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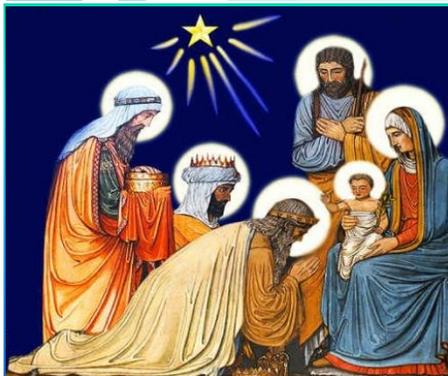
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*And behold,
the star that the magi had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place where the child was.* Matthew 2:9b

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2, 2022

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Mr. William D'Alessio

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**,
except on Thursdays (closed after the
12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning)
and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

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. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

Special Needs Mass:

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

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and
Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
on the Zoom video platform.

Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

DEVOTIONS

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

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

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

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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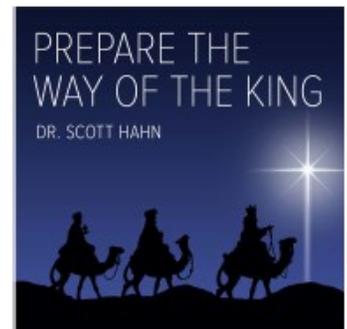
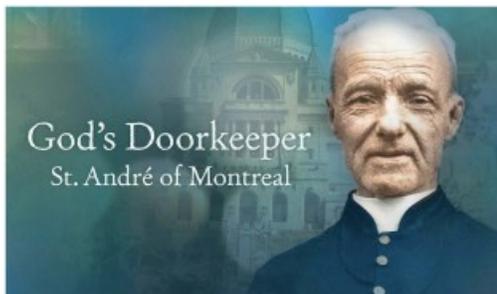
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 2, 2022

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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 (we will be until next Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord), and today 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 in our midst, revealing a deeper understanding of who Christ 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! Notice, too, how the imagery of light plays such a prominent role in our Christmas prayers.

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!

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Awards

This Sunday afternoon I’m pleased to be at the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Awards. The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is offered each year by the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society working together, and it is always supported by our Religious Education Program under the direction of April Kleinlaut, and I thank everyone for their great efforts in doing this.

What an important message we are sending to our children by giving them the opportunity to participate in this activity! We pray that the important message to “Keep Christ in Christmas” makes a deep impression on the children. I am always delighted by the number of children who submit entries, and I am always amazed at the quality of work they submit. Great job, everyone, and I love being part of this every year!

Pastoral Staff and Support Staff Christmas Party

This Thursday night, January 6, we’ll be having our annual Pastoral Staff and Support Staff Christmas Party — in other words, it’s for the full-time pastoral ministers and everyone who is employed at OLPH. It’s still Christmas Time, and we’ve found this to a great time to have our Christmas party each year. Please note

that the rectory will be closed that night; there will be no evening hours for the reception desk.

Let me take this opportunity to say that I continue to be extremely grateful for the hard work and dedication shown by everyone on the Pastoral Staff and Support Staff. They all work so diligently to keep OLPH running smoothly, some working directly with parishioners and some working more behind-the-scenes, but all working very hard and all with great devotion and dedication.

No matter what job one has here, as Pastor I deeply value each employee's presence and work, and I am pleased and proud to be working with them to carry out the mission of the parish. They work here out of their love for the Church and for the Lord, and they are to be commended for it. (Heaven knows they could all be making more money working somewhere else!) My deepest thanks and appreciation go to all!

First Penance

This coming Saturday, January 8, will be a special day for many of the children in our parish: it will be their day to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for the first time. The Church's usual practice is that children make their First Confession in Level 2 of religious formation, the same year they also celebrate First Holy Communion.

For many weeks now the children have been working hard learning about the sacrament, and the catechists have been doing a great job of teaching them about it. We are very proud of the children!

Allow me to encourage the parents of the children celebrating First Penance to make a fairly big deal out of this significant occasion in their child's life; it's the first time they are celebrating a sacrament that, we hope, will be a regular part of their life for the rest of their life. It's a great thing for the child to dress up for the occasion, and the family should celebrate in some festive way at home, as much as is possible these days.

It's also a significant moment in the liturgical life of the entire parish, so I invite all of us to take a little time this week to pray for the children who will be celebrating First Penance on Saturday.

Baptism at 10:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

I am thrilled to announce that we are returning to the custom of celebrating Baptism at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, next Sunday, January 9. We'll have one infant, Christian Thomas Hinds, being baptized. Since it is not a Children's Liturgy of the Word week, children will be able to witness a Baptism. In fact, children will be invited to come forward into the sanctuary to witness the Baptism up close!

Come join us in this special celebration at the 10:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday if you are able.

Farewell to Chris Ferraro next week at the 12:00 Noon Mass

Also next Sunday, January 9, we'll take the opportunity at the 12:00 Noon Mass to bid farewell to our Director of Music, Chris Ferraro. The choir will, of course, be singing at this Mass, and we'll host a hospitality in the auditorium immediately following the Mass so you can bid Chris a personal farewell. We're very grateful to everything that Chris has brought to OLPH in the almost-9 years he has been here, not only in terms of music ministry but also in terms of pastoral ministry in general, as he has worked to build up the life of the parish in various projects and endeavors in many different ways. I have always been grateful for his hard work, his friendship and support. Best wishes and blessings to you, Chris, as we say farewell next week.

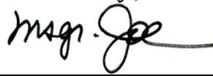
Calendar Note—Can you help take down the Christmas decorations next week?

No, no, no, I am not rushing Christmas Time — this is just a kind of "mark your calendar" notice so that you can plan ahead. We'll be taking down the Christmas decorations next Sunday, January 9 (as Christmas Time ends after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord), somewhere around 3:00 p.m. If you're free, you're invited to come on down and help out. In addition to doing some good work for the parish, you'll have the chance to share some fun with your fellow parishioners.

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,


EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION AT MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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. This weekend, after the Gospel at Mass, our cantors will chant this ancient announcement.



FAREWELL TO CHRIS FERRARO



As you are aware, our Director of Music, Chris Ferraro, will be leaving OLPH, with January 9, 2022 as his last day with us. Join us at the **12:00 Noon Mass next Sunday, January 9** as we say farewell to Chris and thank him for his many years of dedicated service and ministry to OLPH. We'll have hospitality in the auditorium immediately following the Mass.



NEW YORK STATE MASK MANDATE

The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore, since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination in order to worship God, we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) comply with the requirement to wear masks when participating in any activities on parish grounds. This State requirement is currently in effect through January 15, 2022. We will continue to adapt accordingly as new information becomes available. Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated.

Blessing of the Home and Household on the Epiphany

Use this ritual to bless your home on the Feast of Epiphany, January 2, 2022

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.

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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 + 22

The letters represent the Magi, traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar; the "20" and "22" represent the year, signifying the timeless God; each cross marks a point of the compass, or "all the nations."

Peace be with this house and all who live here

20 +  +  +  + 22

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

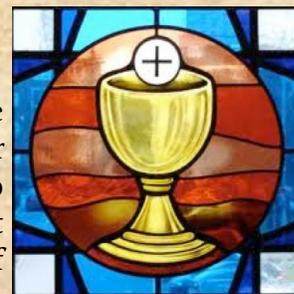
Wednesdays

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



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

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



GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

RESPECT LIFE—PRAYERS FOR LIFE

ALMOST HALF A CENTURY....

January 22, 2022 is the 49th Anniversary of the legalization of the murder/abortion of the unborn (62.5 million dead).

Given the present health restrictions etc, there will be **NO** bus going from OLPH to Washington, DC.

We **WILL** have Exposition and prayers following the 12:15 Mass on Friday, January 21st – the day of the March for Life. Please join us in church or on your own. Please continue to pray for a favorable outcome in the Dobbs case (abortion issue before the Supreme Court).



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**NEXT SUNDAY A CHILDREN'S HOMILY
WILL BE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL -
OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST.
LISTEN TO THE READINGS AND A
REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL!**



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



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

LIVE-STREAM MASS

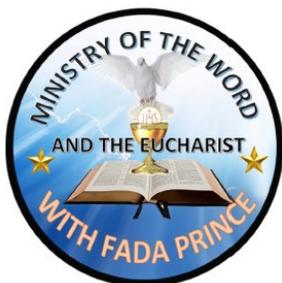
We live-stream the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:
www.olphlindenhurst.com
- OLPH YouTube Channel: OLPH Church Lindenhurst



FR. FIDELIS HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Hear Fr. Fidelis give weekly reflections and more on his YouTube channel!

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Children's Christmas Pageant December 18, 2021

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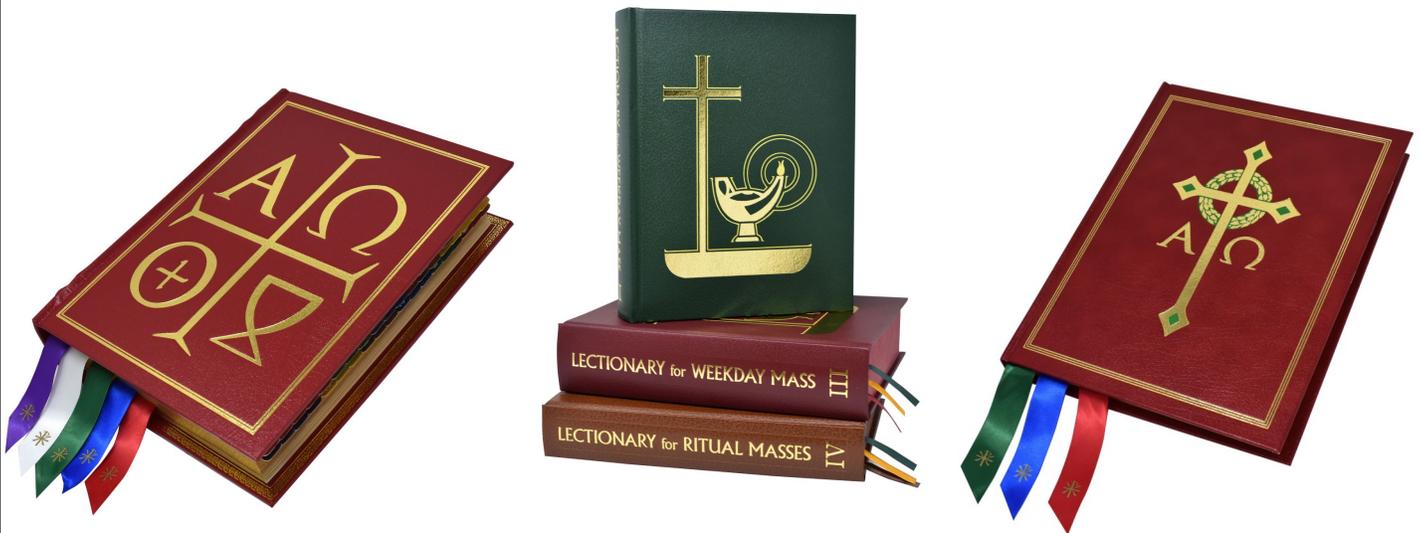
MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES—NEW RITUAL BOOKS

“Churches, therefore, must be places “suited to sacred celebrations,” “dignified,” and beautiful. Their suitability for worship is determined by their ability through the architectural design of space and the application of artistic gifts to embody God’s initiative and the community’s faithful response.”

- #18, Built of Living Stones: Art Architecture and Worship, a document of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000.

For more than a thousand years, the Church has used ritual books in the celebration of the sacred Liturgy. These books contain the rubrics or instructions about the particular ritual(s) contained inside and also the actual texts of the prayers and Scriptures that we hear proclaimed. Often the ritual books are beautifully adorned with sacred art to remind us of God’s majesty and glory.

Here at OLPH, a very busy parish, our books are used many times over the course of a week. Over time, they do get worn and every so often, they need to be replaced. The sanitizing and cleaning that was done in the early part of the COVID-19 Pandemic also wreaked havoc on our books. The time has now come to replace many of our ritual books and we invite you to consider memorializing them in memory of a loved one who has died or by marking a special occasion such as milestone wedding anniversary or the birth of a child or grandchild. The memorials will be acknowledged in the bulletin and also with a special label that will be placed inside the front cover of the book. **Contact or stop by the rectory in order to memorialize a ritual book.**



- ◆ 3 large and 3 small editions of *The Roman Missal* which contain the prayers and instructions of the Mass - \$250 for each large edition, \$175 for each small edition
- ◆ 2 *Excerpts from the Roman Missal* which is held by the altar server during the Collect and Prayer after Communion - \$125
- ◆ 2 three-volume sets of the *Lectionary for Weekday Mass* which contain the readings for Daily Mass - \$500 for the complete three-volume set or \$175 for each book
- ◆ 2 *Lectionary for Sunday Mass* which contain the readings for Sunday Mass - \$200 for each book

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:

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

LEVEL 2

On Monday, January 3, at 5:00 p.m. in the church, you have your Rehearsal for First Penance. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. On Saturday, January 8, at 11:15 a.m. in the church, you will celebrate your First Penance! All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

HELP NEEDED!

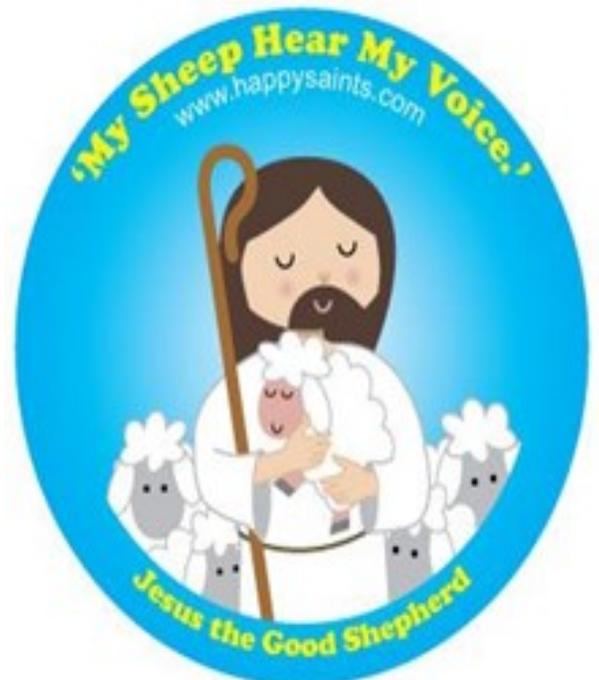
We are in need of classroom helpers for Levels 1-5 on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and/or 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Do you have the time to give one hour and share your God-given gifts with the youth of OLPH? This is a great way for high school and middle school students to get hours required for school or other extracurricular activities! Home from college? Donating your free time to help your Church always looks good on job applications!

LEVEL 7

Project #4—"The 7 Deadly Sins and Lively Virtues Report" in your Workbook is due on Wednesday, January 5, during class. Be sure to hand in any completed Mass Reflections that you did during the Christmas break.

**Happy Saint of the Day!**

"The Good Shepherd" is a name that Jesus gave to Himself. We can find this passage in the Gospel of John. When Jesus calls Himself the good shepherd He is also referring to us as His sheep. Jesus cares for us and protects us no matter what happens in life. If we stray from the flock, Jesus comes running after us. He knows each one of us personally and He would never abandon us. We are always safe in the arms of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd.



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ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

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SMALL PKGS. RICE
HOT CEREALS
PASTA SAUCE
INSTANT POTATOES
TEA/HOT CHOCOLATE
SHELF STABLE MILK
FRUIT JUICE
JELLY OR JAM
COOKIES/DESSERTS

*Please bring items to the SVdP office:
 Wednesday and Friday
 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
 and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays*

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Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and

1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 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.

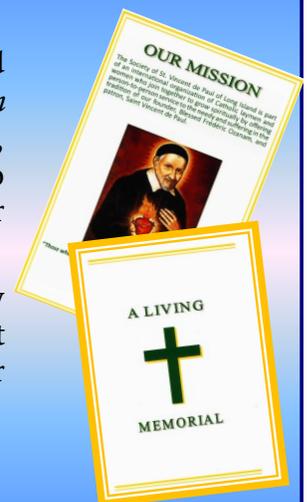
THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

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

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

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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 DeaconRobert@oloph.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

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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:
Brian Walsh & Laura Bastin

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 8:00 A.M.

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Michael Rossi</i>	<i>Requested by Shirleyann Watson</i>
<i>Christian Hines</i>	<i>Requested by John Hines & Family</i>

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.

WE REMEMBER

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

Helen E. Reid

“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.”

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Roberto Mato</i>	<i>Jeff Zero</i>
<i>Carol Bafundo</i>	<i>Marguerette Hoffman</i>
<i>Mildred Caliendo</i>	<i>Joan Giarratano</i>
<i>Rose Pezzanite</i>	<i>Lisa O'Reilly</i>
<i>Louise Sturgeon</i>	<i>Lisa Marie Hulsen</i>
<i>Lindsay P. Henry</i>	<i>Lynn Simonetti</i>
<i>Elizabeth Astacio</i>	<i>Richard Geed</i>
<i>Angela Pagnotta</i>	<i>Grace Grasso</i>
<i>Baby Cameron Bensen</i>	<i>Eileen Quinn</i>
<i>Peter Novak</i>	<i>Camile Shea</i>
<i>Victoria Hurst</i>	<i>Cathy Postiglione</i>
<i>John Bryzgoria</i>	<i>Nick & Marie Postiglione</i>

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

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

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

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, January 3— Christmas Weekday <i>(Holy Name of Jesus)</i>	
6:30	Madeline Middleton
12:15	Ibrahim Naser
TUESDAY, January 4— Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	
6:30	Marge Santoli
12:15	Joseph Yavicoli
WEDNESDAY, January 5— Saint John Neumann, Bishop	
6:30	Anthony Stigliano
12:15	Agostino Pecoraro
THURSDAY, January 6— Christmas Weekday <i>(Saint André Bassett, Religious)</i>	
6:30	Joseph Lucas
12:15	Angelo DiGuglielmo
FRIDAY, January 7— Christmas Weekday <i>(Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest)</i>	
6:30	Helen & Norman McPhail
4:00	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
SATURDAY, January 8 — Christmas Weekday	
8:00	Viola Pupke
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
5:00	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, January 9— THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
8:00	Peter Jackowski
10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
12:00	Victoria Byrnes

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 3, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
5:00 p.m.	Rel. Ed. Penance Rehearsal	Church
Tuesday, January 4, 2021		
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:15 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation—Adult Confirmation	St. Mark's
Wednesday, January 5, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831)	Off Campus
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Levels 7 and 8 Classes	School
Thursday, January 6, 2021		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
6:00 p.m.	CYO—Grades 1 & 2 Basketball	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
Friday, January 7, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
Saturday, January 8, 2022		
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5 and Special Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	First Penance	Church
12:30 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, January 9, 2022		
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Room 16
1:00 p.m.	Farwell to Chris Ferraro	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
3:00 p.m.	Take Down Decorations	Church
4:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

The 150th Anniversary Year is over, but we still have some souvenirs and commemorative items available, as long as supplies last. Great T-shirts, warm sweat shirts, sturdy tote bags, tumblers to keep your coffee or hot chocolate nice and hot, beautiful key chains, versatile playing cards and elegant stylus pens can still be purchased! Contact Helene at hcalab2@optonline.net for more information on how to purchase an item.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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.

Reflexiones de las lecturas del domingo 2 de enero del 2022

La epifanía del señor.

Primera Lectura del libro de Isaías (60,1-6):

El mundo que estaba en tinieblas ha recibido una gran luz

Segunda Lectura de la carta del apóstol san Pablo a los Efesios (3,2-3a.5-6)

La misericordia de Dios fue revelada como nunca antes a través del Espíritu santo a los Santos Apóstoles para que los gentiles fuéramos coherederos y parte de la promesa.

Lectura del santo evangelio según san Mateo (2,1-12)

Jesús nació El dios que salva ya está entre nosotros.

En el marco de este tiempo de la Navidad, la Iglesia nos regala la Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor; una invitación para contemplar de nuevo al niño de Belén y descubrir en su sencillez de niño la manifestación de Dios que viene a salvarnos. Bien lo había profetizado Isaías cuando mirando a lo lejos dijo: “Un niño nos ha nacido, un hijo se nos ha dado; lleva sobre sus hombros el principado. Y se llamará Admirable consejero, Dios fuerte, Padre eterno, Príncipe de Paz”.

En Jesús, el niño nacido en Belén, Dios ha salido definitivamente de su lejanía para hacerse completamente cercano a los hombres. Ya no es sólo el Dios que se manifiesta en su creación o por medio de mensajeros escogidos por Él y que recibían sus revelaciones; ahora Dios se ha manifestado en la humildad de nuestra carne para pronunciar una palabra definitiva sobre nuestra historia; ahora, más que nunca, podemos experimentar al Emmanuel, al Dios-con-nosotros.

Ese es justamente el mensaje que quiere darnos el Evangelio que hemos escuchado, con la figura de los magos de Oriente que guiados por la luz de la estrella han llegado hasta los pies del niño de Belén y se han postrado para adorarle.

Se trata de una escena con un trasfondo muy especial: los magos de oriente hacen parte de los pueblos paganos que en la visión de Israel están por fuera de la salvación; pero una estrella los ha guiado al portal y han reconocido primero que muchos en Israel la salvación que ha traído el niño de Belén.

San Pablo, en la segunda lectura que hemos escuchado ha sintetizado muy bien lo que esto significa, cuando nos ha dicho: “también los gentiles participan de la misma herencia, son miembros del mismo cuerpo y partícipes de la misma promesa en Jesucristo”; mostrando con ello como en Jesús, la Gloria de Dios se ha manifestado no solamente para algunos en particular, sino que se trata de una llamada universal a la salvación.

Esto era lo que Isaías en la primera lectura que hemos escuchado nos presentaba: todos los pueblos se reunirían para adorar al Señor en Jerusalén, conformando así un único pueblo: la gran familia de Dios reunida en su nombre.

Esta profecía se cumplirá definitivamente en la Iglesia, el nuevo pueblo de Dios, reunido desde todos los puntos cardinales, como la multitud de los que aman al Señor. La Iglesia es por excelencia entonces el lugar de la manifestación de Dios, donde todos los hombres pueden acercarse para experimentarlo y para encontrarse con Él. La Iglesia es una gran epifanía donde Dios se sigue haciendo presente en el mundo para colmarlo con su luz.



OFFERING UPDATE

Mass Time	Attendance	# of	Weekly
5:00 p.m.			
8:00 a.m.			
10:00 a.m.			
12:00 p.m.			
Collection			
Faith			
Children			
Mail			
TOTAL			
2020			
Candle			
Poor Box			

Due to earlier printer deadlines the collection totals for last weekend will be printed at a later date. Thank you for your understanding.

UPCOMING OFFICE HOURS

Please note that on Thursday, January 6 the Rectory will close at 5:00 p.m. and will not have any evening hours due to the Staff Christmas Celebration.

Thank you for your understanding.

2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
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Please remember that all **CMA** pledges must be made by January 31, 2022.

2022 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2021 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*. Thank you for your cooperation.

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted* by the dates listed and *as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at atbecker@oloph.org.
Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

January 9—passed
January 16—January 7
January 23—January 14

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Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, January 9, 2022
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*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

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

The promises made by God about his servant and his ministry are so wonderful it seems necessary to state the credentials of the one making the promise. First look up, because he created the heavens and stretched them out. Then look down, because he spread forth the earth and its produce. Finally, look all around and see the evidence of God's spirit in everything that lives and moves and has its being. The God who has done such great things can surely then fulfill all of these promises. Yet the greatest display of God's power and might is seen in his tender and unfailing love for us—for it is his love that will finally save us.

Acts 10:34-38

Peter explains to the Gentiles that God's choice of Israel as his people does not mean he has withheld his favor from the other nations. The obedience of faith in God's revelation is all that is necessary for anyone to please him. It is just as the letter to Titus explains: it is out of sheer love and mercy that God sent his Son to grant us the salvation we could never earn.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In the union of three events—the baptism of the Lord, his prayer, and the opening of the heavens—the identity and mission of Jesus are revealed to be one and the same. As the Son who has come to earth, Jesus is pleasing to the Father. Because he is the Son, he lives only to do his Father's will. We should live to do the same.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 3, 2022:

1 John 3:22—4:6 + Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Friday, January 7, 2022:

1 John 5:5-13 + Luke 5:12-16

Tuesday, January 4, 2022:

1 John 4:7-10 + Matthew 6:34-44

Saturday, January 8, 2022:

+ 1 John 5:14-21 + John 3:22-30

Wednesday, January 5, 2022:

1 John 4:11-18 + Matthew 6:45-52

Sunday, January 9, 2022:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

+ Acts 10:34-38

+ Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Thursday, January 6, 2022:

1 John 4:19—5:4 + Luke 4:14-22

WHAT IS LITURGY?

It's Sunday morning. We rise, get dressed, gather up the kids, get into the car and travel to our local parish. We nestle into our usual pew, say a brief private prayer and stand when it's time to sing the opening hymn. We follow the usual routine. We faithfully fulfill our obligation. But what ancient ritual have we begun? What awesome mystery have we entered into?

Liturgy is the official public worship of the church. Our most important liturgy is the Mass, but we have other liturgies, such as funerals, blessings and all our sacramental rites. The word liturgy comes from a Greek word, leitourgia — “the work of the people.” The work is actually God's work and he invites all of us to participate in it (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1069).

Liturgy, by its very nature, is communal. We enter into relationship with the Trinity and with one another. We also enter into relationship with others all over the world who are gathering around the altar of Christ's word and Eucharist. The assembly is not a collection of people praying in the same place, but a community of people, who “express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the church” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 2). And it is this mystery of Jesus Christ that is the only “theme” of any liturgy.

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

The Paschal Mystery is the life, passion, death, resurrection and glorious ascension of Jesus Christ and our participation in it! Perhaps it's that second part that we least understand — that “dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life” (Easter Preface I). Each liturgy, then, is a work of our ongoing redemption. We follow Christ's command to “do this in memory of me.” But we do not simply remember what Jesus has done for us. With Christ as the head of every liturgical celebration, it is a remembering that makes present — anamnesis.

THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

“To accomplish so great a work [our ongoing redemption] Christ is always present in his Church, especially at its liturgical celebrations” (SC 7). Christ is present not only in the person of his minister ... but especially in his eucharistic elements. He is present in the sacraments and in his word “for it is Christ himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read ...” (CSL 7). Christ is present, too, in our assemblies, for he promised wherever two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt 18:20).

OUR PRAYERS EXPRESS FAITH

And so we gather — Jesus, you and me. We address our prayers to God the Father, the source of all Liturgy. We acknowledge all that he has done for us and give him thanks and praise (CCC 1081). We are inspired by the grace of the Holy Spirit. And we seek God's continuing favor through his Son, Jesus Christ. We pray with words that express and foster our faith. These prayers are both ancient and new. They are crafted carefully, based upon the principle of *lex orandi, lex credendi* — “the words of our prayer are the words of our belief.” We never pray anything that we don't believe and we don't believe anything that is not expressed in our prayer. For example, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption in 1950, based on the fact that the Church had long celebrated it in its liturgy. That's why words matter; that's why we adhere to the text.

THE “ALREADY” AND THE “NOT YET”

There is always a “tension” in the way we pray — a good kind of tension that comes from fullness. We are thinking in the past, present and future. We speak about the “already” and the “not yet.” We are remembering what God has done for us, acknowledging what he continues to do for us now, and anticipating what we will experience in the heavenly kingdom.

THE LANGUAGE OF THE LITURGY

The liturgy has other “languages” besides the spoken word. In signs and symbols, in posture and gesture, in silence and in song, in our buildings and our art, we give expression to the faith we share.

AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE LIVING GOD

We have been invited to this liturgy by the living God. We have encountered him in a special way and been sanctified by his grace. We have been nourished by word and sacrament, the ordained minister and by each other. And we are dismissed until we can all meet again — perhaps next week, perhaps in the heavenly kingdom. We are reminded to “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” Some of you may remember the Latin words that ended our Mass, *ite missa est*, “Go, it is the sending.” From that word *missa* we get “mission” — our duty to go out and spread the Good News and to serve the Lord. From that word, too, we get “Mass” — a liturgy which empowers us to do so. ■

Written by Rita A. Thiron and originally appeared in Faith Magazine, April 2010 for the Diocese of Lansing.

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