

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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**At the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Philippians 2:10-11

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 1, 2017

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Frank Pokorney

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 5:30 P.M. ON THE RECTORY LAWN

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis. St. Francis has contributed so much to the life of our Church, in so many ways. One of the things he is noted for is recognition of God's presence in all of creation, including animals.

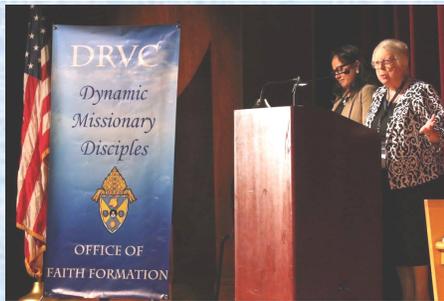


We invite all members of our parish community (even those that crawl, fly and have four legs) to come for a special prayer service and blessing. Following the service, there will be refreshments for all, including our human family members and friends.

And, in the spirit of St. Francis, we ask all who attend the prayer service to bring a food or non-food donation for our food pantry. Please see page 12 for specific needs.



DRVC CATECHETICAL CONGRESS HELD SATURDAY, SEPT. 16



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Go to our website olphlindhurst.com and "LIKE" our Facebook page to keep up with information and to see more activities, pictures and to keep up on all the other ministries.



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Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of Animals

This Wednesday, October 4, is the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. In St. Francis we have one of the most popular saints in Church history, and a man of God whose holiness resonates even with those who are not Christian or who do not even consider themselves religious.

Francis (born 1181 or 1182; died 1226) was the son of a wealthy Assisi merchant, and the “good life” (a luxurious home, the finest clothes, and superb cuisine) was certainly his for the taking. However, after a conversion experience, he relinquished the trappings of this world to minister to lepers and to preach to the spiritually hungry. He became known for his humility and his embrace of poverty. Many young men joined St. Francis in his way of life, leading to the foundation of the *frati minori*, or “lesser brothers,” which eventually became known as the Friars Minor. St. Francis is also known for his love of creation, as exemplified in his famous “Cantic of the Sun,” and hence the association of this saint’s feast day with the blessing of animals.

As announced elsewhere in this bulletin, we are holding our annual Blessing of Animals on Wednesday, October 4, at 5:30 p.m., on the Rectory lawn (weather permitting; otherwise, we’re inside the church). Be sure to bring your pet of any kind — dog, cat, bird, iguana, ferret, horse, chicken, turtle, snake...whatever! (I’m not really thrilled with snakes, but...bring them anyway!) As I always say, though: remember this is a *blessing*, not an *exorcism* — we cannot make your pet behave!

In order to truly celebrate the Franciscan spirituality, you are asked to bring an item for the poor. The items needed for our food pantry are listed on the St. Vincent de Paul page in the Parish Social Ministry pages; please be sure to bring this donation to the Blessing of Animals.

Columbus Day Dinner Dance

This Friday night is the annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance sponsored by our OLPH Knights of Columbus Council. It is always a wonderful event, and this year the Knights are honoring our own Deacon Bill Crosby (*hmmmm... “Crosby” ...are we sure he’s Italian????!!*). Details are in the ad elsewhere in this bulletin; if you have not

already bought your ticket, you’ll want to do so soon so you do not miss out on this wonderful occasion. The Knights always provide a great party!

Ministry of Consolation

I would like to call your attention to an important ministry here at OLPH, the Ministry of Consolation, and I would like to encourage more people to become involved in this ministry.

The Ministry of Consolation ministers to families at the time of a Funeral Mass, assisting them in preparing the Mass, and members of the ministry are present at the Mass itself to help ensure a prayerful, reverent and orderly celebration of the Eucharist so that the funeral rites for the deceased may be celebrated with all the dignity those rites and the deceased deserve. Although it sounds like it might be a very depressing ministry, actually the opposite is true: ministers find this to be a very uplifting affirmation of life and of faith, because they see first-hand how important it is for families who are mourning to have the support and presence of the parish community in this way. The Ministry of Consolation is what I call “primary evangelization,” because it is “front-line” ministry, ministering to people at a very important and sensitive time in their life, and at a time when they are very open to the presence of the Church. Many people often return to coming to Mass after the warm and positive experience they have of the Church as a result of the Ministry of Consolation.

The great thing about the Ministry of Consolation is that it incorporates many different levels of involvement, so it incorporates a wide range of different gifts and talents. Here are some of the ways that you can become involved in the Ministry of Consolation:

- **Coordinator**—The Coordinator is the person who coordinates all the behind-the-scenes details for a Funeral Mass, lining up the different ministers and various people needed, contacting them from lists of names. It’s a great ministry for someone who would like to work behind the scenes and not have that much contact with the family, and who doesn’t mind making a lot of phone calls to and contacts with other ministers.

- **Greeter**—Greeters act as greeters and ushers at Funeral Masses, welcoming people as

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they arrive at the Mass, handing out a booklet (participation aid) to the folks, helping to direct them to seats, and in general assisting with any other “traffic flow” during the Mass as needed. It’s an additional help if Greeters are also Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, to be able to serve in that capacity when needed (see below).

- **Computer Person (Booklets)**—This person creates on a parish computer and runs off on our copy machine the booklet (participation aid) which will be handed out at the Mass. The booklet is put together from a template, so only basic computer skills are needed; you are not creating the booklet from scratch, but you are simply making choices from a template. It’s a great ministry for someone who might only be available in the evenings and who would prefer to not have contact with the family.

- **Cake Baker**—Since it involves food, this is the ministry that is often most popular with the families! Cake bakers do just that: they bake a cake for the family (a traditional expression, in almost every culture, of compassion and solidarity) and they deliver the cake to the family with a condolence card that is provided by the parish. It’s a great ministry for all of you who love to bake but who may not have a large amount of time to give to the ministry.

- **Reader**—We are always looking for parish Readers who would be available for Funeral Masses on a rotating basis, to serve as a Reader when family members or friends are not doing the readings at a Funeral Mass. If you are a parish Reader and would be willing to be on a rotating list to occasionally be called for a Funeral Mass, let us know!

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**—We always use Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to assist at a Funeral Mass, so if you are already an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and would be available to assist during the day, perhaps you would be willing to add your name to a list of rotating ministers to occasionally be called. If you would also be willing to become a Greeter, that would be a home-run and really be a big help.

I urge you to take some time to think about the possibility of joining the Ministry of

Consolation. If so, or if you would like more information, please contact me at my parish e-mail (msgjrjoe@oloph.org) or MaryAnn Haas, who is our Director of the Ministry of Consolation, at hosta7@yahoo.com to let us know. You would be making a terrific offering to the parish and to your fellow parishioners!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word begins next weekend

We are thrilled to be resuming the Children’s Liturgy of the Word next Sunday, October 8, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. What a great experience this is for the children of our parish, and I get such delight in seeing the children who participate in this week after week (a full explanation of what it’s all about is elsewhere in the bulletin). It’s geared for children **first-grade and older**, so it’s not intended for the toddlers and pre-schoolers, but there’s also no upper age limit, so even fifth- and sixth-graders should feel free to join in. I hope all parents will encourage their children to participate in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

I must offer words of **THANKS** to the offerers who, week after week, work so efficiently to make this happen — Jenine Jimenez, the overall coordinator; Francine Schnabel, who coordinates the Junior Readers; and all the offerers who share their time and talent as homilists and shepherds. Thanks to all! Always remember what an important contribution to the spiritual life of our children you are making through your work in this ministry!

In conclusion...

Together, let’s aim high in Christ. Together, let’s bring out the best in each other. Together, let’s be the best we can be in Christ.

And let’s always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer for Peace

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

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,*

*Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!*

*Make all men and women witnesses
of truth, justice and brotherly love.*

*Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.*

*Enlighten our rulers
that they may guarantee
and defend the great gift of peace.*

*May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.*

*May longed-for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.*

AMEN

*Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)*



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

Monday, October 2—7:00 p.m.

**Monday, October 9—No Devotions
due to Columbus Day closings**

Monday, October 16—7:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer



All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Here we pray the psalms, listen to the

Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length.

So come and pray...

**Saturdays
and Sundays**

After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

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

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

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 & WORSHIP

FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

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

First Sunday Devotions —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, **October 1** at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, October 7 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish, Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Mass for People with Special Needs

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

Saturday, October 7

4:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium

*All are welcome
come celebrate Mass with us!*

*We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you?
Contact Jessica Becker at 631.226-7725 X 252 or
email to jbecker@oloph.org*

NEW USHERS NEEDED!

We are in need of new Ushers at our 12:00 Noon Sunday Mass, and we are in **DESPERATE** need of Ushers at our 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass!

Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy. They welcome those who visit our Church and create a warm environment, assist with taking up the collection, guide people for the reception of Communion and minister in other ways to help ensure a reverent celebration at many different liturgies throughout the year.

Men, women, teenagers and families are all welcome! This might be a great thing for you to do together as a family.

Please consider offering your gift by becoming an Usher at either the 12:00 Noon Mass or 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays. Please contact Mike Williams, Coordinator of Ushers, at olpushersministry@gmail.com to sign up, or for more information. Thank you!

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at 10:00 a.m. MASS BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8!

Allowing children to participate fully in the liturgical life of the parish is an important goal which we strive to attain here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Children should have every opportunity to understand what worship is all about and to be formed by the rites of the Church, especially the celebration of the Eucharist. In order to achieve this goal, we are happy to resume the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** which will be a part of the 10:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday **beginning again NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8.**

Where does the idea of the Children's Liturgy of the Word come from?

It comes out of the *Directory for Masses with Children* which tells us in paragraph 17, "Sometimes, if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own Liturgy of the Word."

How does the Children's Liturgy of the Word work?

After the Collect (the Opening Prayer of the Mass), children **first-grade and older** are invited to come forward to the sanctuary to receive a special dismissal. They are then escorted to a separate chapel set up in the north sacristy of the church, where they listen to that Sunday's readings as proclaimed from the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*. These are the same readings everyone else is hearing in the church, but in a slightly different translation that is easier for children to understand. A special homily is then given to the children to help them understand the readings. This Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful), as the children pray intercessions together. Meanwhile, the Liturgy of the Word has continued as usual in the church. The children return to the church at the beginning of the collection/presentation of the gifts, and participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist as usual.

What is the purpose of the Children's Liturgy of the Word?

The purpose of this is not to offer a babysitting service, nor is it to isolate the children or to make them feel unwelcome. Rather, it is actually an act of hospitality to them: they will be given the chance to listen to the Sunday readings and participate in a homily that will be on their level, and yet still be a part of the worshiping assembly, since they participate in all other parts of the Mass. It does require a certain maturity level and ability to focus, so it is intended for **first-grade children and older**, not kindergartners, pre-schoolers or toddlers. **Parents do not accompany their children;** we have specially-trained adult "shepherds" who will keep watch.

Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things that are being done in the main body of the church.

Ideally, parents and children then talk to each other on the ride home or later in the day about what they heard in their respective homilies. In this way, God's Word continues to be alive and active in the family's faith life.

Suppose I want my child to stay with me in the main body of the church?

That's fine; parents are in no way required to send their children to the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and no child is forced to participate. Children are welcome to stay in the main body of the church and to participate in the Liturgy of the Word there, where the usual readings and homily will take place. Since we think this is a great opportunity for children, though, we do hope you will encourage your child to participate.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

ROSARY RALLY

Wednesday, October 4

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

JOIN OUR WHOLE DIOCESE IN PRAYER

Every parish in our Diocese is invited to join in prayer to Our Heavenly Mother in SUPPORT OF LIFE. Life is under attack in our country...& world – through abortion, physician assisted suicide, violence, international aggression, terrorism....

“Come Pray the Rosary” with us on

Wednesday, Oct 4th from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

in the church during our Eucharistic Adoration.



DRVC GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Celebration

*Couples celebrating 50 years or more
will be honored at these Masses.*



Sunday, October 22,
St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

OR

Sunday, November 19,
Christ the King, Commack

Both Liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm.
You must register for only ONE Mass.

Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by **October 9** for the October 22 liturgy & **November 6** for the November 19 liturgy.
For more info call: 516-678-5800 X 207.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

October 3, 12, 17 & 19

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Religious Studies Program

Basic Theology Course - Unit VI

MORALITY: LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



The goal of this course in Christian morality is to introduce participants to the basic principles of Catholic Christian morality and decision making, and how these principles apply to today's moral issues. The participants will:

- understand the difference between Covenant and Appeasement and recognize the foundational role of Covenant in the Christian approach to moral living;
- become familiar with the Scriptural bases of Christian morality especially the 10 Commandments (Decalogue) and the Beatitudes;
- gain insight into the Christian concept of Conscience and clearly distinguish the difference between Natural Law Theory and Relativism;
- become acquainted with the Church's renewed understanding of sin as reflected in contemporary moral theology;
- understand the roles played by the Magisterium and conscience in moral decision-making especially in the development of Social Justice teaching in the Church;
- apply basic principles of Catholic Christian morality to relevant moral issues of today.

The course will be taught by *Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor, and Mrs. April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation*. Classes will meet on *October 3, 12, 17 and 19*, from **7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** in Room 18 of the OLPH School. For further information, contact Mrs. April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation at 631-226-7725, extension 253. Those who are interested in taking this course should fill in the enrollment slip below and return it to the rectory.

Sign me up for MORALITY: LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

A \$20 per person free will offering to cover the costs of materials is requested.



OLPH Youth Ministry



ATTENTION ALL YOUNG PEOPLE
8th Grade-12th Grade

The Youth Meeting will be directly after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, **October 1st** in the auditorium.

Of course all are welcome and encouraged to attend Mass.

For more information contact Fr. Frank Zero at fzero@oloph.org

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings that come from our parish community because of YOU!!! All who offer their time and talent in our parish ministries are invited!



OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY

Friday, October 20
6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
In the O’Connell Room
at St. Joseph’s Parish Center
39 N. Carl Avenue, Babylon

OFFERER APPRECIATION REPLY FORM

Name (First and Last) _____
Address _____
Phone # _____
E-mail _____@_____

Ministry or Ministries you’re involved in:

Please return your RSVP to Josephine Vagelatos at the rectory, drop in the collection basket or you can email your response to jvagelatos@oloph.org.
ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Levels 1-5

Don't forget there will be
NO CLASS
on Saturday, October 7th
for Columbus Day weekend.
Your next class will be
Saturday, October 14th.

Level 8

Don't forget there will be
NO CLASS
on Monday, October 9th
for Columbus Day.
Your next class will be
Monday October 16th.

Here are some pictures
from our
Commitment Prayer Services
which began our year!



VIRTUS TRAINING



VIRTUS TRAINING

Thursday, October 5 7:00 p.m. in Room 1

TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS IN ALL MINISTRIES.

Registration MUST be done online in advance at www.drvc.org under Protecting God's Children or go to **Virtus online** on the lower right-hand side of the page and look for in the schedule for OLPH Lindenhurst.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225.9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED MEALS
TUNA
PASTA SAUCE
TUNA SNACK PACKS
SMALL PKGES. CEREAL
COFFEE
HOT CHOCOLATE
JUICE
BOTTLED WATER
TOILETRIES

NO PASTA AT THIS TIME, PLEASE.
Thank you for your continued generosity.
*Cut out this list and bring it with you
 when you go shopping!*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

Use Parking Lot located
 on corner of Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

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

The Gospel today is a great example of saying,
 “actions speak louder than words.”

As you put your gift in the Society of St.
 Vincent de Paul's poor box, know that you are
 putting your faith into action.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
A FRIEND OF THE POOR WALK!



Members of St. Vincent de Paul collected more than **\$1,592.00**
 after the all the Masses last weekend for the
SVDP Friends of the Poor Walk, held on September 30th.
 These funds are for OLPH's SVdP Conference.
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY DONATIONS

We are in need of the following items:

- Men's jeans & sweat pants - larger sizes
- Men's underwear - XL, XXL
- Women's t-shirts/tops; new underwear – size 6, 7
- Medium weight hoodies - L, XL, 2XL
- Sneakers, Shaving cream, Lotion - 1.5 oz.
- Sunscreen, bug spray, Lip balm, Backpacks
- “Gently used” tents

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

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

MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?
Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

Tuesday, October 3

make Halloween Candy Bags for Community Meal in Room 24 – 7:00 p.m.

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

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

Tuesday, October 10

in Room 24 – 9:00 a.m.

Fran Grasso: 631-956-3003 sixfingers13@gmail.com

Respect Life Sunday

Sunday, **October 1** is Respect Life Sunday. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

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 once 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, October 1
Come and pray with us at the
12:00 p.m. Mass then join us
for “Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m.*

Thank you to all who kindly took the Baby Bottles to fill for the Life Center. We are already turning in a crate of filled bottles. We, of course, will accept the bottles whenever you choose...BUT they are not due until the weekend of November 4/5. If you were unable to get a bottle, please feel free to use whatever you wish. Thank you for your prayers and support for our unborn babes.

On Respect Life Sunday October 1st

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.



Long Island's Premier Pro Life Event

In only an hour you will help save a life!

Join us at our 20th Anniversary

– STAND UP FOR LIFE –

In front of the Walt Whitman Mall at Routes 110 & 25 in Huntington, in Manorville, LIE Ex. 70S on County Rd. 111
Family Friendly event. Rain or Shine Signs are provided at site (no graphic signs) as we stand in peaceful witness on the public sidewalk.



For more info call:

Huntington: Jack O'Brien 516-724-6821;

Manorville: Peter Bertran 631-289-2095;

Sponsored by L.I. Coalition for Life

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

*Valentina Rene Boccio
Addison Grace DeBardelaben
Michael Joseph Kelly
Isabella Marie Puglisi
Austin Joseph Soyack
Brayden James Ventura*



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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Carol Mansuepo</i>	<i>Richard Northorn</i>
<i>Anne Muller</i>	<i>Juliette Silvestri</i>
<i>Tony Lopez</i>	<i>William D. Hinds</i>
<i>Agostino Pecoraro</i>	<i>Marjorie Hildemann</i>
<i>Kylie Zocali</i>	<i>Robert Scott Sr.</i>
<i>Jim Chiavone</i>	<i>Teresa Cording</i>
<i>Lyric Blauberg</i>	<i>Lily Elle Schlachter</i>
<i>Mary Condra</i>	<i>Haley Kerwin</i>
<i>Anna Cordova</i>	<i>Peter Leyden</i>
<i>Vera Anzalone</i>	<i>Jim Barlotta</i>
<i>Juliette Silvestri</i>	<i>Justin Rodgers</i>
<i>Edward Voskinarian</i>	<i>Robert Flesher</i>
<i>Judith Walsh</i>	<i>Laura Long</i>
<i>Robert Chancellor</i>	<i>Fara Pellerito</i>
<i>Reynold Ruiz</i>	<i>Helga Popko</i>

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Announcement:

Dominick Renda & Brianna Urso

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

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017 AT 8:00 A.M. MASS

Margaret Brogan	Requested by The Life Center
Linda Vittorio	Requested by Laura & Raymond Mazzilli
Lionel Whiston	Requested by Cathy & Terry Bolin
Herbert Daub	Requested by Hank & Donna Cardello
Margaret Larson	Requested by Martha Pane
Margaret Roller	Requested by Mary Kelly
Rosa Cava	Requested by Francesca Mentasanto
Chandler Fahrenkrug	Requested by Bruce Kafka
Vivian Felicciardi	Requested by Steve & Darlene Felicciardi
Lily Elle Schlachter	Requested by Joanne Curri
Vita Randazzo	Requested by The Newman Family

Lost & Found

The "Lost & Found" box located in the sacristy is overflowing!
If you think you have lost any items in the church please see the sacristan as soon as possible.



All items will be donated or discarded in the next few weeks.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 2— The Holy Guardian Angels

6:30	Souls of the Holy Angels
12:15	Rudy Carucci

TUESDAY, October 3— Weekday

6:30	Helen Brion
12:15	Victor Gentiluomo

WEDNESDAY, October 4— Saint Francis of Assisi

6:30	Thomas John Eberling Jr.
12:15	Giuseppe Lentini

THURSDAY, October 5— Weekday (Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest)

6:30	Arthur Morin
12:15	Filippa Cucinella

FRIDAY, October 6— Weekday (Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin)

6:30	Josephine McCleary
12:15	Melchior Cucchiara

SATURDAY, October 7— Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00	Antoinette P. Kappelmeier
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Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00	Special Needs Mass—Auditorium
5:00	For the People of the Parish

Sunday, October 8 THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00	Perpetual Help Mass (p.14)
10:00	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
12:00	Helen Cavalier
5:00	John Treanor

Monday, October 2, 2017

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

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Morality: Living the Christian Life	Room 3
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
1:45 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
5:30 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals	Lawn
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School

Thursday, October 5, 2017

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Virtus Training	Room 1
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council	St. Lucy
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 2
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, October 6, 2017

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:30 p.m.	CFFR	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Coordinators	Room 22

Saturday, October 7, 2017

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR COLUMBUS DAY.

1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
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
8:00 p.m.	Adoration	Church

Sunday, October 8, 2017

9:15 a.m.	Pre-Cana Program	Room 10
10:00 a.m.	Blessing of Pre-Cana Couples	Church
10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
12:45 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Lecturas del Domingo 26th del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A

Domingo 01 de Octubre del 2017

Que la paz de Dios, que es mucho más excelente de lo que podemos entender, guarde nuestros corazones y nuestros pensamientos en Cristo Jesús.

Que su paz esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Isaías, 5,1-7): *El Pueblo de Dios es Su Viña*

El pueblo de Dios es como una viña que él plató y se ocupó de ella con cariño y amor. Sin embargo, su pueblo no respondió al amor de Dios.

Segunda Lectura (Fil 4,6-9): *La Vida Cristiana Nos Abre a la Gracia de Dios.*

Pablo invita a sus cristianos a vivir en unión con Dios y a integrar todos los valores humanos. Un buen cristiano es una buena persona que perdona y vive en la paz de Dios. 6 Por nada estéis afanosos, sino sean conocidas vuestras peticiones delante de Dios en toda oración y ruego, con acción de gracias. 7 Y la paz de Dios, que sobrepasa todo entendimiento, guardará vuestros corazones y vuestros pensamientos en Cristo Jesús. 8 Por lo demás, hermanos, todo lo que es verdadero, todo lo honesto, todo lo justo, todo lo puro, todo lo amable, todo lo que es de buen nombre; si hay virtud alguna, si algo es digno de alabanza, en esto pensad. 9 Lo que aprendisteis y recibisteis y oísteis y visteis en mí, esto haced; y el Dios de paz estará con vosotros.

Evangelio (Mt 21,33-43): *¿Somos buenos Cuidadores?*

Dios nos ha confiado a nosotros su reino. Somos sus cuidadores y debemos producir frutos de vida cristiana; si no, se nos quitará el reino. *Yo Esperaba Uvas Dulces* ¡Iglesia, pueblo de Dios hoy! El Señor nos pide una respuesta: Miremos todas las cosas buenas que él nos ha dado: nuestra fe, los hermanos que nos rodean, su propio reino encomendado cariñosamente a nosotros... Y ¿qué hemos hecho con todo esto? ¿Nos hemos preocupado por su amor que confía en nosotros? Pidamos a Jesús en esta eucaristía que de ahora en adelante podamos dar, juntamente con Jesús, una respuesta entusiasta y generosa a nuestro Padre del cielo.

Nuestro Cuidado de la Viña de Dios Un buen campesino, aun el arrendatario, tiene cuidado de sus campos y cultivos más incluso que un comerciante cuida su negocio. Porque ama todo lo que crece y produce fruto; hay vida ahí, él puede verla crecer. -- Dios ama a su pueblo, la viña que él ha plantado y cercado con tierno cuidado. Su Hijo murió por nosotros, su pueblo, para que viva y crezca. Dios nos ha confiado su viña a nosotros, tanto líderes como miembros de la Iglesia; no como un privilegio, sino como un campo donde trabajar, de forma que produzca ricos frutos de justicia y amor. ¿Dónde están estos frutos?

Oración después de la Comunión

Señor, Dios todopoderoso: En esta eucaristía tu Hijo ha sido para nosotros tu palabra animosa y nuestro alimento reconfortante para construir tu reino entre tu pueblo. Haz más profunda nuestra confianza de que Cristo permanecerá con nosotros y de que él es el fundamento sobre el que construimos. Haznos inventivos y creativos compartiendo la Buena nueva que hemos recibido con todos los que estén dispuestos a escuchar.

1.5. "Mataron a tus profetas."

- 1.5.1. Dios había enviado profetas que llamaran al pueblo al arrepentimiento.
- 1.5.2. La intención del mensaje profético era la restauración de Israel.
- 1.5.3. La acción fue procurar eliminar a quienes exhortaban y llamaban a un retorno a Dios.
- 1.5.4. Tal fue el modo de actuación de Acab, bajo el influjo de Jezabel (1 R. 18:4; 19:10).

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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

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 Rosaleen Walters
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Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee

OFFERING UPDATE Sept. 23/24, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	315	111	\$3,744.00
8:00 a.m.	316	133	3,171.00
10:00 a.m.	394	107	2,412.00
12:00 p.m.	360	125	3,601.00
5:00 p.m.	191	40	1,144.00
Coin			19.12
Mail-ins:			1,099.00
Children's Env.		16	30.50
Faith Direct			2,184.50
TOTAL	1,576	532	\$17,405.12
2016 total	1,813	576	\$17,888.31
Candles			\$954.09
Poor Box			\$238.35
St. Pius X			\$2,059.00

FUNDS FOR RELIEF FROM HURRICANE IRMA

The Diocese of Rockville Centre has authorized all parishes to collect funds to assist victims of Hurricane Irma in Florida, as was done with Hurricane Harvey in Texas. If you wish to make a donation to assist those affected by Hurricane Irma, please make out your check and be sure to indicate "Hurricane Irma" on the check, so the funds can be applied appropriately. Return the check in the collection next weekend, or drop it off at the rectory. We will forward it to the Diocese for disbursement. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility for Retired Priests



The wonderful response to last week's Second Collection for our retired priests residing at Saint Pius X Enriched Living Facility was greatly appreciated. **Thank you!**

Saint Pius X continues to provide extraordinary care for the senior priests currently residing there full time and numerous other priests who come to this special facility on a temporary basis as they recover from illnesses or other injuries.

Even in retirement our senior priests retain roles as our shepherds, and Saint Pius X enables these dedicated men who live there to be fully engaged members of the community.

If you have not yet considered a gift to this effort, please consider making a donation today! Brochures describing this appeal and envelopes are available in church today. Through your generosity, we can care for our senior priests in the manner best suited to their needs.

On behalf of all the priests serving our Diocese, and all current and future residents of St. Pius X in Amityville, I thank you for your concern and generosity

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US!

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. All material must be submitted no later than the dates listed below and as a *word document* to

Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.

Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

October 8— passed
October 15— October 6
October 22— October 13



With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NY286.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

PREPARING FOR Sunday, October 8, 2017—**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*

Matthew 21:42

Isaiah 5:1-7

Isaiah is prophesying in Jerusalem prior to the destruction of the Northern Kingdom. Israel is God's vineyard which he transplanted from Egypt into the land of Canaan and carefully cared for and cultivated. There was nothing that he did not do for his vineyard. "What more could I have done . . ." Isaiah's listeners were compelled to admit that absolutely nothing had been wanting in God's dealings with them. The Planter and Cultivator of the vineyard naturally expected the vineyard to produce good fruit. But, all that it produced was "sour grapes" -- bloodshed, oppression and infidelity. God sowed peace, but got violence from his people. God looked for true worship and got idolatry. God sowed seeds of justice, but injustice grew up. The message was clear. Yahweh had given all; Israel had yielded nothing. As a result, the owner is going to withdraw his protecting hand and Israel will be transplanted into exile and subjected to a drought and given the opportunity to repent and make a new choice for God.

Philippians 4:6-9

This second reading is a portion of Paul's advice to the Philippians concerning their life together. Anxiety and worry accomplishes nothing except the frittering away of energy and hope. Paul urges his readers to give their worries to God and to place their trust in him. This trust will lead them to experience a peace that surpasses understanding. This divine peace is rich beyond our imagination and one that the world can't give us. Only Jesus can.

Matthew 21:33-43

This is a story about a good, patient landlord and wicked tenants, a story about God's dealings with his people. The landowner is God. The vineyard is Israel. The wicked tenants are the people of Israel, but more especially, the religious leaders who were given charge of the vineyard by God. The servants are the prophets sent by God and so often rejected and killed. Despite Israel's rejection of his representatives, God never gave up on Israel. He continued to reach out to her, even sending her his only Son. But she even rejected God's Son. As in last week's Gospel, this parable was intended as a warning to the religious leaders. Once again they are offered a choice to accept or reject God's servant in their midst. Rejection will have dire consequences. But the warning went unheeded. The tenants came to a bad end, Jerusalem was destroyed and the Gentiles took the chosen people's place at God's table.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, October 2, 2017:

Zechariah 8:1-8 + Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday, October 3, 2017:

Zechariah 8:20-23 + Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 4, 2017:

Nehemiah 2:1-8 + Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 5, 2017:Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
+ Luke 10:1-12**Friday, October 6, 2017:**

Baruch 1:15-22 + Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 7, 2017:Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29
+ Luke 10:17-24**Sunday, October 8, 2017:**Isaiah 5:1-7
+ Philippians 4:6-9
+ Matthew 21:33-43**Gospel Reflection Questions....**

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

1. Who are God's messengers right now? What changes in society do they advocate? How can you somehow be God's envoy in your community, work, Church or the world? Can you move toward changes in society?

2. In his morning meditation on the Wicked Tenants, the Pope suggested that we think about "what we can do so as not to kill the Word of God, ... to not lock up the Holy Spirit." Would his words at the end of the meditation help you? How?

"[May] the Lord grant us the grace of humility to look upon Jesus as the Savior who speaks to us: he speaks to me! Each one of us ought to say: he speaks to me! When we read the Gospels: he is speaking to me!"

The Imprisoned Word

March 21, 2014



OLPH YOUTH SERVICE CORPS



There is such a great need for service in the life of our parish and often a huge number of young people who want to help those in need. This Service Corps is one way to make this connection.

Here's how it works:

1. **ANY** middle school, high school and college aged students send their contact information to April Kleinlaut at akleinlaut@olph.org.

2. As requests for help come from or come into our parish, you'll be contacted to see if you can help.

3. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. You'll be contacted for the next one!

It really is that easy!!!

This is also a great way to **meet high school and middle school service requirements** as you are reaching out to those within our own local and parish community. By serving through the OLPH Youth Service Corps, you are also connecting and building relationships within our own OLPH community.

SIGN UP TODAY by completing the form below and returning it to Church or e-mailing April. Projects are always ongoing—so get involved today!

What have we done so far?

- ◆ Helped to continue our St. Bernard League
- ◆ Assisted with many Family Life events.
- ◆ Helped our Special Needs Ministry
- ◆ Assisted Parish Outreach with various drives and efforts.
- ◆ Helped to organize many parish events—up front and behind the scenes...
- ◆ Assisted local charities and organizations...and more!

YES!!! Sign me up for the Youth Service Corps at OLPH!

Name _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

I am in (check one) Middle School (Grade __) High School (Grade __) College

(Please list grade or school status for September 2017)

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Regis High School of Manhattan, an all-scholarship Jesuit school for gifted and talented boys, is holding *Open House* on Columbus Day, **October 9** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For information contact Eric Di Michele, Dir. of Admissions, 212-288-1100 X 2057; edimichele@regis.org.

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island 100 years—Friday, **October 13**, 258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville 631-325-0661. 10:00 a.m. Procession & Prayer @ Rosary Walk, 11:30 a.m. Mass at the Rock, 1:30 p.m. Conference, 3:00 p.m. Holy Hour.

The “Moving On” Group, an ‘After- Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers, will host a Computer Workshop at the *Church of St. Joseph Parish Center*, 39 North Carl Avenue, Babylon, to be conducted by **“The Geek Squad From Best Buy”** on Friday, **October 13th @ 7:30 p.m.** For more information please call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994 or Mike Goodwin 631-422-0957

The Dominican Sisters of Amityville will celebrate and honor those whose daily dedication and hard work foster the creation of a caring community. *The Dominican Gala* will be held on **October 26th**, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, to benefit the ministries of our Sisters. Our 2017 Veritas Award Recipient is 1010 Wins Reporter Juliet Papa. Our St. Catherine of Siena Award Recipients are: Maureen Chase, OP, Maureen Coyne, OP, Jean Agnes Geraghty, OP, Elizabeth Gnam, OP, Denise Haviland, OP, Rosemary Jermusyk, OP, Madeline Queck, OP, and Catherine Thornton, OP. For further information about our 50/50 raffle or a listing in the 2017 *Dominican Gala Journal*, please contact Mary Fuchs, Director of Advancement, at (631) 842-6000 x 241. Print deadline - October 10, 2017.

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Chaminade High School	-	Saturday, October 14 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. Mary's High School	-	Sunday, October 15 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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