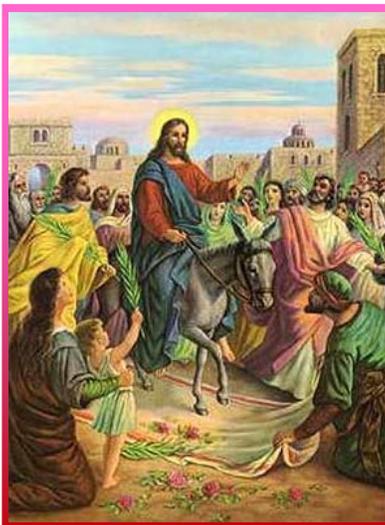


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*“Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest.”*

Matthew 21:9

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2017

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

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Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Saturday: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The **Children's Liturgy of the Word** celebrated the fourth Sunday of Lent on March 26. A day of hope as Easter is in sight. The Scripture readings were about the choosing of David and Jesus giving sight to a blind man.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP PREVIEW

Our *2017 Vacation Bible Camp, "Makers Fun Factory,"* will be held 7/17 to 7/21. It will focus on us as creatures of God. Here are pictures of our recent preview of VBC. Thank you to the confirmation candidates for assisting.



FAMILIES IN SERVICE AND FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Families in Service and Family Life Ministry demonstrated and helped promote CAMP SERVICE. Camp Service is a Middle School program to be held at the same time as Vacation Bible Camp, 7/17 to 7/21. We made over 400 sandwiches to be used in the OLPH Van Ministry and at Mercy Inn. THANK YOU for your overwhelming generosity.



To see photos and to keep up on other ministries check out the OLPH Facebook page.



HOLY WEEK BEGINS THIS WEEK

Monday, April 10

Mass

6:30 a.m. + 12:15 p.m.

Confessions

After the 12:15 Mass

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3:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11

Mass

6:30 a.m. + 12:15 p.m.

Confessions

After the 12:15 Mass

Wednesday, April 12

Mass

6:30 a.m. + 12:15 p.m.

Confessions

After the 12:15 Mass

Holy Saturday, April 15

Confessions

3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.



HOLY THURSDAY, April 13

9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer

11:00 a.m. — **Chrism Mass in St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre**

7:30 p.m. — **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, following the Mass—Night Watch: Selected Scripture Readings and Music at 10:00 p.m. in the Auditorium—Night Prayer at 10:45 ending Adoration.

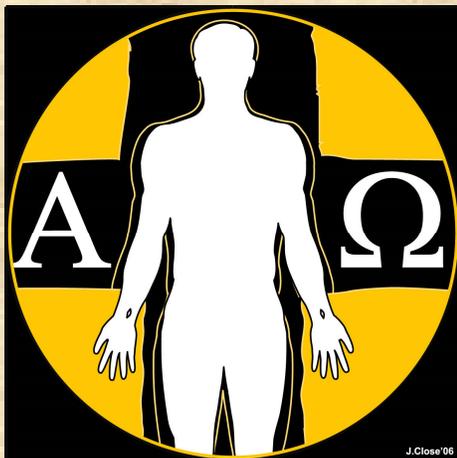
GOOD FRIDAY, April 14

9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon — Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. — The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 p.m. — The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, *repeated*



HOLY SATURDAY, April 15

9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.— Confessions

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Saturday, April 15

8:00 p.m.

Note: There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 15

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday, April 16

7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Note: There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE DIFFERENT MASS TIMES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

PASTOR'S PAGE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Our holiest week of the year begins today with this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. As the Roman Missal tells us: *"On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery."* Later this week we will enter into the holiest time of all, that time-outside-of-time, the Sacred Paschal Triduum. During this week and especially during those Great Three Days we are asked to enter deeply into the mystery of the Lord's dying and rising. We are called to make that Paschal Mystery our own mystery, and make it the heart of the way we live.

Allow me to take this opportunity to welcome parishioners who are not regular participants but who have come for Palm Sunday. We are very happy to have you with us, and you have enriched our worship through your participation. We extend to you a warm invitation to come more frequently, indeed, every Sunday! You are a valued part of our community of faith. We hope to see you again next Sunday, Easter Sunday, and every Sunday thereafter. If there is anything at all that I as your Pastor, or that any of the other priests, can do to facilitate your participation in the life of the parish, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be happy to make the time to meet with you.

"Let's Pay Off the New Boilers!"

I continue to offer heart-felt **THANKS AND APPRECIATION** to all who have contributed to our special collection to try to pay off the \$119,516 of debt we incurred by the installation of our new boilers for the church and the rectory. The ongoing total of our collection so far is printed elsewhere in this bulletin, and I am so very, very grateful for your generosity. As you can see, we are doing quite well on our way to trying to reach the goal of \$119,516 and thus wiping out this loan (and the interest that we would have to pay along with it). The big-heartedness of the people of OLPH as evidenced by this collection is but one example of the reason that OLPH is "the place to be."

If you have not yet made your contribution, I ask that you do so as soon as possible. Remember, everyone benefits from having heat in the church, so it would only be right for everyone, not just a few, to support this effort, even those who only come to church occasionally. You can make your donation by using one of the envelopes located on pew ledges throughout the church, or by simply mailing in a check with a little note highlighting it as "boiler donation." Once again, I thank you for your generosity.

Phase II of our brick memorialization

You may recall that we recently solicited for Phase II of our brick memorialization, *i.e.*, memorializing the bricks along the walkway to the Blessed Mother statue on the rectory front lawn. The bricks from Phase I were installed some time ago, and I hope you have had the chance to look at them (and to spend some time praying for the intentions that were memorialized). Just recently we sent off to the engraver the information for the bricks memorialized in Phase II. It takes approximately six weeks for the bricks to arrive, and then they have to be installed.

My thinking is that we will have a blessing of all the bricks together, those from Phase I and Phase II, at the conclusion of our special Mass in honor of our patronal feast, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, which this year we'll celebrate at the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, June 25. Save the date and the time now so you can be present for the blessing, especially if you memorialized a brick.

Also, we have more bricks available, so keep an eye out for Phase III...there will again be opportunities to memorialize bricks, probably in the Fall of 2017.

Special Mass schedule for Easter Sunday, and extra chairs, too!

Please note our special schedule for Masses on Easter Sunday, printed elsewhere in this bulletin. It differs slightly from our normal Sunday schedule. Please check the schedule carefully to make sure you have the correct Mass times.

Also, please note that we will be adding chairs in the church for Easter Sunday, to try to provide for more seating and to ease the burden of people who find standing difficult. We have made this our custom at Christmas and Easter, and it has worked out well. Feel free to take advantage of this extra seating. In addition, I ask everyone to be especially observant next week to offer your seat to someone who might have difficulty standing...as well as being especially kind and patient with all the crowds!

Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Remember that all the Masses on Easter Sunday will be for the intentions of the Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards. If you would like to participate in this meaningful custom and have your intentions prayed for at Easter Sunday Masses, please use the cards and envelopes available and be sure to return them before Easter Sunday to the rectory.

Little White Books

The *Little White Book*, to follow the *Little Black Book*, containing daily meditations for each day of Easter Time, will be available on the pew ledges starting this Wednesday, April 12. These little books are always so well received that we are happy to provide them for you.

Reconciliation Monday

Tomorrow, Monday, April 10, Monday of Holy Week, is our annual Diocesan Day of Reconciliation. Priests will be continuously available in the church from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to hear Confessions. What a great opportunity this is to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation! You are especially encouraged to come if you have been away from the Sacrament for a long time; we love to welcome back those who have not come in 10 or 20 years! (I always joke that we priests receive extra “points” when we celebrate Reconciliation with someone who has been away for a long time, so we love to see you come!) I promise you will receive a warm greeting and it will be an uplifting experience. If the door to a Confessional is open and the light is on inside, that means the priest inside is “open for business” — come on in! If the door is closed but the light is on, it means someone is inside going to Confession. If the door is closed and the room is dark, then no priest is inside that particular room, but from 3:00 to 9:00 on Monday, at least two priests will always be available. Make your plans now for coming to Confession on “Reconciliation Monday,” April 10.

Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

As you know, in accord with the ancient tradition of the Church, the only Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday is the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, there is no Mass whatsoever on Good Friday, and the only Mass on Holy Saturday is the great Easter Vigil in the evening. Thus, the usual weekday Masses are not celebrated those days. However, **daily liturgy is celebrated: it's the daily prayer of the Church — the Liturgy of the Hours!** We will be celebrating **Morning Prayer** at 9:00 a.m. each of those days, and I strongly urge everyone to attend.

Even though there is no weekday Mass, it is especially important for us to gather as Church. The *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours* reminds us of the importance of parish communities gathering to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as a means of carrying out the mission to pray unceasingly: “*In the Holy Spirit Christ carries out through the church ‘the task of redeeming humanity and giving perfect glory to God,’ not only when the Eucharist is celebrated and the sacraments administered but also in other ways and especially when the Liturgy of the*

Hours is celebrated. There [in the Liturgy of the Hours] Christ himself is present — in the gathered community, in the proclamation of God's word, ‘in the prayer and song of the Church.’” (#13)

If you usually come to one of the weekday Masses, you should come to Morning Prayer. If you don't usually come to weekday Mass, you should come to Morning Prayer also, as a special observance of these holy days. We are already familiar with the Liturgy of the Hours as we have been gathering to pray Evening Prayer after the 5:00 p.m. Masses on Saturdays and Sundays. I hope you will allow these liturgies to provide a structure and rhythm of daily prayer that will set these days aside as holy and as “outside of time.”

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday into Good Friday, Good Friday into Holy Saturday, and Holy Saturday into Easter Sunday are our three holiest days, and everyone should come to the special liturgies for those days. They are meant for everyone! Read a more in-depth explanation of those days elsewhere in this bulletin.

So, we look forward to seeing you at the liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum: the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.; the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, April 14, at either 3:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.; the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night on Holy Saturday night, 8:00 p.m. on April 15; and, of course, Morning Prayer on each of those days, as I have already mentioned.

In addition, don't forget that there is the diocesan celebration of the **Chrism Mass** at 11:00 a.m. on Holy Thursday morning at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, to which everyone in the diocese is invited. This is not a “ticketed” event; it is open to everyone!

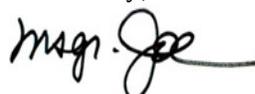
These days, the heart of our liturgical year and the holiest days of all, should not be business as usual, but rather should be days set apart and days “outside of time” as we enter deeply into the Lord's Paschal Mystery. Make the most of these days; you will be glad you did.

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

EASTER
SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS

Easter Spiritual Bouquet cards are now available throughout the church. These cards are a meaningful way for you to have your intentions prayed for in the Masses of Easter Sunday.

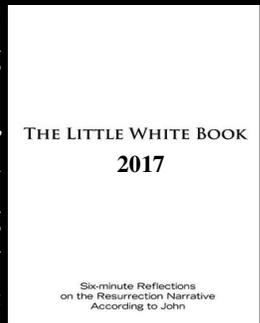
Take an envelope, fill out your prayer intention, and return the envelope with your donation. Envelopes may be returned either in the collection basket or at the rectory.

Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. All the Masses offered on Easter Sunday will be for the intentions of the Easter Spiritual Bouquet.



LITTLE WHITE BOOK
FOR EASTER TIME

Continuing with the popular “Little Book” series, OLPH is happy to provide for you the **LITTLE WHITE BOOK** for Easter Time. The Little White Book contains brief daily reflections for each of the 50 days of Easter Time, new for 2017. Many people have enjoyed the *Little Black Book* for Lent, and it is important to not stop with the end of Lent, but rather to continue to explore the richness of the Paschal Mystery by continuing our daily reflections throughout all of Easter Time. The books will be available starting Wednesday, April 12. Please look for the *Little White Book* on the pew ledges in church starting on Wednesday of Holy Week and during the Sacred Paschal Triduum.



The Diocese
of Rockville Centre
*Golden
Wedding
Celebration*



**Sunday,
April 30, 2017**

Church of St. James, Seaford
Mass will begin at 2:30 pm.

Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by **April 21** for the April 30 liturgy.

For more information call: 516-678-5800 X 207.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

PLEASE DO NOT PARK
IN THE CHASE PARKING LOT
DURING THE DAY ON GOOD FRIDAY

For those who will be coming to liturgies on Good Friday during the day (9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross, 3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion) please **do NOT park in the Chase Bank parking lot** on the north side of the church. It is not right for us to take up their parking spaces during business hours, and we want to be a good neighbor to them.

Please do not use those Chase Bank parking spaces on the north side of the church.

Your cooperation is appreciated.



THE THREE DAYS: THE SACRED TRIDUUM

THE MEANING OF THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

We are about to enter into the holiest days of the Church year, the days called the Sacred Paschal Triduum. The word “Triduum” means “Three Days,” and it refers to the three days that begin on Holy Thursday evening (April 13) and end on Easter Sunday evening (April 16). These three days form one observance that is its own unique and central part of the liturgical year. The Three Days are not part of Lent, since Lent ends on Holy Thursday before the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Indeed, the Sacred Paschal Triduum is a season set apart, three full days lived as one central moment in the life of every Christian and the life of the Christian community as a whole.

During these days, we are called to enter into a period of prayer, fasting, and vigiling, a period which reaches its climax at the Easter Vigil. There is a unity to the Triduum days that is manifested even in the way the different liturgies begin and end: on Thursday, there is no dismissal or conclusion; on Friday, we gather and leave with no introductory or concluding rites; and at the Vigil we begin around the new fire without the usual introductory rites of the Mass. We begin on Thursday and don’t conclude until after the Vigil, as Easter Sunday is a kind of extension of the Vigil celebration.

These days are the focal point for the entire liturgical year, the central moment around which all else revolves. These days are central because they draw us into the heart of our identity as Church, as a people who have died and risen with Jesus Christ. We celebrate our dying and rising in Christ today. We are all called to re-enter the mystery of dying more fully to self and rising in the Lord.

SETTING SPECIAL TIME ASIDE

Because the Triduum leads us powerfully into the core of who we are in Christ, these days should be observed as fully as possible. Our activities during the Three Days should be something other than “business as usual.” As far as possible, Christians should abstain from normal activity on these days. We should free ourselves from the usual routines of

work, meals, household tasks and entertainment; these should give way to keeping these days as a time of “retreat,” a special time set apart for intense involvement with the mystery we celebrate. We should give ourselves the luxury of allowing these days to look and feel different from other days of the year, entering into a sense of timelessness so that these days stand apart. There should be nothing in our schedule that distracts us from the proper spirit of these days.

One central focus which can help us enter into the proper spirit is **fasting** during these days. The Second Vatican Council issued this appeal for the **Paschal Fast** in its *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, paragraph #110: *Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged through Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind.*

This fast is not penitential in nature, like the Lenten fast; instead, it is preparatory, in anticipation of the coming feast. It is the fasting of those who are too excited to eat, the fasting of those who are so engrossed in something that they simply forget to stop for a meal. It is a powerful way of marking these days as unique — nothing as usual prevails, not even our habits of eating and drinking. Of course, this fast can

involve more than food and drink. The purpose of the fast is to focus our life on the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection, so it may be just as or more important to fast from television, the internet, our iPhones and iPads, tablets, Facebook, shopping, and all the other distractions that usually fill our life. The challenge is to find ways to keep these days special, to keep them holy, to keep ourselves focused on the Lord and the meaning of our life in Him.

Thus, while the fast is only strictly required on Good Friday, the Second Vatican Council and subsequent documents have called for its extension through Saturday. As such, the fast becomes a focus for preparing to approach the Easter Vigil on Saturday night; the Church gets ready for that night. Each individual should create his or her own routine of prayer and reflection and fasting for these days.



WHAT HAPPENS DURING THESE THREE DAYS

Everyone is invited to share in celebrating the Triduum liturgies! Whether you are young or old, currently active in the parish or not, please set these days aside. All of us should know that we are needed at these liturgies; all of us need our whole community together on these greatest days in our year so that we can pray together as the Body of Christ.

During the three days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, we gather a number of times. Together we hear some of the Church's most beautiful prayers and Scriptures, and we make some of our finest music. Described below is the parish schedule and brief explanation of each of the liturgies. Make plans to take part in the various liturgies and other gatherings of Holy Thursday night, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday; above all, come on Saturday night for the Vigil.

HOLY THURSDAY



On Holy Thursday evening we enter together into the Sacred Paschal Triduum with the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, at 7:30 p.m.** After listening to the Scriptures, we do something strange: we wash feet. Jesus himself gave us this image of what the Church is supposed to look like, feel like, and act like. The humble service of washing feet reminds us of the humble service which is the heart of Christian life, a humble service which includes dying to ourselves as the Lord gave his life for us.

Pope Francis has explained that the ritual of washing feet reflects the significance of the gesture Jesus performed in the Upper Room, giving himself "to the very end" for the salvation of the world, his boundless charity. Thus, the rite of washing feet is carried out from among all members of the People of God — men and women, young and old, healthy and sick, clergy, religious and laity. The rite clearly signifies in a powerful way the love we are called to have for one another.

After the washing of feet, the Mass continues with the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but the evening liturgy has no ending. The Blessed Sacrament is transferred to a separate place, where we are invited to remain in prayer until 11:00 p.m. At OLPH we will transfer the Blessed Sacrament to a special chapel set up in the school auditorium. In that special place parishioners are invited to enter into the quiet and peace and glory of the Sacred Paschal Triduum. **A special "Night Watch" of Scripture readings and music will begin at 10:00 p.m., and then Night Prayer will be prayed at 10:45 p.m.,** after which the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed.

Parishioners are also invited to attend **Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday morning, which will be at 9:00 a.m. in the church, and to attend the Chrism Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre.** At the Chrism Mass the Oil of Catechumens and Oil of the Sick will be blessed, and the Sacred Chrism will be consecrated. These oils, used in the sacraments throughout the year, will be presented to the parish as part of the evening Mass on Holy Thursday.

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

(GOOD FRIDAY)

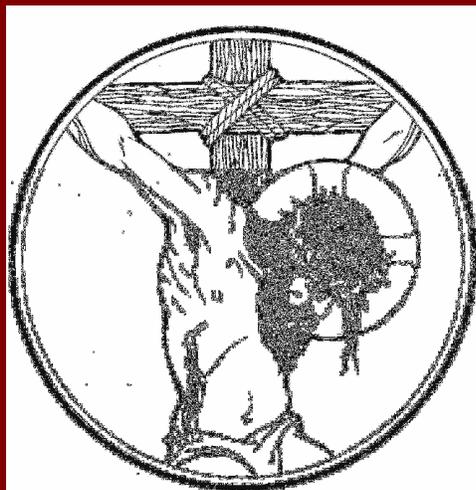
On this day “when Christ became our paschal sacrifice,” the Church reflects on the Passion of her Lord and Spouse, adores his cross, commemorates her own origin from the side of the dead Christ on the cross, and intercedes for the salvation of the entire world.

The principal liturgy for this day is the **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 p.m.** This liturgy will be **repeated at 7:30 p.m. for those who are unable to attend at 3:00.** At this liturgy, we gather quietly to listen to Scripture, particularly the chanted proclamation of the Passion from St. John’s Gospel. We pray at length for all the world’s needs with special solemn prayers of intercession. Then there is another once-a-year event: the Holy Cross is held up in our midst, and we come forward to adore the Holy Cross with a kiss or a bow or a genuflection.

The liturgical norms in the *Roman Missal* clearly tell us that only one Cross is to be used for veneration. Parishioners will be directed to come forward to venerate this one Cross in a steady flow, **with three people reverencing the cross at the same time (the cross will be large enough to do this)**; please follow the direction of the ushers. This rite is meant to be a communal veneration, not a moment of private adoration. The Cross will remain on display after the liturgy for those who wish to privately adore the Cross. Also, a Cross will be used rather than a crucifix, since we are not reverencing the dead body of Christ, but rather are adoring, as the liturgical text tells us, “the wood of the Cross on which hung the salvation of the world.”

In the third part of the liturgy, Holy Communion is distributed; it is bread that was consecrated on Holy Thursday evening, since no Mass is celebrated today.

We leave the liturgy in silence, continuing in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. We will also gather to pray **Morning Prayer together at 9:00 a.m. on Good Friday.** Also, **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at **12:00 Noon.**





HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday for us is like God's rest at the end of creation; it is Christ's repose in the tomb. It is a day of profound silence as the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and awaiting his Resurrection. We will gather to pray **Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.**

THE EASTER VIGIL

Our parish celebration of the great Three Days culminates with the celebration of the **Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m.** The Vigil is the heart of our worship; it is the essence of what we have been preparing for during Lent and will celebrate during the great Fifty Days of Easter. **Four elements make up the celebration of the Easter Vigil:**

The Service of Light: The image of the struggle between light and darkness, before us since Ash Wednesday, reaches its climax. A new fire is blessed, the Easter Candle is lit, light fills the darkened worship space, and the candle is honored in the Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*). During this prayer, we bless, praise, and thank God for the light of His Son's resurrection overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

The Liturgy of the Word: The basic stories of our faith are proclaimed. This is meant to be, and will be, a lengthy word service which retells the story of our salvation as this year nine (9) readings are proclaimed: seven from the Old Testament, a New Testament Epistle, and a Gospel. The Word provides the foundation leading to the Liturgy of Baptism.



The Liturgy of Baptism (Initiation): Those who have been preparing for initiation into the Church now receive the sacraments of new life. This year, unfortunately, we do not have any elect who will be baptized, although we do have people in the RCIA process who will be ready at next year's Easter Vigil. However, as is always done at the Easter Vigil, we as a community will renew our own baptism, as a reminder of our call to ongoing conversion in the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist: All present share in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. There is nothing greater for us to do as Christians than to share in the Eucharist.

The Easter Vigil, then, is more than just another Saturday evening Mass. It is the celebration of who we are as people who have died and risen with Christ, proclaimed with fire and candle light, readings and songs, water and oil, bread and wine. The Vigil runs longer than the usual Mass, but those who enter into the spirit of prayer and celebration often experience a sense of timelessness as they encounter the holy.

EASTER TIME

The Triduum ends on Easter Sunday evening, and the days of Easter Time begin. The fifty (50) days of Easter Time, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, even as one "great Sunday." The things we do during the Triduum need fifty days to play themselves out; the mysteries celebrated at the Vigil need to be unfolded. This is the period of *Mystagogia*, of reflecting on the mysteries, for those initiated into the Church. It is the time for all of us as Christians to reflect on the meaning of our baptism and the meaning of living the resurrected life of Christ.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Please note that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, April 12 (Wednesday of Holy Week). It is necessary to cancel Exposition that day because the cleaning of the church must be moved from Thursday to Wednesday this week.

Thank you for your understanding.



ABSTINENCE AND FASTING ON GOOD FRIDAY

All Catholic who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Good Friday. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse, but keep in mind that a serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Good Friday fast and abstinence.

This Paschal Fast is to be considered sacred and, if at all possible, consideration should be given to prolonging it through Holy Saturday as a way of coming, with spirit uplifted, to the joys of the Lord's Resurrection.

MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

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



We have ordered two new vestments that are available to be memorialized. The purple cope is worn by the priest or deacon outside of Mass for special liturgies like Advent Lessons and Carols, Ash Wednesday Prayer Services and Stations of the Cross. The red cope will be used at the Palm Sunday Procession and on Good Friday. The donation for each vestment is \$600, and a label, marking the memorial, can be placed inside.



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

SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING THE HOLY LAND COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY

Your Good Friday Holy Land Offering envelope should be placed in one of the baskets as you enter or leave the church on Good Friday. Due to the unique nature of the liturgy, no collection will be taken up. Your offering may be made using one of the baskets that will be placed around the church. Thank you for your attention to this, and for your generosity in supporting the churches in the Holy Land.



***Note that a collection will not be taken up; rather, baskets will be around the church, and these envelopes should be deposited in a basket.**

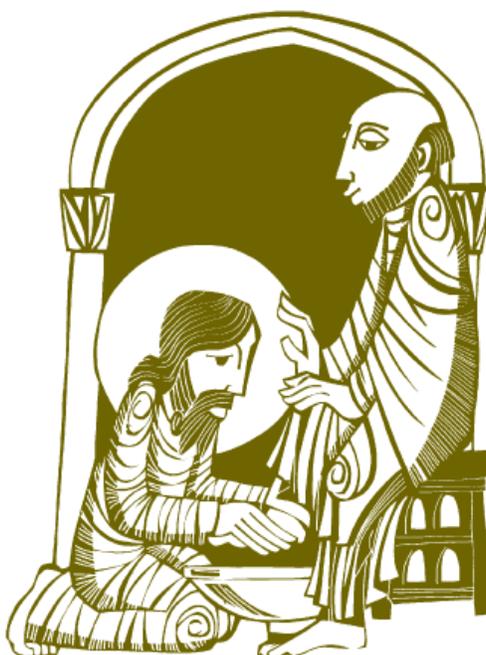
Why Are Feet Washed on Holy Thursday?

Kristopher W. Seaman

During a very blustery winter, my family and I were carefully trying not to slip on the ice as we made our way through a crowded parking lot to the church. Upon entering the worship space, the pastoral associate and pastor asked me to fill in for a person who was frightened to leave the house during the snow storm. I responded with enthusiasm, "I would love to help out! What do you need?" The priest said, "Someone to have their feet washed." Later on, I remember myself being the one inviting people to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. One person I asked, because of her profound sense of service on behalf of the parish, responded by saying, "Oh! I don't know. I would gladly wash people's feet, because I know how to serve others. I am not very good at people doing things for me." Both stories embody a sense of service, helping out others by invitation.

The biblical basis for the washing of the feet occurs in the Last Supper narrative, and is only found in the Gospel according to John. At the moment when we expect Jesus to take bread and wine and transform them, as he does in the Gospel accounts of Mark, Matthew, and Luke, Jesus in John's Gospel account gets up and begins to wash feet. Peter first refuses to allow Jesus to wash his feet; it should be, as Peter reasoned it, Peter washing Jesus's feet. Jesus rebukes Peter: "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (John 13:12-15).

Jesus serves his disciples, and then instructs them to imitate his practice of washing feet. There is a sense of humility. A disciple is to serve others. Because of the context of the washing of the feet in John's Gospel, there is also a sense of transformation. As disciples, our model, *par excellence*, is Jesus Christ. His practices in scripture provide a model for our



practices as disciples. Jesus knew he was going to be crucified, and gave this practice as a sign for disciples to serve one another. Pope Francis has been receiving a lot of press since his election, and part of this is his profound sense of humble service to all people. He models service in his daily actions.

During his Homily on Holy Thursday evening, Pope Francis remarked that this rite is "a caress of Jesus." Feet stink, feet were callused and blistered from long walks. In Jesus's day proper hospitality required the servants to wash the guests' feet. Jesus, as the host, turns this practice upside down. He bends low and washes the feet of the lowly. He caresses, an act of love. True service wells up from a profound love and faith that seeks to help others daily. The rite of washing feet is called

the *mandatum*, Latin for "commandment." Jesus summed up the law by saying there are two fundamental commandments: Love God and love one's neighbor. Loving the neighbor is acting humbly and in service.

Jesus, in John's Gospel account, offers a meaning of Eucharist: The encounter with Christ Jesus has implications in one's life. What Jesus did and does for us, we are to do for one another. As Pope Francis remarked: "because this is the real reason why Jesus came: to serve, to help us."

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Why Is the Day Christ Died Called “Good” Friday?

Greetings!

You may have noticed that children are sometimes startled when they learn that we call the day that Christ suffered and died “Good” Friday. How can anything as horrifying as Jesus’ suffering and Death possibly be “good?”

To understand this description of the day Christ died, it is helpful to know that as far back as 1290, the days the Church considered holy were called “good.” Our Orthodox brothers and sisters refer to Good Friday as “the Holy and Great Friday.” In Germany, the day is referred to as “Sorrowful Friday” (*Karfreitag*).

Without Good Friday, we cannot receive the joy of Easter

Why do we, in the English-speaking world, continue to speak of a day in which we recall the whipping, torturing, and Death of Jesus as “good”?

We call this dark day “good” because with the suffering that is part of it came God’s gift to us. As Catholics, we believe that in the mystery of our Lord’s Death and Resurrection is the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. This day was good for *us*. It is the day that we were set free.

So much of what we experience in these holy days leading up to Easter is paradoxical—things that seem contradictory are held as true. In the Cross, suffering and forgiveness meet. In Jesus, we encounter the one who was God and human. As we journey with Jesus to Easter, we experience that the Second Person of the Trinity “was” but also “is.” In his surrender to God’s will, we see strength.

We can reflect as families on the paradox of calling this day “good.” Are there times that we have experienced darkness but also light? If we read the Beatitudes, we see that things are not always what they seem. The poor, the meek, the suffering are the ones who triumph in the end.



Christ’s death on the Cross brought about the goodness of the Resurrection, which freed us from our sins.

Without Good Friday, we cannot receive the joy of Easter. Without Good Friday, God’s plan would not have been accomplished. The prophet Isaiah notes the mystery in God’s work when he says, “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts.” Good Friday invites us to dwell in the mystery of the paradox of God.

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SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING OFFERINGS FOR THE POOR ON HOLY THURSDAY

All who attend the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper are asked to bring an offering of food and other items for the poor and homeless. Insofar as one of the principal mysteries commemorated on Holy Thursday is the Lord's command to love one another, as also ritualized in the Washing of Feet, this ritual expression of bringing offerings for the poor reminds us that "where true charity is dwelling, God is present there." Check the shopping list for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry printed elsewhere in this bulletin and the list of items needed for our Ministry to the Homeless and bring one or more of those items. **REMEMBER, THOUGH: DO NOT BRING YOUR GIFT TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY BEFORE MASS BEGINS! HOLD ONTO IT — YOU WILL CARRY IT UP IN PROCESSION AT THE USUAL TIME OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS, AS DIRECTED BY THE USHERS.** This offering for the poor is the "collection" for that Mass. Thus, these offerings for the poor and the bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist will powerfully symbolize the offerings of ourselves and of our love for one another as we participate in the offering of the Mass.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday morning, April 15 at 9:30 a.m., immediately following Morning Prayer. We would love to have lots of folks come on down to pitch in. Why not join the fun and come down to help? It should not take much longer than an hour or so. What a great way for your family to share in the joy of Easter! We appreciate whatever help you can give us.



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS DURING THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Please note these special hours for the rectory reception desk on the following days this week:

Holy Thursday, April 13—
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.;
closed for remainder of afternoon
and evening on Holy Thursday

Good Friday, April 14—
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.;
no evening hours on Good Friday

Holy Saturday, April 15—
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16—
Closed

Normal office hours resume on Monday, April 17

THE LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE is holding a **GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF UNBORN CHILDREN** on **APRIL 14**, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon, in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow). Pro-life women, men and children take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions committed at NUMC and throughout Long Island. We stand on the public sidewalk - a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided. Information: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM
 TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM
 WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM
 THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM
 SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM

Registration Is Now OPEN

Letters have now been mailed to all families with students in our program with details about re-registration. Registration for returning families began April 3rd. After June 15th, there will be a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations.



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

Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—**must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate.**

New families MUST make an appointment to register by calling or emailing us.

Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2017/18 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office. We can't wait to meet you!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Gemma

Feast Day: April 11th



St. Gemma was a mystic — a saint who receives as a grace from God fantastic and beautiful visions. She recorded these visions in diaries she kept as she grew up. She suffered from very poor health, including chronic migraines and meningitis, both of which were miraculously healed through the power of prayer. One of her many mystical experiences was her receiving the stigmata, the wounds of

Christ, which appeared on her hands and feet during certain times of the week. She was forced to live humbly, as her poor health prevented her from becoming a nun. She died at 25 from tuberculosis and was canonized (made a saint) less than 40 years after her death. She is the patron saint of students, pharmacists, those who lose a parent, migraine sufferers, and those who struggle with temptation and purity.

St. Gemma, pray for us!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cffr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

**PORK AND BEANS
CANNED SOUP
TOMATO SAUCE
SHELF STABLE MILK
COFFEE**

Please bring your donations to the St. VdP office:
Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00
Noon or 1st & 3rd Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. or
drop off on the sanctuary steps in the church.
Thank you for your continued generosity.
Cut out this list and take it to the store!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

† A LIVING MEMORIAL



THANK YOU!!! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program. Over the last year your donations amounted to over \$4,000 which was used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish.

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

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

HOMELESS MINISTRY

FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com. You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

DONATIONS

We are in need of the following:

Jeans

Men's underwear - XL, XXL

Men's sweat pants - XXL, XXXL

Shampoo - 3-5 oz

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

If it is easier, we can always use Kmart gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?
Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

Our next gathering is

Tuesday, April 18

Collect Dog/Cat Animal supplies (i.e. blankets, towels, toys, food) to give to Babylon Animal Shelter.

7:00 p.m. in Room 24

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

Senior Moments

Give yourself a Challenge

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

Our next meeting will be on

Tuesday, April 11

at 9:00 a.m. in Room 24

BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE



WE WANT YOU!

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

Come and join our team!

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

For more information, email buckleyt@optonline.net

THE
*blue*door
BOUTIQUE

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

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

Are you watching... The new season of INSIGHT?

Msgr. Joe's television show INSIGHT, which he co-hosts with Bishop Robert Brennan and Bishop Nelson Pérez, can be seen airing weekly on Telecare, channel 29 on Cablevision, on:



Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m.
Wednesdays at 11:00 p.m.
Fridays at 7:30 p.m.
Saturdays at 10:00 p.m.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER



The Junior Legion of Mary

PARENTS:

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

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

COMMUNITY OF PRAISE

The Community of Praise is a welcoming group of parishioners committed to living in the Holy Spirit. We meet each week to praise God in song, pray with each other, study Scriptures, and support each other on our journey of faith. We support the parish by our prayers, by joining with other parish groups for special projects, and by offering the Life in the Spirit Seminar.

All are welcome to come and pray and praise with us, just once every week. We meet in Room 16 in the school every Tuesday night from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.



PROFESSIONAL MENTORSHIP MINISTRY

WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE?

DO YOU LOVE YOUR JOB?

ARE YOU FULFILLING YOUR CAREER DREAMS?

Would you like to help others go after their hopes and dreams?

If you enjoy helping people and mentoring others, it will be rewarding to share your professional knowledge and success. Come and join our Professional Mentorship Ministry and together let's help others find their purpose in life.



LET'S HELP EACH OTHER FIND OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge call OLPH Church at (631) 226-7725 or email PMM@oloph.org



EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico saitjoseph98@gmail.com.

Lecturas del domingo 16 de Abril del 2017

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

DOMINGO DE RESORRECCION

Primera lectura (Hechos de los Apóstoles (10:34,37-43)

Pedro propone un mensaje de paz que consiste en no solo decir que se acoge a todo el mundo, sino que además se funda en el sacrificio del servidor que Dios mismo avía consagrado.

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

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

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

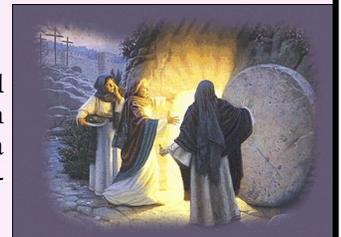
MARÍA MAGDALENA FUE AL SEPULCRO Y VIO QUE LA PIEDRA HABÍA SIDO SACADA

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

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

“EL OTRO DISCÍPULO AL QUE JESÚS AMABA”.

Me parece bonita esta expresión que se lee en este fragmento del evangelio, “El otro discípulo al que Jesús amaba”. Es hermoso saber del amor de Jesús por sus apóstoles, pero en el caso de san Juan, hay una predilección especial, pero aún es más hermosa esa humildad, esa modestia y esa demostración de no ser vanidoso, san Juan en lugar de nombrarse, utiliza esta frase “El otro discípulo al que Jesús amaba”.



Nuestra parroquia apoyará a los cristianos en Tierra Santa a través de la Colección del Viernes Santo, tal como ha pedido el Papa Francisco. Como Simón de Cirene, usted puede ayudar a llevar la cruz bajo circunstancias muy difíciles en Tierra Santa. **¡POR FAVOR SEA GENEROSO!**

**Tenga en cuenta que una colección no se toma por el contrario, estas será alrededor de la iglesia, y estos sobres deben ser depositados en una cesta.*

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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

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

Public Schools Communion Breakfast. If you, a friend or family member is a public school teacher, this morning is for you and for them because your witness as an educator, informed by your Catholic values, touches so many young lives. **Sunday, May 7**, *Seminary of the Immaculate Conception*, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Seminary Chapel, 12:00 p.m. Brunch and Presentation in the Seminary dining room, *Speakers*: Thomas Renker, Esq. and Barbara Samuells. Offering \$10 p.p. For more information and to register go to www.drvc-faith.org.

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

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



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

★ **In Need of Adult & Kids** ★
★ **USED or NEW** ★
★ **SOCCER CLEATS & BALLS** ★

Are you a soccer coach? Are you a gym teacher?
Do you know someone who is?
Do you or your kids play on a soccer team?
These items that sit in our garages, attics, and closets collecting dust, are regarded as treasures to the children in the poor region of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

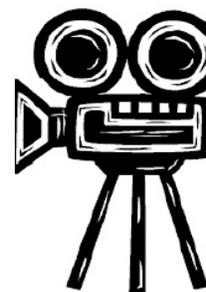
★ **DROP OFF ITEMS** ★
★ in the boxes located ★
★ by the front door of the ★
★ OLPH School Building ★
★ and at the ★
★ Religious Ed. Office ★
★ *Father Ignace, formerly of OLPH,* ★
★ *Thanks YOU!* ★



★ Contact Maria at ★
★ KicksForTheCongo@gmail.com for more info ★



OLPH K of C Presents Movie Night



April 21, 2017
OLPH School Auditorium
Doors Open at 6:30p.m.

\$10 Donation

Proceeds to help support Charity Drive

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Announcement:

*Dominick Marcello & Lisa Koulis
David Fitzgerald & Stephanie Bucema
Lewis Jimenez & Corinne Janczowski*

First Announcement:

Lawrence Baronciani & Kerry Foley

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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WE REMEMBER

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

*Sister Providence Giammalvo
Melissa Dumas*

“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.”

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE



If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

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.

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of

April 9-15:

Two Altar Candles

In Memory of

Eva Sciara

Requested by

Aaron & Arianna

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



GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

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

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 10—

Monday of Holy Week

6:30 Charles Ware

12:15 John Sureau, Sr.

3:00 –
9:00 Confessions—No Devotions

TUESDAY, April 11—

Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30 Isabell Perango

12:15 Margaret Cronin

WEDNESDAY, April 12—

Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30 Nives Lozito

12:15 Kaylin Zimms

12:45 No Exposition

THURSDAY, April 13—

Thursday of Holy Week

(Holy Thursday)

9:00 Morning Prayer

7:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00 Night Watch (Auditorium)

10:45 Night Prayer (Auditorium)

FRIDAY, April 14—

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

(Good Friday)

9:00 Morning Prayer

12:00 Stations of the Cross

3:00 Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, April 15—

Holy Saturday

9:00 Morning Prayer

3:00 –
5:00 Confessions

Vigil for

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD**

8:00 Solemn Easter Vigil—
For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 16

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD**

7:00 Easter Spiritual Bouquet

9:00 Easter Spiritual Bouquet

11:00 Easter Spiritual Bouquet

1:00 Easter Spiritual Bouquet

No 5:00 p.m. Mass

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 10, 2017

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

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

3:00 p.m.–
9:00 p.m. Confessions Church

7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation St. Mark

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

9:00 p.m. Senior Moments Room 24

4:15 p.m. Altar Server Rehearsal Church

6:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Rehearsal Church

6:45 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal Church

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

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

6:00 p.m. Homeless Van Run Room 12

Thursday, April 13, 2017

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Church

3:45 p.m. Good Friday Rehearsal Church

4:30 p.m. Good Friday Rehearsal Church

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper Church

10:00 p.m. Night Watch, Scripture
Readings, Night Prayer,
Auditorium

Friday, April 14, 2017

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Church

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Church

3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord Church

7:30 p.m. Passion of the Lord Church

Saturday, April 15, 2017

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Church

12:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Rehearsal Church

1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

3:00 p.m.—
5:00 p.m. Confessions Church

Sunday, April 16, 2017

**EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
RECTORY OFFICES CLOSED
ACTIVITIES CANCELLED**

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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 Alice White at 631-201-9184 or e-mail at Alicem9@icloud.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.

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OFFERING UPDATE April 1/2, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 P.M.	359	147	\$3,783.00
8:00 A.M.	275	127	3,112.00
10:00 A.M.	461	154	3,897.00
12:00 P.M.	485	146	4,317.00
5:00 P.M.	205	53	1,348.50
Total coin:			25.28
Mail-ins:			348.00
Children's Env.		18	62.50
Special Needs	49	13	339.50
Faith Direct			2,079.50
TOTAL	1,834	658	\$19,312.28
2016 TOTAL	1,762	550	\$16,538.11
Candles			\$1,003.80
Poor Box			\$303.00
1st Saturday			\$71.50
Passion, Praise & Paschal Mystery			\$211.00

"LET'S PAY OFF THE NEW BOILERS" COLLECTION

Total needed to pay off
the Loan Completely:

\$119,516.00

Total collected as of April 2:

\$67, 828.16

*We're more than half-way there!
Let's keep going! THANK YOU!*



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All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. All material must be submitted no later than the dates listed below and as a word document to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.

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April 16—passed

April 23—April 14

April 30—April 21

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The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

If you would like to make an Estate gift:

You can make your Parish a beneficiary of your IRA and your loved ones will not have to pay income tax on their proceeds.

Example: Mrs. O'Brien, age 80, must take a required minimum distribution of \$25,000 this year from her IRA. She wants to use the funds to make her contribution to her Parish Capital Campaign. She instructs her IRA Custodian to transfer these funds directly to the Parish. Mr. O'Brien escapes both federal and state tax. Mrs. O'Brien also decides to make her Parish the beneficiary of her IRA in her estate plan and leave other assets to her loved ones. She chooses this gift strategy because her loved ones would have to pay income tax on her IRA proceeds.

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

John 20:8

Acts of the Apostles 10: 34a, 37-43

We hear today Peter’s speech to the household of Cornelius, a Roman centurion, that is, a Gentile (non-Jew), who received a vision from God and sent for Peter to explain it. Peter comes to understand by this that God wants the message of the good news of the salvation won by Jesus’ death and resurrection to be given to all people, not just the Jews. Peter emphasizes that he and the other disciples are actual witnesses to the events of which he speaks, an experience that has transformed him from a fearful doubter to a fearless proclaimer of the risen Christ.

Colossians 3: 1-4

Paul reminds the church at Colossae and us that those who were raised to a new life in Christ through baptism should seek “what is above.” Our lives must be radically changed, for we have chosen to die to our old selves. Life must be lived very differently until Christ comes again in his glory at his Second Coming.

John 20: 1-9

For John, in his account of the Easter morning discovery that Jesus’ tomb is empty, seeing is believing, and believing is the ultimate goal of any encounter with Jesus. After Mary told the disciples about the open tomb, Peter and the “other disciple” ran to see for themselves. They both went in, Peter first, and saw the burial cloths there but no body. The other disciple “saw and believed.” Jesus would later appear to the other disciples and many others, who then came to believe that he had risen from the dead, conquering death and opening heaven to all. Once the disciples saw, they believed. What did it take for you to begin to believe in this wonderful news?

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday’s Gospel take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. The same women who came to anoint his body in the morning had been with Jesus when he died. Were they deterred from their task by fear or an immovable stone? Compare and contrast their behavior with the actions of some of Jesus’ other disciples. Think about events like the Selma march, Isis beheadings, and people like Gandhi and Dorothy Day. Were they stopped by fear? Where is your own courage on a scale of 1 to 10?

2. What is it that allowed John to “see and believe,” to have this kind of clarity? Does love give you knowledge about a person, or insights into their behavior? In John, Jesus said “Whoever loves me ... I will love him (her) and reveal myself to him (her)” (John 14:21). Is there a connection between Jesus’ statement and John’s “seeing and believing”?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 10, 2017:

Isaiah 42:1-7 + John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 11, 2017:

Isaiah 49:1-6 + John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 12, 2017:

Isaiah 50:4-9a + Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 13, 2017:

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
+ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
+ John 13:1-15

Friday, April 14, 2017:

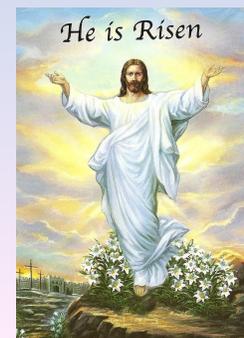
Isaiah 52:13—53:12
+ Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
+ John 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 15, 2017: Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1—2:2 + Genesis 22:1-18
+ Exodus 14:15—15:1 + Isaiah 54:5-14
+ Isaiah 55:1-11 + Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4
+ Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
+ Romans 6:3-11 + Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 16, 2017: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 + Colossians 3:1-4
+ John 20:1-9



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-Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

It has been a great gift for me to have been named your Bishop and I am humbled and filled with gratitude for the support and welcome that you have shared with me. During these initial visits with our parishes, schools and ministries, I have enjoyed being able to meet so many of you and I look forward to continuing to connect with, and serve, all of our people in the coming months and years ahead.

What I have repeatedly heard is how much you all love and care for our church; I know that together we will continue to dedicate our lives to Jesus and the mission of the Catholic Church.

It is during this Lenten season that we are especially reminded of Pope Francis' words that, "Mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel and the Church's Mission." Our local Catholic Ministries Appeal is a wonderful way for each of us to hear and respond to His Holiness' message.

With one donation, the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal allows each of us to help a wide variety of people as it supports our church's efforts in evangelization, liturgy and worship. It enables the continuation and growth of our youth and young adult ministries and cares for our poor and disadvantaged neighbors. It also supports religious education programs and the formation and vocations for our Seminarians and our Deacons.

This Lent, I ask that you join with me in supporting our Mission of Mercy by contributing to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. My own sincere thanks will be joined to the gratitude of more than 600,000 people who will benefit deeply for your kindness and generosity.

Thank you for all that you do and know that I look forward to walking with you on this journey as we work together to help build God's Kingdom in our community and beyond.

I will keep you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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