

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said, "Repay to Caesar  
what belongs to Caesar  
and to God what belongs to God."*

Matthew 22:21

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

October 22, 2023

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

**Deacons:** Deacon William R. Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith,

Deacon Robert A. Becker, Deacon James Totino

**Business Manager:** Ms. Jill Marie Delano

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut • **Music Director:** Miss Erin Barrett

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

## COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**,  
except on Thursdays (closed after the  
12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning)  
and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

*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.

**Special Needs Mass:**

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.  
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

**Holy Days of Obligation:** Consult the bulletin

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person,  
each Saturday in the church immediately following  
the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning  
Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.  
on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link  
on the home page of our website.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.**

*Also available by individual appointment  
with one of the priests.*

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

**First Saturdays:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## DEVOTIONS

**OLPH Novena:** Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

**Rosary:** Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass  
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

**The Holy Face of Jesus:** Tuesdays following  
12:15 p.m. Mass

**First Fridays and First Saturdays:**

As announced in bulletin

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Friday:** 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Saturday and Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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the Parish App!*

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is no longer in effect!*



## THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 22, 2023

### WATCH



#### Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.

### LEARN



#### Slaves and Kings: The Story of St. Anthony Mary Claret (English Audio)

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### LISTEN



#### Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism

This powerful documentary captures how spiritual power can triumph over violence and oppression. Get a new glimpse of history through this film as you learn about John Paul II's intricate role in the collapse of communism.

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Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### *Pastor's Annual Report*

I thank you for your interest and attentiveness in accepting my Pastor's Annual Report, which was presented as part of the homily at all the Masses this weekend. As I mentioned, I think it is important for me to do this in a spirit of transparency and accountability as your Pastor, and to reinforce the truth that all of you have as much of a stake in the life and health of the parish (and as much of a responsibility for it, as well) as do the clergy and other pastoral leaders.

As always, despite whatever challenges we face, we will continue to live out the mission entrusted to us with a spirit of joy, confidence and trust, knowing that the Lord Jesus will never abandon His Church, and that we have His Holy Spirit to guide us. Most importantly, we keep our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, week after week, as the center of our life.

### *Catechetical Service Awards*

This Thursday night, October 26, I will be attending the diocesan celebration of the Catechetical Service Awards, honoring parishioners throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre who have served in various ministries of catechesis and formation for certain numbers of years; awards are given out based on length of service. April Kleinlaut, our Director of Faith Formation, will also be there, to support our parishioners receiving awards and to represent the parish with me. It is always a very joyous and festive occasion and it is always very gratifying to recognize and honor these generous and faith-filled Catholics.

The names of those receiving awards were published in last week's bulletin, on the Religious Education page. How proud we should be of all these parishioners, and how grateful we should be to them for the offering they make to the people of our parish. As Pastor, I offer them my personal thanks and appreciation! Blessings and congratulations to all of you!

### *All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation, November 1*

Mark your calendar now: Wednesday of the week following this week, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. That means that all Catholics are required to attend Mass for the Holy Day. We have printed in this bulletin the schedule of Masses

here at OLPH (or, if necessary, because of your work schedule, go to a Mass near your place of work...that's OK too). Figure out now when you will celebrate Mass for that Holy Day. No excuses!

### *All Souls Day, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, November 2*

Although it's not a day of obligation, I invite you, and strongly encourage you, to make plans to attend Mass on Thursday, November 2, All Souls Day (official liturgical name of the day: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed). It's the day for us to pray in a special way for our beloved dead, and you could do so by celebrating Mass at one of our regular weekday Masses, at either 6:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. that day, or at our special Parish Mass of Remembrance at 7:30 p.m.; details about that special Mass are elsewhere in this bulletin. What a beautiful thing it is for us to do, to remember our beloved dead in this way.

Hmmm...Mass on next Sunday, then again on the following Wednesday for All Saints, and again on that Thursday for All Souls, and then again on the following Sunday for your Sunday obligation — you'll be so holy, you'll be shining brightly with the radiance of grace!

### *All Souls Novena of Masses*

This year we will once again be celebrating our Novena of Masses to pray for our beloved dead, in conjunction with All Souls Day. Envelopes by which you can participate in the All Souls Novena of Masses are available throughout the church. Many people find this a very meaningful and prayerful way to express our continued communion with those who have gone before us.

### *The GOLDEN TICKET*

Tickets are still available for **THE GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE** — don't miss out! If you have already bought one, THANK YOU! How about buying another one, to increase your chances of winning, or, after buying your individual ticket, going in on a group ticket with others? They're available at the rectory, or through the mail using the ad in the bulletin. The drawing is only one month away, so time is moving quickly.

Please continue to help us out by spreading



the word to family and friends; you don't have to be a parishioner of OLPH (heck, you don't even have to be Catholic!) in order to purchase a ticket and win a prize. Let's once again make this important fundraiser for OLPH a huge success!

I look forward to seeing all the ticket holders, and the guest the ticket entitles them to bring, at the special party on November 18, at which we do the drawing of winners. I'll be using my best game show hosting skills to make it a fun and exciting evening for everyone, and remember that you should bring your own noshes and foods for you and your guest, to make it a fun time for all. We'll provide the beverages, and you can bring whatever food you want — anything from simple snacks all the way up to your entire meal for the evening!

***Brick memorializations in the "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden***

Finally, let me remind you that bricks continue to be available to be memorialized in our "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden on an ongoing basis. Although the statue represents the Gospel scene when Jesus said, "Let the children come to me," memorializations may be for any intention whatsoever: to memorialize a

deceased friend or loved one, adult or child; to memorialize a particular prayer intention or occasion; or in honor of someone living. This fundraiser is extremely helpful to the parish, so your participation is greatly appreciated. Bricks are sent out for engraving, and then are installed and blessed when we have accumulated enough to do so, so your patience is appreciated (our most recent blessing of newly-installed bricks was on September 24). Anyone who has memorialized a new brick since our last installation and blessing is sent an invitation letter to let them know about the latest upcoming installation and blessing once it is scheduled.

Thank you for your support with this ongoing endeavor.

***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,



## RIP — THE PASSING OF "SOMEONE ELSE"

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else. Someone Else's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Someone Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone Else did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, **one** name was on **everyone's** list: "Let **Someone Else** do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, **this** wonderful person was **looked to** for inspiration as well as **results** — "Someone Else can work with that group." Whenever the parish gathered for a special liturgy or other gathering, it was just assumed that Someone Else would be there.

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most generous givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the **truth** known, **everybody** expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder...what we are going to do?

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help or be present to OLPH in some way, remember: we cannot depend on Someone Else anymore. We can only depend on YOU!



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### All Saints Day Wednesday, November 1 Holy Day of Obligation

Mass schedule:

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

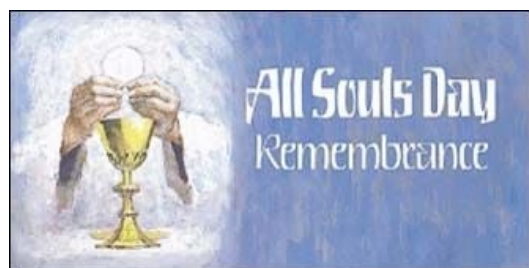
**Wednesday, November 1**  
6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



## ALL SAINTS DAY

### *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. 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.

## ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

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

Our Liturgy Committee prepares 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. Please pick up your picture by Thursday, November 30.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Mondays at 12:45 p.m.**

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



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

### **FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

### **FOR THOSE WITH CELIAC DISEASE**

Special hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. These hosts contain less than 0.001% gluten content and are approved for the Roman Catholic Church by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you need to receive Holy Communion using one of these hosts, please stop in the sacristy before Mass begins to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

### **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.



# *Parishes Praying for Priests*

*+ United in Adoration +*

**2023 - 2024**

**Prayer for Priests**

**on Tuesdays  
October 24, 2023 &  
April 9, 2024**



*Parishes of  
the Rockville Centre Diocese  
are answering Our Lady's call  
to pray for our shepherds.  
All are invited  
to pray for our priests  
by name at a parish and also  
to help us spread this ministry.*

## **Adoration Open Hours at these Parishes**

Curé of Ars, Merrick: 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Holy Family, Hicksville: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Adoration Chapel, Parish Center

Holy Name of Jesus, Woodbury: 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Infant Jesus, Port Jefferson: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

St. Charles Chapel

Maria Regina, Seaford: 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Maria Regina Chapel

Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Lindenhurst

St. Agnes Cathedral, RVC: 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Holy Cross Chapel

St. Aidan, Williston Park: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

St. Anthony, Oceanside: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Tabor Chapel

St. Barnabas the Apostle, Bellmore: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

St. Brigid, Westbury: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

St. Christopher, Baldwin: 6:00-10:00 p.m.

St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh: 12:00-2:00 p.m.

St. Isidore, Riverhead: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Joachim, Cedarhurst: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia: 5:00-9:00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist: 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Center Moriches

St. Mary of the Isle, Long Beach: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

St. Peter of Alcantara, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Port Washington

St. Rocco, Glen Cove: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa: 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Father Graham Chapel

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Montauk: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

West Hempstead

Is your parish unlisted? Find out how you can help bring the PFP ministry to your parish.

Arlene 516.458.0004 or [PrayForPriestsDRVC@aol.com](mailto:PrayForPriestsDRVC@aol.com)



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help THE GOLDEN TICKET

**Saturday, November 18, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

in the OLPH Auditorium

**Are you wondering, "What is The Golden Ticket?"**

It's a major and much needed fundraiser,  
with an excellent chance of winning a monetary prize!  
Unlike a typical raffle...the last ticket pulled is the \$10,000 grand prize winner!

The excitement builds as the drawing goes on!

**Winner need not be present! Golden Ticket Holders and one guest may attend.**

*Refreshments will be served including beer, wine, soda and water and we recommend and encourage attendees to bring some homemade favorite foods/snacks for their friends and fellow parishioners to share.*

- 1st ticket drawn - \$500
- 50th ticket drawn - \$200
- 100th ticket drawn - \$200
- 150th ticket drawn - \$200
- 200th ticket drawn - \$200
- 250th ticket drawn - \$200
- 300th ticket drawn - \$200
- 350th ticket drawn - \$200
- 400th ticket drawn - \$200



- 450th ticket drawn - \$200
- 491st ticket drawn - \$300
- 492nd ticket drawn - \$400
- 493rd ticket drawn - \$500
- 494th ticket drawn - \$600
- 495th ticket drawn - \$700
- 496th ticket drawn - \$800
- 497th ticket drawn - \$900
- 498th ticket drawn - \$1000

**499th Ticket drawn - \$2,500      500th Ticket drawn - \$10,000**

Golden Tickets are on sale at the rectory during regular office hours. Tickets will also be available outside the church after all Masses the weekend of October 21/22 and after the 12:15 p.m. Mass on November 1. You can also enclose bottom portion of this form with a check made payable to OLPH and return to rectory at 210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY, 11757 Attn: Golden Ticket.

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

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

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

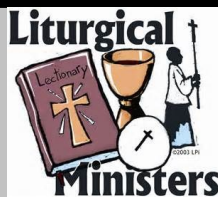
Number of Golden Tickets @\$100 each \_\_\_\_\_

The Golden Ticket coordinators are Meg Danaher (631) 704-1201 & Bob Meade (631) 455-3916

*"OLPH is a Section 501©3 nonprofit. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine if your contribution is deductible.*

*Winners are responsible for all taxes."*

# LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING



**WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU!**

**OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW LECTORS, USHERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## What do Extraordinary Ministers do?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Those who wish can also go on for extra training to bring Holy Communion to our homebound sisters and brothers.

## How Do I Become An Extraordinary Minister?

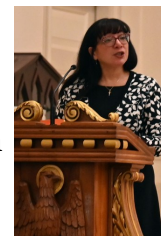
1. You must contact Barbara McPhail at 631-226-1354 or e-mail to [gospa254@gmail.com](mailto:gospa254@gmail.com).
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to [mshrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:mshrjoe@oloph.org) requesting to become a minister.
3. You must meet with Msgr. Joe for an interview.
4. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions (see below). If you wish to also bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, you must attend a separate "Part B" training session. Information about that session can be obtained in your interview with Msgr. Joe.

## What do Lectors do?

Lectors proclaim the Scriptures and sometimes the Intercessions at Sunday and daily Mass and at other liturgies.

## How Do I Become A Lector?

1. You must contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or email to [DeaconRobert9550@gmail.com](mailto:DeaconRobert9550@gmail.com)
2. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.



## LECTORS

**Wednesday, November 29,  
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Brookville**

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART A" FOR ALL MINISTERS

**Wednesday, November 29,  
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Brookville**

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART B" FOR THOSE WHO WILL BRING COMMUNION TO THE SICK

**Tuesday, October 24,  
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.,  
St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville**

## What do Ushers do?

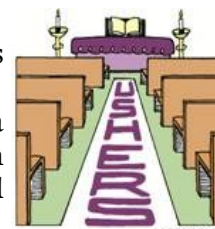
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of the assembly during processions such as the reception of Holy Communion and at other times. Taking up the collection is another way Ushers serve the assembly.

## Who Should Become an Usher?

Anyone, including teens who have received Confirmation, can become an Usher. This is a great ministry for families to do together...the young ones can do this with parents and older children!

## How Do I Become an Usher?

You should contact Mike Williams at [olphushersministry@gmail.com](mailto:olphushersministry@gmail.com) or, if you don't have e-mail, leave a message for Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office, 631-226-7725 and he will pass the message along to Mike.



All liturgical ministers must complete a Volunteer Registration Form, have Virtus training and be a registered parishioner. For information about becoming Virtus compliant: contact Helene Calabrese at [hcalab2@optonline.net](mailto:hcalab2@optonline.net).





# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

## REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday: CLOSED  
Saturday: By Appointment Only

### LEVEL 6:

On Wednesday, October 25th, there will be a Parent Meeting in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be on Scripture. Students will attend their regularly scheduled classes.

### LEVEL 3:

On Saturday, October 28th, there will be an Open House. Parents/guardians will meet in the auditorium during their students' regular class times.

### Welcome Matthew!

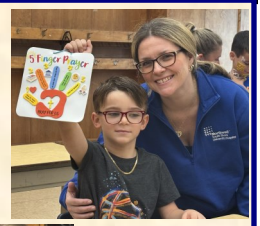
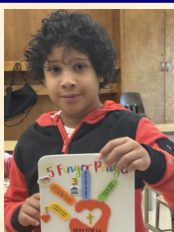
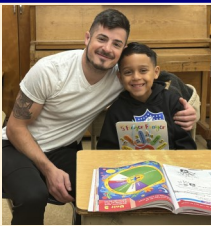
Hi everyone! My name is Matthew, and I am the new Administrative Assistant in the Religious Education Department! I have a great love for religion, as theology is my focus of choice in my study of philosophy at Stony Brook University. I look forward to working with all of you in helping educate our young people in the eternal and unchanging Catholic faith!



### *Saint of the Day!*     *St. Faustina Kowalska*

She was born in Poland on August 25, 1905. She knew she wanted to be a nun since she was seven years old. At the age of sixteen she was a housekeeper to help support her parents and nine siblings. She did this until she had her first vision of Jesus, when He told her to follow Him by becoming a nun, so she did. Many of the convents refused her at first because she was poor, so she made a deal to work until she could pay for her own religious habit; this took her until she was twenty years old.

## Level 1 Open House October 14, 2023



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225.9864—cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † 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—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Valerie Baxter—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

## NEW Food Pantry List!

**JELLY**  
**WHITE RICE (SMALL BAG)**  
**APPLE JUICE**  
**SOUPS**  
**INSTANT MASHED POTATOES**  
**CANNED VEGETABLES**  
**BROWNIE MIX**  
**BAKED BEANS**  
**PASTA**  
**SPAGHETTI SAUCE**

Thank you

for your continued generosity.

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the "New" School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God.

## HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR OWN PARISH FOR THANKSGIVING

In lieu of having the Adopt A Family program, we are going to do things a little different this year. Below is a list for up to date canned foods and boxed items that we will need for the Thanksgiving baskets that we'll be assembling and giving out. Whatever you donate will be greatly appreciated.

Items needed for the Thanksgiving food baskets: **\*\*Please nothing that needs refrigeration\*\***

Cranberry Sauce jellied	Apple Sauce	Boxed Turkey Stuffing Mix
Green Beans	Carrots	Boxed Instant Potatoes
Peas	Corn	Chocolate Pudding or Jello
Yams	Soups	Ready made Pie Crust
Apple Cider/Juice	Cookies	Boxed Muffin Mixes
Comstock-Type Pie filling	Cake mix & Frosting	Ready made dinner rolls

\*\* Local Grocery Store Gift Cards up to \$25 will be greatly appreciated this year!

Checks made out to SVDP are always appreciated!

If you can, please bring your donations to our office. Office hrs. are Mon, Wed, Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1st and 3rd Sat (1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or call 631 226 7725 X 234 or email Carol Stysiack at: carolstys@verizon.net. Thank you and God bless you all!

**HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR OWN PARISH FOR CHRISTMAS**

**CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2023**



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 *November 12th*.

**CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2023**

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

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET  
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 12TH.**

**BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE**



Did you know OLPH has a THRIFT STORE?

SAVE THE DATE for the

**Blue Door Thrift Boutique**

Open House

Saturday, Nov. 4 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 5 9:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

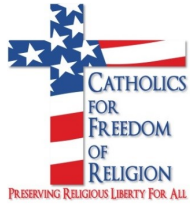
**COME BY AND  
CHECK OUT OUR GREAT DEALS!**



Conveniently located in the OLPH School basement. Entrance below the gymnasium door. Parking in small lot between rectory and school.



# CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



## FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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

*"Religion cannot be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life."*

—Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

### **"Freedom of Religion" vs. "Freedom of Worship" — What's the difference?**

"We in the U.S. actually have freedom of religion, not freedom of worship," said Senator James Lankford. The terms "freedom of religion" and "freedom of worship" are often used interchangeably, but there is a significant difference in meaning.

Freedom of worship "argues that faith should remain a private affair — relegated to personal activities or worship services," said policy analyst Sarah Torre. "Step outside the four walls of a home or house of worship and robust protection of religious freedom ends."

Freedom of religion is the more expansive term since it includes worship but also the right of believers to evangelize, change their religion, have schools and charitable institutions. "It's about the right to dress according to one's religious dictates, to preach openly, to evangelize, to engage in the public square," said a spokesman for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. "Everyone knows that religious Jews keep kosher, religious Quakers don't go to war, and religious Muslim women wear headscarves — yet 'freedom of worship' would protect none of these acts of faith."

(*ncronline.org, 8/18/16; dailysignal.com, 4/30/15; onfaith.com*)

*"Religious freedom is one of those unique rights that, to be fully enjoyed, other rights like association and speech must also be protected. Words matter."*

Knox Thames, Pepperdine University, Director of Program on Global Faith and Inclusive Societies

## RESPECT LIFE

*O Blessed Mother, you received the good news  
of the incarnation of Christ, your Son,  
with faith and trust.*

*Grant your protection to all  
pregnant mothers facing difficulties.*

*Guide us as we strive to make  
our parish communities places of welcome  
and assistance for mothers in need.*

*Help us become instruments  
of God's love and compassion.*

*Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us  
build a culture of life and a civilization of love,  
together with all people of good will,  
to the praise and glory of God, the Creator  
and lover of life. Amen.*

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**BABY BOTTLE RETURN**  
Don't forget to return  
your Baby Bottle!

**November 4 & 5**

OLPH Parish will be collecting all the *baby bottles* to benefit **The Life Center of Long Island**. We are asking that you return your baby bottle with your donations to the church during Mass or to the rectory.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

### YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Jeffrey Gaab  
 Gregory Guido  
 Sonia Hansen  
 Joselyn Kalt  
 Mary Leon  
 Rachelle Louis-Jacques  
 Carlton Mitchell  
 Deacon James Totino

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

### YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel  
 Gerry Chille

### YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
 Bill Bendernagel  
 Gerry Chille (Chair)  
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Jill Marie Delano  
 Marie Gagneron  
 Kenneth Hale  
 Bob Meade  
 Bob Mehm  
 John Reynolds

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

### YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste  
 Erin Barrett  
 Deacon Robert Becker  
 Mark Costantino  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Kenneth Hale  
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
 Denise Martinez  
 Barbara McPhail  
 Deacon Doug Smith  
 Mike Williams  
 Fr. Frank Zero

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

# 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:**

***Vincent Monteleone & Kaleigh Hempel***

### **First Announcement:**

***Victor Tineo & Mariel (Garcia) Tineo***

## **WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

- |                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Anthony Cassio</i>          | <i>George DiSalvo</i>      |
| <i>Christine Ajello-Larsen</i> | <i>Theresa Pirolo</i>      |
| <i>Sandra McGuckin</i>         | <i>Mary Abbondola</i>      |
| <i>Vincenza Camusa</i>         | <i>Keith Magnuson</i>      |
| <i>Carl Zoccali</i>            | <i>Joan Giarratano</i>     |
| <i>John Steel</i>              | <i>Erin Kelly</i>          |
| <i>Laurell Desner</i>          | <i>Alex Betti</i>          |
| <i>Vincent Crisostomo</i>      | <i>Heather Ventimiglia</i> |
| <i>John Steel Sr.</i>          | <i>Christine Gallagher</i> |
| <i>Martin Lafferty</i>         | <i>Lisa Byrne</i>          |
| <i>Farmingdale Students</i>    | <i>Edward Novack</i>       |
| <i>and Families</i>            |                            |
| <i>Monica Pulla</i>            |                            |
| <i>Lina Avila</i>              |                            |

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for information.

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.



## **WE REMEMBER**

*We remember those who have died in our parish.*

***Margaret Nicosia***

***Nancy T. Pennetti***

***Victoria Dennison***

*“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.”*

## **Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information**

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred, and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>



# MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, October 23—**  
**Weekday**  
*(Saint John of Capistrano, Priest)*

6:30	Patrick Higgins
12:15	Robert Schneider

**TUESDAY, October 24—**  
**Weekday**  
*(Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop)*

6:30	William & Philomena Crosby
12:15	Michael & Catherine Rogan

**WEDNESDAY, October 25—**  
**Weekday**

6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:15	Christine Liotta

**THURSDAY, October 26—**  
**Weekday**

6:30	Luca Joseph Gargiulo
12:15	Romanino Savocchi

**FRIDAY, October 27—**  
**Weekday**

6:30	Stella Cimaszewski
12:15	Kathleen Fey

**SATURDAY, October 28—**  
**Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

8:00	Antonetta Guglielmo
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**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**  
**THIRTIETH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00	Richard Jacobs
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**Sunday, October 29—**  
**THIRTIETH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	Francisca Umanzor

# PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, October 23, 2023**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
1:30 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 23
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.	Respect Life Exposition & Prayer for Priests	Church

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information)	Off Campus
6:30 p.m.	Levels 6, 7 and 8 Classes	School

**Thursday, October 26, 2023**

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir	Church

**Friday, October 27, 2023**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12

**Saturday, October 28, 2023**

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5 Classes	School
11:30 a.m.	Bereavement	Room 22
12:00 p.m.	Decorate for Fall	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, October 29, 2023**

10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Room 18
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

El grupo de oración Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida.

Le invita a alabar y glorificar a Dios todos los jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería, en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Alina Patrón al (516) 263-9401

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, llamar a la rectoría 631) 226-7725/ en español a Irma González al (631) 620-2401.

### Liturgia Viva del Domingo 29º del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A Reflexiones de las lecturas del Domingo, 22 de octubre de 2023

Dios los ama a ustedes, les ha escogido  
y les ha propiciado la Buena Nueva de salvación.  
Que la gracia y la paz de Dios nuestro Padre  
y del Señor, Jesucristo,  
esté siempre con ustedes.

**Primera Lectura (Isaías 45, 1.4-6):** 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.

**Segunda Lectura (1 Tesalonicenses 1,1-5b):** Palabras de Aprecio

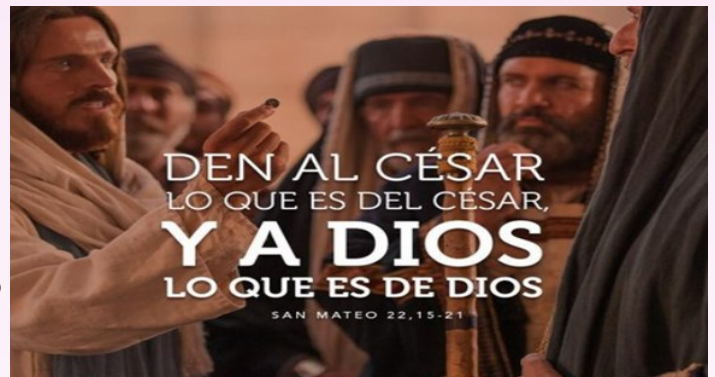
San Pablo da gracias a Dios por la joven comunidad cristiana de Tesalónica; es una comunidad ideal de fe, esperanza y amor.

**Evangelio (Mateo 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. La lectura de hoy continúa la larga narración de las disputas entre Jesús y los líderes judíos. En este pasaje fariseos y herodianos se juntaron para poner una trampa a Jesús y tener una razón para condenarle. Si aceptaba que había que pagar el impuesto al César, Jesús estaría contra el pueblo. Si lo negaba, entonces estaría contra el César. Con gran sabiduría, Jesús pidió una moneda que ellos le dieron inmediatamente. El hecho de que los fariseos tuvieran el denario en su posesión hizo que Jesús dijera que eran ellos, y no él, los que aceptaban la vigencia del sistema económico del imperio, y que como líderes religiosos se aprovechaban de las ventajas económicas de la administración romana en Palestina. Si la moneda llevaba impresa la cara del César a él le pertenecía, mientras que aquellos que llevan impresa la imagen de Dios pertenecen sólo a Dios. El César era solo un gobernante, pero jamás podía volverse Dios

#### 1. Buenos Ciudadanos del Reino de Dios y de Nuestra Patria

Algunas veces se le acusa a la Iglesia de mezclarse en política o en los asuntos del estado. Pero la Iglesia tiene que alzar su voz profética para formar la conciencia de sus miembros con respecto a aspectos morales de cuestiones políticas y económicas, para procurar que las leyes de Dios, los derechos humanos y la dignidad del hombre sean respetados. Un buen cristiano debe ser también buen ciudadano y debe asumir sus responsabilidades hacia la comunidad humana. -- La Iglesia y el estado deben respetarse mutuamente, sin tratar de controlarse mutuamente. Demos al estado lo que pertenece al estado y a Dios lo que pertenece a Dios.



**OFFERING UPDATE  
October 14/15**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	213	75	\$2,441.00
8:00 a.m.	190	83	2,709.00
10:00 a.m.	361	83	2,489.00
12:00 p.m.	340	83	2,885.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			-
<b>Faith Direct</b>			3,471.00
Children's Env.		16	85.00
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			323.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>\$14,403.00</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>\$16,621.50</b>
<b>Candles</b>			\$885.00
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$161.18

**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 as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at [cbecker@oloph.org](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org) no later than the dates listed below. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

October 29—deadline passed  
 November 5—October 27 deadline  
 November 12—November 3 deadline

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Today is **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in this week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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



**SUPER 72 RAFFLE**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR OCTOBER WINNERS**

- \$1000 - Donna Milone**
- \$250 - Robert & Sharon Bohan**
- \$100 - Barbara Sagesser**
- \$100 - Stephanie Sciara**
- \$100 - Mae-an T Lanas**
- \$100 - Joan Baffa**

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2023 OPEN HOUSES!**

St. Dominic High School - Sunday, October 22 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 4, 2023**  
**REGISTER TODAY AT [WWW.TACHSINFO.COM](http://WWW.TACHSINFO.COM)**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 26, 2023**



# PREPARING FOR

## Sunday, October 29, 2023

### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

Matthew 22:37

#### Exodus 22:20-26

In this reading the author reminds us that we are all responsible for each other. Concern for each other is evident in how we treat strangers (aliens), widows, and orphans, and in how we conduct our business. Because they did not have the protection of their tribe or clan or the same rights as the local citizenry, strangers, aliens, and other people displaced by war, famine and/or disease were susceptible to maltreatment. To motivate them in their concern for and treatment of aliens, the Israelites were to remember their years as displaced foreigners in Egypt and to exercise toward others the same compassion with which their cries had been heard and their needs had been met by God.

#### Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Thessalonica was a thriving crossroad city in the Roman Empire. As a result of Paul's anointed preaching a dynamic Christian church was founded and nurtured. In fact, this small Christian community became a wonderful example for many others, "a model for all believers in Macedonia and Achaia." Their "lived faith" sounded forth to all around them. People everywhere could see by their lifestyle how they had embraced Jesus and his teachings. Can the same be said of our church today?

#### Matthew 22:34-40

This week, the Pharisees are trying to entrap Jesus once again by having an expert in the law ask him a question about which of the 613 laws was the most important. This was a question often discussed among the leaders and an issue on which there was lots of disagreement. No matter what answer Jesus gave, the Pharisees thought that he would lose some credibility as a teacher with some of the people. When Jesus responds by saying that the whole law could be summarized in the love of God and neighbor, he wasn't saying anything new (see Deuteronomy 6:4-5). What is new about Jesus' response is that he made the love of God and neighbor of equal importance. He placed both together and also said both were equally important. Later, St. John in his first epistle would stress the equal importance of both commandments by asking: "How can you say that you love God whom you do not see if you do not love your neighbor whom you can see?" Loving with all our strength precludes part-time love and half-hearted service. "With all our strength" demands the same full-time effort that Jesus modeled for us during his ministry with us. If all this seems a bit daunting we must remember that all our strength for loving and serving comes from God.

### Gospel Reflection

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

**1. You were made in God's image and likeness, and every good thing you have comes from God. What does God ask in return? Whatever your answer, is it always easy? Discuss whether "love your neighbor" includes your arrogant neighbor or just your kind neighbor.**

**2. Pope Francis made remarks about love and one of the first steps toward that love. In overcoming anger or rivalry, etc. he suggests praying for the other person. Would that help you accept the other as brother or sister?**

*"What is the law of the People of God? It is the law of love, love for God and love for neighbor according to the new commandment that the Lord left to us (cf. Jn 13:34). It is a love, however, that is not sterile sentimentality or something vague, but the acknowledgment of God as the one Lord of life and, at the same time, the acceptance of the other as my true brother, overcoming division, rivalry, misunderstanding, selfishness; these two things go together. ... We must ask the Lord to make us correctly understand this law of love. How beautiful it is to love one another as true brothers and sisters. How beautiful!"*

*Pope Francis General Audience  
St. Peter's Square, June 12, 2013*

## Readings for the Week

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

#### Monday, October 23, 2023:

Romans 4:20-25 + Luke 12:13-21

#### Tuesday, October 24, 2023:

Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21  
+ Luke 12:35-38

#### Wednesday, October 25, 2023:

Romans 6:12-18 + Luke 12:39-48

#### Thursday, October 26, 2023:

Romans 6:19-23 + Luke 12:49-53

#### Friday, October 27, 2023:

Romans 7:18-25a + Luke 12:54-59

#### Saturday, October 28, 2023:

Ephesians 2:19-22 + Luke 6:12-16

#### Sunday, October 29, 2023:

Exodus 22:20-26  
+ 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10  
+ Matthew 22:34-40

**DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

*The Nursing Department for the Sisters of St. Dominic* located at their Motherhouse in Amityville is looking for **full-time/part-time Registered and Licensed Nurses and Aides** to work with our Sisters. Our shifts are 12-hrs per day/night with rotating weekends. We offer wonderful benefits and the opportunity to work in a home-like setting while providing quality care and service. Contact Tracey J. Jahrsdoerfer, Director of Carlin Hall, The Sisters of St. Dominic Motherhouse, 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701, 631-842-6000 ext. 264 or email [tjahrsdoerfer@amityop.org](mailto:tjahrsdoerfer@amityop.org).

**All Souls Novena November 2-10** at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville, NY. Mass at 11:30 then Novena prayers will be offered for all our beloved dead after Mass on each of the nine days. Submit the names of your loved ones at [Ourladyoftheisland.com](http://Ourladyoftheisland.com)

**Life in the Spirit Seminar with Fr. Charles Mangano and the Living Bread Prayer Group** . Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church - in the All Purpose Room, 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY. Friday, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **and** Saturday, **November 4<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch on Saturday. We will provide drinks. Space is limited to 200 participants. Free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Registration deadline is October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please **DO NOT** call the parish office. Register at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945AFA72CA1F5C61-life1> Need help? Email [livingbreadbohemia@aol.com](mailto:livingbreadbohemia@aol.com) or call (631) 589-4715.

**Bus Trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA** hosted by Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Hicksville, NY. Tuesday, **November 28, 2023**, Cost: \$52 per person, which includes the driver’s tip. Give back: \$35 slot play. Please arrive before 8:30 a.m. Return approx. 8:30 p.m. Parking: # 999 So. Oyster Bay Road (dead end) Call Barbara at (516) 935-5576. Please make checks payable to “CDA”. **\*\*The first to pay is the first on the bus, etc. \*\***

St. Ignatius Loyola in Hicksville invites you to a day trip to **Sight & Sound Theatre** in Lancaster, PA. to see **“The Miracle of Christmas” Live on Stage**. Tuesday, **December 19**. Cost: \$160 per person includes a buffet lunch at Diener’s Country Restaurant. You are welcome to bring coffee and snacks for the ride. The bus will make one quick stop each way during the trip. Limited seats. **Payment due by October 27**. Board bus at 7:30 a.m. and return approximately 10:00 p.m. Call Barbara 516-935-5576 for reservations.

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## SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application.

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

### Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:

1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children class: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)

When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.

- a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first time registrant.
- b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization-from the drop down list select **Rockville Centre-Safe Environment**.
- c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
- d. One screen will have the **Codes of Conduct**. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
- e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
- f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.

### 2. Background Screening Application:

- a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
- b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. **DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION!** If you stop-you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
- c. You will need to provide your Social Security #; if you do not provide a Social Security # you will be charged a fee.
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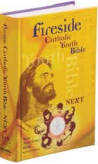

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