

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus  
in bodily form like a dove.  
And a voice came from heaven,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*  
Luke 3:22

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2019

### 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

Mondays 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.

# FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

## Living Life by Design Not by Default

*By Fr. Michael Schmitz*

### Live This Year Intentionally

Fr. Michael Schmitz explains why and how we need to live an intentionally Christian life within this technological age. Discover how, with a few small steps, you can stop going with the flow and live by design.




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with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help App

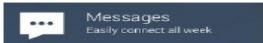
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**Step 2:** Search "myParish app" & press download 

**Step 3:** Open up the myParish app and type in "Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church"

**Step 4:** Set OLPH as your main parish

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**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING? CHECK OUT OUR NEW DIRECTORY!**



*The updated 2019 Ministry Directory  
is now available on our OLPH website  
[www.olphlindenhurst.com](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com)  
& on our OLPH App!*

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

The liturgical season of Christmas Time comes to a close with today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast proclaims to us what is known as a "theophany," *i.e.*, a revelation or manifestation of God in our midst. In this particular case, what is revealed is the divine Sonship of Jesus as, after His baptism, according to Luke's Gospel, heaven is opened and the Holy Spirit descends upon Him "in bodily form like a dove." As the voice from heaven proclaims, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," Jesus is anointed and appointed to His Messianic office, and His public ministry commences.

However, we as baptized Christians cannot help but remember that our baptism elevates us to the status of sons and daughters of God and gives us a share in Christ's mission, that of bringing the good news of the poor.

On this feast, we should all take a few moments to ponder the richness and depth of what it means to be baptized. Reflect on these statements which come from the General Introduction concerning Christian Initiation:

- "Baptism incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God's people. This first sacrament pardons all our sins, rescues us from the power of darkness, and brings us to the dignity of adopted children, a new creation through water and the Holy Spirit. Hence we are called and are indeed the children of God." (2)

- "Baptism is the sacrament by which its recipients are incorporated into the Church and are built up together in the Spirit into a house where God lives, into a holy nation and a royal priesthood. Baptism is a sacramental bond of unity linking all who have been signed by it." (4)

- "Those who are baptized are united to Christ in a death like his; buried with him in death, they are given life again with him, and with him they rise again. For baptism recalls and makes present the paschal mystery itself, because in baptism we pass from the death of sin into life." (6)

Powerful words indeed! That is why we have highlighted baptism on this feast by beginning all the Masses with the Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water, as a reminder

of our baptism.

After today, the Church returns to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, when the entire Paschal Mystery in general occupies our attention, instead of a particular lens or focus for that Mystery (see the next section of this article). This segment of Ordinary Time will continue until March 6, Ash Wednesday. (Yes, Ash Wednesday, and therefore Easter, too, come late in 2019!)

### *The Liturgical Year: Return to Ordinary Time*

So, as Christmas Time concludes and we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, remember that 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.

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. One of the Prefaces (*i.e.*, one of the beginning parts of the Eucharistic Prayer) that the priest might use during Ordinary Time summarizes well our focus during these seven-and-a-half weeks before Lent begins; that prayer says, "*For in you we live and move and have our being, and while in this body we not only experience the daily effects of your care, but even now possess the pledge of life eternal.*" During this segment of Ordinary Time, our focus is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and our call to live, move and have our being in Him, to follow His example, and to make Him known in our life. The Collect (Opening Prayer) we will pray on January 27, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, expresses this call: "*Direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of our beloved Son we may abound in good works.*"

Pleasing God and abounding in good

works: the weeks ahead 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!***

Alas, our Christmas decorations must come down, and we are doing that today, Sunday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m., immediately following 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.

***Witness to Life: Be Pro-Life***

Finally, I call your attention to a special two-page insert we are running in the bulletin this weekend, from the New York State Catholic Conference, with important information concerning action we Catholics should take in support of women and unborn children. Please take the time to read it.

I'm afraid that truthfulness demands that we say it plainly and directly: abortion is a terrible evil that takes the life of an unborn child. It is also damaging, psychologically and spiritually, to both the mother and the father — don't let anyone tell you otherwise (as a priest, in Confession and in counseling, I have seen the devastating effects; they are real). Even though abortion is a sin, I do not believe for a moment that women who have an abortion are evil persons, and I sincerely wish and pray that they know that the Church does not condemn them or reject them — just the opposite: we welcome them to come to receive God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to be freed from this sin. **Any woman, or man for that matter, who comes to Confession who has been involved in procuring an abortion will be received with gentleness, compassion and forgiveness, and will experience God's mercy as absolution is given to them.** At the

same time, we must never stop telling the truth about how wrong abortion is, and we must never try to cover up or deny what it is by using euphemisms such as "health care" or "reproductive rights." Such terms are outright lies when it comes to abortion.

Again I ask you to take some time to prayerfully read and act on the information in this two-page insert in the bulletin. There's at least one thing mentioned there that all of us can do, no matter our age or situation in life, in order to give witness to this important aspect of morality; please choose one (or more!) and follow through on it (or them!).

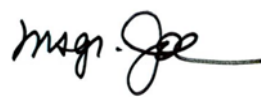
In addition, allow me to call your attention to the ad we have in this bulletin concerning the March for Life in Washington, D.C., which will be held this Friday, January 18. I hope I'm not giving you incorrect information (my apologies if I am), but I believe that as of this weekend, you can still get in on the bus the parish has hired to travel down and back to Washington; contact information is given in the bulletin ad if you are interested in going.

***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,





## PRAYER & 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. 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 14—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, January 21—No devotions due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday**

**Monday, January 28—7:00 p.m.**

### **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**

### **A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH**

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, 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.

- **Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).
- **Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.
- **Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.
- **Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

**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.

## 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.



*Lord Jesus Christ,  
who are called the Prince of Peace,  
Who are yourself our peace  
and our reconciliation,  
Who so often said 'Peace to you',  
Grant us peace!  
Make all men and women witnesses  
of truth, justice and brotherly love.  
Banish from their hearts  
whatever might endanger peace.  
Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee  
and defend the great gift of peace.  
May all peoples of the earth  
become as brothers and sisters.  
May longed-for peace blossom forth  
and reign always over us all.  
AMEN  
Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!*



### **BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**

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

### **REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST**

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

## **OLPH ADULT CHOIR AT RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL**



*The OLPH Adult Choir performed on stage at the Radio City Music Hall before the "Christmas Spectacular" on Sunday, December 30, 2018.  
What a wonderful experience for everyone!*





## ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS

**STARTS  
THIS  
WEEK!**

### CHRISTOLOGY

Instructors: Mrs. April Kleinlaut,  
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani  
and Deacon Robert Becker  
5 nights, Thursdays and Tuesdays –  
January 17, 24, 31 and February 5 & 12  
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Place: Room 3 in OLPH School



*This course provides a basic understanding of the person of Jesus Christ revealed through Scripture and doctrine. Foundations such as Jesus's teaching ministry, the Resurrection stories, and the full humanity of Jesus will be presented. The course will also develop an understanding of the image of Christ presented by St. Paul in his epistles as well as other historical representations.*

Credit may be obtained as a Basic Course toward completion of a diocesan Basic Religious Studies Certificate.

*A \$20 donation is requested to cover the cost of materials will be collected during the class.*

## WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE?

### DO YOU LOVE YOUR JOB?

**ARE YOU FULFILLING  
YOUR CAREER DREAMS?**

**Would you like to help others go  
after their hopes and dreams?**

If you enjoy helping people and mentoring others, it will be rewarding to share your professional knowledge and success. Come and join our Professional Mentorship Ministry and together let's help others find their purpose in life.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge call OLPH Church at (631) 226-7725 or email [PMM@oloph.org](mailto:PMM@oloph.org)



**LET'S HELP EACH OTHER  
FIND OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE**





**“LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME”**  
**PRAYER GARDEN**  
**Engraved Bricks**

*Bricks may be memorialized in our*

***“Let the Children Come to Me” Prayer Garden.***

*Brick locations will be assigned in the order in which they are received in front of the "Let the Children Come to Me" statue.*

Your Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please enclose full payment of \$125 with this completed form.

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## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

### Attn: Brick Memorialization

Linda Coppola

210 South Wellwood Avenue

Lindenhurst, NY 11757

*Please print the inscription as it is to appear on the brick (3 lines/16 characters per line maximum).  
Each box represents one letter, number, character or space. The pavers will be engraved in all capital letters.  
If you would like to add a heart or a cross to your brick, it will be engraved on the left hand side.*

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**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](mailto:akleinlaut@oloph.org))

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION****OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**Level 6:**

**Your Baptism Reflection is due on Wednesday, January 16.**  
**Please call the office if you have yet to attend a Baptism!**

**Level 7:**

**On Wednesday, January 16, there is a meeting in the auditorium at 5:30 p.m. on the topic of Chastity; the meeting is for students only!**

**Level 2:**

**On Saturday, January 19, students will meet in the auditorium during their normal class time to watch the special Communion video!**

**Levels 3-5:**

**Your mid-term exams are on Saturday, January 19!**  
**Make sure you study hard!**



Chastity is  
 the name  
 which is  
 common to  
 all the  
 virtues.

†SAINT JOHN  
 OF THE LADDER



**Happy Saint of the Day!**  
**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

*Jesus loves the world so much that His heart is on fire for us! His heart was pierced twice: once by the love He felt for everyone, and second, by the hatred of the people who crucified Him. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on the Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost (in the springtime), so the date changes every year. Jesus hopes that people will remain devoted to His Sacred Heart. One way to do that is to go to church and receive the Eucharist on the first Friday of the month. How do you think that you can take the time to show Jesus that you love Him in today's world, which often seems to ignore Jesus?*



# 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—cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † 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!**

**CANNED MEATS**

**PEANUT BUTTER**

**JELLY OR JAM**

**CANNED FRUIT**

**SHELF STABLE MILK**

**COFFEE**

**PAPER TOWELS**

**TOILET PAPER**

**PLEASE NO PASTA AT THIS TIME.**

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 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.

After Jesus was baptized, He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

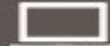
As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words “you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased”.

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
JANUARY 14 - 22, 2019

9DAYSFORLIFE.COM

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AS WE PRAY  
FOR THE RESPECT  
OF HUMAN LIFE

4 WAYS:





# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## HOMELESS MINISTRY

### DONATIONS:

We can use gift cards (Visa, Amazon, etc.) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping for items most often needed.

We are in need of the following:

- Sweat shirts
- Sweat pants
- Jeans (30-42)
- New women's underwear (5,6,7)
- New men's underwear (L, XL, 2x, 3x)
- Hoodies
- Thermal underwear
- Blankets
- Clean, gently used sneakers
- Gloves
- Winter berets/skull caps

*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.*

## 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.*

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, February 12**  
**9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

## COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held one Sunday each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

**Our next Community Meal is**  
**Sunday, January 20.**

**Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass**  
**then join us for "Sunday Dinner" at 1:00**

## RIGHT TO LIFE GIFT SALE

*Did Santa give you too much?  
Or maybe you have extras  
YOU would like to share?*

Please consider donating items to the  
**Life Center of Long Island.**

They're hosting a

**"RE-GIFTING SALE"**

**January 27, 2019**

at Our Lady of Lourdes,  
Massapequa.

Come by on the 27th to take advantage of the great bargains and help to protect unborn babies! Items may be dropped at the Life Center, 35 E Willow St., Massapequa (outside Sunrise Mall) before January 25th or call Louise 631-412-3831.



**Life Center of Long Island**  
*Saving Lives by Changing Hearts*

## NURSING MINISTRY & K OF C BLOOD DRIVE

**Help  
save  
lives**



**Blood Drive**  
**Today**  
**Sunday,**  
**January 13, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

Room 16 in the New School

*Each donation helps to save up to 3 lives*

Contact: Regina Muir  
at 631-223-5327

**Ages 16 -75 are eligible**  
**16 and 17 year olds**

*must have parental permission*



### ♥ Eligibility Criteria ♥

Please Bring **Donor Card or ID.**

Minimum Weight: 110lbs.

No New Tattoos for past 12 months.

Ages 16 - 74 (75+ with doctor permission).

For questions concerning medical eligibility:

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**FROM THE DRVC RESPECT LIFE OFFICE**

New York State Catholic Conference

## The Abortion Expansion Act:

### Lives in the Balance

Sadly, New York State is the Abortion Capital of our nation, with a rate of 29.6 abortions for every 1,000 women of reproductive age. That's more than twice the national average.

New York legalized abortion in 1970, three years before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Roe vs. Wade*. Abortion is legal here for any reason up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, and any time after that if the mother's life is at risk. So even if *Roe* were to be overruled, the vast majority of abortions in our state would continue to be legal and available.

The Governor and the Democratic leadership in the New York State Legislature want to go even further, and make abortion less safe and more expansive than it is now. They've promised to enact the so-called "Reproductive Health Act" early in 2019. This bill would:

- Allow non-doctors to perform abortions.
- Allow abortions for any reason in the third trimester of pregnancy right up to a mother's due date.
- Remove all criminal penalties for abortion, even if it was contrary to the mother's choice, such as the intentional targeting of an unborn child in an act of violence.
- Remove our state's protections for infants accidentally born alive in the course of an abortion.
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This extremism goes far beyond *Roe vs. Wade*!

### Take Action Now

Pro-life New Yorkers need to stand up in unison and make their voices heard on behalf of women and their unborn children. Tell your state lawmakers that enough is enough.

Here's a simple way to do this. Go to the New York State Catholic Conference website at [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org). Click on "Stop Abortion Expansion." Enter your home address information, then select "Send Message." Your message will automatically be sent to your State Senator, State Assembly Representative and the Governor. **Please do it as soon as you can. It is so important to register our strong protest at this time.**

Tragically, the political reality following the 2018 mid-term elections means that we are unlikely to defeat this measure in the State Legislature. Governor Andrew Cuomo is a strong proponent of the bill, and has promised to sign it into law.

If the legislation is indeed enacted into law this year, we must do all we can to ensure that vulnerable women facing unplanned pregnancies do not avail themselves of it.

## What More Can We Do?

As a caring and compassionate people, we can also:

### 1. Pray.

Pray for the intercession of St. Gianna Molla, the patron saint of mothers, physicians and preborn children. Pray for changed minds, changed hearts and a deeper awakening to the sacredness and dignity of all human life.

### 2. Provide life-affirming choices for women.

Here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre immediate assistance is available for women and families with an unexpected or unplanned pregnancy. In collaboration with Catholic Charities, CHS has established a one-call outreach program via 1 (855) 301-4CHS with access to resources in the community. Services are given both to uphold the unborn baby's right to life and help sustain mother and baby following birth.

### 3. Help women and men who have suffered an abortion.

Programs offering hope and healing following abortion are also available. Project Rachel is a network of specially trained, compassionate caregivers, who are prepared to assist those who suffer from abortion loss.

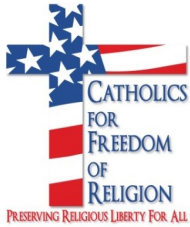
Call 1-516-766-2538 se habla español | Email [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org) to begin healing after abortion loss.

### 4. Build the Culture of Life.

- Talk the pro-life talk... with your family members, friends, co-workers, schoolmates. We can build consensus and change the culture one person at a time.
- Help educate the next generation. We must nurture young pro-life leaders who are unconditionally, unapologetically pro-life, who see the connection between their faith and their politics, and who are willing to put their faith into action.
- Walk the pro-life walk...every minute of every hour of every day. Teach people to love and value one another. Our actions and words must reflect our respect and deep appreciation for the wondrous gift of human life.



## CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



### FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

#### Religious Freedom Day — Coming Soon!

"Faith is embedded in the history, spirit, and soul of our nation. On Religious Freedom Day, we celebrate the many faiths that make up our country, and we commemorate the anniversary of the passing of the state law that shaped and secured our cherished legacy of religious liberty.

**"Our forefathers, seeking refuge from religious persecution, believed in the eternal truth that freedom is not a gift from government, but a sacred right from Almighty God.** On the coattails of the American Revolution, on January 16, 1786, the Virginia General Assembly passed the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom...these principles served as the inspiration for the First Amendment.

"Today, Americans from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds remain steadfast in a commitment to the inherent values of faith, honesty, integrity, and patriotism. Our Constitution and laws guarantee Americans the right not just to believe as they see fit, but to freely exercise their religion." (excerpts from Pres. Trump's 2018 Proclamation on Religious Freedom Day)

**Unfortunately, much of the world does not experience America's religious freedoms.**

- \* 24% of the world's countries have serious restrictions on religious freedoms.
- \* 74% of the world's population lives in these countries.
- \* 80% of people worldwide hold a religious belief.

**The suppression of religious freedom and freedom of expression can lead to violence. Respect for religious freedom reinforces respect for freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly.**

([federalregister.gov](http://federalregister.gov); [state.gov](http://state.gov); [lds.org](http://lds.org); [aclu.org](http://aclu.org))

*"A robust freedom is ... the freedom to live one's religion or belief in a legal, political, and social environment that is tolerant, respectful, and accommodating of diverse beliefs."* Elder D. Todd Christofferson, Church of LDS

## MARCH FOR LIFE



## MARCH FOR LIFE—Friday, January 18, 2019

A peaceful march showing opposition to the murder of babies, the physical and psychological damage to the mothers, and destruction of families.

Once again, we are blessed that Msgr. Joe has allowed us to hire a bus to take us to the march. Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 5:00 a.m. and the bus will leave Lindenhurst around 5:30 a.m. and will leave Washington, D.C. about 5:00 p.m.

A \$20 donation is requested to hold your seat & offset the cost of the bus.

If interested, please call Kathy Feldman at 631-225-9864 of the Respect Life Committee.





# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

## 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 (Chair)  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
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Joselyn Kalt  
Mary Leon  
Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
James Totino  
Adele Venezia

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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John Reynolds

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## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

**Burt Koza**  
**Ronald A. Higgins**  
**James E. Thibault Jr.**  
**Frederick Kienle**

*"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."*

## **PASTORAL CARE & 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.

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will then visit each week.

We pray for the sick and the homebound of our parish at each and every Mass.



## **WE BELIEVE**

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

<b>Gail Tonnessen</b>	<b>Giuseppe Pecoraro</b>
<b>Roberta Fifield</b>	<b>Patricia Franco</b>
<b>Jeanne Calise</b>	<b>Catherine House</b>
<b>Loretto Dinardo</b>	<b>Bill Doran</b>
<b>Teresa Pirola</b>	<b>Jim Gordon</b>
<b>Patricia Goertz</b>	<b>Mike Pentaleri</b>
<b>Debbi Triola-Curiale</b>	<b>Margaret Koza</b>
<b>Louise Perrotta</b>	<b>Lora Flynn</b>
<b>Dr. Alan Lloyd Steinberg</b>	<b>Msgr. Daniel Hamilton</b>
<b>Kimberly Wilson</b>	<b>Colette Nasser</b>
<b>John Manning</b>	<b>Haley Kerwin</b>
<b>Linda Matera</b>	
<b>Virginia Sortino</b>	

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

## **GREAT NEED FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

***If you already have received A and B training by the Diocese for distribution of Holy Communion in a hospital and would like to volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Pastoral Care Office at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center at 631-376-4103.***

## **BEREAVEMENT GROUPS NEAR OLPH**

For many of us, the loss of a loved one can be a devastating experience. Grief can cause us to become depressed, disoriented or angry. Ordinary aspects of our life can overwhelm us. Our experiences of grief affect us even more deeply when we do not have the support of family or friends. Sharing our pain with others in a bereavement group eases the anguish brought on by the death of a loved one. Many bereavement groups exist within driving distance of Lindenhurst. A complete listing of bereavement groups in the area can be found at the Diocese of Rockville Centre website.

***To access a complete listing of bereavement groups near OLPH, follow these steps:***

Open your web browser (Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Yahoo, etc.) Enter [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) in the address bar. You should be looking at the DRVC website. Move your cursor

(pointer) across the top of the website to the box labelled "Faith Formation". This will launch a pull-down menu starting with Marriage. The last item on the list is "Bereavement". Click on "Bereavement".

There are many features to explore on this page. If you move your cursor to "Support Groups", you'll be taken to a page that permits you to go to articles about the nature of grief for individuals who are beginning the process of mourning. ("Find out more here.") Move your cursor over the list from each of the counties to view the bereavement programs in various parishes. These lists are maintained and updated by the Office of Faith Formation at the Diocese.

***Blessed are they who mourn for they  
will be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)***



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, January 14—**  
**WEEKDAY**  
*(First Week in Ordinary Time)*

6:30 Tom Geldert

12:15 Beverly Deshler

**TUESDAY, January 15—**  
**WEEKDAY**

6:30 Peonia Wodwod

12:15 Frank Mormando

**WEDNESDAY, January 16—**  
**WEEKDAY**

6:30 For all the Saints

12:15 Ursula McInturff

**THURSDAY, January 17—**  
**SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT**

6:30 Patti King

12:15 Peter Gallienne

**FRIDAY, January 18—**  
**WEEKDAY**

5:00 Mary Lofredo

6:30 Mary Hachadoorian

12:15 Edward Mikoleski

**SATURDAY, January 19—**  
**WEEKDAY**

8:00 William J. Bicardi, Jr.  
& Mollie Cordiello

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

5:00 Margaret McShea

**Sunday, January 20**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 Pauline Micovsky

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of  
the Christian Mothers & Guild

5:00 Edward Bowman

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, January 14, 2019**

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

2:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting Room 24

7:00 p.m. Devotions Church

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

6:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

8:00 p.m. Community of Praise Room 16

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

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

2:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Room 24

5:30 p.m. Level 6 & 7 Classes School

6:00 p.m. Van Run Room 12

7:00 p.m. Level 8 Classes School

8:00 p.m. Christian Mothers Meeting Cafeteria

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

1:00 p.m.-on Church closed for cleaning Church

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation Room 3

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:30 p.m. Baptismal Prep Class for Parents Room 16

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

**Friday, January 18, 2019**

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

**Saturday, January 19, 2019**

8:30,10:00 Levels 1-5 & Sp. Ed. School

1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

1:00 p.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

1:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Auditorium

4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

**Sunday, January 20, 2019**

9:15 a.m. RCIC Meeting Room 18

11:00 a.m. RCIA Church

1:00 p.m. Community Meal Cafeteria

1:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Auditorium

1:30 p.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Peace Church

7:00 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 al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes

Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico [saitjoseph98@gmail.com](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island** including Widows, Widowers & Singles. A social organization for single persons. New member orientation meeting Wednesday, **January 23** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793. All are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments following the meeting. Call Carol: 516-794-4933 or Janet: 516-579-4016 for more information.

**Open House at St. Patrick School**, Bay Shore, NY, for children in Nursery—8th Grade. Open House tours on Sunday, **January 27** begin at 10:30 a.m. after the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass. Go to [spsbayshore.org](http://spsbayshore.org) or call 631-665-0569.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Allow God to give you grace in abundance and transform your marriage relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is **February 8-10, 2019** at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <http://www.wwmeli.org>.

Tune into **“Religion and Rock”** with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sundays from 7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m. on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island’s East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 p.m. on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00 p.m. on XM Satellite, Channel 117. For info [ReligionandRock.com](http://ReligionandRock.com) or *iTunes*. Next Sunday’s theme is *Unity*.

**Pilgrimage to Poland**, Country of Birth of St. Pope John Paul II & St. Faustyna Kowalska **August 11-22, 2019** with Fr. Stan Wadowski of St. Anne’s, Brentwood. \$3,299 (dbl. occupancy) For information call Marge Baum 631-273-8113 or Miranda Zimnoch of Empres’ Travel 631-789-1227.

## The Columbian Squires Sweethearts Dance

Ten-year-old Kaelyn Maureen McCandless is a fifth-grader at William Rall Elementary in North Lindenhurst and is the youngest of seven! She is a happy little girl who is just like all the kids at her school. Unfortunately, in the summer of 2016, Kaelyn was diagnosed with brain cancer. Her condition is very serious and the fight is difficult. Despite this, Kaelyn is still fighting strong.



If you wish to Purchase tickets for the dance, please contact one of the following:  
Chief Counselor Tom Romano PGK  
[tomro@aoi.com](mailto:tomro@aoi.com)  
631-565-7052  
Chief Squire Nick Artusa  
[Nartusa10@gmail.com](mailto:Nartusa10@gmail.com)  
631-225-0410

To Help Kaelyn, the OLPH Columbian Squires will be hosting a Sweethearts Dance to raise money for her and her family. It will take place at the American Legion in Lindenhurst on Friday February 8th, 2019. Tickets are \$30.00 and anyone under the age of 5 are welcome, free of charge.



Knights of Columbus  
**SQUIRES**  
Youth Organization

## OFFERING UPDATE January 5/6, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	280	112	\$2,949.00
8:00 a.m.	244	101	2,775.00
10:00 a.m.	449	126	4,630.00
12:00 p.m.	485	144	3,108.00
5:00 p.m.	252	36	1,272.00
Coin			17.87
Children's Env.		20	53.29
Faith Direct			2,185.50
Special Needs	50	42	1,141.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>\$18,131.66</b>
<b>2018 total</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>\$15,500.43</b>
Candles			\$1,443.50
Poor Box			\$476.19
Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2019			\$6,946.34

### 2018 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2018 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

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* no later than the dates listed below to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.

*Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

January 20—passed  
January 27—January 18  
February 3—January 25

## HELP WANTED!



### HELP TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & DECORATIONS TODAY!

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations this **Sunday, January 13th** after the **5:00 p.m. Mass**. We could use as many helpers as possible to make the job go quickly and easily. Just come on down and lend a hand! Thank you.

*Due to earlier printer deadlines the final totals for Christmas Day and Christmas Flowers will be published at a later date.*

### IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER = GREAT OPPORTUNITY UNDER NEW TAX LAWS



Whether you itemize or not in 2018, this unique opportunity allows you to make a charitable contribution through a direct IRA transfer while reducing your adjusted gross income.

If you would like to make a gift to our Parish using your IRA and if:

1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
2. Your IRA is a traditional (some Roth IRA's may qualify)
3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

You will not have to report your distribution as income, it will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

**VERY IMPORTANT!!** Your gift must go directly from your IRA to our Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

Bill has a \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 as his yearly gift to his Parish. Upon hearing of the **Charitable IRA Rollover** opportunity, he directs the custodian of his IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2018 directly to the Parish as the family's 2018 gift. He will not be subject to income tax on the \$5,000 donation.

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

**PREPARING FOR**  
**Sunday, January 20, 2019**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*"Do whatever he tells you."*

John 2:5b

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

Isaiah likens Israel's future relationship with the Lord to a marriage. Rather than being called Deserted or Desolate – names that accurately describe the city in the depths of judgment – the people of this nation will be named Hephzibah ("My Delight is in Her") and Beulah ("Married One"). Traditionally, when a bride marries, she receives a new name. Even though Israel is already in covenant with the Lord, he will give her new names that describe her ultimate spiritual renewal and depict the Lord's profound and everlasting joy in her.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

As Paul explains to the Corinthians, there are some features common to all charisms or "gifts of the Spirit" despite their diversity. All are gifts, that is, they come from grace from outside ourselves; all are forms of service that have an intended purpose and effect; and all are workings in which God is at work through us towards accomplishing his purposes.

**John 2:1-11**

In the Gospel of John, a "sign" is his symbolic term for Jesus' wondrous deeds. The Old Testament source of this term derives from what the Lord accomplished in the Exodus story, with such signs now worked by Jesus as clear indications that he is the Lord's Messiah. John is interested primarily in what these signs point to: God's intervention in human history in a new way through his Son.

**Gospel Reflection Questions....**

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

1. Surprisingly, when his own mother said, "They have no wine," Jesus replied, "How does your concern affect me?" Wasn't this a rude answer? Why did he say it? In spite of his response, Mary trusted that he would somehow solve the problem. If this trust rates a 10, where would you put your trust when you go to God with your concerns?

2. Mary has great concern for the newlyweds' wine shortage problem. According to Pope Francis, what is one thing Mary teaches us when she tells the servers to "Do whatever he tells you."?

Mary, at the very moment she perceives that there is no wine, approaches Jesus with confidence: this means that *Mary prays*. She goes to Jesus, she prays. She does not go to the steward, she immediately tells her Son of the newlyweds' problem. The response she receives seems disheartening: "What does it have to do with you and me? My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4). But she nonetheless places the problem in God's hands. Her deep concern to meet the needs of others hastens Jesus' hour.

And Mary was a part of that hour, from the cradle to the cross. She was able "to turn a stable into a home for Jesus, with poor swaddling clothes and an abundance of love" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 286). She accepted us as her sons and daughters when the sword pierced her heart. She teaches us to put our families in God's hands; she teaches us to pray, to kindle the hope, which shows us that our concerns are also God's concerns.

## Readings for the Week

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

**Monday, January 14, 2019:**

Hebrews 1:1-6 + Mark 1:14-20

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019:**

Hebrews 2:5-12 + Mark 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019:**

Hebrews 2:14-18

+ Mark 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 17, 2019:**

Hebrews 3:7-14

+ Mark 1:40-45

**Friday, January 18, 2019:**

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11+ Mark 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 19, 2019:**

Hebrews 4:12-16

+ Mark 2:13-17

**Sunday, January 20, 2019:**

Isaiah 62:1-5

+ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

+ John 2:1-11

*Homily of the Holy Father, Ecuador*  
 July 6, 2015



# THE ROLE OF MUSIC IN THE LITURGY

When they crossed through the Red Sea, the Old Testament people praised God in song (Exodus 15). The psalmist tells of people who danced and sang with timbrels and harps (Ps 149). Long before the role of the cantor emerged in synagogue practices, the people publicly chanted prayers and the Torah. Jesus and his disciples sang on their way to the Mount of Olives. Paul told the Colossians to “sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God” (3:16). Generations of Christians have composed music to praise God — a simple melody or a polyphonic masterpiece, accompanied by large orchestras or a crude drum, voiced by a soloist or an assembly of thousands.



## WHY SING?

We value music. It engages the heart, expresses emotions and stirs the soul in ways that the spoken word cannot. But music is not merely an optional decoration of our liturgy. It is integral to it. We do not sing at liturgy, we sing the liturgy! Since music expresses and fosters faith, it allows us to enter more deeply into the mystery we celebrate.

The Bishops at Vatican II recognized this when they noted that the “full, conscious and active participation of the people was the aim to be considered before all else” (SC 14). The new Order of Mass had more than a dozen parts that could be sung, as well as numerous options for the priest celebrant. No longer were the people to be silent spectators.

Liturgical music’s primary role, then, is ministerial — it serves the liturgy. It allows the people to be more actively engaged, harmonizes with the liturgical season and day and supports the structure of the rite. It allows the rite to unfold without overshadowing the ritual words and actions (Sing to the Lord, 68). Sometimes music accompanies a ritual action (Lamb of God); sometimes it supports a ritual action (an entrance hymn); and sometimes it is the ritual action (the Gloria).

## WHAT DO WE SING?

Not every part of the Mass is sung, but among those that are, we can recognize various categories. Knowing what they are helps us to appreciate some ancient traditions, to choose music wisely and to give priorities to what should be sung.

**Dialogues** are exchanges between the presider and assembly, e.g., “The Lord be with you/And with your spirit.” They are part of the presider’s communication with us and they both signify and bring about communal celebration (STL 115).

**Acclamations** are “shouts of joy” from the assembly and, by their very nature, should be strong and musically appealing. Among these are the Gospel Acclamation — an Alleluia and a verse before we listen to the words of Jesus. (In Lent, another verse replaces it.) We respond to the General Intercessions with *Lord, hear our prayer* or some other sung response. We “interrupt” the Eucharistic Prayer several times with our acclamations. We sing the *Holy, holy, holy* at the conclusion of the Preface. The memorial acclamation (e.g. *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection,*

*until you come again*) expresses our faith in the Paschal Mystery. In the Great Amen, we offer our final assent to the full Eucharistic Prayer.

The **psalms** are “the voice of Christ and the voice of the Church at prayer” (STL 116, quoting *Laudis canticum*, Paul VI, 1970). Since they are songs of praise and petition, they are meant to be sung.

The original place for **hymns** in the liturgy was actually the Liturgy of the Hours. A four-hymn structure was first added to the Latin Mass to allow participation. Now, vernacular hymns may be used to accompany the entrance, the presentation of the gifts, Communion, and, if desired, a recessional. These processional songs create a sense of community. The entrance song helps us to enter into our celebration and prepares us to hear the word of God (GIRM 46). The Communion hymn fosters a sense of unity as we partake of the sacrament of unity.

**Supplemental songs** have no specified texts. These include a prelude, a preparation hymn, or the song after Communion (GIRM 164).

Other parts of the Mass also may be sung, including the Lord’s Prayer; the Profession of Faith or Creed may be sung, but a simple setting should be used (GIRM 68). The Gospel also may be chanted.

## HOW DO WE CHOOSE MUSIC?

Many parishes are blessed by trained pastoral musicians who, with the pastor, coordinate liturgical music. Liturgies always are prepared as a whole, not by selecting distinct elements. So music is chosen by looking at the readings and prayers of the Mass, as well as any ritual action it may demand.

Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship (USCCB 2007) offers valuable lessons for those who select music. These are often referred to as “The Three Judgments” (see STL 116-119).

The liturgical judgment — Is this music capable of serving the structural and ritual aspects of the rite? Does it match the ritual action, e.g., are we singing about Holy Communion as we process? Is this antiphon or verse called for in the liturgical books?

The pastoral judgment — Does this music draw the people closer to the mystery they celebrate? Does it help form their faith? Does it respect the age, culture, language, or education of a particular assembly?

The musical judgment — Does this piece of music have the aesthetic qualities to bear the weight of the mystery being celebrated? Is it worthy music? Neither popular songs nor songs with cheap or trite musical styles are suitable for liturgy.

While the Church may applaud Gregorian Chant, the Church has never adopted any one particular musical style, but has admitted styles of music from every period (SC 123).

To these three qualities, we might add the “theological judgment” so that one may carefully examine all lyrics in light of sound doctrine.

## WHO SINGS?

The simple answer to this is that we all do! Bishops, priests and deacons have texts that are assigned to them. Skilled cantors, choirs and instrumentalists lead our singing. But the assembly is the primary musical minister. All of us participate in sung liturgy — young or old, gifted with a great voice or not, we all must raise our hearts and voices to God in song. After all, all liturgy anticipates the heavenly liturgy and we are just warming up for the heavenly choir! ■

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