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*Love one another
as I love you.*

John 15:12

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

Deacons: Deacon William R. Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith,

Deacon Robert A. Becker, Deacon James Totino

Business Manager: Mr. Gerry Chille

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Miss Erin Barrett

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays until 6:30 p.m. The church closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Thursdays and Fridays, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays (except First Saturdays, when there is Nocturnal Adoration until 9:30 p.m.) and after the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sundays (or after the 2:00 p.m. Baptisms when those are celebrated). Also, the church will close after the last Mass on all holidays and holy days when parish offices are closed, regardless of the day of the week. Come in and spend some time in prayer whenever the church is open!

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.

Special Needs Mass:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

First Saturdays: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person, each Saturday in the church immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

*Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.*

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following
12:15 p.m. Mass

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of May 05, 2024

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Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

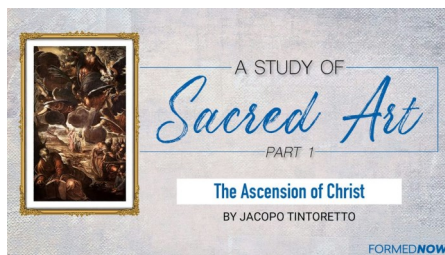
LEARN



The Fountain of Salvation | The Bible and Baptism | Episode 1

Dr. John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, sits down with Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, to discuss Fr. Isaac's book *The Bible and Baptism: The Fountain of Salvation* (Baker Academic). This episode dives into how Baptism is the fountain of salvation for the Christian.

LISTEN



The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss *The Ascension of Christ* by Jacopo Tintoretto.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Yes, it's still Easter Time! We're starting our sixth week in the liturgical season of Easter Time, but our sense of joy, wonder and awe over the Lord's Resurrection should be as rich and deep as it was back on Easter Sunday! The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of the Sixth Sunday of Easter reminds us of this: "*Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord...*" The prayer then goes on to remind us that what we celebrate at liturgy must always have an effect in our everyday life, as it asks "...*that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.*"

This theme of what we celebrate at Mass truly having an effect in the way we live everyday life is carried through in the Prayer over the Offerings and the Prayer after Communion. In the Prayer over the Offerings, we ask that "*we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love*" — with the principal mystery of God's "mighty" love being, of course, the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Christ, a dying and rising after which we are to pattern our life. However, such transformation into Christ's life can be the result only of God's grace, not our own efforts alone, and so the prayer also recognizes our need to be purified by God's graciousness. The Prayer after Communion asks that we be given "*the strength of this saving food*" and that it might bear fruit in our life, *i.e.*, that the Sacred Banquet of the Eucharist will increase our love for one another.

The depth and beauty of the Mass prayers during Easter Time continue to enrich our journey through these Fifty Days! They also always remind us of the important connection we must make between what we celebrate at Mass (God's love and saving power) and the way we live our life (we are to show that same love of God to one another). Think about that, and pray about those thoughts this week, so that the Sunday Mass continues to be with you.

May Crowning

It's here — this Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00

p.m.! It's our annual May Crowning, which is always such a beautiful experience of prayer, devotion and community; along with liturgical prayers and a Scripture reading, it will include the praying of one decade of the Rosary. The May Crowning will be held at the Blessed Mother statue on the rectory lawn (weather permitting; if not, we'll move indoors, into the church). Do plan on being there!

Thanks go to the members of the Legion of Mary, who offer their support and assistance with this liturgy each year, and to the members of the Liturgy Committee who coordinate all the liturgical details. Please plan on being there to honor Mary, the Mother of God. It's especially important for us to do this, not only as Catholics, but also since our parish is under the patronage of Our Lady.

Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass

This Tuesday, May 7, is also the deadline to respond to attend this year's Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass, the occasion when we affirm the graces and blessings married couples give to the Church. As you know, this celebration is geared toward couples celebrating an anniversary on any five-year mark (5, 10, 15, 20, *etc.*), and toward couples married any year over 50 years. We ask you to limit attendance to immediate family members only, due to space limitations. Also, while we're happy to provide this free of charge, if you would like to make an extra donation to help cover the costs for the reception following the Mass, we would gratefully accept your generous offering. See the full-page flyer in this bulletin for all the details, and for the response form, and be sure to get your response in by Tuesday's deadline if you have not yet already responded.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord — Holy Day of Obligation

This Thursday, May 9, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, and it is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**. Therefore, we will see everyone back for Mass either Wednesday night or Thursday (check the Mass schedule elsewhere in this bulletin). It's vitally important for us to celebrate these special holy days,

because they provide a rhythm and a structure for us to enter into the mysteries of the Lord throughout the liturgical year. It's a great reminder of the centrality of our faith to "interrupt" the normal routine of our week to celebrate an important liturgical day. Besides, it's a day that all Catholics are obligated to participate in celebrating Mass! (Emphasis on "obligated" — just like Sunday!)

The dating of the Ascension of the Lord as occurring forty days after Easter comes to us from the Acts of the Apostles, the book from which our first reading is taken for the Mass of that day. The meaning of the Ascension is spelled out for us clearly in the texts of the Mass for the day; listen to them carefully when you are at Mass. Allow me to point out two texts in particular that seem to especially zero in on the central theme of the Ascension; these each come from one of the two choices for the Preface (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer) that the priest might use.

One says, "*Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where, he, our Head and Founder, has gone before;*" the other says, "*For after his Resurrection he plainly appeared to all his disciples and was taken up to heaven in their sight, that he might make us sharers in his divinity.*" Notice how both texts point out how the Lord's Ascension is not about his absence, but about his deeper presence to us, and how we are invited to share more fully in the mystery of his life. Keep these thoughts in mind as you celebrate Mass on the Holy Day this week.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Then, after the Ascension, we begin a period of time which is the original Novena — nine days of intense prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost, as the Church prays for the coming of the Holy Spirit. You can see advertised elsewhere in our bulletin our schedule for the communal praying of a Novena to the Holy Spirit; please be sure to join in if you are available. I am grateful to Deacon Robert Becker who generously coordinates this Novena each year.

Even if you are not able to join in the

communal prayers, use these nine days as days to pray intensely for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, either through your own prayer, or through some other Novena or personal devotion you might have. *Come, Holy Spirit!*

Spring Concert

You won't want to miss the special event taking place this Friday night, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. — it's our SPRING CONCERT! We are blessed here at OLPH with an incredibly talented Music Ministry, so the evening promises to be a truly uplifting experience. I hope you'll be there; I know I'm looking forward to it. My thanks go to our Director of Music, Erin Barrett, for all her hard work in putting the Concert together, and, of course, to all in our Music Ministry who will enrich us that evening as they offer their gifts and talents to us.

Vigil of Pentecost — May 18, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Mark your calendar now for our special Vigil of Pentecost Mass which will be celebrated on Saturday, May 18 at 5:00 p.m.; the ad with more information can be found elsewhere in this bulletin. This Mass is always one of the highlights of the year, and it's a fitting way to celebrate the culmination, completion and conclusion of the great season of Easter Time. Plan on being there to be part of one of our major events as a parish family.

Next set of memorialized bricks is being sent out

Please take note that we now have a deadline for getting in on the next set of bricks which will be sent out for engraving. The deadline to submit a memorialization for this next batch is Friday, May 31, 2024; whatever new requests we have as of that date will be sent out for engraving. Then, this next set of new bricks will be installed and blessed sometime at the end of August/beginning of September, so you must submit your form and payment before May 31 if you want to be in on this batch.

However, **this does not mean there are no more bricks available; just the opposite! There are still plenty of bricks available for memorialization!** Our brick memorialization

program is ongoing. We will accumulate the next batch and, when we have accumulated enough, we will send those out, as a group, for engraving and installation. So, even if you missed out this time around, send in your order! This ongoing fund raiser is a big help to us, so your continued support is appreciated.

Super 72 Raffle

New SUPER 72 RAFFLE tickets, for the new game, are being mailed out this week, so look for them in the mail if you receive the weekly envelopes mailed out throughout the year. If you don't receive them this way, tickets can be purchased at the rectory. Be sure to take advantage of our special 5-tickets-for-\$100 deal! Please do participate in this important fund raiser for the parish. I am very grateful for your support of the parish in this way.

First Communion

This Sunday we are beginning our celebration of First Holy Communion at parish Masses, and it will continue next weekend, too. There is no better way for children to celebrate First Holy Communion than within the Sunday assembly, as the Church celebrates the Eucharist on the Lord's Day, our primary holy day! I am thrilled that over the years since we introduced this option more and more families are making this important connection and are taking advantage of this option. So many parishioners love it, too, as you comment to me how much you enjoy seeing the children, and how being a part of the celebration enriches your own faith and your appreciation of the Eucharist.

Our Saturday morning First Communion Mass was celebrated this past Saturday, May 4, at 11:00 a.m., and we congratulate those children and their families. Please remember to pray for all of this year's First Communicants!

We still need folks to help carry the canopy in our Eucharistic Procession!

We're still looking for people to offer to help carry the canopy which is used over the Blessed Sacrament during our outdoor Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday, June 2; see the ad elsewhere in this bulletin. This is an amazing opportunity to help us give public witness to the Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament during this outdoor Procession which will conclude the 12:00 Noon Mass on that day.

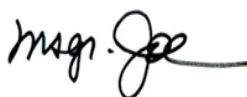
We had a great response last year, so let's do the same again this year. **It's O.K. if you did this last year; you can do it again this year! You can do it every year if you want to!** Individuals, couples, families (especially families of First Communicants!), members of a ministry or parish organization doing it as a group — all are welcome and invited! What a blessing this will be for you and for the parish! All the information is in the ad elsewhere in this bulletin, so take a look, and then return your response. I know once again you won't let me down, and we'll have a great response.

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,



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN BANK PARKING LOT ON ASCENSION THURSDAY



We ask that you kindly not park in the bank parking lot on the north side of the church if you come to the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Ascension Thursday. Remember that Thursday is a normal business day for the bank, and the bank lot is not our property. Let's be a good neighbor! Please do not park in their lot on Ascension Thursday. Thank you.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

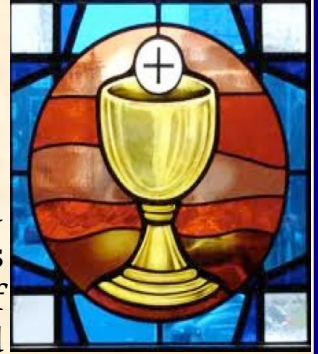
Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.



Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

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



REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

FOR THOSE WITH CELIAC DISEASE

Special hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. These hosts contain less than 0.001% gluten content and are approved for the Roman Catholic Church by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you need to receive Holy Communion using one of these hosts, please stop in the sacristy before Mass begins to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation



Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 9

Masses will be celebrated

Wednesday, May 8

5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

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

and 7:30 p.m.

JOIN IN THE NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



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Novena to the Holy Spirit

The Novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas as it was first made at the direction of Our Lord when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Consider joining us for one or all sessions.

Friday, May 10 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

Saturday, May 11 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday, May 12 following all Masses

Monday—Friday, May 13-May 17 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

Saturday, May 18 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Novena booklets are provided. Recitation of each day's prayers and reflection only takes about ten minutes.

OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage by celebrating your wedding anniversary!

We're celebrating Mass and throwing a party for YOU!

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2024 that is "on a five year mark," that is, if this year you're married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 – and for couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) – are invited to a special MASS AND RECEPTION!

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

7:30 p.m. Mass

with Renewal of Commitment by the Married Couples for the Anniversary of their Marriage Followed by a Reception in our School Gym

Invite your immediate family members! They are welcome! (Immediate family only, please)

We're happy to provide this free of charge. If, however, you would like to send a donation along with your response, to help defray costs, it would be gratefully accepted.

**You must reply NO LATER THAN MAY 7
WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY, USING THE FORM BELOW**

NO PHONE REPLIES CAN BE TAKEN

Cut-out and fill-in the form below and return to the Rectory by May 7



2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name _____

First Name of Husband _____

First Name of Wife _____

Years Married _____

Date of Your Marriage _____

Your Wedding Song _____

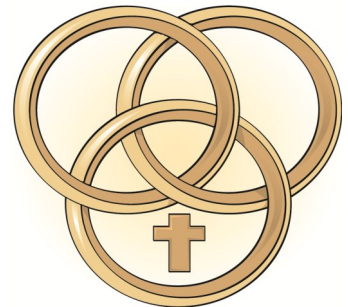
Wedding Song Artist _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone Number _____

e-mail _____ @ _____

Number of People Attending: Adults: _____ Children: _____



Please return this form as soon as possible to the Rectory, or drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.

ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 7.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER



Join us this
Tuesday, May 7
 at 7:00 p.m.

on the rectory lawn in front of the Blessed Mother statue for the annual Crowning of the Blessed Mother. This is always such a beautiful experience of prayer and devotion, and it is especially important for us to honor Our Blessed Mother.

In case of inclement weather, the Crowning will be held indoors in the church.



Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Mother's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the church. The Mother's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your mother, grandmother, godmother, the mother-to-be you know or any mother you wish to remember in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. Simply take an envelope, write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Join us
 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Children 1st Grade and older can join in the Children's Liturgy of the Word every 1st and 3rd Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things that are being done in the main body of the church.



HELP US HONOR THE LORD’S REAL PRESENCE IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—HELP CARRY THE CANOPY!

As you know, each year, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, OLPH gives public witness to our faith in the Lord’s Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament by having an outdoor Eucharistic Procession, on the streets around the church. A canopy is carried over the Blessed Sacrament during the Procession, to give special honor to the Eucharistic Real Presence of the Lord.



We’re looking for people — individuals and families — to carry the canopy in this year’s Procession, which will take place on **Sunday, June 2, immediately following the 12:00 Noon Mass**. There are four corners to the canopy, so we need four carriers at a time, but we need lots of people, so you can take turns during the Procession, so the carrying does not become too strenuous.

What great blessings you will experience by participating in the Procession in this way! It’s a great thing to do together as a family — your family as a group can take charge of one or more corners for a period of time! You can offer to take a turn just by yourself, as an individual! What a great thing for a group to offer to do, as Knights of Columbus, or as Holy Name Society men, or as Christian Mothers, or as the Youth Service Corps, or any group! Let’s get lots of great OLPH parishioners to help carry the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament!

Return this response form to the rectory, to Msgr. Joe’s attention, as soon as possible. Further information will be forwarded to you.

Yes! I want to help carry the canopy in our Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday, June 2, as part of the 12:00 Noon Mass!

Your Name or Your Family’s Name _____

Number of People in Your Group _____

Best e-mail to use to contact you _____

Best phone number to use to contact you _____

Return this to Msgr. Joe at the rectory, or e-mail the information to him at msgrjoe@oloph.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

**This
Friday!**

SPRING CONCERT

IN LOVING MEMORY OF RYAN BARRETT

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 - 7:30PM

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

LINDENHURST, NY

**Featuring the OLPH Youth Choir, Adult Choir,
Cantors, Schola, and Instrumentalists**

With Special Guest

The Hoffman Chamber Ensemble

REQUESTED OFFERING

\$10 FOR ADULTS

\$5 FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND STUDENTS

\$20 FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

VIGIL OF PENTECOST

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Saturday, May 18

5:00 p.m. Mass

The Church encourages parishes to celebrate a **special Mass as a Vigil of Pentecost.**

- Entrance Procession highlighting the gifts of different ministries and the sacraments
- A special Vigil of Readings, with readings in different languages to reflect the backgrounds of our OLPH parishioners
- The Sacrament of Confirmation:

Corinne Colasanto, Frank Klein, Joseph Kosakavich, Luis Riera and Nicole Viafore will be confirmed at this Mass. Please pray for all of these adults as we welcome them as fully initiated members of our parish community.

Come and feel the fire of the Holy Spirit!

Come and feel the breath of the Holy Spirit!

Come and celebrate Easter Time coming to fruition!



MAY 18 AND 19 COME TO MASS DRESSED IN RED FOR PENTECOST

We invite all parishioners to come to Mass on Pentecost, May 18 and 19, wearing something red. Since red is the color of the Holy Spirit and of the Mass for Pentecost, and therefore the color of the vestments worn by the priest and deacon at Pentecost, let's all celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in a festive, fun and joyful way by making our church bright and glorious throughout the entire liturgical assembly with the red color of the fire of the Holy Spirit!

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

O.F.F. HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: by appointment

Confirmation Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. in the
 church
 Wednesday,
 May 15



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Early registration for returning families began March 1. There is a \$30 discount for all families that register before May 31. After June 1, the regular registration fee will be in effect for ALL registrations. For any late registrations that come in after July 31 there will be an additional \$30 late fee. 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. All new families must schedule an appointment in order to register and must come with a baptismal certificate.

Happy Saint Bingo Winners

Congratulations to our
 Happy Saint Bingo Winners
 this year!

<i>Emily Atkinson</i>	<i>Anna Mieszkowicz</i>
<i>Gina Beattie</i>	<i>Alexa Munsey</i>
<i>Lia Capobianco</i>	<i>Mackenzie Munsey</i>
<i>Michela Crisostomo</i>	<i>James O'Neill</i>
<i>Avery Drago</i>	<i>Emily Palazzo</i>
<i>Adrian Farrell</i>	<i>Isabella Renna</i>
<i>Lucas Fischer</i>	<i>Noah Rodriquez</i>
<i>Karalyn Heaton</i>	<i>Zoe Romero</i>
<i>Logan Heaton</i>	<i>Jayla Ronquillo</i>
<i>Ava Innamorato</i>	<i>Kyle Schaming</i>
<i>Layla Kelly</i>	<i>Liam Taveras</i>
<i>Aleena Kuzma</i>	<i>Avaleigh Turcios</i>
<i>James Loiacono</i>	

REGISTRATION FOR BIBLE CAMP IS NOW OPEN!

BIBLE CAMP DATES ARE:

JULY 8 – 12
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

May 8:
 Bible Camp Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
 in the auditorium

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225.9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631.226.6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Respect Life Ministry: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Valerie Baxter—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

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**

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

NEW Food Pantry List!

BAKED BEANS

MACARONI & CHEESE

PASTA SIDES

CANNED FRUIT

PAPER TOWEL

**Thank you
for your continued generosity.**

**Cut out this list and
bring it with you
when you go shopping!**

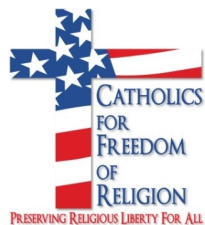
THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



*Please remember the Poor Boxes.
Each week the amount collected in the Poor Boxes
is listed in our bulletin.*

*You may wonder where that money goes.
Every coin, bill or check goes directly to our parish’s St. Vincent
de Paul Society to help serve those in need within our parish.
We use the funds to directly serve our neighbors who need food,
rent assistance or help paying a utility bill.
We are grateful to those who remember the Poor Boxes weekly.
Thank you for helping us help others.*

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

www.cffor.org

Heckler's Veto: Cancelling (Veto) of Free Speech Accomplished by Loud/ Intimidating/Violent Hecklers

April 18, 2024. In what is called a major win for free speech, a pro-life protestor was reading the Bible aloud, in a conversational tone, on the same street as an anti-Dobbs protest, and a few days later at a Pride-Fest rally. In spite of police acting to stop him, his right to speak his views publicly and peaceably was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth District. (*Meinecke v. City of Seattle*, <https://tinyurl.com/53xrfzms>)

Police had asked the protestor to stop reading and/or move to another location, saying that he was causing a disruption to the ongoing events, and there could be violence as a result of his reading. Some rally attendees tried to intimidate him, to drown out his reading, stole one of his Bibles, poured water on another Bible, and knocked him down. Instead of arresting those who assaulted the protestor, police detained him and charged him with obstruction.

The Ninth Circuit judges found the man's First Amendment freedom of speech had been "burdened" by the police asking him to leave the area and then arresting him for "obstruction" even though he was on a public sidewalk peacefully expressing his views. The court stated that whether the listeners found his views offensive or even hateful did not negate the protestor's right to speak as he did.

Had the protestor complied with the police's request for him to stop reading or move to another space, the court said that would have constituted a "Heckler's Veto." We see Heckler's Vetoes often on college campuses when invited speakers are prevented from speaking by raucous, completely disruptive behavior and threats that stop any message of the invited speaker.

The judges concluded: "If speech provokes wrongful acts on the part of the hecklers, the government must deal with those wrongful acts directly; it may not avoid doing so by suppressing the speech." (*Meinecke v. City of Seattle*, page 4)

More: <https://tinyurl.com/bdefkkk7> <https://tinyurl.com/ykcnhc37> <https://tinyurl.com/2rp6utaz>

*"To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom,
and political and social happiness, which mankind now enjoys..."*

—Jedidiah Morse

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2024 OLPH GOAL:

\$114,600

Total pledges: \$74,463.00

of pledges: 258

Total payments: 48,501.00 (64.98% of goal)

As of 4/30/24

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

2024 OLPH SCHOLARSHIP



The Robert E. Dobres Memorial Scholarship: Bob believed strongly in a commitment to **family, community** and the **Church**. He was always ready to volunteer. His dedication to others and to his community was clearly evident by the various organizations and groups he actively participated in, such as OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794, the OLPH Finance Committee, the Holy Name Society among others.

The scholarship is sponsored by OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794. The recipient will receive a one-time scholarship for \$1,000.00, which will be sent to the College or Trade School the winner is attending. To be eligible, the applicant must be child or grandchild of a member of OLPH Council 794, OLPH Ladies Auxiliary, or parishioner of OLPH Parish in Lindenhurst graduating High School this Spring and entering College in the fall.

For an application contact Mike Hearney at: mhearney@optonline.net or 631-560-0451

JOIN THE OLPH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!



The OLPH Knights of Columbus Council 794 is running a new member exemplification on **Friday, May 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **World War Veteran's Club at 185 N. Broadway**. If you are interested in signing up, please contact our Membership Director James Buttacavoli at (631) 741-3566. We need you!

HELP WITH THE BIRTHRIGHT MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE



MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS

Get ready for our annual sale of beautiful carnations to support **Birthright**.

We're looking for helpers! With family and health issues we're a little short on sellers. Please consider giving us 15 minutes to help sell the flowers to help support the babies. Contact Louise 631-572-2772.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
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Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Order 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

Eileen Corticchia
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Gregory Guido
Sonia Hansen
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
Deacon James Totino

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel
Bob Meade

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel (Chair)
Gerry Chille
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Marie Gagneron
Kenneth Hale
Bob Meade
Bob Mehm
John Reynolds
Jackie Totino

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
Erin Barrett
Deacon Robert Becker
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Kenneth Hale
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Denise Martinez
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Mike Williams
Fr. Frank Zero

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE CELEBRATE

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has freed you from sin, given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and joined you to his people.—Order of Baptism of Children



*Casey Michael Brown
Thomas Augustus Davila
Nora Walsh Gunning
Charlotte Noreen O'Neill
Ruby Olivia Rivera*

We welcome the newest members of the Catholic community here at OLPH!

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Christine Ajello-Larsen
Rev. Fr. Edward Seagriff
Genevieve Popiel
Dilibeth Chirino
Dolores Lombardo
Karla Desimini
Lisa Byrne
Tyler Qualls
Mary Santiago
Jimmy McGovern
Patricia Perez
Alex Betti
Stan Ryniewicz
Anna Rooney
Linda Matera
John Jordan*

*Britta Perna
Mary Elizabeth Setti
Laurell Desner
John Koszalka
Kevin Grogan
Christopher Bovenzi
Richard Geed
Claire Soria
Grace Germano
Marge Sheehan
Ashlynn Santiago
James Byrne
Eileen Quinn
Paul Leyden
John Leyden*

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 10:00 A.M. MASS

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>
<i>Frank J. Farrugia</i>	<i>Requested by Lena Farrugia</i>

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **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 at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

*Vivian Garces
Lillian Repetti
Edna B. Hartley
Virginia C. Beyrer*

“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.”

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Our Fall Bereavement session
be held later this year.

Watch for registration dates.

Please contact
Linda Arpino
631-592-1062 or
Forubabe77@aol.com
for information.



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 a Dios todos los jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería, en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Alina Patrón al (516) 263-9401

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, llamar a la rectoría 631) 226-7725/ en español a Irma González al (631) 620-2401.

Lecturas del 5/5/2024

Primera Lectura (Hechos 10, 25-26, 34-35, 44-48): *El Amor de Dios Abierto a Todos*
La señal que Dios da a Pedro y a la Iglesia es de que acepte y ame a los creyentes que proceden del paganismo por que el Espíritu Santo desciende también sobre paganos.

Segunda Lectura (1 Juan 4, 7-10): *Dios Nos Ama; Nosotros nos Amamos Unos a Otros*
Dios nos amó de tal manera que su amor tomó forma humana en Jesucristo. Desde entonces, nuestro amor hacia el otro es la señal del amor de Dios y de su presencia en medio de nosotros.

Evangelio (Juan 15, 9-17): *Ámense Unos a Otros como Yo Les He Amado*
Jesús nos ama y quiere que permanezcamos en su amor y alegría guardando sus mandamientos de amor mutuo.

El Mandamiento del Amor:

Jesús dice: "Esto os mando: Que os améis unos a otros" (Juan 15:17).

Este mandamiento es una ordenanza divina que trasciende el tiempo y la cultura. Es un llamado a amar sin restricciones ni condiciones.

El amor no solo es un sentimiento, sino una acción concreta que debemos practicar en nuestras relaciones.

La Importancia del Amor:

El amor es más que una emoción pasajera. Es un principio vital en la vida cristiana.

Cuando amamos a los demás, reflejamos el amor de Dios y cumplimos su voluntad.

El amor no solo beneficia a quienes lo reciben, sino también a quienes lo dan.

La Intensidad del Amor:

Jesús amó de manera radical y sacrificial. Nos insta a hacer lo mismo.

Amar como Jesús significa perdonar, servir, comprender y estar dispuestos a dar nuestra vida por los demás.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, May 6— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Mary Anderson
12:15	Rose DiMartino
TUESDAY, May 7— Easter Weekday	
6:30	MaryLou Gates
12:15	Thomas Curry
WEDNESDAY, May 8— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Gloria McVeigh
12:15	Michael Desponzio
ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
5:00	Rosemary Traverson
THURSDAY, May 9— ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
6:30	For the People of the Parish
12:15	Teresa Pirolo
7:30	Mary Jo Breitfeller (Living) & Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY, May 10— Easter Weekday <i>(Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest)</i>	
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:15	James McCowan Jr.
SATURDAY, May 11— Easter Weekday	
8:00	Thomas Vincent Gilroy, Sr.
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
5:00	Ryan Barrett
Sunday, May 12 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
12:00	Mothers Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, May 6, 2024		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
Tuesday, May 7, 2024		
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
6:20 p.m.	CYO Track Practice	South Parking Lot
7:00 p.m.	May Crowning	Church
7:15 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	St. Mark's Room
7:30 p.m.	Concert Rehearsal	Church
Wednesday, May 8, 2024		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information)	Off Campus
6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible Camp Meeting	Auditorium
Thursday, May 9, 2024		
ALL RECTORY AND RELIGIOUS ED. OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR ASCENSION THURSDAY. THE RECTORY RECEPTION DESK WILL BE OPEN ONLY UNTIL 2:00 P.M.		
Friday, May 10, 2024		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spring Concert	Church
Saturday, May 11, 2024		
11:30 a.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 16
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, May 12, 2024		
10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Church
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

OFFERING UPDATES			
April 27/28			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	256	106	\$2,608.00
8:00 a.m.	192	86	3,023.00
10:00 a.m.	277	70	2,577.00
12:00 p.m.	310	81	2,548.00
Faith Direct			3,429.00
Children's Env.		18	75.00
Mail-ins:			811.00
TOTAL	1,035	361	\$15,071.00
2023	1,310	380	\$16,446.95
Candles			\$984.05
Poor Box			\$439.00



COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Today, May 5

A collection taken *this weekend* will be in support of Catholic elementary schools in the diocese and of the *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation*. Tomorrow's Hope provides tuition assistance to students in need attending Catholic elementary schools and grants directly to schools to offset general expenses. The money that you give to the second collection this weekend will help to expand the academic excellence of our Catholic elementary schools and help them remain a place where our faith is taught and lived.

Sustaining Catholic elementary education is vital to the future of our society and our Church. Please be as generous as possible with your donation.



All Rectory and Religious Ed. Offices will be CLOSED MAY 9th for ASCENSION THURSDAY

The Rectory reception desk will be open only until 2:00 p.m.

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

May 12—deadline passed
 May 19—May 10 deadline
 May 26—May 17 deadline

Next week our special collection supports the *Catholic Communications Campaign*. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.



PREPARING FOR

Sunday, May 12, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God is love.

1 John 4:16b

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

We hear today how the Church asks God for a replacement for Judas in the interim period between Jesus ascending to heaven (the Ascension) and the descending of the Holy Spirit on the apostles (Pentecost). Peter takes charge and speaks in the midst of the assembly to guide them into choosing a successor. God, through the process of casting lots, chooses Matthias which brings the number of apostles back to twelve, a number of great significance for the early Jews since it is the number of the tribes of Israel that first inhabited the Promised Land. Thus it is a sign that the new Christian Church is the reconstituted Israel.

1 John 4:11-16

The declaration “God is love” is all about the experience of God. God has proved his love in the gift of his Son to the world. We Christians are urged to “remain in love” by continuing this gift. We do this whenever we show the same love to others. Our love for one another is the proof of God’s action, the evidence that God is with us. Faith and love are united since faith leads to a life of love in practice. Remember that old song? “And they’ll know we are Christians by our love...”

John 17:11b-19

Here we are listening in on an intimate conversation Jesus is having with the Father at the Last Supper. This is part of what is referred to as Jesus’ “high priestly prayer” since he is interceding with the Father for the apostles and indeed for all of us down through the ages who believe in him. Jesus asks the Father to keep us all in his name, protected and united as one. He also asks the Father to consecrate us, which is to make us holy and to set us apart from the world. He is about to depart from this world but here he prays for us. How powerful that is – the Savior of the entire world is praying for us to the Father! That’s cause for true comfort and encouragement.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, May 6, 2024:

Acts 16:11-15 + John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 7, 2024:

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

Wednesday, May 8, 2024:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
+ John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 9, 2024:

Acts 1:1-11 + Ephesians 1:17-23
+ Mark 16:15-20

Friday, May 10, 2024:

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

Saturday, May 11, 2024:

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

Sunday, May 12, 2024:

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
+ 1 John 4:11-16
+ John 17:11b-19

Gospel Reflection

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

1. “Then they prayed.” Do you pray before you make important choices? Would you feel comfortable “casting lots,” throwing dice, or flipping a coin after you pray? How would you make a final choice like the one the disciples had to make in choosing someone to take the place of Judas?
2. Discuss the implications of this reading’s last sentence:

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

Can you think of examples from daily life of the fulfillment of this sentence? Are there scandalous exceptions to such an important revelation?



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Reading through *Dignitas Infinita*—**Declaration on Human Dignity with Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM.** Tuesdays, **May 7, 14, 21 & 28** at 1:30 p.m. at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville, NY. For more info call 631-835-7612 or go to our website OurLadyoftheIsland.com.

A Healing Mass for Young Adults will be held at St. Patrick Church, 280 East Main Street in Smithtown on Friday, **May 17th**. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Liam McDonald, pastor of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish in Montauk. Adoration will begin at 7:30 PM, followed by Holy Mass at 8:00 p.m.

Tune into **“Religion and Rock” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun** on Sunday from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island’s East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 p.m. on *Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel* and at 11:00 p.m. on XM Satellite, Channel 117. **Next Sunday’s theme is Parenting** don’t miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding *Religion and Rock* go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at *“Religion & Rock” on ITUNES*. Don’t forget to tune into **CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK**, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit www.cfnv.org!

Dominican Village - Independent Living Retirement Community, Assisted Living Residence, Respite Care. At the heart of our community, situated on 13 sprawling acres, you will find the amenities you need to enjoy and enriching spirited lifestyle. With activity packed year-round, calendar of daily activities, life, learning programs, special events, and outings to enrich the mind, body and spirit. Senior lifestyle reimaged—residence and families agree that our nurturing community offers just the right balance of personal choices and support. To schedule a tour or for more information contact us at 631-842-6091 or email Jford@dominicanvillage.org.

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville - 23rd Beauty of the Spirit event is scheduled for Thursday, **June 13th** at The Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. This year’s *Keynote Speaker* is *S. Christine Sammons, OP, Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry at St. Bernard's Church in Levittown, NY*. Sister Christine joined the parish staff in 2003 in response to the parishioners' desire for broader outreach to low-income neighbors in the community. She works closely with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and other volunteers trained to assess needs and provide appropriate assistance. S. Christine oversees the food pantry, the Charitable KIDZ, Meals-on-Wheels, the bereavement ministry, and partners with Catholic Charities and the Nassau County Department of Social Services.

Proceeds from this year’s event are designated to the renovation and beautification of the 3rd and 4th floors of the Motherhouse in Amityville. New flooring, fresh paint, and updated furniture will brighten the rooms where our aging Sisters gather daily for activities and meals.

For more information, please contact the Office of Advancement at 631-842-6000 ext. 246 or visit: <https://sistersofstdominic.org/2024luncheon>.

Catholic Pilgrimage with daily Mass to the Shrines of France. September 23 - October 4, 2024. Lourdes, Lisieux, Nevers, Chartres, Mont Saint Michel, Paris and more! \$6,199 per person includes air from JFK, all sightseeing, breakfast and dinner daily. For a flyer and more detailed information please call Mike Milano at 631-569-2620.

St. Agnes of Assisi – The Secular Franciscan Order: Would you like to give more time to God, but wonder how to do that when your life is so busy? Do you long for holiness, and feel a need for support in growing spiritually? Perhaps your heart has been moved by stories of St. Francis of Assisi, or the Peace Prayer attributed to him, and you are seeking that same holy simplicity, true peace and perfect joy? If so, Christ may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. We invite you to join our monthly meetings, 2nd Sunday of the month, at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip at 2:00 p.m. Please e-mail any questions or comments to Jackie Totino jtotino02@gmail.com.

DRAWINGS FROM JUNE 2024
THROUGH NOVEMBER 2024

SUPER
72

1ST PRIZE: \$1,000

2ND PRIZE: \$250

3rd - 6th PRIZES: \$100

It's time to get your new tickets!

Return the parish portion of the ticket with your check payable to "OLPH SUPER 72" or drop it in the collection basket. Tickets are available at the Rectory.



Tickets are \$40 each
\$80 for 3

AMAZING BONUS!!
\$100 GETS YOU 5 TICKETS!!!

**Extra \$100 Drawings for the 4th of
July and Thanksgiving!!**

*Raffle Tickets Courtesy of Johnstons' Wellwood
Funeral Home.*

*"OLPH is a Section 501 (C) nonprofit. Please
consult with your tax advisor to determine if your
contribution is deductible."*

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application.

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:

1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children class: www.Virtus.org

When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.

- a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first time registrant.
- b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization-from the drop down list select **Rockville Centre-Safe Environment**.
- c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
- d. One screen will have the **Codes of Conduct**. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
- e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
- f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.

2. Background Screening Application:

- a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
- b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. **DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION!** If you stop-you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
- c. You will need to provide your Social Security #; if you do not provide a Social Security # you will be charged a fee.
- d. After completing the application, hit the 'Submit Button'

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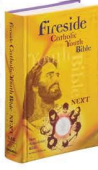
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