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*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,  
in the days of King Herod, behold,  
magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying,  
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?”*

Matthew 2:1-2a

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2020

### 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. Thomas Crennan

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

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

### COME AND PRAY...

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

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

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

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons  
at 12:45 p.m. in the church

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

First Saturday: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 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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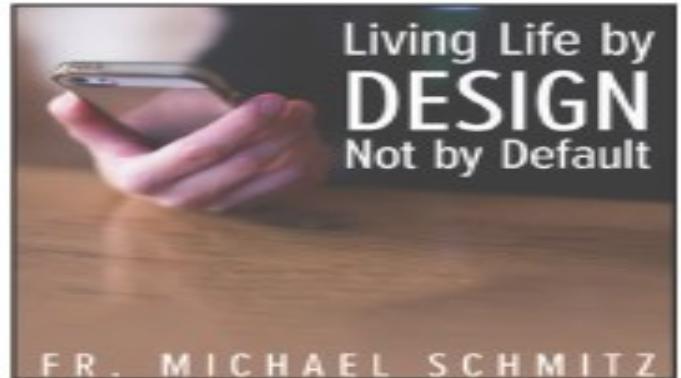
## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

### **Living Life by Design Not by Default**

*By Fr. Michael Schmitz*

#### **Live This Year Intentionally**

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



**Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?**

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)

Select your parish

Register with your name and email address

Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

**Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?**

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and find your parish to register.

**Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?**

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. We are, of course, still in Christmas Time, and we celebrate that the child born in the darkness of night in a lowly manger is revealed as the manifestation ("epiphany") of God. Christ is revealed in many different ways, among them as Lord, as King, and as the One in whom God is present and acting. All of these manifestations are "lights" that shine in our midst, revealing a deeper understanding of who Christ is. All the readings for the Mass of this day reveal, in a way, a different manifestation of who Christ is for all who believe. Traditionally, the visit of the Magi takes center stage in the Gospel reading assigned for this day.

The meaning of this Solemnity is summed up well in the Preface assigned for Mass for the Epiphany (the Preface is the beginning section of the Eucharistic Prayer, which comes after the Introductory Dialogue, but before the Holy, Holy): "*For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.*" Those words capture for us the meaning of Christmas, and of all the liturgical celebrations, including the Epiphany, that occur during Christmas Time: because God became human, because the Word became flesh, human nature — you and I — have been made new because we have been made sharers in the divine! What a powerful, yet challenging, spiritual reflection that is for us to ponder! Notice, too, how the imagery of light plays such a prominent role in our Christmas prayers.

As is our custom at OLPH, at all Masses for the Epiphany the ancient Epiphany Proclamation will be chanted. This ancient chant reminds us of how the mystery of the Lord's Paschal Mystery is manifested and unfolded for us in time throughout the upcoming liturgical year. What a beautiful ancient custom this is! I'm so glad that we do this here at OLPH!

### *Epiphany Blessing of the Home*

It is traditional for families to bless their home on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, and I hope your family will take part in this beautiful expression of family faith life. We have printed in this bulletin an insert with a simple prayer service that can be used, and we have provided cards this weekend that can be used at home; look for them around the church. (The blessing can also be done without the card if for any reason you do not have one.)

What a great Christmas tradition this is to have in your home! For families with children, what a great way this is to continue to impress upon them the central place God should have in family home life! What a great way to connect liturgy and everyday life!

### *Some thoughts about the importance of silence...*

As you know, we have been making a concerted effort here at OLPH to allow the five (5) minutes before Mass begins to be a time of silence, to allow everyone in the church to focus and properly prepare to celebrate Mass (the bells ring five minutes before Mass, so the bells are the signal to quiet down). How well are we doing with this?

This quote from Fr. Jacques Philippe was recently sent to me from Deacon Doug, and we thought it was a good reflection on the importance of making a space for silence in our life; I offer it to you for your spiritual enrichment:

*"The Spirit of God is a spirit of peace, and he speaks and acts in peace and gentleness, never in tumult and agitation. What's more, the motions of the Spirit are delicate touches that don't make a great noise and can penetrate our spiritual consciousness only if we have within ourselves a sort of calm zone of silence and peace. If our inner world is noisy and agitated, the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit will find it very difficult to be heard. If we want to recognize and follow the Spirit's motions, it is of the greatest importance to maintain a peaceful heart in all circumstances."*

### *Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Awards*

This Sunday I'm pleased to be at the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Awards. The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is offered each year by the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society working together, and I thank them for their great efforts in doing this. What an important message we are sending to our children by giving them the opportunity to participate in this activity. I am always delighted by the number of children who submit entries, and I am always amazed at the quality of work they submit. Great job, everyone!

### *What goes up must come down!*

Here's a reminder for a calendar note concerning next weekend: We'll be taking down the church Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 12, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, the last Mass of Christmas Time. (Alas, the season must draw to a close!) If you are free, why not stop by to give us a

hand? (Remember the old saying, "Many hands make light work"? ) We would appreciate it, and it's fun to join in the communal spirit!

### **Brick Memorialization**

Our brick memorialization program continues! See the flyer and the form elsewhere in this bulletin and take advantage of the opportunity to memorialize a brick in our "Let the Children Come to Me Prayer Garden." What a great way to memorialize a prayer intention, or to honor a deceased loved one! As you know, the profits from this program are an important component in our work of realizing a healthy financial picture for the parish. Tell family and friends about this, too!

### **First Penance**

This coming Saturday, January 11, will be a special day for many of the children in our parish: it will be their day to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for the first time. The sacrament will be celebrated within a prayer service at 11:15 a.m. The usual practice is that children make their First Confession in Level 2 of religious formation, the same year they also celebrate First Holy Communion.

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

Allow me to encourage the parents of the children celebrating First Penance to make a fairly big deal out of this significant occasion in their child's life; it's the first time they are celebrating a sacrament that, we hope, will be a regular part of their life for the rest of their life. It's a great thing for the child to dress up for the occasion, and the family could go out for a celebratory lunch or dinner on that day (and perhaps even invite relatives—grandparents and godparents, for example—to share in the festive meal).

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

### **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,



## **THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

### **Unity of Heart and Voice: The Liturgy of the Hours as the Church's Daily Liturgical Prayer**

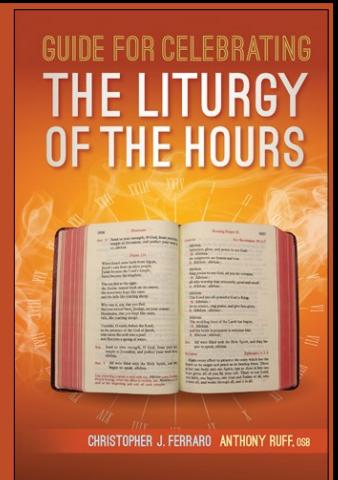
Day after day, hour after hour, the Christian faithful (lay people, religious and ordained ministers) unite their hearts and voices with Christ and his Church as they pray the Liturgy of the Hours. Come explore the hidden treasures found in this ancient form of prayer at a special workshop led by **Chris Ferraro**, co-author of a recently published book *Guide for Celebrating the Liturgy of the Hours*. This workshop will explore the structure of the Liturgy of the Hours and will emphasize the many ways that this form of prayer helps us to encounter Christ.

**Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, January 21, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.**

*Both workshops will be held in the church*

*If you find yourself yearning for a better prayer life, don't miss this opportunity. There is no charge to attend but there will be an opportunity to purchase Chris's book for \$12. Books may also be purchased online [www.ltp.org](http://www.ltp.org)*



## BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON THE EPIPHANY

### *Use this ritual to bless your home on the Feast of Epiphany, January 5, 2020*

*The household gathers at the manger scene, or at some other suitable place. The parish card with the inscription to be placed above the doorway (if available) is used at the end of the ritual. (Instructions on how to make the inscription if the card is not available are given at the end of the ritual.) All make the sign of the cross, and the Leader begins:*

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

All respond: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: During these days of Christmas Time, we keep this feast of Epiphany. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

*Then someone proclaims the Scripture reading:*

Reader: Listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Matthew.

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of King Herod, astrologers from the east arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." At this news King Herod became greatly disturbed, and with him all Jerusalem. Summoning all of the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem of Judea," they informed him. "Here is what the prophet has written: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the princes of Judah, since from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them: "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report it to me so that I may go and offer him homage too."

After their audience with the king, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, found the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They received a message in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*The intercessions are then said:*

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him. Our response will be, Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray: *R/*.

Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray: *R/*.

Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray: *R/*.

*After the intercessions, all pray the Lord's Prayer: Our Father...*

Leader: Let us pray. Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:*

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

All respond: Amen.

*Now the custom of making an inscription above the main door of the house, on the inside, is done. Use the card provided by the parish. If the card is not available, then you can make your own inscription. Written in chalk, or in some other way, the inscription should read:*

**20 + C + M + B + 20**

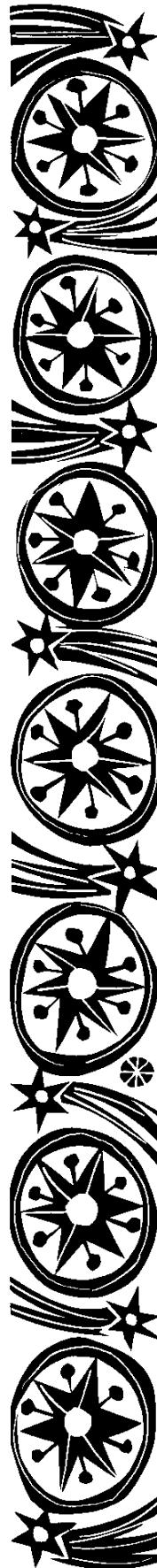
*The letters represent the Magi, traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar; the "20" and "20" represent the year, signifying the timeless God; each cross marks a point of the compass, or "all the nations."*

## THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is a traditional time to announce the major feasts and celebrations of the Church for the upcoming year. Before the advent of online calendars, iPhones, perpetual calendars, and handheld organizers, the formal announcement at Epiphany was the usual way the Church made known the date of Easter and all the celebrations that are dependent upon its date.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the date of Easter moves each year because it is affected by the lunar and solar cycles. The Council of Nicaea (325 AD) determined that Easter would be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox, or first day of spring (in the northern hemisphere). (The Orthodox Churches use a different calendar system, and so their date for Easter is different.)

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.



Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the twenty-sixth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the twelfth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-first day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the thirty-first day of May the feast of Pentecost.

On the fourteenth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the twenty-ninth day of November the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### **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**

### **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 CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTS NEXT WEEK!**



*Are you missing something?*

Every year on Pentecost, a group of adults complete their initiation into the Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Through Confirmation, the baptized are joined more perfectly to the Church and strengthened in their faith. Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation should receive it before being married. Prospective godparents and sponsors for youth Confirmation must also have received this sacrament.

Preparation for receiving Confirmation as an adult includes ten hours of classroom meeting, weekly attendance at Mass and additional study through Catholic instructional material such as the Formed multimedia platform. Classes meet in the evenings, usually twice a month, with some outside reading and preparation required. A fee of \$20 covers the cost of books and materials.

**Classes begin on Monday January 13, 2020.** For more information contact Deacon Robert Becker at [DeaconRobert@olph.org](mailto:DeaconRobert@olph.org) or by leaving your contact information at the rectory.

### ***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, concluding with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Monday, December 30—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, January 6—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, January 13—12:45 p.m.**

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

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

# OLPH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 20, 2019





# "LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME" PRAYER GARDEN Engraved Bricks

*Memorialize your loved ones or your prayer intention!*

*Bricks may be memorialized in our*

***"Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden.***

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

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

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

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Attn: Brick Memorialization

Linda Coppola

210 South Wellwood Avenue

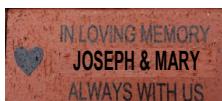
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

*Please print the inscription as it is to appear on the brick (3 lines/16 characters per line maximum).*

*Each box represents one letter, number, character or space. The pavers will be engraved in all capital letters.*

*If you would like to add a heart or a cross to your brick, it will be engraved on the left hand side.*



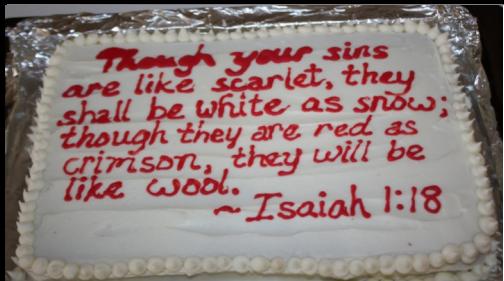



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**OFFICE HOURS**

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



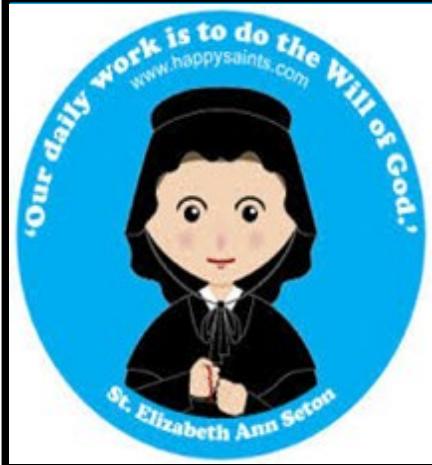
**On Monday January 6, Level 2 will meet in the church at 5:00 p.m. for the First Penance Rehearsal. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian!**

On Wednesday January 8, Levels 6-8 will be back in session. We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas Break! Make sure to start the new year off right: hand in all your assignments!



**On Saturday January 11, Level 2 will meet in the church at 11:15 a.m. for First Penance. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian!**

On Saturday January 11, Levels 3-5 will be taking their Midterms! Be sure to study hard and come prepared!

**Happy Saint of the Day! St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first person born in America to become a Saint! She was married by the age of 20, and her husband got ill, so they moved to Italy in hopes he would get better. Unfortunately, he died, but Elizabeth stayed in Italy where she learned of the Catholic faith. She developed a great love for the Eucharist, the Virgin Mary, and the Scriptures. She went back to America and opened the first free Catholic School, and also developed orphanages.*

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## Food Pantry List!

**CANNED MEATS  
WHITE RICE  
BAKED BEANS  
COFFEE  
SHELF STABLE MILK  
PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP  
CANNED FRUIT  
SOUP WITH MEAT  
TOILETRIES  
PAPER PRODUCTS**

Thank you  
for your continued generosity.

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building  
Use the parking lot located on the corner of  
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**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

**TO OUR ANONYMOUS SUPPORTERS WHO LEAVE FOOD ON THE SANCTUARY STEPS AND MONEY IN THE POOR BOXES...THANK YOU!**

*....when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing  
(Matthew 6:3)*

This teaching of Jesus is lived and practiced by so many of our fellow parishioners at OLPH. We are blessed by secret benefactors who anonymously make regular donations of food and other necessities, leaving them on the steps of the sanctuary, or dropping off at the Pantry during office hours. Also, take a look in the Sunday bulletin weekly collection breakdown. The contributions put into the poor boxes as you leave church add up and are the major source of our funding. You know who you are, but we're not sure that you realize how much your quiet acts of charity mean to the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLPH, and to those whom we strive to serve. Thank you and may God bless you!!!

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## **HOMELESS MINISTRY**

### **DONATIONS:**

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

**We have a DESPERATE need for:**

New packages of men's underwear S-3XL

New packages of men's socks

Hats and gloves

Clean, gently used men's jeans,  
hoodies, waterproof coats and sneakers

*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.*

Our next Community Meal is  
**Sunday, January 12**

Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass  
then join us in the cafeteria for  
“Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m.

Offerers are needed to help with this special meal –  
cooking, serving, setting up.

Please contact Gail Tonnessen: 631-957-1449;  
gtonness@optonline.net for more information

## **MIDDLE AGES**

*Are you a lady in your 40s, 50s, or 60s?*

*Are you looking to meet other women  
who share your interest in spirituality,  
socializing and social action?*

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, January 21**

Making Peanut Butter sandwiches for Mercy Inn  
**7:00 p.m. in Room 24**

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449

## **DONATE TO THE BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE!**

### **When can I drop off a donation?**

We accept donations any time the Boutique is open.

Our hours of operation are M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and  
1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30—3:00 p.m.

### **What do you accept?**

We have limited space in the Blue Door, so we can only accept clothing in new or very good condition, household items (dishes, glasses, serving pieces), decorative items (frames, candles, artwork, etc.). **Nothing electric, no toys, games, stuffed animals, books, bedding.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are also UNABLE to accept holiday items AFTER the holiday has passed as we no longer have space to store these items until the next year.



Entrance to Blue Door Boutique is located by the driveway between the Village Museum and the Convent.

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# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **First Announcement:**

**William Ortega & Andrea Salvati**

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

**Clifford May**

*"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."*

## **PASTORAL CARE & ANointing of the Sick**

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

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



## **WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

**Gordon G. Hinds**

**Nora R. Mc Mahon**

**Patricia &**

**Richard Kleczkowski**

**Marjorie Santoli**

**Joe Juliano**

**Robert Scott**

**Linda Baffa**

**Richard DeVilla**

**John Pius**

**Maren Tormey**

**Joann Puleo**

**Loretto Dinardo**

**Anna Commarato**

**Lauren Mule**

**Gian Marino**

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**John McPhail**

**Mary Martin**

**Joan Giarratano**

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

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020 12:00 P.M. MASS**

Dolores Celentano	Requested by The Kuhn Family
Stephen Corcoran	Requested by Carol Corcoran
Mary Cotter	Requested by John J. Campon

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."* Matthew 5:4

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The **Bereavement Support Group** is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical, support as they learn to cope with their loss.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to know more about the **OLPH Support Group Program**, please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or Marige Reyes at 631-608-3658. You may also leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the rectory.

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, January 6—**
**CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**
*(Saint André Bessette, Religious)*

6:30 George Price, Jr.

12:15 Ronald A. Higgins

**TUESDAY, January 7—**
**CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**
*(Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest)*

6:30 Jean Elardo

12:15 Dino Milidones

**WEDNESDAY, January 8—**
**CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

6:30 Kevin Conroy

12:15 Aniela Pezdan

**THURSDAY, January 9—**
**CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

6:30 Franciszek Wegrzynowski

12:15 Michael A. Pentaleri

**FRIDAY, January 10, —**
**CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

6:30 Nicholas John Toscani

12:15 For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family

**SATURDAY, January 11, —**
**CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

8:00 The Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Breitfeller Family

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

5:00 Courtney Hopkins

**Sunday, January 12,  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8:00 Rocco Versace

10:00 The Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

12:00 For the People of the Parish

# PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, January 6, 2020**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
5:00 p.m.	1st Penance Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee	St. Lucy Room

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 18

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Religious Ed. Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Rel. Ed. Level 8 Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Ministry Meeting	Cafeteria

**Thursday, January 9, 2020**

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

**Friday, January 10, 2020**

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

**Saturday, January 11, 2020**

8:30, 10:00	Religious Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Level 2 - 1st Penance	Church
12:00 p.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 22/24
1:00 p.m.	CYOO	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	CYOO	Auditorium
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
3:00 p.m.	Respect Life Rosary Rally	Church
6:00 p.m.	Take Down Decorations	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida” le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

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

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

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

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

### Reflexiones de las lecturas del domingo 5 de enero del 2020

La epifanía del señor.

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

El mundo que estaba en tinieblas ha recibido una gran luz. Jesús es el Rey de los Judíos, es el Cristo luz para los pueblos, nacido para todos en Belén de Judá. La luz de la razón y de la revelación lleva hasta el ala humanidad que encuentra en él la propia vida

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

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

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

Jesús nació El Dios que salva ya está entre nosotros. Aunque sepamos el lugar físico donde nació no basta debemos realizar el itinerario de los reyes con fatiga de un camino nocturno lleno de fascinaciones y miedos, de deseos de esperanzas y de incertidumbre, bajo la guía de una estrella que aparece y desaparece. De lo contrario somos como Herodes que solo lo busca para darle muerte

Sigue la estrella misterio de la Navidad es tan grande y tan profundo, que no basta un día para entrar a fondo en él y descubrir todas sus dimensiones. A la noche y el día de Navidad, en que contemplamos la luz del niño Dios nacido en Belén, le siguen otras fiestas que van completando un cuadro armonioso. La fiesta de la Sagrada Familia nos habla de un contexto de relaciones humanas, del que la verdadera humanidad de Jesús tenía necesidad para desarrollarse y crecer. Las fiestas de San Esteban y de los santos inocentes, para evitar un exceso de sentimentalismo, nos recuerdan que Jesús nace en un mundo violento e injusto y que Él mismo y otros por su causa habrán de sufrir las consecuencias de esa situación “no ideal” del mundo en la que tiene lugar la encarnación.

El misterio se va completando con esta fiesta de la Epifanía o Manifestación de Cristo a los gentiles, nuestra popular fiesta de los Reyes Magos. Es una fiesta que enlaza directamente con la del domingo siguiente: el Bautismo del Señor, otro momento de manifestación, pues es el momento del comienzo del ministerio público de Cristo; y con la Bodas de Caná, que Juan presenta como el comienzo de los “signos” que Jesús realiza para anunciar que Dios está ya cumpliendo sus promesas. De hecho, la liturgia oriental reúne en una sola fiesta (aquí en Rusia es el día 7 de enero) la Navidad, y la Epifanía. Los magos confiesan y testimonian con sus regalos. Nosotros deberíamos tratar de regalar al mundo el testimonio de nuestra fe, sin miedo y sin vergüenza, dando razón de nuestra esperanza (cf. 1 P 3, 15). Es el mejor regalo que le podemos hacer, pues el mundo necesita a este niño que ha nacido en Belén. Regalar la luz que hemos visto en medio de la noche y que hemos recibido con nuestra fe. Sí, ese es el mejor regalo que podemos y debemos hacer en este mundo no ideal en el que Jesús ha nacido para todos: ser nosotros mismos estrellas que indican el camino que lleva a Belén a todos aquellos que buscan a Dios, y que, incluso sin saberlo, necesitan a Cristo.

#### 1) Oración inicial

Te pedimos, Señor, que tu divina luz ilumine nuestros corazones; con ella avanzaremos a través de las tinieblas del mundo hasta llegar a la patria, donde todo es eterna claridad. Por nuestro Señor. Amen.

## OFFERING UPDATE December 21/22, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>\$3,800.00</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>3,140.00</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>4,318.00</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>3,224.00</b>
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1,509.00</b>
<b>Coin</b>			<b>6.32</b>
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			
<b>Children's Env.</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>58.98</b>
<b>Faith Direct</b>			<b>2,351.50</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>\$18,407.80</b>
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*Due to earlier printer deadlines  
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**January 24, 2020**  
**Life Empowers:**  
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Contact: Kathy or Charles Feldman 631 - 225 - 9864

[www.MarchForLife.org](http://www.MarchForLife.org) | #WhyWeMarch

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January 19—January 10  
January 26—January 17

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**PREPARING FOR****Sunday, January 12, 2020****THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*****“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”***

Matthew 3:17

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

This reading is the first of the Servant Songs, four beautiful poems in which the prophet Isaiah describes a mysterious servant who will bring God's justice to the earth. God will give him divine power to accomplish this mission: to open the eyes of the blind and bring prisoners out of darkness. His way of doing this will be gentle and humble. He will act patiently, neither breaking those who are bruised nor quenching the light of those barely surviving. This servant will be a light to all the nations, including us today. This sounds a lot like what Jesus does for us. Good news indeed!

**Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38**

Peter is speaking to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, and family gathered at their house. The fact that Peter would even enter the house of a Gentile was shocking to many at the time since it was forbidden by Jewish law and made Peter unclean. However, Peter came to understand that no one was unclean and God's favor and blessings are meant for all of us. The peace that Jesus came to bring is meant for all people everywhere. Peter says, "I see that God shows no partiality." Do we?

**Matthew 3:13-17**

We hear today of Jesus' baptism at the hands of John. Why would Jesus need to be baptized? As the Son of God, as God himself, surely he had no need to repent and be made new. John even questions him about this, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Of course Jesus didn't need to repent of anything but tells John to allow his baptism "to fulfill all righteousness." Jesus is showing us the right way to relate to God. He is showing us that we all need to repent and turn to God for our strength. And to confirm this, God speaks from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**Readings for the Week***Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.***Monday, January 6, 2020:**

- 1 John 3:22-46
- + Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020:**

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

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020:**

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

**Saturday, January 11, 2020:**

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

**Sunday, January 12, 2020:**

- Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
- + Acts 10:34-38
- + Matthew 3:13-17

**Thursday, January 9, 2020:**

- 1 John 4:19—5:4
- + Luke 4:14-22

**Friday, January 10, 2020:**

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

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