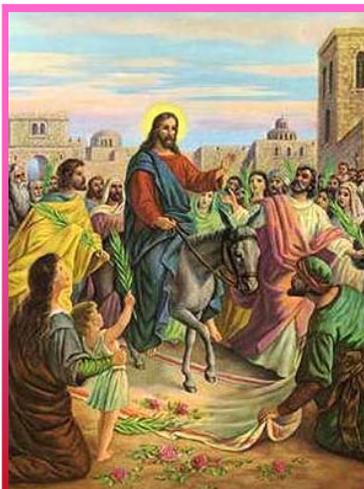


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“Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Mark 11:9

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 20, 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 THIS WEEK

Monday, March 21

Mass

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

Confessions

After the 12:15 Mass &
3:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22

Mass

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

Confessions

After the 12:15 Mass

Wednesday, March 23

Confessions

After the 12:15 Mass

Holy Saturday, March 26

Confessions

3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23

Mass

6:30 a.m. + 12:15 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—Night Watch:
Selected Scripture Readings and Music at 10:00 p.m. in the Auditorium—Night
Prayer at 10:45 ending Adoration.*

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

3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.— Confessions

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Saturday, MARCH 26

8:00 p.m.

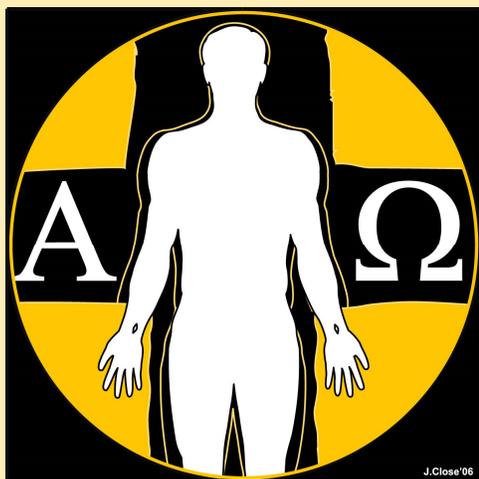
Note: There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 26

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

This is it — our holiest week of the year begins today! As the *Roman Missal* tells us: “*On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.*” Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord begins the week which ends with the Sacred Paschal Triduum, when we are asked to enter deeply into the mystery of the Lord’s dying and rising. We are called to make that Paschal Mystery our own mystery, and make it the heart of the way we live.

Allow me to take this opportunity to welcome parishioners who are not regular participants but who have come for Palm Sunday. We are very happy to have you with us, and you have enriched our worship through your participation. We extend to you a warm invitation to come more frequently, indeed, every Sunday! You are a valued part of our community of faith. We hope to see you again next Sunday, Easter Sunday, and every Sunday thereafter. If there is anything at all that I as your Pastor, or that any of the other priests, can do to facilitate your participation in the life of the parish, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be happy to make the time to meet with you.

Special Mass schedule for Easter Sunday

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Take note of our special schedule for Masses on Easter Sunday, printed elsewhere in this bulletin. It differs slightly from our normal Sunday schedule, allowing us to add an extra Mass, yet still allowing for extra time in between Masses so we can try to avoid parking and traffic problems. Please check the schedule carefully to make sure you have the correct Mass times.

Adding chairs in the church for Easter Sunday

Please note that we will be adding chairs in the church for Easter Sunday, to try to provide for more seating and to ease the burden of people who find standing difficult. This suggestion was recommended by the Liturgy Committee and I thought it would be worth giving it a try. I know it won’t solve our crowding problem totally, but it should help. I ask everyone to be especially observant next week to offer your seat to someone who might have difficulty standing...as well as especially kind and patient with all the crowds!

Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Remember that 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 meaningful custom and 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.

Little White Books

The *Little White Book*, to follow the *Little Black Book*, containing daily meditations for each day of Easter Time, will be available on the pew ledges starting this Wednesday, March 23. These little books are always so well received that we are happy to provide them for you.

Reconciliation Monday

Tomorrow, Monday, March 21, Monday of Holy Week, is our annual Diocesan Day of Reconciliation. Priests will be continuously available in the church from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to hear Confessions. What a great opportunity this is to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation! You are especially encouraged to come if you have been away from the Sacrament for a long time; we love to welcome back those who have not come in 10 or 20 years! I promise you will receive a warm greeting and it will be an uplifting experience. If the door to a Confessional is open and the light is on inside, that means the priest inside is “open for business” — come on in! Make your plans now for coming to Confession on “Reconciliation Monday,” March 21.

Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

As you know, in accord with the ancient tradition of the Church, the only Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday is the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, there is no Mass whatsoever on Good Friday, and the only Mass on Holy Saturday is the great Easter Vigil in the evening. Thus, the usual weekday Masses are not celebrated those days. However, **daily liturgy is celebrated: it’s the daily prayer of the Church — the Liturgy of the Hours!** We will be celebrating **Morning Prayer** at 9:00 a.m. each of those days, and I strongly urge everyone to attend.

Even though there is no weekday Mass, it is especially important for us to gather as Church. The *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours* reminds us of the importance of parish communities gathering to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as a means of carrying out the mission to pray unceasingly: “*In the Holy Spirit Christ carries out through the church ‘the task of redeeming humanity and giving perfect glory to God,’ not only when the Eucharist is celebrated and the sacraments administered but also in other ways and especially when the Liturgy of the Hours is celebrated. There [in the Liturgy of the Hours] Christ himself is present — in the gathered community, in the proclamation of God’s word, ‘in the prayer and song of the Church.’*” (#13)

If you usually come to one of the weekday Masses, you should come to Morning Prayer. If you don’t

usually come to weekday Mass, you should come to Morning Prayer also, as a special observance of these holy days. We are already familiar with the Liturgy of the Hours as we have been gathering to pray Evening Prayer after the 5:00 p.m. Masses on Saturdays and Sundays. I hope you will allow these liturgies to provide a structure and rhythm of daily prayer that will set these days aside as holy and as “outside of time.”

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday into Good Friday, Good Friday into Holy Saturday, and Holy Saturday into Easter Sunday are our three holiest days, and everyone should come to the special liturgies for those days. They are meant for everyone! Read a more in-depth explanation of those days elsewhere in this bulletin.

So, we look forward to seeing you at the liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum: the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.; the Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, March, at either 3:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.; the Solemn Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, 8:00 p.m. on March 26; and, of course, Morning Prayer on each of those days, as I have already mentioned.

In addition, don’t forget that there is the diocesan celebration of the **Chrism Mass** at 11:00 a.m. on Holy Thursday morning at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, to which everyone in the diocese is invited. This is not a “ticketed” event; it is open to

everyone!

These days, the heart of our liturgical year and the holiest days of all, should not be business as usual, but rather should be days set apart and days “outside of time” as we enter deeply into the Lord’s Paschal Mystery. Make the most of these days; you will be glad you did.

Needed and Wanted: New Altar Servers

WE WANT YOU! WE NEED YOU! Boys and girls of the parish, fourth grade and older, NOW is the time to sign up to become an altar server. Look for the ad elsewhere in this bulletin. It’s a lot of fun, and look at the great things you will get to do by serving at Mass! I look forward to a large number of new servers. I will begin the training sessions soon, so return your response form to me as soon as possible. Remember, **we want you, and we need you!** Moms and dads, encourage your sons and daughters to become altar servers!

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,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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.



LITTLE WHITE BOOK FOR EASTER TIME

Continuing with the popular “Little Book” series, OLPH is happy to provide for you the **LITTLE WHITE BOOK** for Easter Time. The Little White Book contains brief daily reflections for each of the 50 days of Easter Time, new for 2016. Many people have enjoyed the *Little Black Book* for Lent, and it is important to not stop with the end of Lent, but rather to continue to explore the richness of the Paschal Mystery by continuing our daily reflections throughout all of Easter Time. The books will be available starting Wednesday, March 23. Please look for the *Little White Book* on the pew ledges in church starting on Wednesday of Holy Week and during the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK
2016

Six-minute Reflections
on the Resurrection Narrative
According to John

GETTING READY FOR HOLY WEEK!

IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGES

- ✠ The OLPH Novena is *cancelled* this Monday due to the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation.
- ✠ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, traditionally held on Wednesday afternoons, is *cancelled this Wednesday, March 23*, so the Church may be prepared for the Triduum liturgies. Exposition will resume as usual on Wednesday, March 30.

Holy Thursday, March 24

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.



Good Friday, March 25

SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land.

Your Good Friday Holy Land Offering envelope should be placed in one of the baskets as you enter or leave the church on Good Friday. Due to the unique nature of the liturgy, no collection will be taken up. Thank you for your attention to this, and for your generosity in supporting the churches in the Holy Land.

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING ON GOOD FRIDAY

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Good Friday. 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, but keep in mind that a serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Good Friday fast and abstinence.

This Paschal Fast is to be considered sacred and, if at all possible, consideration should be given to prolonging it through Holy Saturday as a way of coming, with spirit uplifted, to the joys of the

Why Are Feet Washed on Holy Thursday?

Kristopher W. Seaman

During a very blustery winter, my family and I were carefully trying not to slip on the ice as we made our way through a crowded parking lot to the church. Upon entering the worship space, the pastoral associate and pastor asked me to fill in for a person who was frightened to leave the house during the snow storm. I responded with enthusiasm, "I would love to help out! What do you need?" The priest said, "Someone to have their feet washed." Later on, I remember myself being the one inviting people to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. One person I asked, because of her profound sense of service on behalf of the parish, responded by saying, "Oh! I don't know. I would gladly wash people's feet, because I know how to serve others. I am not very good at people doing things for me." Both stories embody a sense of service, helping out others by invitation.

The biblical basis for the washing of the feet occurs in the Last Supper narrative, and is only found in the Gospel according to John. At the moment when we expect Jesus to take bread and wine and transform them, as he does in the Gospel accounts of Mark, Matthew, and Luke, Jesus in John's Gospel account gets up and begins to wash feet. Peter first refuses to allow Jesus to wash his feet; it should be, as Peter reasoned it, Peter washing Jesus's feet. Jesus rebukes Peter: "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (John 13:12-15).

Jesus serves his disciples, and then instructs them to imitate his practice of washing feet. There is a sense of humility. A disciple is to serve others. Because of the context of the washing of the feet in John's Gospel, there is also a sense of transformation. As disciples, our model, *par excellence*, is Jesus Christ. His practices in scripture provide a model for our



practices as disciples. Jesus knew he was going to be crucified, and gave this practice as a sign for disciples to serve one another. Pope Francis has been receiving a lot of press since his election, and part of this is his profound sense of humble service to all people. He models service in his daily actions.

During his Homily on Holy Thursday evening, Pope Francis remarked that this rite is "a caress of Jesus." Feet stink, feet were callused and blistered from long walks. In Jesus's day proper hospitality required the servants to wash the guests' feet. Jesus, as the host, turns this practice upside down. He bends low and washes the feet of the lowly. He caresses, an act of love. True service wells up from a profound love and faith that seeks to help others daily. The rite of washing feet is called

the *mandatum*, Latin for "commandment." Jesus summed up the law by saying there are two fundamental commandments: Love God and love one's neighbor. Loving the neighbor is acting humbly and in service.

Jesus, in John's Gospel account, offers a meaning of Eucharist: The encounter with Christ Jesus has implications in one's life. What Jesus did and does for us, we are to do for one another. As Pope Francis remarked: "because this is the real reason why Jesus came: to serve, to help us."

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TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM
WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM
THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM
SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM

Spring Has Sprung!

Holy Week & Easter Recess begins
 Monday, **March 21st.**
 Classes resume Wednesday, **March 30th.**



UPCOMING DATES

Level 2: Parent Meeting—Communion:
April 2nd Banners are due this day.
Level 8: Penance in Church: Monday, **April 4th**
Level 7: Parent Meeting– Social Justice: **April 6th**

NEW REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2016/17 year! Please come in during our office hours (see above) with a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate. You must be registered with OLPH parish. Tuition is \$130 for one child, \$165 for two children, and \$195 for three or more. We hope you will take this step in bringing your child closer to Jesus!

Please spread the word to friends and neighbors!

Catechist Evening of Prayer

OLPH catechists gathered for prayer, fellowship, wine and refreshments!



DIOCESAN HAPPENING



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.

For more information call: 516-678-5800 X 207 or 516-867-6340.

PLEASE NO PARKING

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHASE PARKING LOT DURING THE DAY ON GOOD FRIDAY

For those who will be coming to liturgies on Good Friday during the day (9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross, 3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion) please do NOT park in the Chase Bank parking lot on the north side of the church. It is not right for us to take up their parking spaces during business hours, and we want to be a good neighbor to them. Please do not use those Chase Bank parking spaces on the north side of the church. Your cooperation is appreciated.



THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: HOW TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Why not take advantage of a great opportunity, especially if you have not been to Confession in 5 or 10 or 20 years (or even longer). We promise you a warm welcome! We promise you an experience of joy! We promise you that you will have an encounter with Jesus that will leave you feeling the best that you have felt in a long, long time!

In case you feel a little rusty about going to the Sacrament of Penance, here are some basic steps for you to follow. Don't get worried too much about the "how to," though; the priest will be very willing to help you if you explain to him that you are nervous or unfamiliar with the rite.

1. Prepare ahead of time. Make sure you spend some time examining your conscience, prayerfully recalling your sins and preparing what you want to tell the priest. Think about specific actions, general patterns, and attitudes. Ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

2. Go to the priest. You can go anonymously behind a screen or curtain, or you can go face-to-face. If it's helpful, begin by making the Sign of the Cross and saying, "Bless me Father, for I have sinned." Then tell the priest how long it has been since your last confession.

3. Listen to Scripture. The priest may read a short passage from the Bible, to remind you of God's mercy, or he may ask you to read something he provides for you. This reminds us that the main thing we do in the sacrament is to proclaim God's mercy and forgiveness.

4. Confess your sins. Listen carefully for spiritual guidance he might offer. Tell the priest your sins. Be as direct and succinct as possible, but give him enough information so he can offer some words of spiritual guidance and encouragement. Take to heart the way the priest is trying to help you.

5. Receive your penance. The priest will recommend some action, a penance, for you to do to indicate your sorrow and your conversion. It might be to say a prayer, it might be to do some

act of self-denial, or it might be to do some act of charity or service toward someone else. If it sounds too difficult to accomplish or if you have any questions, do not hesitate to talk it over with him.

6. Pray an Act of Contrition. The priest will ask you to say a prayer of contrition (sorrow) out loud. You may express your sorrow and your intention to avoid sin in the future in your own words, or you may use the words of a formal Act of Contrition, either one given to you to read by the priest, or one that you have brought or memorized. Here is one suggested form: *My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy (Rite of Penance).*

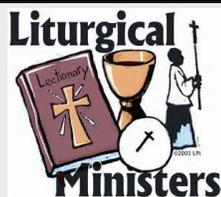
7. Receive absolution. Here is the best part! The priest prays the prayer of absolution, proclaiming God's forgiveness of your sins. Reflect on these beautiful and powerful words said by the priest: *God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Rite of Penance).*

8. Conclude by praising God. The priest may say something like, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good," and you may respond, "His mercy endures forever."

9. Go forth forgiven, renewed, and changed! Go forth, with God's help, to begin living your new life in freedom, having been freed from the slavery of sin. ✨

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LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING



WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU!
OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW READERS,
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
and USHERS!

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.
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to msgrjoe@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. 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
2. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.



READERS

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

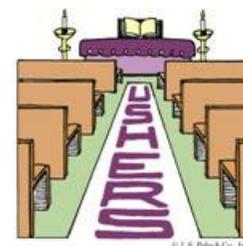
Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
 at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

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 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.

THE THREE DAYS

THE MEANING OF THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

We are about to enter into the holiest days of the Church year, the days called the Sacred Paschal Triduum. The word “Triduum” means “Three Days,” and it refers to the three days that begin on Holy Thursday evening (March 24) and end on Easter Sunday evening (March 27). These three days form one observance that is its own unique and central part of the liturgical year. The Three Days are not part of Lent, since Lent ends on Holy Thursday before the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Indeed, the Sacred Paschal Triduum is a season set apart, three full days lived as one central moment in the life of every Christian and the life of the Christian community as a whole.

During these days, we are called to enter into a period of prayer, fasting, and vigiling, a period which reaches its climax at the Easter Vigil. There is a unity to the Triduum days that is manifested even in the way the different liturgies begin and end: on Thursday, there is no dismissal or conclusion; on Friday, we gather and leave with no introductory or concluding rites; and at the Vigil we begin around the new fire without the usual introductory rites of the Mass. We begin on Thursday and don’t conclude until after the Vigil, as Easter Sunday is a kind of extension of the Vigil celebration.

These days are the focal point for the entire liturgical year, the central moment around which all else revolves. These days are central because they draw us into the heart of our identity as Church, as a people who have died and risen with Jesus Christ. We celebrate our dying and rising in Christ today. We are all called to re-enter the mystery of dying more fully to self and rising in the Lord.

SETTING SPECIAL TIME ASIDE

Because the Triduum leads us powerfully into the core of who we are in Christ, these days should be observed as fully as possible. Our activities during the Three Days should be something other than “business as usual.” As far as possible, Christians should abstain from normal activity on these days. We should free ourselves from the usual routines of

work, meals, household tasks and entertainment; these should give way to keeping these days as a time of “retreat,” a special time set apart for intense involvement with the mystery we celebrate. We should give ourselves the luxury of allowing these days to look and feel different from other days of the year, entering into a sense of timelessness so that these days stand apart. There should be nothing in our schedule that distracts us from the proper spirit of these days.

One central focus which can help us enter into the proper spirit is **fasting** during these days. The Second Vatican Council issued this appeal for the **Paschal Fast** in its *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, paragraph #110: *Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged through Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind.*

This fast is not penitential in nature, like the Lenten fast; instead, it is preparatory, in anticipation of the coming feast. It is the fasting of those who are too excited to eat, the fasting of those who are so engrossed in something that they simply forget to stop for a meal. It is a powerful way of marking these days as unique — nothing as usual prevails, not even our habits of eating and drinking. Of course, this fast can involve more than food and drink. The purpose of the fast is to focus our life on the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection, so it may be just as or more important to fast from television, the internet, our iPhones and iPads, shopping, and all the other distractions that usually fill our life. The challenge is to find ways to keep these days special, to keep them holy, to keep ourselves focused on the Lord and the meaning of our life in Him.

Thus, while the fast is only strictly required on Good Friday, the Second Vatican Council and subsequent documents have called for its extension through Saturday. As such, the fast becomes a focus for preparing to approach the Easter Vigil on Saturday night; the Church gets ready for that night. Each individual should create his or her own routine of prayer and reflection and fasting for these days.



WHAT HAPPENS DURING THESE THREE DAYS

Everyone is invited to share in celebrating the Triduum liturgies! Whether you are young or old, currently active in the parish or not, please set these days aside. All of us should know that we are needed at these liturgies; all of us need our whole community together on these greatest days in our year.

During the three days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, we gather a number of times. Together we hear some of the Church's most beautiful prayers and Scriptures, and we make some of our finest music. Described below is the parish schedule and brief explanation of each of the liturgies. Make plans to take part in the various liturgies and other gatherings of Holy Thursday night, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday; above all, come on Saturday night for the Vigil.

HOLY THURSDAY



On Holy Thursday evening we enter together into the Sacred Paschal Triduum with the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, at 7:30 p.m.** After listening to the Scriptures, we do something strange: we wash feet. Jesus himself gave us this image of what the Church is supposed to look like, feel like, and act like. The humble service of washing feet reminds us of the humble service which is the heart of Christian life, a humble service which includes dying to ourselves as the Lord gave his life for us.

Pope Francis has explained that the ritual of washing feet reflects the significance of the gesture Jesus performed in the Upper Room, giving himself "to the very end" for the salvation of the world, his boundless charity. Thus, the rite of washing feet is carried out from among all members of the People of God — men and women, young and old, healthy and sick, clergy, religious and laity. The rite clearly signifies in a powerful way the love we are called to have for one another.

After the washing of feet, the Mass continues with the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but the evening liturgy has no ending. The Blessed Sacrament is transferred to a separate place, where we are invited to remain in prayer until 11:00 p.m. At OLPH we will transfer the Blessed Sacrament to a special chapel set up in the school auditorium. In that special place parishioners are invited to enter into the quiet and peace and glory of the Sacred Paschal Triduum. **Night Prayer will be prayed at 10:45 p.m.**, after which the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed.

Parishioners are also invited to attend **Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday morning, which will be at 9:00 a.m.**, and to attend the **Chrism Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre.** At the **Chrism Mass** the Oil of Catechumens and Oil of the Sick will be blessed, and the Sacred Chrism will be consecrated. These oils, used in the sacraments throughout the year, will be presented to the parish as part of the evening Mass on Holy Thursday.

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

(GOOD FRIDAY)

On this day “when Christ became our paschal sacrifice,” the Church reflects on the Passion of her Lord and Spouse, adores his cross, commemorates her own origin from the side of the dead Christ on the cross, and intercedes for the salvation of the entire world.

The principal liturgy for this day is the **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 p.m.** This liturgy will be **repeated at 7:30 p.m. for those who are unable to attend at 3:00.** At this liturgy, we gather quietly to listen to Scripture, particularly the chanted proclamation of the Passion from St. John’s Gospel. We pray at length for all the world’s needs with special solemn prayers of intercession. Then there is another once-a-year event: the Holy Cross is held up in our midst, and we come forward to do reverence with a kiss or a bow or a genuflection.

The liturgical norms in the *Roman Missal* clearly tell us that only one Cross is to be used for veneration. Parishioners will be directed to come forward to venerate this one Cross in a steady flow, **with three people reverencing the cross at the same time (the cross will be large enough to do this)**; please follow the direction of the ushers. This rite is meant to be a communal veneration, not a moment of private adoration. The Cross will remain on display after the liturgy for those who wish to privately adore the Cross. Also, a Cross will be used rather than a crucifix, since we are not reverencing the dead body of Christ, but rather are adoring, as the liturgical text tells us, “the wood of the Cross on which hung the salvation of the world.”

In the third part of the liturgy, Holy Communion is distributed; it is bread that was consecrated on Holy Thursday evening, since no Mass is celebrated today.

We leave the liturgy in silence, continuing in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. We will also gather to pray **Morning Prayer together at 9:00 a.m. on Good Friday.** Also, **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at **12:00 Noon.**





HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday for us is like God's rest at the end of creation; it is Christ's repose in the tomb. It is a day of profound silence as the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and awaiting his Resurrection. We will gather to pray **Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.**

THE EASTER VIGIL

Our parish celebration of the great Three Days culminates with the celebration of the **Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m.** The Vigil is the heart of our worship; it is the essence of what we have been preparing for during Lent and will celebrate during the great Fifty Days of Easter. **Four elements make up the celebration of the Easter Vigil:**

The Service of Light: The image of the struggle between light and darkness, before us since Ash Wednesday, reaches its climax. A new fire is blessed, the Easter Candle is lit, light fills the darkened worship space, and the candle is honored in the Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*). During this prayer, we bless, praise, and thank God for the light of His Son's resurrection overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

The Liturgy of the Word: The basic stories of our faith are proclaimed. This is meant to be, and will be, a lengthy word service which retells the story of our salvation as this year seven (7) readings are proclaimed: five from the Old Testament, a New Testament Epistle, and a Gospel. The Word provides the foundation leading to the Liturgy of Baptism.



The Liturgy of Baptism (Initiation): Those who have been preparing for initiation into the Church now receive the sacraments of new life. This year, OLPH gives birth to three new Christians at the womb of the Church, the baptismal font, as we welcome our three elect, **Noel Andrade, Leonard Ruiz and Sofia Ruiz** into the life of Christ and of the Church as they receive the Easter sacraments. Also, as is always done at the Easter Vigil, we as a community will renew our own baptism, as a reminder of our call to ongoing conversion in the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist: All present share in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. There is nothing greater for us to do as Christians than to share in the Eucharist.

The Easter Vigil, then, is more than just another Saturday evening Mass. It is the celebration of who we are as people who have died and risen with Christ, proclaimed with fire and candle light, readings and songs, water and oil, bread and wine. The Vigil runs longer than the usual Mass, but those who enter into the spirit of prayer and celebration often experience a sense of timelessness as they encounter the holy.

EASTER

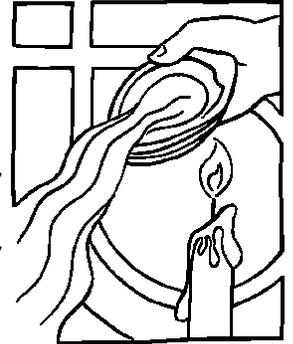
The Triduum ends on Easter Sunday evening, and the days of Easter Time begin. The fifty (50) days of Easter Time, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, even as one "great Sunday." The things we do during the Triduum need fifty days to play themselves out; the mysteries celebrated at the Vigil need to be unfolded. This is the period of *Mystagogia*, of reflecting on the mysteries, for those initiated into the Church. It is the time for all of us as Christians to reflect on the meaning of our baptism and the meaning of living the resurrected life of Christ.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

As we enter Holy Week, the elect of our parish—Noel Andrade, Leonardo Ruiz and Sofia Ruiz—continue in this period of Purification and Enlightenment. This week, they will participate in a special retreat time throughout the days of the Triduum in preparation for the Easter Vigil.

Our parish's candidates for reception into full communion into the Catholic Church are entering the final stages of their long journey. Over the past weeks, they have intensified their faith sharing sessions and have met other members of our parish community who have come to share their journey of conversion. They will be received into the Catholic Church and confirmed on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 10, 2016 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



OFFERERS NEEDED

New groups are forming for the Christian initiation of adults and children and will begin meeting in May. We are looking for men and women of our parish to accompany those who are seeking to become Catholic and complete their initiation.

For more information, contact Father John at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

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 **4th grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th 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 msgrjoe@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!

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 _____

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—ripalda@optonline.net
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182—princessmorge@optonline.net
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Van Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com/Tony Spina—516.473.4021
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † New Mother’s Meal Ministry: Carol Stysiack—631.255.3506—carolstys@verizon.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: The Consi Family—631.226.7725
- † 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: Fr. John Sureau—631.226.7725—jsureau@oloph.org
- † 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.

SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The OLPH Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce that **Memorial Cards** are now available. These 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. to 12:00 noon Monday, Wednesday & Friday; Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory.

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

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. 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), **socks**
- male underwear** (medium, Large & X-Large)
- women's underwear** (smaller sizes)
- gloves**
- thermal underwear** M-L-XL
- Hoodies**
- 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, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 10
(in the basement of the old school)**

Preparing booth for the Lindenhurst Spring Fair on May 1st.

Future Dates:

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

Sunday, May 1: Lindenhurst Spring Fair on Wellwood Avenue, 12PM-5PM – fundraiser for Father Fidelis' Nigerian Charity.

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

Tuesday, April 12 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 24

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, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 18

For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494

LOST AND FOUND IN CHURCH SACRISTY: APRIL 2 DEADLINE

Items left in the church are brought to the Lost and Found collection in the sacristy. As you can imagine, items pile up over time and cannot be held onto indefinitely. On Saturday, April 2, 2016, all unclaimed items currently in our church Lost and Found will be discarded. If you have lost something, this will be your last chance to reclaim it. Please be sure to stop by the sacristy to look for your lost item before that date. We will be doing this periodically, so if you lose something in the church in the future, be sure to stop by the sacristy to check the Lost and Found right away. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 PM 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 a las secciones 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.

El Viernes Santo, nuestra parroquia llevara a cabo la colecta anual del Viernes Santo para la Tierra Santa. Las noticias diarias nos recuerdan de la violencia y la inestabilidad que atormenta al Medio Oriente, pero nosotros raramente escuchamos de la disminuyente comunidad Cristiana que se encuentra allá, una comunidad que lucha por permanecer en la tierra del nacimiento, muerte y resurrección de Christo. Por favor ayude a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la Tierra Santa. Esta colecta pontifical permite que los Franciscanos y otros continuen trabajando con los Cristianos en los lugares mas santos y por el pueblo de Dios en la Tierra Santa. Por favor sea generoso con su ayuda.

Save the date...

April 3, 2016

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Music Ministry



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Music Ministry

Instrumental Concert

Sunday, April 3, 2016

7:30 p.m. in the church

Erin Barrett, Flute

Cathy Ferraro, French Horn

Jim Kendall, Piano

and the Suffolk Horn Club



PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism



***Avery Michael Beltran
Mia Izabella Dunski
Alexander Max Fleury
Teagan Miranda Koller***

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

WE REMEMBER

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

***Mary E. Hartmann
Onofrio Giglio
Patricia A. Collins
Marion Logallo***

“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
March 20-26:

***Oil for 2 Altar Candles
In Memory of
Eva Sciara
Requested by
Aaron & Arianna***

***Altar Bread & Wine
In Memory of
Anna Pinto
Requested by
Mildred & Edward Mattera***

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS DURING THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Please note these special hours for the rectory reception desk on the following days this week:

Holy Thursday, March 24—
9:00 a.m.—3:00p.m.; closed for remainder of afternoon and evening on Holy Thursday

Good Friday, March 25—
9:00 a.m.—5:00p.m.; no evening hours on Good Friday

Holy Saturday, March 26—9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27—Closed

Normal office hours resume on Monday, March 28

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 21— Monday of Holy Week

6:30	Mildred Sredniawski
12:15	Melchior Cucchiara
3:00 – 9:00	Confessions—No Devotions

TUESDAY, March 22— Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30	Louis Sugar
12:15	Charles Whittaker

WEDNESDAY, March 23— Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30	Rose McDermott
12:15	Corazon Bareng
12:45	No Exposition

THURSDAY, March 24— Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

9:00	Morning Prayer
7:30	Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:00	Night Watch (Auditorium)
10:45	Night Prayer (Auditorium)

FRIDAY, March 25— Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

9:00	Morning Prayer
12:00	Stations of the Cross
3:00	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
7:30	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, March 26— Holy Saturday

9:00	Morning Prayer
3:00 – 5:00	Confessions

Vigil for EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00	Solemn Easter Vigil—For the People of the Parish
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Sunday, March 27 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30	Easter Spiritual Bouquet
9:00	Easter Spiritual Bouquet
11:00	Easter Spiritual Bouquet
1:00	Easter Spiritual Bouquet
	No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Monday, March 21, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
3:00 p.m.	Church Cleaning	Church
No Religious Education Classes All Week— Holy Week		

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Rehearsal	Church
6:30 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 9
6:30 p.m.	Holy Thursday Rehearsal	Church
6:45 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 9
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
2-6:00 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church

Thursday, March 24, 2016

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Church
3:45 p.m.	Good Friday Rehearsal	Church
4:30 p.m.	Good Friday Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Church
10:00 p.m.	Night Prayer, Night Watch, Scripture Readings	Auditorium

Friday, March 25, 2016

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Church
12:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
3:00 p.m.	Passion of the Lord	Church
7:30 p.m.	Passion of the Lord	Church

Saturday, March 26, 2016

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Church
12:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil Rehearsal	Church
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24

Sunday, March 27, 2016

**EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
RECTORY OFFICES CLOSED— ACTIVITIES CANCELLED**

OFFERING UPDATE March 12/13, 2016

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 P.M.	361	170	\$3,714.00
8:00 A.M.	250	102	2,802.00
10:00 A.M.	430	127	2,889.00
12:00 P.M.	485	139	3,390.00
5:00 P.M.	215	42	1,871.50
Total coin:			19.53
Mail-ins:			300.00
Children's Env.		19	53.50
Faith Direct			2,024.75
TOTAL	1,741	599	\$17,064.28
2015 TOTAL	2,146	670	\$18,307.49
Candles			\$1,068.45
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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.

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

“Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.”
John 20: 8

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

We hear today Peter’s speech to the household of Cornelius, a Roman centurion, that is, a Gentile (non-Jew), who received a vision from God and sent for Peter to explain it. Peter comes to understand by this that God wants the message of the good news of the salvation won by Jesus’ death and resurrection to be given to all people, not just the Jews. Peter emphasizes that he and the other disciples are actual witnesses to the events of which he speaks, an experience that has transformed him from a fearful doubter to a fearless proclaimer of the risen Christ.

Colossians 3:1-4 (alternate 1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8)

Paul reminds the church at Colossae and us that those who were raised to a new life in Christ through baptism should seek “what is above.” Our lives must be radically changed, for we have chosen to die to our old selves. Life must be lived very differently until Christ comes again in his glory at his Second Coming.

John 20:1-9

For John, in his account of the Easter morning discovery that Jesus’ tomb is empty, seeing is believing, and believing is the ultimate goal of any encounter with Jesus. After Mary told the disciples about the open tomb, Peter and the “other disciple” ran to see for themselves. They both went in, Peter first, and saw the burial cloths there but no body. The other disciple “saw and believed.” Jesus would later appear to the other disciples and many others, who then came to believe that he had risen from the dead, conquering death and opening heaven to all. Once the disciples saw, they believed. What did it take for you to begin to believe in this wonderful news?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 21, 2016:

Isaiah 42:1-7 + John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 22, 2016:

Isaiah 49:1-6 + John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, March 23, 2016:

Isaiah 50:4-9a + Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, March 24, 2016:

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
+ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
+ John 13:1-15

Friday, March 25, 2016:

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 + Hebrews 4:14-16;
5:7-9 + John 18:1—19:42

Saturday, March 26, 2016: Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1—2:2 + Genesis 22:1-18 + Exodus
14:15—15:1 + Isaiah 54:5-14+ Ezekiel 36:16-
17a, 18, 28 + Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4
+ Romans 6:3-11 + Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, March 27, 2016: Easter Sunday

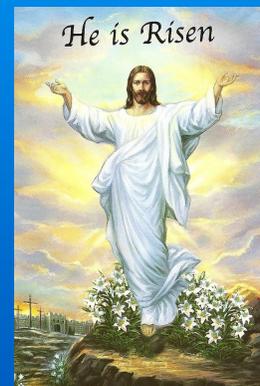
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 + Colossians 3:1-4
+ John 20:1-9

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday’s Gospel take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. The same women who came to anoint his body in the morning had been with Jesus when he died. Were they deterred from their task by fear or an immovable stone? Compare and contrast their behavior with the actions of some of Jesus’ other disciples. Think about events like the Selma march, Isis beheadings, and people like Gandhi and Dorothy Day. Were they stopped by fear? Where is your own courage on a scale of 1 to 10?

2. What is it that allowed John to “see and believe,” to have this kind of clarity? Does love give you knowledge about a person, or insights into their behavior? In John, Jesus said “Whoever loves me ... I will love him (her) and reveal myself to him (her)” (John 14:21). Is there a connection between Jesus’ statement and John’s “seeing and believing”?



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