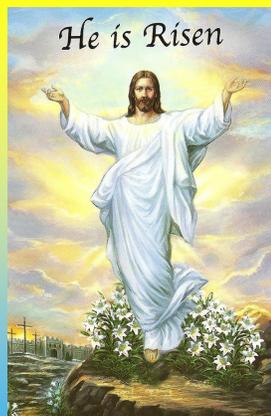


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“Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.”

John 20:8

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

March 27, 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.



INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH
210 So. WELLWOOD AVENUE
LINDENHURST, NY 11757**



Featuring:

Erin Barrett, Flute

Cathy Ferraro, French Horn

Richard Gotlib, Cello

Jim Kendall, Piano

and the Suffolk Horn Club

Performing works by

***Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Chopin,
Humperdinck, Woods and others***

***A free will offering will be taken up for "Autism Speaks"
in memory of Ryan Barrett, a beloved young member
of our community, who died in August 2009.***

PASTOR'S PAGE

Easter Sunday! Alleluia!

"For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life."

Those words from one of the Easter Prefaces, part of the Eucharistic Prayer, sum up for us the heart of what we celebrate for the entire fifty days of Easter Time. The Lord has risen! He has conquered death! We have everlasting life with him, and we have the forgiveness of our sins! The crucified-risen Lord is in our midst! As we sang at our Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, *"Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness."* Alleluia!

I take his opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter, and I speak for the entire OLPH Pastoral Staff in wishing you and your family many blessings during this fifty-day season of resurrection and new life. To young people away at school who have returned home for Easter, we are very glad to see all of you again. To friends and family members of our parishioners who are visiting and worshipping with us, we extend a heartfelt welcome! To our own parishioners who are joining us but who perhaps do not come to Mass regularly, we want you to know how glad we are that you are with us today. We hope that you will be inspired to join us in worship on a more regular basis. This day was made by the Lord; let us rejoice and be glad!

We offer special congratulations to our three new Catholics, Noel Andrade, Leonardo Ruiz and Sofia Ruiz, who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. A little later on a Sunday in Easter Time we will receive into the Catholic Church those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who are now coming into the full communion of the Catholic Church. These are such wonderful signs of new life!

Easter is our greatest feast and the center of the liturgical year; it's important for us to make sure we give it the centrality it deserves. Look for a special Easter Time insert elsewhere in this bulletin that explains the meaning of the liturgical season and highlights some important liturgical elements.

THANK YOU to all for a beautiful Sacred Paschal Triduum!

We have had an absolutely amazing celebration of Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum once again this year, and I have to say THANK YOU to the numerous ministers who offered their time, their presence and their service to make it all happen. I hesitate to mention names for fear of leaving someone out, so suffice it to say that we all owe a huge debt of gratitude to everyone who worked during Holy Week, whether it was "in front of the scenes" or "behind the scenes" — all the liturgical ministers, including clergy, readers, EM's, ushers, cantors, choir and instrumentalists, sacristans, altar servers; those who decorated the church; our Liturgy Committee; our maintenance crew; and parishioners who assisted in various processions and many other "behind the scenes" aspects of setting things up for or cleaning up after liturgies. So many people put in so much time, energy and love! To anyone who participated in any way, and perhaps most especially to all who participated as a member of the assembly, bringing your presence, your voice, your prayer and your witness of faith to our worship as a "person in the pew": THANK YOU for making OLPH "the place to be" for Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum this year. We have all enriched each other through the offering of our gifts to one another as disciples following Christ. What a great gift the Lord has given to us in the gift of being able to worship together!

Easter Week...and Monday, April 4

This week coming up is the Octave of Easter, as the joy of Easter Sunday continues to be celebrated in an intense way; each day this week has the liturgical rank of Solemnity. The *Glory to God in the highest* continues to be used each day this week, as does the solemn dismissal at the end of Mass with its double alleluia. (These elements end on weekdays after the Second Sunday of Easter.)

Since our custom here at OLPH is to celebrate Solemnities celebrated during the week with music at the 12:15 p.m. daily Mass, we will have the joy of having music at that Mass every day this week on these Solemnities which are the Octave of Easter. Alleluia!

By the way, this year this continues up to and including Monday, April 4, which is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. *Wait a minute, you*

say...the Annunciation is on March 25. What's going on? You're correct in that the Solemnity of the Annunciation is on March 25, but this year March 25 was Good Friday, and Good Friday took precedence over the Annunciation. So, the feast had to be transferred to the first available "open" liturgical day (a day which did not have a higher rank... which the weekdays of Easter Week have). Monday, April 4 was the first available day to which the Annunciation could be transferred, so the Solemnity is being celebrated on that day. Since it too is a Solemnity, there will be music at the 12:15 p.m. Mass on that Monday also!

Blessing of your home at Easter

Elsewhere in this bulletin we have included a special ritual for Blessing Your Home at Easter. It is traditional to bless the home during Easter Time, and I encourage each and every family to pray that blessing together at home. It's a ritual that you can pray yourself, using holy water. Of course, if you would like your house blessed by one of the priests, just ask us...we would be very happy to come and do a blessing!

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is also referred to as "Divine Mercy Sunday," and OLPH will be participating in special devotions to mark the day; full details are described elsewhere in the bulletin. Please plan on joining in some or all of the special events which begin with the 12:00 Noon Mass and continue with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Hour of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m., and then followed by veneration of the image of Merciful Jesus and 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

Little White Book

Look around the church for the 2016 edition of the *Little White Book*; there may still be some copies left on pew ledges. If so and if you don't already have one, be sure to take one. The book contains daily meditations for each day of Easter Time. The books, enjoyed by so many parishioners, are a great way for you to pray each day during the fifty days of this great season of Easter Time.

New altar servers

We're still recruiting new altar servers, and the deadline for signing up is TOMORROW,

MARCH 28—so get that response form in NOW!!! The information and sign-up sheet is printed elsewhere in the bulletin. Boys and girls in fourth grade and older, this is a great way to offer service to the parish, to do a great thing for God, and to do something that is a lot of fun and will make you feel great! Moms and dads: encourage your son or daughter to become an altar server. I look forward to hearing from YOU! Training will begin soon, so don't delay!

Congratulations, Fr. John Sureau!

So, as he announced at all the Masses last weekend, Fr. John Sureau has been asked by Bishop Murphy to accept the position of Pastor at St. John the Evangelist Church, Center Moriches. This is, of course, a great honor being bestowed upon Fr. John and it is a great sign not only of his talents and capabilities, but also of Bishop Murphy's confidence in him. Even as we are sad to know that Fr. John is leaving us, we are happy for him and for this next step in his priesthood. I have no doubt whatsoever that he will make a fantastic Pastor, and that the parishioners in St. John's Parish are greatly blessed to have him.

The good news is that Fr. John's transfer will not take place until the end of June, so he will be around for another three months. We'll have an appropriate parish farewell "blow-out" for him, in grand OLPH style, in late June, and you'll hear more about it as the time approaches. Let's all keep Fr. John in our prayers in the months ahead as he begins not only the physical, but also the emotional and spiritual, transition into his new assignment.

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,



THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER TIME

THE MEANING OF THE SEASON



Alleluia! He is risen! The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one “great Sunday.” With Easter Sunday we begin Fifty Days of rejoicing.

During these Fifty Days the Church continues to instruct the neophytes (the newly baptized) about the new life they have embraced. In the process, all of us are called to reflect on the meaning of our baptism and on what living the baptized life looks like. What does it mean to live the resurrected life of Christ? What does it mean to be Church? How do we live life now that we have died with Christ and have been raised up with Him?

The neophytes spend this time in post-baptismal formation (which is also referred to as *mystagogical catechesis*). It is an opportunity to unpack their experience of the Easter sacraments and to reflect on what it all means for their life now as members of the Church.

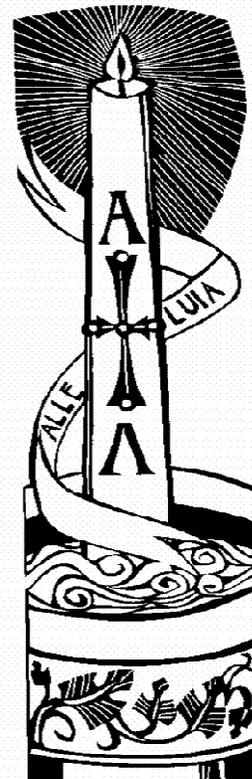
The readings of the Easter Sundays offer the opportunity for such reflection. This year, the first readings of these Sundays are from the Acts of the Apostles (as they are every year), the second readings are from the book of Revelation, and the Gospels are from St. John. The readings from Acts give us a picture of life in the early Church, as the apostles began preaching the good news of the resurrection, encountering both joyful welcome and opposition. We hear of powerful, unexpected conversions and of Paul, Barnabas and others carrying the Good News of Jesus Christ beyond Jerusalem. The readings from Revelation portray for us the effects of participating in the newness of life, a whole new existence, which comes from sharing in Jesus’ resurrection. The Gospels from St. John present us with a Jesus who has been Lord from the start of time. St. John uses many metaphors to help us understand our relationship with the Lord—the Good Shepherd, the True vine, and the Bread of Life are important images in St. John’s Gospel.

These readings offer not only the neophytes, but also all of us, the chance to reflect on the meaning and shape of our life of faith together. Like the early Church, we are a people shaped by the resurrection, a people called to share our joy and the good news with others, a people freed from sin and filled with the life of the Holy Spirit, a people who constantly give thanks for all God’s gifts, a people who have risen from the font to a whole new way of life.

FIFTY DAYS OF CELEBRATION

Part of the challenge of Easter is learning how to celebrate a fifty-day feast! Perhaps as Catholics we find it easier to do penance than to celebrate; we find it easier to observe the forty days of Lent than the fifty days of Easter. Part of the problem lies with placing too much stress on Lent as “the” religious period for Catholics. For many people, unfortunately, Easter Sunday still seems to be the end point of Lent; come Easter Monday, it’s back to everyday life as usual.

The truth is, however, that we are called to maintain the festivity and celebration throughout the entire fifty-day period as one joyful feast. Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost are not three separate, independent feast days, each with its own themes. They are all part of the one Easter celebration.



THE STRUCTURE OF THE SEASON

The Easter season is composed of three phases, but these internal variations in rhythm never should eclipse its unity as the great Fifty Days.

1. *The Octave:* The first eight days are celebrated almost as one exuberant festival, with each day celebrated as a Solemnity. The tradition of mystagogical catechesis during this time influenced the selection of the scriptural passages. Since each day has the liturgical rank of Solemnity, we will have music at the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass Monday through Friday and at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday of Easter Week.

2. *The 31 middle days:* The Gospels of the Sundays give focus to the season of Easter Time. The first three Sundays of Easter relate post-resurrection appearances. The Fourth Sunday always focuses on the powerful image of the Good Shepherd. The next three Sundays of the season (and many of the weekdays nearby) draw from what has come to be known as the “farewell discourse” or “high-priestly prayer” in the Gospel of John. While this paschal season can include references and hymns to Mary, the paschal references and overall unity of the Fifty Days should not be compromised by excess attention to May as “Mary’s month.”

3. *The final days:* The season does not end on Ascension Thursday! Over the following nine days (the original novena!) and then on Pentecost day itself, we are invited into intense prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Easter Time ends at the conclusion of Pentecost Sunday.



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

To highlight the “original novena” of the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost, and to focus on those days as days of intensely praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit, OLPH Parish will engage in a Novena to the Holy Spirit. Look for more information on this later in Easter Time.

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT DURING EASTER TIME AND CELEBRATING THE SEASON

Many rich symbols and images pervade the Fifty Days, linked in various ways to initiation. The resurrection inaugurates a new creation, the eighth day, a new Pentecost, a new covenant, a new way of life.

The Paschal Candle will remain prominently displayed near the ambo during the Fifty Days, and it will be lit for all liturgical celebrations. The new holy oils used in the celebration of the sacraments have been enthroned in our ambry.

Children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at certain Sunday Masses throughout Easter Time and on two Saturdays in early May. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for adults at the Vigil Mass for Pentecost on Saturday evening, May 14 and for our teens on Saturday, June 4, outside of Easter Time, but still a powerful manifestation of the Easter sacraments nonetheless! These events are connected as part of the Easter complex of initiation rites, as Easter is the season *par excellence* for celebrating initiation.

We will highlight the initiatory character of Easter Time each Sunday by **beginning Mass with the Rite for Blessing and Sprinkling of Water**, recalling our baptism. Also, we will continue to use the **Apostles’ Creed** during Easter Time, since that Creed is often referred to as the “Baptismal Symbol of Faith.”

Also, there is a strong tradition of blessing homes during Easter Time, a blessing which can be arranged for with one of the priests by calling the rectory, or by using the home blessing provided elsewhere in this bulletin.

As we celebrate the Fifty Days of Easter Time together, may we all come to a deeper appreciation of the Risen Lord’s presence in our midst, as the Lord calls us to share in fullness of risen life with him through the sacraments and through our life together.

BLESSING OF YOUR HOME AT EASTER

Use this prayer service to bless your home and your family at Easter.

Be sure to use newly-blessed Easter water!

All who live in the house should be present for the blessing.

(All make the sign of the cross as the Leader begins:)

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

All respond: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ, risen from the dead, who is our source of hope, joy, and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

(Now someone reads the Scripture reading, Luke 24:28-32:)

Leader: Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

As the disciples approached the village to which they were going, Jesus gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(The intercessions are then said:)

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him. Our response will be: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, through you every dwelling is a temple of holiness: build those who live in this house into the dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit. We pray:

All respond: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the disciples recognized you in the breaking of the bread: grant that the members of this family may be open always to the presence of Christ in Word and sacrament. We pray:

All respond: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you appeared to the frightened Apostles and said, "Peace be with you"; grant that your abiding peace may remain with the members of this family. We pray:

All respond: Stay with us, Lord.

(After the intercessions, all pray the Lord's Prayer:)

Leader: Our Father...

(After the Our Father, the leader prays the prayer of blessing with hands joined:)

Leader: Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death: by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise. Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the Paschal Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All respond: Amen.

(After the prayer, the leader may sprinkle those present and the home with holy water brought from the church. During the sprinkling the leader says:)

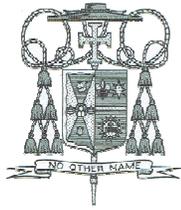
Leader: Let this water call to mind our Baptism in Christ, who by his death and resurrection has redeemed us.

(After the sprinkling, all make the sign of the cross as the leader concludes:)

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

All respond: Amen.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP MURPHY



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Christ,

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Saint Paul tells us that *In Christ Jesus you are a new creation!* Today we know with the mind of faith and feel in our hearts filled with joy how true that is and whence comes this wondrous and unique gift. It is God's gift that shows the boundless love He has for us when *in the fullness of time He sent His Son, born of a woman.* Without the obedient love of the Son who became one like us in all things but sin, we could never have been saved in the extraordinary way that in fact we are saved. We have been saved *by one like us.* That means that all we are and all that we experience on this earth has been embraced by Jesus, the God-Man. He alone could save us as Son of God. He alone, as fully human as we all are, could transform us, with whom He shares our humanity, by offering us the way to share in His divinity.

Nailed to the cross, He overcame that ancient curse of universal death. For His death became the passage way that destroys death and opens the path to eternal life for us and for all humankind. Now He breaks the bonds of death by breaking forth from the tomb in His glorified state. Now the angels can say to the first apostles, *Why look among the dead for one who is living? He is not here among the dead! He has risen as He said!*

Nicodemus once asked Jesus *How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?* No, Nicodemus, that is true. But Jesus has made the Holy Sepulchre His tomb to be the womb from which He comes forth to the glorified state that He shares with us. We who have entered into the font of Baptism and emerged from the waters of Baptism are His new creation sharing the life of the One Who today we truly proclaim God's Son, the Victor over sin and death, the Savior of all humankind.

As His new creation, Paul rightly calls us *Ambassadors of Christ.* In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, on this Easter Day as we rejoice, I would like to call us all to re-commit ourselves to being *Ministers of Reconciliation in our families and our communities but especially in our Church and in our nation.* Too many members of our Church engage in polemic and seek to divide us as if bishops are persecutors of the laity or consecrated women and men are at odds with priests and pastors. These attitudes and these divisions deny the new creation the Risen Christ has given us. Our nation has sunk into a new low in public discourse when political leaders and pressure groups ridicule and label one another or accuse those who disagree with the prevailing forces as being "haters" and "phobic".

May all of us on Easter Sunday, in the presence of the Risen Christ, at Mass, in our homes and in our hearts, put aside those attitudes and commit ourselves to the ministry of reconciliation, eschewing the tawdry and the degrading, and re-affirming the respect and dignity of all, for HE came to be the Savior of all Humankind and today in our hearts and in our world, we proclaim

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN AND HE IS LORD FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN!

Bishop of Rockville Centre

PRAYER & WORSHIP

**FIRST FRIDAY,
FIRST
SATURDAY
& FIRST
SUNDAY
DEVOTIONS**



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

First Friday Devotions will take place **April 1** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

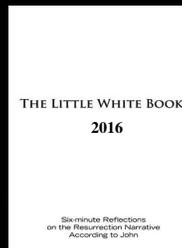
First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **April 2** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, April 2 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish then Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, **April 3** at 7:00 p.m.

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.



Offer the Gift of Yourself in the Ministry of Consolation!

Would you like to help a family at a time when they need it most? Would you like to bring a warm, friendly and welcoming experience of the parish to others when they would greatly appreciate it and when it could have a great effect on them? If so, then the Ministry of Consolation is for YOU! Ministers of Consolation minister to families at the time of the Funeral Mass by helping them to prepare the Mass and by being present at the Mass as greeters and liturgical ministers. People are also needed to work behind the scenes to coordinate these various ministers, to prepare worship aids, and to bring a cake to a family during the days of the wake. If you are interested in offering yourself in any aspect of the Ministry of Consolation or if you would like more information, *please contact Msgr. Joe at msgsjoe@oloph.org or at the rectory number, ext. 206.*



PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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

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



BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE



If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

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 msgrioje@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 _____



Divine Mercy Devotions—April 3rd

In preparation for this feast and the special graces it brings, a Novena to the Divine Mercy should have started on Good Friday. The chaplet is recited daily, works of mercy are to be undertaken each day, either corporal or spiritual or both, and a sincere and contrite Confession should be made before the Mercy Mass, in preparation to receive Holy Communion.



12:00 p.m. Mass, ending with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:30 p.m.

Confessions 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

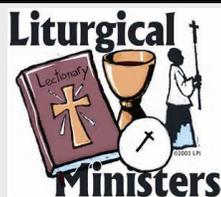
3:00 p.m. – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by

Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus &

1st Class Relic of Saint Faustina

3:30 p.m. Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

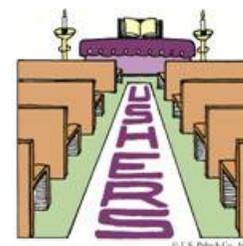
Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

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.

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
 or your continued generosity.

Cut out this list and bring it with you

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.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

In the month of March, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor celebrate the joy of Easter, by assisting families, providing food, gifts, and help for utility and rent bills. Thank You for your continued generosity!



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. – 12:00 noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday) or at the Rectory.

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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 and undershirts** (all sizes)
- women's underwear** (M, L, XL, no small)
- gloves**
- thermal underwear** (M-L-XL)
- Hoodies** (all sizes)
- Men's shoes/boots** 9-15
- Men's 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

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

The next Mass for People with Special Needs (and those who love them!) will take place on

NEXT SATURDAY

April 2, 2016

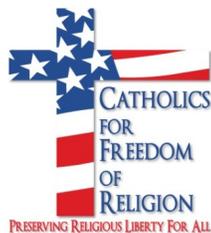
4:00 p.m.

Auditorium

"We must recognize and appreciate the contribution persons with disabilities can make to the Church's spiritual life, and encourage them to do the Lord's work in the world according to their God-given talents and capacity."

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



Catholics For Freedom of Religion

An annual survey on Religious Liberty documents that in 2015 there were 1,285 attacks in America - more than double the 600 attacks in 2012. The instances cited include attacks on religion in **schools**, in the **military**, in the **public arena**, and in **houses of worship**.

"Many simply refuse to believe that religious hostility is occurring right here in America," said J. Butterfield, First Liberty Counsel and Harvard Law graduate. "... evidence is that hostility is growing rapidly."

"The first step to recovery from a problem is to stop denying a problem exists," said Center for Religious and Civil Society. "(this) report documents countless examples of using the power of government to target people of faith for hostility and exclusion because of their be-

liefs."

As more and more Americans become aware of the growing attacks on religious liberty and what their rights are, they can stand and turn back the tides of secularism and hostility that have so eroded our religious liberty rights, our First Freedom. (firstliberty.org, 2/26/16)

Mission Statement: "Catholics for Freedom of Religion provides resources to assist laity to educate and advocate on a non-partisan basis for First Amendment Freedom of Religion ..."

Please see: cffer.org

Events: *April 9, 2016*, 1:00 PM, **Holy Hour of Adoration for Little Sisters of Poor**, St. Bernard Church, 3100 Hempstead Typk., Levittown; 2:00 PM, talk by Pastor Ralph Sommers

* *April 10, 2016*, 1:00 PM, **KrisAnne Hall**, Nationally Renowned Constitutional Speaker, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Event held in Church, 75 Parkside Drive, Point Lookout, NY 11569

* *April 20, 2016*, 7:00 PM, **Thomas Renker**, Counsel for Diocese of Rockville Centre, and **Barbara Samuells**, President, Catholics For Freedom of Religion, St. John the Evangelist, Event held in Parish Auditorium, 25 Ocean Ave, Center Moriches, NY 11934

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!

There is a place for you at our table...



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

Since April 2015, OLPH's **Community Meal Ministry** has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

Beginning on *April 17, 2016*, our meal will begin at the **12 Noon Mass and dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m.** immediately after Mass. So before we gather for food for the body, we'll gather for food for the soul!

- Do you know someone who is alone often but would enjoy a Sunday meal?
- Do you know someone who could benefit from being part of the Community Meal? Invite them...or better yet, bring them!
- There are no requirements and no questions asked...all are welcome at our table.

Sunday, April 17, 2016

12 Noon – Mass followed by Dinner in the School Cafeteria at 1:00 p.m.

OLPH Young Adult Ministry

Are you searching for something new?
 Are you looking for people who believe in what you do?
 Are you looking to get together with and have some fun with people your age?



Try our **NEW** OLPH young adult ministry for people 19-35 years old. We will be talking about many important issues concerning our faith well as having a great time socializing with each other. There will be guest speakers to discuss topics that concern us as well as social nights outside of the parish.

Meetings will be held monthly in our school cafeteria and our first meeting will take place on

Sunday, April 27th at 7:30 p.m.

For additional information please contact the rectory at 631-226-7725 X 200 and leave a message for Kevin Sabella or Deacon Doug Smith.

Hope to see you there.



The Diocese of Rockville Centre

Golden Wedding Celebration

Sunday, April 24

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

Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by **April 8** for the April 24 liturgy.

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

COMMUNITY OF PRAISE

The OLPH

Community of Praise Prayer Group meets Tuesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in the Room 16 in the school.

All are welcome!!!



TAKE NOTE!!!

THANK YOU FROM THE SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC



The Sisters of St. Dominic were recently here at OLPH to sell chance books for their annual Irish Night raffle, which benefits their senior sisters. They sent along

this message: *"The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville are most grateful for your generous financial support and even more for your prayers and your openness to enhancing the quality care for their elder sisters. They hope to see you next year when their annual Irish Night chance books will once again be sold."*

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.



MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. ETHEL'S MOTHER

All parishioners of OLPH are invited to a Memorial Mass for Fr. Ethel's mother, Rose Anarado, which will be held **Friday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Babylon** (39 North Carl Avenue). As you will recall, Fr. Ethel was a recent Associate Pastor here at OLPH. Fr. Ethel's mother passed away in Nigeria at the beginning of February. Let us pray for the repose of her soul.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building

Phone # 631.226.7725 x 253

Email: religiously@oloph.org

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

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM

TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM

WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM

THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM

SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM



Alleluia! Happy Easter!



Blessings and warmth to you on this joyful day!

Easter Break

We hope you are enjoying your Easter celebrations. As a reminder, classes resume **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30th.**

There will be NO class on Monday, **March 28th.**

Upcoming Dates:

Level 2: Parent Meeting on First Communion on **April 2nd.** MANDATORY AND VERY IMPORTANT!

Level 8: Penance Service in Church

Monday, **April 4th** at 7:30. Go directly to Church!

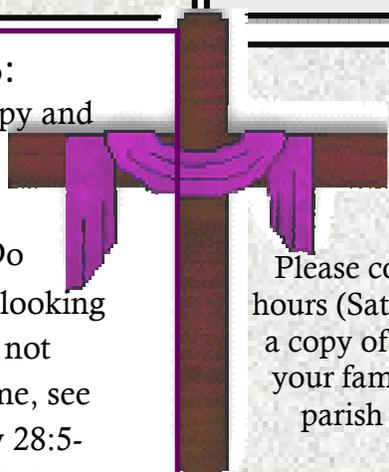
Level 7: April 6th—Parent Meeting on Social Justice

Level 1: April 9th— Parent Meeting and Open House

Pope Francis on Easter 2015:

“Dear Brothers and Sisters, a Happy and Holy Easter! The Church throughout the world echoes the angel’s message to the women: “Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay” (Matthew 28:5-6). The message which Christians bring to the world is this:

Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.”



Registration for 2016/17

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR NEW REGISTRANTS!

New Registrations:

Please come to our office during regular office hours (Saturdays by appointment). You will need a copy of your child’s Baptismal certificate, and your family must be registered with the OLPH parish prior to joining religious education.

Returning Families:

New students may be registered during any of our office hours (Saturdays by appointment).

Returning students can be registered starting **April 1st.**

Tuition:

\$130 for one child;
\$165 for two children;
\$195 for three or more children.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! :)



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 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.

Preparándonos para el Domingo 3 de Mayo del 2016

EL SEÑOR RESUCITADO, PRESENTE EN MEDIO DE SU PUEBLO

Estamos reunidos en nombre de Jesús. Él es el Primero y el Último, el Viviente, que vive para siempre, Señor y Dios nuestro. Que su paz y alegría esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera lectura (Hechos de los Apóstoles 5:12-16)

Porque Jesús estaba vivo en los apóstoles, él continuó su trabajo de sanación por medio de ellos. Porque Jesús estaba vivo en la comunidad cristiana, muchos llegan a creer en él.

Segunda lectura (Revelación 1:9-13,17-19)

El apóstol Juan sintió estimulada su fe con una visión del Señor resucitado. En su mensaje a las siete iglesias, símbolo de la Iglesia universal, anima a los cristianos perseguidos a no tener miedo y a permanecer firmes en la fe.

Lectura del Sato Evangelio según (San Juan 20:19-31)

"como el padre me envió así también yo los envió" cumplida su misión está presente en los hermanos con el don de su Espíritu para que continúen su obra y den testimonio del amor del padre que es también el nuestro.

¿Por qué nos reunimos cada domingo para celebrar la eucaristía del Señor? Por la misma razón por la que los primeros cristianos trasladaron su día de culto, del Sábado Judío al Domingo cristiano. Porque Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos el domingo, el primer día de la semana. El domingo vino así a ser "el Día del Señor", el día en que los cristianos comenzaron a celebrar que Cristo estaba vivo y resucitado en la comunidad de sus fieles, como está ahora presente aquí entre nosotros. Él es real y está vivo entre nosotros, es nuestro compañero en el camino de la vida y le reconocemos en la comunidad de la Iglesia. Que el Señor Jesús nos otorgue una fe perspicaz para percibir y experimentar su presencia.



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 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	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@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.

First Time:

Robert Marcotrigiano & Vanessa Garces

Jakub Tarlecki & Christy Lee May

Shawn Ira Morganbesser & Janine Marie Scarpa

WE REMEMBER

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

Megan Colligan

Joseph & Lillian Finn

Thomas Maroney

Michael George Slota

Michael John Zukowski

“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 27-April 2:

Oil for 2 Altar Candles

In Memory of

Eva Sciara

Requested by

Aaron & Ariana

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

PERPETUAL HELP MASS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016 12:15 P.M. MASS

Ray Evans	Requested by Edith Evans
Alan A. Illicete	Requested by Matthew Illicete
Patricia A. Collins	Requested by Jeff & Brigid Larsen
Olga Popacz	Requested by Kevin & Renata Rattigan

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Karen Benus
Dolores Otten
Jose Correa
William Stanton
Kevin Reid
George Walters
Juliette Fredricks
Nicole Mallas
Jean Ryan
Peggy McCloud
Kathleen Sazio
Brianna Delgado
John Cascio
James Rigney, Jr.*

*Laura Fischer
Maureen Nalewajk
Madison Muir
Christopher Corso
Joan Cox
Steven P. Shipsey
Donald Lalegian
Arthur Aufiero
Rosemarie Russo
Betty Cunningham
Patricia Grasso
Rocco Pomatico
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OFFERING UPDATE March 19/20, 2016 Palm Sunday

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	538	171	\$4,364.50
7:30 a.m.	398	123	3,668.00
9:00 a.m.	414	109	2,673.00
11:00 a.m.	526	143	3,903.00
1:00 p.m.	685	109	2,672.00
5:00 p.m.	375	57	1,626.00
Total coin:			29.87
Mail-ins:			190.00
Children's Env.		31	96.71
Faith Direct			2,024.75
TOTAL	2,936	743	\$21,247.83
2015 TOTAL	3,098	800	\$20,145.17
Candles			\$943.10
Poor Box			\$248.36

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 28— Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:30	Luis Tirado
12:15	Giuseppe Lentini
7:00	Devotions

TUESDAY, March 29— Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30	Artie Podrang
12:15	Corazon Bareng

WEDNESDAY, March 30— Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30	Joseph Green, Jr.
12:15	Perpetual Help Mass (Listing on page 19)
12:45	Exposition
7:30	Level 7 Class Mass

THURSDAY, March 31— Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6:30	Kenneth Weckerle
12:15	Maureen Heuer

FRIDAY, April 1— Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:30	Bill Munson
12:15	Brancato & Perrotta Families

SATURDAY, April 2— Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00	Frank Ignazia Rossetti
4:00 – 5:00	Confessions

Vigil for SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

4:00	Special Needs Mass - Auditorium
5:00	John L. Sheridan
8:00 - 11:00	Adoration

Sunday, April 3 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

8:00	Jack & Noreen Collins
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	Antoinette Guglielmo
5:00	Concetta Troiano

Monday, March 28, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
10:00a.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
8:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Board Meeting	Room 10

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Widows & 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.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 30, 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.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 13
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School

Thursday, March 31, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry Prep	Room 13
2-6:00p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Virtus Training Class	Room 1
7:30 p.m.	Catholic Social Teaching	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, April 1, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Catholic For Freedom of Religion	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	A A for Young People	Room 24

Saturday, April 2, 2016

8:30 a.m.	Level 1-5 Classes	School
8:30,10:00	First Communion Parent	Auditorium
11:30 a.m.	Meeting	
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Special Needs Mass	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Liturgy of Hours	Church
8:00 p.m.	Nocturnal Adoration	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, April 3, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Opening Blessing Pre-Cana	Church
11:00 a.m.	Opening Meeting Pre-Cana	Room 10
12:00 p.m.	RCIA Dismissal	Church
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Devotions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Hours	Church
7:00 p.m.	Instrumental Concert	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

PREPARING FOR Sunday, April 3, 2015

Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday

*Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

John 20:29

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

How quickly things can change! Just a short time before the events that we hear in this first reading Peter had denied Jesus three times and fled from his side. Now, he is an esteemed leader, renowned among both believers and unbelievers for the power of God that flows through him. His shadow is enough to heal and his words win large numbers to the Lord. The other apostles too worked signs and wonders that brought many people to be added to the community of believers. This is a powerful reminder how faith in the risen Christ can bring great changes in our lives, too.

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

This reading is the first of six that we will hear in the coming weeks from the book of Revelation, sometimes known by its Greek title *Apocalypse*. For his efforts on behalf of the Gospel, John was exiled to the island of Patmos. One Sunday, the Spirit takes hold of him and he has a vision of the resurrected and glorified Jesus, "the one who was dead, but now (is) alive forever and ever." Written to encourage persecuted believers in the first century, John's vision reminds us that Jesus is not dead but alive and that he is the only one to hold the keys to everlasting life.

John 20:19-31

Today's Gospel is for all of us who have not seen Jesus but still believe. The first apostles were given the great grace of seeing the risen Jesus face to face, of talking and even eating with him. But we, two thousand years removed from these awesome events, are like Thomas at times. We struggle with belief. We have moments of doubt and uncertainty. But day after day, in season and out, we profess with our lips and believe in our hearts that Jesus is our Lord and God. Because of this, Jesus calls us "blessed." What good news!

Gospel Reflection

Rising to New Life

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." Easter is the great celebration of victory of life over death.

Ours is an Easter religion. We do not deny or turn away from the evils that surround us: the wars that have killed some 100 million people in our (last) century; the poverty that grips more than half of the human race; the hunger that kills millions every year and ruins the lives of millions more; the discrimination that divides the human family into contending parties.

We do not deny these miseries, but we refuse to surrender to their power because of our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Suffering will be vindicated; death will be overcome; a new life will arise: that is the Easter message of the paschal mystery.

"Let us feast with joy in the Lord." Just as Christ passed through death to resurrection, so too will the world pass through its suffering to the glory of a new life. There is no room for despair: our Easter faith tells us that God will "raise us up and renew our lives." This is the 'day which the Lord has made.' Alleluia! Take fresh hope, brothers and sisters of the whole world! With Christ our Passover everything is possible! Christ goes forward in our future!
(Pope John Paul II, Easter Message, 1991: 8)

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 28, 2016:

Acts 2:14,22-33 + Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, March 29, 2016:

Acts 2:36-41 + John 20:11-18

Wednesday, March 30, 2016:

Acts 3:1-10 + Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, March 31, 2016:

Acts 3:11-26 + Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 1, 2016:

Acts 4:1-12 + John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 2, 2016: Vigil

Acts 4:13-21 + Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 3, 2016

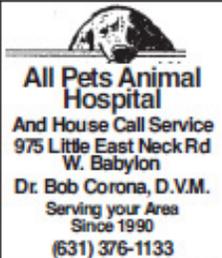
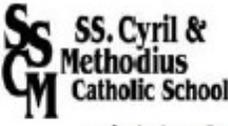
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April 15, 2016

7:00 p.m. - Auditorium

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