

### Pastoral Staff:

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Mary Ann Tupper, Human Resources

Jo Ann Morse, Music Director

Jack Hanlon, Liturgy Coordinator

Sr. Barbara McKenna, RSM, Bereavement Coordinator

**Your parish staff welcomes the opportunity to serve you. A priest will always be available for emergency sick calls. Many requests for service and information can be met during the daytime when the office is fully staffed. We suggest making appointments with the priest, deacon or other member of the parish staff since they might be engaged in other pastoral activities.**

### WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST

#### Mass Schedule

#### Weekends:

First Saturday of the month: 8:15 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM,  
12:30 PM. (Spanish). 5:00 PM.

#### Holydays:

Vigil: 7:00 PM.

Holyday: 8:15 AM., 12:00 Noon

#### Weekdays:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday &

Friday: 12:00 Noon

Tuesday 8:15 AM.

Please let us know if someone is unable to come to Church because of age or illness. We will be happy to bring Holy Communion to them at home.

#### Devotions:

Tuesdays: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena. 8:15 AM Mass

## *Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary*

*168 Hill Street, Southampton, New York 11968*

### WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM:

Baptisms are customarily performed on Sunday at 2:30 P.M. Prior arrangements with the parish priest or deacon must be made as far in advance as possible. The Godfather and Godmother should be practicing Catholics. Our Baptismal Program meets at 7:30 P.M. on the second Monday of each month in the Parish Center.

### WE CELEBRATE PENANCE:

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 PM. A more convenient time may be arranged with the parish priest by calling the Parish Center.

### WE CELEBRATE MARRIAGE:

In order to prepare adequately for the life-long commitment to the Sacrament and to arrange to participate in a Marriage Preparation Program, we ask that you make arrangements with the priest or deacon of your choice at least six months prior to the date of the marriage. Because of the Sunday Mass schedule, Nuptial Masses are normally celebrated on Friday evening or Saturday. Weddings should take place in the proper parish of the bride or groom.

### WE CELEBRATE HOLY ORDERS & RELIGIOUS LIFE:

The privilege of serving God's people as a priest, permanent deacon, religious sister or brother is personally fulfilling and spiritually exciting. Anyone who feels they might be interested in the priesthood, diaconate or religious life should speak to a parish priest.

### WE CELEBRATE GROWTH IN CHRIST:

Mothers and fathers are the first teachers of their children in the ways of the faith. We hope they will be the best of teachers by what they say and do. Our Parish Religious Education Program and Our Lady of the Hamptons Regional School strive to support and complement the responsibility of parents to be the primary teachers of the children they have co-created with God. Our Religious Education Program, which includes preparation for First Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation, is a family centered, continual formation extending from Grade 1 through Grade 8. Our Ministry to high school students continues this formation for grades 9 through 12.

### WE SHARE OUR FAITH:

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or a Catholic who has not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. If so, please call the Parish Office. Continuing Adult Education is offered through the Parenting Programs. Little Rock Scripture Study Series and other spiritual development programs

### PARISH REGISTRATION

We ask that all Catholics living within the boundaries of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish fill out a registration (census) form. This helps us identify and provide for the needs of our parishioners. If you are new to the parish or if you are moving, please call the Parish Office.

**Parish Office Tel: 631-283-0097**

**Fax: 631-283-3836**

#### E-mail:

sacredheartsjm@optimum.net

#### website:

www.sacredheartsofjesusandmary.org

#### Hours: Monday - Friday:

9:00am - 12 Noon; 1:00pm-4:00pm

Evenings: By appointment only please

Sat. & Sun.: By appointment only please

**Religious Education Office: 283-0508**

**e-mail: bassuntarsm@gmail.com**

**Human Resources Office: 283-6415**

**e-mail: maryanntupper.hrp@hamptons.com**

**Spanish Apostolate: 283-4379**

**Vincentian Fathers: 287-9647**

**Our Lady of the Hamptons**

**School: 283-9140 Convent: 283-9110**

Sr. Kathryn Schlueter, CSJ, Principal

### WE REACH OUT:

The Human Resources Program volunteers reach out to meet the temporal needs of the elderly, the housebound and the poor of our parish and community. Our parish Care for the Caregiver Program delivers hot meals to families in need of this kind of help on Tuesday evenings. Call the Human Resources Office (283-6415) for more information and assistance.

### WE RESPECT LIFE:

Birthingright maintains an office at 99 W Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. Project Rachel offers confidential and compassionate counseling to anyone suffering guilt after an abortion. Please call Birthingright at 728-8900 for information.

# BASILICA PARISH OF SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**February 19, 2012**

Readings: Is 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

**Mission Statement: We are a Eucharistic centered people, who by following Christ's teaching, together to love and serve those in spiritual and physical need in our community.**

### Masses for the Week of Feb 20-26

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	Kathleen Hull
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15</b>	William Frankenbach
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>8:15</b>	Joseph Gulbin
	<b>12:00</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>7 PM</b>	Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	Kathleen Hull
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	Kathleen Hull
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5 PM</b>	Vincent Plonski & John Barbarine
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Sr. Rose Taranto
	<b>9:30</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>11:00</b>	Joseph Forestano, Christopher Timpone, James Riley, Mary Guldi
	<b>12:30</b>	<b>Spanish Mass</b>
	<b>5 PM</b>	Thomas W. E. Joyce

### SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL - Feb 19—

M. Steinbrecher

**Feb 22— Ash Wednesday—**M. Lynch, M. Baskin,  
P. Madison, A. Pastoria

**Feb 26—TBA**

HAMPTON CENTER—Feb 19—S. Raynor,  
N. Conroy

**Feb 26—**S. Oldakowski, M. Lynch

Rosary—**Feb 23—**P. Raynor

ALTARS - February—M. Lynch, C. Rotunno

LINENS - Feb 20-26—H. Reister

### MINISTERS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, Feb 25 5 PM Msgr. Madley

SERVERS E & M Knight  
E.M.'S M. Adamczyk, A. Fiore, M. Lynch  
LECTOR G. Reisig

#### Sunday, Feb 26 8 AM Father Trench

SERVERS C. Collum, I & L Martin  
E.M.'S P. Madison, L. McClain, J. McKenna,  
M. Muller  
LECTOR P. Bogan  
GREETERS M. Steinbrecher, I. Hurley

#### 9:30 AM Msgr. Madley

SERVERS B. Bellucci, A. Cuccia, A. O'Brien,  
M. Wilson  
E.M.'S J. Cuccia, J. Diesing, M. Nugent  
C. & J. Wilson  
LECTOR A. Cuccia  
GREETER A. Lesta, J & N McCulley

#### 11 AM Father Kiernan

SERVERS anyone available  
E.M.'S S. Adelante, G. Bauer, V. Grattan,  
P. Jordan, S. McCulley  
LECTOR J. Cleary  
GREETERS C. Brown, C. Butler

#### 5 PM Father Gill

SERVERS C. Oliveros, M. Terry  
E.M.'S K. Maple  
LECTOR S. Oldakowski

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING



The February 12th collection was \$6637. The **Catholic Ministries Appeal** latest total is \$45,471.50 in gifts and pledges. That is 86% of our goal. May God bless you for your continued support and generosity. Thank you, Fr. Jeff.

**NO ALTAR FLOWERS** during Lent.

**Altar Flowers** can be donated by calling the office at 283-0097.

Anyone who would like to donate **Altar Candles, Wine or Altar Bread** in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please call the Parish Office—283-0097 Ext. 0.



### WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED SICK

Patricia Kahl	Winnie Chin	John Bishop
Pat Reinhardt	Howard "Corty" Bishop	Grace McNamara
Robert O'Shea	Gene Travers, Jr.	Gerard Murphy
Suzanne Parillo	Patrick Dermody	Gwendolyn Porter
John Cuccia, Sr.	Jean Smith	Jean Kearns
Eileen Finlay	Beth Larkin	Elivira Schiavone
Annie Murphy	Louis Scricca	Stan Witkowski
Chris Begg		

## FROM THE DESK OF MONSIGNOR JEFF:



### Ash Wednesday

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Don't forget, this Wednesday, February 22nd, is Ash Wednesday. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at the 8:15 AM & 12 Noon Masses. There will be a 7 PM Prayer Service with distribution of ashes.

Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent on Fridays at 3 PM.

No Catholic is allowed to eat meat on the Fridays of Lent and Ash Wednesday. Strict fast and abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those over the age of 14.

Don't forget, Bishop Wcela is coming for a retreat the first week of March.

Our two catechumens this year are Chris Hamilton and Amie Hill. They will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil.

### PARISH PROGRAMS

#### FRANCISCANS

The Secular Franciscans meet on the third Sunday of the month, after the 11 AM mass in the Parish Center. Would you like to know what we are all about? Please come to our meeting. Bring a bag lunch and we will supply the coffee.



#### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Group meets at 1 PM in the upper room of the Parish Center. All are welcome!

#### SPIRITUAL BOOK GROUP

The Spiritual Book Group meets on Tuesday, 1 PM in the dining room of the Parish Center. New members are always welcome.

“Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love.” -  
Pope John Paul II



Please join us in an hour of  
**Eucharistic Adoration**

Each Friday directly following the noon  
Mass  
12:30-1:30 PM

“Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you...” “Cast all your anxieties upon the One who cares for you...”  
“My peace is my gift to you...” (Mt 11:28; 5:7, Jn 14:17)

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR THE 2011-2012 YEAR HAVE BEGUN.**

Please make sure your child/children are registered.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED AT SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 283-0097.**

Parents of children who will be entering first grade in September: If your child is entering the first grade and you want him/her to receive the sacraments in the parish, it is time to register them for the Religious Education Program if they are not attending Our Lady of the Hamptons or some other Catholic School.

Religious Education Registration forms are now available on the parish website:

**[www.sacredheartsofjesusandmary.org](http://www.sacredheartsofjesusandmary.org)**

Please remember that children are required to attend each year from first to eighth grades, in order to be prepared for the receiving of Confirmation in the eighth grade. Also attendance each week is a must unless the child is sick or has a good reason for missing a class. Please encourage the school and coaches not to schedule games or practices on Wednesday afternoon or evening or Sunday mornings. It is up to all of us to encourage the importance of Religious Education in our community.

**Please check the website for meetings and Announcements. For more information please call the Religious Education office at 631-283-0508.**

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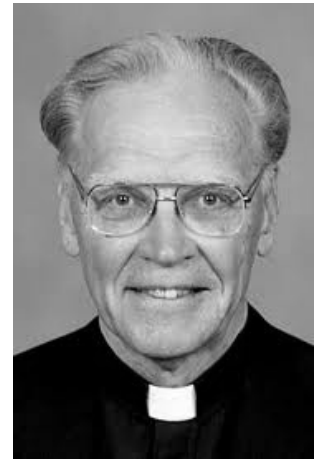
# ***Lenten Retreat***

***March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 2012***

***"Artists & Poets Help Us  
Experience God"***

***Presenter:***

***Bishop Emil A. Wcela***



***Monday: The God of Mystery***

***Tuesday: The God of Compassion***

***Wednesday: God With Us***

Reconciliation on Tuesday after each talk

Monday thru Wednesday : Mass each day at Noon

Wednesday evening: Mass included for closing

### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

meets on the third Wednesday of the month following the 12 Noon Mass.  
The meeting takes place in the Parish Center.

All are welcome to attend.  
For more information please call  
Sr. Barbara McKenna 949-6770

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Please welcome and pray for our adult RCIA candidates, Chris Hamilton and Amie Hill, who are preparing to finish their initiation into the Catholic Church. Chris & Amie are studying and praying to prepare for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.



### **OUR LADY OF THE HAMPTONS**

**Registration** for the 2012-2013 school year for children in Pre School to grade 8 is now open. Registration packets are available at the school ... 283-9140. Interviews and tours will be scheduled upon receipt of the pre-applications. Since the school is currently at capacity seating, early application is suggested for any consideration.

Progress continues on the OLH building project for the new Wellness Center-classroom extension. As of Jan 29th, the entire structure has been framed with the decking for the second floor and indoor track in place. Total completion will depend upon additional fund-raising from the local and school community. The school will be happy to discuss possible donations. (As a parochial school, OLH is not eligible for any federal, state or local assistance.)

### **LITURGICAL BITS AND BYTES**

#### **The Color Violet**

We have learned to associate the color violet, or purple, with the penitential seasons of the church year. That is what that color is intended to symbolize. Lent especially is a penitential season. At one time Advent was also. The emphasis in Advent has shifted to one of hope or joyful expectation. However, the color violet has remained as the color of the season. Many parishes use a different, brighter color of violet for Advent, so that it shows a distinction between the basic feelings for Advent and Lent.

### **Friends of the Seminary**

Seminary Lenten Day of Prayer  
Sunday, March 11, 2012  
9:30 AM—3:00 PM

***At the Foot of the Cross:  
Reflection on the Spirituality of the  
Seminary Chapel***

Presented by  
Rev. Msgr. Peter I. Vaccari, Seminary Pastor

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MASS

Advance Registration required by February 28th.  
For additional Information: 631-423-0483 x 102  
bmalone@icseminary.edu  
\$25 donation (non-friends)

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road  
Huntington, New York

### **NEW! YOUTH CATECHISM**

Sister Mary Assunta and Gayle Reisig will be selling a new catechism called "YouCat" which is easy to read. It is a book for all ages and would be good for family discussions. You can obtain a copy by either asking Sister or Gayle when you see them or call or come into the office. (631-283-0508).

**Sight & Sound Christian Theater presents:**  
**"JONAH"**

An extraordinary journey with one of the Bible's most colorful prophets! This lively, exhilarating family musical delivers powerful themes of love, mercy, obedience and second chances in an adventure that brings you right into the heart of the action!



Experience the mighty storm at sea that breaks apart an enormous ship right before your eyes. Then be immersed in an undersea world, and witness the giant fish that swallows God's misguided prophet. Jonah will have your entire family laughing, crying and identifying with a man who rediscovers the unfathomable mercy of God.

**Date: April 13, 2012**

**Where: Sight & Sound Theatre, Strasburg, PA**

**Price: Adult \$115**

**Child \$75**

**Includes bus, admission and dinner**

Bus pick-up from Westhampton Beach, Immaculate Conception parking lot @ 8 AM

\*pack a lunch for bus en route to Strasburg, PA

**Contact: [visitrussells@yahoo.com](mailto:visitrussells@yahoo.com) or 631-801-2231**

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**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE 50TH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN DUBLIN,**

**IRELAND**

**JUNE 4-13, 2012**



The Diocese of Rockville Centre is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the 50th Eucharistic Congress which will be held in Dublin, Ireland under the leadership of Bishop John D. Dunne, auxiliary Bishop of our Diocese. The dates are June 4—13, 2012. Msgr. Jim McNamara, pastor at Holy Cross Church in Nesconset, is coordinating the pilgrimage events. This pilgrimage is open to everyone.

We will celebrate Mass each day including Mass at the Cathedral in Tuam as well as at Knock. This pilgrimage begins on Monday, June 4, 2012 with a flight from JFK airport to Shannon airport. After some relaxing days in the west of Ireland and a memorable visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, the highlight of the pilgrimage will be the beginning of the Eucharistic Congress on Sunday, June 10th with the opening Mass.

Unless you wish to stay longer, our group will return to JFK airport in NY from Dublin on Wednesday, June 13th. There will also be an option to come for only the Eucharistic Congress portion in Dublin (departure from JFK June 9th) and then go off on your own to visit relatives or explore Ireland.

Travel arrangements are being made through 206 Tours in Hauppauge. If you wish to have a brochure sent to you, you can contact Eva at 206 Tours at 631-361-4644 or [eva@206tours.com](mailto:eva@206tours.com).

You can access the brochure at: [Pilgrimages.com/bishopdunne](http://Pilgrimages.com/bishopdunne).

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today, in the streets of Rio and New Orleans and in the canals of Venice, Carnival reaches its height. We stand on the brink of Lenten discipline and order, of sacrifice and prayer, and like a diver for pearls, we take a deep breath of life's abundance before immersing ourselves. Literally "Good-bye to the Flesh," these once were days for clearing out the barnyard and having one last good roast before turning to fish, to eggs and cheese and porridges. In some places, masks and disguises are worn as a reminder that all falsehood must be stripped away in Lent and our true identity as the baptized must prosper. In others, the green, purple, and gold beads tossed in playful salute have their origins not only in the gifts of the magi, but also entwine the liturgical colors of Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter.

The message, sadly missed by many, is: embrace the Lenten journey, and find your life transformed. Dedicate the next few days to savoring life's wonders, to the abundance of tables laden with great food and surrounded by the laughter of dear friends. Then, as you step forward to receive ashes on your brow, you will have already acquired a yearning for the renewing splash of Easter's waters.

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# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Your Sins Are Forgiven

That must have sounded strange to the people, hearing Jesus say, “Your sins are forgiven.” Since sin was an offense against God, only God could forgive them. That’s what the scribes were thinking. And saying that to a paralyzed person implies that he is a sinner. Is Jesus saying the man was paralyzed as punishment for his sins?

No, Jesus says it to help the man, who probably was told too many times that he was a sinner. Possibly the man may have thought he was unworthy to come to Jesus for healing. So Jesus reassures the man—and scandalizes the scribes—by declaring him forgiven. Why does Jesus say that forgiving is easier than healing? Because when there is no visible proof that the man is forgiven, you can say that and who could prove you wrong? But tell someone they can walk again and anyone can verify whether it happened or not.

Jesus’ point is that if he can cure the paralyzed man, he can also forgive sins. He fulfills the promise of the first reading: God is doing something new—forgiving sins, taking people in the desert of sin and giving them refreshing waters of forgiveness. Jesus went even further when he told his disciples to forgive sins, too (John 20:23). The primary way we experience forgiveness is through the sacrament of reconciliation. The words of absolution are our guarantee that God has forgiven our sins. While there is nothing wrong with asking God’s forgiveness in private prayer, we sometimes need to hear someone tell us we have been forgiven, especially when our sins are more serious.

Now you don’t have to be a priest to forgive someone who hurts you. Jesus commands this when he tells us, “If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift” (Matthew 5:23–24). If the brother is truly sorry, God will forgive him, too. And if you’re the one who needs forgiveness, you’ve shown you are sorry by making up with your brother.

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## Prayers and history of the Church

February 19, 2012

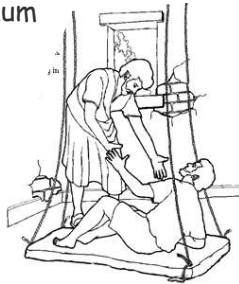
In today's Gospel, the fame of Jesus has spread and crowds gather around him. A paralytic (someone who is paralyzed) is brought to Jesus in an unusual way.

### Gospel

Mark 2:1a,2-5, 10b-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum (kuh-PER-nee-hum) so many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven. But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" - he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"



**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**For Reflection:** Who helps the paralyzed man come to Jesus? What lengths would you go to so that others could come to know Jesus?

**Prayer:**

Loving God,

We thank you for the people in our lives who help us to know you.

Bless all ministers and missionaries who help others to know your love.

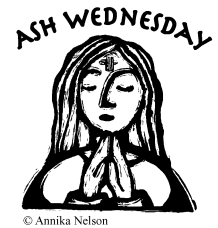
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

# February 19, 2012

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 22, 2012

Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the holy season of Lent. The word, "Lent" comes from *lencten*, the Anglo-Saxon word for spring. Like spring, Lent is a season of growth. Today's Gospel reading describes how to give to those in need. These gifts are called alms (ahmz). Giving helps us to grow spiritually.



### Gospel

Matthew 6:1-4

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

The Gospel of the Lord

**For Reflection:** Why is it important not to show off when we give?

**Prayer:**

Lord God,

In this Lenten season of growth

Teach us humility

And help our love to grow.

May our faith grow stronger

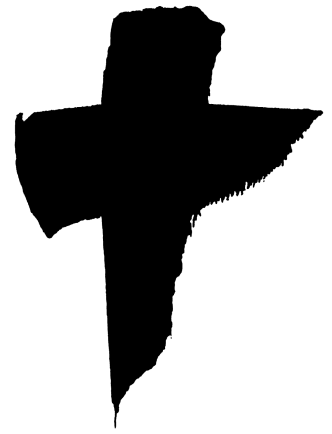
And our selfishness weaker.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



# Smudged with Ashes, Smeared with Oil



On a somber Wednesday we will gather to smudge every forehead with ashes, admonishing each other to remember that dust returns to dust and that the only way through death to life is Christ. The ashes are made by burning palms—given to us on Passion Sunday a year ago with the invitation to “go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds that welcomed him into Jerusalem.” Our baptismal life is a lifelong pilgrimage with Christ toward Jerusalem. Yet like our best intentions, last year’s palm branches now have become dried and brittle—fodder for the fire. So our pilgrimage leads us to Lent. And a hostile climate of sin and suffering necessitates drastic measures: We are marked with ashes as a sign of our willingness to pray, fast and give alms.

But this gritty smudge that we accept on our foreheads is not a death sentence. It is not the mark of Cain. A reminder of our fragile mortality, it is nonetheless shaped in the great sign of salvation: The ashes form a cross, a thumb-printed cross that marks the same heads that were smeared with chrism at baptism. Anointed with that royal oil, we are committed to conversion, to continually setting out for the new Jerusalem, to leaving behind forever our captivity in Egypt.

This gritty ashen sign reminds us that on the way there is soil and toil, sweat and hard work before we come to the oasis in this desert—the Easter bath of baptism. At the font, on a damp and chilly night, water will wash away soil and oil will soothe away toil to make new Christians royal: heirs of the reign of God. The dusty smudges will be gone, and in the light of the paschal candle the oily heads of the newly baptized will shine like the moon and the stars, reminding us of our destiny. What begins in ashes ends in water and in fire.



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**Southampton, New York 11969**

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