	<i>Louise E. Danko</i>
<i>Gennaro Zampella</i>	<i>Joseph P. Danko</i>
<i>Marie Hopp</i>	<i>MaryJane (Becker) Carroll</i>

*"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."*

## **WE BELIEVE**

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

<i>Mario Lotito</i>	<i>Nicole Mallas</i>
<i>Bob Little</i>	<i>Jean Ryan</i>
<i>Bernadette Sinnott</i>	<i>Peggy McCloud</i>
<i>Salvatore Rizzolo</i>	<i>Kathleen Sazio</i>
<i>Jeanne Calise</i>	<i>Brianna Delgado</i>
<i>Joanie Lawrence</i>	<i>John Cascio</i>
<i>Anthony Gallo</i>	<i>James Rigney, Jr.</i>
<i>Karen Benus</i>	<i>Laura Fischer</i>
<i>Dolores Otten</i>	<i>Maureen Nalewajk</i>
<i>Jose Correa</i>	<i>Madison Muir</i>
<i>William Stanton</i>	<i>Christopher Corso</i>
<i>Kevin Reid</i>	<i>Joan Cox</i>
<i>George Walters</i>	<i>Steven P. Shipsey</i>
<i>Juliette Fredricks</i>	<i>Donald Lalegian</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.

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016 1:00 P.M. MASS**

Peter Corticchia	Requested by Le Sollic Family
Nunzio DiLorenzo	Requested by Wife & Children
Cologero Falzone	Requested by Son & Family
Margaret Nuss	Requested by The Kruse Family
Sheila Clark	Requested by Paul Butler
John C. Babino	Requested by A "Friend"
Marie France Janvier (Thank You)	Requested by Marie France Janvier
Maria Gragnano	Requested by Linda Masotto & Family

Church of St. Joseph Parish Center  
39 North Carl Ave, Babylon, NY

## **"MOVING ON" GROUP**

An After Bereavement Group  
for Widows and Widowers  
present: **"STRESS MANAGEMENT"**  
**Friday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Please call: Geri Olson 631-661-8994

*Our Lady of Consolation* in West Islip is in need of volunteers to assist bringing our residents to both daily and Sunday Mass, which is celebrated Sunday—Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Volunteers usually arrive by 10:00 a.m., bring the residents to the Auditorium, stay for Mass and return the residents to their rooms. Great for High School students on Sundays! You are also encouraged to stay for a complimentary lunch.

Many residents are former parishioners. If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you could bring the Eucharist to those residents unable to attend Mass.

For more information contact Peggy Nixdorf, Dir. of Pastoral Care, at 631-587-1600 X 8297.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, March 14—****Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Margaret Nuss

12:15 Brittany Leigh

7:00 Devotions

**TUESDAY, March 15—****Lenten Weekday**

6:30 John Stetter

12:15 Loretta Breuer

**WEDNESDAY, March 16—****Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Theresa Grasso

12:15 Michael Nuccio

12:45 Exposition

7:30 Level 7 Penance Service

**THURSDAY, March 17—****Lenten Weekday***(Saint Patrick, Bishop)*

6:30 Max Mueller

12:15 Rev. Edward Seagriff

**FRIDAY, March 18—****Lenten Weekday***(Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)*

6:30 Rose Scelza

12:15 Emma Vurro

7:30 Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, March 19—****Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 Jennie Sciametta

11:00 Level 5 Penance Service

4:00 –  
4:45 Confessions**Vigil for  
PALM SUNDAY  
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

5:00 Helen Connor

**Sunday, March 20—  
PALM SUNDAY  
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:00 Annette Kyproes—Coviello

11:00 Living & Deceased Members of the  
Christian Mothers & Guild

1:00 Perpetual Help Mass (see page 17)

5:00 Saverio Strazza

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK****Monday, March 14, 2016**

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

10:00 a.m. Homeless Van Ministry Prep Room 13

2:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

6:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class Cafeteria

6:30 p.m. Devotions Church

7:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee St. Lucy

7:15 p.m. Level 8 Classes School

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

4:00 p.m. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

6:00 p.m. Widows &amp; Widowers Room 18

6:30 p.m. Homeless Van Ministry Prep Room 9

8:00 p.m. Community of Praise Room 16

8:00 p.m. Alcohols Anonymous Cafeteria

**Wednesday, March 16, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Homeless Van Ministry Room 9

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 Penance Service Church

8:00 p.m. Christian Mothers Cafeteria

**Thursday, March 17, 2016**

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

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:30 p.m. Catholic Social Teaching Auditorium

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

**Friday, March 18, 2016**

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

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

8:00 p.m. Alcohol Anonymous Young People Room 24

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**

8:30 a.m. Level 1, 2, 3, 4 Classes School

11:00 a.m. Level 5 Penance Service Church

1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

After Mass Christian Mothers Bake Sale Garages

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer/Liturgy of Hours Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

**Sunday, March 20, 2016****PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED**

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

## WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE March 5/6, 2016

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	377	173	\$3,861.00
8:00 a.m.	324	126	3,352.00
10:00 a.m.	502	282	3,112.00
12:00 p.m.	460	200	3,701.00
5:00 p.m.	400	50	1,822.50
<b>Total coin:</b>			23.58
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			809.00
Children's Envelopes		29	92.25
Special Needs			603.30
<b>Faith Direct</b>			2,024.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,063	860	\$19,401.38
<b>2015 TOTAL</b>	2,032	657	\$17,886.33
<b>Candles</b>			\$1,027.51
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$273.35
<b>Church in Need</b>			\$2,854.00

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## Preparing for March 20, 2016

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”*

Luke 19: 38

### Isaiah 50:4-7

This selection from Isaiah is the third of four poems usually called the “Servant Songs,” all of which we will hear throughout Holy Week. This “Servant of the Lord” (also known as the “Suffering Servant”) who is speaking is sent by God to proclaim to the Israelites who were exiled to Babylon a message of hope and deliverance despite the desperate nature of their present circumstances. He is rejected but undeterred, even though he is grossly mistreated. God has given him the word and he must deliver it, even at the cost of personal suffering. And he is confident that God will eventually prove him right.

### Philippians 2:6-11

Paul’s letter to the Church at Philippi, thirty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, incorporates an early church hymn that we hear today. When he wrote this letter, Paul was in prison, perhaps facing death for preaching about Jesus. He exhorts the Church then, and us today, to follow the example of Jesus’ passage through death to greater life, despite any difficulties that we face. Imagine that – Jesus did not cling to being in the form of God but stooped down to our level so that he could rescue us from the fall of Adam. Truly, every tongue should confess that “Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!”

### Luke 22:14—23:56

Today we hear Luke’s account of the Passion and Death of Jesus, a truly moving account of how great God’s love is for us. As the events unfold, Jesus models what we are called to be: people of service to others. He strengthens his disciples, and Peter especially, at their last supper together. He healed the servant whose ear had been cut off. He interrupts his painful walk to Calvary to instruct some women of Jerusalem along the way. Even under the duress of imminent death, he reached out with words of encouragement to the “good thief” while on the cross. When the hour was darkest, Jesus still loved the people he encountered, so he surely can love us in our dark hour. What good news!

### 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. *Luke says that the marginalized or the neglected went with Jesus on the way to his death. These included the women, Simon, and the good thief. What does this tell you about Jesus? What does it tell you about Luke?*

2. *Pope Francis listened to the Gospel account of how Jesus’ disciples had fallen asleep just before he was betrayed by Judas. He ignored his prepared homily and invited the people, including himself to look into their hearts. How would you answer his questions?*

*“Has my life fallen asleep?”*

*“Am I like Pontius Pilate, who, when he sees the situation is difficult, washes my hands?”*

*Pope Francis on Palm Sunday:  
“Has my life fallen asleep?”  
April 13, 2014*

## Readings for the Week

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

### Monday, March 14, 2016:

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30 + John 8:12-20

### Tuesday, March 15, 2016:

Numbers 21:4-9 + John 8:21-30

### Wednesday, March 16, 2016:

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
+ John 8:31-42

### Thursday, March 17, 2016:

Genesis 17:3-9 + John 8:51-59

### Friday, March 18, 2016:

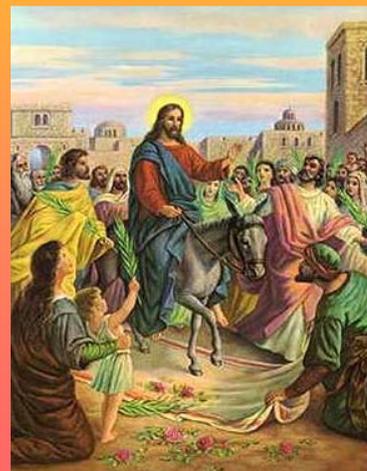
Jeremiah 20:10-13 + John 10:31-42

### Saturday, March 19, 2016:

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
+ Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
+ Mark 1:16, 18-21, 24a

### Sunday, March 20, 2016:

Luke 19:28-40 + Isaiah 50:4-7  
+ Philippians 2:6-11  
+ Luke 22:14—23:56





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**FAMILIES IN SERVICE...** On Sunday, March 6, 2016, Family Life Ministry hosted Families in Service and the response was huge...so much so we had to open an additional room! Deborah Deasy, President of our Society of St. Vincent de Paul spoke about the amazing work of SVDP and how families are called to get involved in this work. Following, hundreds of sandwiches were made for a local soup kitchen and for our own Community Meal and Homeless ministries.



**CONFIRMATION RETREATS...** On the Third and Fourth Sundays of Lent, our parish's candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation participated in a special retreat helping them to discern if they are called to be missionary disciples of love and mercy. The day included a special retreat presentation, participation in the 5:00 p.m. Mass and dinner with their families. At the Mass, candidates submitted their letters to Msgr. Joe officially requesting reception of the sacrament. Thank you to our Faith Formation staff, Hospitality Ministry, Youth Service Corps, and Junior Legion of Mary for their efforts in making these experiences of faith and community for our parish's young people so memorable.



**COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY...** The Community Meal Ministry celebrated St. Patrick's Day a little early this year! With corned beef and cabbage, Irish step dancing, Irish Soda Bread (and even a St. Joseph's Pastry or two!) it was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and service. Thanks, too, to the students from North Babylon High School who offered their time and talent at OLPH.!



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