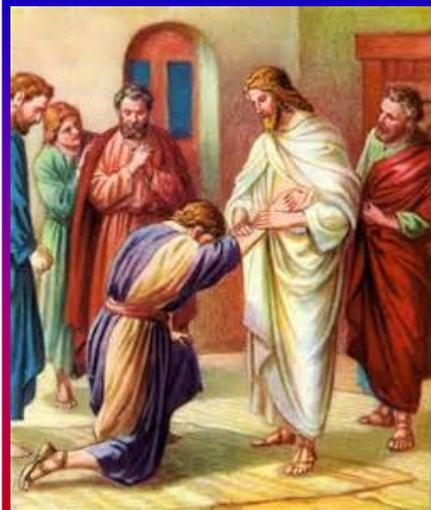


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*Jesus said to him,
“Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.”*

John 20: 29

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2017

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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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 (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

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.

PALM SUNDAY

*Our celebration of our special
Mass with procession for
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,
5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 8.*



Go to our website olphlindhurst.com and "LIKE" our Facebook page to keep up with information and to see more activities, pictures and to keep up on all the other ministries.



PRAYER & WORSHIP



Divine Mercy Devotions *Sunday, April 23rd*

*12:00 p.m. Mass, ending with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:45 p.m.*

Confessions 1:15 p.m. – 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*

*3:45 p.m. Benediction and
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

**Thursday, May 4
7:30 p.m. in Church**



Join us for a candlelight prayer service to help us reflect on the mystery of the Cross and the glory of Christ's resurrection. Consider setting aside one hour to join in this beautiful and contemplative form of prayer.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Second Sunday of Easter

As the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, the Sunday we celebrate today completes the Easter Octave. Our joy-filled cries of "Alleluia!" continue as we exult in the new life and salvation we have been given through the Lord's Resurrection! Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen!

The Missal texts (prayers of the Mass) for this Second Sunday of Easter are filled with references to our sacramental initiation. Historically, this day was given the name *Dominica in albis* — the last day for the neophytes (newly-initiated) to wear their white baptismal garments (albs). How fitting for all of us to reflect on what it means for us to be united to Christ and to have new life in Him through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the three sacraments of initiation.

As two examples of this emphasis, we can look to two of the prayers of the Mass for this Sunday. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for today's Mass is brimming with the language of initiation: it reminds us that we are the people who have been made God's own through the font in which we have been washed (Baptism), by whose Spirit in whom we have been reborn (Baptism and Confirmation), and by whose Blood we have been redeemed (Eucharist). The Prayer over the Offerings asks that we may "attain unending happiness" because we have been "renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism."

Throughout all the fifty days of Easter Time, we rejoice as we reflect on what Christ has done for us, and as we extol the mystery of sharing in His life; as one of the Prefaces for Easter reminds us, "...by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life." Alleluia!

Divine Mercy Devotions

St. John Paul II gave the additional title of "Divine Mercy Sunday" to this Second Sunday of Easter. This title does not connote a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather it leads us more deeply into the continuing celebration of God's mercy on this Second Sunday of Easter and throughout all of Easter Time.

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 are then followed by veneration of the image of Merciful Jesus and 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

Call to silence before Mass will continue

As you know, we instituted a new custom during Lent of calling for silence approximately five (5) minutes before Mass begins. The Cantor reads a brief exhortation to silence, and then the assembly sits in silence, reflecting, meditating and praying in order to focus so we can enter into Mass more prayerfully and reverently. Such silence was certainly in keeping with the Lenten mood, but, actually, such silent preparation is appropriate for Mass all year long.

Based on feedback we have received, the Liturgy Committee has recommended that we institute this practice permanently, and I am happy to accept this recommendation, so this practice will continue indefinitely (*i.e.*, until the Second Coming of Christ).

Note two things about this. First, I have noticed that after a few weeks of doing this during Lent, the silence was spreading! By that I mean that the church seemed to be quieter as people gathered even before the announcement was made. I think that's good and helpful. The more that we can keep a quiet and respectful atmosphere in church, for our own sake — so we can calm down and settle in — and for the sake of others — respecting the fact that they might be trying to pray and we should not distract them with our talking — the better off we will all be.

Second, the ushers will still continue to greet people as they arrive for Mass, even during the five minutes of silence. However, during those five minutes of silence, the ushers will offer a quieter greeting — a smile, a nod, a whispered "welcome" or "hello." In that way, I think we are holding up the values of both good things — being a warm, hospitable and welcoming community, and maintaining an atmosphere of silent prayer and preparation.

Youth Ministry Group starting up again at OLPH!

I hope you have seen the ad in prior bulletins — we are starting up a formal Youth Ministry Group again! Of course, we have had Youth Ministry all along through our Youth Service Corps, the ways that youth are involved in liturgical ministries and other ministries such as the St. Bernard League, Knights of Columbus Squires and other groups, in CYO, and, for a long time, Scouting, but it has been a while since we have had a specific “group meeting of youth” component of youth ministry. So, I asked Fr. Frank to head up this endeavor, and we all need to do our best to make this a success. See the ad elsewhere in the bulletin for details about the first event taking place this coming Friday, April 28. Teens in Grades 8-12: make sure you attend and get involved! This is for YOU! Moms, Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas: encourage your teens to be a part of this exciting returning ministry!

Having this “meeting group” component of our ministry to teens and youth will be another important component in ministering to their spiritual and pastoral needs. Of course, Fr. Frank will need parents and other adults to assist him, so anyone interested in helping him should contact Fr. Frank. Let’s all support this great undertaking!

Parish Leadership Meeting on Saturday, April 29

Allow me to offer this reminder to all the heads and leaders of all our parish ministries, societies and organizations: another Parish Leadership Meeting is taking place this Saturday, April 29, 1:00-3:30 p.m. in the auditorium; you should have received your invitation letter from me. All heads and leaders are asked to give this a high priority and to contact me if someone else must attend in their place. We will build on the work we have done at prior Leadership Meetings as we all work together as one parish to live out the mission given to us as disciples, and to participate in “dynamic missionary growth,” to use the words of our new bishop, Bishop Barres.

I thank everyone who will be taking the time and making the sacrifice of spending the afternoon at the meeting. It will be a beautiful gift that you give to the people of this parish.

First Communions at Saturday night/Sunday Masses

Next weekend, April 29-30, we begin having First Holy Communions at our weekend parish Masses. What a lovely gift this is to the parish,

when parents choose to share their child’s First Holy Communion with the entire parish by having them receive at a weekend parish Mass. I know that you parishioners love seeing the children, as many of you have commented to me how much you enjoy this. It brings new life and joy to our worship to celebrate this, and it is so fitting to do so during Easter Time. So, starting next weekend and for two more weekends after that, you might be seeing children receiving their First Holy Communion at weekend Mass. Be sure to greet them after Mass to congratulate them!

In addition, our Saturday morning celebrations of First Holy Communion will take place on May 6 and May 13. Let’s be sure during the upcoming month of First Communions that we pray for all our First Communicants!

My Latest Book: Guide for Celebrating Funerals

I am pleased to announce to you the publication of my latest book which is now available. It is titled Guide for Celebrating Funerals and has been published by Liturgy Training Publications, the publisher who has published the majority of my other books. This is the book I mentioned I was working on a couple of summers ago, and it is a detailed commentary on all aspects of the Catholic funeral rites. The book provides formation for ministers who minister at the funeral rites and provides pastoral guidelines for celebrating the funeral rites well. Some contributing authors provided about 15% of some supplementary material throughout the book, with the remaining 85% being my own authorship. It’s always such a relief when the project is finally complete with the actual publication of the book!

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

Prayer for Peace

Please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,
Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!
Make all men and women witnesses
of truth, justice and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.
Enlighten our rulers
that they may guarantee
and defend the great gift of peace.
May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.
May longed-for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all. AMEN
Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)*



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, April 24—7:00 p.m.

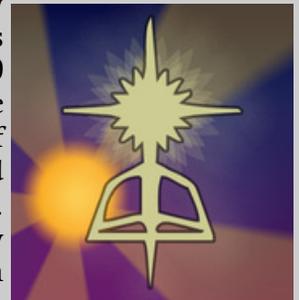
Monday, May 1—7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 8—

May Crowning at 7:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer

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



So come and pray...

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

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

Mother's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the Church. The Mother's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your mother, grandmother, godmother, the mother-to-be you know or any mother you wish to remember in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. Simply take an envelope, write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. Thank you.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

This Easter, we are offering a memorial opportunity for the Paschal Candle, the symbol of the Light of Christ that is lit from the Easter fire and remains lit for all liturgies during Easter Time. It is also lit throughout the year at baptisms and funerals. The offering to memorialize the candle is \$500.



We have ordered a new vestment that is available to be memorialized. The red cope will be used at the Palm Sunday Procession and on Good Friday. The donation for this vestment is \$600, and a label, marking the memorial, can be placed inside.



If you would like to remember a loved one who has died or mark a special anniversary or other occasion by making a memorial, please call contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory, 631-226-7725 X 210 or email cferraro@oloph.org.

JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

The Junior Legion of Mary

PARENTS:

Do you have Children between the ages of 8 & 18 years of age?



The Junior Legion of Mary is the perfect blend of prayer, doing acts of mercy and socializing to lead your children to become moral Christian adults. You are welcome to attend a meeting to see what we are all about. The Junior Legion meets Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Room 24 of the School.

PARISH LEADERSHIP MEETING, SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

All heads and leaders of parish ministries, organizations and societies should have received their invitation letter to our next **PARISH LEADERSHIP MEETING** to be held **Saturday, April 29, 2017, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.** These meetings are held on a regular basis to facilitate the unity and collaboration among all our many different ministries and organizations, in addition to providing a forum to continue to move forward in living the mission entrusted to us as a parish. All leaders are asked to attend and, if you are unable to do so, to appoint a "second-in-command" to attend in your place and to report back to you. If you are sending someone in your place, you must notify Msgr. Joe so that proper materials may be prepared. Thank you to all our leaders and ministry heads for all they do and for their participation in these meetings!

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 1

"My heart is beating!"

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all - the gift of life.



PASTORAL COUNCIL

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



Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed.—St. Francis de Sales

In your last article you provided an explanation of contemplative prayer. Can you please expand upon the two other expressions of prayer, which are vocal prayer and meditation?

For some of us, vocal prayer is easy, especially if we like to speak and want to be heard. We should all be thankful our Lord is patient and has a heart of listening! Vocal prayer is an essential element of Christian life. Though the disciples were drawn by their Master's silent prayer, Jesus taught them a vocal prayer, the Our Father. The Gospels also show Jesus raising His voice to express His personal prayer, from exultant blessing of the Father to the agony in Gethemani (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2701).

The need to involve the senses in interior prayer corresponds to a requirement of our human nature. We are body and spirit, and we experience the need to translate our feelings externally. We must pray with our whole being to give all power possible to our supplication (*CCC* 2702).

Because it is external and so thoroughly human, vocal prayer is the form of prayer most readily accessible to groups. Even interior prayer, however, cannot neglect vocal prayer. Prayer is internalized to the extent that we become aware of Him (*CCC* 2704). Picture the Lord sitting in front of you, and speak to Him out loud with all your heart, mind, and soul.

Another expression of prayer includes meditation, which is above all a quest. Our mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking (*CCC* 2705). Take, for instance, the section of Paul's letter to the Galatians 5:13-26, titled "Freedom of Service." Read it! Then reflect in silence. To meditate on what we read helps us to make it our own by confronting it with ourselves. Here, another book is opened: the book of life. We pass from thoughts to reality. To the extent that we are humble and faithful, we discover in meditation the movements that stir the heart and we are able to discern them. It is a question of acting truthfully in order to come into the light: "Lord, what do you want me to do?" (*CCC* 2706).

Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. All are needed to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in *lectio divina* or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is a great value, but Christian prayer should go further — to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with Him. (*CCC* 2708).

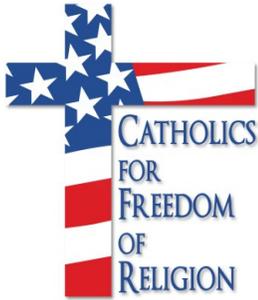
Time to put these words into action! Let's all take a prayerful challenge, but this time re-read Galatians 5:22-26. Take some time to meditate on these verses. Now focus on Galatians 5:25: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit." What is the Lord telling us? Continue to meditate on this for a few more minutes.

Now, picture Jesus Christ sitting next to you. Converse with Him. Pray these words below...OUT LOUD:

Fill me with the fruits of your Spirit, Lord. Fill me with love, so that I seek to understand and appreciate the rich variety and diversity of life that surrounds me. Fill me with joy, so that I celebrate your presence in each and every moment I am on this earth. Fill me with peace, so that I know how to ease those angry and sometimes violent urges that well up inside of me. Fill me with patience, so that I stop rushing long enough to witness your miraculous work taking place all around me (and within me!). Fill me with kindness, so that I take the extra time to help the one in need, even when it isn't convenient for me. Fill me with faithfulness, so that I place my mind, heart, and all that I do in the service of your Gospel. Fill me with gentleness, so that others know that I believe in a God who loves and cares for all people. Fill me with self-control, so that I act not on my impulses and urges, but rather on my beliefs and values, which are rooted in you. Fill me with these fruits of your spirit, Lord! Amen.

Now, that is one challenge that has a very nice prize! Come Holy Spirit!

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



For some time now, we have viewed with growing alarm the on-going erosion of religious liberty in our country." Archbishop William Lori

The truth about "Separation of Church and State"

Many Americans are surprised to learn that the words, "separation of church and state" do not appear in the First Amendment or anywhere else in the Constitution. This phrase is traced to a letter President Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1802 to the Danbury Baptist Association of Connecticut in response to their concerns about their Religious Freedom.

Jefferson quoted the First Amendment:

"Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;..." "thus building a wall of separation between Church and State."

The metaphor of a "wall" was used to put restrictions only on the government and not on the people. At the very heart of Jefferson's assurance of a "wall of separation," is the notion that the government will not interfere with the peoples' rights to worship God as well as to practice their beliefs.

Sadly, today many choose to reverse the real meaning of Jefferson's words to place restrictions on people instead of on government. (usconstitution.net; wallbuilders.com; schoolprayerinamerica.info)

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure if we have lost ... a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath?"

Thomas Jefferson

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THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Last Day of Classes 2017!

Check out some highlights from our program. Like what you see? Consider joining us for next year!



Registration Is Now OPEN

Letters were mailed to all families with students in our program with details about re-registration. After June 15th, there will be a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations.

We continue to encourage all families with students who have not yet begun religious education, who will be beginning 1st grade (or older), to register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a “New Family” appointment or call us for any information.

Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate. **New families MUST make an appointment to register by calling or emailing us.**

We are also looking for hall monitors for our Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m. classes. We invite you to consider giving an hour to assisting our program’s safety and smooth operation on weekends.

SACRAMENT REHEARSALS:

Communion Rehearsal — Sunday Masses

Monday, April 24th, 5:00 p.m.

Communion Rehearsal — Group A

Monday, May 1st at 5:00 p.m.

Communion Rehearsal — Group B

Monday, May 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Rehearsal — Group A

Wednesday, May 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Confirmation Rehearsal — Group B

Wednesday, May 17th at 7:30 p.m.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

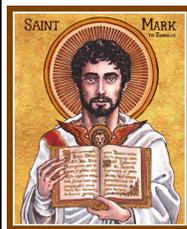
St. Mark the Evangelist

Feast Day: April 25th

Patron of: Venice, notaries, lawyers

Writer of the first Gospel, missionary of the 1st century, friend of Peter and Paul, and martyr for the faith, Mark stands out as one of the most important saints in Church history.

St. Mark, pray for us!



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NEW Food Pantry List!

- PORK AND BEANS**
- CANNED SOUP W MEAT**
- PASTA SAUCE**
- PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP**
- SHELF STABLE MILK**
- COFFEE**
- COOKIES**
- WATER**
- TOILET PAPER**
- TOOTHPASTE**

**Thank you
for your continued generosity.**

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

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

1st & 3rd Saturdays: 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!”

**During Mass we turn to each other and say
“Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into the
St. Vincent de Paul box you say “Peace be with
you!” to those who are poor and hungry.**

† A LIVING MEMORIAL

THANK YOU!!! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program. Your donations are used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish.

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for further information.

**Hear
the Cry of
the Poor**



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

We are in need of the following items:

Jeans

Men's underwear - XL, XXL

Men's sweat pants - XXL, XXXL

Shampoo - 3-5 oz.

Thank you for response to our need for *shopping bags*. We have enough - NO MORE PLEASE!

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

Tuesday, May 2

7:00 p.m. in Room 24

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

Senior Moments

Give yourself a Challenge

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

Our next meeting will be on

Tuesday, May 9

9:00 a.m. in Room 24

BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE



WE WANT YOU!

The Blue Door Boutique is looking for a few more offerers to help out at the shop. Saturday shifts from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. are available and much needed.

Come and join our team!

We have a great time and serve a great need in the parish.

For more information, email buckleyt@optonline.net

THE
bluedoor
BOUTIQUE

HOURS OF OPERATION
M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
SAT. 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Donations gratefully accepted whenever the shop is open. Please no toys, stuffed animals, books or electric items.

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



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

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

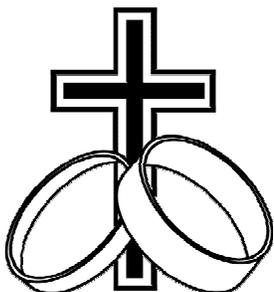
*Our next Community Meal is
Sunday, May 7
Come and pray with us at the
12:00 p.m. Mass
then join us for "Sunday Dinner"
at 1:00 p.m.*

OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage by celebrating your wedding anniversary!

We're celebrating Mass and throwing a party for YOU!

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2017 that is "on a five year mark," that is, if this year you're married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 – and for couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) – are invited to a special MASS AND RECEPTION!



FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

7:30 p.m. Mass

*with Blessing of the Married Couples
for the Anniversary of their Marriage
Followed by a Reception in our School Gym*

Invite your family members! They are welcome!



You must reply NO LATER THAN MAY 12

WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY, USING THE FORM BELOW

NO PHONE REPLIES CAN BE TAKEN

Cut-out and fill-in the form below and return to the Rectory by May 12.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name _____

First Name of Husband _____

First Name of Wife _____

Years Married _____

Date of Your Marriage _____

Your Wedding Song _____

Wedding Song Artist _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone Number _____

e-mail _____ @ _____

Number of People Attending: Adults: _____ Children: _____



*Please return this form as soon as possible to the Rectory,
or drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.*

ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 12.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 PM en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes

Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico saitjoseph98@gmail.com.

Liturgia Viva del Domingo 3° de Pascua - Ciclo A

Domingo, 30 de abril de 2017

TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA (Ciclo A)

Primer Lectura (Hechos 2,14.22-33): El Señor ha Resucitado y Vive para siempre Lleno del Espíritu Santo, el día de Pentecostés, Pedro proclama el centro y corazón del mensaje cristiano: Cristo murió, pero vive como nuestro Señor resucitado. Éste es el fundamento de nuestra fe. Por eso Jesús puede estar ahora con nosotros.

Segunda Lectura (1 Pedro 1,17-21): El Señor Resucitado Es el Fundamento de Nuestra Esperanza. Pedro anima a los fieles: Dios es nuestro Padre; él envió a su Hijo para salvarnos por su muerte y resurrección. Esto da sentido a nuestras vidas; éste es el fundamento de nuestra fe y de nuestra esperanza.

Evangelio (Lucas 24,13-35): Le Reconocieron al Partir el Pan

Lucas aprovecha la ocasión del desaliento de dos discípulos y su encuentro con Cristo para decirnos esto: El Señor resucitado sigue viviendo entre nosotros, sus fieles, por la Palabra que nos proclama y por la Eucaristía.

Queridos amigos y amigas: Queridos hermanos y hermanas, entramos de lleno en el tiempo Pascual en el que hacen s memoria de la resurrección de Jesús. Hemos hecho un precioso recorrido junto con el Señor en las diversas actividades que hemos realizado en la Cuaresma y la Semana Santa. En la oración, la catequesis, las eucaristías y el viacrucis Dios ha querido dirigirnos una palabra al corazón para renovar nuestra vida. Estoy seguro de que Él ha sembrado la semilla durante estos días en ustedes, especialmente en los niños y jóvenes que nunca podrán olvidar lo vivido esta Semana Santa 2017. Para algunos es su primera vez en celebrar la Pascua del Señor. El Señor ha estado grande con nosotros y estamos alegres. Las lecturas de la Vigilia Pascual nos dicen que Dios es peregrino, que siempre ha acompañado al ser humano desde sus orígenes. Afirman que Dios es el creador de la Madre Tierra y que estamos llamados a conservarla. Puede parecer poesía, sin embargo, la cruda realidad de la historia humana nos dice que no podemos seguir destruyendo a la Tierra... pues, si ella muere, también nosotros moriremos. Dios es también libertador, no está de acuerdo con la esclavitud ni con las cadenas que nos imponemos unos a otros. Dios no está de acuerdo en que nos hagamos esclavos del dinero, ni de la corrupción... Por eso, en este tiempo nuevo, estamos llamados a romper cadenas y salir de nuestros sepulcros, dejando atrás aquellas muertes lentas en las que nos sumergimos, a veces por ignorancia. Salvemos a nuestras familias con la luz del Evangelio y pidamos al Padre que arranque de nosotros ese corazón de piedra que tenemos y nos dé un corazón de carne capaz de amar, para poder vivir juntos, unidos, en fraternidad. Este tiempo es tiempo de encuentro con Jesús Resucitado. Experimentalo a tu lado. Siente su fuego de amor. La muerte no pudo acabar con el Mesías de los pobres. El Padre le dio la última palabra a su Hijo levantándolo de la tumba. Su presencia entre nosotros sigue siendo actual: Él anima nuestras vidas, a nuestras familias y a nuestras comunidades. Jesús les dijo a las mujeres: "No tengan miedo. Vayan ahora y digan a mis hermanos que se dirijan a Galilea. Allí me verán" (Mt. 28, 10). Esa misma palabra se dirige hoy a nosotros; estamos llamados a ser mensajeros de buenas noticias para nuestros hermanos que aún viven en la oscuridad. Pidámosle a Jesucristo su paz, esa paz que el mundo, las diversiones, o la calle no dan. Paz para Panamá y para el mundo entero. Comprometámonos a ser sembradores de esperanza hasta los últimos rincones de la Tierra. Este es el tiempo oportuno.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

Lawrence Baronciani & Kerry Foley

First Announcement:

John J. Decutiis & Casey Lee Zupancic

WE REMEMBER

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

Joseph Martorano

Eileen McCauley

“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.”

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

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



PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2016 12:00 P.M. MASS

Rev. Peter McCrann SMM	Requested by Joan & Donna Hosey
Salvatore Causa	Requested by Salvatore Sparacino
John G. Donalds	Requested by Carol Billings
Leonard Cacioppo	Requested by Robert & Maria Fischer
Nelson Velez	Requested by Bill & Joanne Ratchford

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Lisa Ruggiero

Dolores Otten

Clara Stancati

Michelle Barann

Theresa Paolo

Ryan Starace

Robert Flesher

George William Knack

Peter Masak

Arleen Loughlin

Elizabeth Umile

Natalie & Olivia

Schettino

Judith Walsh

Robert Chancellor

Alice Leonard

Gary Foster

Nora R. McMahon

Pat Kleczkowski

Rich Kleczkowski

MaryLou Miskovsky

Susan Marcontonio

Kathy Fey

Shannon Snyder

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. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

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 Community will then visit each week.

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



MUSIC NOTES

Save the Date ...

Spring Concert

Be sure to join our music ministry
Sunday, May 7th
 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

for our "Spring Concert" featuring our cantors as well as our adult choir, youth band and youth choir. There will be a reception in the auditorium after the concert with lots of great raffle prizes (*so don't forget your wallet!*). Don't miss this fun evening as we celebrate the gift of music in our parish.



We're On Facebook

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Music Ministry has its own Facebook page. Be sure to check out our page and "like" us.

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE
 OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION
 & CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Annual Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment
 for all involved in
 Ministry of Consolation and Bereavement Ministry

*Come Renew,
 Refresh, Learn,
 Share, & Pray*



Presenters
 Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ
 Director of Faith Formation

Christopher Ferraro, MA
 Music Director
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 (In the Church)
 210 South Wellwood Avenue
 Lindenhurst, NY 11757
 Tuesday, May 2, 2017
 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person
 For more information,
 please contact:
 Debbie Coyne
 516-678-5800 ext. 204
 www.drvc-faith.org

St Frances Cabrini
 (Parish Center)
 134 Middle Country Road
 Coram, New York 11727
 Thursday, May 11, 2017
 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Advanced registration is required using the form below or online at www.drvc-faith.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Faith Formation Liturgy II Fundamentals and Basic Principles of Liturgy

Location:

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
 210 S. Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst, NY**

Presenter: *Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, D.Min.*

Dates: May 2, 9, 11, 16, 18, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Learn more & Register Online

www.drvc-faith.org

**If you have questions contact
 Marie Ventimiglia at 516-678-5800 ext. 505**

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

You are invited to a community service event sponsored by Catholics for Freedom of Religion. Hear and question **Congressman Lee Zeldin** about issues of conscience rights and religious liberty. Today, Sunday, **April 23**, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, 280 East Main St.; Smithtown, NY. For more information: 631-896-8331 This event is an informational opportunity for the community and does not indicate an endorsement for Rep. Zeldin or any political candidate.

Action Against Opioids, Wednesday, **April 26** at 7:30 p.m., St. Anthony's High School Gym, 275 Wolf Hill Rd., Melville. High school students will talk about the reality of the opioid epidemic. (Please arrive by 7:15 p.m.)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is hosting a weekend in April, right after Easter, a great time to renew and refresh our marriages. The weekend begins Friday, **April 28** and concludes with Mass Sunday the 30th at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 W Neck Rd. Huntington. For information and reservations call 1-877-697-9963 or go to www.wwme.org.

Holy Trinity Diocesan High School's Performing Arts Department is proud to present the modern rock opera "**Jesus Christ Superstar**." This contemporary musical explores the story surrounding the last days of Jesus Christ. Told through the lens of Judas Iscariot, this play investigates the indelible biblical characters and is an important piece of theatre for young people of all faiths to experience. 98 Cherry Lane, Hicksville, NY **April 27-29** at 7:30 p.m. Tickets sold at the door - \$8 students/\$10 adults.

Benefits & Resources Fair for Veterans & Seniors, Saturday, **April 29**, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at the Long Island State Veterans Home, 100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook. Free health & dental screenings, blood pressure, cholesterol & glucose checks. Please call 631-444-8606 or email www.listateveteranshome.org.

Molloy College—Spring Open House: Sunday, **April 30**, at 1:00 p.m. Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY. Call 516-323-4000.

Telecare, your *Television Network of the Diocese of Rockville Centre*, hosts the **Telecare 2017 Golf Classic**, on Tues., **May 9th**, 2017. Proceeds from the event enable this important ministry of our diocese to continue to provide Catholic programming through television, web streaming, and social media. Telecare especially provides a unique connection between our diocese and our homebound, hospitalized, rehabilitative facility residents, and our military parishioners, both home and abroad. Monsignor James Vlaun is pleased to announce Philip Westerman as event Chairman and Peter and Lisa Reali as event Honorees. Visit Telecare's website at www.telecaretv.org or contact Dawn-Marie Feiler, at 516-538-8704, ext. 118, or dmfeiler@telecaretv.org, for golf, dinner, underwriting,

raffle, and in-kind donation information.

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death at no charge. **Spousal/Partner Loss Support Group** – 5/9/17- 6/27/17; 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.; **Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Loss Support Group** - 5/9/17- 6/27/17; 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Groups are held at Good Shepherd Hospice Administration Office, 110 Bi-County Blvd., Suite 114, Farmingdale, NY. **Registration required** – Call Michelle Graff, LCSW @ (631) 828-7631.

Our Lady of Mercy School community invites you to join our school community for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond. Nursery—Grade 8 programs are offered. Tours are available during school hours, evenings, and weekends by appointment. Our Lady of Mercy School, 520 South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville, NY 11801. Please contact us for a tour. (516-433-7040 or jharrigan@olmshicks.org).

Camp Veritas 2017: a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens 7th—12th grades. **July 16-22** at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY; **July 23-29** at Summit Lake Camp, Emmitsburg, MD and **August 13-19** at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment price: \$450 per camper per week. Volunteers over 18 are needed. For details go to www.campveritas.com.



THE NY STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Join fellow brothers at Citifield on
Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:10 PM
Chicago Cubs vs New York Mets
Tickets **ONLY \$45.00**

\$9 FROM EVERY TICKET SOLD WILL BE DONATED TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION
in the Brooklyn Diocese, NY Diocese and Rockville Centre Diocese



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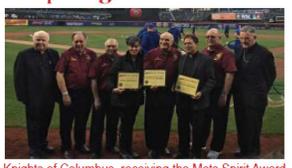


inner-city scholarship fund
A Child. A Chance. A Future.
www.innercityscholarshipfund.org



**TOMORROW'S
HOPE**
FOUNDATION
www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org

We will be participating in the Ceremonial First Pitch!!!


Field Level in the Big Apple Section Knights of Columbus receiving the Mets Spirit Award in 2016 for their Charity work Knights of Columbus Color Corp

Make Check or Money Order payable to: **NYS COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
In memo, please put: METS 2017

Name: _____ Council #: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

of tickets: _____ @ \$45.00 each Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail form with payment to: **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT**
MIKE HEARNEY
210 EAST JOHN STREET
LINDENHURST, NY 11757
MIKE HEARNEY
(631) 560-0451 / mhearney@optonline.net



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 24—

Easter Weekday
(Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr)

6:30 Thomas Fagan

12:15 Patricia Brown Carimanico

TUESDAY, April 25—

Saint Mark, Evangelist

6:30 Billy Sciara

12:15 Gary Giordano

WEDNESDAY, April 26—

Easter Weekday

6:30 Michael Strazza

12:15 Joseph Aliano

THURSDAY, April 27—

Easter Weekday

6:30 Tadeusz Cimaszewski

12:15 Philip Hosey

FRIDAY, April 28—

Easter Weekday

(St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Monfort, Priest)

6:30 Thomas Fagan

12:15 Christine Tornabene

SATURDAY, April 29—

**Saint Catherine of Sienna,
Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

8:00 Franciszek Wegrzynowska

**Vigil for
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 Anna Peters

**Sunday, April 30
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00 Agapito Hernandez

10:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of
the Knights of Columbus

12:00 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Helen O'Connor

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 24, 2017

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	First Communions during Mass Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique Meeting	Room 17
7:00 p.m.	Life in the Spirit	Room 16

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary Business Meeting	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 5 Parent Meeting –Moving-up	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10

Thursday, April 27, 2017

1–5 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, April 28, 2017

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry Kick-off	Auditorium

Saturday, April 29, 2017

1:00 p.m.	Leadership Committee Meeting	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	First Communions during Mass	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, April 30, 2017

10:00 a.m.	First Communion's during Mass	Church
10:00 a.m.	Engaged Couples Blessing	Church
10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	Pre-Cana Spring Session Starts	Room 10
11:00 a.m.	Easter Family Fun Day	Auditorium
12:00 p.m.	First Communions during Mass	Church
1:00 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

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
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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, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@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 Alice White at 631-201-9184 or e-mail at Alicem9@icloud.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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 Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net 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
 Bill Bendernagel
 Gerry Chille (Chair)
 Ed Cirella
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Bob Meade
 Frank Pokorney
 John Reynolds
 Sandra Tandoi

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Deacon Robert Becker
 Lynn Bergin
 Mark Costantino
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Chris Ferraro
 MaryAnn Haas
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
 Barbara McPhail
 Deacon Doug Smith
 Rosaleen Walters
 Mike Williams

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

**OFFERING UPDATE
EASTER TRIDIUM
April 13-16, 2017**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.			
8:00 a.m.			
10:00 a.m.			
M			
C			
F			
T			
20			
C			
P			
Holy Land			

The Easter Sunday collection totals will be printed at a later date to allow for delayed and mailed-in envelopes to be counted. Thank you for your patience.



The IRA Charitable Rollover is back and is now permanent!

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

If...

- You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift.
- Your IRA is a traditional or Roth.
- You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions.
- You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

"LET'S PAY OFF THE NEW BOILERS" COLLECTION

Total needed to pay off the Loan Completely:
\$119,516.00

Total collected as of April 17:
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Thank you for your cooperation.

**PREPARING FOR Sunday, April 30, 2017—
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

“And it happened that, while Jesus 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.” Luke 24: 30-31a

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

We hear today part of Peter’s speech to the crowds assembled in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost. This festival, also known as Weeks (or Shavuoth), comes fifty days after Passover. On the Pentecost after Jesus’ crucifixion, the Holy Spirit descended on his followers and inspired them to speak in different languages. The Spirit also inspired Peter to make a speech proclaiming how the death and resurrection of Jesus was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. In particular, Peter tells how God finished his plan of salvation through a descendant of King David, as he had promised long ago. God always keeps his promises.

1 Peter 1:17-21

We hear again from Peter, this time in a letter addressed to early Christians undergoing sufferings because of their faith in Jesus as Messiah. Peter encourages them to be strong and reminds them why. It’s because they (and we today) have been ransomed from our futile way of life by the precious blood of Christ. This knowledge is enough to remind us that our “faith and hope are in God,” which is good news indeed.

Luke 24:13-35

By the time Luke wrote his Gospel narrative, most if not all of Jesus’ original followers had died. To those early Christians who had not ever seen Jesus in the flesh yet asked how they could know him, Luke gives three answers: in the faithful testimony of the early disciples, in Scriptures, and in the Eucharist. The two disciples who were walking to the town of Emmaus were dejected by the death of Jesus and puzzled by the accounts of the women who had seen him resurrected. Jesus appears to them and explains how his life and death fulfilled the Scriptures but still the two didn’t recognize him. Only when they sat at table and Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them did they realize it was him. At that point, he vanished since they no longer needed to see with their eyes of flesh in order to believe. Believing in Jesus, for the early disciples and for us today, requires only the eyes of faith.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 24, 2017:

Acts 4:23-31 + John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 25, 2017:

1 Peter 5:5b-14 + Mark 16:15-20

Wednesday, April 26, 2017:

Acts 5:17-26 + John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 27, 2017:

Acts 5:27-33 + John 3:31-36

Friday, April 28, 2017:

Acts 5:34-42 + John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 29, 2017:

Acts 6:1-7

+ John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 30, 2017:

Acts 2:14, 22-33

+ 1 Peter 1:17-21

+ Luke 24:13-35

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. Can you relate to any of the following in the Gospel story?
 - Confusion of the disciples
 - Inability to recognize Jesus
 - Desire to spend more time with a good friend
 - Sudden realization that the Lord is present
2. In section 3 of Pope Francis’ address to the Bishops of Brazil he suggests an ecclesiology rooted in the Gospel story of Emmaus. The disciples ended up with hearts burning. What makes your heart “burn” within you?

We need a Church unafraid of going forth into their night. We need a church capable of meeting them on their way. We need a Church capable of entering into their conversation. We need a Church able to dialogue with those disciples who, having left Jerusalem behind, are wandering aimlessly, alone, with their own disappointment, disillusioned by a Christianity now considered barren, fruitless soil, incapable of generating meaning. ...

But we need to know how to interpret, with courage, the larger picture. Jesus warmed the hearts of the disciples of Emmaus.

*Address of Pope Francis
Archbishop’s House,
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Saturday, 28 July
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Sunday, April 30

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