

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said to Simon  
and his brother Andrew,  
“Come after me, and I will make you  
fishers of men.”*

*Then they abandoned their nets  
and followed him.*

Mark 1:17-18

**THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**January 21, 2018**

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Frank Pokorney

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

**Pastor Emeritus:** Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

## **COME IN AND PRAY...**

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

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

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

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

## **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

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

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

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

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

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

## **OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS**

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

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



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### *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

As we continue in these wintertime days of Ordinary Time, it's interesting how all our Mass prayers for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us that the purpose of our celebration of and participation in the Eucharist is not meant to be something kept only within the time frame of the Mass and the four walls of the church, but that it must have concrete effects on the way we live our life, in terms of our actions and our attitude.

For example, the Collect (opening prayer) asks that God may direct our actions so that "*in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.*" In other words, the effects of the liturgy should not end at the completion of the celebration; rather, the effects should continue to ripple out because, as a result of participating in liturgy, we have been transformed to actually do good works in the name of Christ in our daily life.

In the Prayer over the Offerings for this weekend's Mass we are asking God to accept our offerings so that, in sanctifying them, "*they may profit us for salvation.*" We must never forget that in addition to transforming us so that we go out and do good works, the purpose of liturgy is also oriented toward our eternal salvation in heaven. Heaven should be the eternal destination that is always before us.

The Prayer after Communion asks that, as a result of receiving the grace of being brought to new life in the Eucharist, "*we may always glory in your gift.*" This reminds us that as a result of sharing in the Sacred Banquet of the Eucharist, our outlook should always be one of joy, trust and confidence, and our attitude and actions should reflect this. We can be put in mind of one of the options for the dismissal that can be used at the end of Mass by the priest or deacon: "*Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.*"

A constant reflection in our spiritual life should be asking the question as to how well we are connecting our celebration of liturgy with our everyday life, and usually the Mass prayers, if we pay close attention to them, will help us in reflecting on this aspect.

### *Pope Francis' Catecheses on the Holy Mass*

In last week's bulletin I mentioned that this past December Pope Francis began a series of catecheses on the Holy Mass, and that each week I would like to present a brief section of these teachings. Since Mass is so central to our life as Catholics, we can never be learning enough about it. So, here is the second installment of the address Pope Francis gave at his General Audience on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. He continues his reflections on the introductory rites of the Mass, and I present his words *verbatim*.

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While normally the entrance hymn is being sung, the priest with the other ministers reaches the presbytery [sanctuary] in procession, and here he greets the altar with a bow, and in a sign of veneration, kisses it and, when there is incense, he incenses it. Why? Because the altar is Christ: it's a figure of Christ. When we look at the altar, we look in fact where Christ is. The altar is Christ. These gestures, which risk passing unobserved, are very significant, because they express from the beginning that the Mass is an encounter of love with Christ, who, offering His body on the cross...becomes altar, victim and priest. In fact, the altar, inasmuch as it is a sign of Christ, is the center of the thanksgiving that is fulfilled with the Eucharist, and the whole community is around the altar, which is Christ, not to look at faces, but to look at Christ, because Christ is the center of the community; He's not far from it.

Then there is the sign of the cross. The priest that presides traces it on himself and the same is done by all the members of the assembly, aware that the liturgical act is carried out "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." And here I pass to another very small argument. Have you seen how children make the sign of the cross? They don't know what they do; sometimes they make a design, which isn't the sign of the cross. Please: mothers and fathers, grandparents, teach children from the beginning — when very small — to do the sign of the cross well. And explain to them what it is to have Jesus' cross as protection. And the

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Mass begins with the sign of the cross. The whole prayer moves, so to speak, in the realm of the Most Holy Trinity — “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” — which is the realm of infinite communion; it has as its origin and as its end the love of God, One and Triune, manifested and given to us in the Cross of Christ. In fact, His Paschal Mystery is a gift of the Trinity, and the Eucharist always flows from His pierced Heart. Therefore, by signing ourselves with the sign of the cross, not only do we remember our Baptism, but we affirm that the liturgical prayer is the encounter with God in Christ Jesus, who was incarnated for us, died on the cross and rose glorious.

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### *We need a new outdoor manger!*

As you have seen, all our Christmas decorations have been down for a couple of weeks now, with our outdoor decorations and lights and our outdoor manger scene (crèche) being the last to be put away. I am grateful to Jean and Bill Gustavson who oversee these aspects of our outdoor decorations, and to Andy Buglione who has taken charge of our outdoor manger.

I am told, however, that our outdoor manger has finally ended its days — the statues are in a state of disrepair and broken beyond use, despite valiant efforts to rehabilitate them.

Therefore, we are in need of a new outdoor crèche (manger scene) for next year (the figures). Is there someone who would be willing to donate this for us? If so, please contact me. (Perhaps this would be a great thing for an organization to handle, or several parish organizations together, or a large family could share the cost among family members.) I'll wait in hope to hear back from someone!

### *A rough winter so far*

Between the snow and the extreme cold, it has been a tough winter, hasn't it? It's certainly tough on the parish in terms of our budget and expenses, what with additional costs for snow removal and the like. I've asked our Business Office to come up with a figure so we can know how much this winter weather is costing us.

Please keep this in mind as you make your weekly monetary offering; the most important thing you can do to help the parish is to continue with your weekly offerings, even if the weather on a particular weekend makes it impossible for you to get to Mass. If you have to miss Mass because you legitimately are sick or cannot get out because of the weather (which is **NOT** a sin in those circumstances, so there is no need to confess it in Confession!), please either mail in your offering or bring it the next time you are at Mass. This is a tremendous help to us. Incidentally, this is why Faith Direct, our electronic giving program, is so helpful; consider using it if you are not currently doing so. Thank you for your continued support!

### *The door is not always open...*

Lastly, allow me to remind everyone how our system works concerning the Reconciliation Rooms (Confessionals) during the times when the priests are hearing Confessions. If the door is closed, it means someone is in there going to Confession. Please do not come in! Wait until the door opens. The door will be open if the priest is inside waiting for someone to come in. If the door is open, we are “open for business” and you are welcome to walk right in. This “open door/closed door” system is used in place of the “red light/green light” system some parishes still use (but which many people find confusing and which is not always accurate, for example, if the priest forgets to flip the proper switch!). Please remember this “door system;” every so often we have someone interrupt a Confession by opening the door when they should not. Thank you for your cooperation with this!

### *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 AND WORSHIP



### BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES

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

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

This year we once again invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. **We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on February 13 and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.**

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

### *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 Labouré. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Monday, January 22—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, January 29—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, February 5—7:00 p.m.**

### 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.

### 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**



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION

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

Classes will be held:

**February 6, 13, 20, 27,**

**March 6, 20, April 3, 10, 24, May 1, 8**

*For adults who desire more information*, contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net).

*For teenagers and their families who desire more information*, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631.226.7725, x 251 or e-mail to [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org).

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



This weekend we congratulate the people who are becoming **catechumens** in a ceremony taking place at the 12:00 p.m. Mass. This is the participants' first official stage in the process of initiation into the Catholic Church. This **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** is an occasion of great joy for them and for us as a parish community. We offer our prayerful support and best wishes to our catechumens: **Tara Zemel, Kevin McCall, Tasha Gonzalez, Angel Narvaez, Aiden Gonzalez, Emily**

**Narine, and Catherine Perez.**

Beginning next Sunday, the catechumens will join our current **candidates** (who are already baptized in another Christian tradition and who now seek full communion in the Catholic Church through Confirmation and First Holy Communion) **Kayla Rhodes and Carlton Mitchell**. They will attend Mass together, and will be dismissed with a special prayer after the Liturgy of the Word, to continue their prayer, reflection, and formation in Catholic Christianity. This dismissal is meant to be a sign of our special care and hospitality for these people as we pay special attention to them, nurturing them in the faith, since they are not yet able to share in the Eucharist. It is also meant to create a special hunger in them for receiving the Lord in the Eucharist, and their dismissal can also be for us a stark reminder of the privilege and gift of being able to share in the Eucharist.

The catechumens and candidates will be attending various parish Masses together on a rotating basis. Please greet and welcome these new members of our worshipping community, and please remember them in your prayers as they journey toward the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, at a future Easter Vigil for the catechumens and at a Sunday Mass during Easter Time for the candidates.

## 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.

## 2018 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

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.

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| St. Mary School, East Islip            | - | Saturday, January 27 (9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)   |
| Holy Family Regional School, Commack   | - | Sunday, January 28 (10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)   |
| Maria Regina School, Seaford           | - | Sunday, January 28 (12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.)   |
| Our Lady of Lourdes School, West Islip | - | Sunday, January 28 (10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)   |
| Our Lady of Mercy School, Hicksville   | - | Sunday, January 28 (11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)<br>Tuesday, January 30 (9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) |
| SS. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park       | - | Sunday, January 28 (10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)   |
| Saint Martin of Tours, Amityville      | - | Sunday, January 28 (10:30 a.m. - 2:30 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>.

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

Located in the Rectory  
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

*Congratulations Level 2 students on receiving your First Penance!*

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Bryan Abrams</i>        | <i>Anthony DeMarino</i>     | <i>Lucas Kelly</i>          | <i>Landon Ramos</i>           |
| <i>Anthony Adamo-Deza</i>  | <i>Kaylee Duffy</i>         | <i>Katherine Kleiber</i>    | <i>Vincenzo Ramos</i>         |
| <i>Caiden Alazraki</i>     | <i>Avery Anna Egan</i>      | <i>Kevin Krzal</i>          | <i>Angelene Robles</i>        |
| <i>Thomas Andreone</i>     | <i>James Eibach</i>         | <i>Jayden Kuhlmeier</i>     | <i>Alexander Rodriguez</i>    |
| <i>Aleena Artiga</i>       | <i>Gabriel Espinoza</i>     | <i>Nicholas Lemieux</i>     | <i>James Russell</i>          |
| <i>Joseph Artiga</i>       | <i>Ziyah Fernandez</i>      | <i>Eric Lipton</i>          | <i>Michael Russo</i>          |
| <i>Amelia Bacci</i>        | <i>Ava Ferrari</i>          | <i>Paulina Liszka</i>       | <i>Robert Russo</i>           |
| <i>Brady Allan Beddoe</i>  | <i>Christopher Ficalora</i> | <i>Vincent Maiorano</i>     | <i>Vincent Russo</i>          |
| <i>Ginger Beddoe</i>       | <i>Dominic Flint</i>        | <i>Alexis Maletton</i>      | <i>Nicholas Saccone</i>       |
| <i>Sofia Bezpalko</i>      | <i>Julia Foley</i>          | <i>Anthony Mangiaracina</i> | <i>Sophia Santaniello</i>     |
| <i>Omar Blaise</i>         | <i>Salvatore Gambino</i>    | <i>Thomas Matthews</i>      | <i>Casondra Sass</i>          |
| <i>Arianna Butler</i>      | <i>Genevieve Gerhardt</i>   | <i>Stephanie McDowell</i>   | <i>Michael Saveriano</i>      |
| <i>Ryan Butler</i>         | <i>Abigail Gianninoto</i>   | <i>Dominic Menniti</i>      | <i>Tyler Seimer</i>           |
| <i>Adrianna Calderaro</i>  | <i>Kaitlyn Giaquinto</i>    | <i>Frank Merendino</i>      | <i>Ava Sikorsky</i>           |
| <i>Addison Campay</i>      | <i>Brian Golaszewski</i>    | <i>Eric Mikoleski</i>       | <i>Olivia Sliwoski</i>        |
| <i>Brendan Cantarero</i>   | <i>Nicholas Gordon</i>      | <i>Stephen Miller</i>       | <i>Rebecca Soehl</i>          |
| <i>Giuliana Capodicasa</i> | <i>Hunter Grimm</i>         | <i>Joshua Mollo</i>         | <i>Maximillian Sokolowski</i> |
| <i>Joseph Capodicasa</i>   | <i>Ava Grogan</i>           | <i>Anthony Muratore</i>     | <i>William Sullivan</i>       |
| <i>EmmaLynn Capriola</i>   | <i>Ava Hale</i>             | <i>Kieran Murphy</i>        | <i>Alexa Vezzi</i>            |
| <i>Kenneth Carbonaro</i>   | <i>Karli Hamoy</i>          | <i>Matthew Nicolellis</i>   | <i>Alyssa Webster</i>         |
| <i>Isabella Castellano</i> | <i>Rocco Henze</i>          | <i>Regan O'Neill</i>        | <i>Nicholas Wojciechowski</i> |
| <i>Cianna Cavallo</i>      | <i>Brooke Hespeler</i>      | <i>Isla O'Toole</i>         | <i>Caitlin Zaborowski</i>     |
| <i>Amy Cercado</i>         | <i>Jayden Hovanec</i>       | <i>Isabella Panzenbeck</i>  | <i>Frank Zastawny</i>         |
| <i>Cesar Cercado</i>       | <i>Kameryn Hubschitt</i>    | <i>Ryan Peluso</i>          |                               |
| <i>Alexandra Chodon</i>    | <i>Adrianna Inzinna</i>     | <i>Anthony Pennacchia</i>   |                               |
| <i>Taylor Cucci</i>        | <i>Michael Izzo</i>         | <i>Andrew Peterson</i>      |                               |
| <i>William Davidson</i>    | <i>Kaylee Jimenez</i>       | <i>Bayley Phelan</i>        |                               |
| <i>Lia DeLucia</i>         | <i>Clara Keller</i>         | <i>Gerald Pointing</i>      |                               |
| <i>Caleigh DeMarco</i>     | <i>Grace Kelly</i>          | <i>Brendan Pritchard</i>    |                               |



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

## NEW Food Pantry List!

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

*NO PASTA AT THIS TIME, PLEASE.*

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

Use Parking Lot located  
on corner of Gates & High Streets  
**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**  
9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

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

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

**Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

## † A LIVING MEMORIAL

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

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

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

### OUR MISSION

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



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

*As a Living Memorial  
to the life of*

*A donation has been made by*

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

*Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss.*

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## HOMELESS MINISTRY DONATIONS

*We are in need of the following items:*

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

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

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

## MIDDLE AGES

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

**Tuesday, February 6**  
Van lunches and Valentine project  
**in Room 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

## SENIOR MOMENTS

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

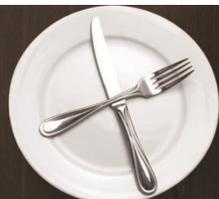
**Tuesday, February 13**  
Fran Grasso—631-956-3003 sixfingers13@gmail.com



**REGIFTING SALE!**  
Life Center of Long Island  
*Saving Lives by Changing Hearts*

**Don't forget....if you got a gift for Christmas which you really do not need, don't worry...we have a "home" for it. You can donate it to the Life Center. They'll be holding their second "REGIFTING SALE" soon (date to be announced).**

There is a place for you at our table...



## COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held 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, February 4*  
*Come and pray with us at the 12:00 p.m. Mass then join us for "Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.*

## BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE

**BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!**



Leather jackets, wool coats, vests, fleeces, scarves, hats and more! Everything you need to stay warm this winter, available at **CRAZY** low prices at The Blue Door Boutique.

Our prices are the lowest around. New merchandise

**THE blue door BOUTIQUE**

M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
SAT. 1:30-3:00 p.m.

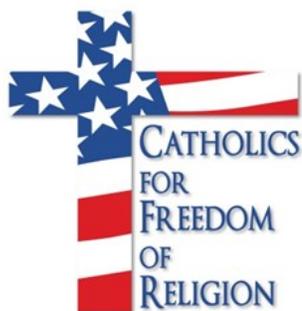
Donations gratefully accepted whenever the shop is open. Please no toys, stuffed animals, books or electric items.

# CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

## Focus on Religious Freedom

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

### Religious Freedom Day - January 16, 2018



National Religious Freedom Day is observed on January 16 every year since 1993 to commemorate the Virginia General Assembly's adoption of Thomas Jefferson's landmark Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom on January 16, 1786. This vital document became the basis for the Constitution's First Amendment establishment clause, and led to the protection of freedom of religion for all Americans. Every President writes an official Proclamation on this day.

#### Why We Need Religious Freedom:

"Religion and good morals are the only solid foundation of public liberty and happiness," said Founding Father Samuel Adams in 1778.

#### An academic report from Princeton University argues that vigorously advancing religious freedom is in America's national interests:

- The basis for religious freedom is awareness of the reality and dignity of the human person. Since religion is a human impulse to know and relate to something bigger than one's self and is a phenomenon found in all times and cultures, to interfere with living out religious experience is to interfere with human fulfillment.
- "When citizens are free to have an ultimate commitment to something more than human, something beyond the authorities of state and society, the power of the state is thereby limited."
- At the same time, religious freedom disciplines religious people to treat their non-coreligionists with respect.
- Morally, religion is just not religion unless it is done freely.
- Legally, democracies have recognized that, far from being a marginal special interest, religious freedom is a central human right. (*nationalcatholicregister.com, 2012; mormonnewsroom.org, 2/3/12; Dr. D. Dreisbach, 2/16/15*)

*"I still believe that standing up for the truth of God is the greatest thing in the world. This is the end (purpose) of life."*  
—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Prison Families Anonymous, a project of FECS Health and Human Services System, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system.

At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

Email: [pfa.longisland@gmail.com](mailto:pfa.longisland@gmail.com) Website: [www.pfa-li.com](http://www.pfa-li.com)

For additional info contact: 516-496-7550 FECS 631-943-0441—Barbara 631-806-3903—Sue

... on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of every month  
starting at 7:30 P.M. at the

**Community Presbyterian Church**

1843 Deer Park Avenue,  
Deer Park, NY 11729

Northeast corner of Deer Park Avenue  
and Lake Ave

Parking lot entrance on Lake Ave -  
Use rear door closest to parking lot



... on the **1st Tuesday** of every month  
at 7:30 PM at St. Anthony Hall across  
from **St. Brigid's Church**  
75 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

**For more information,  
Please contact:  
PFA at 631-943-0441**

## OLPH EVENTS AND OTHER STUFF...

**Help  
save  
lives**



*Each donation helps save up to 3 lives*

### **EMERGENCY Blood Drive**

**Sunday, January 28, 2018**

**9:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m.**

**OLPH New School**

Contact: Regina Muir at 631-223-5327

Ages 16-75 are eligible

*16 and 17 year olds must have parental permission*

OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794



### **FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

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 27th, 2018**

**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

*Did you receive a gift that you can't use?*

*Did you receive an item that you already have?*

*Did you receive a present that you could give away?*

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, the Dominican Sisters of Amityville invite you to donate your items for our Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon on Friday, June 29th 2018. Items will be used in our raffle baskets and all proceeds from the event benefit the elderly and retired Sisters living in the Motherhouse. Last year, the event grossed over \$114,000!

**Unfortunately we are unable to accept donations of clothing.** Also, we ask that all items be in brand **NEW** and unused condition. Items can be dropped off at the Motherhouse between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday: 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY, attention: Advancement Office.

If you have any questions, please call (631) 842-6000 ext. 238. Thank you for your support.



**JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT  
DRVC SCHOOL OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES**

**INFORMATION SESSION**

**Seminary of the Immaculate Conception**

Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

**St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays**

Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

**Mercy Hospital**

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 8:30 p.m.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information contact Maria Elaina Barbieri  
516-678-5800 ext. 540, mbarbieri@drvc.org  
or visit our website [www.drvc-faith.org/adult-formation](http://www.drvc-faith.org/adult-formation)

## PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

### **WE CELEBRATE**

*God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.*

**-Rite of Baptism**



**Logan Matthew Colao  
Charlotte Rae Roxas**

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

### **WE BELIEVE**

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

**Constance Mango  
Ronald Higgins  
Beta Konopka  
Shawn Matthews  
Jennifer Kienle  
Linda Barresi  
Laura Flynn  
Denise Parker  
Louis Vita  
Peter Leyden  
Michael Boutin  
Dolores Otten  
Lisa O'Reilly  
Richard Olson**

**Richard Camba  
Agostino Pecoraro  
Kristy Donner  
Kathy Stanton  
Erin Stanton  
Kim Leggio  
Peter Masak  
Catherine Tamburino  
Noreen Bucala  
Mary Doran  
Colin Czekaj  
Anthony DiMaggio  
Charles Wendland**

### **WE REMEMBER**

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

**Rosalie Di Pretoro**

*"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."*

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

### **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.

### **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.

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 Community will then visit each week.

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



# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, January 22, 2018— Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

|      |                                |
|------|--------------------------------|
| 6:30 | Norma McCorvey & Unborn Babies |
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| 12:15 | Frank Venezia |
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## TUESDAY, January 23— Weekday (St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr)

|      |                 |
|------|-----------------|
| 6:30 | Joseph Micovsky |
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| 12:15 | Diane Golden |
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## WEDNESDAY, January 24— St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

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| 6:30 | Donald Stienbach |
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| 12:15 | Virginia Fields |
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## THURSDAY, January 25— The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

|      |                 |
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| 6:30 | Anthony DeSapio |
|------|-----------------|

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| 12:15 | Rocco Pomatico |
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## FRIDAY, January 26— Saint Timothy and Titus, Bishops

|      |               |
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| 6:30 | Rita Radjeski |
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| 12:15 | Lorraine Grandinetti |
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## SATURDAY, January 27— Weekday (St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder)

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|------|-------------------|
| 8:00 | Salvatore Gigante |
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## Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

|      |               |
|------|---------------|
| 5:00 | Franz Betting |
|------|---------------|

## Sunday, January 28 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| 8:00 | Salvatore Rizzolo |
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| 10:00 | For the People of the Parish |
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| 12:00 | Stanley Kapusta |
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| 5:00 | Joseph Armento |
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## Monday, January 22, 2018

|            |                                 |          |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| 9:00 a.m.  | St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry | Room 24  |
| 10:00 a.m. | Blue Door Boutique              | Convent  |
| 12:30 p.m. | St. Vincent Business Meeting    | Room 24  |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Devotions                       | Church   |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Liturgy Committee               | St. Lucy |
| 7:15 p.m.  | Level 8 Classes                 | School   |

## Tuesday, January 23, 2018

|                           |                            |           |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 10:00 a.m. &<br>6:00 p.m. | Census Committee           | Room 3    |
| 6:45 p.m.                 | Alcoholics Anonymous       | Cafeteria |
| 7:30 p.m.                 | Clifton Strengths Training | Room 18   |
| 7:30 p.m.                 | Pastoral Council           | St. Lucy  |
| 8:00 p.m.                 | Community of Praise        | Room 16   |
| 8:00 p.m.                 | Squires                    | Room 19   |

## Wednesday, January 24, 2018

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

## Thursday, January 25, 2018

|                           |                            |            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| 10:00 a.m. &<br>6:00 p.m. | Census Committee           | Room 3     |
| 1:00 p.m.-on              | Church closed for cleaning | Church     |
| 4:30 p.m.                 | Youth Choir Rehearsal      | Room 16    |
| 6:00 p.m.                 | CYO Basketball Practice    | Auditorium |
| 7:00 p.m.                 | Spanish Prayer Group       | Cafeteria  |
| 7:30 p.m.                 | RCIA                       | Room 18    |
| 7:30 p.m.                 | Adult Choir Rehearsal      | Church     |
| 8:00 p.m.                 | Narcotics Anonymous        | Room 24    |

## Friday, January 26, 2018

|            |                                 |         |
|------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 9:00 a.m.  | St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry | Room 24 |
| 10:00 a.m. | Blue Door Boutique              | Convent |

## Saturday, January 27, 2018

|             |                                |            |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 8:30, 10:00 | Levels 1 - 5 & Sp. Ed. Classes | School     |
| 1:00 p.m.   | CYO Basketball                 | Auditorium |
| 1:30 p.m.   | Blue Door Boutique             | Convent    |
| 4:00 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 28, 2018

|            |                          |            |
|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 9:00 a.m.  | Blood Drive              | Room 16    |
| 10:00 a.m. | RCIC                     | Room 22    |
| 12:45 p.m. | Junior Legion of Mary    | Room 24    |
| 1:00 p.m.  | CYO Basketball           | Auditorium |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Evening Prayer/Holy Hour | Church     |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Alcoholics Anonymous     | Cafeteria  |

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Directory of Phone Extensions

| Name   | Ext | Email                       |
|--|-----|-----------------------------|
| Carmel Becker, Bulletin  | 246 | cbecker@oloph.org           |
| Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary                                 | 212 | pchavis@oloph.org           |
| Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant                       | 214 | lcoppola@oloph.org          |
| Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor                                  | 206 | msgjrjoe@oloph.org          |
| Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor                           | 226 | fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com |
| Faith Formation Office   | 253 | religioused@oloph.org       |
| Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music                         | 210 | cferraro@oloph.org          |
| April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation                   | 257 | akleinlaut@oloph.org        |
| Frank Pokorney, Business Manager                               | 204 | fpokorney@oloph.org         |
| Rectory Reception Desk   | 200 |                             |
| St. Vincent de Paul  | 234 | stvincentdepaul@oloph.org   |
| Josephine Vagelatos,<br>Administrative Assistant to the Pastor | 206 | jvagelatos@oloph.org        |
| Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor                               | 203 | fzero@oloph.org             |

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork  
 Tricia Buckley (Chair)  
 Eileen Corticchia  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Greg Guido  
 Sonia Hansen  
 Joselyn Kalt  
 Melissa McLaughlin  
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
 James Totino  
 Peter Triolo  
 Adele Venezia

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
 John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
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 Bob Meade  
 Frank Pokorney  
 John Reynolds  
 Sandra Tandoi

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

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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 Deacon Robert Becker  
 Lynn Bergin  
 Mark Costantino  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Chris Ferraro  
 MaryAnn Haas  
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
 Barbara McPhail  
 Deacon Doug Smith  
 Rosaleen Walters  
 Mike Williams

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

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

### **EL MINISTERIO ISPANO 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 PM en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

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

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

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes. Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico [saitjoseph98@gmail.com](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

### **Preparándonos para las lecturas del domingo 28 de Enero del 2018- Ciclo B**

Después de leer las escrituras tome un momento para orar antes de venir a Misa.

Señor Dios nuestro: En esta asamblea eucarística

nos has reunido más íntimamente por tu palabra poderosa

y por el banquete festivo de la eucaristía. Cuando volvemos a nuestra vida diaria,

sigue proclamándonos tu mensaje liberador

incluso en los acontecimientos corrientes de nuestra vida

y en la amistad de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Abre nuestros oídos y corazones

a tu lenguaje, siempre nuevo, que nos conduzca a ti por el poder de Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

**Primera Lectura (Deuteronomio 18,15-20):** Los irrealitas siempre esperaban un profeta superior a los demás que dirigiera al pueblo entero como lo avía hecho Moisés. Véase la pregunta que le hicieron a Juan ¿eres tú el profeta? Ver hechos 3,22-26

**Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 7,32-35):** Libres para el Señor

Todos estamos llamados a la santidad. Pablo subraya las ventajas del carisma del celibato: los que no se casan están libres para dedicarse al Señor y sus asuntos.

**Evangelio (Marcos 1,21-28):** palabra de victoria sobre el espíritu del mal. Su enseñanza es nueva, y contiene el poder de la acción del mismo Dios que realiza lo que dice como la luz vence a las tinieblas. El resultado final, es la liberación del mal: Esta lucha contra el espíritu del mal se abre a todo el evangelio que nos presenta Jesús siempre dedicado a descubrirlo y a eliminarlo.

*Seguimos con los consejos para matrimonios*

### **2. Continúen con el noviazgo después del casamiento.**

"Ante todo, tened entre vosotros ferviente amor; porque el amor cubrirá multitud de pecados" (1 Pedro 4:8). "Su marido también la alaba" (Proverbios 31:28) "La casada tiene cuidado de cómo agradar a su marido" (1 Corintios 7:34) "Amaos los unos a los otros en cuanto a honra, prefiriéndoos los unos a los otros" (Romanos 12:10).

**Respuesta:** Continúe (o tal vez reviva) las cortesías propias del noviazgo durante la vida de casados. Un matrimonio de éxito no ocurre por arte de magia: debe desarrollarse. No dé por sentado el amor de su cónyuge: expréselo o de otra manera, la monotonía destruirá el matrimonio. Ocúpese de que el amor crezca o de otra manera morirá y terminarán separándose. El amor y la felicidad no se encuentran procurándolos para Ud. mismo sino brindándolos a otros. Por eso, pasen tanto tiempo como sea posible haciendo cosas juntos, si se quieren llevar bien. Aprendan a saludarse con entusiasmo. Tomen momentos de descanso, coman, conversen y salgan a pasear juntos. No descuiden las pequeñas cortesías, y los pequeños actos que puedan realizar para animarse el uno al otro y para demostrarse afecto. Sorpréndanse mutuamente con pequeños regalos. Trate cada uno de sobrepasar el amor del otro. No retiren del matrimonio más de lo que depositan en él. El divorcio en sí mismo no es el principal destructor del hogar, pero sí lo es la falta de amor. Si se le da una oportunidad, el amor siempre triunfa.



**OFFERING UPDATE  
January 13/14, 2018**

| Mass Time         | Attendance   | # of Envelopes | Weekly Collection  |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 5:00 p.m.         | 360          | 140            | \$3,426.00         |
| 8:00 a.m.         | 220          | 116            | 3,231.00           |
| 10:00 a.m.        | 425          | 130            | 3,245.00           |
| 12:00 p.m.        | 505          | 177            | 4,857.00           |
| 5:00 p.m.         | 236          | 46             | 1,232.00           |
| Coin              |              |                | 13.60              |
| Mail-ins:         |              |                | 430.00             |
| Children's Env.   |              | 17             | 32.10              |
| Faith Direct      |              |                | 2,305.50           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>1,746</b> | <b>626</b>     | <b>18,772.20</b>   |
| <b>2017 total</b> | <b>1,693</b> | <b>665</b>     | <b>\$19,084.52</b> |
| Candles           |              |                | \$1,110.04         |
| Poor Box          |              |                | \$542.20           |

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

**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 no later than the dates listed below and as a word document to Carmel Becker at [cbecker@oloph.org](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org).  
*Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

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

YOU CAN BRING *Joy* AND HOPE THROUGH YOUR GIFT OF A SIMPLE SOCCER BALL/SHOES



**WE ARE COLLECTING YOUR NEW OR USED SOCCER BALLS AND SHOES**  
in the collection boxes located by the front and side doors of the school. You can also drop off items at Religious Ed. Office now located at the rectory.

The collection is for Father Ignance Loleke, formerly of OLPH, who has started a youth center in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Father has made a huge impact in his community using the love of soccer to unite children of different cultures, political beliefs and religions to play on one field, together in harmony.

Contact Maria at 631.882.9887 or [KicksForTheCongo@gmail.com](mailto:KicksForTheCongo@gmail.com)

**2017 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS**

Tax letters for the 2017 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*. Thank you for your cooperation.

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC**

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**PREPARING FOR Sunday, January 28, 2018—  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Mark 1:22

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

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

**1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

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

**Mark 1:21-28**

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

## Readings for the Week

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

**Monday, January 22, 2018:**

Isaiah 32:15-18 + John 14:23-29

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018:**

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

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018:**

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

**Thursday, January 25, 2018:**

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

**Friday, January 26, 2018:**

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

**Saturday, January 27, 2018:**

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

**Sunday, January 28, 2018:**

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

**Gospel Reflection Questions...**

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

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

*2. "The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him." On Jan. 6th, sixty-four African migrants died due to the shipwreck in the Mediterranean after a trafficker's overcrowded rubber dinghy started taking on water. Would you call human trafficking one of today's "unclean spirits" that needs to "come out," as they did in this Gospel? What are some other ones?*



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