

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice  
but rather of power  
and love and self-control.”*

2 Timothy 1:7

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
October 6, 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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with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help App

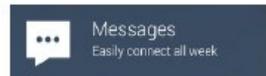
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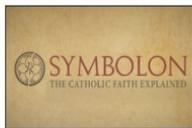
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## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

### Symbolon: Knowing the Faith

Episode 3: The Bible



#### Be Set on Fire to Read God's Word

Is the Bible more than just a collection of ancient writings? If God reveals his truth to us through Sacred Scripture, what does that really mean for our faith?

*"I watched this program and finally realized that the greatest and most important book to learn is the Bible."*

—Loida T., Sugarland, TX

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

### *I'm not really here...*

As you read this column, I'm down in Florida, to officiate at the wedding of my niece. I've written this column ahead of time, so if something significant has happened in the days since I left and you're wondering why I have not made reference to it, it's because as I write this, it has not happened yet! I'll be back during this upcoming week.

### *Good-bye to our summer helping priests*

Well, our summer helping priests have now left to return home, and so we bid a heartfelt farewell, and offer our gratitude and prayerful best wishes, to Fr. Jacob and to Fr. Alfred. I am very grateful for the assistance of these great priests and I look forward to their continued priestly ministry at OLPH during future summers; I know that you look forward to seeing them each year, because you tell me so! It's great that you do not even think of them as visiting priests, but instead as kind of "extended Associate Pastors" — regular members of the OLPH family!

We're blessed that, rather than being only a summer visitor, Fr. Emmanuel will continue to be with us for the foreseeable future, as he continues his special Extended Pastoral Experience here with the permission of both his Bishop and our own Bishop Barres. Fr. Emmanuel is getting a real taste of life at OLPH beyond just the summer!

### *October is Respect Life Month*

Every October the Catholic Church observes "Respect Life Month," so, since the month of October is underway, I wanted to draw your attention to this observance.

It is vitally important for every Catholic to understand and appreciate the necessity for us as Christians to do our part to build a culture that cherishes every human life, especially since assaults on the dignity of life, from conception until natural death, are so prevalent in our society today. Although sponsored by and supported by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and diocesan Respect Life Offices throughout the country, including right here in our own Diocese of Rockville Centre, the

work of the Respect Life Program is mainly carried out through grassroots parish efforts.

I'm proud to say that OLPH has a very active Respect Life Committee, headed by Louise Perrotta. The work of the committee involves every aspect of life, which is the most precious gift from God. Included in these areas are chastity, natural family planning, pregnancy issues, Catholic teachings on reproductive technologies, dealing with the trauma of abortion and post-abortion (including abortion's impact on the father as well as the mother), Safe Haven residences for babies and Maternity Residences, end-of-life issues, Catholic teaching about the death penalty, and more. Our Respect Life Committee, through prayer and information gathering and dissemination, has a presence in the parish and at Village of Lindenhurst functions, and at other places.

Respect Life members attempt to inform everyone about the problems and concerns in the areas I mentioned above, presenting the Church's teachings on them. They are also involved in various action endeavors such as writing to newspapers, legislators, and, on occasion, approaching the legislators in person to give support to the Catholic moral position on those issues. Of course, presence at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. is a well-known example of one of these action items.

Perhaps most visible in our parish is the amazing Baby Bottle Campaign which we undertake each year, which is always highly successful. This campaign benefits the Life Center of Long Island.

As you can see, our Respect Life Committee deals with a wide range of issues that in one way or another affects us all. I am very grateful for the wonderful work done, and witness given, by our Respect Life Committee, and I urge you to consider joining the committee — new members are always welcome — if you are interested in giving a Catholic voice and Catholic witness to these issues.

### *Offerer Appreciation Party*

You've been hearing about it, and it's coming soon: this year's OFFERER

APPRECIATION PARTY! It's always the most fun-filled social event of the season, and this year it will be held on Friday, October 25.

The OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY is our bi-annual bash to formally say THANK YOU to ALL our offerers — ANYONE of ANY AGE who offers their time and talent in ANY ministry, society or organization here at OLPH. Although I know that everyone offers their service as an expression of their discipleship and as a way of following Christ, and not for any thanks or recognition, nonetheless it is important for the Pastoral Staff and me to recognize you and to say THANK YOU to you for all the time and effort you put into everything you do to make OLPH "the place to be." You offer your service consistently and generously, and often at great sacrifice, and I want you to know that you are valued and appreciated.

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

#### *Children's Liturgy of the Word begins next week*

It's that time of year again: we are resuming the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, and we could not be happier about it! It begins again next Sunday, October 13, and, if you're unfamiliar with it, a full explanation of what it's all about is in the bulletin today.

What a great experience this is for the children of our parish! I always get such joy and delight in seeing the children who participate in this week after week, as they process to and from their special chapel used for the Children's Liturgy of the Word (and parents, remember that our commitment is to be at Mass every week, so make sure you fulfill that responsibility with your children!). The Children's Liturgy of the Word is intended for children first-grade and older, so it's not for the toddlers and pre-schoolers, but there's also no upper age limit, so even fifth- and sixth-graders should feel free to join in. I hope all parents will encourage their children to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word starting next Sunday.

I must offer words of THANKS to the

offerers who, week after week, as Homilists, Shepherds, Cantors, and Junior Readers, work so efficiently to make it all happen, with special thanks going to Jenine Jimenez, the overall coordinator for Children's Liturgy of the Word, to Anne Korber who coordinates the Junior Readers, and to Chris Ferraro and Amy Keller, who coordinate the Cantors. Thanks to all! Always remember what an important contribution to the spiritual life of our children you are making through your work in this ministry!

#### *GOLDEN TICKET sale after all Masses next weekend*

Next weekend, October 12-13, GOLDEN TICKETS will be on sale outside all the Masses; come prepared to buy some! As you know, this is our big fund raiser that, in addition to offering some great money prizes, takes place within a wonderful and fun Cocktail Party when the winning tickets are drawn. Full details about the GOLDEN TICKET are available elsewhere in the bulletin. We need your help and participation to make this a great success, so please make sure to take a ticket. Tickets are also on sale at the rectory whenever the reception desk is open.

Tell friends and family about it! Remember: you don't need to be a parishioner, and you don't even need to be Catholic, to participate!

#### *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,



## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at 10:00 a.m. MASS** **BEGINS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13!**

Allowing children to participate fully in the liturgical life of the parish is an important goal which we strive to attain here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Children should have every opportunity to understand what worship is all about and to be formed by the rites of the Church, especially the celebration of the Eucharist. In order to achieve this goal, we are happy to resume the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** which will be a part of the 10:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday **beginning again on Sunday, October 13.**

### *Where does the idea of the Children's Liturgy of the Word come from?*

It comes out of the *Directory for Masses with Children* which tells us in paragraph 17, "Sometimes, if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own Liturgy of the Word."

### *How does the Children's Liturgy of the Word work?*

After the Collect (the Opening Prayer of the Mass), children **first-grade and older** are invited to come forward to the sanctuary to receive a special dismissal. They are then escorted to a separate chapel set up in the north sacristy of the church, where they listen to that Sunday's readings as proclaimed from the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*. These are the same readings everyone else is hearing in the church, but in a slightly different translation that is easier for children to understand. A special homily is then given to the children to help them understand the readings. This Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful), as the children pray intercessions together. Meanwhile, the Liturgy of the Word has continued as usual in the church. The children return to the church at the beginning of the collection/presentation of the gifts, and participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist as usual.

### *What is the purpose of the Children's Liturgy of the Word?*

The purpose of this is not to offer a babysitting service, nor is it to isolate the children or to make them feel unwelcome. Rather, it is actually an act of hospitality to them: they will be given the chance to listen to the Sunday readings and participate in a homily that will be on their level, and yet still be a part of the worshiping assembly, since they participate in all other parts of the Mass. It does require a certain maturity level and ability to focus, so it is intended for **first-grade children and older**, not kindergartners, pre-schoolers or toddlers. **Parents do not accompany their children;** we have specially-trained adult "shepherds" who will keep watch.

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.

Ideally, parents and children then talk to each other on the ride home or later in the day about what they heard in their respective homilies. In this way, God's Word continues to be alive and active in the family's faith life.

### *Suppose I want my child to stay with me in the main body of the church?*

That's fine; parents are in no way required to send their children to the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and no child is forced to participate. Children are welcome to stay in the main body of the church and to participate in the Liturgy of the Word there, where the usual readings and homily will take place. Since we think this is a great opportunity for children, though, we do hope you will encourage your child to participate.

## OLPH LEGION OF MARY

*On September 21, 2019 OLPH Legion of Mary celebrated Our Lady's birthday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass with a brunch and a presentation. It was open to all members (active & auxiliary) and friends. Fr. Fidelis and Fr. Emmanuel joined the festivities.*



## *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 7—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, October 14—No devotions due to the  
Columbus Day Holiday.**

**Monday, October 21—7:00 p.m.**

## Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...

**Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children **celebrate those sacraments at OLPH**. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with us, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH, not at the parish of their elementary school.

- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their home-school curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH.

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

# 🎵 MUSIC NOTES 🎵



## Can you share your musical gifts?

Perhaps God is calling you to become a part of the music ministry at OLPH. If so, read below to see which ensemble might suit your gifts. Pray about it and then give a call. We need you!



### Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at the 12:00pm Mass most Sundays (September to June) and for other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30pm in the Church. Members are high school aged or older. Reading music is not a requirement, just the ability to carry a tune. **At this time, we only have openings for tenor or bass voices.** Please call in advance if you would like more information.

*Contact: Chris Ferraro  
(631) 226-7725, ext. 210  
cferraro@oloph.org*

### Youth Choir

The Youth Choir sings at the 10:00am Mass three times a month (September to June) and at other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the school building. Members are in grades 3 through 12.

*Contact: Amy Keller  
(631) 226-0438  
mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com*

### Youth Band

Members of the Youth Band lead the music the Sunday night, 5:00pm Mass twice a month. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings. The band needs young musicians: piano, flute, cello preferred. Auditions are required.

*Contact:  
Dan Volpe  
(917) 468-9584  
dvolpe8995@aol.com*



# OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY

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



## OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY

Friday, October 25

6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 1120

80 Herbert Avenue

Lindenhurst, NY

### OFFERER APPRECIATION REPLY FORM

Name (First and Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Ministry or Ministries you're involved in:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

**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 October 12<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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."*



# OLPH CHURCH FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY'S ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH



**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 19, 2019  
At 12:45PM**

**Rain or Shine on the  
Rectory Lawn or  
or School Auditorium**

**\$5.00 Per Pumpkin**



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



## ***Pumpkin Patch RSVP***

**THE # OF PEOPLE AND WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING  
TO EILEEN AT 631-682-4853 OR  
JENINE AT 631-226-0317  
OR EMAIL EILEEN AT [KENCORT36@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KENCORT36@GMAIL.COM)**

**NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, October 13, 2019**



# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 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 9,  
Level 7 will gather in the church at 5:30 p.m.  
for a Parent/Student Meeting for  
Adoration and Holy Hour.  
There is a Workbook project to  
complete in response to this meeting!



On Saturday, October 12,  
there are NO CLASSES for Levels 1-5 and  
Special Ed. due to Columbus Day weekend.  
Enjoy the day off!

Our Commitment Services  
were a great success and  
classes are up and running  
for the year. Please pray  
for our students as they  
continue their faith  
journey with us.



## Happy Saint of the Day! St. Vincent de Paul

*St. Vincent de Paul was born in France and was taught by Franciscans. After he became a priest, he was traveling on a ship and was captured and sold into slavery. He was able to escape after two years and returned to France. He dedicated his life to serving the poor and to helping those in need.*

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225.9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

## **NEW Food Pantry List!**

**MAC & CHEESE**  
**SHELF STABLE MILK** (*cartons*)  
**SPAGHETTI SAUCE**  
**PEANUT BUTTER**  
**PANCAKE MIX**  
**TUNA**  
**PUDDING & JELLO**  
**WATER**  
**TOILETRIES**  
**PAPER PRODUCTS**

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 today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples, “When you have done all you have been commanded, say: We are unprofitable servants; we have only done what we were obliged to do.”

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned, for indeed we are only doing “what we are obliged to do.”

## **† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is happy to announce an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we are now able to offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP's efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available on the pew ledges or in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

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



## 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**

**Anti-mosquito spray, etc.,**

**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.*

### 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, October 15**

**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**

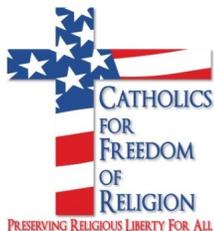
*The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.*

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, October 8**

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

## CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



### FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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

**"Building a Culture of Religious Freedom"**

**From Archbishop Charles Chaput's Address on July 9, 2019**

"Religious believers can live quite peacefully with the separation of Church and state, so long as it's real freedom and not the half-starved copy of the real thing called 'freedom of worship.' We can never accept a separation of our religious faith and moral convictions from our public ministries or political engagement. It's impossible. And trying to do so is evil ...

Therefore, "religious faith sincerely believed and humbly lived serves human dignity" for both the believing and non-believing and "...it's vital in building a humane society."

"We can begin building a culture of religious freedom by changing the way we think. Majority opinion doesn't determine what is good and true. The deep moral problems we now face in our country didn't happen overnight. They've been fed by a false understanding of freedom for decades, and they have roots in the exile of God from public consciousness.

"We also need to change the way we act...The right to pursue happiness does not include a right to excuse or ignore evil in ourselves or anyone else. When we divorce our politics from a grounding in virtue and truth, we transform our country from a living moral organism into a kind of golem of legal machinery without a soul."

"If we want a culture of religious freedom, we need to begin living that culture here, today, and now...Nations change when people change...You create the future with the choices you make. So, serve the poor. Help the weak. Protect the unborn. Speak the truth about creation (Gen. 5:2). Fight for your right to love and serve God, and for others to do the same.

"If you do that, you'll inspire others to do the same. And you'll discover in your own life what it means to be fully human."

*(thepublicdiscourse.com, 2019/07; catholicphilly.com, 2019/07)*

**"The glory of God is a man fully alive."—Saint Irenaeus**

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 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  
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Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jeffrey Gaab  
Jocelyn Kalt  
Mary Leon  
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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

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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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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:**

***Dominick Catania & Christine Schementi***

**Second Announcement:**

***Dennis Heaphy & Kimberly Ruth***

***Kevin Kalb & Amanda Haase***

**First Announcement:**

***Daniel Concannon & Alaina Perez***

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Charlie Bell***

***Dorothy Tomasello***

***Mary Patricia Kelly***

***Janet E. Montana***

*“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 BELIEVE**

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

- |                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Annabell Kravetz</i>              | <i>Ralph Cassaro</i>    |
| <i>Randall I. &amp; Joanne Press</i> | <i>John Ogden</i>       |
| <i>Jim Gordon</i>                    | <i>Renato Leon</i>      |
| <i>Doreen Quinn Cooney</i>           | <i>James Quinn</i>      |
| <i>Judy LePrey</i>                   | <i>Florence Grasman</i> |
| <i>Donald Smith</i>                  | <i>Jennifer Kleiber</i> |
| <i>Margaret Walker</i>               | <i>Jean Denig</i>       |
| <i>Barbara Sagesser</i>              | <i>Daniel Fowler</i>    |
| <i>Bob Scott</i>                     | <i>Cliff Zimms</i>      |
| <i>Marilyn Gallipani</i>             | <i>Mary Farrell</i>     |
| <i>Linda Shulman</i>                 | <i>Chris Gordon</i>     |
| <i>Dolores Otten</i>                 | <i>Loretto Dinardo</i>  |
| <i>Richard Ferazi</i>                |                         |
| <i>Sabrina</i>                       |                         |

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.

## **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.

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS**

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 8:00 A.M. MASS**

<i>Robert Collins</i>	<i>Requested by Michael &amp; Patricia Collins</i>
<i>Doris E. McAnany</i>	<i>Requested by Jean, Jeanie, Agnes, Marie &amp; Dee</i>
<i>Marie Ursule Jourdain</i>	<i>Requested by Pierre Jourdain &amp; Siblings</i>
<i>Ron A. Higgins</i>	<i>Requested by Fran Higgins</i>

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

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

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



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY, October 7—</b> <b>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</b>	
6:30	Bertha D'Orazio
12:15	Melchiore Cucchiara
<b>TUESDAY, October 8—</b> <b>WEEKDAY</b>	
6:30	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	John Treanor
<b>WEDNESDAY, October 9—</b> <b>WEEKDAY</b> <i>(Saints Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest)</i>	
6:30	Dorothy R. Cascardo
12:15	Thomas Kelly
<b>THURSDAY, October 10—</b> <b>WEEKDAY</b>	
6:30	Michela Messina
12:15	Robin Lombardo
<b>FRIDAY, October 11—</b> <b>WEEKDAY</b> <i>(Saint John XXIII, Pope)</i>	
6:30	Concetta Perrotta
12:15	Vincent Amoroso
<b>SATURDAY, October 12—</b> <b>WEEKDAY</b>	
8:00	Marie & Joseph Novak
<b>Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):</b> <b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
5:00	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday, October 13</b> <b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
8:00	Burt Koza
10:00	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
12:00	Mark Kenny
5:00	Tony Almo

# PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Monday, October 7, 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.	Devotions	Church
<b>Tuesday, October 8, 2019</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
<b>Wednesday, October 9, 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
5:30 p.m.	Level 7 Parent/Student Workshop	Church
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Ministry	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts	St. Lucy Room
<b>Thursday, October 10, 2019</b>		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
<b>Friday, October 11, 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.	Holy Name Society	Room 24
<b>Saturday, October 12, 2019</b>		
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	Golden Ticket Sales	Outside
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Sunday, October 13, 2019</b>		
After All Masses	Golden Ticket Sales	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).

el camino la verdad y la vida

### Lecturas del Domingo 28º del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C Domingo 13 de Octubre del 2019

Entado 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):**

Haz memoria de Jesucristo, resucitado de entre los muertos, nacido del linaje de David. Éste ha sido mi Evangelio, por el que sufro hasta llevar cadenas, como un malhechor; pero la palabra de Dios no está encadenada: Por eso lo aguanto todo por los elegidos, para que ellos también alcancen la salvación, lograda por Cristo Jesús, con la gloria eterna. Es doctrina segura: Si morimos con él, viviremos con él. Si perseveramos, reinaremos con él. Si lo negamos, también él nos negará. Si somos infieles, él permanece fiel, porque no puede negarse a sí mismo.

**Evangelio (Lucas 17,11-19):**

Reflexión del Evangelio según san Lucas 17:11-19

El Evangelio (Lc 17:11-19) narra que Jesús, en su camino hacia Jerusalén, pasando por los confines entre Samaria y Galilea, territorio no judío, entra a un pueblo y diez leprosos se le acercan, paran a distancia y le gritan: “Jesús, maestro, ¡ten piedad de nosotros!” El leproso era una persona excluida, marginada y despreciada, sin derecho a vivir con su familia y por la ley de la pureza, debía ir con ropa rota y el cabello suelto gritando: “¡Impuro! ¡Impuro!”; luego no podía acercarse a los demás.

Jesús les responde: “Id, preséntense a los sacerdotes!”. Era el sacerdote quien debía verificar la curación y dar fe de la pureza; por eso, la orden de Jesús exigía mucha fe de parte de los leprosos, quienes creen en sus palabras y yendo de camino quedan limpios o purificados. Lo cual desata la reacción de uno sólo de los leprosos, quien era samaritano y viéndose curado, se volvió glorificando a Dios en voz alta, y, postrándose rostro en tierra a los pies de Jesús, le da las gracias. Jesús interroga: “¿No quedaron limpios los diez? Los otros nueve, ¿dónde están? ¿No ha habido quien volviera a dar gloria a Dios sino este extranjero?” Y dice al samaritano, vete, tu fe te ha salvado. La gratitud debe formar parte del vocabulario y la actitud de las personas que viven una relación sana con Dios y los otros, como ese samaritano, que representa a las personas que tienen en su conciencia la necesidad de agradecer los favores recibidos de las personas pero también los que vienen de parte de Dios; favores estos últimos que son inmerecidos pero brotan de su

Mano Bondadosa, pues es claro que todo ser humano, no tiene mérito, ni crédito algunos ante Dios sino que todo lo que tiene y es lo alcanza por su Gracia, que gratuitamente le da, empezando por el don de la vida. Por eso, vale la pena orar siempre a Dios así: “Señor, dame la gracia de saber agradecerte todos las gracias y dones que me das”, pues la gratitud forma parte vital de la oración sincera y se convierte es la llave que abre el Corazón de Dios y lo inclina a la coneccion de nuevas gracias y favores, así lo dio a conocer Jesús a santa Faustina: “(...) Agradece por la más pequeña gracia mía, porque está gratitud me obliga a concederte nuevas gracias...”



## OFFERING UPDATE September 28/29, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	345	130	\$2,937.00
8:00 a.m.	255	124	3,160.00
10:00 a.m.	474	131	3,639.00
12:00 p.m.	398		2,926.00
5:00 p.m.	189	43	1,038.00
Coin			13.33
Mail-ins:			225.00
Children's Env.		18	73.00
Faith Direct			2,174.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>\$16,186.23</b>
<b>2018 total</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>\$16,565.58</b>
Candles			\$1,101.97
Poor Box			\$354.19

### RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Sunday October 6 is *Respect Life Sunday*. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

### SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!

Did you know that the OLPH bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission.

**So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!**

If your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin.

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

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

### DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrococo 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 13—passed  
October 20—October 11  
October 27—October 18

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**PREPARING FOR**  
**Sunday, October 13, 2019**  
**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*“Jesus said to him,  
‘Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.’”*

Luke 17:19

**2 Kings 5:14-17**

Naaman was a foreign dignitary and army commander who had been afflicted with leprosy. He came to Israel to seek a cure from the great prophet Elisha who instructed him to go and bathe in the Jordan River. When he did this, he found himself miraculously healed. Out of great gratitude, he wanted to give a gift to Elisha but the prophet refused, knowing that he has only done his duty as the Lord required. Naaman then declared that he will only worship the God of Israel and so asked for two mule-loads of earth to bring back to his country in order to erect an altar to the Lord. Naaman came to Israel for a bodily healing but returned with something even greater: faith in the one true God.

**2 Timothy 2:8-13**

The first word of this section of Paul’s letter to his young bishop Timothy is “remember.” That’s what liturgy is – an act of ritual remembrance of the saving acts of God in Christ. He goes on to quote words that were likely from a liturgical hymn in use at the time. He says these words are “trustworthy,” confirming that they offer the reliable teaching that if we die with Christ then we shall live with him. He also goes on to say that if we deny Christ, he will deny us. Christ must be true to his own nature and must judge us if we are unfaithful. Even God can’t pretend sin never happened; either we repent or Christ must judge us.

**Luke 17:11-19**

Just as in the first reading, someone asks to be healed from leprosy in this Gospel story which is found only in Luke. Actually, it is ten lepers who demonstrate faith by calling out to Jesus for pity. Even though Jesus is on his way to his appointed death in Jerusalem, he never fails to respond to those in need, so he instructs them to show themselves to the priests. Along the way they are healed, yet only one returns to thank Jesus, who commends him for his exemplary faith. What happened to the other nine? The story doesn’t say but it’s clear that, even as miraculous as their healings were, they settled for too little. The man who returned to give thanks, who was a foreigner just as Naaman was, received the far greater gift: the promise of salvation. “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”

**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. This Sunday we see foreigners who were grateful: the Syrian blind man, and in the First Reading the foreigner Naaman. Does God offer generous love regardless of a person’s origins or accomplishments? Do you give of yourself or your goods when you suspect ingratitude? Do you take note when God pours grace into your life? Are you grateful?

2. According to Pope Francis in his homily at the Mass with the new Cardinals, what is a most important message Jesus gives us in his healing of the ten lepers? Is there any little thing you can do to heal a person’s wounds?

“I urge you to serve Jesus crucified in every person who is emarginated, for whatever reason; to see the Lord in every excluded person who is hungry, thirsty, naked; to see the Lord present even in those who have lost their faith, or turned away from the practice of their faith, or say that they are atheists; to see the Lord who is imprisoned, sick, unemployed, persecuted; to see the Lord in the leper—whether in body or soul—who encounters discrimination! We will not find the Lord unless we truly accept the marginalized!”

Pope Francis, [Holy Mass with the New Cardinals](#),  
October 6, 2013

*Readings for the Week*

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

**Monday, October 7, 2019:**

Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11 + Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019:**

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

**Wednesday, October 9, 2019:**

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

**Thursday, October 10, 2019:**

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

**Friday, October 11, 2019:**

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

**Saturday, October 12, 2019:**

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

**Sunday, October 13, 2019:**

2 Kings 5:14-17  
+ 2 Timothy 2:8-13  
+ Luke 17:11-19

# The Work of the People

**M**y brother and I didn't need alarm clocks to wake us in the morning. Our mother's morning ritual was all we needed. Before the sun rose and before the birds chirped through their morning concert, she would walk in and say, "Come on, get up, there's work to be done."

Mom wasn't one to rest. She was up at 6:00 AM every day—even on weekends—even on vacation. With two children, a house, a dog, and a yard to tend, much had to be done.

For Mom, work was a prime motivator. She didn't have to punch a clock. She didn't have a boss. She didn't have to report to anyone. It was the work itself that prompted her to get out of bed in the morning. Mom often attended daily Mass. She instinctively knew that liturgy and labor went hand in hand.

The word *liturgy* comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which can be broken down to two words: *laos*, meaning "people," and *ergon*, meaning "work." Liturgy literally means "work of the people." In ancient Greece, the word *leitourgia* was used to mean any work that was done in service for the good of the people. So from the beginning, liturgy has been connected to work.

It takes a lot of human labor to make liturgy. There is the work we see: the ministers who prepare and serve as readers, musicians, altar servers, and so on, but more work is done behind the scenes. Farmers grow the wheat and the grapes for the bread and the wine that are consecrated, and distributors, drivers, and countless others ensure our ready supply of bread and wine. Many labor to cut and cast the vessels that hold the Body and Blood of Christ, and manufacturers make the fabric, and seamstresses the altar linens and vestments. Gardeners and beekeepers provide our beeswax candles and so on.

The assembly's act of participation in the liturgy is itself an act of labor as they listen to the Word of God and seek to understand how God is calling them to act. In the midst of worship, the faithful process to the altar



The work of the liturgy occurs both within and outside of Mass.

with the gifts of bread and wine, the "work of human hands." In this procession worshippers bring the gift of themselves—their hopes and dreams, their cares and their struggles to the altar. Their lives, along with the bread and wine, are transformed by the work of praying in the Eucharistic Prayer. In that prayer are active verbs such as *offer*, *give thanks*, *remember*, and *pray*—all of which call the faithful to the work of transforming not just themselves but the world. The liturgy concludes with an instruction as the priest or deacon says, "Go forth, the Mass is ended," "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord," "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life," or "Go in peace." The faithful are sent forth to do their work in the world—bringing God's presence to their families, workplaces, and communities.



## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

**“Moving On” Group**—an ‘After-Bereavement’ group for Widows and Widowers at the Church of St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702, hosts: **“Positive Thinking – The Key to Living Your Best Life Possible”** presented by Author and Motivational Speaker Glenn Poveromo, Friday, **October 11th @ 7:30 p.m.** For further information please call Geri Olson 631-661-8994 or Linda Sparaco 631-225-9530.

**Catholic Voices for the New Evangelization** Saturday, **October 19** at Kellenberg Memorial High School, 1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd., Uniondale, NY, from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Speakers are Catholic authors Dr. Scott Hahn and Jennifer Fulwiler. \$25 includes lunch. Afternoon concludes with Mass. Call Alex Basile 516-292-0200, ext. 342 for details or [mrbasile@kellenberg.org](mailto:mrbasile@kellenberg.org).

**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 \$300 each. For information on our silent auction, 50/50 raffle or listing in the 2019 Dominican Gala Journal, contact Susan Jappell (631) 842-6000 x 246.

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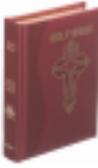
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<b>St. Mary's High School</b>	-	<b>Sunday, October 20 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b>
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