

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
in the days of King Herod, behold,
magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?”*

Matthew 2:1-2a

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2018

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Mr. Frank Pokorney

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

Sunday: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Saturday: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. We are, of course, still in Christmas Time, and we celebrate that the child born in the darkness of night in a lowly manger is revealed as the manifestation (“epiphany”) of God. Christ is revealed in many different ways, among them as Lord, as King, and as the One in whom God is present and acting. All of these manifestations are “lights” that shine on Christ, revealing a deeper understanding of who He is. All the readings for the Mass of this day reveal, in a way, a different manifestation of who Christ is for all who believe. Traditionally, the visit of the Magi takes center stage in the Gospel reading assigned for this day.

The meaning of this Solemnity is summed up well in the Preface assigned for Mass for the Epiphany (the Preface is the beginning section of the Eucharistic Prayer, which comes after the Introductory Dialogue, but before the Holy, Holy): *“For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.”* Those words capture for us the meaning of Christmas, and of all the liturgical celebrations, including the Epiphany, that occur during Christmas Time: because God became human, because the Word became flesh, human nature — you and I — have been made new because we have been made sharers in the divine! What a powerful, yet challenging, spiritual reflection that is for us to ponder!

As is our custom at OLPH, at all Masses for the Epiphany the ancient Epiphany Proclamation will be chanted. This ancient chant reminds us of how the mystery of the Lord’s Paschal Mystery is manifested and unfolded for us in time throughout the upcoming liturgical year. What a beautiful ancient custom this is! I’m so glad that we do this here at OLPH!

Epiphany Blessing of the Home

It is traditional for families to bless their home on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, and I

hope your family will take part in this beautiful expression of family faith life. We have printed in this bulletin an insert with a simple prayer service that can be used, and we have provided cards this weekend that can be used at home; look for them around the church. (The blessing can also be done without the card if for any reason you do not have one.) What a great Christmas tradition this is to have in your home! For families with children, what a great way this is to continue to impress upon them the central place God should have in family home life! What a great way to connect liturgy and everyday life! After all, as someone once said, “Liturgy is life and life is liturgical!”

Thank you for all the Christmas gifts and goodies!

Fr. Fidelis, Fr. Frank and I take this opportunity to thank all of you who sent goodies and other Christmas gifts to the rectory. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Only about now are we beginning to find some semblance of space on our kitchen countertop as more and more of the goodies “disappear.” Thanks to everyone for taking such good care of your priests! (Now, if one of you could give me a sure-fire way to lose the weight I gained over Christmas...!)

The Liturgical Year: Return to Ordinary Time

Well, the liturgical season of Christmas Time draws to a close this week. Monday, January 8, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, is the last day of Christmas Time, and as of this Tuesday, January 9, the Church returns to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This first segment, or winter portion, of Ordinary Time is not all that long this year. Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday, which this year is on February 14 (*hmmm...it should make for an interesting Valentine’s Day!*).

Remember, when we use the term “Ordinary Time” it does not mean “ordinary” in the sense of “run-of-the-mill” or banal; the term “ordinary” derives from the word “ordinal,” which means numbered, as the Sundays in Ordinary Time are numerically ordered.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Spiritually, the liturgical time of these winter weeks is anything but empty or unproductive; it should be a time in which our faith flourishes and grows, "greening," as it were, to echo the liturgical color green which is worn. During Ordinary Time, the entire Paschal Mystery in general occupies our attention, instead of celebrating that mystery through a particular lens or focus as we do during Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter Time. These weeks can be a great opportunity to make our discipleship visible not only through our words, but also through our deeds. Let's make the most of these winter months of Ordinary Time by truly putting into practice the concrete acts of love and charity the Lord Jesus calls us to do!

What goes up must come down!

With the arrival of Ordinary Time, our Christmas decorations must come down. We will be taking down the decorations on Monday, January 8, at 1:30 p.m., after the last Mass of Christmas Time. If you are free, why not stop by to give us a hand? (Remember the old saying, "Many hands make light work"?) We would appreciate it, and it's fun to join in the communal spirit! Our Christmas decorations went up in record time because of all the great help we had, and I hope the taking down of the decorations will go as smoothly.

Phase Three of Brick Memorialization

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

OLPH (nor even necessarily Catholic!) to memorialize a brick. Thank you for your consideration.

First Reconciliation (First Penance)

This Saturday, January 13, we will be having the second of our two liturgies during which children in our Religious Education Program will celebrate First Penance, i.e., go to Confession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for the first time. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers this week, because this is an important moment in the faith life of the children and in their ongoing spiritual and liturgical formation. Allow me to remind the parents of the children who will be celebrating to make the day special for them: have them dress up, and do something festive and celebratory as a family later that day to mark the occasion.

Second Term as Pastor

Finally, as I announced at all the Masses last weekend, Bishop Barres has granted my request and I have been appointed to a second term as Pastor here at OLPH (my first term is up as of June of this year). I am very grateful for this appointment, and I look forward to continuing to serve you in the years ahead. I enjoy being at OLPH very much; I consider it a blessing to be able to serve you as Pastor, and I really wanted to stay, so I was thrilled to receive the letter from the Bishop. As I mentioned in my comments last weekend, I truly feel that the best is yet to come! Many thanks for your prayers and support!

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,



BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON THE EPIPHANY

Use this ritual to bless your home on the Feast of Epiphany, January 7, 2018

The household gathers at the manger scene, or at some other suitable place. The parish card with the inscription to be placed above the doorway (if available) is used at the end of the ritual. (Instructions on how to make the inscription if the card is not available are given at the end of the ritual.) All make the sign of the cross, and the Leader begins:

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

All respond: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: During these days of Christmas Time, we keep this feast of Epiphany. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

Then someone proclaims the Scripture reading:

Reader: Listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Matthew.

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of King Herod, astrologers from the east arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." At this news King Herod became greatly disturbed, and with him all Jerusalem. Summoning all of the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem of Judea," they informed him. "Here is what the prophet has written: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the princes of Judah, since from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them: "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report it to me so that I may go and offer him homage too."

After their audience with the king, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, found the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They received a message in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him. Our response will be, Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray: *R/*.

Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray: *R/*.

Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray: *R/*.

After the intercessions, all pray the Lord's Prayer: Our Father...

Leader: Let us pray. Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

All respond: Amen.

Now the custom of making an inscription above the main door of the house, on the inside, is done. Use the card provided by the parish. If the card is not available, then you can make your own inscription. Written in chalk, or in some other way, the inscription should read:

20 + C + M + B + 18

The letters represent the Magi, traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar; the "20" and "18" represent the year, signifying the timeless God; each cross marks a point of the compass, or "all the nations."

The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is a traditional time to announce the major feasts and celebrations of the Church for the upcoming year. Before the advent of online calendars, iPhones, perpetual calendars, and handheld organizers, the formal announcement at Epiphany was the usual way the Church made known the date of Easter and all the celebrations that are dependent upon its date.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the date of Easter moves each year because it is affected by the lunar and solar cycles. The Council of Nicaea (325 AD) determined that Easter would be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox, or first day of spring (in the northern hemisphere). (The Orthodox Churches use a different calendar system, and so their date for Easter is different.)

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.



Know, dear brothers and sisters,
that, as we have rejoiced
at the Nativity of
our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also
the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.

On the fourteenth day of February
will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast
of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the first day of April
you will celebrate
with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the tenth day of May
will be the Ascension of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twentieth day of May
the feast of Pentecost.

On the third day of June,
the feast of the
Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ.

On the second day of December
the First Sunday of the Advent
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to who is honor and glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer for Peace

Please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world.

This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.



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. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.



Monday, January 8—7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 15—No Devotions due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 22—7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL CARDS FOR THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF YOUR HOME

It is traditional for families to bless their home on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, which is today, **Sunday, January 7, 2018**. In this week's bulletin we have special information about blessing your home on Epiphany. We also have available special cards which may be used in the blessing and placed above your doorway, to remain there for the entire upcoming year. Please look for these special cards available throughout the church.

Peace be with this house and all who live here

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Lindenhurst, New York

Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...



Saturdays and Sundays After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

"The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself 'continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.'"

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION

*Soon we will be beginning classes
in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

If you are an adult who is baptized and has received first Holy Communion but has not been confirmed, please let us know.

Classes will begin February 6!

For adults who desire more information, contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net.

For teenagers and their families who desire more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631.226.7725, x 251 or e-mail to religiously@oloph.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE



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Friday, January 19, 2018

This year we have a MUCH BETTER chance to save those innocent little lives... Once again, we are blessed that Msgr. Joe has allowed us to hire a bus to take us to the March. **The day begins with Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 5:00 a.m. and the bus will leave immediately after.**

A \$20 reservation fee is requested to offset the cost of the bus. If interested, please call Kathy of the Respect Life Committee at 631-225-9864.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Level 8:

Make the finishing touches to Part One of your Workbook!
They are due tomorrow!

Level 2 Session II:

You have a Penance Rehearsal on Monday, January 8, at 5:00 p.m.
Please meet in the church with a parent!
On Saturday, January 13, do not go to class at 10:00 a.m.
Meet in the church with a parent at 11:15 a.m.



We hope you all had as much fun as our Level 1 students had celebrating the birth of Jesus in December! Happy Epiphany this weekend, everyone!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

- PASTA SAUCE**
- CANNED MEAT**
- CANNED CARROTS**
- PORK & BEANS**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- JELLY OR JAM**
- COFFEE**
- SUGAR**
- SHELF STABLE MILK CARTONS**
(Please not evaporated milk)
- SHAMPOO**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

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.—12:00 Noon

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

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

† A LIVING MEMORIAL

THANK YOU!!! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program. Your donations are used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish.

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pews, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for further information.

OUR MISSION

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Long Island is part of an international organization of Catholic laymen and women who join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of our founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, Saint Vincent de Paul.



"Those who love the poor in life will have nothing to fear in death..."
- Saint Vincent de Paul

*As a Living Memorial
to the life of*

A donation has been made by

*To the
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
of Long Island*

Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS

We are in need of the following items:

Men's pants (jeans & sweat pants) - larger sizes
 Women's new underwear (sizes 5,6,7)
 Heavy hoodies - L to 3 XL
 Winter hats (skull type)/gloves - men & women
 Sneakers - 10, 11, 11.5, 12, 13, 15
 Shampoo - 1.5 oz.
 Lotion - 1.5 oz.
 Deodorant
 Lip balm
 Back packs
 Gently used tents
 Waterproof blankets

*If it is easier, we can always use **Kmart** gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.*

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

MIDDLE AGES

**Are you a woman
 in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?**

Tuesday, February 6

**Van Lunches and Valentine project
 in Room 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

Meetings are usually held on the first and third weeks of the month in Room 24 of the “new” school. For more information, call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or e-mail at gtonness@optonline.net

SENIOR MOMENTS

Give yourself a Challenge

The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Tuesday, January 9

Fran Grasso—631-956-3003
 sixfingers13@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

“There was an error in the Friends of Music listing in last week’s bulletin. The donation from Mr. and Mrs. Ottmar Keller is in memory of Fran Keller Levesque. We apologize for the error.”



TELECARE TELETHON TIME!

The Telecare Telethon is the weekend of *Saturday, January 13th from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 14th from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.* Please tune in on Cablevision channel 29/137, Time Warner Channel 471 or Verizon FiOS channel 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest “stars” including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of our Diocese. Additionally, visits from some celebrity chefs, musical groups and New York sports teams will help fuel the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun for the 25th annual Telecare Telethon and consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at www.TelecareTV.org.



PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Announcement:

***Carlton Mitchell
& Maika Blackman***

WE REMEMBER

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

***Edward Doelger
Dolores Rossetti
Lisa Marie Ross
Nancy Ingrassia
Michael Albanese
Louis DeVecchis***

“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.”

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of

January 7-13:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Michael Sansalone

Requested by

Joseph & Frances Trapani

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

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018 AT 12:00 P.M. MASS

Leonard Vicciardo	Requested by Mary Vicciardo
Maryann Cassar	Requested by Doreen Nuzzo
Rita Schettini	Requested by Richard & Carmen Abbrevaya

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Fr Andrew Apostoli CFR</i>	<i>Michael Boutin</i>
<i>Constance Mango</i>	<i>Dolores Otten</i>
<i>Ronald Higgins</i>	<i>Lisa O'Reilly</i>
<i>Beta Konopka</i>	<i>Richard Olson</i>
<i>Shawn Matthews</i>	<i>Richard Camba</i>
<i>Jennifer Kienle</i>	<i>Agostino Pecoraro</i>
<i>Linda Barresi</i>	<i>Kristy Donner</i>
<i>Laura Flynn</i>	<i>Kathy Stanton</i>
<i>Denise Parker</i>	<i>Erin Stanton</i>
<i>Louis Vita</i>	
<i>Peter Leyden</i>	

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

HELP WANTED!



HELP TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS!

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on **Monday, January 8th at 1:30 p.m. in the church.** We could use as many helpers as possible to make the job go quickly and easily. Just come on down and lend a hand!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 8, 2018— THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10:00 Tony Lopez (Living)

12:15 Paul Giachetti

TUESDAY, January 9— Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

6:30 Benjamin Mauro

12:15 Franciszek Wegrzynowski

WEDNESDAY, January 10— Weekday

6:30 Noreen Cronin

12:15 Kathy Worth

THURSDAY, January 11— Weekday

6:30 Christina Rose Renna

12:15 Michael Massaro

FRIDAY, January 12— Weekday

6:30 Rocco Versace

12:15 Joan Airoidi

SATURDAY, January 13— Weekday (Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

8:00 Margaret Roller

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 14 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Michael Babish

10:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

12:00 Antoinette Guglielmo

5:00 Jeanette Cotter

Monday, January 8, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
1:30 p.m.	Remove Christmas Decorations	Church
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent Business Meeting	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	First Penance Rehearsal B	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee	St. Lucy
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:45 p.m.	Spanish Board Meeting	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Squires	Room 19

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
1:45 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	Cafeteria

Thursday, January 11, 2018

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Practice	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, January 12, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society Meeting	Room 10

Saturday, January 13, 2018

8:30,10:00	Levels 1, 3 - 5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Level 2 First Penance	Church
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:30 p.m.	Remove Christmas Decorations	Outside

Sunday, January 14, 2018

9:00 a.m.	K of C Poster Awards	Cafeteria
10:00 a.m.	RCIA RCIC	Church Room 18
12:45 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

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Lecturas del La Sagrada Familia: Jesús, María y José - Ciclo B 1/14/18

Los cuerpos de ustedes

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Utilicen su cuerpo para la gloria de Dios.

Que Jesús, el Señor, esté siempre con ustedes.

VENGAN Y BEAN DISE JESUS.

Primera Lectura (1 Samuel 3,3b-10. 19): Habla, Señor, Que Tu Siervo Escucha

El joven Samuel responde a la misteriosa llamada de Dios para entregarse enteramente a su servicio.

Oh Padre del cielo, te pedimos que, cuando nos llamas en los acontecimientos de la vida diaria, tu Santo Espíritu no dé la actitud interior y la fortaleza para decir: "Señor, aquí estoy. Estoy dispuesto a hacer tu voluntad", unidos a Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 6,13b-15a. 17-20): El Cuerpo de Ustedes Es el Templo del Espíritu Santo

A los discípulos de Corinto, que viven en una ciudad portuaria con marcada inmoralidad sexual, San Pablo les dice: El cuerpo de ustedes es sagrado para Dios, ya que es templo del Espíritu Santo. Los cuerpos de ustedes son miembros que conforman el cuerpo de Cristo.

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Utilicen su cuerpo para la gloria de Dios.

Evangelio (Juan 1,35-42): Vengan y Veán dice Jesús

Dos discípulos de Juan se encuentran con Jesús y él les llama a quedarse con él. En cuanto le conozcan mejor, le seguirán. Aun antes de que pudiéramos conocerle, Dios nos llamó por nuestro nombre, al ser bautizados. Nos llamó a ser sus hijos e hijas y nos dio a cada uno de nosotros una tarea en la Iglesia. La

vocación no se restringe sólo a sacerdotes y monjas, sino que hay un llamado dirigido a todos nosotros.

Este llamado nos llegó no sólo una vez, cuando nos hicimos hijos de Dios en el bautismo. Dios sigue llamándonos día tras día a vivir como hijos suyos y a trabajar por su reino. --- Las lecturas que escucharemos en esta celebración eucarística son palabra de Dios y llamado para nosotros hoy. El sacrificio que

ofrecemos con Jesús nuestro Señor nos compromete a responder generosamente al llamado de amor de Dios.



OFFERING UPDATE December 23/24, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m. Sat.	608	224	\$5,678.00
8:00 a.m.	261	117	3,025.00
10:00 a.m.	335	95	2,548.00
12:00 p.m.	347	99	2,599.00
Coin			14.81
Mail-ins:			807.00
Children's Env.		20	40.51
Faith Direct			2,380.00
TOTAL	1,551	555	\$17,092.32
Candles			\$2017.03
Poor Box			\$713.85

*The final totals for
the Christmas Collection and
Christmas Flowers will be published
in a later bulletin.*

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January 14—passed
January 21—January 12
January 28—January 19

OFFERING UPDATE December 30/31, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	251	95	\$2,353.00
8:00 a.m.	200	86	2,158.00
10:00 a.m.	377	109	2,893.00
12:00 p.m.	520	151	3,915.00
5:00 p.m.	170	32	975.00
Coin			19.13
Mail-ins:			1,092.00
Children's Env.		14	19.40
Faith Direct			2,305.50
TOTAL	1,518	487	\$15,730.03
2016 total	1,554	719	\$20,279.47
Candles			\$1,160.13
Poor Box			\$287.77
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Tax letters for the 2017 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.

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PREPARING FOR Sunday, January 14, 2018— THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The next day John was there again with two of his disciples,
and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.”* John 1:35-36

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

We hear today how Samuel as a young man was called by God. At first, Samuel does not recognize the call as coming from God, something that we may have trouble with ourselves in our own lives. But the repetitiveness of God's calling to Samuel assures us that he does not easily quit on us. He keeps calling. He can call at any time or place, as he did while Samuel slept in the temple sacristy. We should always be ready to respond to God's call since active cooperation with God can yield astounding results.

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Paul addresses the question of how to live as faithful disciples in a world that has other values. Sexual promiscuity is one of the problems Paul encounters in the port town of Corinth. Some Corinthian Christians believe that their bodies, like all mortal things, will pass away and they can therefore do anything they want. Paul thinks otherwise. He reminds them that in baptism, our body (and spirit) is given to Christ; hence, it belongs to Christ and is the temple of the Holy Spirit for that reason. We are reminded then of just how close we are to Christ and how much he loves his church.

John 1:35-42

Just as Eli introduced Samuel to the Lord, John the Baptist, in this Gospel, introduces two of his disciples to Jesus. John's ministry is (as is ours) to introduce others to Christ. When the two disciples begin to follow Jesus their eyes were opened to his true identity. Just so with us: when our eyes are opened to who Jesus truly is, we are invited to come and stay with Jesus and share his relationship with the Father. Having had their eyes opened, one of the two disciples, Andrew, seeks out his brother, Simon, and introduces him to Jesus. Jesus immediately changes Simon's name to Cephas, meaning "rock." Henceforth, Peter will have a key and central role in the new community of believers. Who knows what will happen when we introduce others to Christ?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 8, 2018:

Isaiah 55:1-11 + Mark 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9, 2018:

1 Samuel 1:9-20 + Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10, 2018:

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20
+ Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11, 2018:

1 Samuel 4:1-11 + Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 12, 2018:

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a
+ Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13, 2018:

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1
+ Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14, 2018:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
+ 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
+ John 1:35-42

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday's Gospel take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. Jesus asked the disciples, "What are you looking for"? How would you answer that question? Then there was a second loaded question: "Where are you staying"? This could be restated, "Where can we spend time with you?" When the disciples took time with Jesus, did they find what they were looking for, even if just by instinct? Will this work for you?

2. In the light of what Pope Francis says below, discuss what the disciples might have experienced when they answered Jesus' call to "come and see."

"That is why we tell everyone: "Come and see"! In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a *testimony to unconditional and faithful love*: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast. ... "Come and see." Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness."

*Urbi et Orbi Message Of Pope Francis,
Easter 2014, Paragraph 4*



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