

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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"Do whatever he tells you."

John 2:5b

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 20, 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

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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

Feminism Misunderstood

By Jane Brennan

Journey into Truth

Jane Brennan shares her powerful story of abortion and her final conversion to the Catholic Church. Men and women alike will be moved as they listen to the reconciliation, healing, and hope Jane found in Christ and his Church.



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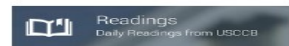
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PASTOR'S PAGE

Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

This Monday, January 21, our nation celebrates the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We take this occasion to recall and celebrate the accomplishments of that great civil rights leader, especially his vision for peace and justice and his commitment to non-violence. Dr. King is a witness to the power of peaceful protest, and how the witness of non-violence can bring about systemic change (certain groups committed to violence and anarchy in our society today have a great deal to learn from Dr. King). Monday should be a holiday of patriotism and unity, as we acknowledge the need for all of us to promote the common good for our country and to bring about the dignity of all people in our society.

As Monday will be a day off from school and work for many people (the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 21, too), may we all enjoy a day of rest and relaxation!

You light up my life...

If you think you have noticed that the church looks a little brighter these days, no, it is not your imagination; it is the new energy-efficient light bulbs we have installed in the church (and in the rectory and school building), which I mentioned to you some time ago. We hope that this program of new lighting will help us to realize some savings in our costs for electricity. I think it looks great, although there are some places in the church that I think are a little uneven in their lighting, and I'll be taking a look at this with our Maintenance Department in the weeks ahead.

5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays

I need to discuss with you a very serious and important topic concerning our worship here at OLPH; it involves the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays.

To put it bluntly: that Mass is in trouble and in need of a great deal of help. At times, the quality of the worship at that Mass suffers, not because of a lack of participants (the attendance is decent — not great [it's the lowest-attended Mass], but decent) — and not because of a lack of collection income (the collection amount, while again the least among all our Masses, is nonetheless decent), but rather **because of a lack of support for this Mass by liturgical ministers — specifically, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and ushers.**

First and foremost, I want to **THANK** the liturgical ministers who have been faithful to their assignments, especially to those who regularly serve the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays. You have been doing a great job and I am grateful for your fidelity, especially when it has been inconvenient for you. Your great service has been noticed and is appreciated!

However, the problem is that the few who are faithful are now on overload and in danger of burning out, and it is difficult for them to find substitutes and coverage. We frequently have open slots for ministries at that Mass, especially extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and ushers. Not having adequate ministerial coverage, and having to scramble at the last minute for ministers, is disrespectful to the liturgy and does not create the proper prayerful atmosphere for worship. The quality of the celebration suffers.

The question of the quality of our worship always needs to be considered. When we celebrate Mass, it is the most important thing we do. One of the important documents on the liturgy of the Church, *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, tells us, "Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations can foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken it." (#5)

That's how important our worship is: it nourishes our faith; it forms us; it immerses us in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection; it transforms us to be molded into His image and likeness. Or, at least, it's supposed to. When it's not enacted well, liturgy might serve to interfere with a growth in faith and with one's immersion in the Mystery. That's why it needs to be celebrated well: because it's supposed to be expressing a reality — the reality of the crucified-risen Lord's presence and action in our midst. A minimalistic mentality that understands Mass with an attitude of something like, "*Well, as long as it's valid and the priest is there to consecrate bread and wine, what else really matters?*" is actually somewhat insulting to people of faith, in addition to being unhelpful to growing in the Christian life. "Liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the Church's power flows." (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 10) The centrality of liturgy in the life of the Church and in the life of every Catholic cannot be overstated.

As such, our worship always demands our very best. This is a practical application of what I mean when I enjoin all of us each week, at the end of this column, to be the best we can be in Christ.

So, over the coming weeks the Liturgy Committee and others will be discussing these concerns related to the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, and its viability. Toward that end, I ask you to consider the following two points:

- **To All Who Are Not Already Liturgical Ministers:** The time has come for YOU to step forward. We need people who will commit to being readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers (especially ushers!) and altar servers on a regular basis at the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass (although not only at that Mass — you should be generous enough to be available for at least one other Mass as well). The time has come for YOU to offer yourself in a liturgical ministry.

- **To All Who Are Already Liturgical Ministers:** Remember, ministry is about SERVICE, and not about convenience. We might have to consider a system whereby **EVERYONE** takes **one** turn at the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass, such that every liturgical minister is assigned to that Mass one or two or three times a year. That certainly would be fair, right? After all, we're all in this together, right — readers, E.M.'s, ushers and altar servers?

As I mentioned, we're going to continue to explore this issue, and I ask you to take this issue into your serious prayerful consideration.

Group Mass Intentions

Finally, I want to remind you of an opportunity we offer concerning Mass intentions. It's something I explained when we introduced the practice back in 2015, but I think it bears repeating as a refresher since it has been several years now.

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

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

2. For the sake of giving this a more spiritual name than just "multiple Mass intentions," these Masses twice a month have been designated as **"Perpetual Help Mass Intentions."** Note that

"Perpetual Help Mass Intentions" is simply a name we have given it; the name does not designate anything different or special or "more" or "less" than a single Mass intention. From the spiritual perspective, it is exactly the same thing as a single Mass intention, the only difference being that the Church permits more than one intention to be taken for that Mass. Otherwise, it is exactly the same thing as always.

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

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

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

6. A maximum of TWELVE (12) intentions may be taken for any one "Perpetual Help Mass." There can be no exceptions to this.

It is our hope that this practice, which is permitted by our Bishop and which is in place in many parishes, creates the opportunity for more people to secure Mass intentions here at OLPH.

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 21—No devotions due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
Monday, January 28—7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 4—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 & WORSHIP



Blessing of Throats **on Sunday,** **February 3,** **the Memorial of** **St. Blaise,** **Bishop and Martyr**

February 3 is the day traditionally celebrated as the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century, and it is

believed that he was martyred in a persecution in the early fourth century. His association with the healing of throats arose from a legend that while he was in prison he cured a boy who had a fish bone stuck in this throat. The practice of blessing throats with two crossed candles seems to have arisen in the sixteenth century when devotion to St. Blaise reached its peak.

However, since February 3 is a Sunday this year, the Memorial of St. Blaise is not celebrated, as it is replaced by the higher-ranking liturgical day of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Nonetheless, we will still offer a special blessing of throats, but not individually with two crossed candles as is usually done. This year, the blessing of throats will be done as a blessing given over everyone together, in place of the usual final blessing at all the weekend Masses, i.e., Saturday night, February 2 at 5:00 p.m. and all the Sunday Masses February 3, an option permitted in the *Book of Blessings*.

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!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)*

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.

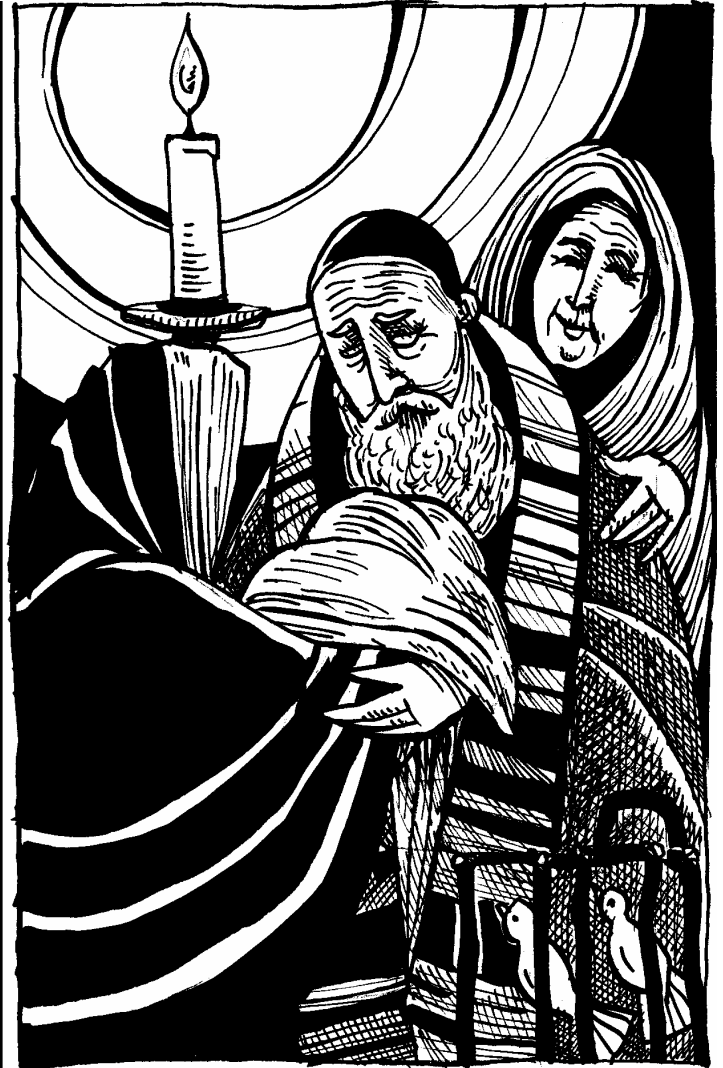
SPECIAL FEAST COMING UP

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD — SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord pulls many favorite mementos from the Catholic cupboard: candles, blessings, Christmas, and church. The Mass of February 2 begins with a blessing of lighted candles held by the faithful, who glow with the memory of the birth of Jesus.

The origins of the feast lie in ancient Jewish custom. On the 40th day after childbirth, parents brought the infant to the Temple to present it to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary sacrificed two birds for the occasion after the birth of Jesus. Count up 40 days after Christmas and you'll come to February 2. Until the 1960s, we used to call this day "The Purification of Mary." The title changed for several reasons. We no longer believe that women who give birth need purification, and the true significance of the feast concerns Jesus coming to the Temple. He is the Promised One, whose light will shine, beaming rays of hope to all the world. Also on the old calendar, this feast closed the Christmas season. Now we end the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. So, even though the date for the Presentation still depends on Christmas, it has become a feast of Ordinary Time. Since it is a feast of the Lord, it takes precedence even when it falls on Sunday.

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"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." - Luke 2:29-32

During the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, February 2, we will bless candles which you can use in your home throughout the year. The candles remind us of the words the prophet Simeon used when he said that Jesus was a light for the nations. We invite you to bring in your own candles to be blessed. You may also take home a set of candles which we will provide in the church; we ask for a \$5 offering to cover the cost of these candles. The candles will also be available in the rectory.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

**Save the Date****Vacation Bible Camp****July 15th- July 19th**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible Camp**Needs Adult Counselors!!!**

Please consider being a part of our Safari Leaders! Please consider offering your time to the youth of the parish. Planning Meetings will begin in **February**.

All Counselors over 18 must be Virtus trained. Contact April for more information! Please call or email April Kleinlaut at (631)226-7725 ext. 257 or akleinlaut@oloph.org if you are interested in helping out this year!

Levels 6-8:

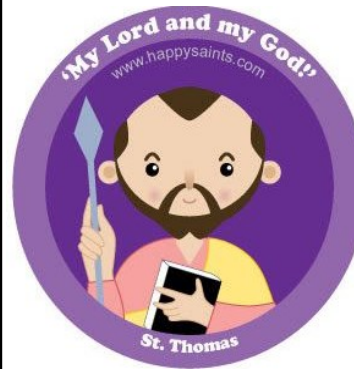
Make sure you come to class
on Wednesday, January 23
to review for your
midterm exam!

Level 2:

Saturday, January 26,
is your Communion Retreat!
Students and parents meet in
the auditorium during class!

Levels 3-5:

Did you miss your midterm?
On Saturday, January 26
we will be having our makeup
midterm exams.
Get your study on!

Happy Saint of the Day!**St. Thomas the Apostle**

St. Thomas is most famously accredited for doubting the Resurrection of Jesus and is popularly known as "Doubting Thomas." Jesus wasn't about to let this fly, so he appeared to the apostles once again and made Thomas stick his finger through the wounds to prove that it was indeed Jesus. Poor Thomas! One brief moment of doubt, and he is branded throughout history as someone with little faith! When Jesus was called back to Judea to see Lazarus, a close friend who was close to death, it was Thomas who encouraged the other apostles to go with Him despite the danger. Despite the doubt, he is a loyal friend to Jesus. St. Thomas is the patron saint of architects. May we build up the Church!

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NEW Food Pantry List!

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CANNED FRUIT

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DESSERTS/SNACKS

SHELF STABLE MILK

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PAPER TOWEL

TOILETRIES

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!**

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The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Every day, God also gives us signs of his love, and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.



Life Center of Long Island
Saving Lives by Changing Hearts

*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 January 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 for details.

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.

COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on 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 p.m.**



THANK YOU!
*The Life Center of Long Island
sincerely thanks
Our Lady Our Lady of Perpetual
Help Parish for their donation to
the baby bottle campaign.*

Your generosity raised \$9,292.65!
May God bless you for your support of life!









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SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday Evenings for 10 weeks
Wednesday, January 23, 30,
February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20,
and 27, 2019
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A 10 week support group providing friendship, prayer and dedicated to helping each other deal with the challenges and difficulties faced during the experience of separation and divorce.

The program is designed to help men and women find encouragement as they explore and experience the emotions and issues associated with divorce and moving forward.

Please forward the completed registration form along with a check payable to
The Office of Faith Formation.

Mail to: Debbie Coyne, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

Name _____ Parish _____

Address _____ Town _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Registration Fee _____

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.

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
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Youth Organization

If you wish to Purchase tickets for the dance, please contact one of the following:
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631-561-7052
Squire Nick Artusa
Nartusavo@gmail.com
631-225-0410

2019 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JAN. 27 — FEB. 2!

Our diocese is blessed to have wonderful Catholic schools. One of the best ways to learn about a particular school is to visit their Open House. Take note of the dates and times for the following Catholic elementary schools in our Diocese and feel free to visit during these times.

St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa	-	Tuesday, January 29 (9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.)
St. Mary School, East Islip	-	Saturday, January 26 (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon)
St. Patrick School, Bay Shore	-	Sunday, January 27 (10:30 a.m.)
Holy Family Regional School, Commack	-	Sunday, January 27 (10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
Maria Regina School, Seaford	-	Thursday, January 24 (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) Sunday, January 27 (12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.)
Our Lady of Mercy School, Hicksville	-	Sunday, January 27 (11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Wednesday, January 30 (9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.—2:00 p.m.)
SS. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park	-	Sunday, January 27 (10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
Saint Martin of Tours, Amityville	-	Sunday, January 27 (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)



For more information on Catholic Elementary School Open Houses contact the individual school or:

Diocese of Rockville Centre - Department of Education

Phone 516-678-5800 | Fax 516-280-2963

Examination, visit <http://www.cathhsli.org/index.htm>.

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- Open to all boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 (age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1st). Please bring a COPY of your child's birth certificate.
- Winners in each age group will move on to the District Championship and potentially Regional and State.

When:

Saturday , January 26th, 2019

Where:

Lindenhurst Middle School Gym

Time:

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For additional information, please contact: Rob Saracino at 631-957-2766

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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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.

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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 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)*



WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Patricia Goertz
Debbi Triola-Curiale
Louise Perrotta
Dr. Alan Lloyd Steinberg
Kimberly Wilson
John Manning
Linda Matera
Virginia Sortino
Giuseppe Pecoraro
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Mike Pentaleri
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Lora Flynn
Msgr. Daniel Hamilton
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Linda Menna*

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.

PASTORAL CARE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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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 REMEMBER

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

*Margaret M. Connors
Gloria McDaniel*

"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."

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, January 21— SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR

6:30 Gaetano Carcone

12:15 Patricia Kroog

TUESDAY, January 22— DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

6:30 Anthony Joseph Almo

12:15 Mary Elizabeth Brogan

WEDNESDAY, January 23— WEEKDAY *(Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin)*

6:30 Joseph Micovsky

12:15 Kathleen Worth

THURSDAY, January 24— SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

6:30 Siemion Iadwiga

12:15 Barbara Corbett

FRIDAY, January 25— THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAYUL, APOSTLE

6:30 Rocco Pomatico

12:15 Lorraine Grandinetti

SATURDAY, January 26— SAINT TIMOTHY AND SAINT TITUS, BISHOPS

8:00 Jack & Loretta Damone

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

5:00 Edward J. Mikoleski

Sunday, January 27 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of
the Knights of Columbus

10:00 Teresa Galati

12:00 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Michael Marchetti

Monday, January 21, 2019

**ALL PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES ARE
CLOSED AND ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED FOR THE
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY. ALL OFFICES
WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 9:00 A.M.**

7:00 p.m. No Devotions

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

6:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Squires Room 19

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

Wednesday, January 23, 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

Thursday, January 24, 2019

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

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal Church

6:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Auditorium

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

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

7:00 p.m. CYO Coaches Meeting Room 18

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:30 p.m. RCIA Room 1

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

Friday, January 25, 2019

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

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

Saturday, January 26, 2019

8:30,10:00 Level 2: Communion Retreat Auditorium
Levels 1, 3-5 & Sp. Ed. Classes School

1:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Auditorium

1:00 p.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

3:00 p.m. Confessions Church

5:00 p.m. RCIA Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Sunday, January 27, 2019

9:00 a.m. Holy Name Society Awards Auditorium

9:15 a.m. RCIC Meeting Room 18

1:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Auditorium

1:30 p.m. Young Men's Group St. Mark Room

2:00 p.m. Baptisms Church

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.

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO 20 DE ENERO DEL 2019

Comenzamos ya la segunda semana del tiempo litúrgico ordinario, pero seguimos percibiendo los ecos de las pasadas fiestas navideñas y, concretamente, los de su culminación en la Epifanía. De hecho, tradicionalmente la liturgia ha visto la manifestación de Jesús en los tres momentos que se han sucedido desde el 6 de enero hasta este domingo segundo: la adoración de los Magos de Oriente, el Bautismo de Jesús y la Boda en Caná de Galilea.

Toda la tierra debe postrarse y ante Dios y glorificar el nombre del señor

Primera lectura Isaías 62:1-5 reconstruida y desposada la nueva Jerusalén de arriba. Verán tu justicia: verán que as alcanzado el nombre que merecías.

Segunda lectura Corintios 12: 4-11 Dones Espirituales. Dios da los dones a los fieles simples para edificar su Iglesia sin tomar mucho en cuenta las opiniones y los proyectos de las jerarquías.

El Santo Evangelio según San Juan 2: 1-11

El Evangelio de Juan sitúa la aparición pública de Jesús en el contexto de una boda, a la que estaba invitado Él con sus discípulos, y, al parecer de manera independiente, su madre, María. De este modo, Juan retoma una imagen central del Antiguo Testamento para expresar la relación de Dios con su pueblo Israel: la del amor de esposos. El amor entre el marido y su esposa expresa el máximo grado de unión, intimidad y compromiso entre dos seres humanos.

Si la revelación no ha encontrado mejor modo de expresar el amor de Dios por su pueblo que el del amor esposos, quiere decirse que este género de amor, por su propia naturaleza, no puede reducirse a un capricho subjetivo, a un mero contrato de conveniencia que puede hacerse a la ligera y disolverse del mismo modo, con consenso de las partes o sin él. Existe en esta relación una exigencia de responsabilidad en su punto de partida; y una semilla de eternidad, incondicionalidad y fidelidad en su realización en el día a día.



OFFERING UPDATE January 12/13, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	321	113	\$2,716.00
8:00 a.m.	240	106	3,349.00
10:00 a.m.	465	113	3,337.00
12:00 p.m.	450	133	3,381.00
5:00 p.m.	188	44	1,385.00
Coin			36.57
Mail-ins:			392.00
Children's Env.		17	46.36
Faith Direct			2,185.50
TOTAL	1,664	526	\$16,828.43
2018 total	1,746	626	18,772.20
Candles			\$1,013.33
Poor Box			\$364.29

The final totals for Christmas Day and Christmas Flowers will be published at a later date to allow for late and mailed offerings.

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 27—passed
February 3—January 25
February 10—February 1

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.

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, January 27, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.* Luke 4:18

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

This first reading shows us what it looks like when God's people gather to hear the written word proclaimed and interpreted, and then let that proclamation shape and energize their life in community. When they hear the written word proclaimed and interpreted, the people weep because they hear their sins spoken out loud. They weep because they fear death and the justice of God, and they do not know how to bridge the gulf that separates sinful humanity from the faithful God who made them. But as surely as God's Word reveals our sins to us, it also reveals to us the source of our hope and joy: the God who keeps his promises.

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

As all the spiritual gifts possessed by the different members of the Church come from the same divine source and are intended for the same lofty purpose, which is the good of the Church, those who have the more humble gifts ought to be contented, not envying those who are more highly endowed. Likewise, those who have been more especially favored must not look down upon or despise any of their brothers or sisters. In fact, often those members who perform the lowest functions in the Body are the most indispensable to the welfare of the whole.

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

This passage is essentially Jesus' life, ministry, and mission in a nutshell: who he is, what he will do, and for whom he has come. When Jesus reads the words of Isaiah, he is not quoting Scripture. Rather, these words are truly his and are a call to real life for real people in real time. This is our God come among us, and speaking to us in our present and in our reality. Good news indeed!

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. Jesus went to Nazareth, his hometown. People there thought of him as Mary and Joseph's son. Suddenly he claims to be the Messiah. What would your reaction have been to such a declaration?
2. Jesus said he had been "anointed to bring glad tidings to the poor, ... liberty to captives, ... sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. ..." Pope Francis names some of today's captives and oppressed in *Evangelii Gaudium*. What can you do to bring liberty, or make life a little easier for today's captives and oppressed?

"It is essential to draw near to new forms of poverty and vulnerability, in which we are called to recognize the suffering Christ, even if this appears to bring us no tangible and immediate benefits. I think of the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned, and many others. Migrants present a particular challenge for me, since I am the pastor of a Church without frontiers, a Church which considers herself mother to all. ..."

"How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: 'Where is your brother?' (*Gen 4:9*). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labor? Let us not look the other way."

*Evangelii Gaudium, 210-211
July 6, 2015*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 21, 2019:

Hebrews 5:1-10 + Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 22, 2019:

Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV "Mass for Peace & Justice", nos. 887-891

Wednesday, January 23, 2019:

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17
+ Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 24, 2019:

Hebrews 7:25—8:6

+ Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 25, 2019:

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

Saturday, January 26, 2019:

2 Timothy 1:1-8
+ Mark 3:20-21

Sunday, January 27, 2019:

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
+ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
+ Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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