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*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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 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.

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 for up-to-date links and postings with opportunities for prayer and spiritual support

BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 18, THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND VISITS

Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Hours subject to change without notice.

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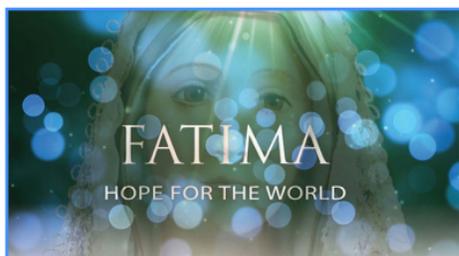
Step 3: Open up the myParish app and type in "Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church"

Step 4: Set OLPH as your main parish

Step 5: Explore the great features in our parish app!



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A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to 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 and find your parish to register.

Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?

PASTOR'S PAGE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Yes, it's still Easter Time! We're starting our sixth week in the liturgical season of Easter Time, but our sense of joy, wonder and awe over the Lord's Resurrection should be as rich and deep as it was back on Easter Sunday! The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of the Sixth Sunday of Easter reminds us of this: *"Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord..."* This is perhaps especially important for us to remember in these difficult days as we continue to struggle with our shelter-in-place, lockdown, isolation and quarantine lifestyle — we should take special care to cultivate an Easter joy and sense of newness in the Lord's resurrection that will help to keep us from despair and discouragement. The Collect goes on to remind us that what we celebrate at liturgy must always have an effect in our everyday life, as it asks "... *that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do,*" so we are challenged to really apply this to our current, everyday situation.

This theme of the power of the Easter mystery truly having an effect in the way we live everyday life is carried through in the Prayer over the Offerings from the Mass of the Sixth Sunday of Easter. In that prayer, we ask that *"we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love"* — with the principal mystery of God's "mighty love" being, of course, the death and resurrection of Christ, a dying and rising after which we are to pattern our life. We are dying with Christ by living through all the sacrifices and inconveniences we are making, and have been making for so long. But, if we die with Christ, we know that we will also live with him, so we believe we will be transformed as a result of this experience. However, such transformation into Christ's life can be the result only of God's grace, not our own efforts alone, and so the prayer also recognizes our need to be purified by God's graciousness.

The depth and beauty of the Mass prayers during Easter Time continue to enrich our journey through these Fifty Days! They can be an important source of strength and nourishment in these days. Remember: even

though we are not gathering for public Masses, it does not mean that there is no Church, or that the faith is dead. Just the opposite: it is alive and well in YOU as you continue to live the faith in your Domestic Church at home, and as you continue to meet the Risen Lord Jesus in prayer, in Scripture reading, and in acts of charity toward others.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

This Thursday, May 21, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Since this day is normally a Holy Day of Obligation, we will be celebrating this day virtually, just as we have been doing for Sundays. So, we will livestream the Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, and then a video of the Mass will be posted on our YouTube page; check out our website www.olphlindenhurst.com for the links.

It's vitally important for us to celebrate these special holy days, because they provide a rhythm and a structure for us to enter into the mysteries of the Lord throughout the liturgical year. It's a great reminder of the centrality of our faith to "interrupt" the normal routine of our week to celebrate an important liturgical day.

The dating of the Ascension of the Lord as occurring forty days after Easter comes to us from the Acts of the Apostles, the book from which our first reading is taken for the Mass of that day. The meaning of the Ascension is spelled out for us clearly in the texts of the Mass for the day; listen to them carefully. Allow me to point out two texts in particular that seem to especially zero in on the central theme of the Ascension; these each come from one of the two choices for the Preface (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer) that the priest might use. One says, *"Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where, he, our Head and Founder, has gone before;"* the other says, *"For after his Resurrection he plainly appeared to all his disciples and was taken up to heaven in their sight, that he might make us sharers in his divinity."* Notice how both texts point out how the Lord's Ascension is not about his absence, but his deeper

presence to us, and how we are invited to share more fully in the mystery of his life. Keep these thoughts in mind, particularly this year as we feel such a great absence in our life, that of not gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist. Remember that the absence is on our side, but not on the Lord's; the Risen-Ascended Lord, in his glorified existence, continues to be close to us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Then, after the Ascension, we begin a period of time which is the original Novena — nine days of intense prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost, as the Church prays for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We will be praying this Novena virtually, so check the bulletin posted online and check our website to see how you can join in; please be sure to join in the prayer if you are able. I am grateful to Deacon Robert Becker who generously coordinates this Novena each year.

Even if you are not able to join in the virtual prayer, use these nine days in between Ascension and Pentecost as days to pray intensely for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, either through your own prayer, or through some other Novena or personal devotion you might have. *Come, Holy Spirit!*

St. Vincent de Paul Society has continued to minister to the poor and needy

I would like to draw your attention to some amazing work that continues to take place, even in the midst of the shutdown and social distancing we are living under, and that is the great work and ministry of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. They have continued to minister to the poor and the needy throughout these days, albeit under some modified circumstances.

As you might expect, the number of people who are in need and who are being served by this ministry has increased. Unfortunately, though, there has also been a big decline in donations, both food donations to the pantry and monetary donations — with the church closed, people have not been dropping off food in the church, nor putting money into the poor boxes. The Society has worked out a no-contact system whereby requests can be made and accepted, and food

obtained or delivered, all according to the safety guidelines which are expected nowadays. The ministry has been carried out by some regular Vincentians and by some other parishioners who have generously offered to step up and meet some needs, since for a variety of reasons it was not possible for many of the regular Vincentians to continue to work in the office in these days. Thanks to all you great OLPH folks who have done this! You are wonderful!

I am so, so proud, as you should be, of the great work done by our St. Vincent de Paul Society, especially in these difficult days. Thanks go to Deborah Deasy, the President of St. Vincent de Paul, and all the Vincentians and other parishioners who have served their brothers and sisters in these extraordinary times.

Monetary donations for St. Vincent de Paul, to assist them in ministering to the poor, can be sent to them in care of the rectory, or you can bring food donations to their office according to the office hours listed on their page in this bulletin. It would probably be a good idea to call ahead to the office (ext. 234), however, to make definite arrangements.

Super 72 Raffle—and our goof!

The new set of tickets for our next SUPER 72 RAFFLE has been mailed out — have you received yours and sent them back yet? If not, do so now! Especially in these days, the income from this fund raiser is vitally important, so whatever you can do to support it would be greatly appreciated.

You've noticed that we added another level of participation: five (5) tickets for \$100. It's a great bargain. Unfortunately, we made a big goof in the mailing and sent only three tickets to everyone, forgetting to include the extra two. If you would like the additional two tickets so you can buy all 5 at the bargain price of \$100, just contact our Parish Secretary Carole at ccarrano@oloph.org or at the parish number, 631-226-7725, ext. 212, and she will take care of it for you.

Please be sure to join in the fun of the SUPER 72 RAFFLE once again and return your tickets soon!

***Opening the church for private prayer and visits
(not public Masses or other sacraments yet)***

I'm pleased to announce that beginning this coming Monday, May 18, the church will once again be open during the day for private prayer and visits. Please note that this applies to private prayer and visits only; we have not yet received any permission for public gatherings.

For the most part, the hours will be Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.; Saturday: 7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; Sunday: 7:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m. **However, please be aware that those hours are subject to change without notice; the church may close early or for a period of time during a day if it is necessary for some reason.** I thank you for your patience and understanding.

I'm going to put the next section all in capital letters, for the sake of saying it loud and clear. **THERE WILL BE RULES FOR COMING INTO THE CHURCH, WHICH EVERYONE MUST FOLLOW. FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER THE CHURCH MUST:**

- ▶ WEAR A FACE MASK OR FACE COVERING – NO EXCEPTIONS
- ▶ REMAIN AT LEAST SIX (6) FEET APART, SIDE-TO-SIDE AND IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND YOU
- ▶ FOLLOW THE TRAFFIC PATTERNS ON THE FLOOR
- ▶ SIT IN DESIGNATED SEATS ONLY – SEATS WITHOUT THE X (Spouses and family members who live together can sit together, of course, but everyone else must observe the proper social distance)
- ▶ ENTER ONLY THROUGH WELLWOOD AVENUE DOORS
- ▶ EXIT ONLY THROUGH SIDE DOORS ON NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE

The situation will be monitored to make sure that all safety protocols are being followed. Please be cooperative if you are asked to comply. To put it another way: Love your neighbor as yourself by following these rules!

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,

Mari-Joe

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.

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

***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 22. Check the OLPH website for more information.

Ascension of the Lord Thursday, May 21

***Mass for the
Holy Day
of the Ascension
on Thursday
will be livestreamed
Wednesday night,
May 20 at 5:00 p.m.
and then posted on the
parish YouTube page.***



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
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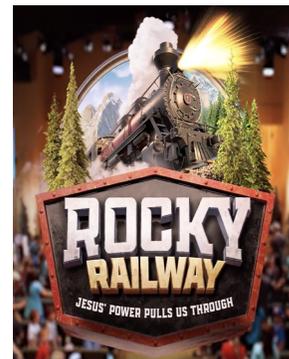
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 GOVERNOR'S COVID-19
 EXECUTIVE ORDER,
 THERE ARE NO OFFICE HOURS UNTIL
 FURTHER NOTICE. MESSAGES MAY
 BE E-MAILED OR LEFT IN THE RELIGIOUS
 EDUCATION VOICE MAILBOX.

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.

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!

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!

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

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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 1st and 3rd 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 1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments... Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

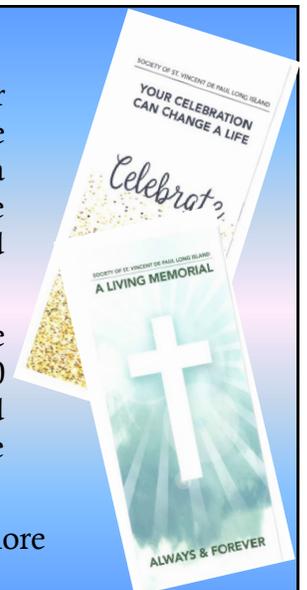
When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives, and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.

† 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 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.



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 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.

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
 Joselyn Kalt
 Mary Leon
 Rachele 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®
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Christine Donovan
 Marie Gagneron
 Kenneth Hale
 Bob Meade
 Bob Mehm
 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
 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 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

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| <i>Teddy Zimms</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.

WE REMEMBER

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

Carmel Canobbio

“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of May 17-23:

Altar Candle:

In Memory of
Giovanni Antonio Riceputo
Requested by
Deleia & Joseph Riceputo

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**BY DIRECTIVE OF THE BISHOP, NO PUBLIC MASSES MAY BE CELEBRATED.
THESE MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE FULFILLED
BY PARISH PRIESTS CELEBRATING PRIVATE MASSES.**

MONDAY, May 18— Easter Weekday <i>(Saint John I, Pope and Martyr)</i>	
6:30	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
12:15	Vittoria M. Daquaro
TUESDAY, May 19— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Juan Agwlar
WEDNESDAY, May 20— Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest)</i>	
6:30	Joseph Sredniawsk
12:15	Emily Nangieri
Vigil for The Ascension of the Lord	
5:00	Raffael Fiore
THURSDAY, May 21— The Ascension of the Lord	
6:30	For the People of the Parish
12:15	John DeVito
7:30	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus #794

FRIDAY, May 22— Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious)</i>	
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:15	Lillian Setti
SATURDAY, May 23— Easter Weekday	
8:00	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
5:00	The Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
Sunday, May 24 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Nancy Dorney
12:00	Lawrence Lanza
5:00	Boldassare Lauricella

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND VISITS

BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 18, THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND VISITS

Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Hours subject to change without notice.

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 - ▶ **FOLLOW THE TRAFFIC PATTERNS ON THE FLOOR**
 - ▶ **SIT IN DESIGNATED SEATS ONLY – SEATS WITHOUT THE X**
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OFFERING UPDATE May 9/10, 2020

Mail-ins: Envelopes, Cash & Checks	\$11,904.70
Faith Direct/Electronic Giving	\$2,646.00
TOTAL	\$14,550.70
2019	\$15,333.36

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

They devoted themselves with one accord to prayer.

Acts 1:14a

Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14

At Jesus' Ascension he gave his closest followers a mission: they were to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. However, he did not send them out right away. Instead, he sent the Eleven back to Jerusalem to wait and pray in the upper room until the Holy Spirit came to them and they received the power to carry out this awesome mission. That's what we are hearing about today. The time between the Ascension and Pentecost, the nine days which were the first novena, was a period of intense prayer among the apostles and the community. There were one hundred twenty people gathered in that room, Scriptures record, including Mary and Jesus' brothers, and certainly they were anxious and fearful and uncertain what was in store for them. Yet they gathered and prayed until Jesus' promise was fulfilled. That's a good model for us today — persist in prayer because Jesus never fails to keep his word.

1 Peter 4:13-16

In this selection from the first letter of Peter, which we have been hearing as the second reading all through this Easter season, we hear of opposites: rejoicing and suffering, insults and blessings. This should remind us of Jesus' words of the Beatitudes ("Blessed are ...") where we heard that each trial is accompanied by a reward. So too says Peter. As long as we are being persecuted for doing the right thing, that is, for being a Christian and acting uprightly, then we are blessed, because this is a way to show to the world how different and how wonderful our values are.

John 17:1-11a

Here we are listening in on an intimate conversation Jesus is having with the Father at the Last Supper. This is part of what is referred to as Jesus' "high priestly prayer" since he is interceding with the Father for the Apostles and indeed for all of us down through the ages who believe in him. While he told his mother at the wedding at Cana that his hour had not yet come, here he says that it has. He is about to depart from this world, but he tells us that he will pray for us. How powerful is that! The Savior of the entire world is praying for us to the Father! That's cause for true comfort and encouragement.

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. **Ascension:** "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Jesus said this after telling the eleven to make disciples of all nations. Discuss what Pope Francis said about that:

"He is with God the Father, where he always intercedes in our favor. Jesus is no longer in a definite place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in all space and time, next to each of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us."

General Audience, St. Peter's Square, April 17, 2013, paragraph 5

2. **7th Sunday:** The Father entrusted the good news of salvation to Jesus, and he in turn entrusted it to his disciples. What are the implications for you?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, May 18, 2020:

Acts 16:11-15 + John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 19, 2020:

Acts 16:22-34 + John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 20, 2020:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 + John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 21, 2020:

Acts 1:1-11 + Ephesians 1:17-23
+ Matthew 28:16-20

Friday, May 22, 2020:

Acts 18:9-18 + John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 23, 2020:

Acts 18:23-28 + John 16:23b-28

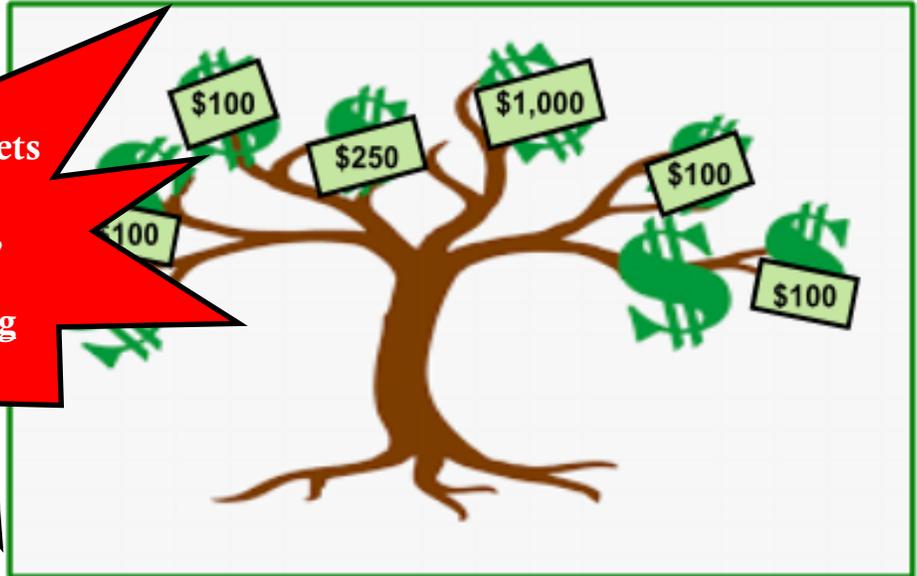
Sunday, May 24, 2020:

Acts 1:12-14
+ 1Peter 4:13-16
+ John 17:1-11a



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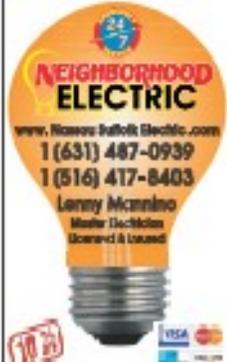
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