

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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

Matthew 2:9b

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6, 2019

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Frank Pokorney

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

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

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

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

### COME IN AND PRAY...

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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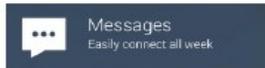
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## CHECK OUT OUR NEW MINISTRY DIRECTORY!



*The updated 2019 Ministry Directory is now available on our OLPH website [www.olphlindenhurst.com](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com) & on our OLPH App!*

## CHRISTMAS 2018



## 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! As I always say, “Liturgy is life and life is liturgical!” (Feel free to repeat that slogan often if you wish!)

### *Thank you for all the Christmas gifts and goodies!*

Fr. Fidelis, Fr. Frank, Fr. Emmanuel and I take this opportunity to thank all of you who sent goodies and other Christmas gifts to the rectory. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thanks to everyone for taking such good care of your priests! I do have to admit, though, that after losing the weight I lost over the past year, it was a challenge to keep to my maintenance program...but rest assured that if you sent sweets and goodies to us: I did indeed “stray” a little bit!

### *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 13, 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.

We get free shipping when we order bricks in batches of 100, so we will wait until we have 100 orders, and then we will send them out for engraving and, upon their return, have them installed. Tell family and friends about this; remember, you don’t have to be a parishioner of OLPH, or even Catholic, to memorialize a brick!

### *First Penance*

This coming Saturday, January 12, 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 situation 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,




## **SPECIAL GIFT TO OLPH**

I want to let everyone know that a special gift of \$30,000 was recently given to OLPH from the ST. JOHN FISCHER FUND. The St. John Fischer Fund is a charitable fund which supports religious, educational and charitable activities, and Msgr. Hamilton is its Executive Director. We’re extremely grateful to Msgr. Hamilton for this gift and for the tremendous assistance it will provide to the parish. Thank you for continuing to take care of your beloved OLPH, Msgr. Hamilton, and know that you continue to be in the hearts and prayers of all of us! — Msgr. Joe

## BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON THE EPIPHANY

### *Use this ritual to bless your home on the Feast of Epiphany, January 6, 2019*

*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 + 19**

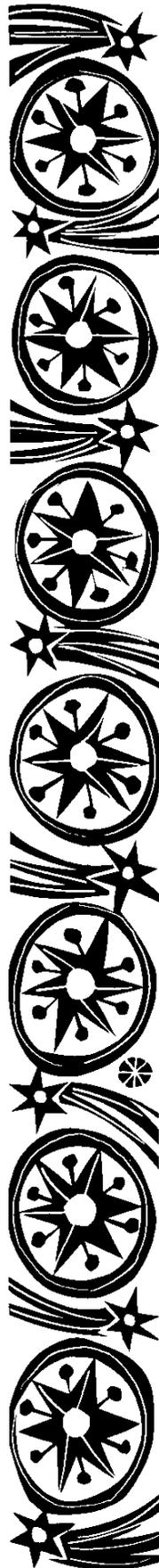
*The letters represent the Magi, traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar; the "20" and "19" represent the year, signifying the timeless God; each cross marks a point of the compass, or "all the nations."*

## 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 sixth day of March  
will fall Ash Wednesday,  
and the beginning of the fast  
of the most sacred Lenten season.

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

On the thirtieth day of May  
will be the Ascension of  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the ninth day of June  
the feast of Pentecost.

On the twenty-third day of June,  
the feast of the  
Most Holy Body  
and Blood of Christ.

On the first day of December  
the First Sunday of the Advent  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to who is honor and glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

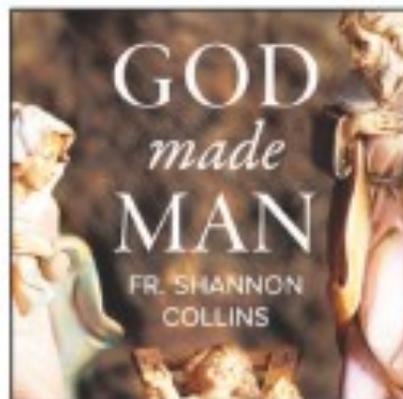
# God Made Man

*By Fr. Shannon Collins*

## Rediscover the True Meaning of Christmas

Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful traditions of the Church during Christmas. Listen before the Christmas season ends!

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## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Monday, January 7—7:00 p.m.**

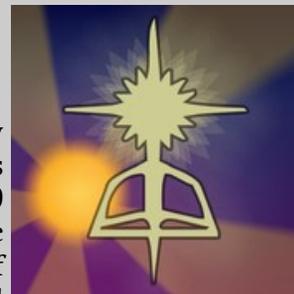
**Monday, January 14—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, January 21—No devotions  
due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

### Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God

for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...



### Saturdays and Sundays After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

*“The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself ‘continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.’”*

**-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175**

### **A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH**

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

- **Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).
- **Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.
- **Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.
- **Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

**Mass Attendance:** MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS! There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

**BRINGING  
FORWARD  
THE OFFERINGS OF  
BREAD AND WINE**



If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

**REMINDER REGARDING  
THE COMMUNION FAST**

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

**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)*

**HELP  
WANTED!**



**HELP TAKE DOWN THE  
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS!**

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on **Sunday, January 13th** at after the **5:00 p.m. Mass**. We could use as many helpers as possible to make the job go quickly and easily. Just come on down and lend a hand!

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS

## CHRISTOLOGY

Instructors: Mrs. April Kleinlaut, Fr. Fidelis Ezeani  
and Deacon Robert Becker

5 nights, Thursdays and Tuesdays –  
January 17, 24, 31 and February 5 & 12

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Place: Room 3 in OLPH School



*This course provides a basic understanding of the person of Jesus Christ revealed through Scripture and doctrine. Foundations such as Jesus’s teaching ministry, the Resurrection stories, and the full humanity of Jesus will be presented. The course will also develop an understanding of the image of Christ presented by St. Paul in his epistles as well as other historical representations.*

Credit may be obtained as a Basic Course toward completion of a diocesan Basic Religious Studies Certificate.

*A \$20 donation is requested to cover the cost of materials will be collected during the class. To register, please contact the Rectory at 631.226.7725 x 200 or return the coupon below no later than January 12, 2019.*

YES, PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR CHRISTOLOGY!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Return no later than January 12, 2019.*



## WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE?

### DO YOU LOVE YOUR JOB?

ARE YOU FULFILLING  
YOUR CAREER DREAMS?

Would you like to help others go  
after their hopes and dreams?

If you enjoy helping people and mentoring others, it will be rewarding to share your professional knowledge and success. Come and join our Professional Mentorship Ministry and together let’s help others find their purpose in life.



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FIND OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge call OLPH Church at (631) 226-7725 or email [PMM@oloph.org](mailto:PMM@oloph.org)





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**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION****OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**Level 2**

**Your Penance Rehearsal is  
 on Monday, January 7,  
 at 5:00 p.m. in the church.**

**All students must be with a parent**

**Levels 6-8 & TEEN Program:  
 On Wednesday, January 9,  
 Mass Reflections for Advent and  
 Christmas are due!**

**Level 7:  
 On Wednesday, January 9,  
 your Pastoral Staff Interview is  
 due in your Workbook!**

**Levels 8 & TEEN:  
 On Wednesday, January 9,  
 your Treasure Projects  
 are due in your Workbook!**

**Level 2:  
 Your First Penance is  
 on Saturday, January 12,  
 at 11:15 a.m. in the church.  
 All students must be with a parent.  
 Do not go to class this day!**

**Happy Saint of the Day!****St. Anthony of Padua**

*"Dear St. Anthony, please come around, something is lost and cannot be found!"*

*This is the popular prayer said to the patron saint of lost things. St. Anthony had a book of Psalms with many*

*notes written in it for teaching. One day, someone had stolen it from him and he prayed for its return. The thief, who was a friar as well, returned the book to him and rejoined the Order. St. Anthony's preaching became so popular that St. Francis of Assisi heard of him and came to see him. They became quick friends in Christ.*

# CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 20, 2018



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# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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- † 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**  
**COFFEE**  
**CANNED FRUIT**  
**JELLY & JAM**  
**DESSERTS/SNACKS**  
**SHELF STABLE MILK**  
**(NOT EVAPORATED)**  
**PAPER TOWEL**  
**TOILETRIES**

**PLEASE NO PASTA AT THIS TIME.**

Thank you  
 for your continued generosity.

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

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Located in the “New” School Building

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 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.

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 AS WE PRAY  
 FOR THE RESPECT  
 OF HUMAN LIFE

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## HOMELESS MINISTRY

### DONATIONS:

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

We are in need of the following:

- Sweat shirts
- Sweat pants
- Jeans (30-42)
- New women's underwear (5,6,7)
- New men's underwear (L, XL, 2x, 3x)
- Hoodies
- Thermal underwear
- Blankets
- Clean, gently used sneakers
- Gloves
- Winter berets/skull caps

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

## 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?*

*Please be patient.*

*We are taking a little break from our gatherings.*

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449  
or email her at 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.*

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, January 8  
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

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 on one Sunday each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

**Our next Community Meal is  
Sunday, January 20**

**Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass  
then join us for**

**“Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m.**

A special thank you to  
**Luigi's Pizza** (Montauk Hwy, Lindenhurst)  
for their contribution to our  
December Community Meal.

## MARCH FOR LIFE



## MARCH FOR LIFE

**Friday, January 18, 2019**

A peaceful march showing opposition to the murder of babies, the physical and psychological damage to the mothers, and destruction of families. Once again, we are blessed that Msgr. Joe has allowed us to hire a bus to take us to the march. Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 5:00 a.m. and the bus will leave Lindenhurst around 5:30 a.m. and will leave Washington, D.C. about 5:00 p.m. A \$20 donation is requested to offset the cost of the bus.

If interested, please call  
Kathy Feldman of the  
Respect Life Committee at  
631-225-9864.



# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directory of Phone Extensions

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Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
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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](mailto: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](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net).

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

### YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia (Chair)  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jeffrey Gaab  
Gregory Guido  
Sonia Hansen  
Joselyn Kalt  
Mary Leon  
Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
James Totino  
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)  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Christine Donovan  
Marie Gagneron  
Kenneth Hale  
Bob Meade  
Bob Mehm  
Frank Pokorney  
John Reynolds

*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.*

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **WE CELEBRATE**

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

**-Rite of Baptism**



***Roark Alexander Aiello  
Rose Elizabeth Gervasio  
Finley Helena Kissane  
Leonardo Vincenzo Lora***

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

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Rose Gallo  
Joanne M. Innamorato  
John Patrick House***

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

## **WE BELIEVE**

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

<b><i>Gail Tonnessen</i></b>	<b><i>John Manning</i></b>
<b><i>Roberta Fifield</i></b>	<b><i>Frederick R. Kienle</i></b>
<b><i>Jeanne Calise</i></b>	<b><i>Linda Matera</i></b>
<b><i>Loretto Dinardo</i></b>	<b><i>Virginia Sortino</i></b>
<b><i>Teresa Pirola</i></b>	<b><i>Giuseppe Pecoraro</i></b>
<b><i>Patricia Goertz</i></b>	<b><i>Patricia Franco</i></b>
<b><i>Debbi Triola-Curiale</i></b>	<b><i>Ronald A. Higgins</i></b>
<b><i>Louise Perrotta</i></b>	<b><i>Catherine House</i></b>
<b><i>Dr. Alan Lloyd Steinberg</i></b>	<b><i>Bill Doran</i></b>
<b><i>Kimberly Wilson</i></b>	

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.

## **GREAT NEED FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

***If you already have received A and B training by the Diocese for distribution of Holy Communion in a hospital and would like to volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Pastoral Care Office at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center at 631-376-4103.***

## **BEREAVEMENT GROUPS NEAR OLPH**

For many of us, the loss of a loved one can be a devastating experience. Grief can cause us to become depressed, disoriented or angry. Ordinary aspects of our life can overwhelm us. Our experiences of grief affect us even more deeply when we do not have the support of family or friends. Sharing our pain with others in a bereavement group eases the anguish brought on by the death of a loved one. Many bereavement groups exist within driving distance of Lindenhurst. A complete listing of bereavement groups in the area can be found at the Diocese of Rockville Centre website.

***To access a complete listing of bereavement groups near OLPH, follow these steps:***

Open your web browser (Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Yahoo, etc.) Enter [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) in the address bar. You should be looking at the DRVC website. Move your cursor

(pointer) across the top of the website to the box labelled "Faith Formation". This will launch a pull-down menu starting with Marriage. The last item on the list is "Bereavement". Click on "Bereavement".

There are many features to explore on this page. If you move your cursor to "Support Groups", you'll be taken to a page that permits you to go to articles about the nature of grief for individuals who are beginning the process of mourning. ("Find out more here.") Move your cursor over the list from each of the counties to view the bereavement programs in various parishes. These lists are maintained and updated by the Office of Faith Formation at the Diocese.

***Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)***



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## MONDAY, January 7—

### CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

*(Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest)*

6:30 Edward J. Mikoleski

12:15 Luz Ayala

## TUESDAY, January 8—

### CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

6:30 Sally Foreza

12:15 Frank Mormando

## WEDNESDAY, January 9—

### CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

6:30 Anthony Mainini

12:15 Rorri Morabito

## THURSDAY, January 10—

### CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

6:30 Nicole Tancredi

12:15 Nick Fulfaro

## FRIDAY, January 11—

### CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

6:30 Paul Giaquinto

12:15 Joan Airoidi

## SATURDAY, January 12—

### CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00 Rocco Versace

### Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

5:00 Katherine Towers

### Sunday, January 13

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

12:00 In Thanksgiving of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

5:00 Mario Porretto

## Monday, January 7, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
5:00 p.m.	Level 2 Penance Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church

## Tuesday, January 8, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Squires Meeting	Room 19
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

## Wednesday, January 9, 2019

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

## Thursday, January 10, 2019

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 1
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

## Friday, January 11, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society Meeting	Room 10

## Saturday, January 12, 2019

8:30, 10:00	Levels 1, 3-5 & Sp. Ed	School
11:15 a.m.	Level 2: First Penance	Church
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

## Sunday, January 13, 2019

9:15 a.m.	RCIC Meeting	Room 18
9:30 a.m.	Blood Drive	Room 16
10:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Take down Christmas Decorations	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Reflexión de las lecturas del domingo 13 de enero del 2019

### *El bautismo de nuestro señor Jesús*

Dios nos ha revelado su amabilidad y su amor en Jesucristo nuestro Salvador, salvándonos con un nuevo nacimiento por medio del agua purificadora del bautismo, y renovándonos con el Espíritu Santo. Que el Señor, Jesús, esté siempre con vosotros

#### **Primera Lectura (Isaías 42,1-4.6-7): He Aquí mi Siervo Amado. Mi Espíritu habita en Él**

El profeta Isaías anuncia que el Espíritu de Dios va a guiar a su siervo fiel para traer al mundo justicia y amor compasivo y respetuoso. Esta profecía se cumplirá en Jesús. Su misión es también nuestra.

#### **Segunda Lectura (Hechos 10,34-38): La Buena Noticia de Salvación es para todos**

Pedro nos dice que el Espíritu de Dios habitó en el Señor, Jesús, y que su Buena Noticia de Salvación es para todos.

#### **Evangelio (Lucas 3,15-16.21-22): Tú eres mi Hijo Amado**

En esta descripción del bautismo de Jesús Lucas le reconoce como Hijo de Dios. El Padre le da a Jesús la investidura para su misión como Salvador, y el Espíritu Santo le guiará.

**La humildad de Jesús.** En efecto, el mismo Jesús descubre en el mensaje de Juan Bautista algo que le impresiona: *el mensaje de conversión*. Porque siempre es tiempo de conversión, es decir de cambiar el mal camino por el camino de la Vida, y aunque Él no tenía nada que purificar (pues no tenía ningún pecado), quiso someterse a este rito "para proclamar con humildad, lo que para nosotros era necesidad" (San Agustín). Imaginémosnos, el mismo Jesús se hace inferior a su enviado Juan el Bautista ¡qué humildad!

**Nos enseña a valorar la gracia invisible en un sacramento visible,** como lo es el sacramento del Bautismo. Los sacramentos ciertamente son los signos visibles de la gracia invisible. Como cristianos estamos llamados a creer, tal y como lo decimos en el credo cada domingo, que creemos un este mundo que es visible, pero también en un mundo invisible (espiritual).



**OFFERING UPDATE  
December 23/24, 2018**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	401	168	\$3,814.00
8:00 a.m.	280	127	3,486.00
10:00 a.m.	553	180	5,425.00
12:00 p.m.	426	149	3,888.00
5:00 p.m.	204	33	1,442.00
Coin			18.52
Mail-ins:			146.00
Children's Env.		20	72.50
Faith Direct			2,185.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>\$20,477.52</b>
<b>2017 total</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>\$17,092.32</b>
Candles			\$2,139.66
Poor Box			\$706.59

**OFFERING UPDATE  
December 29/30, 2018**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	299	115	\$2,977.00
8:00 a.m.	245	114	2,837.00
10:00 a.m.	429	100	2,967.00
12:00 p.m.	457	146	3,875.00
5:00 p.m.	233	38	1,278.00
Coin			37.68
Mail-ins:			90.00
Children's Env.		19	53.25
Faith Direct			2,185.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>\$16,300.43</b>
<b>2017 total</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>\$15,730.03</b>
Candles			\$904.79
Poor Box			\$341.35

*Due to earlier printer deadlines the final totals for Christmas Day and Christmas Flowers will be published at a later date.*

**2018 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS**  
Tax letters for the 2018 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*. Thank you for your cooperation.

**SUPER 72 RAFFLE**  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR**  
**SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S**  
**\$150 WINNER**  
**MR. JACK MALONE**

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**DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN**  
All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted as a Word document* no later than the dates listed below to Carmel Becker at [cbecker@oloph.org](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org).  
*Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

January 13—passed  
January 20—January 11  
January 27—January 18

## PREPARING FOR

Sunday, January 20, 2019

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove.**And a voice came from heaven,**"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22

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

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

**Acts 10:34-38**

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

**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

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

**Gospel Reflection Questions....**

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

1. In reflecting upon the first reading, it is clear that we have been called, as Isaiah writes, to be a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind and to set prisoners free. Whose hand do you need to grasp this week so they may see light and be set free?

2. Peter speaks freely about God's lack of partiality. God did not send his Son for some, but for all. Where do you see signs of this partiality in the world, the Church, our local community, and/or our family? What can you do to restore a sense of openness towards the conversion of others?

3. Re-read the end of this Gospel (Luke 3:21-22). The passage concludes with "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Take some time with the Lord this week. Listen to him say that to you, "N., you are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

**Readings for the Week***Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.***Monday, January 7, 2019:**

1 John 3:22—4:6

+ Mark 4:12-17, 23-35

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019:**

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

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019:**

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

**Thursday, January 10, 2019:**

1 John 4:19—5:4

+ Luke 4:14-22

**Friday, January 11, 2019:**

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

**Saturday, January 12, 2019:**

1 John 5:14-21

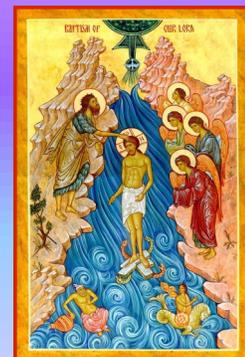
+ John 3:22-30

**Sunday, January 13, 2019:**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

+ Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

+ Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

**LIFE OPTIONS'** (a Respect Life group) client needs a crib for her 8 month old boy. If someone has a crib to donate, please call Maryl at 914-620-4464 to arrange an appt. for drop off at 141 Ashburton Ave, Yonkers.

**The "Moving On" Group**, an 'After Bereavement' Group for Widows and Widowers, Let's Plan for 2019 Together - Everyone's input is encouraged and appreciated! Friday, **January 11 @ 7:30 p.m.** For further information please call Geri Olson 631-661-8994, or Mike Goodwin 631-422-0957 or Linda Sparaco 631-225-9530 at Church of St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 North Carl Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702, 631-699-0068

**Open House at St. Patrick School**, Bay Shore, NY, for children in Nursery—8th Grade. Open House tours on Sunday, **January 27** begin at 10:30 a.m. after the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass. Go to [spsbayshore.org](http://spsbayshore.org) or call 631-665-0569.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Allow God to give you grace in abundance and transform your marriage relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is **Feb 8-10, 2019** at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <http://www.wwmeli.org>.

**Magnificat**, a Ministry to Catholic Women, cordially invites you to attend a Breakfast on **January 19, 2019** at The Hofstra Club at 9:45 a.m. Our speaker will be *Philip Mandato*, who is currently the Director of the Charismatic Renewal Office of the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the liaison to all the English speaking prayer groups on Long Island, as well as the contact for the National Service Center for the Charismatic Renewal in the United States. Come and hear Phil's testimony and learn more about the power of the Holy Spirit and the incredible gifts God has for all of His children! The Breakfast is \$35 per person, and pre-registration is required. Please make checks payable to "Magnificat" and mail to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst Street, Lido Beach, NY 11561. Checks must be received by January 14th. Payment will not be accepted at the door. For additional information, please contact Judy at (917) 453-5750.

### NURSING MINISTRY & K OF C BLOOD DRIVE

**Help  
save  
lives**



**EMERGENCY  
Blood Drive**  
*Sunday,*  
**January 13, 2019**  
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Room 16 in the New School

*Each donation helps to save up to 3 lives*

Contact: Regina Muir at  
631-223-5327

Ages 16 -75 are eligible  
*16 and 17 year olds must have  
parental permission*



♥♥ **Eligibility Criteria** ♥♥

Please Bring **Donor Card** or **ID**.

Minimum Weight: 110lbs.

No New Tattoos for past 12 months.

Ages 16 - 74 (75+ with doctor permission).

For questions concerning medical eligibility:

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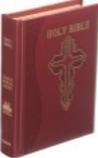
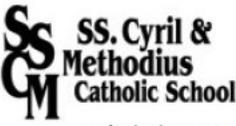
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