

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said,  
"I am the way and the truth  
and the life.  
No one comes to the Father  
except through me."*

John 14:6

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 10, 2020**

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

**Deacons:** Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

**Business Manager:** Mr. Thomas Crennan

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

## **COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**All Masses, weekday and weekend,  
and all other liturgies including  
funerals and wake services, devotions,  
meetings and activities of the parish  
are suspended until further notice.**

**All scheduled Confession times  
are also suspended.**

**Mass intentions that have been  
booked and paid for will be prayed for  
and fulfilled in private Masses said by  
the priests.**

**THE CHURCH IS CLOSED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE.**

**WE HAVE DONE THIS OUT OF AN  
ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION FOR THE  
SAFETY AND HEALTH OF OUR  
PARISHIONERS**

**ALL PARISH OFFICES INCLUDING THE  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE  
ARE CLOSED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER**

## **STAY CONNECTED TO OLPH**

Be sure to keep checking our website  
[www.olphlindenhurst.com](https://www.olphlindenhurst.com)  
for up-to-date links and postings with  
opportunities for prayer  
and spiritual support

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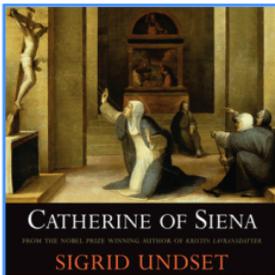
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## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



### Catherine of Siena by Sigrid Undset

With sensitivity to the zealous love of God and man that permeated the life of Saint Catherine, Undset presents a most moving and memorable portrait of one of history's greatest women.

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**Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?**

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup), Select your parish  
Register with your name and email address  
Check that email account for a link to begin using  
FORMED

**Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?**

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and find your parish to register.

**Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?**

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *How much longer?*

Psalm 13 begins with the words, "How long, O Lord?" That's a question we can certainly all relate to, as we all continue to endure the struggle of the lockdown, shutdown, isolation, quarantine...whatever name you want to give it...along with the suspension of public Masses and other sacraments that goes along with it.

As of this writing, we still have no information about when and under what conditions things will resume. The New York State "Pause" mandated by the Governor was supposed to be until May 15, so I presume that we will receive the next set of directives sometime this week. Keep in mind that the government issues directives, and then our bishop will issue further guidelines which we as a parish will apply in our situation and circumstances. It's a complicated process!

We will do our best to keep everyone informed, but getting things started again will be messy, chaotic and harried, I'm sure. Even when things start up again it will not be business as usual, and we will probably have to make many temporary adaptations to the way we celebrate the sacraments. Please bear with us. I cannot urge you strongly enough to keep checking the website and your e-mail for updates and information. That will be the quickest way to get the latest information about what's happening.

One thing I can say now is that I expect the church to be reopened for private prayer during the day sometime soon; that will be announced through e-mail and here in this bulletin. However, there will be rules which must be followed, such as social distancing, traffic patterns, and the requirement to wear a face mask or other face covering when in the church. More information on that will come soon.

### *The Church continues; the faith lives on in your Domestic Church*

I have been saying this in many different venues, but it's important enough that it bears repeating. Yes, it's true that communal worship, especially the Eucharist, is constitutive of what it means to be Catholic, and without that, especially without the Mass, we are deprived of something that identifies us as who we are.

However, that does not mean that there is no Church, and that does not mean that the faith does not continue. The Church continues to exist, and the faith remains alive, in each of her members — namely, YOU! You, as the members of the Body of Christ — washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit — continue to live the faith through your prayer and Bible reading, your religious practices and customs at home, and your acts of charity.

Although you are not encountering the presence of Christ in Eucharistic Communion, Christ is present in His Word, and Christ is present in the members of His Body. We continue to be one with Christ in the Holy Spirit. So at the same time that we are without something necessary and important until we can be whole again by gathering together at Eucharist, we can nonetheless persevere and know that the Church continues, and the faith thrives.

I do hope that you are staying connected to OLPH through our website. In last week's bulletin I outlined all the ways we are continuing to offer spiritual support through our online and social media presence. I know it's not the same thing as gathering together, and I know you are not yet receiving the sacraments, but it is important to stay connected through those means, in line with what I have said above.

### *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

So, with the above thoughts in mind, let's continue, as much as possible, to celebrate these fifty days of Easter Time "overcome with paschal joy," as the words of the Preface in the Eucharistic Prayer tell us. On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, let's do all we can to allow the liturgical season to still reverberate with joy and enthusiasm. We are invited this week to recall the joy of being a member of the baptized. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for this Sunday's Mass makes explicit reference to "*those you [God] were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism.*" The prayer goes on to ask that the baptized will "*bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.*" Notice how the meaning of Baptism continues to be center stage in the liturgical meaning of Easter Time! To further highlight the meaning of Baptism, in that prayer we also ask God to "*constantly accomplish*

*the Paschal Mystery within us,*" so that all of us as the baptized may *"bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal."* The work of our renewal and redemption through Christ's death and resurrection continues to be at work within us! Our newness of life in Christ must show itself in our living a worthy way of life — in the words of the Prayer after Communion, passing *"from former ways to newness of life."* Especially in these difficult days, one way we can continue to live in this newness of life is to live each day with hope and trust, and not give in to despair and gloominess.

Continue to reflect on the newness of life that comes to us through Christ's death and resurrection and through the Sacrament of Baptism, and on what it means to be baptized. The glorious fifty days of Easter Time give us a special season to unpack the meaning of the mystery of being baptized and of being sharers in Christ's life, death and resurrection.

### ***Happy Mother's Day!***

Blessings and best wishes to all mothers celebrating Mother's Day today! Certainly it will be a very different one than any before. I'm sure many families will find clever and creative ways to connect with each other and celebrate the day while still adhering to the restrictions we are being asked to embrace.

To all mothers: May God bless you for the many sacrifices and offerings you make for your children and your family. We should be grateful to you not just on one day, but all year long, for the important role you play. Let's also keep in our prayers today those who might find Mother's Day to be a difficult day for them — mothers who have lost children; children who have lost their mothers; women who are having difficulty becoming mothers; mothers and children who are estranged from one another; mothers whose children are ill and suffering.

***Please continue your monetary offerings to OLPH***

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to all who have continued to send in or drop off your weekly financial offering. I cannot thank you enough for remembering this! You have been **ABSOLUTELY AMAZING IN YOUR GENROSITY AND FAITHFULNESS.** Please, please, please

continue to do so.

I know that many of you are being negatively impacted by the slowdown and shutdown of businesses, and if you yourself are in difficult circumstances, I understand that you won't be able to offer what you have in the past. However, for those who can, please remember that the parish will continue to have bills to pay and financial obligations to employees to meet. Some of you have even been giving extra. Amazing!!! Financial offerings can be mailed in or dropped through the mail slot of the front door of the rectory on Wellwood Avenue. Thank you for whatever you can do.

### ***Faith Direct***

Of course, now is a great time to sign up for Faith Direct, the e-giving service we use. These circumstances provide the perfect example of why we should use this form of giving all the time. It's safe, easy, and once set up, you never have to worry about missing a week. You set up your account, you decide the amount and when it will be withdrawn from your account, and then it's done — it happens automatically! Then you have the peace of mind of knowing that when you cannot get to Mass, you are still offering your financial support to your beloved OLPH.

I use Faith Direct; that's how I make my weekly offering to the parish. Please give serious consideration to signing up for Faith Direct, and continuing to use it not just now, but permanently. It is a great help to us. Full information and directions for signing up can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

### ***In conclusion...***

We will get through this — TOGETHER! 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,



## MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER



*On Saturday, May 2,  
Deacon Robert had the honor of  
Crowning the Blessed Mother statue.  
You can watch the entire liturgy on  
the OLPH Church Lindenhurst  
YouTube channel.*



*Participate virtually in Sunday Mass online celebrated by your OLPH priests!  
You can participate in Morning and Evening Prayer too,  
as well as the upcoming Novena to the Holy Spirit!  
Go to the website: [www.olphlindenhurst.com](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com)  
Click on the link to Livestream the Mass and  
watch it live each Saturday at 5:00 p.m.  
You can also click the link for our YouTube page  
OLPH Church Lindenhurst  
to watch the video of the Mass anytime.  
There are daily spiritual reflections and more on the parish YouTube page.*



NOVENA TO THE  
HOLY SPIRIT

### *Novena to the Holy Spirit*

The Novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas as it was first made at the direction of Our Lord when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Consider joining us online for one or all sessions beginning May 21. Check the OLPH website for more information.

# PROCESSION OF EUCHARISTIC BLESSINGS AT OLPH — MAY 3, 2020





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## **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. These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH, not at the parish of their elementary school.

- 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. These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH.

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.

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
 GOVERNOR'S COVID-19  
 EXECUTIVE ORDER,  
 THERE ARE NO OFFICE HOURS UNTIL  
 FURTHER NOTICE. MESSAGES MAY  
 BE E-MAILED OR LEFT IN THE RELIGIOUS  
 EDUCATION VOICE MAILBOX.

### All Levels:

Please be sure to register for the 2020/21 academic year! You can mail in your registration fee to us at any time. Make sure to read through our new Parking Policy and hand in the signed form so we know you've read it. All time switches and teacher requests can be mailed in as well. Please let us know if you have any changes for your contact information.

### Levels 6, 7 and Service Corps:

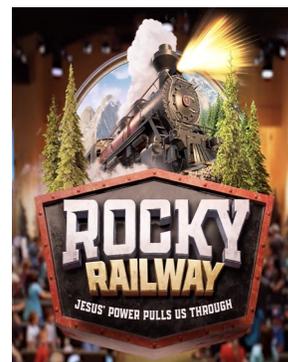
- Write a letter to a pen pal in Haiti or draw them a picture. Mail or e-mail the letter to us for one (1) hour of service.
- There are Residents at Maria Regina in Brentwood who are lonely and looking for some comfort. Write them a letter or a card for one (1) hour of service and send it to us.
- Pray a Rosary at home. There is nothing stronger in our time of need than the power of prayer!

### Register Now!

**Vacation Bible Camp**  
**July 13th-July 17th**  
 Now until 6/12/2020  
 register online for a  
 summer of faith and fun!

*Follow the link below  
 to register:*

<https://forms.gle/x9skup2cA8nKzJzr9>



### Level 2:

Communions have been postponed. We are hoping to have them in the summer but no official date has been decided. We will contact you once we know the rescheduled dates. In the meantime, please continue to practice receiving the Eucharist at home with a cracker. Keep watching our Masses on YouTube to learn the Mass. Make sure to say your prayers and have your banner completed!

### Level 8:

Confirmation has been postponed. We are tentatively planning to celebrate the sacrament sometime in the summer. In the meantime, please snail mail or e-mail to us as soon as possible any Workbook Projects or Mass Reflections that are due. Complete your letter to Msgr. Joe requesting Confirmation, if you have not already done so; he is eagerly awaiting your letters!

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † 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: 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. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

## **NEW Food Pantry List!**

- CANNED TUNA**
- CANNED CHICKEN**
- SOUP WITH MEAT**
- PASTA SAUCE**
- SMALL PACKAGES OF RICE**
- CANNED CARROTS**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- SHELF STABLE MILK**
- DESSERTS**
- COOKIES, SNACKS**

*The pantry is in great need at this time.*

*Please bring items to the SVdP office:*

*Wednesday and Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.*

*and on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.*

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Located in the School Building**  
**Use Parking Lot located on corner of**  
**Gates & High Streets**  
**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*During the COVID-19 closings, all donations can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul Office only on:*  
**Wednesday and Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**  
**and on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

In the Gospel today Jesus says, “...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work, far greater than you think. The money given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society brings Christ’s love and compassion to the poor.

## **† 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



# 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
Thomas Crennan, Business Manager	204	tcrennan@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, 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
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@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](mailto: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 [DeaconRobert@oloph.org](mailto:DeaconRobert@oloph.org).

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Vincent Boccanfuso  
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jeffrey Gaab  
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Mary Leon  
Rachelle Louis-Jacques  
Carlton Mitchell  
Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
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)  
Thomas Crennan  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
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*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.*

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste  
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Mark Costantino  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Chris Ferraro  
MaryAnn Haas  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Denise Martinez  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
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

## TELEHEALTH EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Fellow parishioners,  
 In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic I know that many are feeling the anxiety of uncertainty and even fear. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who specializes in trauma, I understand how this impacts us not only personally but as a community as well. As part of the OLPH community I would like to offer my support to anyone who is struggling with the emotional impact of what is happening to, and around, us. While my office is in Lindenhurst, and I would love to meet you face to face, I am practicing social distancing and using a Telehealth platform. This allows us to video conference in a safe, secure way. Should you want to take advantage of the support (at no charge), please feel free to contact me at 631- 450-2404 or [mgrafflcsw@gmail.com](mailto:mgrafflcsw@gmail.com) to schedule a 15-20 minute session. Should you feel as though you may need ongoing support I will be happy to help you navigate your behavioral health insurance benefits to link you to a clinician that is in your network.

Wishing You Peace,  
 Michelle Graff-Schmittberger, LCSW

## WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

- |                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Beatrice Stysiack</i>    | <i>Teddy Zimms</i>                |
| <i>Emily Pizzirusso</i>     | <i>Cindy Van Dorn</i>             |
| <i>Theresa Ann Henry</i>    | <i>Irene Cannetelli</i>           |
| <i>Anna Niebrzydowska</i>   | <i>Karin Kienle</i>               |
| <i>Dolores Otten</i>        | <i>Joanne &amp; Randall Press</i> |
| <i>Nora McMahon</i>         | <i>Florence R. Nerich</i>         |
| <i>Patricia Kleczkowski</i> | <i>Laura Janczewski</i>           |
| <i>Richard Kleczkowski</i>  | <i>John Pius</i>                  |
| <i>Mary Hawkins</i>         | <i>Ann Messina</i>                |
| <i>Loretto Dinardo</i>      | <i>Nettie Deasy</i>               |

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **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.

### Diocese of Rockville Centre

#### 2020 Spring Semi-Annual Event:

#### Prayer for Priests, with Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, May 12

Streaming live from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

through St. Isidore R. C. Church:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT8vduRgZfS6B4x1FH6SvVA)

[UCT8vduRgZfS6B4x1FH6SvVA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT8vduRgZfS6B4x1FH6SvVA)

or go to website: <http://saintisidoreriverhead.org/>

and click on link to YouTube

*Our Lady says:*

*“Pray for your shepherds;  
 my Son has chosen them”*

## WE REMEMBER

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

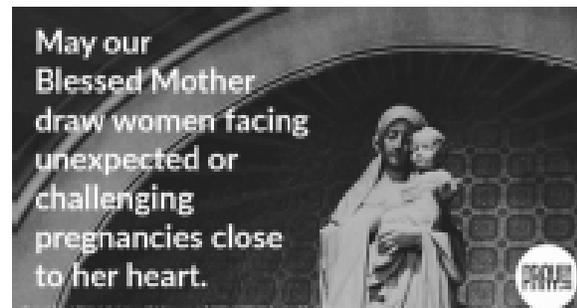
- Marie Richardson*  
*John Hritsko*  
*Philomena Cea*

*“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.”*

# PRAY FOR LIFE

## may 2020

### INTERCEDE



### DID YOU KNOW?

There are live feeds of holy places such as the [Holy Grotto at Lourdes](#). Consider doing this month's prayers while accessing one of these virtually.

### PRAY

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

### REFLECT

In the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are given the model of motherhood. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, Mary accepted the invitation to be the mother of Jesus, who is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). Her unexpected pregnancy presented many challenges. Yet while the path laid before her was not easy, Mary chose to give of herself in sacrificial love.

Mothers with unexpected or challenging pregnancies can likely relate to the experience of our Blessed Mother, as they, too, often face difficulties in answering God's call to welcome new life. Now, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, even more challenges arise.

Especially during this and all times of difficulty and anxiety, we pray that Our Lady will draw pregnant mothers close to her heart and, through her intercession, bring comfort, encouragement, and joyful hope. In bravely living out their vocation, mothers reflect the sacrificial love of Christ on a daily basis. With the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life as our guide, may we work to support all mothers, especially those who are most in need.

### ACT *(choose one)*

- Pray the "Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life" for all expectant mothers facing difficulties or challenges. [www.bit.ly/rlp-09-litany-bvm](http://www.bit.ly/rlp-09-litany-bvm)
- Fast from television or social media for the day. Instead, spend time reflecting on how God is asking you to support pregnant women in difficult circumstances.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

### ONE STEP FURTHER

Read Pope Francis' reflections on our Blessed Mother and the gift of motherhood in "Our Mother the Church and the Gift of Motherhood."

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# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**BY DIRECTIVE OF THE BISHOP,  
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<b>MONDAY, May 11— Easter Weekday</b>		<b>FRIDAY, May 15— Easter Weekday (Saint Isidore)</b>	
6:30	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena	6:30	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
12:15	Frank Bonventre	12:15	The Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
<b>TUESDAY, May 12— Easter Weekday (Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr)</b>		<b>SATURDAY, May 16— Easter Weekday</b>	
6:30	Alvin Wickenheiser	8:00	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
12:15	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena	<b>Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY, May 13— Easter Weekday (Our Lady of Fatima)</b>		5:00	For the People of the Parish
6:30	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena	<b>Sunday, May 17 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
12:15	Frank Duff	8:00	James Mirabile
<b>THURSDAY, May 14— Saint Matthew, Apostle</b>		10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mother's & Guild
6:30	George Walters	12:00	José Zulueta
12:15	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena	5:00	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena

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# PREPARING FOR

## Sunday, May 17, 2020

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

*I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept.*

John 14:16-17a

#### Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

We hear today Philip proclaiming Jesus as Messiah in the region of Samaria. This is significant because the Jews regarded the Samaritans as illegitimate descendants of those left after the Northern Kingdom of Israel was conquered in 722 B.C. and as such had nothing to do with them. But Philip, a Greek-speaking believer whom we heard last week being among the first seven men ordained by the twelve apostles, was led by the Spirit to preach the Word of God to the Samaritans. He met with such great success that Peter and John joined him. After praying and laying on hands, the Holy Spirit of God descended on the Samaritan believers. This is a good lesson for us today: God comes to all people who believe in him, even those considered as outcasts.

#### 1 Peter 3:15-18

Again we hear from the first letter of Peter to those early Christians undergoing great trials for their faith. While these trials might involve imprisonment and even death, it also appeared in more subtle forms, such as mockery, shunning, and economic restrictions. We hear of that happening even today in places such as Egypt and Iraq. Peter tells them to claim as Lord the only one who has power over death because of his Resurrection, Jesus. They should hold Christ as their model and be prepared to explain with gentleness and reverence their ability to face sufferings with hope. Hopefully, we can do the same today when we face discrimination, hostility, and even violence because of what we believe.

#### John 14:15-21

This reading is again taken from Jesus' farewell address to his disciples on the night before he died. He assures them that although he will soon leave them physically he will always be with them in a different way. While he has been their advocate and companion during his earthly ministry, he will send "another Advocate" to be with them after his Ascension. This advocate will be the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit of God. In this way, Jesus promises that he will not leave them or us as orphans, but that he will love us and we will be loved by the Father always. What a comforting thought!

#### Gospel Reflection

*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. "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." If studying or reading or discussing are your only approaches to God, what else is needed, according to this reading? How does love impact knowledge and understanding in any friendship?

2. "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth ..." What is it that Pope Francis says the Holy Spirit seeks to do with his infinitely creative mind?

*"To believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in everyone means realizing that he seeks to penetrate every human situation and all social bonds: 'The Holy Spirit can be said to possess an infinite creativity, proper to the divine mind, which knows how to loosen the knots of human affairs, even the most complex and inscrutable.' (St. John Paul II.)"*

*Evangelium Gaudium, 178*

## Readings for the Week

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

#### Monday, May 11, 2020:

Acts 14:5-18 + John 14:21-26

#### Tuesday, May 12, 2020:

Acts 14:12-28 + John 14:27-31a

#### Wednesday, May 13, 2020:

Acts 15:1-6 + John 15:1-8

#### Thursday, May 14, 2020:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 + John 15:9-17

#### Friday, May 15, 2020:

Acts 15:22-31 + John 15:11-17

#### Saturday, May 16, 2020:

Acts 16:1-10 + John 15:18-21

#### Sunday, May 17, 2020:

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

+ 1Peter 3:15-18

+ John 14:15-21

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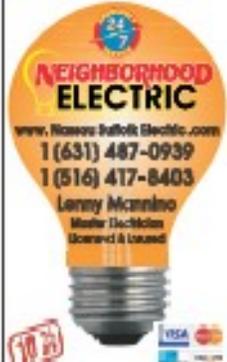
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