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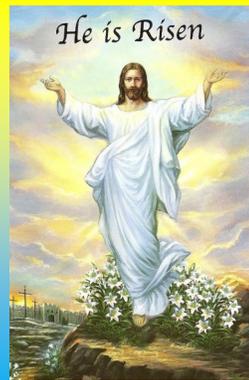
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“Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.”

John 20:8

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD April 21, 2019

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 Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
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

Mondays 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.

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Divine Mercy

Experience the Power of God's Mercy

Join Fr. Michael Gaitley on a breathtaking journey to uncover the reality of God's merciful love as he weaves together history, Sacred Scripture, the prophetic apparitions of Fatima, and the world-changing witnesses of St. Faustina, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. Paul II.



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PASTOR'S PAGE

Easter Sunday! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy Easter!

The Lord has risen from the dead! Jesus is alive! He has conquered death, and so we need never fear death again! We have risen with him and 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, Alleluia, 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 today and every day 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!*

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.

Easter Sunday Vespers (Evening Prayer)

The Sacred Paschal Triduum, our three holiest days of the year, began on Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper and ends tonight, Easter Sunday night, with Easter Sunday Vespers (Evening Prayer). I hope these Great Three Days have truly been holy days for you, days that were “time outside of time” that allowed you to enter into the great mysteries of our salvation.

I would like to encourage everyone to celebrate Easter Sunday by praying Evening Prayer with your family or with others; it would be a great way to mark the day at the end of the day. We have included an insert in this bulletin which gives a

simple prayer service that you can use. Perhaps you could use this as your prayer before your big meal on Easter Sunday. Let’s do all we can to celebrate our faith in every circumstance and situation, and to bring our faith traditions from the church building right into our homes! Look for our special Easter Sunday Vespers insert.

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 and ministers and catechists in our RCIA process; 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 most especially to all who participated as members of the assembly, bringing your “full, conscious and active participation” 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

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!*

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 at some point during the fifty days of Easter Time!

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Brick Memorialization in the "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden

As you can see from the flyer printed elsewhere in the bulletin, you still have the opportunity to memorialize bricks in our beautiful "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden on the south side of the church — but, time is running out! We have a deadline of May 6; after that date,

we will send out our next batch of bricks to be engraved, with installation and blessing to take place at the end of the summer.

Please consider memorializing one or more bricks. Even if you have already memorialized a brick here at OLPH, I'm sure there's another person or intention you would like to have memorialized; you're not limited to only one! Please see the order form elsewhere in the bulletin, and feel free to tell all your family and friends about this so they can participate too. Remember: you don't have to be a parishioner of OLPH to memorialize a brick...for that matter, you don't even have to be Catholic! Thank you for your consideration.

Have you updated your Census Registration?

It is vitally important that we keep our census information as accurate as possible, so we know how many families we have in our parish, how many members overall, and what the demographic information is concerning the makeup of our parish; this information will help us to do accurate pastoral planning. In addition, we need to clean up our records, for example, by removing people who are no longer in the parish, so that we do not waste money doing mailings that are no longer valid. Toward that end, over the course of the past several years, we have been updating our parish Census Registration, using new Census Forms.

Have you filled out one of the new forms we started using in 2016? If not, please do so; you can stop by the rectory for information, or perhaps you still have one at home somewhere, which you received when we did our big parish mailing last year. Maybe you've been meaning to get to it, but keep putting it aside; well, now's a great time to get it done!

Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about whether you have updated your records, you can always call the parish office and ask. You can also stop down and pick up a new Census Form at the rectory any time during normal business hours. Please remember to return an updated Census Registration Form!

Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Catholic Ministries Appeal continues this year at OLPH. Our goal is **\$109,400**, and I am grateful all of you who have already submitted your pledges. Thank you! Please remember, we cannot do without the income we receive from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate. We need that income to keep from "going under," so we need your support.

Keep in mind, too, all the wonderful ministries throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports: Catholic Charities (feeding, clothing and sheltering the needy); programs of formation and training for future priests, deacons and lay leaders; programs of ministry to those in prison; substance abuse services and day treatment programs; and Youth Campus and Young Adult ministries, to name a few.

Let's once again go over goal, as we have done in all my years here. As your Pastor, I ask you to please join with me (I give to the Appeal each year) and so many of your fellow parishioners by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, giving at a minimum what you gave last year, but also even giving more (as I will do). If you have never given in the past, this is the year to do so; OLPH needs you more than ever. Thank you for your generosity!

Super 72 Raffle

SUPER 72 tickets have been mailed out; this is our ongoing fun and exciting fund raiser. If you received the mailing and haven't already returned your tickets, please be sure to do so. If you did not receive the mailing, or wish to purchase additional tickets, stop by the rectory for them. Make sure you get in on the game! See the flyer elsewhere in this bulletin. Thank you for your support with this fun game!

Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy

The Second Sunday of Easter, next Sunday, April 28, 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 2019 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 and to be united more deeply to the Risen Lord who shares His risen life with us.

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,



Save the Date ...



Spring Concert

Be sure to join our music ministry

Saturday, May 11

7:00 p.m. in the church

featuring our cantors, adult choir, youth band and youth choir

We are in need of empty baskets as well as items to be raffled off or even completed baskets with raffle prizes. We are looking for baskets to be worth at least \$50. Items must be brand new. Gift cards of any amount and scratch off lottery tickets are also most welcome. If you have an extra bottle of wine laying around the house, we'll take that too. Items can be brought to the rectory anytime before Sunday, May 5. Thank you for your support of our music ministry.



EASTER SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

The Sacred Paschal Triduum concludes with the celebration of Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. While we won't have a communal gathering in church for Evening Prayer, we invite you to pray at least a shortened version of Evening Prayer to bring the Triduum to a close. This could be the prayer before Easter Dinner or at the end of the day before sunset.

Introductory Verse

Leader: God, + come to my assistance:

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning
is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn (all sing)

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia.

Our triumphant holy day, alleluia.

Who did once upon the cross, alleluia.

Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia.

Antiphon

Leader: Mary Magdalen and the other Mary
came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

Psalm 110 (all recite together)

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

"Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet."

The Lord will wield from Zion
your scepter of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
"You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old."

The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever, amen.

Antiphon

All: Mary Magdalen and the other Mary
came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

Reading from Scripture Hebrews 10:12-14

Reader: Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are placed beneath his feet. By one offering he has forever perfected those who are being sanctified.

Antiphon

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father . . .

Concluding Prayer

Leader: O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal
brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Conclusion

Leader: May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

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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. The readings from Revelation might seem difficult to understand because of all the complex symbolism in that book, but there is a very simple main message: Jesus Christ is Lord! Christ has triumphed over all that could cause us to be separated from God, so during Easter Time these readings from the Book of Revelation present a portrait of the Risen Christ and are inspired by that vision. The Gospel stories present the Lord as the Risen One, the Good Shepherd and the One who promises the Spirit to strengthen and sustain the Church.

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 simply 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; there’s an entire season following Easter Sunday that should be anything but everyday life as usual. 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

Easter Time 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.

New life will abound in our parish as we celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation throughout Easter Time. Our adult candidate, Heidi, who has been baptized in another Christian tradition and who has been preparing to be received into the Catholic Church, will be received into the Church and celebrate Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, May 19. Children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at certain Sunday Masses throughout Easter Time and at two Saturday morning Masses at 11:30 a.m. on May 4 and May 11. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for our teens on Wednesday, May 22, with Bishop Robert Coyle presiding, and for adults at the Vigil Mass for Pentecost on Saturday evening, June 8. 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

It's traditional for families to bless their home sometime during the fifty days of Easter Time. Pick a special day and use this prayer service to bless your home and your family during Easter Time. 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:)

Reader: 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.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



Divine Mercy Devotions *April 28th*

*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 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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

3:30 p.m. Benediction and

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

followed by Veneration of the 1st Class Relic of Saint Faustina



PASCHAL CANDLE MEMORIAL

*“This Paschal Candle
has been memorialized in
thanksgiving for all of God’s
blessings given to me
and my family. – L.C.”*

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Congratulations to our neophytes, Kevin McCall, Catherine Perez, Emily Narine and Tara Zemel, who were baptized, confirmed, and received first Communion at the Easter Vigil last night. We warmly welcome them as a new and fully-initiated members of our parish community!

Their journey in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process has not ended with their celebration of these sacraments, however. They now enter the stage of **MYSTAGOGIA**, which is a stage of continuing formation in the Catholic faith and reflection on what it means to live the life of a Catholic Christian. Please continue to pray for them as they begin their new life in our Church.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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 22—7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 29—7:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 6—Replaced by
May Crowning at 7:00 p.m.**



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.

LITTLE WHITE BOOK FOR EASTER TIME

There may still be some copies of the *LITTLE WHITE BOOK* for Easter Time available on the pew ledges throughout the church. The *Little White Book* contains brief daily reflections for each of the 50 days of Easter Time, new for 2019. 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 are provided free of charge, but if you wish to make a donation to help offset the cost, you can just put a little something extra into your next collection offering. Thank you.

THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK
2019

Six-minute reflections
on the Sunday Gospels of Easter (Year C)

HELP NEEDED TO WATER THE EASTER FLOWERS



Help keep our beautiful Easter plants and flowers alive! We need people to offer to take turns to come in and water the Easter plants and flowers during the seven weeks of Easter Time, starting the week of April 21. It will take only a little while once or twice a week, and your commitment will be minimal. Your responsibility will end when we return to Ordinary Time after June 9 (Pentecost). It's a great way to do something helpful for the parish that does not require a huge ongoing commitment. It's something you can bring your child with you to do! Won't you help us out? Please contact Lynn Bergin at lmbergin@optonline.net or at (516) 528-3404 and she'll give you all the details and sign you up. Thank you!

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

“The musical tradition of the universal Church
is a treasure of inestimable value,
greater even than that of any other art.”
- *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* #112

The *Friends of Music* is an initiative to help support the music ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Through the generosity of our *Friends*, we are able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. Please consider supporting the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for the 2019 season.

Contributions will be used to directly support the music program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church including Advent Lessons and Carols, concerts, additional brass, woodwind and string instruments for special liturgies for Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Acknowledgments are made in programs for our concerts and special musical offerings throughout the year as well as in our parish bulletin. Contributions can be given at any of the following levels:

- St. Cecilia (\$350 or more)
- St. Gregory the Great (\$200 to \$349)
- St. Augustine (\$100 to \$199)
- St. Ambrose (\$50 to \$99)
- St. Hildegard of Bingen (up to \$49)

It will be primarily through the support of the *Friends of Music* that we will be able to continue to produce high-quality music in our majestic church for the praise and glory of God. To make a contribution by mail, simply send a check made payable to OLPH to:

OLPH Friends of Music
210 South Wellwood Avenue
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

If your contribution will be in memory of someone or in honor of an occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, etc., please make note of the event and/or person(s) name(s).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Ferraro at cferraro@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210. Thank you for your support of our Music Ministry.

With Gratitude to the 2019 Friends of Music

As of March 26, 2019

St. Cecilia

- Mr. Thomas Curry, *In memory of Lorraine Curry*
- Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, *In memory of Marcy and Bill DeGrocco*
- Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Ferraro
- Mrs. Annette Walsh, *In memory of Mary Beth Walsh and in honor of Kevin Walsh*
- Mrs. Annette Walsh, *In honor of Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco*

St. Gregory the Great

- Mr. and Mrs. David Barrett, *In memory of Ryan Barrett*
- Mrs. Sheila Lanza, *In memory of Larry and Michaele Lanza*
- Ms. Louise Perrotta
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Powers
- Mrs. Mary V. Savino, *In memory of Michael P. Savino*
- Mrs. Janina Soroka, *In memory of John Soroka and Maria and Anthony Jankowsky*

St. Augustine

- Mr. and Mrs. Corazon F. Andres, *In memory of Isaias and Inocencia Corazon and Carolina and Cecilia Bareng*
- Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Corticchia, *In honor of OLPH*
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Domanico
- Mrs. Deborah Duffy, *In memory of Pamela Suggett and Eileen Duffy*
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flesher, *In memory of Aniela and Bolesław Zdunczyk*
- Mr. and Mrs. Georges Gagneron, *In memory of Marie Gladia Olivier and Marie Carmite Olivier Fareau*
- Mrs. Joan Hosey, *In memory of Philip Hosey*
- Mr. Eric B. Johnston - Johnston's Wellwood Funeral Home, *In memory of all past and present parishioners*
- Mr. James Kendall, *In memory of Edward Mikolsky*
- Knights of Columbus Council 794, *In memory of the living and deceased members of the OLPH Council #794*
- Mrs. Patricia Little, *In memory of Jane Doyle-Gustafson*
- Mr. Robert F. Vazquez
- Mrs. Ann Marie Wagner

St. Ambrose

- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beyrer
- Mrs. Patricia Dow, *In memory of Robert Francesco*
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferraro, *In honor of the Ferraro Family*
- Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Fuechtmann, *In memory of the Lambert and Kay Fuechtmann Family*
- Mr. and Mrs. Ottmar Keller, *In memory of Franny Keller Levesque*
- Mr. and Mrs. Dick Singh

St. Hildegard of Bingen

- Mr. and Mrs. William Kienle, *In memory of Allan Schneider*
- Mrs. Diane Moskovar

Join the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and be a part of our music history!

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 2019 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 17, 2019

7:30 p.m. Mass

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



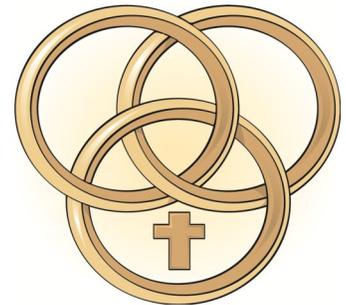
*Invite your immediate family members! They are welcome!
(Immediate family only, please)*

**You must reply NO LATER THAN MAY 10
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 10.

2019 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 10.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

ADULT FORMATION CLASS

Our next Adult Education Course...

PRAYING THE MASS:

A Catechesis on the Texts of the Mass

Instructor: Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

5 Nights, Tuesdays and Thursdays — May 2, 7, 9, 28 and June 4

Time: 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Place: Room 3, OLPH School

This course will explore the meaning of what we say and sing at Mass.

We'll look at elements such as the "Glory to God in the Highest," the "Holy Holy," the Collect, the Prayer over the Offerings, the Prayer after Communion, and other elements, to explore their history, to uncover how they function in the Mass, and to understand how they should lead us to be more deeply immersed in the Mystery being celebrated.

Advanced credit is available for those who have completed the diocesan Basic Studies Course.

To register, please return the coupon below

*or contact Josephine Vagelatos at jvagelatos@oloph.org or at 631-226-7725 x206
no later than Monday, April 29.*

Yes, sign me up for... **PRAYING THE MASS:**

A Catechesis on the Texts of the Mass

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone Number _____
 e-mail _____ @ _____

**A \$20 per person
 free will offering to
 cover the costs of
 materials is requested.**

please return the coupon no later than Monday, April 29.

IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

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

- Children in all grades who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@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: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † 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: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

PASTA SAUCE
PANCAKE MIX
CANNED FRUIT
JELLY OR JAM
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
CRACKERS/COOKIES
JUICES
PAPER TOWELS
TOILET PAPER
TOILETRIES

Thank you

for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the disciples, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection.

As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you help those who are poor and hungry to “see and believe” in the resurrection.

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is happy to announce an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we are now able to offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP's efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available on the pew ledges or 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. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

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



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS

We are in need of the following:

- Sweat shirts
- Sweat pants
- Jeans (30-42)
- New women's underwear (5,6,7)
- New men's underwear (L, XL, 2x, 3x)
- Hoodies
- Blankets
- New or clean, gently used sneakers
- Sunscreen

If it is easier, we can always use Visa or Amazon gift cards 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 7
General Meeting**

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:
**Tuesday, May 14
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

DO NOT PASS BY a man
in need. FOR YOU MAY
BE THE hand of God
TO HIM. —Proverbs 3:27

OLPH Homeless Van Ministry

needs You...

*Can you join us
1-2 Wednesday evenings a month
for a few hours to offer food,
clothing, friendship and hope?*

For more information please contact:
Regina Muir 631 226-2709,
rmuir11@aol.com
or Peggy Pannullo 631-921-5994,
justin97@aol.com

*Our next Community Meal is
Sunday, May 19
Come and pray with us at the 12:00 p.m. Mass
& then join us for
"Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.*

VIRTUS TRAINING

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
6:00 p.m. in ROOM 1**

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

Registration MUST be done online.

Simply go to drvc.org, then Protecting God's
Children to the Virtus training schedule.
Find the date and OLPH to register.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: By Appointment

Levels 6, 7, 8 and Teen Program:
Don't forget that your Workbooks were
due in class on Wednesday, April 3, 2019!
You MUST hand in any missing work!

Mass Reflections are due
on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

Make sure you make up any missed
Masses to hand in a completed book!

Level 2:

Did you hand in your
Communion Banner?

The big day is coming fast, so make sure
you have everything all set and good to go
by the time your rehearsal day comes!



Bible Camp Registration
is officially open!

Come into the Religious Ed Office
and sign your kids up for a wild ride
this summer with Jesus!

Registration Is Now OPEN



Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families began April 1st. After June 14th, there will be a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations. We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a "New Family Appointment" or to 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. Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2019-2020 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

We can't wait to meet you!

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
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Carole Carrano, Parish Secretary	212	ccarrano@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrococo, Pastor	206	msgrjoe@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
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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 Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.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.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
 Msgr. Joe DeGrococo
 Jeffrey Gaab
 Gregory Guido
 Sonia Hansen
 Joselyn Kalt
 Mary Leon
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.
 James Totino
 Adele Venezia

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)
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
 Msgr. Joe DeGrococo
 Christine Donovan
 Marie Gagneron
 Kenneth Hale
 Bob Meade
 Bob Mehm
 Frank Pokorney
 John Reynolds
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
 Deacon Robert Becker
 Lynn Bergin
 Mark Costantino
 Msgr. Joe DeGrococo
 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.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019 10:00 A.M. MASS

<i>Thomas J. Penny</i>	Requested by Joann Penny
<i>Andrew Bonanzinga, Sr.</i>	Requested by Ann Marie LaSkaros
<i>Ronald Fleury</i>	Requested by John Rossillo
<i>Ralph Marino</i>	Requested by Shirleyann Watson
<i>Lucy Bianco</i>	Requested by Mirtha & Sylvain Chouen

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

Richard Garbe

Lucy Bianco

Dorothy R. Cascardo

Bertha D'Orazio

Antoni Jan Barzykowski (Poland)

"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."

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Announcement:

Joseph O'Brien & Jennifer Muir

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Michael Schauer

Joanne Press

Lillian Pigott

Richard Perez Jr.

Patrick Pigott

Lynn Perez

Daniel Mueller

Agostino Pecoraro

Erin Stanton

Addisu Bekele

Willard Cleaver

Bunny Rieger

Edward Jacobs

Loretto Dinardo

Kenwyn Edwards

Jim Stegner

Deacon Frank Odin

Lioba Koczian

Randall I. Press

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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUPS NEAR OLPH

For many of us, the loss of a loved one can be a devastating experience. Grief can cause us to become depressed, disoriented or angry. Ordinary aspects of our life can overwhelm us. Our experiences of grief affect us even more deeply when we do not have the support of family or friends. Sharing our pain with others in a bereavement group eases the anguish brought on by the death of a loved one. Many bereavement groups exist within driving distance of Lindenhurst. A complete listing of bereavement groups in the area can be found at the Diocese of Rockville Centre website.

To access a complete listing of bereavement groups near OLPH, follow these steps:

Open your web browser (Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Yahoo, etc.) Enter www.drvc.org in the address bar. You should be looking at the DRVC website. Move your cursor (pointer) across the top of the website to the box labelled "Faith Formation". This will launch a pull-down menu starting with Marriage. The last item on the list is "Bereavement". Click on "Bereavement".

There are many features to explore on this page. If you move your cursor to "Support Groups", you'll be taken to a page that permits you to go to articles about the nature of grief for individuals who are beginning the process of mourning. ("Find out more here.") Move your cursor over the list from each of the counties to view the bereavement programs in various parishes. These lists are maintained and updated by the Office of Faith Formation at the Diocese.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, April 22—
Monday within the Octave of Easter**

6:30 Jennifer Smith

12:15 Gaspar & Maria Piazza

**TUESDAY, April 23—
Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

6:30 Charles Messina

12:15 For the Repose of the Souls of the
McCarthy Family

**WEDNESDAY, April 24—
Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

6:30 James Marabile

12:15 Thomas Giamanco

**THURSDAY, April 25—
Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

6:30 Mary Driscoll

12:15 Anthony Landi

**FRIDAY, April 26—
Friday within the Octave of Easter**

6:30 Christine Maida-Hutton

12:15 Joseph Aliano

**SATURDAY, April 27—
Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

8:00 Tadeusz Cimaszewski

**Vigil for
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

5:00 Dominick M. Barone

**Sunday, April 28
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 Perpetual Help Mass (Listing on p.20)

12:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Christian Mother's & Guild

5:00 For the Living & Deceased members of
the Knights of Columbus

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 22, 2019

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

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

2:30 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting Room 24

7:00 p.m. Devotions Church

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

6:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Squires Room 19

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

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

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

12:45 p.m. Exposition Church

1:45 p.m. Legion of Mary Room 24

6:00 p.m. Virtus Training Class Room 1

6:00 p.m. Van Run Room 12

8:00 p.m. Christian Mothers Meeting Cafeteria

Thursday, April 25, 2019

1:00 p.m.-on Church closed for cleaning Church

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. RCIA Room 1

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

Friday, April 26, 2019

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

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

Saturday, April 27, 2019

4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Sunday, April 28, 2019

9:15 a.m. RCIC Room 18

11:00 a.m. RCIA Room 16

11:00 a.m. Pre-Cana Meeting Room 10

12:00 a.m. Blessing of Pre-Cana Couples Church

1:00 p.m. Exposition Church

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Church

3:30 p.m. Benediction Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer/Holy Hour Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

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Lecturas del domingo 21 de Abril del 2019

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

DOMINGO DE RESURRECCION

Escuchamos ahora la Palabra de Dios con oídos y corazón abiertos y con gran alegría. Esta noche la Palabra de Dios habla de la liberación del pueblo de Dios, antiguo y nuevo, y por lo tanto, de cómo también nosotros hemos sido liberados por la muerte y resurrección de Jesús.

Primera lectura (Hechos de los Apóstoles (10:34,37-43)) Pedro propone un mensaje de paz que consiste no en solo decir que se acoge a todo el mundo, sino que además se funda en el sacrificio del servidor que Dios mismo avía consagrado.

Segunda lectura (Colosenses 3:1-4) Aquí encontramos lo que ya se dijo sobre el Bautizo que nos une a Cristo y nos hace partícipes de todas sus riquezas. Ya que Cristo desapareció para el mundo. Nosotros también nos apartamos de todas las cosas terrenas para unir lo mejor de nuestra vida a Cristo. Lo que nos mueve a actuar no se ve y no es de la tierra. Solo Dios conoce la riqueza del corazón del Creyente.

Lectura del Sato Evangelio según (San Juan 20:1-9) El segundo día después los discípulos se encuentran con el dilema de la tumba vacía e inmediatamente comienzan las apariciones.

El sepulcro vacío es el requisito previo de la fe cristiana, como destino de todo hombre no la muerte sino la resurrección. “si no resucito Cristo vacía es nuestra fe. El que niega la resurrección de los muertos, niega también la del Hijo que es la primicia de todo hermano. “¡Ha resucitado!”: La noticia que hemos recibido hemos de gritarla a otros. Si de verdad hemos tocado a Cristo, tampoco nosotros podemos callar “lo que hemos visto y oído” (He 4,20). No somos sólo receptores. Cristo resucitado nos constituye en heraldos, pregoneros de esta noticia. Una noticia que es para todos. Una noticia que afecta a todos. Una noticia que puede cambiar cualquier vida: “Cristo ha resucitado, está vivo, para ti, te busca, tú eres importante para Él, ha muerto por ti, ha destruido la muerte, te infunde su vida divina, te abre las puertas del paraíso, tus problemas tienen solución, tu vida tiene sentido”. (FGD)

MARÍA MAGDALENA FUE AL SEPULCRO Y VIO QUE LA PIEDRA HABÍA SIDO SACADA

Según san Juan, el relato lo sitúa en “el primer día de la semana.” Es decir, al día siguiente del sábado, y la hora en que viene al sepulcro es de “madrugada”, esto es muy de mañana y cuando aún hay “todavía estaba oscuro”. Es en la hora crepuscular del amanecer.

“María Magdalena fue al sepulcro y vio que la piedra había sido sacada.” Por los sinópticos se sabe que esta visita de María al sepulcro no la hace ella sola, sino que viene en compañía de otras mujeres, cuyos nombres se dan: María, la madre de Santiago, y Salomé, la madre de Juan y Santiago el Mayor (Mc 16:1) y otras más (Lc 24:10). Al ver, desde cierta distancia, “sacada” la piedra rotatoria o golel, dejó a las otras mujeres, que llevaban aromas para acabar de preparar el “embalsamamiento” del cuerpo de Cristo, y “Corrió al encuentro de Simón Pedro y del otro discípulo al que Jesús amaba”, que, por la confrontación de textos, es, con toda probabilidad, el mismo Juan.

Querido Pueblo de Dios: Al principio de la celebración de la Pascua judía el más joven de la familia o del grupo preguntaba: “¿Por qué es esta noche tan diferente de otras noches?”, y el cabeza de familia respondía: “Esta noche tenemos una celebración muy especial, porque una vez, hace muchísimos años, éramos esclavos bajo el Faraón de Egipto, pero Dios, el Señor, nos hizo libres y condujo a su pueblo fuera de Egipto con alegría”. --- Cuando nosotros, los cristianos, nos preguntamos esta noche: “¿Por qué celebramos en la oscuridad de la noche?”, respondemos: “Comenzamos nuestra celebración en la oscuridad, porque una vez éramos esclavos de la oscuridad del pecado, pero el Señor, Jesús, nos ha hecho libres muriendo por nosotros en la cruz. Pero en la noche de Pascua Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos y nos trajo nueva vida, la vida del Resucitado. Allí nos hizo nuevo pueblo escogido de Dios y vino a ser nuestra luz para conducirnos a la tierra prometida”. Por eso encendemos el fuego y el Cirio Pascual mientras cantamos nuestra alabanza y acción de gracias a Dios. Después se bendice el fuego, se enciende el Cirio Pascual, se hace la procesión a la Iglesia y se canta el Pregón Pascual.



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Palm Sunday—April 13/14

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	480	158	\$3,702.00
8:00 a.m.	465	183	5,220.00
10:00 a.m.	608	154	4,318.00
12:00 a.m.	580	131	3,340.00
5:00 p.m.	357	62	1,955.00
Total coin:			11.79
Faith Direct			2,181.90
Children's Env.		21	106.15
Mail-ins:			72.00
TOTAL	2,490	709	\$20,906.84
Palm Sunday 2018	2,847	649	\$21,938.18
Candles			\$955.75
Poor Box			\$529.55



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EASTER



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May 5—April 26
May 12—May 3

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, April 28, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter

*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*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 22, 2018:

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

Tuesday, April 23, 2018:

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2018:

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

Thursday, April 25, 2018:

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

Friday, April 26, 2018:

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

Saturday, April 27, 2018: Vigil

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

Sunday, April 28, 2018:

Acts 5:12-16
+ Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
+ John 20:19-31

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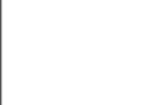
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