

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said, "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

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 20, 2019**

## 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

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

## COME 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

Mondays 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.

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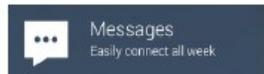
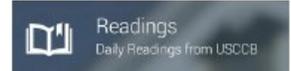
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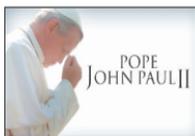
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## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

### Pope John Paul II



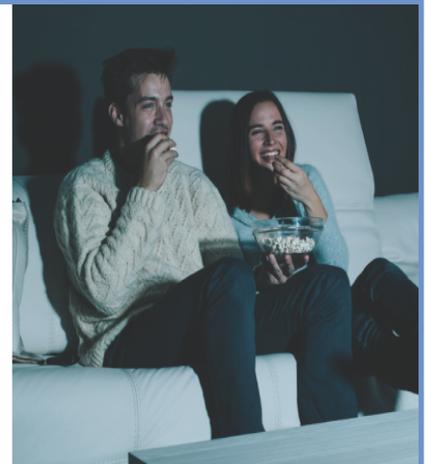
#### A Towering Figure Brought to the Big Screen

Jon Voight stars in this epic film that explores Karol Wojtyla's life, which touched millions of people, changing the face of the Church and the world.

*"This was a wonderful representation of the life of Pope John Paul II. A beautiful story."*

—Ivonne F., Vernon Hills, IL

[WATCH ON FORMED.ORG](http://WATCH.ON.FORMED.ORG)



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#### **Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?**

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)

Select your parish

Register with your name and email address

Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

#### **Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?**

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and find your parish to register.

#### **Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?**

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Offerer Appreciation Party*

This Friday, October 25, is the big night — it's our OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY, our big "THANK YOU" bash to anyone and everyone who offers their time and talent here. We'll be eating and dancing the night away at the American Legion Hall on Herbert Avenue, starting at 6:00 p.m. this Friday. I hope you have responded that you will be there. For planning purposes, we had to set a date of this past Friday to have all responses in, so technically the cut-off for RSVP's was last Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup>...however, if you meant to respond but didn't and you still want to attend, you can call the rectory before the end of the day this Monday, October 21, and speak to my secretary Josephine; if you say, "Msgr. Joe sent me...", then we "might" be able to "squeeze you in" at the last minute!

I'd like to have as many of our offerers there as possible. Past parties have always been a wonderful, wonderful time, and I know this year's will be great as well.

### *Catechetical Service Awards*

This Tuesday night, October 22, I will be attending the diocesan celebration of the Catechetical Service Awards, honoring parishioners throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre who have served in various ministries of catechesis and formation for certain numbers of years; awards are given out based on length of service. April Kleinlaut, our Director of Faith Formation, will also be there, to support our parishioners receiving awards and to represent the parish with me. It is always a very joyous and festive occasion and it is always very gratifying to recognize and honor these generous and faith-filled Catholics. OLPH has twenty-four (24) parishioners who will be receiving awards this year — how great is that! Look for their names, and the awards they won (and maybe even a picture or two) in our bulletin next weekend.

### *Parish Day Trip on Wednesday*

This Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, is another Parish Day Trip organized by the DeGrocco-Ferraro team. Previous Parish Day Trips have been a great deal of fun and I'm looking forward

to this one. We've titled it "Faith, Food and Foliage," and it's a day trip to the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers House of Formation in Ossining, where we will celebrate Mass, then have a tour and presentation to learn about the work of the Maryknoll Order (a missionary order). After that, it will be on to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park for a tour and a gourmet meal there. I hope the weather will cooperate, since the tour should coincide with peak or near-peak foliage time in the lower Hudson Valley.

I am grateful to all the parishioners and friends and relatives of our parishioners who will be coming on the trip and who regularly support these wonderful parish days of fun and community-building. Chris and I will be doing this again in the future, so watch the bulletin for details, and make sure to respond early; the bus always fills up quickly!

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

Mark your calendar now: Friday, November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. That means that all Catholics are **required** to attend Mass for the Holy Day. We have printed in this bulletin the schedule of Masses here at OLPH (or, if necessary, because of your work schedule, go to a Mass near your place of work...that's OK too). Figure out now when you will celebrate Mass for that Holy Day. No excuses!

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

Although it's not a day of obligation, I invite you, and strongly encourage you, to make plans to attend Mass on Saturday, November 2, All Souls Day (official liturgical name of the day: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed). It's the day for us to pray in a special way for our beloved dead, and you could do so by celebrating Mass at our regular 8:00 a.m. parish Mass that day, or at our special Parish Mass of Remembrance at 1:30 p.m.; details about that special Mass are elsewhere in the bulletin. What a beautiful thing it is for us to do, to remember our beloved dead in this way.

Hmmm...Mass on Friday for All Saints, on Saturday for All Souls, and then again on Sunday for your Sunday obligation — you'll be so holy, your family and friends won't even recognize you!

### **"Someone Else"**

I'm reprinting here something I have included in my Pastor's Column in the past, and it's what I referred to in the Pastor's Annual Report I gave at all the Masses this past weekend; it's a little reflection titled "The Death of Someone Else." I hope you'll read it and use it to think about what it means to be an active member of OLPH, and how we all have the responsibility to make OLPH a vibrant parish through our participation in ministries and activities. It goes like this:

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

*Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's mind: "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was needed, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results: "Let Someone Else be in charge of that."*

*It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most generous givers in the parish.*

*Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference.*

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

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

It's something to think about, isn't it? When it comes to keeping the parish of OLPH alive and vibrant and healthy and active, we cannot depend on Someone Else anymore, can we? OLPH will only continue to be "the place to be" to the degree that we do not rely on "Someone Else," and to the degree that we all take responsibility for enacting the mission of the parish to serve one another, the Lindenhurst community, and the whole world.

### ***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,



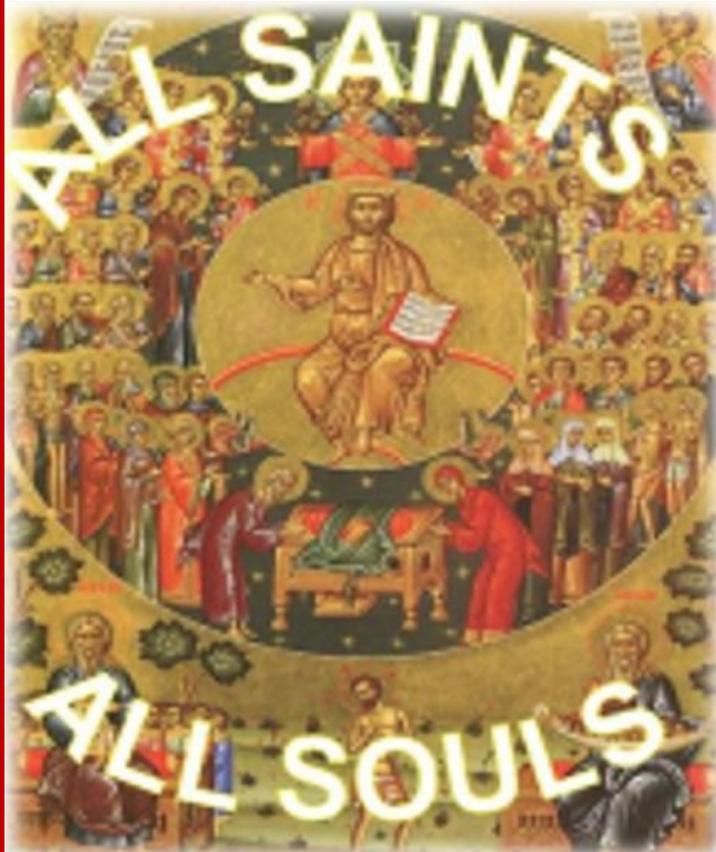
## **MEETING FOR ALL READERS**

*All parish Readers are reminded to attend the important meeting for all those in this ministry, to be held on Saturday, November 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the church. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer, reflection on your ministry, and a discussion of important business items. All Readers are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.*

## **ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS: MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

*All our young people who serve as Altar Servers are reminded to attend the very important meeting on Monday, November 4, at 4:30 p.m. in the church. We'll welcome our new servers, discuss some information concerning scheduling, and review the things that servers do at Mass. We'll also take a first look at the Christmas schedule. All Altar Servers are expected to attend, and one parent should attend as well. We look forward to seeing you there!*

## UPCOMING LITURGIES



### All Saints Day

Friday, November 1  
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass schedule:

Thursday, October 31  
5:00 p.m.

Friday, November 1  
6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

### All Souls' Day

Saturday, November 2

Mass schedule:

8:00 a.m.

OLPH Mass of Remembrance  
will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m.

## There's still time ... sort of...

*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!*

**RSVP NOW!**  
**Deadline 5:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, October 21!**



## OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY

Friday, October 25  
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 1120  
80 Herbert Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

*Respond to [jvagalatos@oloph.org](mailto:jvagalatos@oloph.org) TODAY!*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

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

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

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

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

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

**1:30 p.m. Mass  
Saturday, November 2**

We will celebrate a special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance on **All Souls Day, Saturday, November 2 at 1:30 p.m.** At this Mass we will pray by name for all who have died in our parish community over the past year. All families who have celebrated a funeral Mass at OLPH in the past year are being specially invited, and all parishioners, whether or not they have experienced a loss, are invited to come and join in prayer. Please consider participating in this Mass to join together in prayerful solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have lost a loved one in the past year.

### *All Souls Day Novena*

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

### BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD



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

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

# PARISH LIFE AT OLPH

## MEETING FOR ALL USHERS

*All Ushers are expected to attend ONE (1) of the following upcoming meetings: Monday, October 28 at 7:45 p.m. OR Tuesday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the church. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer, reflection on your ministry, and a discussion of important business items. All Ushers are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.*

## MEETING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to attend the important meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 5 in the church. Meetings will be held at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.—choose ONE (1) of those times to attend. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer, reflection on your ministry, and a discussion of important business items. All E.M.'s are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.*

## 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*

## *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*



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

**Monday, October 21—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, October 28—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, November 4—7:00 p.m.**

## **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY IS DISBANDED**

We are sad to announce that our St. Bernard Ministry is formally disbanded. Unfortunately, we are not able to come up with enough people to staff this ministry, which involved people committing to shoveling snow for our homebound parishioners who are unable to do so themselves. We are very sorry that we will not be able to continue this ministry in the future. Should this ministry resume, we will announce it accordingly, but for now, those who received service from the St. Bernard Ministry in past winters should not count on it for this upcoming winter.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: THE "GOLDEN TICKET" DRAWING!**

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

# THE GOLDEN TICKET

**Saturday, November 16, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

**In the OLPH Gymnasium**

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

It's a cocktail party where you have a great time with an excellent chance of winning a monetary prize!

Unlike a typical raffle... the last ticket pulled is the grand prize winner!

The excitement builds as the evening goes on!

***Winner need not be present!***

Golden Ticket Holders and a guest may attend.

***It was a big success last year, and this year promises to be even better!***

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



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

**499<sup>th</sup> Ticket drawn - \$2,500**

**500<sup>th</sup> Ticket Drawn - \$10,000**

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

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\*Prize money based on 500 tickets sold. If less than 500 tickets are sold, the prizes awards will be pro-rated based on the total number of tickets sold.

Golden Tickets are on sale at the rectory during regular office hours. Tickets will also be available after all Masses the weekend of November 2-3 outside church. You can also enclose bottom portion of this form with check made payable to **OLPH** and return to rectory at 210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757 Attn: Golden Ticket.

Questions? The Golden Ticket coordinators are Meg Danaher 631-704-1201 or Bob Meade 631-455-3916

*"OLPH is a Section 501(c)3 nonprofit. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine if your contribution is deductible. Winners are responsible for all taxes."*



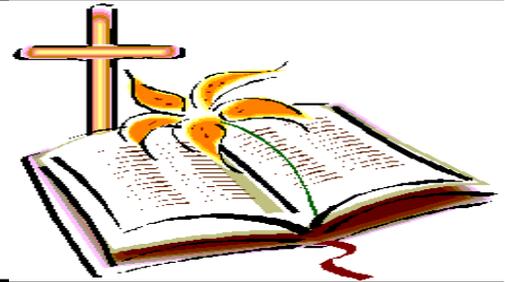
## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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: 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

**On Wednesday, October 23**  
**Level 6 parents will meet in the**  
**auditorium during the students' class time,**  
**at 5:30 p.m., for a meeting on Scripture.**



**On Saturday, October 26**  
**Level 1 students will meet in the auditorium**  
**during their class time for their first**  
**Safety Meeting!**

Are you a high school student looking for something you can put on a college resume? We have a great opportunity for you! We are looking for Teacher Assistants in the classrooms on Saturdays during the 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. classes and the 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. classes. We also need Hall Monitors on Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Questions, comments, concerns? E-mail or call us!

## Happy Saint of the Day! St. Clare of Assisi



*St. Clare of Assisi was born to a rich noble family in Assisi. Her mother was a very devout woman and Clare grew up with prayer constantly in her life. At the age of 18 she heard St. Francis preach during Lent, and started following him on Palm Sunday. Her father was very upset that she joined the convent, but she remained dedicated to Jesus and became His bride. Her sister also joined her as a Poor Lady of San Damiano. They dedicated their lives to poverty and prayer, and did not wear shoes or eat meat. These practices were given to her by St. Francis, which she followed, despite what others said. She defended Assisi with the Holy Eucharist, asking God to protect the inhabitants of Assisi, which He did.*

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
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- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

## NEW Food Pantry List!

- CANNED MEATS**
- CANNED TUNA**
- CANNED CARROTS**
- PANCAKE MIX**
- PEANUT BUTTER**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- SOUP WITH MEAT**
- BAKED BEANS**
- SHELF STABLE MILK**
- TOILETRIES**

Thank you  
for your continued generosity.  
Cut out this list and bring it  
with you when you go shopping!

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of  
Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples to pray always without becoming weary. Indeed, our prayer must always be an expression of our love for God, our family, our world, and especially for the suffering poor.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU



*Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who donated for the St. Vincent de Paul annual “Walk for the Poor.” A grand total of \$3,086 was collected after the Masses the weekend of September 21/22, from the walkers and other donors.*

*Pictured are Pat Wright, Janet Hume and Deborah Deasy who represented OLPH SVdP Conference in the Walk on September 28, along with 9 students who also obtained service hours for their Religious Ed. program.*

# HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR OWN PARISH!



## THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2019

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

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

### THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2019

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 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

## CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2019

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 3rd*.



### CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2019

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 3RD.**

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## HOMELESS MINISTRY

### **DONATIONS:**

We can use gift cards (Visa, Amazon, etc.) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping for the items most often needed.

We are in need of the following:

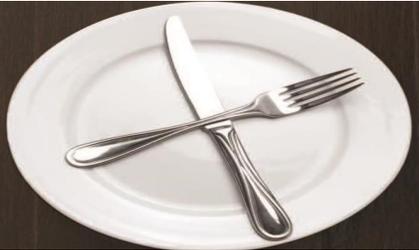
**Jeans - especially 32" & 34"**

**New socks, Underwear, Undershirts**

**Razors**

*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.*

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



## MIDDLE AGES

*Are you a lady in your 40s, 50s, or 60s?  
Are you looking to meet other women  
who share your interest in spirituality,  
socializing and social action?*

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, November 5**

**7:00 p.m. in Room 24**

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449  
or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

## SENIOR MOMENTS

### **GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE**

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

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, November 12**

**9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

## OLPH

### **Homeless Van Ministry Needs You...**

*Can you join us*

*1-2 Wednesday evenings a month  
for a few hours to offer food,  
clothing, friendship and hope?*

For more information please contact:

Regina Muir 631-226-2709,

[rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com) or

Peggy Pannullo 631-921-5994,

[justin97@aol.com](mailto:justin97@aol.com)

**Our next Community Meal is  
Sunday, October 20.**

**On that day, come and pray with us  
at the 12:00 p.m. Mass  
& then join us for  
"Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.**

## RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

### **CHANGE THE WORLD –**

*Are you interested in ....*

*preserving the environment?*

*(recycling, protecting air quality, etc.)*

*preventing the extinction of animals?*

*saving lives (of the elderly, infirm, born  
alive, unborn)?*

*knowing how to handle death (yours or  
loved ones)?*

You **CAN** do all this when you join our

**OLPH/Respect Life Committee.**

Check us out with **NO** obligation.

We (**AND** our world) **NEED YOU!**

We usually meet

on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month

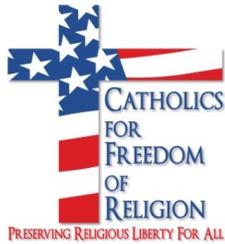
7:00 p.m. in room 18.

*(check the schedule printed in the bulletin)*

Feel free to call Louise (631-412-3831)

for further information.

## CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



### FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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

#### Advocating for International Religious Freedom at the United Nations

On September 23, President Trump told the United Nations that stopping religious persecution around the world is one of his “highest priorities.”

The event marked the first time a U.S. President has called a U.N. summit on religious freedom. Speaking before a crowd of world leaders, U.S. business owners and survivors of religious persecution, the President committed another \$25 million to protect religious freedom, religious sites and relics from persecution and destruction. He said 80% of the world’s population lives in places where freedom of religion is banned, restricted or threatened. Christians continue to be the most persecuted religious group in the world, even nearing levels of genocide.

“The United States is founded on the principle that our rights do not come from government; they come from God. This immortal truth is proclaimed in our Declaration of Independence and enshrined in the First Amendment to our Constitution's Bill of Rights. Our Founders understood that no right is more fundamental to a peaceful, prosperous, and virtuous society than to follow one's religious convictions.”

“Regrettably, the religious freedom enjoyed by American citizens is rare in the world...As we speak, Jews, Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs, Yazidis, and many other people of faith are being jailed, sanctioned, tortured, and even murdered, often at the hands of their own government, simply for expressing their deeply held religious beliefs.”

“Today, with one clear voice, the United States of America calls upon nations of the world to end religious persecution. To stop the crimes against people of faith, release prisoners of conscience, repeal laws restricting freedom of religion and belief, protect the vulnerable, the defenseless, and the oppressed....”

“As President, protecting religious freedom is one of my highest priorities and always has been.”  
([whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov); [upi.com](http://upi.com), 9/23/19; [dailysignal.com](http://dailysignal.com), 9/23/19; [ncregister.com](http://ncregister.com), 9/23/19; [townhall.com](http://townhall.com), 9/23/19)

**Pope Francis told the General Assembly of the United Nations on Sept. 25, 2015:** *“The most basic understanding of human dignity compels the international community, particularly through the norms and mechanisms of international law, to do all that it can to stop and to prevent further systematic violence against ethnic and religious minorities and to protect innocent peoples.”*

## WELCOME OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS



### September/October 2019

*Travis, Kimberly & Luka Maslankowski; Nancy Foley  
Jennifer & Michael Dell'Aera, Lillianna Ostrowski & Michael Dell'Aera, Jr.  
Katherine McCaffrey, Thomas & Evelyn O'Hanlon  
Adolfo Nunez, Angela Torres, Adrian & Aiden Nunez  
Beata Kozina, Diana & Vanessa Singh & Izabella Kozina-Malysiak  
Evelisa, David & Davelis Nunez & David Collado  
Evelyn & Fernando Nunez  
Paula Gonzalez, Giobani Restrepo & Samuel & Luciana Restrepo  
Anabel Marine, Harold Machuca & Lianna*

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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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](mailto: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](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net).

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Vincent Boccanfuso  
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jeffrey Gaab  
Jocelyn Kalt  
Mary Leon  
Rachelle Louis-Jacques  
Carlton Mitchell  
Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
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

David Barrett  
Bill Bendernagel  
Gerry Chille (Chair)  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Christine Donovan  
Marie Gagneron  
Kenneth Hale  
Bob Meade  
Bob Mehm  
Frank Pokorney  
John Reynolds  
Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

*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:**

*Daniel Concannon & Alaina Perez*

#### **Second Announcement:**

*Michael Motta & Gina Gardell  
Clayton Evans & Elizabeth Moran*

#### **First Announcement:**

*Daniel P. Brennan, Jr. & Victoria Pisciotta*

### **WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Ralph Cassaro*

*John Ogden*

*Renato Leon*

*James Quinn*

*Florence Grasman*

*Jennifer Kleiber*

*Jean Denig*

*Daniel Fowler*

*Cliff Zimms*

*Mary Farrell*

*Chris Gordon*

*Loretto Dinardo*

*Donald Smith*

*Vito Cudia*

*Randall & Joanne Press*

*Salvatore Ferraro*

### **PERPETUAL HELP MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019**

**6:30 A.M. MASS**

*James Nealis*

*Requested by The Salvi Family*

*Marie D'Angelo*

*Requested by The Daniels Family*

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 their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

***"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*** Matthew 5:4

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The **Bereavement Support Group** is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical, support as they learn to cope with their loss.

Sessions will run Saturdays, December 7—February 1 from 12:00—1:30 p.m. or Thursdays, December 5—January 30 from 7:00—8:30 p.m.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to know more about the **OLPH Support Group Program**, please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or Marige Reyes at 631-608-3658. You may also leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the rectory.

### **WE REMEMBER**

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

*Rosemary Menghi*

*Anne Howe*

*Allen Komnick*

*Rev. Zipalis Pedzik*

*Joanna Perrotta Garofalo*

*"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."*

### **WE CELEBRATE**

*God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.*

**-Rite of Baptism**

*Giovanni Michael Bovenzi*

*Joseph Henry Burvenich*

*Aria Josephine Conte*

*Samantha Grace Damato*

*Nicolas Vincent DeGaetano*

*Cecilia Frances Donato*

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



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY, October 21—</b>	
<b>WEEKDAY</b>	
6:30	Evelyn & Alan Martell
12:15	Colette Nasserì
<b>TUESDAY, October 22—</b>	
<b>WEEKDAY</b> <i>(Saint John Paul II, Pope)</i>	
6:30	Richard Garbe
12:15	Thomas Kelly
<b>WEDNESDAY, October 23—</b>	
<b>WEEKDAY</b> <i>(Saint John of Capistrano, Priest)</i>	
6:30	Perpetual Help Mass (List on p. 16)
12:15	Todd Dugan
<b>THURSDAY, October 24—</b>	
<b>WEEKDAY</b> <i>(Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop)</i>	
6:30	Jean Rocco
12:15	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
<b>FRIDAY, October 25—</b>	
<b>WEEKDAY</b>	
6:30	Gloria Fernandez
12:15	Antonetta Guglielmo
<b>SATURDAY, October 26—</b>	
<b>WEEKDAY</b>	
8:00	Salvatore Drago
<b>Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
5:00	Burt Koza
<b>Sunday, October 27</b> <b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
8:00	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	Mary E. Nappe
5:00	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family

## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Monday, October 21, 2019</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
<b>Tuesday, October 22, 2019</b>		
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	CYO	Room 2-3
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
<b>Wednesday, October 23, 2019</b>		
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
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
5:30 p.m.	Religious Ed. Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Pre-Cana	Room 10
<b>Thursday, October 24, 2019</b>		
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
7:00 p.m.	CYO	Room 3-4
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
<b>Friday, October 25, 2019</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2:30 p.m.	Wedding	Church
<b>Saturday, October 26, 2019</b>		
8:30, 10:00	Rel. Ed: Classes	School
8:30 a.m.	Levels 2: Safety Meeting	Auditorium
3:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Anniversary Celebration	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	K of C Membership Drive	Outside
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Sunday, October 27, 2019</b>		
After All Masses	K of C Membership Drive	Outside
9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar 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](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

### Domingo 30° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C

#### Reflexiones de las lecturas del domingo 27 de octubre del 2019

El Señor está a nuestro lado y nos fortalece.

El Señor nos librará de todo mal y nos llevará con toda seguridad a su reino celestial.

Que el Señor esté siempre con ustedes.

**Primera Lectura (Eclesiastés 35,15b-17.29-22a):** La Oración de los Humildes Atraviesa las Nubes  
Dios oye la oración de los humildes que son conscientes de su pobreza ante Dios.

**Segunda Lectura (2nd Timoteo 4,6-8. 16-18):** He Combatido Bien mi Combate hasta el Fin

Pablo sabe que se acerca ya el fin de su vida. Ha permanecido fiel a Dios, su esperanza. Profesa su fe y su confianza en Dios, que le ha sido fiel hasta el fin.

**Evangelio (Lucas 18,9-14):** Dios Escucha a los Que Son Conscientes de su Pobreza

Dios rechaza la oración de la persona pagada de sí misma, con aires de superioridad moral, pero escucha la del pecador consciente y reconocedor de su pobreza interior.

Con demasiada frecuencia pretendemos ser mejores de lo que realmente somos. Nos ponemos máscaras y no nos atrevemos a mostrar nuestra verdadera identidad, ni siquiera ante Dios. Hoy, en la parábola del fariseo y del publicano, el Señor nos da el siguiente mensaje: Pónganse ante Dios tal como son; sean humildes y honestos con ustedes mismos, y así aprenderán a vivir sin pretensiones ante Dios y ante la gente que les rodea. Tal actitud nos acerca más, sin falsedad, a Dios, a nosotros mismos y a nuestros hermanos. Pidamos al Señor que escuche hoy nuestra oración. **Querido(a) Animador(a):** Sugerimos seguir la siguiente pauta al iniciar cada encuen

**2. El fariseo y el publicano:** La parábola comienza con la frase: "A algunos que se tenían por justos y despreciaban a los demás les dijo esta parábola". Lucas se refiere, simultáneamente al tiempo de Jesús y a su tiempo, en el que las comunidades de tradición antigua despreciaban a las personas que procedían del paganismo (Hch 15,1-5). Dos hombres suben al templo a orar: un fariseo y un publicano. En aquella época, se decía que un publicano no valía para nada y no podía dirigirse a Dios, porque era una persona impura. En la parábola, el fariseo agradece a Dios por ser mejor que los otros. Su oración es un elogio de sí mismo, de sus buenas cualidades y un desprecio de los demás. El publicano no se atrevía ni siquiera a levantar los ojos, sino que se golpeaba el pecho diciendo: "Dios mío, ten compasión de mí, que soy un pecador". Si Jesús hubiera preguntado a la gente, ¿quién volvió reconciliado?, todos hubieran dicho: "El fariseo". Jesús piensa diferente: Quien volvió reconciliado con Dios no fue el fariseo, sino el publicano. De nuevo, Jesús pone todo al revés.

**3. El problema del fariseo es lo que no dice.** No cuenta nada sobre sus pecados. Solamente tiene en cuenta sus méritos. Peor aún, se compara con el pecador, afirmando que Dios lo escucha a él y no al pecador. El fariseo no tiene cómo ser perdonado, pues, ¡ni siquiera ha tomado conciencia de sus pecados! El cobrador de impuestos, al contrario, tiene ojos para ver sus pecados. Su única petición es de misericordia, es decir, pedir perdón. La parábola pone en escena los dos extremos de la sociedad judía: el fariseo, que se juzga justo y perfecto, y el cobrador de impuestos, que era considerado marginal por su propio oficio de recaudar impuestos para el Imperio romano opresor. Hay en Lucas, por tanto, una llamada a la humildad dirigida a aquellos que están seguros de ser justos por sus obras y que hacen además alarde de su «justicia» frente a los que parecen estar fuera de la ley (15,7; 16,15).



## OFFERING UPDATE October 12/13, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	338	134	\$3,275.00
8:00 a.m.	240	95	2,605.00
10:00 a.m.	409	107	3,016.00
12:00 p.m.	380	127	2,799.00
5:00 p.m.	200	42	1,145.00
Coin			16.52
Mail-ins:			690.00
Children's Env.		14	61.50
Faith Direct			2,174.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>\$15,782.92</b>
<b>2018 total</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>\$16,994.65</b>
<b>Candles</b>			<b>\$941.36</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>			<b>\$355.27</b>

### DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

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

October 27—passed  
November 3—October 25  
November 10—November 1

### Parish Revenue Sharing with Ocean Financial— The Catholic Credit Union

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help participates in Ocean Financial FCU's Parish Revenue Sharing program where we have received a total of \$975 since this program began. We receive funds based on your usage of the Ocean Financial Visa Credit/Debit cards. We would like to thank each of you that are already using an Ocean Financial Visa card and encourage those who are not, to become cardholders today. As the number of parishioners who become members increases, so does the percentage of give back to OLPH. To become a member, visit [www.oceanfinancial.org](http://www.oceanfinancial.org) or call 516-620-8100.*



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**PREPARING FOR**  
**Sunday, October 27, 2019**  
**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*Jesus said, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled,  
 and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

Luke 18:14

**Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18**

Continuing last week's focus on prayer, we shift from stressing the need for persistence to looking at the inner state of our hearts that best attunes us to God and allows our prayers to rise to him. Sirach teaches that God, who is so merciful and just, is seeking these very qualities in his people. It is not favoritism toward the "weak" that causes God to be attentive to their prayers, but his passion for justice and concern for his children's deepest needs. His attention is fixed in a special way on both those who suffer injustice and those who do justice. It is the one "who serves God willingly" whose prayer is heard, whatever their circumstances in life. We all share in the impartial love of our merciful God and in his expectations for humility and just behavior.

**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

Paul is anticipating death. He is writing from prison where he was put for preaching the good news about Jesus to his younger protégé Timothy whom he encourages to persevere by giving the example of his own life and struggles. Imagine a beloved older person you know sitting down to write you a final letter of encouragement and instruction. That's what Paul is doing and that's what gives the tender, personal quality to this reading. Even while he recounts the many trials he's been put through he boasts of the strength he has received and his confident hope that he will be rescued, not from physical death, but for eternal life.

**Luke 18:9-14**

Both Paul in the second reading and the Pharisee in this Gospel reading list their accomplishments in this life. What's the difference? Paul is grateful for all God has done for him, realizing that he can do nothing apart from God, while the Pharisee feels superior for the ways he outshines his neighbors, especially the tax collector. He doesn't realize that his condition results from God's love and mercy; instead he believes it comes from his own accomplishments. He mistakes God's role as that of a passive listener who hears performances and assigns gold stars. The tragedy is that since it was done without love, all the Pharisee has done has been in vain. On the other hand, the tax collector realizes all he has is from God. All he can do is ask for mercy and be grateful. He realizes that God will justify us in a way we could never merit on our own.

*Readings for the Week*

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

**Monday, October 21, 2019:**

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

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019:**

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

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019:**

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

**Thursday, October 24, 2019:**

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

**Friday, October 25, 2019:**

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

**Saturday, October 26, 2019:**

Romans 8:1-11 + Luke 13:1-9

**Sunday, October 27, 2019:**

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18  
+ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
+ Luke 18:9-14

**Gospel Reflection Questions...**

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

1. Is the Pharisee saying the prayer to God or to himself? If you were in God's place, which kind of prayer would you answer first? Of the two praying, which one has a sincere heart?

2. According to Pope Francis, God has a weakness for the humble ones, and their prayers open God's heart wide. Which heart can God fill with his mercy, the humble empty one, or the one that keeps track of all his/her good deeds and his/her neighbors' misdeeds?

"Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now turn to the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Jesus contrasts the arrogance and self-righteousness of the Pharisee's prayer with the tax collector's humble recognition of his sinfulness and need for the Lord's mercy. True prayer is born of a heart which repents of its faults and failings, yet pleads for the grace to live the great commandment of love of God and neighbor. Indeed, the proud disdain of the Pharisee for the sinner at his side prevents him from being righteous in God's sight. To pray well, then, we need to look into our own hearts and there, in humble silence, let the Lord speak to us. The honesty and humility which God asks of us is the necessary condition for our receiving his mercy."

*General Audience, June 1, 2016*

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Annual Gala:** The Dominican Gala will be held on **October 25th**, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, to benefit the ministries of our Sisters. Our 2019 Veritas Award Recipient is President of Molloy College, Dr. Drew Bogner. This year we honor the leaders of our four sponsored ministries with the St. Catherine of Siena Award: Paul Wasser, CEO and President of Dominican Village; Elizabeth Keihm, Executive Director of Homecoming Farm; Gillian Kessinger, Executive Director of Opening Word; and Susan Nicoletti, Principal of St. Agnes Academic High School. Tickets are \$300 each. For further information about our silent auction, 50/50 raffle or a listing in the 2019 Dominican Gala Journal, contact Susan Jappell (631) 842-6000 x 246. 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY, 11701 (631) 842-6000 [advancement@amityop.org](mailto:advancement@amityop.org).

**Heaven Can't Wait!** The L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry is hosting their annual weekend retreat **October 25, 26 and 27** at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore. Our guest speaker, Barbara Gargiulo, will share her near-death encounter and discuss the works of fulfilling the Kingdom that are to begin here on earth as we live and spread the teachings of Christ. For more info call Yvonne Bracone 631-398-4086 or Nina McGee 516-449-6197 or email [i.womensministry@gmail.com](mailto:i.womensministry@gmail.com).

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**November 1 Holy Day Mass Online for the Homebound** Is someone you love unable to join us at church for the November 1 Holy Day Mass in celebration of **All Saints Day**? Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to experience the spiritual comfort of this joy-filled Catholic Mass. Online video will be available at [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org) all day. *(For those who can attend at church, the online liturgy will not fulfill the Holy Day Mass obligation.)*



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**Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

For more information please visit the Respect Life website [respectlife.drvc.org](http://respectlife.drvc.org) or contact Project Rachel at [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org) 1(888)456-HOPE (4673) 1(516)766-2538 (local phone number)

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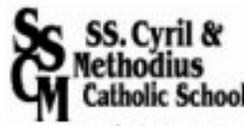
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