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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 5, 2020

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

All Masses, weekday and weekend, and all other liturgies including funerals and wake services, devotions, meetings and activities of the parish are suspended. This includes all Holy Week and Sacred Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) liturgies. All scheduled Confession times are also suspended.

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

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY AS WE CAN ADEQUATELY STAFF IT TO CLEAN AND SANITIZE THE CHURCH.

It will often be closed, and open only sporadically, as possible.

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

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

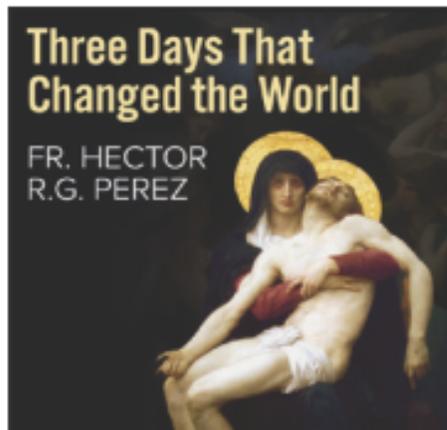
Three Days That Changed the World

By Fr. Hector R.G. Perez

Enter into the Triduum

Go alongside Jesus in the final hours of his public ministry as he brings to fulfillment the very purpose of his Incarnation: the salvation of all mankind. Insights into those last three days offer a moving look into the loving heart of Christ.

[Listen on formed.org](http://formed.org)



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PASTOR'S PAGE

A unique Palm Sunday, and continuing to deal with the COVID-19 shutdowns, social distancing and isolation

As of this writing, we will experience what will truly be a unique Palm Sunday, one that we could not have imagined in a million years: a Palm Sunday without public Masses. I know how much all of you are suffering, and how much you miss being at Mass. It may not even seem like Palm Sunday to you since you won't be receiving palms. As your Pastor, let me offer you every spiritual encouragement and consolation. Yes, it's not the same, but it is still Palm Sunday, and it will still be Easter. The graces and blessings of the mysteries we remember will still be available to us to the degree that we celebrate them as we are able to do so at home, with prayer, with remembrance, and with acts of charity.

I hope you were able to view the three talks given for our Parish Lenten Mission, which is on our YouTube page (accessible from the home page of our website, www.olphlindenhurst.com). Fr. Paul Colloton offered us some beautiful spiritual reflections, and there are two thoughts that come to my mind that I think are applicable to our ongoing situation.

First. Fr. Paul reminded us to find God in unexpected places. This time of shutdown and social isolation is difficult, new, unprecedented and disorienting. The spiritual challenge is to see how God is speaking to us in these days. Can we take advantage of them as days of spiritual quiet, to draw closer to the Lord? Can we use these days to re-prioritize our life so that we have a better focus on what's really important, and perhaps leave behind the peripheral and the superficial? Can we let this unexpected circumstance lead us to new life in some way? After all, that's what Easter is all about — sharing new life with Christ.

Second, Fr. Paul reminded us, when he explored the Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus, that we have to go to the place of death in order to experience new life; Jesus went to Lazarus' tomb in order to raise him. We must allow ourselves to enter into this time of the Cross, this time of emptiness, this time of dying to doing what we want to do and what we are used to doing, for the sake of making room for God to do something new.

As we continue to journey through these days, let us see them, then, as a great opportunity. As you know, your priests are celebrating private Masses each day, to fulfill the Mass intentions that have been requested. The words of one of the Prefaces (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer) for Masses during Lent have been especially poignant for me as

I have prayed them: *“For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure.”* I think those words in many ways sum up the spiritual challenge we face in this situation: Can we see these days as sacred time for the purpose of what I would call a “great re-prioritizing” — freeing ourselves from “disordered affections” so that we can focus more clearly on the things of God and “the things that eternally endure”?

The full title of today is “Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.” The word “Passion” comes from a Latin word meaning “to undergo” or “to experience.” That's how these days are a sharing in the Passion of the Lord: we must simply travel through them, experience them, and walk the journey. We do so, of course, with Christ; going through these days with Christ is the only thing that will give them any meaning. As we walk the journey of these days with Christ, we do so with trust, hope and confidence, knowing that we will share in the new life of His resurrection at the end of this ordeal.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Even though we will not be gathering for public liturgies, it is nonetheless, as I said earlier, still Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Spend time reflecting on the Mass readings for the day, especially the account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and the Passion. View the Mass on our parish YouTube channel or some other website. Observe the day at home in some way. Continue to keep the rhythm of the liturgical year and of this week.

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, and make it the heart of the way we live; we are asked to die and to rise with Christ.

The Liturgy of the Hours on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday—available to you on our website!

During the days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, even though you won't be able to attend

public celebrations of the liturgies, you can still participate in the official and daily prayer of the Church — **the Liturgy of the Hours!** Go to our website www.olphlindenhurst.com and click on the link to the Liturgy of the Hours. It's a great and wonderful prayer to pray!

Especially because there will be no public gatherings, it is essential that Catholics continue the work of the Church by continuing to pray unceasingly, and the main and proper way to do this is by the Liturgy of the Hours. The *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours* reminds us of the importance of all Catholics (not just priests and deacons) praying the Liturgy of the Hours as a means of carrying out the mission to pray unceasingly.

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. Even though we will not be gathering for public liturgies, these days, the heart of our liturgical year and the holiest days of all, should not be business as usual in your life and in your home, but rather should be days set apart and be days "outside of time" as we enter deeply into the Lord's Paschal Mystery. In whatever way you can, observe these days as special in your domestic church, your home.

Please continue your monetary offerings to OLPH

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who have continued to send in or drop off your weekly financial offering. I cannot thank you enough for remembering this! Please, please, please continue to do so.

I know that many of you will be negatively impacted by the slowdown or shutdown of business, and if you yourself are in difficult circumstances, I understand that you won't be able to offer what you have in the past. However, for those who can, please remember that the parish will continue to have bills to pay and financial obligations to employees to meet. Know that the priests have voluntarily taken a pay cut during these days, in order to assist the parish and to be in solidarity with the lay employees.

Financial offerings can be mailed in or dropped through the mail slot of the front door of the rectory on Wellwood Avenue. Thank you for whatever you can do.

Faith Direct

Now might be the time to sign up for Faith Direct, the e-giving service we use. These circumstances provide the perfect example of why we should use this form of giving. It's safe, easy, and

once set up, you never have to worry about missing a week. You set up your account, you decide the amount and when it will be withdrawn from your account, and then it's done — it happens automatically! Then you have the peace of mind of knowing that when you cannot get to Mass, you are still offering your financial support to your beloved OLPH.

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

Little White Books

On the presumption that we will be able to resume public gatherings at some point during Easter Time, know that *The Little White Book*, containing daily meditations for each day of Easter Time, will be available on the pew ledges at that time.

Stay connected with OLPH

Finally, let me remind you that we are doing all we can to stay connected as a parish. **We have not abandoned you!** Continue to check our website for information, especially updates in the numbered list of items on the home page, concerning if and when we will reopen the church for private prayer, and anything else. The website has the link to our YouTube page where spiritual content is posted on a daily basis; we have spiritual reflections, we will have something for children, we have the Sunday Mass...we're trying to provide support for you during these days. Tell everyone you know about the website and YouTube page so we can stay connected.

I cannot wait until we can gather again as one to celebrate the Eucharist. How joyful an occasion that will be!

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,



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH
DURING THE DIOCESAN-MANDATED COVID-19 SHUTDOWN

Updated as of March 24, 2020

Listed below are the procedures under which Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be operating in compliance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order and directives issued by the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

1. Public celebrations of **all** liturgies are suspended until further notice. This means that no public weekday and weekend Masses, no funerals, no weddings, no baptisms, and no other liturgies and devotions will be celebrated. This includes wake services at the funeral home also. This also includes all Holy Week and Triduum liturgies (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday). All Mass intentions already booked and paid for will be prayed for and fulfilled at private Masses celebrated by the parish priests.
2. If possible, burial services may be offered, but all safe distance precautions must be observed. Burial services would take place at the grave site.
3. The church will be open only when we can guarantee that proper cleaning and sanitizing can occur. Therefore, expect the church to be closed until the crisis has passed, and, if open, only sporadically, when we are able to have enough staffing to do proper cleaning and sanitizing. Updates will be posted on our website.
4. This means that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is suspended until further notice, due to the church closing.
5. All scheduled Confessions are suspended for the time being — Confessions will **not** be heard on Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m. and **not** on Mondays. The extended period of Confessions from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday of Holy Week, April 6, also will **not** take place.
6. All meetings, gatherings, and other activities are also suspended until further notice. All parish facilities are completely closed. St. Vincent de Paul and the Van Ministry to the Homeless will operate in a limited way to serve the basic needs of the poor and needy, but with limited hours.
7. The Rectory office and the Religious Education office are closed until further notice. Mail and other items may be dropped through the slot in the front door of the Rectory on Wellwood Avenue.
8. A Sunday Mass celebrated by your parish priests will be recorded and posted on our parish YouTube page, found in YouTube at "OLPH Church Lindenhurst." Also found there are spiritual reflections from your parish staff and the Lenten Parish Mission.

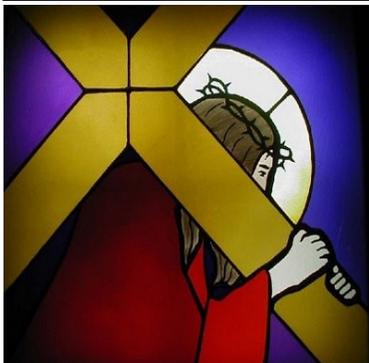
9. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also providing televised and online daily Masses, including Holy Week and Triduum liturgies, as well as other devotional and spiritual programs. CFN may be found at Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471. CFN is also available on selected cable and satellite systems and through 24/7 live stream at CFNtv.org. CFN can also be found on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching “Catholic Faith Network” or “CFN.”

10. The weekly bulletin will be posted online on our website, as it always is. Keep checking the website at www.olphlindenhurst.com for information and for the link to our YouTube page.

11. Enhanced sanitizing practices will continue on a frequent basis for all parish facilities when open. Holy water fonts have been emptied of holy water to prevent the spread of virus.

12. Most importantly, all parishioners are encouraged to devote themselves to fervent prayer during these difficult days, as we pray for one another, for those who are affected by this virus, and for those working to find a vaccine. We should pray especially for all health care workers, and for all who serve the public in a variety of ways.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



*Pray the Stations of the Cross on line
with your OLPH priests!*

*Go to the website: olphlindenhurst.com
and find the link for Stations of the Cross
or find us on our new You Tube Page:*

OLPH Church Lindenhurst

HELP KEEP OUR EASTER FLOWERS WATERED AND LOOKING GREAT!



Eventually, public Masses will resume, and our worship will return to normal. When that happens, it will be Easter Time, and the church will be decorated with Easter plants and other beautiful flowers in celebration. We need offerers to help water the flowers and keep everything lovely for the entire 50 days of Easter Time. They must be watered twice a week, so we would need at least four or five people each watering time. We can use adults as well as 7th and 8th graders (you can earn Confirmation service hours each day you help water). If interested, please email Denise Martinez at countrydec02@gmail.com to add your name to the schedule. Schedules will be emailed to all offerers, and a sign-in sheet will be in the sacristy. Thank you!

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING ON GOOD FRIDAY

All Catholics 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. Unique circumstances associated with the pandemic and with quarantining would be legitimate causes for being excused. If possible, some other act of penance could be observed.

If observed, 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.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
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 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
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IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
 GOVERNOR'S COVID-19
 EXECUTIVE ORDER,
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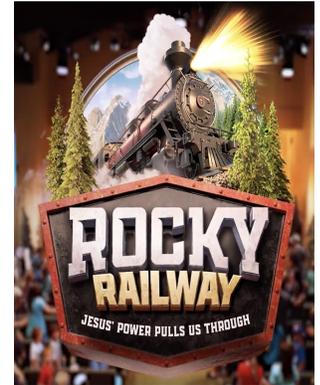
All Levels:

At the beginning of Lent we gave out Rice Bowls to collect money and to donate to those less fortunate in third world countries. We had originally asked you to bring them back on the last day of class; however, classes are no longer in session for the remainder of the year. We are still collecting the Rice Bowls. Please contact us to make arrangements to return yours.

Register Now!

Vacation Bible Camp
 July 13th-July 17th

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 register online for a
 summer of
 faith and fun!



Follow the link below to register:

<https://forms.gle/x9skup2cA8nKzJzr9>

Level 2:

As of now, Communion are still scheduled to take place. If there are any changes we will e-mail you immediately. In the meantime, please finish your banner and we'll contact you about how to get it back to us. Make sure to have your child's first and last name written on the back and make sure the writing doesn't show through to the front.

Levels 6, 7 and Service Corps:
 Our Lenten Service Series has been cancelled for the remainder of Lent. We hope to bring you more projects during Easter Time. In the meantime, if you would like to write a letter to a pen pal in Haiti or draw them a picture you can get one hour of Christian service. Mail or e-mail the letter to us for one hour's worth of service. Please consider praying a Rosary at home. There is nothing stronger in our time of need than the power of prayer!

Level 8:

As of now, Confirmation is still scheduled to take place. If there are any changes we will e-mail you immediately. In the meantime, please snail mail or e-mail to us any Workbook Projects or Mass Reflections that are due. You only need to complete ten (10) Mass Reflections. The Mission is no longer part of your Workbook.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
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- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdefeldman@optonline.net
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- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

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631.226.7725 x. 234

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to minister to the poor as best we can during these days of the pandemic. Call the office if you are in need of assistance and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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.

DO NOT PASS BY a man
in need. FOR YOU MAY
BE THE hand of God
TO HIM.

—Proverbs 3:27

OLPH Homeless Van Ministry NEEDS YOU...

Can you join us 1-2 Wednesday evenings a month for a few hours to offer food, clothing, friendship and hope?

For more information please contact: Regina Muir 631 226-2709, rmuir11@aol.com or
Peggy Pannullo 631 9215994, justin97@aol.com

Our next Community Meal is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 19
Come and pray with us at the 12:00 p.m. Mass and then join us in the cafeteria for
“Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m...if large group gatherings are again permitted by then

This month will be a special *Fiesta Celebration* ...
featuring such favorites as chips and salsa, quesadillas,
enchiladas, and olé chicken.



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Vincent Boccanfuso
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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John Reynolds

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Bob Mehm
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Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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Chris Ferraro
MaryAnn Haas
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Denise Martinez
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Mike Williams

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

TELEHEALTH EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

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

Wishing You Peace,
 Michelle Graff-Schmittberger, LCSW

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

WE REMEMBER

Pray for all those who have died, especially victims of COVID-19.

“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.”

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The **Bereavement Support Group** is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical, support as they learn to cope with their loss.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to know more about the **OLPH Support Group Program**, please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or Marige Reyes at 631-608-3658. You may also leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the rectory.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
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MONDAY, April 6 — MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK		THURSDAY, April 9 — THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK <i>(Holy Thursday)</i>	
6:30	Therese M. Gigante	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
12:15	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family	FRIDAY, April 10— FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>(Good Friday)</i>	
TUESDAY, April 7— TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK		Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	
6:30	Margaret Brogan	SATURDAY, April 11— HOLY SATURDAY	
12:15	Cynthia Breitfeller's Children Living & Deceased	Sunday, April 12 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	
WEDNESDAY, April 8 — WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK		All Masses said by priests will be for the Easter Spiritual Bouquet with one Mass for the People of the Parish	
6:30	Therese M. Gigante		
12:15	Richard Garbe		

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OFFERING UPDATE

Due to the Executive Order shutdown, Offering Update information is unavailable at this time.

As you might expect, due to the suspension of Masses, our income for the weekend will be severely impacted.

Please remember to mail in or drop off your offering, or sign up for Faith Direct!

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, April 12, 2020

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 readings and Gospel, take some time to pray on them 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 6, 2020:

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

Tuesday, April 7, 2020:

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

Wednesday, April 8, 2020:

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

Thursday, April 9, 2020:

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

Friday, April 10, 2020:

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

+ Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

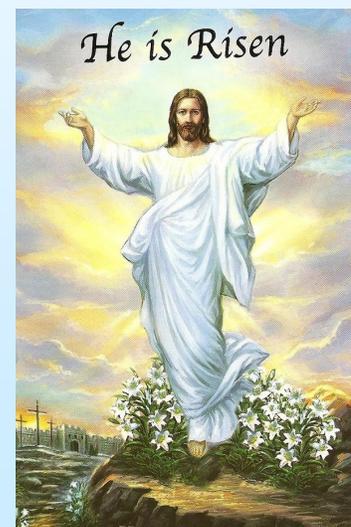
+ John 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 11, 2020: 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 + Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 12, 2020:

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



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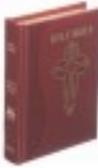
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