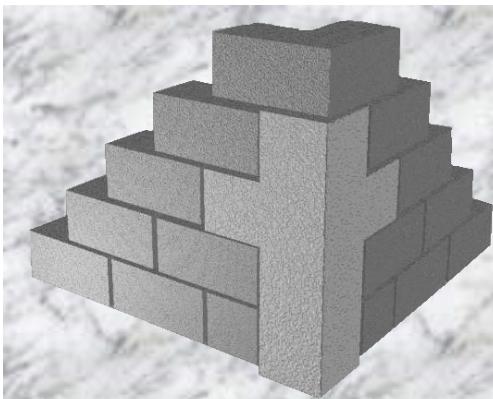


# *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church*

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

Matthew 21:42

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

**October 8, 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.

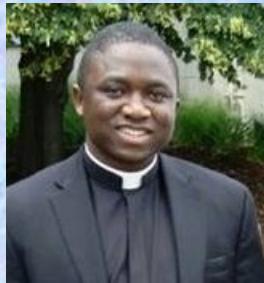
**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**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.*



**CELEBRATION FOR  
FR. JACOB ONYUMBE**

**12:00 NOON MASS  
on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**



*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!*



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### *Children's Liturgy of the Word begins today!*

The Children's Liturgy of the Word returns (returned) this Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. What a great experience this is for the children of our parish **first-grade and older** (it's not intended for the toddlers and pre-schoolers, although there's also no upper age limit, so even fifth- and sixth-graders should feel free to join in). I hope all parents will encourage their children to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word each Sunday at the 10:00 Mass. It's a great way for children to participate more deeply in and be more closely connected to the celebration of the Eucharist, and it's a great way for families to keep the Word of God at the center of their family's faith life, as, it is hoped, parents and children discuss the Sunday readings and homily they hear at Mass and make that message come alive in their home.

### *Columbus Day*

Happy Columbus Day weekend to all, as with this week's Monday holiday we commemorate Christopher Columbus' landing in the "new world" in 1492. Additional good wishes to all who take this occasion to celebrate their Italian-American heritage, as I do. For those who are off from work on Monday, it's nice to have a three-day weekend, right?

It's important for us to continue to celebrate these traditional holidays that help define us as Americans and as a nation. Lately there seems to be an arrogance in some segments of our society that propose the idea that we can rewrite or erase history according to our own short-sighted politically-correct norms that happen to be in momentary vogue. We must resist all such misguided and superficial pressures. Instead, we should place historical figures in their historical contexts, not judging them by the norms of our present day, and continue to objectively and fairly honor their contributions to civilization, even if at the same time we acknowledge that they were people of their times and might have embraced positions or behaviors which we today would find distasteful. We must learn from the past, but must never try to erase it or rewrite it.

So...Happy Columbus Day!

### *New Pastoral Council members*

It is my pleasure to welcome four new members to the Pastoral Council, who have begun their service on the Council this month: Eileen Corticchia, Joselyn Kalt, Melissa McLaughlin and Adele Venezia (the names of all the members of the Pastoral Council are listed on another page in this and each issue of the bulletin). Thank you to all four for your acceptance to the invitation to serve on the Council!

As you know, I consider the Pastoral Council to be one of the four main leadership bodies in the parish, along with the Pastoral Staff, the Liturgy Committee and the Finance Committee, who advise and assist me in my role as Pastor and who help guide the life of the parish. In particular, the Pastoral Council assists in guiding the overall goals and vision of the parish — the "larger picture," so to speak — as the members have their "fingers on the pulse beat" of the parish and as they serve as a vehicle of communication between the parish and me. In addition, the members of the Pastoral Council occasionally become involved "hands-on" in some endeavors — helping coordinate our Parish Leadership Meetings, helping the Census Project to get off the ground, and providing catechesis through the "Q & A" column that appears in the bulletin from time to time are just a few examples that come to mind. The first meeting of the Pastoral Council for the 2017-2018 "Ministerial Year" was this past Thursday.

### *Deadline for RSVP for Offerer Appreciation Party*

The deadline for the RSVP is coming soon — the deadline is this coming Thursday, October 12 — to let us know that you will be attending the most fun-filled social event of the season, the OLPH Offerer Appreciation Party, which will be held on Friday, October 20.

The Offerer Appreciation Party is our bi-annual bash to formally say **THANK YOU** to ALL our offerers — ANYONE of ANY AGE who offers their time and talent in ANY

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ministry, society or organization here at OLPH. Although I know that everyone offers their service as an expression of their discipleship and as a way of following Christ, and not for any thanks or recognition, nonetheless it is important for the Pastoral Staff and me to recognize you and to say **THANK YOU** to you for all the time and effort you put into everything you do to make OLPH "the place to be." You offer your service consistently and generously, and often at great sacrifice, and I want you to know that you are valued and appreciated.

The ad is elsewhere in the bulletin, along with the response tear-off coupon. Please be sure to join us; it's an evening of great food, great music and dancing, and great fun, and you won't want to miss it.

### *Collection for all recent natural disasters*

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that a special collection be taken up in all the dioceses of the United States to assist those suffering from the unprecedented number of recent natural disasters. Two emergency collections have already been called for Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. Recently, the Church in the Caribbean — especially the Diocese of St. Thomas, the six dioceses of Puerto Rico, and Cuba — have suffered significant hurricane

devastation, and the Church in Mexico experienced substantial damage due to an earthquake. Many Catholics on Long Island, including right here in Lindenhurst, have family or friends in those areas. Bishop Barres has authorized an additional collection to assist these devastated regions.

This collection will be taken up next weekend, October 14-15, and there are special envelopes on the pew ledges in the church and in the rectory; the envelopes are marked "Recent Natural Disasters Collection." If you wish to make a donation, please make the check out to the Diocese of Rockville Centre or to OLPH and write "Recent Natural Disasters Collection" on the memo line of the check, so that the money can be disbursed correctly. You can return your donation next week in the collection or at any time at the rectory. Thank you!

### *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,

## DRVC GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION



### The Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Celebration

*Couples celebrating 50 years or more  
will be honored at the Mass.  
Liturgy will begin at 2:30 pm.*



**Sunday, November 19,  
Christ the King, Commack**

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.

## 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)*



### **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.

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



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

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

**Monday, October 16—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, October 23—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**

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### **NEW USHERS NEEDED!**

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

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

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

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

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

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



### **GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS**

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.



## **ROSARY RALLY**

**Friday, October 13  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
at the Gazebo  
on the Village Green**

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima*

**JOIN US IN PRAYER  
for our troubled country and world  
– peace – understanding – respect of *ALL* life – rationality –**

*“Come Pray the Rosary”*

*Friday, Oct 13th 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.*

# A Welcoming Body of Christ

Christina Spahn

It's 10 AM on Sunday at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Community in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Martha, Rick, and their two children file into the third row of chairs under the cross. A few minutes later Joe and Anna move into the row behind them. An older couple, they are visiting Albuquerque to attend to Joe's mother, who is in the final stages of terminal cancer. Jack arrives. A longtime parishioner, he has just been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. He is followed by the Sanchez family, whose youngest son, Jordan, is celebrating his sixth birthday, and Marie and Allen, who have decided it is time to return to the faith of their childhood and are coming to Mass for the first time in many years. Recent arrivals in Albuquerque, the six members of the Miller family are seated. They have come from a vibrant parish in the Denver area and have heard that Holy Rosary might be a good community to check out. Finally, Laura and Bob come rushing in and sit in the fourth row. They have spent the morning serving the weekly breakfast in Rosario Hall and now look forward to joining the community in prayer.

This imaginary configuration of people is repeated throughout the entire Church—at every Eucharist. In every row of every church, individuals filling the pews carry a range of emotions and experiences. Some hearts are filled with joy and gratitude; others are crushed with grief and pain; while the majority hold emotions somewhere in between. Whether individuals leave the church restored and ready to face another week depends, of course, on how well the liturgy is celebrated and on their active participation in the rite. But their experience is also influenced by how they feel welcomed and included. The Mass is, after all, a communal prayer, and people need to feel part of the community. How is that achieved?



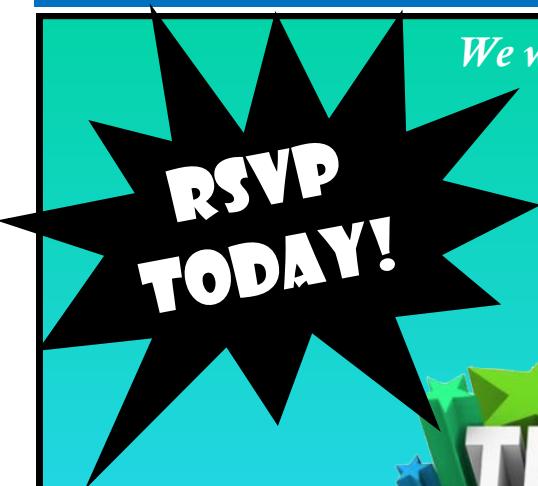
In every row of every church are people carrying a range of emotions and experiences. We honor each person with hospitality.

In many parishes, hospitality ministers formally welcome people as they enter the church. In some, visitors or newly registered parishioners are acknowledged before the liturgy begins. Some parishes invite people to introduce themselves to those seated around them. These are useful

practices and certainly aid in creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. But most important is each parishioner's awareness that he/she is a member of a faith community that welcomes others and has a commitment to doing just that. This commitment is expressed in many ways: a smile, willingness to move down the row to accommodate a person or family newly arriving, an inquiry about how the week has been, or a comment about the weather, the news, or anything else that comes to mind. Community is about relationships and relationships are built as people communicate with each other.

Being a welcoming faith community involves much more than just what occurs inside the church. It also involves graciousness and generosity in the parking lot and multimedia communications that respond to the needs and preferences of all members of the community. It involves pastoral sensitivity to those approaching the parish office and heartfelt thanks to the Sunday 10:15 AM altar servers. It involves an invitation to a new parishioner to consider participating in a ministry and counseling an overwhelmed catechist that it might be time to take a couple of months off. It involves warmly greeting the long-time parishioner and being just as welcoming to the homeless person. It involves shared laughter and shared tears. In short, being a welcoming faith community involves individuals and groups meeting people where they are, recognizing them as comembers of the Body of Christ, and treating them with the love and respect with which they would like to be treated.

# THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



**RSVP  
TODAY!**

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



## OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY

Friday, October 20  
6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.  
In the O'Connell Room  
at St. Joseph's Parish Center

### OFFERER APPRECIATION REPLY FORM

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

Ministry or Ministries you're involved in:

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Please return your RSVP to Josephine Vagelatos at the rectory, drop in the collection basket or you can email your response to [jvagelatos@oloph.org](mailto:jvagelatos@oloph.org).

***ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12.***

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

## OFFICE HOURS:

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

### Level 8

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

### Level 6

Don't forget: there will be  
a Parent Meeting on  
SCRIPTURE  
this Wednesday,  
October 11, at 5:30 p.m.  
in the school auditorium!

### SAINT of the Day

Saint Pelagia, more often called Margaret, was an actress of Antioch, equally celebrated for her beauty, her wealth and the disorder of her life.

During a synod at Antioch, she passed Bishop St. Nonnus of Edessa; the next day she went to hear him preach and was so moved by his sermon that she asked him to baptize her, which he did. She gave her wealth to Nonnus to aid the poor and left Antioch dressed in men's clothing. She became a hermitess in a cave on Mount Olivette in Jerusalem, where she lived in great austerity, performing penances, and was known as "the beardless monk" until her sex was discovered at her death.



# OLPH YOUTH SERVICE CORPS



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!

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

## Here's how it works:

1. ANY middle school, high school and college aged students send their contact information to April Kleinlaut at [akleinlaut@olph.org](mailto:akleinlaut@olph.org).
2. As requests for help come from or come into our parish, you'll be contacted to see if you can help.
3. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. You'll be contacted for the next one!

## It really is that easy!!!

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

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

## 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 HAPPENINGS!**

# Annual Pumpkin Patch



**Saturday, October 14**

**@ 12:45 p.m.**

**Rectory Front Lawn  
(Rain or Shine)**

**Decorate Pumpkins**

**Games, Snacks, Face painting**

**ALL ARE ASKED TO BRING A *Halloween* BAKED TREAT  
OR SNACK FOR OUR SHARING TABLE.  
PLEASE ALSO BRING A FOOD ITEM FOR THE  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY.**

**RSVP what you are bringing and # of people by **October 9th** by email to [familylife@oloph.org](mailto:familylife@oloph.org) or by text to Eileen at 631.682.4853.**



***Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Christian Mothers & Guild***

is hosting a

**Right to Life Baby Shower  
Wednesday, October 18th**

**8:00 p.m. at OLPH School Cafeteria.**

A guest speaker will be from the Life Center.  
If you are planning to attend, please bring an  
unwrapped baby item.

RSVP to Marion Casey 631-226-2860.  
Hope you can join us to celebrate life!

# 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—cdefeldman@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 MEALS

TUNA

PASTA SAUCE

TUNA SNACK PACKS

SMALL PKGS. CEREAL

COFFEE

HOT CHOCOLATE

JUICE

BOTTLED WATER

TOILETRIES

*NO PASTA AT THIS TIME, PLEASE.*

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

Use Parking Lot located  
on corner of Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

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

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.

*St. Vincent de Paul*

*Celebrating 70 Years of Service*



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## **HOMELESS MINISTRY**

### **DONATIONS**

*We are in need of the following items:*

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

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

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

## **MIDDLE AGES**

*Are you a lady 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 – 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, October 10  
 9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

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.

*For more information, email [buckleyt@optonline.net](mailto:buckleyt@optonline.net)*

**THE  
 blue door  
 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.



**OLPH Homeless  
 Van Ministry  
 Needs Your Help**

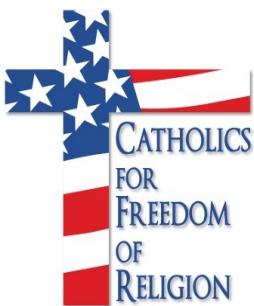
*Are you at least 18 years of age?  
 Do you feel called to follow the instructions of Jesus to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless?*

**JOIN US on Wednesday evenings as we minister to those in need!**

*Or, are you willing to cook for 20 people once a month?*

For information, please contact Regina Muir at 631 223 5327 or [rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com) or Peggy Pannullo at 631 921-5994

# CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



## Focus on Religious Freedom

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

### Churches Denied FEMA Disaster Relief in Texas:

Three TX churches damaged by Hurricane Harvey sued the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for access to disaster relief money that churches are denied but nonreligious nonprofits are able to get. FEMA "categorically excludes houses of worship from equal access to disaster relief grants because of their religious status," said the Becket Fund For Religious Liberty who is asking the court to declare FEMA's church exclusion policy unconstitutional.

FEMA used hundreds of churches as shelters, medical centers and distribution centers after the Hurricane. "But their policy has made those same churches ineligible for assistance because their primary use is, by nature, religious," Becket counsel wrote. "Excluding churches and houses of worship from FEMA disaster relief ... risks the federal government violating the constitutional rights of those who are playing an instrumental role in getting Texas back on their feet." "This is a time of crisis for Houston," Becket said. "Churches are some of the helpers. Yet they are denied the same relief other nonprofits are getting from FEMA."

Museums and zoos are eligible for relief but churches are not. "If the Churches were to cease all religious activity in their houses of worship, those buildings would become assistance-eligible," the lawsuit read. "The Churches are not seeking special treatment; they are seeking a fair shake." ([washingtontimes.com](http://washingtontimes.com), 9/5/17; [frontporchnewstexas.com](http://frontporchnewstexas.com), 9/25/17; [fraction.org](http://fraction.org), 9/22/17)

In a June, 2017 Supreme Court decision that a church in Missouri could get government money to resurface its playground, **Chief Justice John Roberts** wrote, "*The exclusion of Trinity Lutheran from a public benefit for which it is otherwise qualified, solely because it is a church, is odious to our Constitution and cannot stand.*"



### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP FALL TRACK MEET

Monday, October 9th

11:00 a.m.

Lindenhurst Middle School

Come out and cheer on our athletes, and raise money for the [CHRISTINA RENNA FOUNDATION](#)

There will be a registration table for OLPH CYO BASKETBALL at this event

OLPH CYO BASKETBALL is open to girls & boys from grades 1 thru 12

Registration online until October 16 at  
[www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo](http://www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo)



Questions? Contact Luke @ 516-343-5434

## PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Prison Families Anonymous, a project of FEGS Health and Human Services System, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system.

At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

Email: [pfa.longisland@gmail.com](mailto:pfa.longisland@gmail.com)

Website: [www.pfa-li.com](http://www.pfa-li.com)

For additional information contact:

516-496-7550 FEGS

631-943-0441—Barbara

631-806-3903—Sue



# 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.

### Third Announcement:

**Dominick Renda & Brianna Urso**

### First Announcement:

**John Columbo & Jenna Palladino**

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

**Rita Lievowitz**

**Emily Merrill**

**Donald Coulahan**

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

## **PASTORAL CARE 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.

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

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



## **WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

**Carol Mansuepo**

**William D. Hinds**

**Anne Muller**

**Marjorie Hildemann**

**Tony Lopez**

**Robert Scott Sr.**

**Agostino Pecoraro**

**Lily Elle Schlachter**

**Kylie Zocali**

**Haley Kerwin**

**Jim Chiavone**

**Peter Leyden**

**Lyric Blauberg**

**Jim Barlotta**

**Mary Condra**

**Justin Rodgers**

**Anna Cordova**

**Robert Flesher**

**Vera Anzalone**

**Laura Long**

**Edward Voskinarian**

**Fara Pellerito**

**Judith Walsh**

**Helga Popko**

**Robert Chancellor**

**Teresa Cording**

**Reynold Ruiz**

**Joseph Chiusa Sr.**

**Richard Northorn**

**Joseph Chiusa Jr.**

**Juliette Silvestri**

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.

## **MASS MEMORIALS**

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

**October 8—14:**

**Altar Bread & Wine**

*In Memory of*

**John & Vincent Treanor**

*Requested by*

**Ann & Don Doyle**

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

# MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, October 9—**
**Weekday**

(*Saint Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs;  
Saint John Leonardi, Priest*)

6:30	Ing Kitt
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12:15	Robert Collins
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**TUESDAY, October 10—**
**Weekday**

6:30	Helen Brion
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12:15	Salvina Massari
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**WEDNESDAY, October 11—**
**Weekday**

(*Saint John XXIII, Pope*)

6:30	Walter A. Weidtman, Jr.
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12:15	Edwin Rybacki
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**THURSDAY, October 12—**
**Weekday**

6:30	Helen Bartley
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12:15	Kaylin Zimms
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**FRIDAY, October 13—**
**Weekday**

6:30	Florence Ducey
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12:15	Stanley Stachacz
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**SATURDAY, October 14—**
**Weekday**

(*Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr*)

8:00	Francesco Vitale
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**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**
**THE TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00	Christopher Callahan
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**Sunday, October 15  
THE TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00	For the People of the Parish
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10:00	Patricia Palazzolo
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12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
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5:00	Paul Santoro
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# PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, October 9, 2017**

**ALL RECTORY OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND  
ACTIVITIES CANCELLED DUE TO COLUMBUS DAY**

7:00 p.m.	NO Devotions	Church
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**Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:45 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Board Meeting	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	K of C Squires	Room 19

**Wednesday, October 11, 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
1:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Level 6 Parent Meeting	School Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	Level 7	School

**Thursday, October 12, 2017**

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

**Friday, October 13, 2017**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
1:00 p.m.	Respect Life Rosary Rally	Gazebo
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society	Room 10

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

8:30,10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5 & Special Ed.	School
12:45 p.m.	Pumpkin Patch	Lawn
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, October 15, 2017**

12:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
12:45 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door	Convent
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Lecturas del Domingo 28th del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A

¡Oh Dios!, que has preparado bienes inefables para los que te aman; infunde tu amor en nuestros corazones, para que, amándote en todo y sobre todas las cosas, consigamos alcanzar tus promesas, que superan todo deseo. Por nuestro Señor.

#### **Primera Lectura (Isaías 25,6-10): Dios Prepara una Fiesta para Todos los Pueblos.**

En una visión de esperanza, el profeta Isaías describe el tiempo del Mesías- Salvador como un banquete festivo. Todos los pueblos acudirán a este banquete y encontrarán en Dios la plenitud de vida y felicidad.

#### **Segunda lectura (Filipenses 4,12-14, 19-20): Todo lo Puedo por Medio de Cristo, Que Es Mi Fuerza**

Pablo da gracias a los cristianos de Filipenses, que le habían enviado ayuda material a la prisión. Dios también le ha dado fortaleza en sus tribulaciones.

#### **El Santo Evangelio (Mt 22,1-14): ¡Vengan a la Fiesta!**

Todo en esta vida es una invitación de Dios, pero con frecuencia presentamos excusas. Tenemos también la misión de invitar a otros a la fiesta del amor de Dios.

#### **Los de las Encrucijadas Están También Invitados**

Hemos venido a la eucaristía de hoy en respuesta a la invitación de Jesús nuestro Señor, que a todos da la bienvenida a su banquete festivo. Todos estaban invitados, pero hay muchos que están muy ocupados en muchas cosas, que que no tienen tiempo

En las comunidades de Lucas, a pesar de las diferencias de raza, clase y género, tenían un gran ideal de compartir y de comunión (Hec 2,42; 4,32; 5,12). Por esto, en el evangelio de Lucas (Lc 14,15-24), la parábola insiste en la invitación dirigida a todos. El dueño de la fiesta, indignado con la resistencia de los primeros invitados, manda a llamar a los pobres, a los lisiados, a los ciegos, a los mancos para que participen en el banquete. Con todo, sobran sitios. Entonces, el dueño de la fiesta manda invitar a todo el mundo, hasta que se llene la casa. En el evangelio de Mateo, la primera parte de la parábola (Mt 22,1-10) tiene el mismo objetivo de Lucas. Llega a decir que el dueño de la fiesta manda entrar a “*buenos y malos*” (Mt 22,10). Pero al final añade otra parábola (Mt 22,11-14) sobre el traje de la fiesta, que insiste en lo que es específico de los judíos, a saber, la necesidad de pureza para poder comparecer ante Dios. Mateo 22,3-6: *Los invitados no quisieron venir*. El rey hizo unas invitaciones muy insistentes, pero los invitados no quisieron ir. “*Se fueron el uno a su campo, el otro a su negocio; y los demás agarraron a los siervos, los escarnecieron y los mataron*”. ¿Cuáles son las personas que normalmente son invitadas a nuestras fiestas? ¿Por qué? ¿Cuáles son las personas que no son invitadas a nuestras fiestas? ¿Por qué?

- ¿Cuáles son los motivos que hoy limitan la participación de muchas personas en la sociedad y en la iglesia?

- ¿Cuáles son los motivos que ciertas personas alegan para excluirse del deber de participar en la comunidad?

- ¿Son motivos justos?

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Phone:** (631) 226-7725 **Parish Fax:** (631) 225-9597  
Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religious@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
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Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sandra Tandoi

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

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Deacon Robert Becker  
Lynn Bergin  
Mark Costantino  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Chris Ferraro  
MaryAnn Haas  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Rosaleen Walters  
Mike Williams

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

## OFFERING UPDATE Sept. 30/Oct. 1, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>\$5,084.00</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>3,420.00</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2,302.00</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2,308.00</b>
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1,048.00</b>
<b>Coin</b>			<b>21.55</b>
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			<b>840.00</b>
<b>Children's Env.</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>23.50</b>
<b>Faith Direct</b>			<b>2,184.50</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>\$17,231.55</b>
<b>2016 total</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>\$17,252.24</b>
<b>Candles</b>			<b>\$1,017.28</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>			<b>\$279.47</b>
<b>Respect Life</b>			<b>\$1,710.00</b>



### Lost & Found

The "Lost & Found" box located in the sacristy is overflowing!

If you think you have lost any items in the church please see the sacristan as soon as possible. All items will be donated or discarded on Friday, October 13th.

### DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

October 15—passed

October 22—October 13

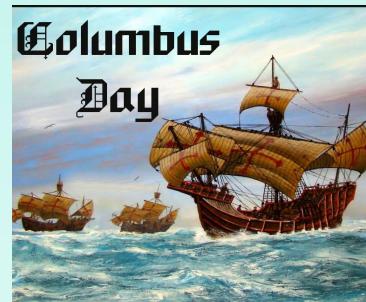
October 29—October 20

All Rectory and Parish Offices are CLOSED on **Monday, October 9,** Columbus Day,

and all parish activities except for the two weekday Masses are cancelled.

Also, the Monday evening Devotions are cancelled that night due to the holiday.

The Rectory Office will re-open



Tuesday, October 10 at 9:00 a.m.

### 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 pew ledges 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.

**PREPARING FOR** Sunday, October 15, 2017—  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Matthew 22:14

**Isaiah 25:6-10a**

This reading uses a set of classic images to sum up the blessings that God's people will experience on the last day. Notice that this heavenly banquet is prepared not only for the people of Israel, but also for all people who hear and answer God's call. At this feast, the "veil," or all that separates us from God, will be lifted and the spider's "web" that imprisons us in ignorance and isolation will be brushed aside. Tears, guilt and shame will be replaced with joy. To those who may feel abandoned by God because of some bad things that happened to them, this reading is intended to give great hope.

**Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**

This reading concludes our month-long series of readings from Philippians. While in prison, some of the Philippians sent Paul gifts to help him endure the hardships of prison life. While grateful for the gifts received, Paul says that through his missionary journeys he has learned to be content with both famine and feast. Eating well or going hungry could not compare with the strength Paul experienced from surrendering his life to Christ. He learned what Mary, the sister of Martha, had also come to know - "that one thing only is necessary," namely, belonging to and being possessed by Christ.

**Matthew 22:1-14**

This reading like our first reading imagines the kingdom of God as a banquet to which all are invited. The main focus of the parable is the response or lack of response of the invited guests. In this parable, Jesus continues to call the Pharisees and the religious leaders to conversion. Two invitations are extended, but the invitees refuse to come. Some even abuse and kill the servants (a reference to the Old Testament prophets and the early Christian missionaries). It would be wrong to assume that the king in the story stands for God. That would leave us with a pretty nasty image of a punishing God rather than of a God who saves. The main point of the parable is not, what is God like, but rather the response of those invited. The final piece about the 'wedding garment' underlies the importance of not only saying 'yes' to Christ, but also living according to his values. It is one thing to present oneself for baptism; it is another thing to live daily a Christian way of life. While all are invited to the banquet of God's kingdom, all will not respond.

## Readings for the Week

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

**Monday, October 9, 2017:**

Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11 + Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017:**

Jonah 3:1-10 + Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday, October 11, 2017:**

Jonah 4:1-11 + Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday, October 12, 2017:**

Malachi 3:13-20b + Luke 11:5-13

**Friday, October 13, 2017:**

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2  
+ Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday, October 14, 2017:**

Joel 4:12-21 + Luke 11:27-28

**Sunday, October 15, 2017:**

Isaiah 25:6-10a  
+ Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
+ Matthew 22:1-14

**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. Besides answering God's invitation to the feast, what is our job? Are we the guests or are we also the ones doing the inviting? How does this banquet not only sustain life but also transfigure it?**

**2. When the Pope, then known as Cardinal Bergoglio, gave the three minute speech below, the Cardinals at the Conclave started thinking seriously about electing him. How does his speech relate to today's Gospel, "Go out therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find"?**

*"The Church is called to come out of herself and to go to the peripheries, not only in the geographical sense but also to go to the existential peripheries: those of the mysteries of sin, of pain, of injustice, of ignorance and of religious indifference, of thought, of all misery."*

*Bergoglio's Conclave*



## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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

**The Life Center** is searching for a full time fundraising professional as their *Director of Development*. **Criteria include but not limited to:** must share our life-affirming beliefs; lead our efforts to generate revenue with new partners by executing a disciplined new business development strategy, such as annual giving, special events, outreach to new and existing individual donors, business and corporate fundraising, civic and foundation support, workplace giving; create and implement annual development plan and planned giving program. **Qualifications to include:** Bachelor’s degree or equivalent experience; 3 to 5 years previous development experience, with a proven track-record in building and maintaining a donor base with expertise in fundraising from multiple funding streams; entrepreneurial spirit to further advance the growth of the Life Center. To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to: Gloria Schreiber, Executive Director at [gschreiber@lifecenterli.org](mailto:gschreiber@lifecenterli.org) or mail to 35 East Willow Street, Massapequa, NY 11758. For more information please visit our website: [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org)

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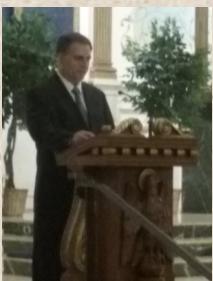
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