

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said,  
“Many are invited,  
but few are chosen.”*

Matthew 22:14

## **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 15, 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.

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

# Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

**Thursday,  
October 19**

**7:30 p.m. in Church**



*Join us for a candlelight prayer service to help us reflect on the mystery of the Cross and the glory of Christ's resurrection. Consider setting aside 45 minutes to join in this beautiful and contemplative form of prayer.*

## All Saints Day

**Wednesday, November 1**  
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass schedule:

**Tuesday, October 31 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, November 1 - 6:30 a.m.,  
12:15 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.**

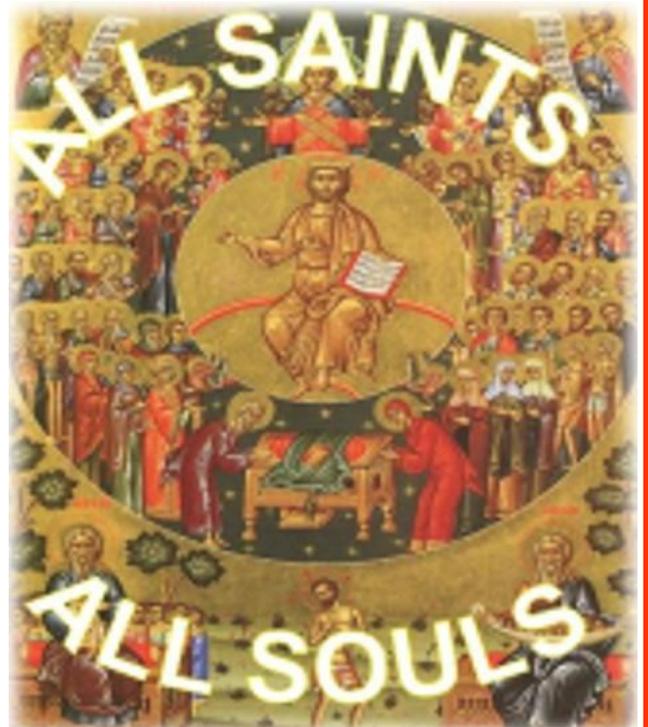
## All Souls' Day

**Thursday, November 2**

Mass schedule:

6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.;

7:30 p.m. will be the  
OLPH Mass of Remembrance



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### *Las Vegas tragedy*

We have all been struck with a grief and a horror that are beyond words as a result of the terrible slaughter that took place with the Las Vegas massacre. It's a reminder to us that evil is a reality in our world, a reality not to be taken lightly. Jesus Christ is the only answer to such dreadfulness, and so it is in the name of Christ Jesus that we come together with all people of good will to pray for and stand in solidarity with all the victims — those who lost their life, those who were wounded, and the family members and friends of those killed or wounded who have also suffered trauma. In addition, we recognize and offer thanks to God for the bravery and heroism of the official responders who fled to the scene (police, fire, EMT's, *etc.*) and of the ordinary citizens who put their own safety at risk by helping others. It is true that sometimes it is in the face of tragedy that we see the best of the human spirit and the goodness of human love, and that was certainly the case here. Finally, as difficult as it might be, as Christians we should pray for the perpetrator of his heinous crime; we should pray for God's mercy on his soul.

As we all try to continue on in the face of such a terrible tragedy, let us not despair or become despondent, because the grace of Christ and the power of His life-giving Resurrection are stronger than and will always win out over tragedy, sin and evil.

### *Taizé Prayer Around the Cross*

On Thursday of this week we are once again holding one of our semi-annual evenings of Taizé Prayer Around the Cross. I am thrilled that this prayer experience has become a regular feature of our spiritual life here at OLPH. We hold it twice a year and it is sponsored by the Liturgy Committee. Those who have attended in the past know what an amazing and renewing prayer experience this is. It's not long — only about 45 minutes or so — and most of it is spent either in quiet time or in very easy-to-sing meditative chants. The prayer also includes the opportunity to come forward to venerate the San Damiano Cross (the cross traditionally used in

Taizé prayer, and which, when not being used for this, adorns the center back wall of our choir loft). Hey, who among us does not need an hour or so of quiet time and spirituality, right — especially in light of all the terrible things that are taking place in the world today. So, if you are available, please plan on joining in the Taizé prayer. I am grateful to the Liturgy Committee for sponsoring this, and in particular to our Director of Music Chris Ferraro who takes the lead in making this happen twice a year.

### *Offerer Appreciation Party this Friday*

This Friday, October 20, is the night — it's our Offerer Appreciation Party. I hope you sent in your response and will be joining us! This is such an important occasion for saying THANK YOU to all of you who offer your time and service here at OLPH in any way in any of our ministries, groups or organizations. I'm sure it will be a great time. The deadline for responding was last Thursday, but you could always contact my secretary Josephine at the rectory to see if there are any spots left, if you would like to try to squeeze in. The Pastoral Staff enjoys hosting this each year, and I look forward to seeing you there.

### *October: Month of the Holy Rosary*

We are halfway through the month of October, the Month of the Holy Rosary; have you been trying to give special attention to praying the Rosary during this month? This past Friday the parish sponsored a Rosary Rally at the gazebo on the Village Green right on Wellwood Avenue; thanks to all who organized it! It was a great public witness of our faith!

It is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church that the entire month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. In the Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel in company with the Blessed Virgin Mary. As St. John Paul II wrote in his document *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* in 2002, "the Rosary...is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a

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prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness....With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer."

All Marian prayer always leads us into deeper union with Mary's Son, Jesus. If you are unfamiliar with how to pray the Rosary, you can easily find out by doing a Google search or by finding a little instruction pamphlet in any Catholic bookstore...or you can even call the Rectory to get in touch with our Legion of Mary, and someone from the Legion will help you out! We all know what a great family prayer the Rosary is, since anyone of any age can participate in it, and the tactile nature of it (using

Rosary beads) is great for children, to help keep them focused.

During this month especially, I invite you to give the Rosary a more prominent place in your prayer life and in the prayer life of your family.

### *In conclusion...*

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

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

Sincerely,



*The Children's Liturgy of the Word resumed Sunday, October 8. What a great experience for all our young people!*



*Father Frank gave a special blessing to the Pre-Cana couples as they began their steps toward the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on October 8.*



# IMPORTANT LETTER FROM BISHOP BARRES



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 15, 2017

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Since my installation in January, I have had the joyful opportunity to visit many of the Diocese's parishes, schools and ministries. Thank you for your commitment to the pursuit of holiness and mission in every dimension of your lives. Thank you for your intimacy with Father, Son and Holy Spirit and your deep desire to share your Catholic faith on Long Island and to be instruments of *dramatic missionary growth*. Your commitment to the Catholic Church's Eucharistic Mission of Mercy to the World has inspired me at every turn.

As your Servant Successor of the Apostles and as your Shepherd, I am now asking all of us together to take a new and important step in the Church's Eucharistic Mission of Mercy by announcing that the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be making a major commitment to the ongoing healing of survivors of acts of child sexual abuse committed by clergy.

As you may have heard, I announced this past week the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. This program follows years of meaningful and ever vigilant steps taken in this Diocese to protect children and youth. It is a critical and tangible next step towards reconciliation, healing and compensation for survivors of acts of abuse committed by diocesan clergy.

Our Program will be administered by Mr. Kenneth Feinberg, a preeminent mediator in the country who has administered numerous high-profile compensation programs, including the September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund and the Compensation Fund for the victims of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Feinberg will be aided by his colleague, Ms. Camille Biros, in this effort.

The Diocese has also established an Independent Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation and administration of the Program. This committee consists of the Honorable A. Gail Prudenti, Dean of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and former Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State; Michael Cardello III, a partner with the law firm of Moritt Hock & Hamroff; and Dr. Thomas Demaria, a New York State Psychologist who is the Director of the Psychological Services Center of the Doctoral Psychology Program at Long Island University Post.

The Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program builds on the reforms and best practices for protecting our children in the Catholic Church. The outreach of Bishops and survivors' assistance coordinators to survivors and their families, a firm zero tolerance policy and immediate reporting and cooperation with civil authorities, diocesan and parish audits, the ongoing training of clergy, employees and volunteers to prevent child abuse, extensive background checks on employees and volunteers, thorough screening of our seminarians preparing to be priests – these are examples of the proactive procedures which have been integrated into every dimension of the Catholic Church's life and will always require our moment by moment vigilance and commitment.

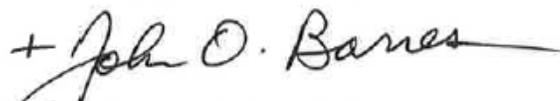
It is important to note that the funding for this program will come from investment returns over time and insurance programs. Of course, if we were not using these funds for this purpose they could have been used for other dimensions of the Church's mission. However, I am convinced that using these funds to help bring reconciliation, healing and compensation for survivors is a vitally important goal and commitment, and the critical next step in our Church's mission of mercy.

Pope Francis said that survivors of abuse and their families are "true heralds of hope and ministers of mercy". Each one of us in every parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the universal Church is called to pray, to sacrifice and to be instruments of healing for those who have experienced sexual abuse or any form of abuse. In this spirit, we are instruments of the Holy Spirit and the Divine Mercy.

To learn more about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, please visit the diocesan website [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) and click on "Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program" to access full Program information. *You can visit the Program site directly by going to [www.RockvilleCentreDioceseIRCP.com](http://www.RockvilleCentreDioceseIRCP.com).*

We as a Church recognize that no amount of monetary compensation could ever erase or undo the grave harm suffered by survivors of child abuse. Still, we embrace Christ's healing power and the Mission of Mercy of the Catholic Church as we begin our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program. We stand in solidarity with our survivors and their families and we continue our commitment and vigilance to the protection of children in our Church and in society. God bless you all and thank you for the inspirational way you live our Church's Mission of Mercy each day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

## 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.*

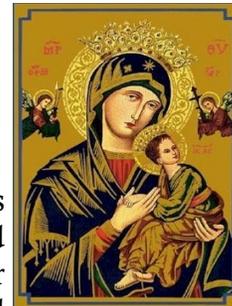
*May longed-for peace blossom forth  
and reign always over us all.*

**AMEN**

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



### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



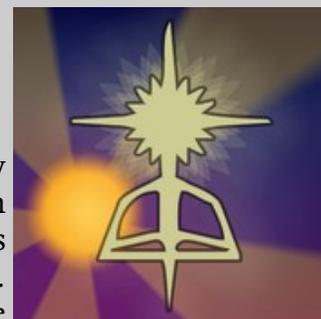
Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of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

**Monday, October 16—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, October 23—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, October 30—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 AND WORSHIP

### ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died.

This year, our Liturgy Committee will prepare a special Altar of Remembrance in the Divine Mercy Chapel. **Beginning November 1st, you are invited to place a picture on the altar so that we may remember your loved ones and pray for each other.** Please limit the size of your photo (perhaps no larger than 4 x 6) so that there is room for everyone who wishes to participate. You may place the picture in a small frame.

Write your name and phone number on the back of the picture.

We ask you to pick up your picture by Wednesday, November 29.

### *Special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance*

**7:30 p.m. Mass  
Thursday, November 2**

We will celebrate a special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance on **All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m.** At this Mass we will pray by name for all who have died in our parish community over the past year. All families who have celebrated a funeral Mass at OLPH in the past year are being specially invited, and all parishioners, whether or not they have experienced a loss, are invited to come and join in prayer. Following the Mass, all are welcome for hospitality. Please consider participating in this Mass to join together in prayerful solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have lost a loved one in the past year.

### *All Souls Day Novena*

All Souls Day Novena envelopes are now available throughout the church. These envelopes are a meaningful way for you to have your deceased loved ones prayed for in the Novena of Masses for All Souls Day. Take an envelope, fill out the name of the deceased, and return the envelope with your donation. Envelopes may be returned either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Special Masses will be offered for nine (9) days for these intentions for the deceased.

### BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

Beginning November 1 a special book will be placed in the Divine Mercy Chapel for members of our parish community to write down the names of loved ones who have died. The names in this book will be remembered at our Masses throughout the month of November.

**Please note: this is not the Book of Intentions, and only the names of the deceased, without any intention, should be written in this book.**





# CELEBRATION FOR FR. JACOB ONYUMBE

## Sunday, October 29 at the 12:00 Noon Mass



*Join us for a special Mass and reception to congratulate our friend, Fr. Jacob, on earning his Doctorate in Scripture Studies, and to offer him our best wishes as he returns home to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.*

*Fr. Jacob will preside at the  
**12:00 NOON MASS**  
on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29***

*and a Reception will follow in our Auditorium.*

*Be sure to join in the festivities to congratulate and say farewell to Fr. Jacob!*



### **DRVC GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION**

#### The Diocese of Rockville Centre *Golden Wedding Celebration*

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



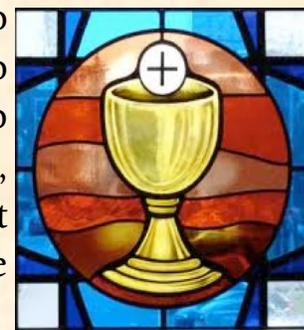
**Sunday,  
November 19,**  
Christ the King, Commack  
*Liturgy will begin at 2:30 pm.*

Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by **November 6.**

For more info call: 516-678-5800 X 207.

### **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.



## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

### Level 8

Don't forget: there will be a PARENT MEETING on the topic of MORALITY This Monday, October 16th at 7:15 p.m. in the school auditorium!

### Level 7

Don't forget: there will be a PARENT MEETING on the topic of JESUS This Wednesday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium!

**THANK YOU, CULTURE PROJECT, FOR COMING TO GIVE A CHASTITY WITNESS TALK TO OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS!**



# 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@oloph.org](mailto:akleinlaut@oloph.org).

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!

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!

**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)*

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225.9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon, e-mail mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † 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 MEATS**  
**CANNED MEALS**  
**SOUP WITH MEAT**  
**TUNA**  
**CEREAL**  
**PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP**  
**COFFEE**  
**HOT CHOCOLATE**  
**JUICE**  
**BOTTLED WATER**

*NO PASTA OR BEANS AT THIS TIME,  
PLEASE.*

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

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

*The office is open:*

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

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

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say:  
"Many are invited, but few are chosen."

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

## † A LIVING MEMORIAL

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

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

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

**Hear  
the Cry of  
the Poor**



**HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR OWN PARISH!**



**THANKSGIVING  
ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2017**

Each year, we ask members of our parish family to adopt families in need. Traditionally, we provide Thanksgiving meals for over 50 families. We expect an increase in requests for help this year.

Please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket by **October 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact the St. Vincent de Paul office at (631) 226-7725 X 234 or email [dronessi@verizon.net](mailto:dronessi@verizon.net).

**THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

We can provide for a family of : 2      3      4      5      More than 5

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET  
NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 29TH.**

**CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2017**

Each year, we ask members of our parish family to adopt families in need. Traditionally, we provide Christmas meals for over 100 families. We expect an increase in requests for help this year.

If you can help, please fill out the form below or contact St. Vincent de Paul Office at 631.226-7725 X 234 or complete the tear off below and return it in the Collection Basket for *Christmas by October 29*.



**CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

YES! We would like to provide for a family in need for CHRISTMAS

We can provide for a family of 2      3      4      5      More than 5

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## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### HOMELESS MINISTRY

#### DONATIONS

*We are in need of the following items:*

Men's pants (slacks & shorts) - larger sizes

Men's underwear - XL, XXL

Women's t-shirts/tops; new underwear  
– size 6, 7

Medium weight hoodies - L, XL, 2XL

Sneakers

Shampoo - 1.5 oz. and Shaving cream

Lotion - 1.5 oz.

Sunscreen, bug spray, etc.

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 17**

*Ask Monsignor Joe: Questions and discussion  
in Room 24 at 7:00 p.m.*

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

### SENIOR MOMENTS

*Give yourself a Challenge*

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

**Tuesday, November 14**

Fran Grasso—631-956-3003  
[sixfingers13@gmail.com](mailto:sixfingers13@gmail.com)

### BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE



## WE WANT YOU!

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

Come and join our team!

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

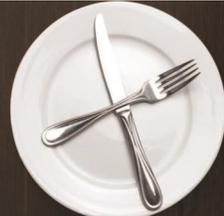
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THE  
*bluedoor*  
BOUTIQUE

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

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

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

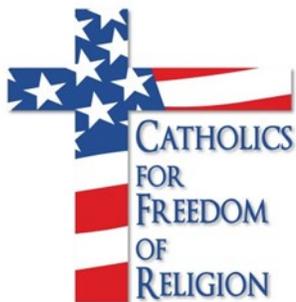


### COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

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 15  
Come and pray with us at the  
12:00 p.m. Mass  
then join us for “Sunday Dinner”  
at 1:00 p.m.*

# CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



## Focus on Religious Freedom From Catholics For Freedom of Religion

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

### Court Rules Against Football Coach Silent Prayer:

In August, a 3-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the appeal of Washington State H.S. football coach Joe Kennedy who was fired for taking-a-knee on the 50-yard line after a game, bowing his head to silently thank God for a good game, and 30 seconds later leave.

Judge Milan Smith wrote, "By kneeling and praying on the 50-yard line immediately after games while in view of students and parents, Kennedy was sending a message about what he values as a coach, what the District considers appropriate behavior, and what students should believe, or how they should behave."

Even though students were not required to pray with him, in 2015 the Bremerton School District issued a directive that forbade Kennedy from exercising his faith in any way that would be visible to students. The directive included anything from praying to wearing a religious icon.

"Think about where that leads," said First Liberty counsel Jeremy Dys. "That means the Muslim teacher could not wear her hijab, the Jewish teacher couldn't wear his yarmulka, and the Catholic teacher couldn't wear her crucifix."

"Banning all coaches from praying individually in public just because they can be seen is wrong," said First Liberty President Shackelford. "This is not the America contemplated by our Constitution." (dailycaller.com,8/23/17; latimes.com, 8/23/17; breakingchristiannews.com, 8/24/17)

*"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues."* Marcus Cicero, circa 100 B.C.

# CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES!

Our diocese is blessed to have wonderful Catholic students in high school. The best way to learn about a particular school is to visit their *Open House*. The following dates and times for the high schools in our diocese and feel free to visit during these times.

St. Mary's High School	-	Sunday, October 15 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School	-	Saturday, October 21 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School	-	Sunday, October 22 - 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
St. Dominic High School	-	Sunday, October 22 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

To register for the Catholic High School Entrance Examination, visit <http://www.cathhsli.org/index.htm>.

**PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER**

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

**Second Announcement:**

*John Columbo & Jenna Palladino*

**First Announcement:**

*Kevin Ruhe & Megan Gottlieb*

*Edward Gunning & Jaclyn Lascala*

**WE BELIEVE**

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

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

**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**

*Henry John Hansen  
Savannah Ryann March  
Avery Lee Scalco*



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

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.

**WE REMEMBER**

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

*Ernest Adickes  
Providenza Passanante  
James Francis Toomey  
Joseph Michael Galdorisi  
Edmond Voskinarian*

*“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.”*

**MASS MEMORIALS**

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!  
Memorials used during the Masses for week of

**October 15-21:**

*Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Memory of*

*John Lenahan*

*Requested by*

*Margaret Lenahan*

*Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 for other options for memorials.*

# MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, October 16—**  
**Weekday**  
*(Saint Hedwig, Religious;  
 Saint Margaret Mary Alcoque, Virgin)*

6:30	William Sullivan
12:15	John M. Treanor

**TUESDAY, October 17—**  
**Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr**

6:30	John Stroh
12:15	William “Bud” Sullivan

**WEDNESDAY, October 18—**  
**Saint Luke, Evangelist**

6:30	Ronald Fink
12:15	Geraldine Polo

**THURSDAY, October 19—**  
**Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests**

6:30	Paul Santoro
12:15	Daniel Leggin

**FRIDAY, October 20—**  
**Weekday**  
*(Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest)*

6:30	George Geilman
12:15	Phillip Peluso

**SATURDAY, October 21—**  
**Weekday**

8:00	Doriann Leone
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**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**  
**THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00	Tony & Ann Baffa
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**Sunday, October 22**  
**THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00	Ronald Lares
10:00	Dominick Ciuffini
12:00	Rosario Gerardi
5:00	For the People of the Parish

**Monday, October 16, 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.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes Level 8 Parents Meeting—Morality	School Auditorium

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Strengths Leadership Training	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

**Wednesday, October 18, 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
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Workshop w Parents Level 7 Classes	Auditorium School
8:00 p.m.	Christian Mothers	Cafeteria

**Thursday, October 19, 2017**

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
6:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Coordinators	Room 22
8:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

**Friday, October 20, 2017**

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

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**

8:30 a.m.	Student Session: Penance	Auditorium
8:30, 10:00	Levels 1-5 Classes	School
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, October 22, 2017**

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](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

### Lecturas del Domingo 29 del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A Domingo 22 de Octubre del 2017

Señor Jesús, envía tu Espíritu, para que Él nos ayude a leer la Biblia en el mismo modo con el cual Tú la has leído a los discípulos en el camino de Emaús. Con la luz de la Palabra, escrita en la Biblia, Tú les ayudaste a descubrir la presencia de Dios en los acontecimientos dolorosos de tu condena y muerte. Así, la cruz, que parecía ser el final de toda esperanza, apareció para ellos como fuente de vida y resurrección. Crea en nosotros el silencio para escuchar tu voz en la Creación y en la Escritura, en los acontecimientos y en las personas, sobre todo en los pobres y en los que sufren. Tu palabra nos oriente a fin de que también nosotros, como los discípulos de Emaús, podamos experimentar la fuerza de tu resurrección y testimoniar a los otros que Tú estás vivo en medio de nosotros como fuente de fraternidad, de justicia y de paz. Te lo pedimos a Ti, Jesús, Hijo de María, que nos has revelado al Padre y enviado tu Espíritu.

#### Primera Lectura (Isaías 45:1,4-6 / 145):

Un Pagano, Instrumento del Plan de Dios

El rey Ciro, sin saberlo, sirve a los planes de Dios liberando a los judíos del exilio, porque Dios es el Señor de la historia.

#### Lectura Segunda (1 Tesalonicenses 1,1-5b):

Palabras de Aprecio

San Pablo da gracias a Dios por la joven comunidad cristiana de Tesalónica; es una comunidad ideal de fe, esperanza y amor.

#### Evangelio (Mt 22,15-21):

Iglesia y Estado

Pertenece a las dos ciudades: a la humana y a la de Dios y debemos dar a cada una lo que le es debido. Los valores del evangelio deben ser nuestra guía.

**Mateo 22, 21b:** Conclusión de Jesús los lleva a la conclusión: "¡Pues, lo del César devolvédsele al César y lo de Dios a Dios!". De hecho, ellos reconocían ya la autoridad del César. Estaban dando ya al César lo que era del César, porque usaban sus monedas para comprar o vender y hasta para pagar el tributo al Templo. Por consiguiente, la pregunta era inútil. ¿Por qué preguntar por algo, cuya respuesta es ya evidente en la práctica?. Ellos, que por la pregunta fingían el ser siervos de Dios, estaban olvidando la cosa más importante: ¡olvidaban dar a Dios lo que era de Dios! A Jesús le interesa que "den a Dios lo que es de Dios", o sea, que recuperen al pueblo que por su culpa se había alejado de Dios, porque con sus enseñanzas cerraban al pueblo la entrada del Reino (Mt 23,13). Otros dicen: "Dad a Dios lo que es de Dios", o sea, practicad la justicia y la honestidad según las exigencias de la ley de Dios, porque a causa de vuestra hipocresía estáis negando a Dios lo que le es debido. ¡Los discípulos deben darse cuenta de esto! Porque era precisamente la hipocresía de estos fariseos y herodianos la que estaba cegando sus ojos (Mc 8,15).

Señor Jesús, te damos gracia por tu Palabra que nos ha hecho ver mejor la voluntad del Padre. Haz que tu Espíritu ilumine nuestras acciones y nos comunique la fuerza para seguir lo que Tu Palabra nos ha hecho ver. Haz que nosotros como María, tu Madre, podamos no sólo escuchar, sino también poner en práctica la Palabra. Tú que vives y reinas con el Padre en la unidad del Espíritu Santo por todos los siglos de los siglos. Amén.



# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## 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

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

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

**OFFERING UPDATE  
Oct.7/8, 2017**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	297	150	\$3,281.00
8:00 a.m.	280	129	2,914.00
10:00 a.m.	438	125	3,091.00
12:00 p.m.	374	117	2,829.00
5:00 p.m.	193	43	1,494.00
Coin			18.42
Mail-ins:			251.00
Children's Env.		22	67.95
Faith Direct			2,184.50
Special needs	48	14	427.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>\$16,557.87</b>
2016 total	1,523	527	\$15,297.85
Candles			\$875.97
Poor Box			\$205.38
1st Saturday			\$129.00

**NATURAL DISASTERS COLLECTION**

In response to a request from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Barres has authorized a special collection to be taken up to assist those who are suffering from the seemingly-unprecedented number of recent natural disasters. The Church in the Caribbean—especially the Diocese of St. Thomas, the six dioceses of Puerto Rico, and Cuba—have suffered significant devastation. The Church in Mexico experienced substantial damage, due to the earthquake, in several of the dioceses, some of which are the poorest in the country. Many Catholics on Long island have family connections in these areas. Special envelopes are available on the pews throughout the church. Checks should read **“NATURAL DISASTERS COLLECTION”** on the memo line. Checks can be made out to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church or to the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Please take an envelope and return it in the collection along with your weekly offering, or drop it off at the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

October 22, 2017 is World Mission Sunday. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, calls every Catholic to celebrate at the Eucharist our vocation to be missionaries and to help the Missions. As Catholics around the world, here at home, and in the Missions gather at the Eucharistic table, let us pray for the Church's worldwide mission and offer financial help through the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Thank you for your generosity.



*Please Note:* For this collection, please make checks payable to *The Propagation of the Faith*.

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If your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each week, nearly two thousand people attend Mass at OLPH, most of whom live and shop in the Lindenhurst area, receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of area families with information about your business.

*For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call The Church Bulletin Company at 631.249.4994.*

**DEADLINES FOR  
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**October 22— passed  
October 29— October 20  
November 5— October 27**

**PREPARING FOR Sunday, October 22, 2017—**  
**THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*Jesus said, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar*  
*and to God what belongs to God."*

Matthew 22:21

**Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

This reading is like a royal decree, a formal statement wherein God addresses a king to authorize him for some task. What makes this decree extraordinary is that it is addressed to a pagan king, Cyrus, who is unknowingly anointed by God to defeat the enemies of Israel and return the exiles to their homeland.

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b**

For the next five weeks, the second reading will be from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. The tone of the book is warm, tender and positive. Paul obviously has great affection for this particular Christian community. In these opening verses, Paul warmly thanks God for the way the Thessalonians are growing in faith, hope and charity. He reminds them that their conversion was due to the power of the Holy Spirit working through him.

**Matthew 22:15-21**

In this story, the Pharisees seek to "trap Jesus in speech." They ask him, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" The question was put to Jesus to see whether he would declare himself on the side of those who opposed paying taxes to the Romans (the Pharisees), or on the side of those who collaborated with the Romans (the Herodians). If Jesus said "yes" that the Israelites should pay taxes to Caesar, he would lose the esteem of ordinary Jews who very much resented the payment of taxes to the Romans. If Jesus answered "no" he could be accused of instigating rebellion against the state. Jesus' response, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," suggests that one can indeed be loyal both to a religious tradition and to a secular power. It may be difficult at times, especially when their claims conflict, but at least it is possible. Since God has dominion over the whole of creation, Caesar's relative power is subservient to the ultimate power of God. All authority and power have to be evaluated in the light of God's plan. It is for the people to decide whether in demanding tribute Caesar is reflecting the "things of God."

**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. In this Gospel, are the Pharisees interested more in taxes or in undermining Jesus' influence? Do God's and Caesar's worlds have to be separated? What would the world look like if they were (somewhat) joined together?*

*2. Jesus often called the doctors of the law "hypocrites" because they claimed to have higher standards or more noble beliefs. "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?" Then Jesus asks them to show him a real coin, used to pay the tax. How does he shame them?*

*Pope Francis said last June that "Hypocrisy is so bad for the Church." Could there be people in the Church today who, because of their ideology, refuse to change to a "What would Jesus do?" kind of thinking regarding today's realities?*

*Hypocrisy is so bad for the Church. The hypocrite is capable of destroying a community. While speaking gently, he ruinously judges a person. He is a killer.*

*Pope Francis concluded by exhorting the faithful to remember that the only way to respond to flattery is with truth; the only way to respond to ideology is with reality.*

*Pope Francis celebrates Mass at Casa Santa Marta, June 6, 2017*



**Readings for the Week**

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

**Monday, October 16, 2017:**

Romans 1:1-7 + Luke 11:29-32

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017:**

Romans 1:16-25 + Luke 11:37-41

**Wednesday, October 18, 2017:**

2 Timothy 4:10-17b + Luke 10:1-9

**Thursday, October 19, 2017:**

Romans 3:21-30 + Luke 11:47-54

**Friday, October 20, 2017:**

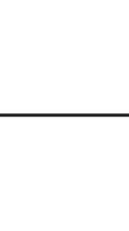
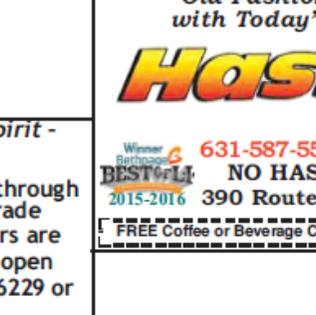
Romans 4:1-8 + Luke 12:1-7

**Saturday, October 21, 2017:**

Romans 4:13, 16-18  
 + Luke 12:8-12

**Sunday, October 22, 2017:**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
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