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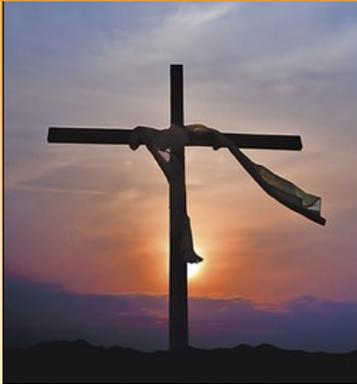
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*Jesus said,
“I came so that they might have life
and have it more abundantly.”*

John 10:10

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 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
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opportunities for prayer
and spiritual support

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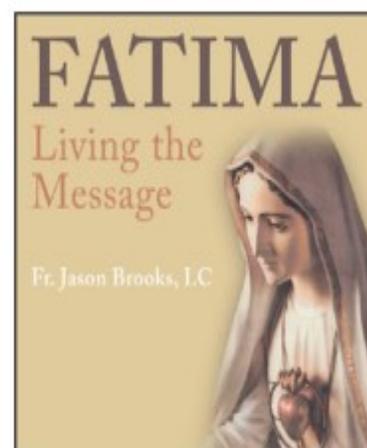
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Fatima: Living the Message

By Fr. Jason Brooks

Heed Your Mother's Advice

Fr. Jason Brooks brings to light why Fatima is regarded by many as the most important spiritual event of the past 100 years and why Our Lady's message is still as relevant as ever.



Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?

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?

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

How much we all continue to miss gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist! Isolation and quarantine are difficult offerings (sacrifices) all of us are being asked to make. I hope that you are staying connected with the Sunday Mass as much as possible, by watching it livestreamed from OLPH each Saturday night at 5:00 p.m., or watching the video of it on our YouTube page (see www.olphlindhurst.com for details). It is vitally important for you to continue to nourish your faith at home in your Domestic Church. To help you do that, let's look at some aspects of the liturgy for this Sunday.

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is also popularly referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the shepherd imagery from St. John's Gospel which is found in the Gospel reading on this Sunday every year. Hearing the Shepherd's voice, followers recognize it and know it is their God. Safe in the knowledge that they cannot be taken from the hand of the Shepherd, we who hear His voice should follow as faithful believers who are willing to go wherever God calls and sends us.

The imagery of following the Shepherd is also found in the Mass prayers for the day. The Collect (Opening Prayer) refers to us as "*the humble flock*" who ask to "*reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.*" The Prayer after Communion continues the Shepherd imagery as it mentions the "*eternal pastures*" which we, the sheep who have been redeemed, hope to settle in. What do you imagine those "eternal pastures" to be like? Certainly in these days we long to be back in the pasture of the church, celebrating liturgy together!

In addition to the Shepherd imagery, another element of this Fourth Sunday of Easter is the continued expression of Easter joy. In the Prayer over the Offerings, we ask "*that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,*" and the prayer goes on to ask "*that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy.*" We must continue to keep alive throughout the entire fifty days of Easter Time our exultant joy and ecstatic cries of "Alleluia!" at the redemption and salvation won for us through the death and resurrection of Christ, especially in these difficult days. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to constantly renew us with new life in Christ so that we do not become discouraged or give in to despair.

Continue to allow your reflections on the actual texts of the Mass to enrich your immersion in the spirituality of the fifty days of Easter Time, and apply them to the struggles you are facing in these days.

Procession of Eucharistic Blessings

We have sent out e-mails to all those parishioners for whom we have e-mail information announcing our PROCESSION OF EUCHARISTIC BLESSINGS. (If you did not receive notification, you should check with the office once we return to normal — make sure your Parish Census information is up to date and we have full information on you; this is a good example of why that's

important!)

As explained in the e-mail, this PROCESSION OF EUCHARISTIC BLESSINGS is meant to be another spiritual outreach as a sign of hope, encouragement and spiritual nourishment. It will provide an opportunity for you to see your parish priests in person, from an appropriate social distance, of course, and it will also give you the opportunity, in the absence of being able to participate in celebrating the Eucharist, to encounter the Eucharistic Real Presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

I know it will not be the same thing as attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion, but at least it will be an encounter with Our Eucharistic Lord, and how appropriate that it is taking place on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, when we hear Jesus say in the Gospel that he came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. It is my hope that the entire experience will be spiritually rewarding, uplifting, life giving and even fun.

Go to the parish website www.olphlindhurst.com and click on the link to see full details. It will be taking place 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. this Sunday, May 3, weather permitting, so don't miss out!

What else is going on at OLPH during the coronavirus shutdown?

I want everyone to be aware of all that we are doing to try to stay connected to you during these extraordinary times. **We have not abandoned you!**

First and foremost, please know that all parishioners are in the daily prayers, both personal prayer and private Masses, of all the priests. For those who are considered essential workers and must be out there on the front lines each day, know that you are doing heroic work; you are the presence of Christ for those who need you most at this time. God bless you! You have our gratitude and admiration, along with the gratitude and admiration of everyone else.

Here are some items, arranged by topic, that you might be interested in hearing about, if you were not already aware of them:

1. Staying Connected—We are doing our best to stay connected to all of you in various ways; I hope you have been taking advantage of them:

- We provide the Sunday Mass weekly from OLPH, livestreaming it at 5:00 p.m. each Saturday, and then posting the recording on the YouTube page;

- Our parish YouTube page contains daily spiritual reflections and other content (for example, reflections for children, and the Rosary);

- We continue with a social media presence on our Facebook page and Parish App;

- We offer the opportunity to participate live in praying the Liturgy of the Hours—Evening Prayer, Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.; Morning Prayer, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.; Evening Prayer, Sundays at 4:00 p.m.—through the Zoom video conferencing platform, accessible through

the home page of our parish website;

- I have been sending out e-mails on a regular basis;

- We had our parish-wide Outreach of Blessings, to bless homes during Holy Week (over 350 homes on close to 150 different streets were blessed!), and we're looking to do the Procession of Eucharistic Blessings mentioned above;

- Various groups have been in contact using the Zoom video conference—the Pastoral Staff, the choir, and the Liturgy Committee, for example;

- We offered Divine Mercy Devotions live at 3:00 p.m. on Divine Mercy Sunday using the Zoom video conference;

- Our parish website is continually updated as necessary, and that is where the links to Zoom and to YouTube can be found;

- The weekly bulletin continues to be compiled and posted online, accessible through the parish website.

2. Mass Intentions—Since public Masses cannot be celebrated, priests are fulfilling, by celebrating private Masses, all the Mass intentions which you have requested, booked and paid for. Be assured that the intentions are being fulfilled.

3. Church Closing—At this time, for the safety of everyone, the church continues to remain closed. While I regret that decision, I think it was the most prudent one to make. We did not feel we could guarantee the sanitizing of the church as would be needed, not only in terms of personnel, but also in terms of sanitizing supplies. I'll revisit that decision after May 15, the next threshold point the authorities have set.

4. Funerals—As you know, we are not permitted to hold Funeral Masses. We are ministering to families, however, with **Curbside Blessings** on their way to the cemetery. By arrangement with the funeral home, the funeral procession stops in front of the church on Wellwood Avenue on the way to the cemetery. A priest then offers some prayers and a blessing standing near the hearse while family members remain in their cars. At least we are able to do this, and the families have been very understanding and very appreciative of this. Families are also advised to be sure to arrange a Memorial Mass for the deceased once we are able to hold public Masses again. Also, I personally call the next of kin to offer condolences for every funeral about which I am informed.

5. Serving the Poor—Our wonderful St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to serve the needs of the poor, although with limited hours, thanks to the dedication and commitment of some very generous parishioners. A system has been worked out so that no direct contact is made with clients, but nonetheless some basic needs are still being met. Check out the St. Vincent de Paul page in the bulletin each week, especially their ongoing need for food at the food pantry, and contact them directly if you can help out.

6. Employees—A few employees ("essential workers," so to speak) have been coming in a few hours a day for a couple of days a week, just to keep some very basic and necessary office procedures going.

7. Finances—We are applying for the Small Business Loan, to cover payroll and utilities, as being offered by the federal government, and we hope to secure that money, which would be a big thing. My thanks go to our Business Manager, Tom Crennan, who has navigated and negotiated the monumental headache of the paperwork and dealing with our financial institution Ocean Financial (they have been good to work with). We are definitely taking a significant financial loss. Parishioners have been amazingly generous, keeping up with weekly offerings and some even sending in extra to help us through this situation. If we do not receive that Small Business government money, we will very likely wind up being in big trouble, but we will keep our fingers crossed and cross that bridge when and if we come to it. (*Say an extra prayer for that one!*)

8. First Communion, Confirmation and the Initiations of the Unbaptized that Would Have Occurred at the Easter Vigil—Very simply, we're going to have to figure out all this sacramental celebration stuff. First Communion and Confirmations are definitely postponed from their original dates, but we are hoping to be able to reschedule them for sometime over the summer. The initiations of the unbaptized which would have been celebrated at the Easter Vigil will be rescheduled as well.

9. Re-opening the Parish and Getting Everything Going Again—To be perfectly honest, there is not much I can say about this right now; it's all going to depend on what we are allowed to do, and when we are allowed to begin doing it. Right now we have no information. When this does start to happen, though, I'm sure it will be chaotic. Much like at the beginning of the shutdown, we're going to have to figure it out as we go along and make whatever decisions are best. It will be crazy, I'm sure, and will demand much patience and flexibility from all of us. We will do the best we can, but there will be many, many different components to it. The best I can say is that you should keep alert by watching the website, the bulletin online, and your e-mail. I will do my best to keep everyone informed as much as I can. Will things begin to open up shortly after May 15? If so, what will we be permitted to do? Maybe some things but not others? Who can say...these are things we will get direction on.

Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Even though we are not yet celebrating public Masses, the priests will still be offering private Masses for the intentions of the Mother's Day Novena of Masses. 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. You can use the envelope for this which was included in the package of offering envelopes mailed to you; write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either by mailing it to the rectory or by dropping it through the mail slot of the front door of the rectory on Wellwood Avenue. You can also simply make your own envelope — just make sure it

is clearly marked MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES, write the name to be remembered on it, and enclose your donation and return it. Thank you.

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,



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

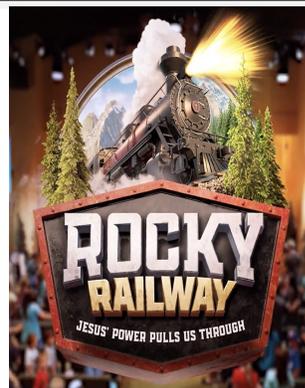
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 EXECUTIVE ORDER,
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 BE E-MAILED OR LEFT IN THE RELIGIOUS
 EDUCATION VOICE MAILBOX.

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
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- † 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 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.

Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” when we reflect on Jesus’ care and love for us and hear his words, “I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd” to your suffering brothers and sisters.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE VIRTUAL ROSARY RALLY

OLPH has the custom of a Rosary Rally prayed each year in May, sponsored by the *Respect Life Committee*. Due to the coronavirus pandemic shutdown, we will not be able to gather to pray the Rosary together this year, but we still want to have a Rosary Rally. You are invited to join in praying the Rosary in spiritual solidarity with others as a “Rally” on Saturday, May 16th at 1:00 p.m.

All of us praying the Rosary together at the same time, even if we’re not physically together, will have great spiritual power!

For more information and to see about having special prayers for the Mysteries e-mailed or sent to you, contact Louise Perrotta at louiseperrotta@optonline.net.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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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
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
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Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
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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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Beatrice Stysiack</i> | <i>Cindy Van Dorn</i> |
| <i>Emily Pizzirusso</i> | <i>Irene Cannetelli</i> |
| <i>Theresa Ann Henry</i> | <i>Karin Kienle</i> |
| <i>Anna Niebrzydowska</i> | <i>Joanne & Randall Press</i> |
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WE REMEMBER

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

Jennie Romano

“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.”

PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020 12:00 P.M.

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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 4— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Helen Doelger
12:15	Colleen English
TUESDAY, May 5— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Sally Ann Castaldo
12:15	Theresa M. Gigante
WEDNESDAY, May 6— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Lewis F. Darby
12:15	Noreen Cronin
THURSDAY, May 7— Easter Weekday	
6:30	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	MaryEllen Cotter

FRIDAY, May 8— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Agnes Neilan
12:15	Giuseppe Rinaudo
SATURDAY, May 9— Easter Weekday	
8:00	Frank DiBella
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
5:00	Dominick M. Barone
Sunday, May 10 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
8:00	Mothers Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
12:00	Perpetual Help Mass (<i>List on p. 10</i>)
5:00	For the People of the Parish

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

Even though we are not yet celebrating public Masses, the priests will still be offering private Masses for the intentions of the Mother's Day Novena of Masses. 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. You can use the envelope for this which was included in the package of offering envelopes mailed to you; write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either by mailing it to the rectory or by dropping it through the mail slot of the front door of the rectory on Wellwood Avenue. You can also simply make your own envelope—just make sure it is clearly marked MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES, write the name to be remembered on it, and enclose your donation and return it. Thank you.

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

John 14:6

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

In the first reading today we have a model for how conflicts in today's church should be handled. As the early church grew, it incorporated people of differing backgrounds. The Hellenists were Jews who spoke only Greek and the Hebrews were Jews who spoke Aramaic, as Jesus did. There arose a situation in which the Hellenists felt that their widows were being neglected when the community distributed food to the poor. In response, the twelve apostles called the whole community together and asked for a new group of leaders from among the Hellenists to see to this problem. It should be comforting for us today to note that even the original church had difficulties and frictions. Hopefully, we can handle it as they did — by working together with mutual love and respect.

1 Peter 2:4-9

We hear again this week from Peter's letter to Christians living in a hostile environment and how he encourages them to remain strong. Citing several Scriptural passages from the Old Testament, he reminds them that Jesus is the corner stone of their lives as believers and that anyone who puts their faith in him will not be disappointed. This should speak to us today as well since it's sometimes hard for others to understand why we make the choice to be faithful to Christ. Nevertheless, since we have made this choice, we are called "out of darkness into his wonderful light."

John 14:1-12

This selection from the Gospel of John is taken from Jesus' farewell address to the disciples during their supper before his Passion. He attempts to prepare them for his departure from his mortal life in this world but assures them that he will return and take them to himself, promising "where I am you also may be." However, the disciples don't understand since Jesus hasn't yet died and been raised to life. (How often do we not understand what Jesus is really saying?) But what is clear to us today is that Jesus is "the way and the truth and the life," that is, the way to have life and have it to the full both in this world and the next. That's the truth of the Gospel message.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, May 4, 2020:

Acts 11:1-18 + John 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 5, 2020:

Acts 11:19-26 + John 10:29-30

Wednesday, May 6, 2020:

Acts 12:24—13:5a + John 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7, 2020:

Acts 13:13-25 + John 13:16-20

Friday, May 8, 2020:

Acts 13:26-33 + John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 9, 2020:

Acts 13:44-52 + John 14:7-14

Sunday, May 10, 2020:

Acts 6:1-7
+ 1Peter 2:4-9
+ John 14:1-12

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. The disciples didn't know where Jesus was going and certainly did not want him to leave. Can you relate to this desire to be with the people you love? How is human love a reflection of divine love or a participation in it?

2. Does Pope Francis' message about Jesus pitching his tent in our midst help you know The Way? The Truth? How does it help us know the Father?

"In him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father: Jesus is Love incarnate. He is not simply a teacher of wisdom, he is not an ideal for which we strive while knowing that we are hopelessly distant from it. He is the meaning of life and history, who has pitched his tent in our midst.

...Our Father is patient, he loves us, he gives us Jesus to guide us on the way which leads to the promised land. Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness."

*Midnight Mass Homily of Pope Francis, #2, #3
December 24, 2013*

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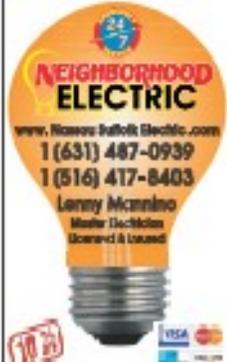
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