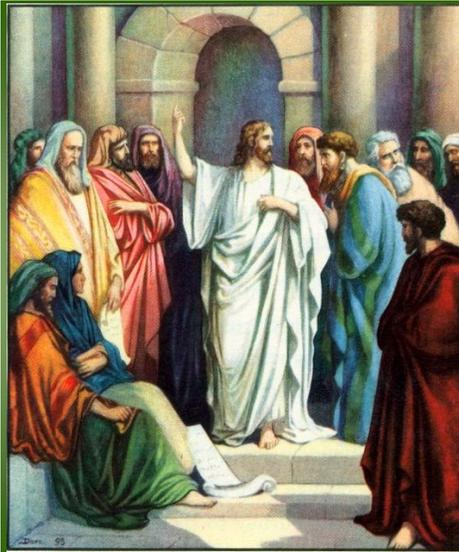


# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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

Mark 1:22

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2018

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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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

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

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

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

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Spotlight on Pre-Cana Ministry*

Every so often I like to use a portion of my Pastor's Column to spotlight a particular ministry, and this time around I would like to focus your attention on our Pre-Cana ministry.

The Pre-Cana ministry consists of married couples preparing engaged couples for their future sacramental marriage in the Church. This is done through a series of discussions which are facilitated by the married couples. Topics covered are usually ones such as communication in marriage, spirituality, issues about family of origin, finances, and natural family planning.

We all know that the divorce rate today is extremely high, as high as 50%. This is a tragedy, and it makes marriage preparation programs such as Pre-Cana all the more important. Married couples who minister to engaged couples in Pre-Cana find it to be very, very rewarding and fulfilling. Married couples can have an extremely positive effect on the life of the engaged couple, not only at the time of Pre-Cana, before the marriage, but also years down the line, because Pre-Cana gives engaged couples tools for building a healthy marriage. In addition, it is not unusual for couples to come back to the life of the Church as a result of Pre-Cana, after being away for a long time.

I am thrilled that we have a vibrant and exciting Pre-Cana ministry here at OLPH under the very capable leadership of Dan and Christine Volpe, and I thank them for their many years of involvement in this ministry (over 21 years!) and, in the last few years, for heading it up.

As you can imagine, we are always looking for more married couples to become involved in Pre-Cana, and Dan and Chris would welcome newcomers. **I am extending an invitation for more married couples to serve in the Pre-Cana ministry, with a special invitation to couples who have been married for five to ten years or so (although not only couples married those numbers of years).**

Now, let me dispel one myth concerning becoming a Pre-Cana couple: **you do not have to have a perfect marriage in order to do this!** First of all, there is no such thing as a perfect

marriage! Second, if by chance your marriage were perfect, you probably would not make a good Pre-Cana couple, since we need couples **who represent the reality of marriage: its ups as well as its downs, and both its day-to-day joys and its day-to-day struggles, the good, the bad and the ugly!** You may be thinking that you and your spouse are not "qualified" for one reason or another, but let me assure you there are no special "qualifications" other than being a couple of faith who have a valid Catholic marriage, who attend Mass regularly, who want to help influence engaged couples to have happy, healthy and holy marriages and who can share some insights about their own relationship.

Actually, being a Pre-Cana couple will build up your own marriage and bring the two of you closer together! Also, it's a fairly low time commitment. There are two sessions each year, one in the spring and one in the fall, so the real commitment revolves only around those six-week sessions twice a year. Why not consider becoming a Pre-Cana couple? Contact Christine Volpe at [cvolpe664@gmail.com](mailto:cvolpe664@gmail.com) to offer to become a couple or just to get more information. Training will be provided; you can sit in on a six-week session, and you'll also have coaching available from other couples involved in Pre-Cana. A spring session will be starting soon, and Chris and Dan would love to welcome you, so now is a great time to hop on board!

What a beautiful offering you and your spouse could make by becoming a Pre-Cana couple! You'll have a great effect on an engaged couple and you'll be strengthening your marriage as well! You'll be adding yet another reason for OLPH being "the place to be!"

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

We continue our series printing Pope Francis' catecheses on the Holy Mass, given at his Wednesday audiences. Since Mass is so central to our life as Catholics, we can never be learning enough about it. This selection comes from his audience of December 20, 2017 as he

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continues his reflections on the introductory rites of the Mass; I present his words *verbatim*.

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The priest addresses the liturgical greeting with the expression, “The Lord be with you,” or another similar one — there are several — and the assembly responds, “And with your spirit.” We are in dialogue; we are at the beginning of the Mass and we must think of the meaning of all these gestures and words. We are entering a “symphony,” in which various tones of voices resound, including times of silence, in view of creating “agreement” among all the participants, namely, to recognize one another animated by one Spirit and by one same end. In fact, the priestly greeting and the people’s response manifest the mystery of the gathered Church. Expressed thus is the common faith and the mutual desire to be with the Lord and to live in unity with the whole community.

And this is a praying symphony, which is being created and presents immediately a very touching moment, because the one who presides invites all to acknowledge their sins. We are all sinners. I don’t know, perhaps one of you isn’t a sinner; if someone isn’t a sinner, please raise his hand, so we can all see. But there aren’t any raised hands; o.k., your faith is good! We are all sinners and, therefore, we ask for forgiveness at the beginning of the Mass. It’s the Penitential Act. It’s not only about thinking of the sins committed, but much more: it’s the invitation to acknowledge ourselves sinners before God and before the community, before brothers, with humility and sincerity, as the publican in the Temple. If the Eucharist truly renders present the Paschal Mystery, namely the passage of Christ from death to life, then the first thing we should do is to recognize what are our situations of death are to be able to rise with Him to new life. This makes us understand how important the Penitential Act is.

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### *Needed: Altar Servers for Funeral Masses*

I am putting out another appeal for assistance, this time concerning the celebration of Funeral Masses. We are in need of **adults who will serve as altar servers at Funeral Masses**. Your commitment would be once or twice a week, depending on the number of funerals we have in a week.

This is a great ministry for you if you were an altar server as a youngster or if you wanted to be one but weren’t (now’s your chance!). It’s also perfect for you if you want to serve your fellow parishioners at a very sensitive and touching time — when they have experienced the loss of a loved one. Your service as an altar server makes an important contribution to the dignity and reverence of the Funeral Mass. Believe me, it won’t be depressing; just the opposite: it will be extremely rewarding and fulfilling as you help create a beautiful liturgical experience for the celebration of the Funeral Mass.

The main requirement is that you be available weekdays during the day to serve at Funeral Masses; full training will be provided for you! Men or women, younger or older...we’ll be happy to have you! It’s actually a very easy ministry, and I would like you to consider being a part of it. If you are interested, please contact me at [msgjrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgjrjoe@oloph.org) or at the rectory number and we’ll get things underway! Thank you for considering 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

### FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

*All are invited to come  
and pray with our parish community.*

**First Friday Devotions** will take place **February 2** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

**First Saturday Devotions**—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **February 3** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, February 3 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish, Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

**First Sunday Devotions** —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, **February 4** at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



### 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**



**Special  
Needs**

### SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

#### Mass for People with Special Needs

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

### Saturday, February 3

4:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium

*All are welcome come celebrate Mass with us!*

*We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events.*

*How about you? Contact Jessica Becker at 631-226-7725 X 252 or email to [jbecker@oloph.org](mailto:jbecker@oloph.org)*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



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

Saturday, February 3 is 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.

Here at OLPH, we will be blessing throats during the 8:00 a.m. Mass Saturday morning, as the conclusion to the Universal Prayer (the Prayer of the Faithful), as indicated in the *Book of Blessings*.

### **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.



### **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.

## SPECIAL FEAST COMING UP

**THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD — FRIDAY, 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses on Thursday, 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. 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 after all the Masses in the rectory.*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### Prayer for Peace

Please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

*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)*



### 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 29—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, February 5—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, February 12—7:00 p.m.**

### **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.

## 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 [religious@oloph.org](mailto:religious@oloph.org).

## 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.

# FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



# MARDI GRAS ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Come join us for a family evening of prayer and fun including the burning of palms as we begin our Lenten journey by strengthening our relationship with God!

**Tuesday,  
February 13  
7:00 p.m.  
in the church**



Please bring non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul pantry!

**Music, games and toppings galore!**



*Any questions or ticket information contact:  
Deirdre Strigaro 631-225-0928 or [familylife@oloph.org](mailto:familylife@oloph.org)*

## MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ #of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of children & ages \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Please return to OLPH Rectory or in the collection basket

**NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, February 11th.**



**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

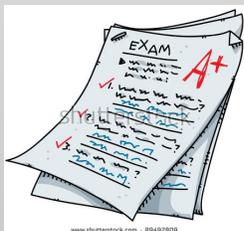
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 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 ([akleinlaut@oloph.org](mailto:akleinlaut@oloph.org))

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.  
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 Saturday: By Appointment

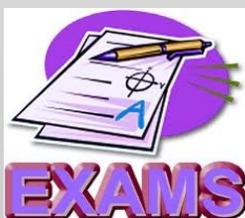
**Level 8**

**Are you ready for your midterm tomorrow? Don't forget to study!**



**Levels 6 & 7**

**Are you ready for your midterm Wednesday? Don't forget to study!**



**Levels 6-8**

**Are you up to date with your workbooks? January ends this week!**



**Saint of the Day**

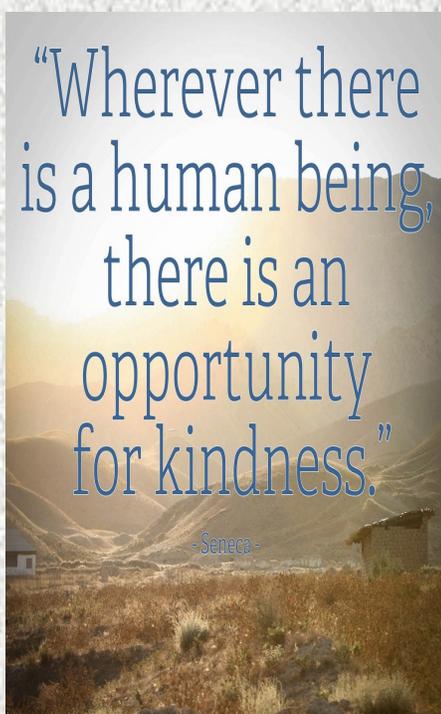
***St. Peter Nolasco***

St. Peter Nolasco was originally from France and founded the Order of Mercedarians with St. Raymond of Penafort. He was once a crusader and after became the tutor to King James I of Aragon. It was in Barcelona in 1218 that the three men were able to create the Order, which was meant to send the members in as ransom for Christian prisoners. St. Peter went to Africa himself, freeing 400 of the captive Christians there. He finally retired in 1249 and was canonized in 1628 by Pope Urban VIII.



“Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.”

- Seneca -



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225.9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
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- † 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 MEATS**  
**CANNED FRUIT**  
**PEANUT BUTTER**  
**JELLY OR JAM**  
**COFFEE**  
**PANCAKE SYRUP**  
**SHELF STABLE MILK**  
**SMALL BOTTLES OF WATER**  
**SHAMPOO**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

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

*The office is open:*

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

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

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 103 families, including 26 seniors, 187 adults and 82 children. St. Vincent de Paul also assisted 33 families providing food and gifts for Christmas. May God bless you for your support!

## † 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
- Work boots (in good condition)
- Shampoo - 1.5 oz.
- Lotion - 1.5 oz.
- Deodorant
- Lip balm
- Gently used tents

*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.**

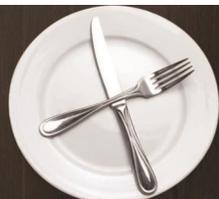
Meetings are usually held on the first and third weeks of the month in Room 24 of the "new" school. For more information, call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or e-mail at [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net)

## 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](mailto:sixfingers13@gmail.com)

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



## WE WANT YOU!

The Blue Door Boutique is looking for a few more offerers to help out at the shop. Saturday shifts from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. are available and much needed.

Come and join our team!

We have a great time and serve a great need in the parish.

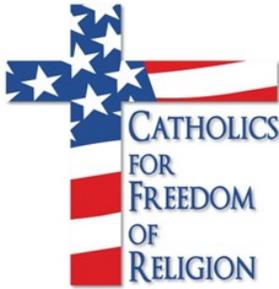
*For more information, email [buckleyt@optonline.net](mailto:buckleyt@optonline.net)*

**THE  
bluedoor  
BOUTIQUE**

**HOURS OF OPERATION**  
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)

### Disciplined For Religious Beliefs in the Air Force:

Highly decorated Air Force Col. Leland Bohannon was relieved of command, transferred, and denied promotion after he refused to sign a certificate of appreciation for a retiring master sergeant's same-sex spouse since it conflicted with his conscience and religious beliefs. The certificate is traditionally given to the spouses of retiring military members but is not legally required to be given and is not an official document.

Col. Bohannon consulted others on the base and his command chaplain suggested he file a religious accommodation request that would excuse him from signing the certificate. That request was returned six weeks later "without action." Instead, an off base superior officer agreed to sign the certificate in Bohannon's place.

Subsequently, the master sergeant filed a complaint alleging Bohannon discriminated against him by not signing the certificate himself.

"No airman ... should ever have to forfeit their religious beliefs in order to serve in the military," said a First Liberty Institute attorney. "...The accommodation should have been granted." (military.com,10/27/17; prnnewswire.com, 3/29/17; abjjournal.com, 10/26/17)

*"A wind is picking up that is hostile to those with traditional moral beliefs."* Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito



*Catholics for Freedom of Religion was invited to help out in the booth at the March for Life Conference & Exhibition in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 19.*

## MARCH FOR LIFE



*Here is the OLPH contingent at the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 19. They are in front of the Supreme Court, where they prayed the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Thank you for your witness to life!*

## PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

***First Announcement:***

***Bryan Beltrami & Gina Laterza***

### **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Elizabeth M. Schott  
Elizabeth Majorie Antoine  
Charles Burgio***

*“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.”*

### **PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M. MASS**

Gregory Doyle	Requested by The Doyle Family
Joseph Catania	Requested by Denise Segreto
Arvo Podrang	Requested by your loving wife & children

### **GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS**

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



### **WE BELIEVE**

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

<i>Louis Vita</i>	<i>Catherine Tamburino</i>
<i>Peter Leyden</i>	<i>Noreen Bucala</i>
<i>Michael Boutin</i>	<i>Mary Doran</i>
<i>Dolores Otten</i>	<i>Colin Czekaj</i>
<i>Lisa O'Reilly</i>	<i>Charles Wendland</i>
<i>Richard Olson</i>	<i>Teobaldo Santo</i>
<i>Richard Camba</i>	<i>Bruce Levy</i>
<i>Agostino Pecoraro</i>	<i>Christopher Macchia</i>
<i>Kristy Donner</i>	<i>Rose Macchia</i>
<i>Kathy Stanton</i>	<i>Carmela Sannartino</i>
<i>Erin Stanton</i>	<i>Nicolina Baily</i>
<i>Kim Leggio</i>	<i>Lisa Marie Hulsen</i>
<i>Peter Masak</i>	<i>Paul Madonia</i>

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

### **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 29, 2018— Weekday

6:30 John T. Hackett III

12:15 Helen McPhail

## TUESDAY, January 30— Weekday

6:30 Stanley Cimaszewski

12:15 Robert Herr

## WEDNESDAY, January 31— Saint John Bosco, Priest

6:30 Robert Ercolino

12:15 Joseph Recker

## THURSDAY, February 1— Weekday

6:30 George Walters

12:15 Franciszek Wegrzynowski

## FRIDAY, February 2— The Presentation of the Lord

6:30 Thomas Penny

12:15 Vincent Treanor

## SATURDAY, February 3— Weekday (St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop)

8:00 MaryRose Schwarz

### Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 Special Needs Mass— Auditorium

5:00 The Baffa Grand &amp; Great Grand Children

### Sunday, February 4 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Renee Simmons

10:00 Perpetual Help Mass Intentions (P. 15)

12:00 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Michael Vadala

## Monday, January 29, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

## Tuesday, January 30, 2018

10:00 a.m.	Census Committee	Room 3
5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy
6:00 p.m.	Census Committee	Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

## Wednesday, January 31, 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, February 1, 2018

10:00 a.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
6:00 p.m.	Census Committee	Room 3
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 19
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Coordinators	Room 22

## Friday, February 2, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:30 p.m.	CFFR Meeting	Room 18

## Saturday, February 3, 2018

8:30, 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1 - 5 & Sp. Ed. Classes Level 5— Student Workshop	School Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Adoration	Church

## Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Church
12:45 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
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

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Directory of Phone Extensions

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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
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Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net 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  
 Bill Bendernagel  
 Gerry Chille (Chair)  
 Ed Cirella  
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 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

Fauvette Auguste  
 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 2 de Febrero del 2018**

Damos gracias a Dios por mostrarnos en Jesús el poder de su amor sanador. Por medio de él nuestro Padre del cielo nos trajo amistad, perdón y fortaleza. Démosle gracias y alabanza.

#### **Primera Lectura (Job 7,1-4. 6-7):** Job Grita Su Miseria a Dios

He aquí un hombre que, probado seriamente, grita a Dios su miseria y su soledad. Es un hombre de fe, pero lucha por conseguir una respuesta: ¿Por qué sufrir?

#### **Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 9,16-19. 22-23):** Con los Débiles Me Hice Débil

A causa de la Buena Nueva de Cristo, Pablo se hizo todo para todos, incluso débil con los débiles.

#### **Evangelio (Marcos 1,29-39):** Jesús Curó a Muchos Que Sufrían

Jesús curó a muchos como una invitación a creer en él.

El milagro del servicio. Es el milagro aparentemente más insignificante del evangelio. Por lo general pasa inadvertido. Sin embargo, Marcos lo coloca como primer milagro, que debería servir al lector como Ejemplo, y los que siguen. Como lo hace el mismo Jesús que dice yo no vine a ser servido sino a servir (cf., 10,45) el servicio no es el modelo típico del seguimiento femenino, como lo pretenden algunos ¡es el verdadero seguimiento para todos! Quieres ser grande? Conviértete en el servidor de todos. No busquemos puestos ni poder, imitemos a Jesús.

**3. Recuerden que Dios los unió en matrimonio.** Dijo Cristo: "Por esto el hombre dejará padre y madre, y se unirá a su mujer, y los dos serán una sola carne. Por tanto, lo que Dios juntó, no lo separe el hombre" (Mateo 19:5-6).

**Respuesta:** ¿Casi ha desaparecido el amor en el hogar? El Diablo (ese nefasto destructor de hogares) es responsable de esto. No olviden que Dios mismo los unió en matrimonio y el plan de él es que permanezcan juntos y felices. El traerá felicidad y amor a sus vidas si obedecen sus reglas divinas mandamientos). Para Dios todo es posible (Mateo 19:26). No desesperen. Dios que pone amor en el corazón de un Dios que pone amor en el corazón de un misionero por los nativos de lejanos lugares puede fácilmente proveer el amor del uno por el otro si se lo permiten. Misionero por los nativos de lejanos lugares puede fácilmente proveer el amor del uno por el otro si se lo permiten.

### **PREGUNTAS PARA MEDITAR**

**1. ¿Cuál de los cónyuges debe ser el primero en confesar o pedir disculpa después de una discusión?** El que estaba en lo cierto!

**2. ¿Puede Ud. hacer alguna sugerencia para ayudar a una suegra entrometida? ¡Sí!**

Pedirle que actúe con prudencia, que refrene sus críticas y que comprenda que la pareja tiene derecho a su propia vida. (Véase 1 Tesalonicenses 4:11.) De hecho, esta regla se aplica a todos los parientes. Más de un matrimonio que podría haber sido un pequeño cielo en la tierra, ha sido transformado en un infierno por los parientes. El deber de todos ellos es dejar tranquilo al hogar recién establecido



**OFFERING UPDATE  
January 20/21, 2018**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	328	136	\$3,093.00
8:00 a.m.	210	102	2,501.00
10:00 a.m.	439	142	3,254.00
12:00 p.m.	489	142	4,009.00
5:00 p.m.	182	32	1,063.50
Coin			21.33
Mail-ins:			429.00
Children's Env.		17	33.35
Faith Direct			2,305.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>\$16,709.68</b>
<b>2017 total</b>	<b>1,819</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>\$18,659.51</b>
Candles			\$838.47
Poor Box			\$407.45

**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.

**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.*

**February 4—passed**  
**February 11—February 2**  
**February 18—February 9**

**SUPER 72 RAFFLE  
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
JANUARY WINNERS**

- \$1,000** - Mrs. Dolores Otten
- \$250** - Frank & Gail Catania
- \$100** - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Salvia
- \$100** - Ms. Joan Baffa
- \$100** - Henry J. Mathes
- \$100** - Geraldine Zuber

**CHRISTMAS 2017**

Year	Collection	Attendance
<b>2017</b>	<b>\$75,698.17</b>	<b>3,097</b>
<b>2016*</b>	<b>\$91,203.91</b>	<b>3,450</b>
<i>*Note: Christmas Day 2016 was a Sunday.</i>		
<b>2015</b>	<b>\$74,615.19</b>	<b>3,544</b>
<b>Flowers 2017</b>	<b>\$4,502.50</b>	-
<b>Flowers 2016</b>	<b>\$3,914.50</b>	-

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)

# OLPH NEWS, PLUS ONE...

## 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*



## TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

### JANUARY

*Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gamble*

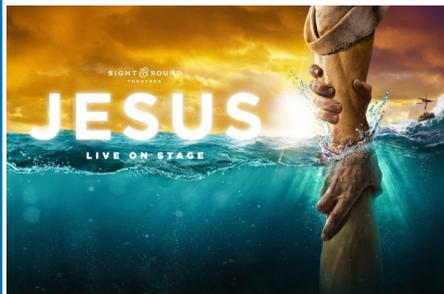
*Mr. Dominick Scuro*

*Mr. & Mrs. Evan Richards*

*Tara Zemel*

*John P. Romano*

*Mr. & Mrs. Cedric W. Johnson & Family*



## OLPH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUS TRIP TO

### SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE MAY 8 & 9

Includes a stop at **Kettle Village**,  
**Sight & Sound** presentation of *Jesus*,  
**Hersey Farm Restaurant**, overnight at the  
**Wingate Hotel**. After breakfast on to the  
**American Music Theatre** for "*Songs of the Silver  
Screen*," lunch at the **Shady Maple Restaurant** then  
return to Lindenhurst.

**\$285 PP/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**  
INCLUDES ALL GRATUITIES

CALL BOB DOBRES 631-592-8697  
FOR RESERVATIONS.



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*Encountering Christ Through the Joy of the Gospel*

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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)

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

*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?* The Dominican Sisters of Amityville invite you to donate your items for our annual Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon. All proceeds from the event benefit the elderly and retired Sisters living in the Motherhouse. Last year, the event grossed over \$114,000! Please remember, all items must be **NEW**. To arrange a drop off, please phone the Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext. 238. Thank you for your support.

**Kellenberg Memorial Alumni Communion Breakfast** All Kellenberg Memorial Alumni and their families are invited to join us for the 2nd Annual Alumni Communion Breakfast on Sunday, **February 11**. Mass begins at 9:00 AM, followed by breakfast and a special guest speaker. The cost for the morning is \$12 per person and \$6 for children 10 and under. Unfortunately, walk-in registration is not available for this event. Please note that all guests must pre-register no later than *February 5th*. Online registration is available by visiting [www.kellenberg.org/alumni](http://www.kellenberg.org/alumni). Any questions may be directed to (516) 292-0200 x245.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** “Brothers and sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties.” Let us learn to calm our anxieties about our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **February 9-11, 2018** in Huntington, NY and **April 27-29, 2018** in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <http://www.wwmeli.org>.

**Business Manager Position – St. Joseph Church, Babylon** St. Joseph Church in Babylon is seeking a detail-oriented, organized professional for the position of part-time business manager/stewardship coordinator at the parish. Key responsibilities include oversight of various areas of parish life, including office staff, facilities maintenance, calendaring and promotion of stewardship efforts. Reports directly to the Pastor. Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Interested and qualified individuals should send their resume to: Jane Zollo, St. Joseph Church, 39 N. Carl Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

## 2018 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE!

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.

<b>Holy Family Regional School, Commack</b>	-	<b>Sunday, January 28 (10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)</b>
<b>Maria Regina School, Seaford</b>	-	<b>Sunday, January 28 (12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.)</b>
<b>Our Lady of Mercy School, Hicksville</b>	-	<b>Sunday, January 28 (11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Tuesday, January 30 (9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)</b>
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**PREPARING FOR Sunday, February 4, 2018—  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Jesus said to his disciples,  
“Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also.  
For this purpose have I come.”*

Mark 1:38

**Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

Most people know of Job as a man afflicted by extreme suffering (loss of family, wealth, and health) that came about because Satan saw that he was righteous but complained to God that it was only because he was prosperous. Let him suffer and he would surely curse God, said Satan. Yet even in the lengthy complaint we hear from Job today, who understandably is feeling very low because of his troubles, we don't hear Job curse God. Job's anguish and despondent laments are attempts to find reasons for human sufferings but no easy answers can be found. God wants to hear from us in all our troubles even if there is no immediate relief in sight. Don't be afraid to tell him how you feel!

**1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**

Paul tells the Corinthians about himself in today's reading. He says that the core of his ministry is to preach the Gospel, that is, to be an evangelist announcing the Good News of Jesus. But he doesn't boast about his ministry since he received his calling as an obligation or necessity. He couldn't do anything other than preach – it's his mission and duty in life. Paradoxically, he feels a profound freedom in doing what he was meant to do. When we do what God wants us to do, we too can feel the same freedom.

**Mark 1:29-39**

Jesus pursues his mission in today's Gospel by preaching and healing many people. First, he heals Simon's mother-in-law, then a crowd from the whole town that was at his door, and finally people throughout all of Galilee. We can learn much from these lessons. The healing Jesus brings, whether in body, mind or spirit, is a sign of the fullness of life we can have in the kingdom of God. Once we encounter Jesus and are healed by him our response should be like Simon's mother-in-law: get up and to serve. We too can participate in Jesus' mission and that of his disciples by bringing the Good News to others.

## Readings for the Week

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

**Monday, January 29, 2018:**

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13  
+ Mark 5:1-20

**Tuesday, January 30, 2018:**

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3  
+ Mark 5:21-43

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018:**

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 + Mark 6:1-6

**Thursday, February 1, 2018:**

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 + Mark 6:7-13

**Friday, February 2, 2018:**

Malachi 3:1-4 + Hebrews 2:14-18  
+ Luke 2:22-40

**Saturday, February 3, 2018:**

1 Kings 3:4-13 + Mark 6:30-34

**Sunday, February 4, 2018:**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
+ 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
+ Mark 1:29-39

**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. Do you think this text was written to tell people about Jesus the miracle worker? Are miracles a confirmation of Jesus' message of salvation? What did he say was the "purpose for which he came"?*

*2. "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." How does this fit with his tireless effort to carry out God's ministry? How close are you to Jesus in using all your energy for some purpose? What is that purpose?*



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