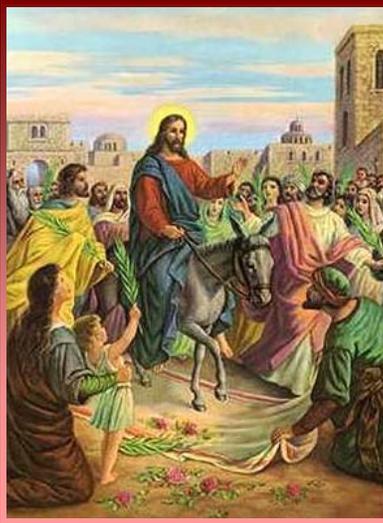


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*Hosanna!
Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!*

Mark 11:9b,10b

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 25, 2018

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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Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

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 Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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.

HOLY WEEK BEGINS THIS WEEK

Monday, March 26

Mass

6:30 a.m. ● 12:15 p.m.

Confessions

After the 12:15 p.m. Mass
&

3:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27

Mass

6:30 a.m. ● 12:15 p.m.

Confessions

After the 12:15 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 28

Mass

6:30 a.m. ● 12:15 p.m.

Confessions

After the 12:15 p.m. Mass



HOLY THURSDAY, March 29

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 11:00 p.m. ending the Adoration.

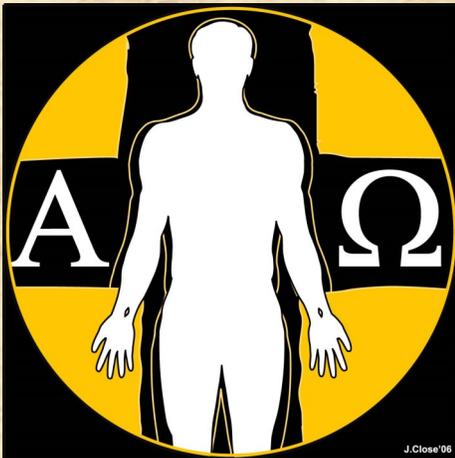
GOOD FRIDAY, March 30

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, March 31

9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Saturday, March 31

8:00 p.m.

Note: There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 31

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday, April 1

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 of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, 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; we are asked to die and to rise with Christ.

Allow me to take this opportunity today to welcome parishioners who are not regular participants but who have come for Palm Sunday. We are very happy to have you with us! You have enriched our worship through your presence and participation, and 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.

Phase Three of Brick Memorialization

As you can see from the flyer printed elsewhere in the bulletin, Phase Three of our Brick Memorialization is underway; I urge you to be a part of it. We still have some bricks left along the Walkway to the Blessed Mother, and we now have bricks available at our beautiful new "Let the Children Come to Me" statue in our lovely little prayer garden on the south side of the church. If you have already memorialized a brick in Phase One or Two, maybe you would consider memorializing another one in Phase Three. This is an important fund raiser for our parish and it would be a great assist to us to have as many bricks as possible memorialized. Please see the order form elsewhere in the bulletin, and feel free to tell all your family and friends about this so they can participate too. You don't have to be a parishioner of OLPH to memorialize a brick...for that matter, you don't even have to be Catholic! Thank you for your consideration.

Have you updated your Census Registration?

The Second Phase of the updating of all of our Parish Census information is underway, and we recently sent out a large mailing to parishioners who have not yet updated their Census Registration information. If you received this mailing, I ask that you please kindly return the completed Census Form as soon as possible. It is vitally important that we keep our census information as accurate as possible, so we know how many families we have in our parish, how many members overall, and what the demographic information is concerning the makeup of our parish; this information will help us to do accurate pastoral planning. In addition, we need to clean up our records, for example, by removing people who are no longer in the parish, so that we do not waste money doing mailings that are no longer valid.

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

Catholic Ministries Appeal

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

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

I really, really hope we can once again go over goal, as we have done in all my years here. As your Pastor, I ask you to please join with me (I give to the Appeal each year) and so many of your fellow parishioners by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, giving at a minimum what you gave last year, but also even giving more (as I have done). If

you have never given in the past, this is the year to do so; OLPH needs you more than ever. Thank you for your generosity!

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. For a couple of years now 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, March 28. These little books are always so well received that we are happy to provide them for you.

Reconciliation Monday

Tomorrow, Monday, March 26, Monday of Holy Week, is our annual Diocesan Day of Reconciliation, sometimes referred to as "Reconciliation Monday." We priests will be continuously available in the church from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to hear Confessions (with each of us, Fr. Fidelis, Fr. Frank and I, taking one break each at staggered times to grab some supper). 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 one priest, mostly two, and at times three, will always be available. Make your plans now for coming to Confession on "Reconciliation Monday," March 26.

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, March 29 at 7:30 p.m.; the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, March 30, 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 March 31; 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 be days “outside of time” as we enter deeply into the Lord’s Paschal Mystery. Just as it is important for your family to gather for special occasions, because those get-togethers make you who you are as a family, so too with our church family — we should make it a priority to gather together to celebrate the liturgies which immerse us in the mystery of the Lord’s death and resurrection. 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,



JOIN OUR DAY TRIP TO CONNECTICUT

**PRAY AND PLAY:
A DAY TRIP TO
ENDERS ISLAND
ON THE LONG ISLAND SOUND
AND FOXWOODS CASINO**

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

Departing from:
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst
and
Christ the King Church, Commack

Led by:
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Christopher Ferraro
and Suzanne Richards

\$110 per person includes:

- **Deluxe motor coach transportation - the bus will depart from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst at 6:00 a.m. and then Christ the King Church, Commack at 6:30 a.m. The bus will return to both churches between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m.**
- **Mass, spiritual talk, free time and hot lunch at St. Edmund’s Retreat House, Enders Island, CT.**
- **Four hours of free time at Foxwoods Casino with a \$10 slot-play bonus package. Tanger Outlets at Foxwoods provides an alternative for those who choose not to gamble.**

For more information contact: Chris Ferraro cferraro@oloph.org or 631-226-7725x 210 or Suzanne Richards at srichards@ctkrrc.org or at 631-864 -1623 x 215.

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 2018. 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, March 28. 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.

NO EXPOSITION **OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** **ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**

Please note that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, March 28 (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.



The Diocese of Rockville Centre *Golden* *Wedding* *Celebration*

*"Honoring Couples
married 50 years or more"*

Sunday, April 29, 2018

St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

Mass will begin at 2:30 pm.

*Each couple will receive a complimentary
picture with the celebrating bishop
and a certificate.*

Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by **April 13**.

For more information call: 516-678-5800 X 504.

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 (March 29) and end on Easter Sunday evening (April 1). 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, iPads, tablets, Facebook, Twitter, 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. Below is the parish schedule and brief explanation of each of the liturgies. Make plans to take part in the various liturgies of Holy Thursday night, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday; above all, come on Saturday night for the Vigil. Don't forget to be at Morning Prayer each day, too!



HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday evening, March 29, 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 11:00 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, March 30, 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 adoration. Parishioners will be directed to come forward to adore this one Cross in a steady flow, **with three people approaching 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 action, 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, March 31, 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, OLPH gives birth to one new Christian at the womb of the Church, the baptismal font, as we welcome our elect, Nicholas Sherman, into the life of Christ and of the Church as he receives the Easter sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Also, 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 newly-baptized and confirmed Nicholas receives Holy Communion for the first time.

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.

**BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER:
ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE PARISH, FOURTH GRADE AND OLDER**

We are in the process of **recruiting new Altar Servers!** Being an altar server is a great way to be involved at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You make an important contribution to the life of the parish and you perform an important ministry. Besides, it's fun!!! You serve at weekend Masses and other special events, attend some meetings throughout the year, and have fun parties!

Why not become an altar server? We would love to have you, and we will provide plenty of training — no prior experience is necessary!! If you are a boy or a girl who is in the **4th grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, or even older!)**, you are invited to **become an altar server**. Parents, why not mention it to your daughter or son to get them interested? Training will start soon, so sign up now. If you are interested, **mail or drop off the coupon below to Monsignor Joe at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue.** *No phone calls, please; you must let me know in writing! It's OK to scan this page and send it electronically with all the info to msgrjoe@oloph.org.*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, RESPOND BEFORE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018, SINCE THE FIRST TRAINING MEETING WILL BE SOON AFTER THAT (you will receive a letter giving you specific information).

Sorry...no responses can be accepted after April 4!

We hope to hear from YOU!!!

Yes, I am interested in becoming an Altar Server! **RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE APRIL 4**

Name _____

Address _____

Town/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail
_____@_____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____ / _____ / _____

Family Envelope/Registration Number _____

*****Required: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH.**

Year You Received First Holy Communion _____

Grade you are in right now _____

Check one:

_____ I go to public school; Name of School _____

_____ I go to Catholic school; Name of School _____



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, March 31 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? (Come to Morning Prayer, and then stay to help out!) It should not take much longer than an hour or so. Bring the kids and do this as a family—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, March 29—
9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.;**
closed for remainder of afternoon
and evening on Holy Thursday

**Good Friday, March 30—
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.;**
no evening hours on Good Friday

**Holy Saturday, March 31—
9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday, April 1—
Closed**

Normal office hours resume on Monday, April 2

How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all
the saints,
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,
heal your sins,
help you grow in holiness,
and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.
- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
(Rite of Penance, no. 45)
- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: By Appointment

Level 8 Retreat Mass
Confirmation Candidates presented their
letters to the Pastor asking to be accepted as
candidates for Confirmation



ALL LEVELS

There are NO CLASSES from
Monday, March 26, to Monday,
April 2, due to Holy Week and
Easter! Have a Blessed Holiday!

Registration Is Now OPEN



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

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

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

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

Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2018-2019 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!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
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- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
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- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan— 631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

- CANNED MEAT**
- CANNED TUNA**
- PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT**
- CANNED SOUP WITH MEAT**
- PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- FRUIT JUICES**
- PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY**
- COOKIES**
- SUGAR**

*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.

During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting families by providing food and shelter and any guidance helpful to their needs.

† **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. 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.

Thank You!

*A special
Thank You
to the Ladies
Ancient*

*Order of Hibernians
Division #2 and to Scout
Troop 1634 and Pack
1634 who held food
drives for our pantry. We
appreciate your efforts and
generosity!*

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:

- Men's pants (jeans & sweat pants) - larger sizes
- Women's new underwear (sizes 5,6,7)
- Heavy hoodies - L to 3 XL
- Winter hats (skull type)/gloves - men & women
- Sneakers - 10, 11, 11.5, 12, 13, 15
- Work boots (in good condition)
- Gently used tents

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 3
General meeting**

Tuesday, April 17: Movie Night – “The Shack”

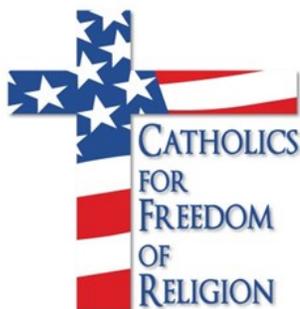
7:00 p.m. in Room 24
Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449
or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

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 10
at 9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Update: Turning Lemons into Lemonade at Ohio School District

When the atheist Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) threatened West Branch H.S., insisting they ban offering a short prayer before athletic events, they didn't expect that hundreds of young people would arrive at games with a better idea. More than half the attendees at a recent game wore "Prayer Matters" T-shirts and, when the team played on the road, the home team they visited made and wore their own "Prayer Matters" tees in a sign of solidarity. "Everybody's really coming together to support the prayer issue," said a local pastor. (Now) we're having more conversations about prayer and the Gospel than we've ever had before."

Therefore, rather than being discouraged by the FFRF's efforts to censor prayer, a pastor enthusiastically declared, "The opportunities to talk about prayer and the Gospel are tremendous... all because of No Prayer at Basketball Games!" These students are showing millions of Americans how to thwart the overreach of a special interest minority, just as the Founding Fathers intended. (ratchetfights.org, 2/8/28; frc.org, 2/16/18; ohio.com, 2/7/18; truthrevolt.org, 2/7/18)

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM BEGINS -- PRAY FOR AN UNBORN BABY

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, we begin an adoption program today, March 25. We will have the opportunity to "spiritually" adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to "adopt". You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by signing up this weekend. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great. You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin describing your baby's development and birth. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God have given you?

<p style="text-align: center;">NAME OF PARISH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPIRITUAL ADOPTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jesus, Mary and Joseph I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>-- Bishop Fulton J. Sheen</p> </div> <p>Baby's Name: _____ (choose a name)</p> <p>Due Date: _____ (9 months from today)</p> <p>✕</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NAME OF PARISH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPIRITUAL ADOPTION</p> <p>I, _____ (your name)</p> <p>promise to spiritually adopt an unborn baby,</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(name of baby)</p> <p>in danger of abortion by praying daily for the life of this child.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(return this portion)</p>
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IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

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

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO 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.

Reflexión de las Lecturas del domingo de Resurrección 4/1/2018

ALELULLA CRISTO VIVE!!!! La gran noticia de la resurrección de Cristo es el centro de las lecturas de hoy. El triunfo de Jesús sobre la muerte, la gloria de su resurrección, tiene sus testigos, y son los que dan fe ahora, de que Cristo está vivo! Escuchemos atentamente!

Primera Lectura (Hechos 10: 34, 37-42): *Este nuevo discurso de Pedro sigue el esquema del Pentecostés, se inicia con el escándalo de la cruz que fue el suplicio, y demuestra que Dios transforma el mal en bien.*

Segunda lectura del apóstol san Pablo a los Colosenses (3,1-4):

Ya que habéis resucitado con Cristo, buscad los bienes de allá arriba, donde está Cristo, sentado a la derecha del Padre; aspirad a los bienes de arriba, no a los de la tierra. Porque habéis muerto al pecado, y vuestra vida está con Cristo escondida en Dios.

Evangelio del año C (Juan 20, 1-9): ¡El Señor Está Vivo y Resucitado! *El segundo día después de la sepultura los discípulos se encuentran ante el hecho de la tumba vacía y comienzan las apariciones. Querido Pueblo de Dios: Al principio de la celebración de la Pascua judía el más joven de la familia o del grupo preguntaba: "¿Por qué es esta noche tan diferente de otras noches?", y el cabeza de familia respondía: "Esta noche tenemos una celebración muy especial, porque una vez, hace muchísimos años, éramos esclavos bajo el Faraón de Egipto, pero Dios, el Señor, nos hizo libres y condujo a su pueblo fuera de Egipto con alegría". --- Cuando nosotros, los cristianos, nos preguntamos esta noche: "¿Por qué celebramos en la oscuridad de la noche?", respondemos: "Comenzamos nuestra celebración en la oscuridad, porque una vez éramos esclavos de la oscuridad del pecado, pero el Señor, Jesús, nos ha hecho libres muriendo por nosotros en la cruz. Pero en la noche de Pascua Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos y nos trajo nueva vida, la vida del Resucitado. Allí nos hizo nuevo pueblo escogido de Dios y vino a ser nuestra luz para conducirnos a la tierra prometida". Por eso encendemos el fuego y el Cirio Pascual mientras cantamos nuestra alabanza y acción de gracias a Dios.*



El Viernes Santo, nuestra parroquia llevara a cabo la colecta anual del Viernes Santo para la Tierra Santa. Las noticias diarias nos recuerdan de la violencia y la inestabilidad que atormenta al Medio Oriente, pero nosotros raramente escuchamos de la disminuyente comunidad Cristiana que se encuentra allá, una comunidad que lucha por permanecer en la tierra del nacimiento, muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Por favor ayude a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la Tierra Santa. Esta colecta pontifical permite que los Franciscanos y otros continuen trabajando por los Cristianos en los lugares mas santos y por el pueblo de Dios en la Tierra Santa. Por favor sea generoso con su ayuda.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS BAKE SALE



OLPH Christian Mothers & Guild



Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale

NOW! THIS WEEKEND!

Saturday, March 24th, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 25th, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; 5:00 p.m. Mass

Delicious Home Baked Goodies

Cakes, Cookies, Muffins, Brownies

Chocolate Lollipops

Help Support Our Parish

Enjoy the Goodies



MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP SERVICE

CAMP SERVICE

HELP WANTED

Camp Service is our annual Middle School Summer Camp focusing on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. We need a ton of help and donations! This year's camp is July 16th—July 20th. If you can help a lot or a little, please contact Ann Marie Wagner, 631-680-9477 or AMWagner@optonline.net Watch this space each week for what we need!



- We need:**
- *any left over Christmas Cards*
 - *Ziplock bags—sandwich and gallon size*
 - *Plastic gloves*
 - *Blue Tarps*
 - *Sand*
- Please leave in the Sacristy labeled “Camp Service”**



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:

Charles Pinho & Milagros Vaia

WE REMEMBER

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

Darlene Dunleavy

Consiglia Bulzomi

Teobaldo Santo

“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.”

KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN!

LEAVE IT NICER THAN YOU FOUND IT!

We have been having a problem in recent months of all sorts of litter being left in pews throughout the church. Used tissues, other papers, food items, empty water bottles, and litter in general, are being left behind, and it is making the church look a mess, which is highly disrespectful to the Lord and to each other. It is essential for us to maintain a dignified space in which we can give God due honor, worship and reverence.

Your cooperation is greatly needed! Please be conscious of not dropping or leaving litter in the church. If something does drop, please be sure to pick up after yourself and your children before leaving the church. Let's give each other this gift of respect and caring! Keep the church clean, and leave it nicer than you found it! Thank you.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Beata Konopka

Kathy Stanton

Marilyn Russo

Theresa Gloria Madonia

Paula DiBernardo

Mary Clark

Nettie Deasey

Patricia Lamprecht

Rose Pentaleri

Alvin Wickenheiser

Jean DeStasio

Peggy McCloud

Peter Masak

John Anglin

Guido (Guy) Gagliano

Loretto DiNardo

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

March 25-31:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Alberta Zero

Requested by

***The OLPH Rectory, Religious Ed.
& Maintenance Staff***

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

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 26—

Monday of Holy Week

6:30	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Breitfeller Family
12:15	Joan Serra
3:00 – 9:00	Confessions— <i>No Devotions</i>

TUESDAY, March 27—

Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30	Frank & Jean Wilitis
12:15	Richard Valela (5 th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, March 28—

Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30	Anne Ketchum
12:15	Robert W. Donohue
12:45	<i>No Exposition</i>

THURSDAY, March 29—

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

9:00	Morning Prayer
7:30	Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:00	Night Watch (Auditorium)
11:00	Night Prayer (Auditorium)

FRIDAY, March 30—

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, March 31—

Holy Saturday

9:00	Morning Prayer
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Vigil for

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00	Solemn Easter Vigil— For the People of the Parish
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Sunday, April 1

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
	<i>No 5:00 p.m. Mass</i>

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 26, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
3:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

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, March 28, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
1:00p.m.-on	Church Cleaning	Church

Thursday, March 29, 2018

3:45 p.m.	Good Friday Rehearsal	Church
4:30 p.m.	Good Friday Rehearsal	Church

Saturday, March 31, 2018

12:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil Rehearsal	Church
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Sunday, April 1, 2018

**EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
RECTORY OFFICES ARE CLOSED
& ALL ACTIVITIES ARE**

No Holy Hour for Peace

No Nocturnal Adoration

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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 rabecker@optimum.net.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date

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**OFFERING UPDATE
March 17/18, 2018**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 P.M.	288	126	\$2,970.00
8:00 A.M.	245	124	3,536.00
10:00 A.M.	452	143	3,273.00
12:00 P.M.	467	141	3,495.00
5:00 P.M.	240	51	1,412.00
Total coin:			10.75
Mail-ins:			675.00
Children's Env.		18	39.06
Faith Direct			2,359.25
TOTAL	1,692	603	\$17,770.06
2017 TOTAL	1,793	635	\$19,135.44
Candles			\$1,137.65
Poor Box			\$509.14

**UPDATE YOUR
PARISH CENSUS INFORMATION!**

We are continuing the process of updating our Parish Census Database with "Phase II" of the process. A large mailing has gone out to all registered parishioners who did not return updated Census Forms during "Phase I." **When you receive that mailing, please complete the Census Form and return it as soon as possible.** It is vitally important that we keep our census information as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about whether or not you have updated your records, you can always call the parish office and ask. You can also stop down and pick up a new Census Form at the rectory any time during normal business hours. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

**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.



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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.

Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

- April 1—passed
- April 8—March 30
- April 15—April 6

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

*“You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.
He has been raised.”*

Mark 16:6

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

We hear today Peter’s speech to the household of Cornelius, a Roman centurion, 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?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 26, 2018:

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

Tuesday, March 27, 2018:

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

Wednesday, March 28, 2018:

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

Thursday, March 29, 2018:

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

Friday, March 30, 2018:

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

Saturday, March 31, 2018: 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

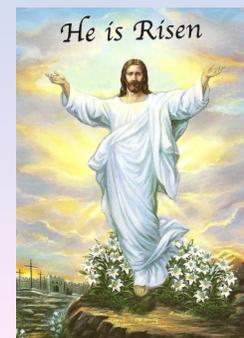
Sunday, April 1, 2018: Easter Sunday

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

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”?



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Dear Friends:

During the special Lenten season, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven't contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of this Parish family and make a donation to the 2018 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised by this fund helps support more than 60 programs and services that the people of our church as well as all of the people on Long Island have come to rely on.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans, as well as formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners, who have not supported us in the recent past, made a \$25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help. If that amount is more than you can manage, consider \$5 or \$10. **Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others!**



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