

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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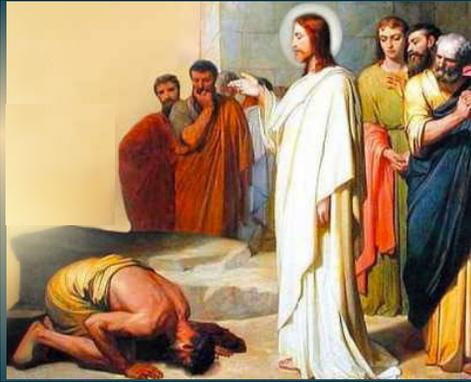
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*Stand up and go;
your faith has saved you.*

Luke 17:19

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
October 9, 2022**

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

Business Manager: Ms. Jill Marie Delano

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Reilly

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. (live-streamed), 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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to download
our parish app

- 1) Download **myParish App**
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Catholic Life Every Day

with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help App

*New number to download
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*The old number 88202 is no longer in effect!
Cards are available on the pew ledges
as long as supply lasts.*



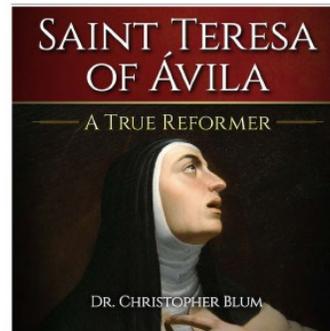
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of October 09, 2022

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PASTOR'S PAGE

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 always 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. We must always take civic pride in the good things which unite us as a country.

Unfortunately, over the past several years, with the advent of "woke" thinking that has crept in, 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 and "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! Be proud of Christopher Columbus...and certainly be proud of being Italian!

The GOLDEN TICKET

Ticket sales for this year's **GOLDEN TICKET Raffle** are picking up and going at a good pace; you'll want to get your tickets so you don't miss out. In addition to being on sale at the rectory and through the mail (see the ad in this bulletin), tickets will be sold after all Masses next weekend, October 15-16, so bring your loot and be prepared to buy them next weekend as you leave Mass.

The **GOLDEN TICKET** is an important fund raiser for the parish, and we need it to be a success again this year. There are a limited

number of tickets available — only 500 — and cash prizes will total \$20,000, with a \$10,000 Grand Prize for the final ticket drawn. The drawing for winners is done at the fun-filled and exciting cocktail party on Saturday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium, hosted by me, as I use my best game show hosting skills to keep everything moving along in a fun way. Each ticket purchased entitles the ticket holder to attend the cocktail party and to bring one (1) guest. You're invited to bring your own snacks and other foods (Sandwiches? Salads? Wraps?) to the cocktail party, to make it a real feast and a festive time.

Buy your own ticket, go in with others on several tickets, and maximize your chances to win. 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.

Don't forget about the special way you can help out: take a batch of, say, five or ten tickets, and commit to selling them yourself — for example, among family members, or friends outside the parish, or at work. This would be a great way for all of us to do our part to get all 500 tickets sold. We would have to ask you to make sure to follow through on the commitment to get the tickets sold — it would be disastrous if one week before the event we found out we had all these unsold tickets we thought were sold — but if you think you could do this, please let Chairs and Ticket Coordinators Bob Meade or Meg Danaher know, and they'll be more than happy to work with you.

We're looking for more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We're still looking for folks to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, and, if you desire, to go on for further training to bring Communion to the sick and the homebound. It might just be the time for YOU to step forward to make this important offering of service to the parish. Pray about it and consider it seriously. It is a tremendous blessing to do this. Full details are elsewhere in the

bulletin.

Speakers after Communion, and things going on as you leave Mass

For several weeks now, each week there has been something going on at the end of Mass — either a speaker after Communion making a pitch of some kind, or folks outside as you leave Mass doing a sale or a sign-up or something. Actually, one thing or another will continue to go on for the next several weeks coming!

While we're not looking to overwhelm you, or to make it seem like Mass is incomplete without these add-ons, we do have to admit that there is something good about it. It's a sign of life in the parish, and of good health for the parish; it's a sign that after the pandemic, things are really getting back in the flow, and our ministries, organizations and groups are looking to make themselves known and stay fresh and alive. It's all part of the communal life of the parish that we are supposed to be living together beyond our gathering at Sunday Mass. Consider it akin to "conducting family business."

I ask you to welcome the speakers and the outside-of-Mass hawkers (!) with openness and good humor. Your fellow parishioners are doing this because they love OLPH and want us to be alive and vibrant as a parish family. I try to keep a control on things so that no more than one group/activity each week is claiming your attention after Communion and/or as you leave

Mass (and so the church does not become reminiscent of "the money-changers in the Temple"!). All of this is what makes OLPH "the place to be" (*I'm not sure if you've ever heard that phrase before...*).

OLPH Market this Saturday, October 15

Finally, let me remind you about another event that helps to raise some much-needed funds for OLPH — the second OLPH MARKET which will be held this coming Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Lindenhurst Gazebo. It will be a great Lindenhurst community event and you'll be helping OLPH by being a part of it, especially by joining in the raffles and 50/50 drawing that our Knights of Columbus Council will be running. Be sure to stop by; maybe we'll run into each other there!

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,



BLESSING OF THE BRICKS OCTOBER 2, 2022



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 4, 2022



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Join us Next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass
 Children 1st Grade and older can join in the Children's
 Liturgy of the Word every 1st and 3rd Sunday during the
 10:00 a.m. Mass.



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



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

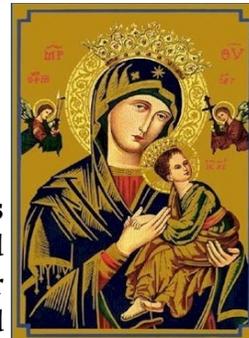
BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

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.



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.

STORM RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION

Bishop Barres has authorized a voluntary special collection to assist those suffering the effects of Hurricane Fiona and Hurricane Ian that impacted those living in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Florida. Special envelopes for this collection are available on the pew ledges in the church. These envelopes may be returned the weekend of **October 15-16**. You may use the envelope, or simply use a **check made out to "OLPH"** with **"Storm Relief Special Collection"** written on the memo line. Offerings will also be accepted at the rectory.

LIVE-STREAM MASS

We live-stream the **10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass** each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:
www.olphlindenhurst.com
- OLPH YouTube Channel:
OLPH Church Lindenhurst



JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

We need new members to join our Live-Stream Team either for weekdays or weekends. If you are tech savvy, interested in broadcasting techniques and are willing to help record our liturgies, please contact Fr. Frank Zero at the rectory office at (631) 226-7725 or email fzero@oloph.org.



BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION!

OLPH is looking for additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Extraordinary Ministers assist in administering Holy Communion at Mass and, if they wish, bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound.

Is it time for YOU to step forward to serve in this ministry?

Serve the Lord and your fellow parishioners!

There are two parts associated with becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Part A — This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Part B — Those who wish to minister in **hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound** are also **required** to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. You **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. **Part B is NOT required if you are going to serve ONLY at Mass, and not to the sick and homebound; in that case, you do Part A ONLY.**

Dates and Locations for Extraordinary Minister Training

Tuesday, Oct. 25 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary/Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Part A ONLY

Saturday, Oct. 29 – St. Rosalie/ Hampton Bays – Community Center; 9:00 a.m. – Noon, Part A*

Saturday, Nov. 5 – St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville – Lower Level; 9:00 a.m. – Noon, Part A ONLY

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B

Presented in conjunction with Catholic Health

Saturday, Oct. 29 - St. Rosalie / Hampton Bays – Community Center; 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, Nov. 15 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary/Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19 - St. Paul the Apostle/Brookville – Lower Level; 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

*Note that on October 29, Part A and Part B are being offered on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1:00 p.m. Part B session. Only those pre-registered for Part B will be allowed to stay for this second session.

I'm interested! What do I do next?

1. Contact the rectory to set up an interview with Msgr. Joe. Msgr. Joe needs to send a letter to the Diocese at least five (5) days prior to the session you wish to attend.

2. To be eligible for this ministry, you must be a registered parishioner of OLPH and be a fully-initiated Catholic in good standing, including weekly Sunday attendance at Mass and, if married, be in a valid Catholic marriage.

3. Those who would be ministers must commit to fulfilling their assignments and to attending approximately two (2) parish meetings each year, fall and spring, for ongoing formation and renewal.

POPE FRANCIS ON LITURGICAL FORMATION

APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS

On June 29, 2022, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis released his Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi*, *On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God*. It is an exquisite summary of liturgical theology and a call for serious and vital liturgical formation for all Catholics. In this letter, the Holy Father addresses the nature of sacramental encounter, of symbols and symbolic language, of the art of celebration, and the need to engage all the baptized in the fruitful celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

Each week we are presenting a small selection of the letter for your reading and reflection and this will continue until the entire text has been presented. The full text can be found on the Vatican website at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html

The theological sense of the Liturgy

16. We owe to the Council — and to the liturgical movement that preceded it — the rediscovery of a theological understanding of the Liturgy and of its importance in the life of the Church. As the general principles spelled out in *Sacrosanctum Concilium* have been fundamental for the reform of the liturgy, they continue to be fundamental for the promotion of that full, conscious, active, and fruitful celebration (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, nn. 11; 14), in the liturgy “the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, n. 14). With this letter I simply want to invite the whole Church to rediscover, to safeguard, and to live the truth and power of the Christian celebration. I want the beauty of the Christian celebration and its necessary consequences for the life of the Church not to be spoiled by a superficial and foreshortened understanding of its value or, worse yet, by its being exploited in service of some ideological vision, no matter what the hue. The priestly prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper that all may be one (Jn 17:21) judges every one of our divisions around the Bread broken, around *the sacrament of mercy, the sign of unity, the bond of charity*.

The Liturgy: antidote for the poison of spiritual worldliness

17. On different occasions I have warned against a dangerous temptation for the life of the Church, which I called “spiritual worldliness.” I spoke about this at length in the exhortation *Evangelii gaudium* (nn. 93-97), pinpointing Gnosticism and neo-Pelagianism as two versions connected between themselves that feed this spiritual worldliness. The first shrinks Christian faith into a subjectivism that “ultimately keeps one imprisoned in his or her own thoughts and feelings.” (EG 94) The second cancels out the role of grace and “leads instead to a narcissistic and authoritarian elitism, whereby instead of evangelizing, one analyses and classifies others, and instead of opening the door to grace, one exhausts his or her energies in inspecting and verifying.” (EG 94) These distorted forms of Christianity can have disastrous consequences for the life of the Church.

18. From what I have recalled above it is clear that the Liturgy is, by its very nature, the most effective antidote against these poisons. Obviously, I am speaking of the Liturgy in its theological sense and certainly not, as Pius XII already affirmed, Liturgy as *decorative ceremonies or a mere sum total of laws and precepts that govern the cult*.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help THE GOLDEN TICKET

Saturday, November 19, 2022

7:00 p.m.

in the OLPH Auditorium

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

It's a cocktail party, 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.

All are encouraged to bring treats & homemade dishes to enjoy and share with fellow parishioners!

- 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 after all Masses the weekends of October 15/16 and 29/30 outside church. 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."

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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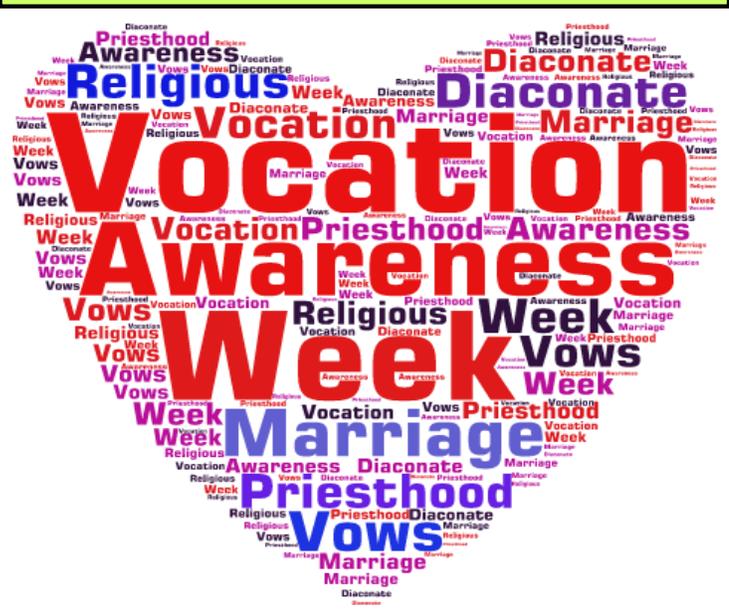
Monday: 9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: By Appointment

LEVEL 8

Your Vocations Panel will take place from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Bring your Workbook to class, too, in order to complete Project #1!

Happy Saint of the Day!

St. John XXIII is a Pope of peace, because he was Pope during the Cold War. He offered to negotiate terms of peace between the United States and the Soviet Union. This offer was turned down, but because of it he was the only Pope named Time Magazine Man of the Year. Before he was Pope he also was an Archbishop during World War II. He saved thousands of Jewish people who were being attacked by Nazis. One of the very last things he did before he died was to call the Second Vatican Council to order, giving us the Church of today.



LEVEL 1

Your Safety Meeting will be during your regular class time on October 15, in the auditorium.

LEVEL 6

Your Confirmation Covenant Mass is Sunday, October 16, at the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses. Bring your Workbooks with you to complete Project #1, and your Mass Journal with you to fill out a Mass Reflection for Ordinary Time.



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

OLPH CHURCH FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY'S ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH



\$7.00
Per Pumpkin

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 15, 2022
From 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

New Location:
OLPH MARKET-
By the Lindenhurst Gazebo
In the event of rain,
we will move to the school auditorium



Pumpkin Patch RSVP

TEXT OR EMAIL # of people to
EILEEN AT 631-682-4853 Kencort36@gmail.com
OR JENINE AT 631-226-0317 je91971@gmail.com

NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, October 11, 2022



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@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—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

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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 today’s Gospel we hear that only one of those healed returned to glorify God and to give thanks to God. It is true that when we have a grateful heart we know that everything is a gift from God.

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

Items needed on an ongoing basis in our Pantry!

MAC AND CHEESE

TUNA

PEANUT BUTTER

JELLY

SOUPS WITH MEAT

JELLO

NON-SUGARY CEREALS

PASTA

PAPER TOWELS

TOOTHPASTE

Thank you

for your continued generosity.

Cut out this list

**and bring it with you
when you go shopping!**

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

For those parishioners who would like to make a donation to the SVDP Pantry

CANNED VEGETABLES: *PLEASE CHECK THE DATES ON THE CANS!*

PEAS

CARROTS

GREEN BEANS

YAMS (large can)

CORN

PEAS & CARROTS COMBO

TURKEY GRAVY (CAN OR JAR)

CRANBERRY SAUCE * JELLIED

APPLE SAUCE

APPLE JUICE OR CIDER

COMSTOCK TYPE PIE FILLING

BOXED TURKEY STUFFING MIX

BOXED INSTANT POTATOES

BOXED PIE CRUST MIX

BOXED MUFFIN MIX

CHOCOLATE PUDDING MIX OR JELLO

****READY MADE** (ready to eat)

DINNER ROLLS

PIES

COOKIES

**** PLEASE NOTHING PERISHABLE, NOTHING THAT NEEDS REFRIGERATION, NO FRESH PRODUCE**

Donations of any size will be greatly appreciated!! God bless you all!

HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR OWN PARISH!



THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2022

Each year, we ask members of our parish family to adopt families in need. Traditionally, we provide Thanksgiving meals for over 60 families. We expect an increase in requests for help this year.

Please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket by **November 6th**. If you have any questions, please contact the St. Vincent de Paul office at (631) 226-7725 X 234 or Carol

Stysiack at: carolstys@verizon.net . Thank you and God bless!

THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____@_____

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

Please return this form to St. Vincent de Paul or in the collection basket no later than November 6th.



CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2022

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 6th*.

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2022

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 6TH.**

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

South Shore Young Adult Ministry at OLPH

Ages 21-39

For info about monthly meetings contact

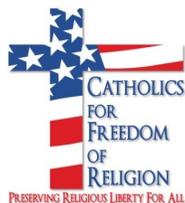
Director, Bridget Jordan,

Phone: (631) 226-7725 x 253, email: bjordan@oloph.org

Join us for a Rosary Rally with the Legion of Mary and Respect Life on Saturday, October 15, on the Rectory front lawn from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Come for a Mystery of the Rosary, come for an hour, or come for the whole time. Wherever the Spirit is calling you, come and pray with us and bring your Rosary!



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The Unique Contributions of Christianity to the World

Christianity has made numerous contributions to the world, demonstrating that it turned the ancient world upside down and laid the foundation for positive changes in societies around the world. While some choose to list the faults of those who claim to be Christians but who have done great harm, the actual good done in the name of Christ is astonishing.

"It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of the coming of Christianity. It brought with it, for one thing, an altogether new sense of human life. For the Greeks had shown man his mind, but the Christians showed him his soul. They taught that in the sight of God, all souls were equal, that every human life was sacrosanct and inviolate," wrote Yale historian R.R. Palmer.⁽¹⁾

"The Gospel not only converts the individual, but it changes society. On every mission field...the missionaries carried a real social gospel. They established standards of hygiene and purity, promoted industry, elevated womanhood, restrained anti-social customs, abolished cannibalism and human sacrifice, organized famine relief, checked tribal wars, and changed the social structure of society," wrote Princeton Professor Samuel Zwerner.⁽²⁾

Despite its humble origins, Christianity made more changes on earth for good than any other movement in history. "Education, social reform, medicine, democracy, the arts and modern science all owe much of their current existence to the teaching and ideas of the followers of Jesus Christ," wrote author David Robertson.⁽³⁾

- Following Emperor Constantine's conversion in A.D. 325, the churches built hospitals, hospices for travelers and houses for orphans, widows and the indigent. Historians note that charitable organizations are almost unknown in the ancient world until the time of Christ.
- Christians took real, practical steps helping the sick. The Emperor Charlemagne (800-814) decreed that every cathedral was required to have an attached hospital.
- Monasteries generated the copying of Scripture and other literature, especially from Greece, and their libraries provided the inspiration for the first universities in the 12th and 13th centuries.
- Christianity places a high value on truth and that truth about the existence of God can be discovered through observation of the natural world, thus having a positive impact on the development of the sciences.
- Christianity produced a middle class not known to mankind. It had always been the rich and the poor, the elite and the serfs or slaves. But with Christ, the carpenter, there was now honor in all work as a God-given calling, helping to produce a vibrant middle class.⁽⁴⁾

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

—Corinthians 3:17

(dailycaller.com, 12/22/17(1)(4); christianunion.org, 5/3/16(2); chnstantiantoday.com(3); byfaith.co.uk; discover.hubpages.com, 9/17/18; coldcasechristianity.com, 10/22/21(4)

OLPH LINDENHURST MARKET THIS SATURDAY!



2nd Annual OLPH Lindenhurst Market

SHOP the Market! 

A Celebration of Local Food, Drinks, Baked Goods,
Handcrafted Items, Clothing, Home Decor, Jewelry & more!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



by Presiding Officer Kevin McCaffrey's office



Knights of Columbus will have raffles and their famous 50:50

When: Saturday | October 15, 2022

Where: Lindenhurst Gazebo

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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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
 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
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 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
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Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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 Denise Martinez
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 Deacon Doug Smith
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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.

Third Announcement:

Vincent Destasio & Ashley Raso

Second Announcement:

Michael D'Italia & Meaghan Epifane

First Announcement:

Keith LaClair & Caitlyn Perillo

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Gail Tonnessen

Liboria Mezzapelle

Joseph Raimondi

Roger Tursi

Anne Gravelle

Margherite Percovich

Ann Marie Segal

Glen Flaughter

Baby George Eleflereon

Henry Valerio

Baby Antonio James Kienle

Henry Batx

Lori and Tom McKeever

Cheryl Cleaver

Joseph Ingino

Anne Gravelle

Megan Kelly

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

Our **Fall Bereavement Group** will meet through **November 19** from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 22**

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

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

***Jean Baptiste Jean Raymond
Frances Mirrione***

"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."



MASSES FOR THE WEEK	
MONDAY, October 10— Weekday	
6:30	Alice Lawless
12:15	Giuseppina (Josie) Whiston
TUESDAY, October 11— Weekday <i>(Saint John XXIII, Pope)</i>	
6:30	Josie Whiston
12:15	Robert & Ann McPhail
WEDNESDAY, October 12— Weekday	
6:30	Joseph & Connie D'Angelo
12:15	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
THURSDAY, October 13— Weekday	
6:30	Wojciech Gardocki
12:15	Elizabeth DeVivo
FRIDAY, October 14— Weekday <i>(Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr)</i>	
6:30	Brain Donnelly
12:15	Steve Green
SATURDAY, October 15— Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	
8:00	Trudy Parker
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:00	Maria Miller
Sunday, October 16, THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	Timothy Foley
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	Antoinette Trotta

PARISH CALENDAR		
Monday, October 10, 2022		
ALL RECTORY AND PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED, AND ALL ACTIVITIES EXCEPT FOR MASSES WILL BE CANCELLED, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, FOR COLUMBUS DAY. ALL OFFICES WILL RE-OPEN AT 9:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11.		
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
Tuesday, October 11, 2022		
4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society Membership Meeting	Room 24
Wednesday, October 12, 2022		
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)	Off Campus
7:00 p.m.	Level 8: Vocation Panel Levels 6 and 7: Classes	Auditorium School
Thursday, October 13, 2022		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
Friday, October 14, 2022		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
Saturday, October 15, 2022		
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1 through 5: Classes	School
8:30 a.m.	Level 1: Safety Meeting	Auditorium
9:00 a.m.	Family Life Pumpkin Patch	Gazebo
9:00 a.m.	OLPH Market	Gazebo
11:30 a.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 22
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
2:00 p.m.	Respect Life Rosary Rally	Lawn
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, October 16, 2022		
10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Religious Ed. Level 6: Covenant	Church
11:00 a.m.	OCIA	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Semana XXVIII del Tiempo Ordinario del- Ciclo C

Domingo 9 de octubre del 2022

En todo momento y en cualquier circunstancia demos gracias a Dios.

Primera Lectura (2 Reyes 5,14-17): Un Extranjero Agradecido

Naamán, extranjero, había venido a pedir al profeta Eliseo que le curara de la lepra en el nombre del Dios de Israel. Cuando se sintió curado, lleno de gratitud prometió honrar al Dios de Israel.

Lectura de la segunda carta del apóstol san Pablo a Timoteo (2,8-13): ¡Acuérdate de Jesucristo!

El mayor don que Dios nos ha dado es Jesucristo, que resume en sí todos los dones. La gratitud nos impulsa a serle leales y a vivir su vida. Evangelio (Lucas 17,11-19) El encuentro de Jesús con los diez leprosos, descrito en el

Evangelio de san Lucas (cf. Lc 17,11-19), y en particular las palabras que el Señor dirige a uno de ellos:

"¡Levántate, vete; tu fe te ha salvado!" (v. 19), ayudan a tomar conciencia de la importancia de la fe para quienes, agobiados por el sufrimiento y la enfermedad, se acercan al Señor. En el encuentro con él, pueden experimentar realmente que ¡quien cree no está nunca solo! En efecto, Dios por medio de su Hijo, no nos abandona en nuestras angustias y sufrimientos, está junto a nosotros, nos ayuda a llevarlas y desea curar nuestro corazón en lo más profundo (cf. Mc 2,1-12).

La fe de aquel leproso que, a diferencia de los otros, al verse sanado, vuelve enseguida a Jesús lleno de asombro y de alegría para manifestarle su reconocimiento, deja entrever que la salud recuperada es signo de algo más precioso que la simple curación física, es signo de la salvación que Dios nos da a través de Cristo, y que se expresa con las palabras de Jesús: tu fe te ha salvado. Quien invoca al Señor en su sufrimiento y enfermedad, está seguro de que su amor no le abandona nunca, y de que el amor de la Iglesia, que continúa en el tiempo su obra de salvación, nunca le faltará. La curación física, expresión de la salvación más profunda, revela así la importancia que el hombre, en su integridad de alma y cuerpo, tiene para el Señor. Cada uno de los sacramentos, además, expresa y actúa la proximidad Dios mismo, el cual, de manera absolutamente gratuita, "nos toca por medio de realidades materiales ..., que él toma a su servicio y las convierte en instrumentos del encuentro entre nosotros y Él mismo" (Homilía, S. Misa Crisma, 1 de abril de 2010). "La unidad entre creación y redención se hace visible. Los sacramentos son expresión de la corporeidad de nuestra fe, que abraza cuerpo y alma, al hombre entero"



¿Cuál es hoy tu enfermedad o tu sufrimiento?
recuerda que él está siempre cerca de ti

OFFERING UPDATE

October 1/2

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	241	98	\$2,944.00
8:00 a.m.	178	89	3,928.00
10:00 a.m.	328	67	2,675.00
12:00 a.m.	305	66	2,413.00
Total coin:			-
Faith Direct			3,419.50
Children's Env.		8	45.00
Special Needs	37	16	384.00
Mail-ins:			1,587.00
TOTAL	1,089	344	\$17,395.50
2021	1,006	365	\$15,824.78
Candles			\$781.00
Poor Box			\$251.78
1st Saturday			\$108.00

All Rectory and Parish Offices will be **CLOSED**, and all activities except for Masses will be cancelled, **Monday, October 10, Columbus Day.**

All offices will re-open Tuesday, October 11.

SVdP THANKS YOU!



*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who donated to this year's **Friends of the Poor** event. A total of **\$2,244.00** was collected. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and will directly aid those in our parish who are in need.*

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>

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 no later than the dates listed below.

- October 16—deadline passed
- October 23—October 14 deadline
- October 30—October 21 deadline

Remember that **nothing is small** in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with **love.**

Therese of Lisieux



PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?
Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.*

Luke 18:7-8a

Exodus 17:8-13

Moses intercedes for his people using the staff he previously used when God parted the Red Sea to allow the Israelites to escape from Egypt. This time he uses it as Joshua leads them in battle with the Amalekites who are trying to deny them entry into the land God promised them. Noticing that Israel has the better of the battle whenever Moses has his hands raised, Aaron and Hur help him keep his arms up during the long hours of the battle. What we see here is the importance of persistence in prayer. Moses, the nation's leader, not on his own but with the help of assistants, asks for God's help and mercy for the people who give their lives to protect the Promised Land. God hears his persistent prayer by giving Israel the victory.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Paul speaks to his protégé Timothy lovingly and wisely about the role God's Word can (and should) play in his life. His words are just as powerful today to anyone who remains open to his Word and desires that it become the fuel that drives their heart. Paul writes from prison anticipating death on account of preaching the Word so he is speaking of what he knows. He speaks of the power and awesomeness of the Word. "All Scripture is inspired by God," he says, and then goes on to list the many ways it is useful and can enrich our lives. Knowing it intimately equips us for every good work so that we can make a difference in our world by patiently sharing it with others.

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus speaks in a parable today about the necessity to pray always without becoming weary. An unjust judge feared neither God nor man but he gave a widow justice because she was persistent in her prayer. At an even deeper level, Jesus is asking us to be persistent in faith, not simply in saying prayers. We must return to God again and again, not with long discourses, but with simple faith that in humility of heart and in plain language places our needs before him with confidence in his merciful love. Our all-merciful God will indeed respond to the faith of earnest and humble believers.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, October 10, 2022:

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1
+ Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 11, 2022:

Galatians 5:1-6 + Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 12, 2022:

Galatians 5:18-25 + Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 13, 2022:

Ephesians 1:1-10 + Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 14, 2022:

Ephesians 1:11-14 + Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, October 15, 2022:

Ephesians 1:15-23
+ Luke 12:8-12

Sunday, October 16, 2022:

Exodus 17:8-13
+ 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2
+ Luke 18:1-8

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. What does Jesus' injunction, "Pray always ..." mean to you? Do you think Jesus means only prayers of petition? What does Jesus want to make clear to you about petitioning God? Discuss this statement: "When you pray for rain, take an umbrella."
2. In his address for the "Angelus," Pope Francis asks, "Why does God want us 'to cry out day and night' to the Lord? Doesn't God already know our needs?"

"And this is a good question, that leads us to deepen a very important aspect of the Faith: God invites us to pray with insistence, not because he doesn't know what we need, or because he doesn't listen to us. On the contrary, he always hears and knows all of us, with love. In our daily journey, especially in difficulties, in the fight against evil outside of ourselves and within us, the Lord is not far away, he is at our side; we fight with him beside us, and our weapon is prayer, which makes us feel his presence alongside of us, his mercy, even his help."

*—Pope Francis, October 20,
2013*

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Calling all Health Care Professionals on SUNDAY, **OCTOBER 16** at the 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (455 Hunter Avenue; West Islip, NY 11795), we will be celebrating a special Mass to honor and pray for all healthcare professionals. All Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists, Emergency Medical Personnel, Dentists, Aides and all that attend to the sick are cordially invited to attend this very special Mass. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. Kindly call the Parish Office at 631.661.3224, Ext. 0 to rsvp.

Molloy University Fall Open House Sunday, **November 6**, 12:00 p.m. Register at: www.molloy.edu/openhouse212.

St Matthew's (Dix Hills) bereaved parents support group For parents who have lost a child. Sessions begin in fall and will be one day per week for a duration of eight weeks. For more information and to enroll please call 631-647-5675 or email to widowednotalone@gmail.com.

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons New Member Orientation Meeting Tuesday, **October 18th** 7:00 p.m. St. Frances Club, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793, (Parking in the rear of building) Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call to verify there will be a meeting -Angel at 631-574-0368 or Janet [516-579-4016](tel:516-579-4016).

Coping with Loss during the Holidays "The Unwanted Gift of Grief" Sponsored by Bereavement Ministry, Church of St. Mary, East Islip, NY. Thursday, **November 10**, 2022, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Hall, East Islip, NY 11730. Please RSVP to (631) 581-4266 ext. 125 to reserve your seat. Refreshments will be served. Free will offering is appreciated.

National Irish History Contest Level 1 and Level 2 (Grades 6-12) **The Life and History of Bram Stoker and the Castle Dracula, Dublin, Ireland.** Castle Dracula in Dublin is one of Ireland's newer tourist attractions; discuss the man, Bram Stoker behind one of the world's most well know horror classics, Dracula. Who was Bram Stoker? Where did he get the ideas for his novel, Dracula? Did growing up in Ireland influence his writing? Are vampires Irish? Did Irish folklore effect his creative ideas? What was the legacy of Bram Stoker's Dracula's? Is the novel Dracula still influencing the imagination over one hundred years after Bram Stoker's death? This contest is on the history and legacy of Bram Stoker and his novel Dracula not the "Castle Experience." You can find the list of rules and criteria at: <https://ladiesaoh.com/historian/>. All students participating should submit their entries to our local LAOH Irish Historian electronically. **The FINAL DEADLINE** for student submissions is **November 15, 2022** All submissions must be submitted to LAOH Division 2, LAOH Historian Casey DeNatalie at laohdiv2historian@gmail.com. **NO SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE OF NOVEMBER 15th.** Entries will be judged on the local level then a select number will be forwarded to the next level in our Order. Prizes will be determined at each level of our Order. Our LAOH National Board will award the following: Monetary Awards: LEVEL 1: Grades 6-8 --- 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place. \$250, LEVEL 2: Grades 9-12 -- 1st Place \$1000, 2nd Place \$500 The National winners will be announced by March 31, 2023. We look forward to receiving your entries. If you have any questions please contact Casey DeNatalie at laohdiv2historian@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2022 OPEN HOUSES!

Holy Trinity Diocesan High School - Saturday, October 15 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School - Sunday, October 16 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 5, 2022
REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.TACHSINFO.COM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 27, 2022

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2022 OLPH GOAL:
\$114,600

Total pledges: \$105,020.00
of pledges: 378
Total payments: \$94,591.00
% of Goal: 91.64%
As of 10/4/22



*Building of Community of Faith, Hope and Love
Find Help When You Need It, Give Help When You Can*

October is Respect Life Month. Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports Respect Life initiatives through prayer services, education, witness and action, and many support services such as Project Rachel, Pregnancy Loss Counseling, Adverse Prenatal Diagnosis Resources, and Gianna Center of Long Island for Women's Health. These are just a few programs that provide hope and love to those in need.

Project Rachel

Project Rachel is a network of specially trained, compassionate caregivers, who are prepared to assist those who suffer from abortion loss. There is forgiveness, hope and healing available to those who have been touched by an abortion. Many women and men have participated in diocesan Project Rachel Ministries and been transformed by God's merciful love.

There is full confidentiality to this program and there is a separate Women's Ministry and a Men's Ministry.

To learn more about this program, please call the Confidential Phone line: 1-516-766-2538 or 1-888-456-HOPE (4673) se habla espanol or Email projectrachel@drvc.org



Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: _____

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WHAT IS LITURGY?

It's Sunday morning. We rise, get dressed, gather up the kids, get into the car and travel to our local parish. We nestle into our usual pew, say a brief private prayer and stand when it's time to sing the opening hymn. We follow the usual routine. We faithfully fulfill our obligation. But what ancient ritual have we begun? What awesome mystery have we entered into?

Liturgy is the official public worship of the church. Our most important liturgy is the Mass, but we have other liturgies, such as funerals, blessings and all our sacramental rites. The word liturgy comes from a Greek word, leitourgia — “the work of the people.” The work is actually God's work and he invites all of us to participate in it (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1069).

Liturgy, by its very nature, is communal. We enter into relationship with the Trinity and with one another. We also enter into relationship with others all over the world who are gathering around the altar of Christ's word and Eucharist. The assembly is not a collection of people praying in the same place, but a community of people, who “express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the church” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 2). And it is this mystery of Jesus Christ that is the only “theme” of any liturgy.

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

The Paschal Mystery is the life, passion, death, resurrection and glorious ascension of Jesus Christ and our participation in it! Perhaps it's that second part that we least understand — that “dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life” (Easter Preface I). Each liturgy, then, is a work of our ongoing redemption. We follow Christ's command to “do this in memory of me.” But we do not simply remember what Jesus has done for us. With Christ as the head of every liturgical celebration, it is a remembering that makes present — anamnesis.

THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

“To accomplish so great a work [our ongoing redemption] Christ is always present in his Church, especially at its liturgical celebrations” (SC 7). Christ is present not only in the person of his minister ... but especially in his eucharistic elements. He is present in the sacraments and in his word “for it is Christ himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read ...” (CSL 7). Christ is present, too, in our assemblies, for he promised wherever two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt 18:20).

OUR PRAYERS EXPRESS FAITH

And so we gather — Jesus, you and me. We address our prayers to God the Father, the source of all Liturgy. We acknowledge all that he has done for us and give him thanks and praise (CCC 1081). We are inspired by the grace of the Holy Spirit. And we seek God’s continuing favor through his Son, Jesus Christ. We pray with words that express and foster our faith. These prayers are both ancient and new. They are crafted carefully, based upon the principle of *lex orandi, lex credendi* — “the words of our prayer are the words of our belief.” We never pray anything that we don’t believe and we don’t believe anything that is not expressed in our prayer. For example, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption in 1950, based on the fact that the Church had long celebrated it in its liturgy. That’s why words matter; that’s why we adhere to the text.

THE “ALREADY” AND THE “NOT YET”

There is always a “tension” in the way we pray — a good kind of tension that comes from fullness. We are thinking in the past, present and future. We speak about the “already” and the “not yet.” We are remembering what God has done for us, acknowledging what he continues to do for us now, and anticipating what we will experience in the heavenly kingdom.

THE LANGUAGE OF THE LITURGY

The liturgy has other “languages” besides the spoken word. In signs and symbols, in posture and gesture, in silence and in song, in our buildings and our art, we give expression to the faith we share.

AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE LIVING GOD

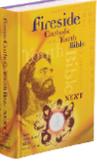
We have been invited to this liturgy by the living God. We have encountered him in a special way and been sanctified by his grace. We have been nourished by word and sacrament, the ordained minister and by each other. And we are dismissed until we can all meet again — perhaps next week, perhaps in the heavenly kingdom. We are reminded to “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” Some of you may remember the Latin words that ended our Mass, *ite missa est*, “Go, it is the sending.” From that word *missa* we get “mission” — our duty to go out and spread the Good News and to serve the Lord. From that word, too, we get “Mass” — a liturgy which empowers us to do so. ■

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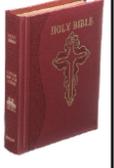
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