

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

210 South Wellwood Avenue + Lindenhurst, New York 11757 +

Telephone: 631-226-7725 + Fax: 631-225-9597 +

www.olphlindenhurst.com + Facebook: Our Lady of Perpetual Help



## myParish app!

Daily Readings - Parish Updates - Weekly Bulletin & more!

Download instructions on page 2



*Come after me,  
and I will make you fishers of men.*

Mark 1:17

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 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.

# DOWNLOAD THE OLPH APP

## Catholic Life Every Day

with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help App

Text App to **55321**  
to download  
our parish app

- 1) Download **myParish App**
- 2) Select our Parish after opening



myparishapp.com/appstore

Made with ❤️ by Diocesan

*New number  
to download  
the Parish App!*

**Text to 55321**

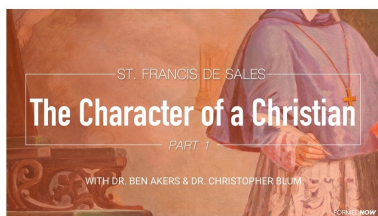
*The old number 88202  
is no longer in effect!*



## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 21, 2024

### WATCH



#### Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.

### LEARN



#### The Conversion of Saint Paul

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.

### LISTEN



#### The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.  
Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### *Sunday of the Word of God*

As instituted by Pope Francis, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, which we celebrate this weekend, is known as the “Sunday of the Word of God.” Just as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ gives us an opportunity on the liturgical calendar to focus on the meaning and place of the Sacrament of the Eucharist in our life, so too does this day give us an opportunity within the liturgy to highlight and place special emphasis on the Word of God.

The Church teaches us that Sacred Scripture is absolutely essential to our spiritual life, and familiarity with the Bible must be a part of every Catholic's life. We should read the Sacred Scriptures routinely and make Bible passages a regular part of our prayer life. St. Jerome is known for having said that ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ. We cannot fully know who God is if we are not familiar with the way He has revealed Himself through His Word, which He Himself has given to us through the sacred authors of the books of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments. The Word of God is so central that in the introductory instructions and materials found in the *Lectionary for Mass* (the ritual book which gives us all the readings used at Mass) we are told: “The Church has honored the Word of God and the Eucharistic mystery with the same reverence, although not with the same worship, and has always and everywhere insisted upon and sanctioned such honor.” (article 10) Think about that: we are to have the same honor and reverence for the Word of God as we do for the Eucharist (although we do not worship the Word as we do the Eucharist) — because the Word reveals to us the presence of God.

The highest actualization of the presence of God in the Sacred Scriptures is achieved when that Word is proclaimed at Mass. *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, at article 29, teaches us, “When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.”

These words set before us a profound truth that we need to ponder and make our own. The words of Sacred Scripture are unlike any other

texts we will ever hear, for they are the vehicle God uses to reveal Himself to us, the means by which we come to know the depth of God's love for us, and can know the responsibilities entailed by being Christ's followers, members of His Body. Moreover, this Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. We speak of the Word of God proclaimed at Mass as being “efficacious” — that is, it not only tells us of God and God's will for us, but it also actually helps us to put that will of God into practice in our own life.

The richness and depth of the Word of God, and the way that Word functions in our individual spiritual life, and in the life of the Church, is inexhaustible. It is good indeed for us to take the time to focus on the Word, and to highlight it as we are doing this weekend. One way we have done this is to highlight the proclamation of the Gospel with a special procession and enthronement of the Book of Gospels after the Gospel reading. Also, we have set up a special shrine in the north side chapel for the Word of God, which is where the enthronement will be. I hope you will take, or did take, advantage of the opportunity to spend some time in private reverence and meditation before the enthroned Word before or after Mass.

### *Recruiting new Ushers!*

As you heard from my presentation this weekend, we are in the process of recruiting new Ushers. This is such an important and vital ministry that I hope you will seriously consider stepping forward and offering your service. A full description of what's involved can be found elsewhere in this bulletin, and, as mentioned, it's something that you can do as a family, parents and children together.

The service that Ushers provide goes beyond just the tasks they do. The Usher ministry is invaluable in creating a reverent and prayerful atmosphere for worship, which enables all of us to enter into the sacred actions of the liturgy in a more profound way. As an Usher, you will be helping people to encounter God more profoundly and will be helping them to nourish their relationship with Jesus. What

could be better than that?

If you're not already involved in a ministry, please consider becoming an Usher.

### *Offerers, not volunteers!*

Since I just discussed the idea of serving in a ministry, I'll take this opportunity to emphasize a certain perspective we try to reinforce in our parish which I think has important spiritual implications; it's a perspective that is described in the Ministry Directory, and which I'll review here. At Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we do not have "volunteers," we have OFFERERS. What's the difference?

A volunteer does things at one's own convenience; an OFFERER does things as an offering, as a gift.

A volunteer does something as long as it does not interfere with other things; an OFFERER is willing to stay with something, even if it means letting other things go.

A volunteer often looks for praise or recognition; an OFFERER stays on even if no one notices at all.

A volunteer gets initiative from oneself, because what is done is one's own idea; an OFFERER gets initiative from being baptized, because what is done flows from the mission one is given at baptism.

A volunteer is a person who does things; an OFFERER is a disciple following Christ.

A volunteer does a job; an OFFERER does a ministry.

A volunteer can do something that does not touch one's heart; an OFFERER makes an offering of oneself, out of love.

A volunteer does something and looks for results; an OFFERER does something simply as a way of joining the OFFERING of one's life to the OFFERING of Jesus Christ.

A volunteer's work begins and ends with oneself; an OFFERER'S work comes from and flows back to the OFFERING one makes at Sunday Eucharist.

Some interesting things to think about, and to pray over, right?

### *Living the Eucharist 2024*

As you have seen from the ad which has been running in the bulletin for several weeks

now, we're gearing up to once again hold the LIVING THE EUCHARIST Program here at OLPH during Lent. This program, which has been so successful in the past, and which so many people have found so spiritually nourishing, is an important part of our Lenten journey as a parish. Those who participated in prior years absolutely loved it, and have given us overwhelmingly positive feedback about it, so we're happy to be able to present it again.

Through LIVING THE EUCHARIST, participants will have the opportunity to prepare for the upcoming Sunday's readings at Mass, and to reflect on the meaning of the celebration of the Eucharist and how Eucharist connects with our everyday life. This is especially relevant in light of the Eucharistic Revival which is underway here in the United States. So, please be sure to participate in LIVING THE EUCHARIST. If you have done so in the past, you know why this is such a great thing to do again. If this would be your first time, give yourself a treat and be sure to sign up! Return your response form as soon as possible — you'll be glad you did.

### *Group Mass Intentions*

I want to remind you of an opportunity we offer concerning Mass intentions here at OLPH.

As a pastoral response to the problem of Mass intentions being filled up and parishioners not being able to request Masses, parishes are permitted to take **multiple Mass intentions** for certain Masses. Here's the way it works at Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

1. Each month, one (1) Sunday Mass and one (1) weekday Mass are set aside as a Mass that will have the opportunity for multiple Mass intentions.

2. For the sake of giving this a more spiritual name than just calling it "multiple Mass intentions," these Masses twice a month have been designated as "**Perpetual Help Mass Intentions.**" Note that "Perpetual Help Mass Intentions" is simply a name we have given it; the name does not designate anything different or special or "more" or "less" than a single Mass intention. From the spiritual perspective, it is exactly the same thing as a single Mass intention, the only difference being that the Church permits more than one intention to be

taken for that Mass. Otherwise, it is exactly the same thing as always.

3. If someone's intention is taken for one of these Masses, that person is made aware of the fact that other intentions will be remembered along with that one. The remembrance of the intention will not be diminished in any way, but it will not be the only one remembered at that Mass.

4. All the intentions for that Mass are published in the parish bulletin the week prior to the Mass. The intention announced during the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) during Mass will be "For those enrolled in the Perpetual Help Mass Intentions." Please note that **individual names are not announced out loud at the Mass, but instead are printed in the bulletin one week in advance.**

5. Stipends collected for intentions after the first one are used for the support of the parish.

6. A maximum of TWELVE (12)

intentions may be taken for any one "Perpetual Help Mass." There can be no exceptions to this maximum.

It is our hope that this practice, which is permitted by our Bishop and which is in place in many parishes, creates the opportunity for more people to secure Mass intentions here at OLPH. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity when appropriate.

*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,



## A WORD ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AND GOOD HEALTH

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these days when respiratory illnesses are at their peak, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

- **Mass Attendance: MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS!** There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick. Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television. Your weekly monetary offering may be mailed to the rectory, or simply added to your offering the next time you come to Mass.

- **Receiving Holy Communion in the Hand Rather Than on the Tongue:** All are encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue; this is vastly a more sanitary method. If it is necessary for you to receive on the tongue, we ask you to **wait and come up at the end of the line, to be the last communicants to receive Holy Communion.** Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

- **Communion from the Chalice:** The Precious Blood will continue to be available for those who wish to receive the Precious Blood of Christ in addition to the Body of Christ. Obviously, communicants should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.

## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*January 21, 2024*

On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. This was announced in his inspiring Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis: Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God*, the full text of which can be found at [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu\\_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930\\_aperuit-illis.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html). This year, this Sunday falls on January 21, 2024.

In the *Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass*, we are reminded of the role of the Word of God in the life of the Church:

*In the hearing of God's word the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that his word may speed on and be glorified and that his name be exalted among the nations.*

*Whenever, therefore, the Church, gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration, announces and proclaims the word of God, she is aware of being a new people in whom the covenant made in the past is perfected and fulfilled. Baptism and confirmation in the Spirit have made all Christ's faithful into messengers of God's word because of the grace of hearing they have received. They must therefore be the bearers of the same word in the Church and in the world, at least by the witness of their lives.*

*The word of God proclaimed in the celebration of God's mysteries does not only address present conditions but looks back to past events and forward to what is yet to come. Thus God's word shows us what we should hope for with such a longing that in this changing world our hearts will be set on the place where our true joys lie (Preamble, 7).*

In his Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis explained that devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world. So, the Holy Father declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. He urged local communities to find their own ways to mark the Sunday of the Word of God with a certain solemnity.

Here at OLPH, we'll celebrate the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God by incorporating these elements into all the Sunday Masses the weekend of January 20-21:

† The music selected for all Masses will include reference to the Word of God

† The Book of Gospels will be specially enthroned in the sanctuary after the proclamation of the Gospel

† The homily will include reference to the Word of God in the life of the Church and in living the Christian life

† Everyone will be invited to the special shrine to venerate and pray in front of the Word of God immediately following Mass

It is hoped that through our attention to the Word of God on this Sunday, we might all deepen our appreciation for and connection to the Sacred Scriptures found in the Bible. In this way, we hope that these words of Pope Francis might become a reality in lives of all OLPH parishioners, and in the life of our parish as a whole:

*The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, much less a collection of books for the benefit of a privileged few. It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words. At times, there can be a tendency to monopolize the sacred text by restricting it to certain circles or to select groups. It cannot be that way. The Bible is the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The word of God unites believers and makes them one people.*



# LIVING THE EUCHARIST

A GIFT IS WAITING FOR YOU IN THE NEW YEAR:

## Living the Eucharist 2024

“THE EUCHARIST IS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE”

—Lumen Gentium (Light to the Nations)

February 13 – March 19, 2024

Tuesday evenings

7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Join a **Living the Eucharist** small group during Lent. Participation will enrich your life in subtle and amazing ways.

*Last chance to join!*

During the six-week program you will:

Gain a better understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist

Participate more fully in Sunday Mass

Leave Mass in a renewed zeal to let the light of Christ shine

Nourish your spiritual life by enhancing your relationship with Jesus Christ.

For more information, contact Deacon Jim Totino at [DeaconJimOLPH@gmail.com](mailto:DeaconJimOLPH@gmail.com)

**Deadline to join is January 24, 2024**

### Living the Eucharist 2024 LENTEN SIGN-UP FORM

To be completed by each participant.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE (if under 21): \_\_\_\_\_



#### Six Weekly Small Group Gatherings:

**Dates: Tuesdays - February 13—March 19**

**Location: School building (classrooms to be assigned)**

**Time: 7:00–8:30 p.m.**

Yes, I will attend the six sessions \_\_\_\_\_

No, I cannot attend but am interested in participating in the program \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Rectory. **The material will be distributed on the first day of Class.**

View the introductory video for *Living the Eucharist* at <https://www.pemdc.org/programs/living-the-eucharist/>

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and may the Lord bless you on this journey!



## BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES



We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 14. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season. As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes are a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during Easter Time. Penitential acts are undertaken as a community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection.

What you may not know is where the ashes come from. Very simply, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are the ashes from palms saved from Palm Sunday the previous year, which have been burned.

This year we once again invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. **We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on Sunday, February 11, and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.**

Please join in this meaningful gesture of community and solidarity as together we prepare to embark on our Lenten disciplines.

## USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES!

*We are at the present time in need of more parishioners to serve as Ushers.*

*Here's what's involved:*

- Ushers serve at Masses on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Ushers are also asked to serve at other times throughout the year at special parish occasions and liturgies.
  - In addition to collecting the money offerings and distributing church bulletins after Mass, Ushers are responsible for welcoming, guiding, assisting and directing parishioners.
  - The Usher ministry is open to everyone and is a great ministry for an entire family to do together.
  - Ushers are required to complete the Safe Environment Requirements and attend two meetings a year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

If you are interested in becoming an Usher, fill out your information below and give it to an Usher, or place it in the collection basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass Time Preferred: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions you can contact Head Usher Mike Williams at [olphushersministry@gmail.com](mailto:olphushersministry@gmail.com) or phone him at (631) 884-2717.



# 🎵 MUSIC MINISTRY 🎵

## Can you share your musical gifts?

Perhaps God is calling you to become a part of the music ministry at OLPH. If so, read below to see which ensemble might suit your gifts. Pray about it and then give a call. We need you!



### Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at the 12:00 p.m. Mass most Sundays (September to June) and for other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the church. Members are high school aged or older. Reading music is not a requirement, just the ability to carry a tune. Please call in advance if you would like more information. Audition required.

Contact: Erin Barrett  
(631) 226-7725, ext. 210  
ebarrett@oloph.org

### Youth Choir

The Youth Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. Mass three times a month (September to June) and at other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are held on Monday afternoons from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the church choir loft. Members are in grades 3 through 12.

Contact: Erin Barrett  
(631) 226-7725, ext. 210  
ebarrett@oloph.org

## 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.

### **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.

### **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.

## **2024 MINISTRY DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE**

Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help Church  
Lindenhurst, New York



Ministry  
Directory  
2024



The updated **Ministry Directory for 2024** is now available electronically on our website (click on the "Get Involved" tab) and on our Parish App, and paper copies are available at the rectory. This Ministry Directory lists all our parish ministries, groups and organizations, describing what they are all about and how to get involved in them. Read it and you'll see why OLPH is "the place to be!"

## MARDI GRAS 2024

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sponsored by Family Life Ministry



**Sunday, February 11**

**OLPH Auditorium**

**Immediately following  
the 12:00 p.m. Mass**

We hope you will join us  
for an afternoon of prayer and fun,  
including the burning of Palms,  
as we prepare for our Lenten journey.  
Let's celebrate together before the seriousness of Lent!



**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

Located in the Rectory  
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253  
 Email: [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)  
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION****REGULAR OFFICE 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 Only

**LEVEL 6:**

Remember that there will be a Parent/Student Meeting on the topic of Human Dignity, this Wednesday, January 24. This meeting will occur during your normal class time. Both the parents and the students should report to the auditorium at that time.

**Scripture of the Day!**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple He found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, He drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

—John 2:13-16

**Saint of the Day!****St. Mary Magdalene**

Mary met Jesus when she was a woman of great sin, and Jesus cured her when He casted out seven demons from her. She was so blessed by this that she went off and told many of her friends, and they became followers too. Jesus entrusted her to spread the news of His Resurrection to the Apostles. She is considered to be one of the greatest saints and was a very close follower and friend of Jesus.

Saint Mary Magdalene,  
 pray for us!



# 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

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

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living Gospel values.

During the month of December the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 97 families, 36 adults, 17 children and 6 seniors with 114 bags of food.

Our Christmas program assisted 48 families, 74 adults, 54 children and 13 seniors with food and gifts. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to helping those less fortunate in our community.

### NEW Food Pantry List!

**PEANUT BUTTER  
JELLY OR JAM  
REGULAR COFFEE  
SHELF STABLE WHOLE MILK  
JAR PASTA SAUCE  
CANNED MEALS  
CANNED POTATOES  
CANNED FRUIT  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
COOKIES/ SNACKS**

Thank you  
for your continued generosity.

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

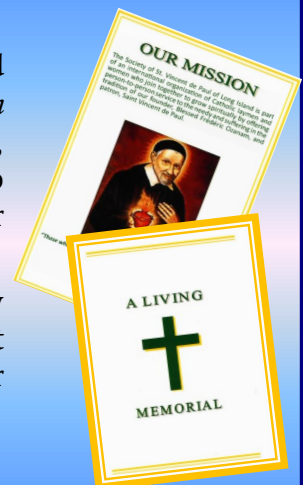
## THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### † AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul* has an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP's efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

*Memorial/Special Occasion card* envelopes are available in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

Please contact the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Erin Barrett, Director of Music	210	ebarrett@oloph.org
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Carole Carrano, Parish Secretary	212	ccarrano@oloph.org
Gerry Chille, Business Manager	204	gchille@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **Third Announcement:**

***Gerard Carollo & Kimberly Bethell***

## **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*



***John Donald DeCiutiis  
Brian Michael Sullivan  
Wyatt Michael Sullivan***

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

## **WE REMEMBER**

*We remember those who have died in our parish.*

***Virginia Connolly  
Grace Mary Sutter  
Sixto Candelarl  
Rosemary Margaret Curr  
James Byrnes***

*“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.”*



**TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS**

***Joseph & Mary Maglio***

***Kristen Byrne, Michael Davila & Michael***

## **WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

<i>Gus Garofalo</i>	<i>Laurell Desner</i>
<i>Britta Perna</i>	<i>Marge Sheehan</i>
<i>Nick Bulone</i>	<i>Lisa Byrne</i>
<i>Sebastiano Treppiedi</i>	<i>Christopher Santiago</i>
<i>Anthony Grasso</i>	<i>Tyler Qualls</i>
<i>Mary Elizabeth Setti</i>	<i>Anthony Grasso</i>
<i>Kathleen Bofinger</i>	<i>Raffaella Laurice</i>
<i>David Rowe</i>	<i>Lina Avila</i>
<i>Sheila Cormier</i>	<i>Evelyn Pulla</i>
<i>Susan Wilson</i>	<i>Anthony Pokorney</i>
<i>Theresa Rowe</i>	<i>Tom Ferris</i>
<i>John Leyden</i>	<i>Bill Stysiack</i>
<i>Robin Kaufman</i>	<i>Christine Ajello-Larsen</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.

## **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.

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

Our Spring Bereavement will start up on March 16 to May 18 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Registration required. Please call Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or email [forubabe77@gmail.com](mailto:forubabe77@gmail.com).

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, January 22—**  
**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children**

6:30 Anna DeStefon

12:15 Dominick O'Neill

**TUESDAY, January 23—**  
**Weekday**  
*(Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;  
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin)*

6:30 Frank Kowalski

12:15 Joseph Micovsky

**WEDNESDAY, January 24—**  
**Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop,  
Religious Founder and Doctor**

6:30 Rose Villono

12:15 Nick Vilardi

**THURSDAY, January 25—**  
**The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

6:30 Deacon Frank Odin

12:15 Brian Donnelly

**FRIDAY, January 26—**  
**Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops**

6:30 Shantal Arcuri (Living)

12:15 Sr. Jean Albert Fry O.P.

**SATURDAY, January 27—**  
**Weekday**  
*(Saint Angela Merici, Virgin)*

8:00 Jose Julio Cevallos

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 John Guidice

**Sunday, January 28—**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus Council 794

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 Teresa Barbara

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Monday, January 22, 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
1:30 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 23
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:15 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark Room

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
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
6:30 p.m.	Levels 6, 7 and 8 Classes	School

**Thursday, January 25, 2024**

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
5:30 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

**Friday, January 26, 2024**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1—5 and Sp. Ed Classes	School
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Church
11:15 a.m.	Planning Meeting: Stations of the Cross	St. Lucy Room
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

## 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 7:00 p.m. 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 3rd domingo del tiempo ordinario - Ciclo B 1/21/24

Muéstrate propicio, Señor, a los deseos y plegarias de tu pueblo; danos luz para conocer tu voluntad y la fuerza necesaria para cumplirla. Por nuestro Señor. Amen.

#### **Primera Lectura (Jonás 3,1-5. 10):** También los Paganos Son Llamados a la Conversión

El profeta Jonás, pensando que la salvación estaba reservada sólo a los judíos, predica de mala gana la conversión a los paganos. Éstos escuchan la palabra de Dios y se alejan del mal.

#### **Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 7,29-31):** El Estilo de Vida Imparcial de los cristianos

Ya que los cristianos se convierten y vuelven a Dios, se espera que vivan para el reino. Por lo tanto, habrían de usar las cosas de este mundo sin apegarse a ellas.

#### **Evangelio (Marcos 1,14-20):** Arrepiéntanse y Crean en la Buena Nueva de Salvación

La Buena Nueva de salvación proclamada por Jesucristo exige conversión y compromiso de fe. Los apóstoles responden con total generosidad y lanzarán sus redes al mundo para reunir a todos y cada uno en Cristo

*. La misión de Juan termina*

San Marcos nos presenta el inicio de la vida pública de Cristo con este pasaje. El Bautista ha cumplido su misión de preparar el camino, y se acerca el momento en que dará el supremo testimonio de la entrega de su vida. Por los designios divinos, Cristo quiso que un hombre le preparase el camino. En cierto modo, quiso sentir necesidad de un mensajero que preparase a los hombres para su venida. ¡Como si Él no fuese lo suficientemente potente para salvar al mundo! Cristo, como Dios, sí es omnipotente; es más, podría haber salvado a todo el género humano con el más pequeño deseo de su voluntad. Pero, como vemos en el Antiguo Testamento, Dios quiere que su salvación venga a través del mismo hombre, a través de instrumentos que le dejan actuar, que ofrecen su libertad ante la voluntad de su Señor.

#### *2. La misión de Cristo, misión compartida*

Juan el Bautista es detenido. Y Jesús entra en acción. Pero sigue «sintiendo necesidad» de ayuda. No se lanza a predicar como un solitario prepotente, a quien todos deben someterse implacablemente. No. Lo primero que hace es buscar colaboradores, discípulos, que vivan con él y le ayuden en su misión de salvar a todo hombre, a cada hombre. En esta búsqueda de colaboradores, nuestro Señor llama a gente sencilla, gente del pueblo, pescadores. Y les llama con una palabra, con autoridad pero respetando plenamente su libertad. ¿Qué hubiera pasado si Pedro o Andrés hubieran dicho a Jesús: no quiero seguirte? Jesús hubiera respetado su libertad. Tenemos un ejemplo muy claro en el Evangelio: el caso del así llamado «joven rico». Cristo, el Dios todopoderoso, respeta humildemente la libertad del hombre. Él, Señor de todo cuanto existe, se expone a que le digan «no».

Hemos de orar con perseverancia, especialmente manteniendo la vigilancia y oración con los salmos. También hemos de ser revestidos con la armadura espiritual para vivir en comunión fraterna, expresada a través de la celebración diaria de la Eucaristía...

**OFFERING UPDATE  
January 13/14**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	210	95	\$2,768.00
8:00 a.m.	188	80	2,861.00
10:00 a.m.	313	91	2,590.00
12:00 p.m.	350	123	4,429.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			8.51
<b>Faith Direct</b>			3,289.20
<b>Children's Env.</b>		19	89.00
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			193.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>\$16,227.71</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>\$13,303.06</b>
<b>Candles</b>			\$983.00
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$304.32

**2023 OLPH CONTRIBUTION  
TAX LETTERS**

Tax letters for the 2023 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org). no later than the dates listed below.  
*Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

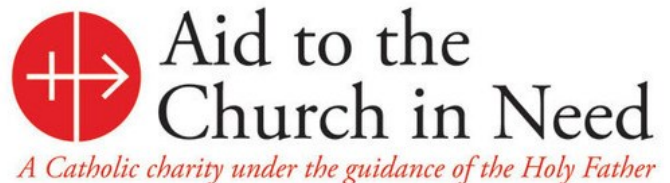
- January 28—deadline passed
- February 4—January 26 deadline
- February 11—February 2 deadline

**THE CHURCH IN NEED**

On January 28, 2024 a collection will be taken for “The Church in Need.” The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

- **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - this collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.
- **The Church in Latin America** For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.
- **The Church in Africa** – The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care.

Thank you for your generosity.



**Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information**

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred, and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese’s bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

## PREPARING FOR Sunday, January 28, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,  
for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.*

Mark 1:22

### Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The book of Deuteronomy is Moses' farewell speech to his people before they enter the Promised Land. He will not go with them. He consoles his people by telling them that God will raise a prophet like Moses and he will speak through him. The promise of a future prophet led the Israelites down through the centuries to wonder whether or not a particular individual might in fact be this promised prophet. The early Christians saw Jesus and his ministry as fulfillment of Moses' prophecy.

### 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Some today maintain that Paul is opposed to marriage. Though here he seems to prefer the unmarried state, it is because he believes that the endtime is fast approaching and he wants the Corinthians to be free from the kind of anxieties that accompany marriage. The real contrast that he draws is between commitment to the Lord and overinvolvement in the things of this world. Paul knows that those involved in the things of the world can be very committed to the Lord and yet possess a very shallow spirituality. He is more concerned with the quality of commitment than with the particular state of life.

### Mark 1:21-28

Having called a handful of disciples, Jesus begins his teaching and healing ministry. Mark notes how impressed the people are with Jesus. They are spellbound by him. He teaches with authority unlike their own scribes. What is this authority? It is the authority of God. Like the prophets of old, Jesus is anointed with God's Spirit, which enables him to touch people's hearts. His teaching is accompanied by signs and wonders. When Jesus teaches, things happen: the sick are healed, the cripple walk, and the oppressed are liberated. All of this leaves the people in awe. The Gospel builds on the first reading: Jesus is seen as the prophet whom Moses spoke about. Mark uses this story to teach and encourage his community 30 or 40 years later. They are experiencing "hostile voices" in their persecution by Jewish leaders and the Romans. If their lives are firmly rooted in Christ, they will be able to withstand the evil forces attacking them. And so it will be with us today.

### 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. Jesus "taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Was there an incident that confirmed Jesus' teaching and showed people its authenticity? If you can't have absolute confirmation, as they did, what will work for you? Trust? Explain.

2. "The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him." Would you call human trafficking one of today's "unclean spirits" that needs to "come out," as they did in this Gospel? What are some other ones?

## Readings for the Week

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

### Monday, January 22, 2024:

*Lectioary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV  
"Mass for Peace and Justice" nos. 887-891*

### Tuesday, January 23, 2024:

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19  
+ Mark 3:31-35

### Wednesday, January 24, 2024:

2 Samuel 7:4-17 + Mark 4:1-20

### Thursday, January 25, 2024:

Acts 22:3-16 + Mark 16:15-18

### Friday, January 26, 2024:

2 Samuel 1:1-8 + Mark 4:26-34

### Saturday, January 27, 2024:

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17  
+ Mark 4:35-41

### Sunday, January 28, 2024:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
+ 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
+ Mark 1:21-28



## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Pro-lifers are invited to help restore the right to life for preborn children by joining the *Long Island Coalition for Life* for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on **Sunday, January 21, 2024**, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This peaceful public outreach will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (NuHealth, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow). Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL 631-243-1435, [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).

*Maria Regina Catholic School, Seaford, NY* Learn more about our school at our **Open House** Sunday, **January 28** from 12:00—2:00 p.m. or **Middle School Night** **February 12** from 6:30—8:00 p.m. Located at 4045 Jerusalem Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783. For more information call 516-541-1229 or email [mariareginaschool.org](mailto:mariareginaschool.org).

**MERCY SOUP KITCHEN SEEKING VOLUNTEERS.** It is an exciting time at the *Mercy Soup Kitchen of Wyandanch* as it is preparing to launch its new and expanded post Covid operation. Located in the basement of **Trinity Lutheran Church** at 17 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street, the Kitchen served its first meal to hungry people in 1980 and currently serves an average of 108 people per day.

During the pandemic, however, Kitchen procedures had to be modified in order to provide hot, nourishing meals safely and continuously to those in need. Indoor sit-down dining was discontinued and only take-out dining was available. But today the Kitchen is posing for a post-Covid reopening – a reorganizational rebirth of sorts – where Kitchen procedures can finally return to again offering guests dignified, indoor sit-down dining. The Kitchen relies heavily on its generous volunteer support and, as such, **numerous on-site and off-site volunteer opportunities are now available.**

While there are openings for on-site positions, such as helping to prepare and serve meals and to perform various maintenance functions, there are also openings for diverse off-site positions in areas such as finance, grant development and preparation, legal compliance assurance, marketing duties, social media facilitation and fund raising/donation coordination.

Only with the efforts of its volunteers can the Kitchen succeed in its mission to provide food security to those in need. Please consider sharing some of your time and talents with the Kitchen to make this happen. We invite you to join our team. For further information, contact Vito Colletti at 631-358-9917 or [vcolletti@optonline.net](mailto:vcolletti@optonline.net).

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 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. **Next Sunday’s theme is Searching for a Meaning**, don’t miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding *Religion and Rock* go to [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://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.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org)!

# 2023

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE

**Thank you for your generous support of the  
2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

**Completing your 2023 pledge ensures that our Parish  
will benefit by receiving our full rebate.**

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal. To give securely on line, please go to:  
<https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>

***There’s still time to make a gift.***

Please remember that all pledges must be paid in full  
by January 31, 2024.

3rd generation  
OLPH parishioner

# Johnstons' Wellwood Funeral Home

Family Owned and Operated

226-2220

305 North Wellwood Ave, Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757

www.wellwoodfuneralhome.com



**JOANN CILLA**  
REAL ESTATE  
**JoAnn Cilla**  
Broker/ Owner  
203 East Montauk Hwy.  
Lindenhurst  
Office: 631-539-6000  
Cell: 516-429-1911  
JoAnn@JoAnnCillaRealEstate.com  
www.JoAnnCillaRealEstate.com

Are you 65 or older and need help with insurance ?  
**516-238-7149**  
**855-257-1785**  
17 years of local experience with medicare supplements, medicare advantage and part D medicare advantage.  
RX coverage -Dental -Vision-Hearing  
Call for a Free Quote Today!

**NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC**  
FREE ESTIMATES  
1 (631) 487-0939  
1 (516) 417-8403  
Lenny Mannino  
Master Electrician  
Licensed & Insured  
**10% OFF**

**ALLERS LUMBER CO., INC.**  
Serving The Area For 70 Years  
217 W. Montauk Hwy.  
Lindenhurst 226-6666

**Est. 1981**  
**VJ AUTO BODY**  
941 North Wellwood Ave., N. Lindenhurst  
Tel (631) 226-0070  
Free Pick Up and Drop Off Service  
24 Hour Towing  
Free Detailing with All Insurance Claims  
Rental on Premise  
**vjautobody.com**

**Linden Florist**  
211 S. Wellwood Ave.  
Lindenhurst, NY  
226-0610  
Parishioner O.L.P.H.  
Serving Our Community  
Over 40 Years

**BAK & VOGEL**  
• Paint  
• Wallcovering  
• Window Treatments  
1 No. Wellwood Ave.  
Lindenhurst  
(631) 226-2555  
Family Owned & Operated  
Longtime Parishioner of OLPH  
Serving the Village since 1951  
www.bakandvogel.com

**Premier Printing of Long Island**  
FOR ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS  
• Wedding Books • Color Flyers  
• Save the Dates • Birth Announcements  
• Invitations • Brochures  
• Envelopes • Christmas Cards  
• Thank You Cards  
Call or email us for a free quote today!  
**631-213-2128**  
premierprintingli@gmail.com

**TAHIERA RESTAURANT**  
161 Wellwood Ave.  
Lindenhurst (Opp. The Church)  
631-991-3745  
Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner  
American & Peruvian Cuisine

**THE FELLA LAW FIRM**  
Serving all of New York State in the areas of Personal Injury, Negligence, Accidents and Traffic Tickets  
MATT@MFELLALAW.COM | 631-482-7808  
MFELLALAW.COM

**Jo Ann Boettcher**  
Lic. Real Estate Salesperson  
Top 1% Nationally  
**Douglas Elliman REAL ESTATE**  
Douglas Elliman Real Estate  
124 West Main St., Babylon, NY 11702  
Direct: 631-422-9292 Cell: 516-359-0803  
joann.boettcher@elliman.com  
www.joannboettcher.com

**Patsy's & Son Bakery**  
199 So. Wellwood Ave.  
Lindenhurst  
(631) 226-9184

**COLDWELL BANKER**  
Easton Properties  
Cell 631-374-1443  
**Joe Perrone**  
Licensed Assoc. Real Estate Broker  
A life-long Lindenhurst resident helping friends and neighbors with their real estate needs for over 4 decades while being actively involved in our Church ministries and helping fellow Parishioners.  
A teacher/catechist for over 2 decades.  
Joe.perrone@coldwellbanker.com

Law Office of **RICHARD LAVORATA, JR.**  
General Practice  
101 N. Wellwood Ave., Ste 1  
Lindenhurst  
rlavorataesq@gmail.com  
631-376-1301

**The Little Flower Shop**  
226-0030  
437 N. Wellwood Ave.

Thomas A. Brennan  
Owner - Director

Thomas A. Brennan, Jr.  
Director

**Lindenhurst Funeral Home**  
424 South Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst, NY 11757  
(631) 957-0300

Vincent Ayers  
Director

John Terzo Eileen Roque  
Director Director

	<p><b>LINDENCREST DINER</b> Steaks • Chops • Seafood Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner Late Night Snacks <b>226-1010</b> 330 W. Montauk Hwy., Lindenhurst Serving our community with pride since 1985!</p>	<p><b>GOT PRO-LIFE INFO? CHECK OUT ProlifeED.org</b></p>	
<p><b>Fireside Catholic Youth Bible (NEXT Edition)</b> <i>New American Bible Revised Edition</i> The Fireside Catholic Youth Bible - NEXT Edition was written to enable Catholic youth to grow emotionally and spiritually in their Catholic faith. There are 21 topics addressed through five comprehensive sections. Your Decision/Your Reward; What Does the Bible say About; Roots of Our Faith; Saints Relate; and 1 on 1 with Christ.</p> <p><b>Features</b> • Page-edge indexing • Origin, Inspiration and History of the Bible • Presentation page • Three-year Cycle of Readings • Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation • Celebration of the Eucharist</p> <p><b>C/O The Church Bulletin, Inc. • 200 Dale Street • W. Babylon, NY 11704</b> Enclosed please find check/money order for \$ _____ to cover the cost of ____ (quantity) copies of the Fireside Family Bible, to be shipped post paid to: Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p>	<p><b>D'Andrea Bros. Funeral Home</b> 99 Oak Street, Copiague Just East of Bayview Avenue <b>631-691-5700</b> <i>Serving our friends in our communities with personalized funeral services since 1959.</i> Our Directors are <b>Beatrice E. Lewanduski</b> <b>David D'Andrea and George Wischerth</b></p>	<p>By growing in every aspect of patient experience and quality, Catholic Health is becoming the most preferred choice on Long Island.</p>	
<p><b>George Holub, Computer Surgeon</b> Cellphone: (631) 236-3119</p> <p><b>The Computer Surgeons</b> "We Make Your Computer Healthy Again" PO Box 13141, Hauppauge, NY 11788 <b>(631) 240-4600 Fax (631) 242-8084</b> www.thecomputersurgeons.com</p>	<p><b>LEATHERMAN HOMES</b> Looking to buy or sell? Call me today!</p> <p><b>Charles Gambino</b> Licensed Real Estate Salesperson <b>631.965.6269</b> Client Text: 631.230.1118 charles.gambino@leathermanhomes.com</p>	<p><b>Fireside Catholic Heritage Edition Bible</b> The Catholic Heritage Edition in the New American Bible Revised Edition translation is the ideal Catholic Family Bible.</p> <p><b>Features:</b> Our Catholic Family, Family Record section and Burgundy padded cover with gold-gilded page edges.</p> <p><b>Only \$79.99 post paid</b></p> <p><b>C/O The Church Bulletin, Inc. 200 Dale Street • W. Babylon, NY 11704</b> Enclosed please find check/money order for \$ _____ to cover the cost of ____ (quantity) copies of the Fireside Family Bible, to be shipped post paid to: Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p>	
<p>Please Patronize Our Advertisers</p>			
<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS SCHOOL</b> 41 Union Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701 <b>631-264-7166</b> www.smtschool.org <b>Call for a Tour Today!</b> 2 year old program, Nursery, Pre-K (5 full day, Extended Day or 1/2 day) Kindergarten-Eighth Grade Before and After Care Sports (CMSAA), Clubs, Student Government, State of the Art Technology, Math Olympiads, SMART Technology, National Jr Honor Society, Performing &amp; Fine Art Programs, K Builders Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and School Providing over 90 years of Catholic Education and Academic Excellence</p>	<p><b>NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC</b> 24/7 SERVICE • 0% INTEREST <b>FREE ESTIMATES</b> 1 (631) 487-0939 1 (516) 417-8403 Lenny Mannino Master Electrician Licensed &amp; Insured <b>10% OFF</b></p>	<p><b>IF YOU LIVE ALONE YOU NEED A MEDICAL ALERT At HOME or AWAY</b></p> <p>• GPS • Fall Alert • 24/7 • 365 Monitoring Ambulance • Police • Fire • Family/Friends</p> <p><b>MdMedAlert™</b></p> <p>As Low As <b>\$19.95</b>/month*</p> <p>No Contract • No Fees • E-Z Setup • md-medalert.com <b>CALL 800 867-7250</b></p> <p><b>Spanish Bible Latinoamericana Translation</b> <i>Nuestra Biblia Católica Familiar</i> This deluxe padded cover Bible is a classic Spanish Edition featuring the popular Catholic Latinoamericana translation.</p> <p><b>Features:</b> Gold-gilded pages, Scripture Readings for Our Wedding Day, Padded covers and gold embossing, Stories of Christmas and Easter and Presentation page</p> <p><b>Burgundy padded cover..... \$76.99 post paid</b></p> <p><b>C/O The Church Bulletin, Inc. • 200 Dale Street • W. Babylon, NY 11704</b> Enclosed please find check/money order for \$ _____ to cover the cost of ____ (quantity) copies of the Fireside Family Bible, to be shipped post paid to: Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p>	
<p><b>FOR INFORMATION ON ADVERTISING IN THIS PUBLICATION PLEASE CONTACT:</b> <b>THE CHURCH BULLETIN INC.</b> <b>(631) 249-4994 or churchbtn@gmail.com</b></p>			