

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Let us not sleep as the rest do,
but let us stay alert and sober.*

1 Thessalonians 5:6

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
November 19, 2017**

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Saturday: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

“LET US GIVE THANKS”

Put that turkey in the oven and bring your family to the...



Thanksgiving Day Mass Thursday, November 23rd 9:00 a.m.

Our entire parish family joins together to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives. At this liturgy, we

- give thanks to God for His many blessings in our lives
- invite parishioners to bring non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry (*list on p.11*) or men's gloves, knit hats, hand warmers and thick socks for the Homeless Ministry
- distribute bread for all to share at their Thanksgiving table
- seek God's blessing upon the food we will use for our Thanksgiving meals

Please bring something from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed.

(Please note: This will be the *only Mass* celebrated on Thanksgiving Day.)

HELP NEEDED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

We will need some help immediately following the Thanksgiving Day Mass carrying the food offerings from the church to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. If a few folks could help out for just a few minutes carrying food over, it would be greatly appreciated. It's a great thing for your family to do together! Thank you for your help!

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 7

Eve of the Holy Day

5:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, December 8

Mass Schedule:

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

*Exposition will be held from 8:30 p.m.—Midnight
Annual Night of Prayer for the Unborn*

PASTOR'S PAGE

Thanksgiving Day

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, a day that I hope will be special for you and your loved ones. As spiritual values become, sadly, less and less important in our materialistic and consumerist society, it becomes even more essential to make a concerted effort to just stop and give thanks, in order to recognize all the things we should be grateful for. In many ways, saying thank you to God could be said to be the one and only essential prayer — recognizing that we are dependent on God for everything, and that everything we have and everything we are comes to us as a gift from God, is the basic and unwavering stance we should have toward life; all our life should be lived in “grace and gratitude.” (*Where have I heard that phrase before?*) The beautiful thing about Thanksgiving Day is that it is kind of a “natural Holy Day.” There’s just something both natural and spiritual about setting aside a day for giving thanks and to focus on what’s really important in life.

Unfortunately, the forces of greed and consumerism encroach more and more on what should be time set aside for relaxation and re-creation of the human spirit in God. “Black Friday” creeps earlier and earlier into Thanksgiving Day, and even before then (I have seen references to “pre-Black Friday” for a couple of weeks now already!), and, in my opinion, Thanksgiving Day itself is in danger of being lost. Maybe this is something we all need to think and pray deeply about; we all need to make conscious and daring decisions to keep values such as family life, spirituality, thankfulness and shared time together at the center of our life.

Our parish celebrates Thanksgiving Day by having one Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. How important it is for us to gather together at one Mass, as one family, around our one altar, on this special national day of giving thanks! Do be sure to join us; you’ll still be on your way after Mass in plenty of time to continue cooking that dinner or to head off traveling “over the river and through the woods” to your family gathering. Some special highlights of our Thanksgiving Mass are as follows:

- There will not be the usual collection of money. Instead, everyone is invited to bring a non-perishable

food offering for the poor or an item for our Ministry to the Homeless, as described elsewhere in this bulletin. These offerings will then be brought forward in procession, with the offerings of bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist being brought up last. Your offerings for the poor brought forward in procession will be placed in baskets on the sanctuary steps. **Don’t drop off your offering for the poor right away when you come into the church! Hold on to it so you can bring it forward in procession!**

- We will offer a special blessing of your Thanksgiving table food. Bring some food item from your table to be blessed at Mass.

- As you exit, we will hand out a special table blessing prayer for you to take home, to use as your grace before the meal if you so choose.

Also, we will need some help immediately following the Mass; we need folks to carry the offerings for the poor over to the school building. If you can give ten minutes or so after the Mass helping out, we would appreciate it.

On that day, I will be including in my intentions for the Mass my gratitude for the gift that all of you are. OLPH is a wonderful, warm place with very caring and generous people. Being able to be Pastor here is a gift for which I am very grateful, and I will be sure to say thank you to God for that on that day. I cannot think of any other place I would rather be other than here, “the place to be!”

I look forward to seeing you at our Thanksgiving Day Mass! Wouldn’t it be great to have the church filled on Thanksgiving morning?

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,



COMPUTER PERSON NEEDED TO MAKE FUNERAL BOOKLETS

We are in need of additional people to be in a rotation to serve as computer people for our Ministry of Consolation. Your ministry would be to create on a parish computer, and then run off on our copy machine, the booklet (participation aid) which will be handed out at the Funeral Mass. The booklet is put together from a template, so only basic computer skills are needed; you are not creating the booklet from scratch, but you are simply making choices from a template. It’s a great ministry for someone who might only be available in the evenings. It does not involve contact with families, and it takes only an hour or two to do it. Attention to detail is a plus! You would be part of a rotating team, and anyone — college students, young adults, moms or dads with families looking to do just a little something to get out of the house and help out once or twice a week, or retirees — can do it! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact MaryAnn Haas at hosta7@yahoo.com or Msgr. Joe at the rectory. Thank you!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer for Peace

Please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,*

*Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!*

*Make all men and women witnesses
of truth, justice and brotherly love.*

*Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.*

*Enlighten our rulers
that they may guarantee
and defend the great gift of peace.*

*May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.*

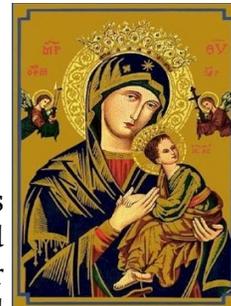
*May longed-for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.*

AMEN

*Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)*



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, November 20—7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 27—7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 4—7:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer



All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the

Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length.

So come and pray...

**Saturdays
and Sundays**

After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

"The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself 'continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.'"

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

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

This year, our Liturgy Committee will prepare 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 Wednesday, November 29.

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

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



GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

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



BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

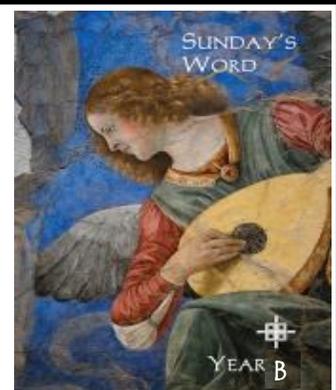
Beginning November 1 a special book will be placed in the Divine Mercy Chapel for members of our parish community to write down the names of loved ones who have died. The names in this book will be remembered at our Masses throughout the month of November.



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.

NEW SUNDAY'S WORD BOOKS AVAILABLE

The new *Sunday's Word* books for the upcoming new liturgical year (Cycle B) starting with the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, are now available at the rectory for the purchase price of \$3.00.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent Lessons & Carols

And

International Peace Light Ceremony

Sunday, December 3, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst



Sn the peak of winter darkness, we will gather in the quiet church, with candles lit from the Peace Light originating from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, to hear the Scriptures and beautiful music of Advent. Based on the traditional service from Kings College, Cambridge, OLPH parish will add its own touch, with readers of all ages and music led by the adult choir, youth band, youth choir, cantors, and instrumentalists. The assembly is as much a part of this service as the choirs and joins in singing the great hymns of Advent. Join us as we prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts and pray for peace throughout our troubled world.

Please bring your own lantern if you wish to bring the Peace Light home.

FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Hi! My name is St. Francis de Sales, and I'm the patron saint of writers. That's why your Pastoral Council has picked me as their patron and intercessor in this column which they offer to you. Here we will grow in our appreciation of the Catholic faith through questions and answers. So, I encourage all of you to send me your questions about Catholicism. All questions are welcomed and all will remain just between you and me (we won't print your name in the bulletin).

Please e-mail pastoralcouncil@oloph.org and each time this column appears, a new question will be answered. So, let's get started! I'll pray for you what I pray for everyone: May the Lord grant you His peace!



“Our guardian angel is a friend we do not see, but whose presence we feel. He accompanies us on our earthly journey to heaven.” —Pope Francis

What is the Catholic Church's view on the existence of angels and who or what they are?

The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls “angels” is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 328)

When asking about who they are, we can turn to the words of St. Augustine. He says, “‘Angel’ is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is ‘spirit’; if you seek the name of their office, it is ‘angel’: from what they are, ‘spirit,’ from what they do, ‘angel.’” With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they “always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven” they are the “mighty ones who do his work, hearkening to the voice of his word.” (CCC 329)

As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will; they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness. (CCC 330)

In the meantime, the whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels. (CCC 334) From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him or her to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.

So, the next time you pick up your Bible, reflect on Scriptures that mention angels. For example, in the Book of Tobit we meet the angel Raphael. The book of Revelation refers to angels, as well as the books of Jude and Daniel, along with others. Many of us may be familiar with the angel Gabriel who “was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.” (Luke 1:26) Look to the words of Pope Francis above, and, just as angels are mentioned in Scripture, they are also real and present around us today.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



NEW CATHOLICS ALWAYS WANTED AND NEEDED!

What about you?

Do you want to be baptized?

**Are you already baptized in another Christian church
and want to become Catholic?**

What are you waiting for?

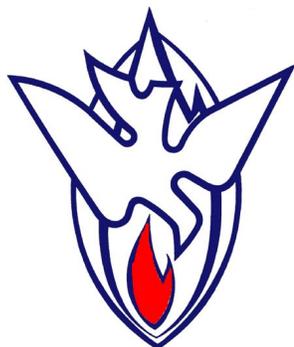
We offer a beautiful and life-giving process to join the Catholic Church and would love for you to be a part of it! You will join with other women and men interested in becoming part of the Catholic faith. Together, led by members of our parish community, you will discover God's call for you!

We are hoping to form a new group of those interested in joining the Catholic Church. **We need you to reach out and invite someone you know who might be considering this and have them contact us here at OLPH!**

Would you like to share your faith with those discerning God's call in their own hearts? To accompany another in this process not only aids those in this process of formation but transforms you as well.

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 for information to begin the process.

CONFIRMATION



Are you an adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?

If you are a baptized Catholic and have received Holy Communion, but still need Confirmation, we offer a process for you.

For adults who desire more information, contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net *For teenagers and their families who desire more information*, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631.226.7725, x.251 or e-mail to religioused@oloph.org.

ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!

SAVE THE DATE—APRIL 14, 2018

All parish leaders and heads of all ministries, societies and organizations, and anyone in the parish who has taken the Strengths Finder Survey to learn about your Top Five Strengths, should save the date of the afternoon of Saturday, April 14, 2018. That's when we will hold our next Parish Leadership Meeting and include all parishioners who have taken the Strengths Finder survey. We'll discuss the process we are using to build engagement in the life of the parish and do important planning for the future direction of the parish. Don't miss it, and mark your calendar now! Invitation letters and more details will follow in the coming months.

NEW BOXES OF CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE



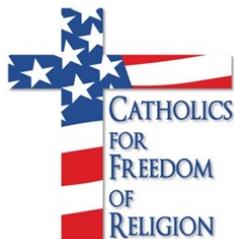
The new boxes of **Children's Envelopes** for the upcoming liturgical year are now available! Children should use these envelopes to make their offering in the weekly collection basket at Mass, in addition to their family's offering.

The purpose of the envelopes is not a money-raising one, but rather to provide parents a tool to reinforce in their children the idea of stewardship for their Church and responsible giving toward others. It's a great way to teach children the value of being thankful for the gifts God gives us and the importance of sharing the abundance of those gifts with others. Ideally, the money — whatever amount is placed in the envelope (there is no minimum or maximum!) — comes from the children themselves, *e.g.*, out of their allowance, rather than being just handed to them from the parents. In this way, Christian attitudes are nourished in the children, and this can be yet another avenue for parents and children to discuss responsible Christian living.

New boxed sets of Children's Envelopes for the entire new liturgical year (starting with Advent 2017) are available in baskets throughout the church. Families who wish to use them should simply take a box which contains envelopes for the entire year, with the children then returning one envelope each week, dropping it in the collection basket at Mass. The envelope should have the child's name and amount of the offering written on it. The design on the envelope may be colored in and decorated in other ways if desired. The amount collected in the children's envelopes is published in the bulletin each week. As with the usual collection offerings, the money will go toward supporting the mission of and programs at OLPH.

Encourage your children to use these envelopes as a way of growing in Christian stewardship and responsibility!

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Student Group Facing "Hate" Charges at Georgetown

Georgetown University student group Love Saxa is in danger of being defunded and barred from campus facilities after some students petitioned that it be recognized as a "hate group" —charges levied against it for its fidelity to Catholic doctrine on sexuality.

The Hoya, Georgetown's student newspaper, argues that Love Saxa's definition of marriage fosters hatred or intolerance since it "actively advocates a limited definition of marriage..."

"Love Saxa believes that marriage is a conjugal union on every level—emotional, spiritual, physical and mental—directed toward the caring for biological children. To us, marriage is much more than commitment of love between two consenting adults," said student-president, Amelia Levine. "I believe Love Saxa has the right to exist, especially at a Catholic school. We exist to promote healthy, loving relationships at Georgetown."

"Our definition of 'healthy relationships' and 'sexual integrity' is synonymous with those of the Catholic Church, and therefore those of Georgetown University. If *The Hoya* wishes to call Love Saxa a hate group, we anticipate that it will not be long until other traditional religious groups are labeled 'hate groups' as well."

Georgetown is a Catholic University in Washington, D.C., founded by the Society of Jesus in 1789. "If we cannot safely advocate for beliefs synonymous with Catholic social teaching," said Levine, "then no group at Georgetown can be certain of its security." (ncr.org, 10/20/17; catholicnewsagency.com, 10/20/17; foxnews.com, 10/23/17)

"We have become certain of two things: religious freedom is under attack, and we will not cease our struggle to protect it." Cardinal Timothy Dolan

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

Thank you, Father Patrick Griffin, for teaching our Catechists at our last training session how to be “Missionary Disciples”!



Levels 1-7:

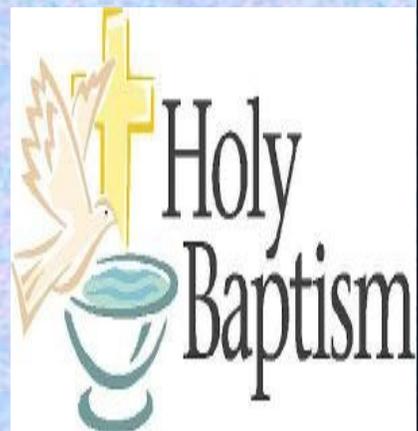
There is NO CLASS on
Wednesday, November 22 and
Saturday, November 25
due to Thanksgiving break!
Enjoy the time
with your family!



Congratulations

to all who were baptized on
 Saturday, November 11:

- Luvy German
- Angelina Iadicicco
- Giovanni Iadicicco
- Kyle Ketcham
- Lilith Wilson



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
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- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
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- † 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!

STUFFING MIX
CORN MUFFIN MIX
CRANBERRY SAUCE
SMALL PKGS. RICE
PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP
COFFEE
SHELF STABLE MILK
SNACKS (CHILDREN)
JUICE/WATER
TOOTHPASTE/TOILETRIES

*NO PASTA OR BEANS AT THIS TIME,
PLEASE.*

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

Use Parking Lot located
on corner of Gates & High Streets
631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

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

The good news of today’s Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in “small matters.” The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God’s extravagant love.

† A LIVING MEMORIAL

THANK YOU!!! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program. Last year, your donations amounted to over \$4,000 which was used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish.

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. This beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

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

OUR MISSION

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Long Island is part of an international organization of Catholic laymen and women who join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of our founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, Saint Vincent de Paul.



“Those who love the poor in life will have nothing to fear in death...”
- Saint Vincent de Paul

*As a Living Memorial
to the life of*

A donation has been made by

*To the
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
of Long Island*

Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS

We are in need of the following items:

Men's pants (jeans & sweat pants) - larger sizes
 Women's new underwear (sizes 5,6,7)
 Heavy hoodies - L to 3 XL
 Winter hats (skull type)/gloves - men & women
 Sneakers - 10, 11, 11.5, 12, 13, 15
 Shampoo - 1.5 oz.
 Lotion - 1.5 oz.
 Deodorant
 Lip balm
 Back packs
 Gently used tents
 Waterproof blankets

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

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

MIDDLE AGES

Are you a woman
 in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?

Tuesday, December 5

Make Van lunches
 Finalize holiday dinner plans
in Room 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are usually held on the first and third weeks of the month in Room 24 of the “new” school. For more information, call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or e-mail at gtonness@optonline.net.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Give yourself a Challenge

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

Tuesday, December 12

Fran Grasso—631-956-3003
 sixfingers13@gmail.com

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



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's **Community Meal Ministry** has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held twice each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

*Our next Community Meal is Sunday, December 3
 Come and pray with us at the 12:00 p.m. Mass
 then join us for “Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m.*

BROKEN GLASS ON DOOR IN CHURCH

As you may have noticed, the glass on the door at the southwest corner of the church is shattered and the area has been blocked off. The glass was broken by a pebble shot out from a lawnmower during landscaping! New glass has already been ordered, and, thankfully, this will not result in any cost to the parish, since insurance is paying for all repairs.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Knights of Columbus Council #794 /OLPH Holy Name Society Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



Open to Children between the ages of 5 to 14

Take part in the 2017 “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest.

Contest Rules:

1. The wording: “Keep Christ in Christmas” must appear on the poster
2. **Paper:** any color oak tag (recommended) or similar style construction paper. Poster must be approximately 11 x 17 inches
3. **Medium:** There are no restrictions on colors, types of print, pencils, pastels or crayons, or number of colors. NO THREE DIMENSIONAL work of any type. NO GLUEING on of objects. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, please laminate or cover in clear plastic to protect the artwork.
4. **Artwork:** must be completely the work of the STUDENT.
5. All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Society.
6. Return poster to your Religious Education Teacher, or to OLPH Rectory during business hours
7. On the back of the poster glue or tape, the following

Student’s Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____

Grade: _____

I certify that this poster is the original work-product of the applicant.

Applicant’s Signature: _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

For additional information, please contact Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451, Bob Newberry at 917-613-7848 or Alex Keller at 631-226-3831

All Posters must be turned in by December 9, 2017

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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

*Rey Nicole Burdish
Mira Simone Jacques
Keith Joseph Kateridge
Nicholas Anthony Kirschen
Cameran Shea Little
Bridget Grace Mitchell
Noah Valentino Rodriguez
Colton Alexander Seymour*



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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Reynold Ruiz</i>	<i>Helga Popko</i>
<i>Richard Northorn</i>	<i>Joseph Chiusa Jr.</i>
<i>Juliette Silvestri</i>	<i>Kathleen Stanton</i>
<i>William D. Hinds</i>	<i>Jerry Caporaso</i>
<i>Marjorie Hildemann</i>	<i>Joan Caporaso</i>
<i>Robert Scott Sr.</i>	<i>Catherine Lang</i>
<i>Lily Elle Schlachter</i>	<i>Peter Masak</i>
<i>Haley Kerwin</i>	<i>Dolores Rossetti</i>
<i>Peter Leyden</i>	<i>Robert Stoss</i>
<i>Jim Barlotta</i>	<i>Ted Zimms</i>
<i>Justin Rodgers</i>	<i>Connie Bulzomi</i>
<i>Robert Flesher</i>	<i>Douglas Ferraro</i>
<i>Laura Long</i>	<i>Ronnie Buonpastore</i>
<i>Fara Pellerito</i>	

WE REMEMBER

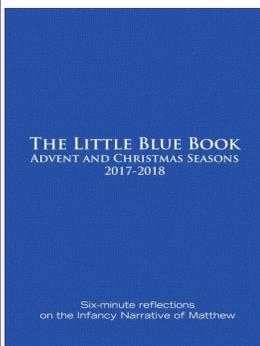
We remember those who have died in our parish community this week:

*Teresa Cording
Sarah Vitale
Rita Insigne
Rose Baiera*

“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.”

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with having their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks depending upon space.

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE



Please take home a *Little Blue Book* which contains daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons. This book provides the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Advent and Christmas Time. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the *Little Blue Book*. They are available on the pew ledges in the church.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 20— Weekday

6:30 Philip Mickulas

12:15 George Cunningham

TUESDAY, November 21— The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 Mary Becker

12:15 Evelyn & Joan Walters-Gargano

WEDNESDAY, November 22— Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

6:30 Frank Mehm

12:15 Francesca Giampino

THURSDAY, November 23— Thanksgiving Day *(Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr)*

9:00 Pat Perrotta

FRIDAY, November 24— Saint Andrew D ng-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 Sean Keicher & Mary Kovacs

12:15 Paul Benfante

SATURDAY, November 25— Weekday

8:00 Sister Providence Giammalvo, OP

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

5:00 Tom & Kathy Bentley

Sunday, November 26 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8:00 Leonida & Alejandro Adanan

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of
the Legion of Mary

5:00 Dorothea McCowan

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, November 20, 2017

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
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Strengths Leadership	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
1:45 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church

**NO EVENING ACTIVITIES. RECEPTION DESK CLOSSES AT
5:00 P.M. DUE TO THANKSGIVING**

Thursday, November 23, 2017

**ALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND ACTIVITIES CANCELLED IN
OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING**

Friday, November 24, 2017

**ALL OFFICES REMAIN CLOSED AND ACTIVITIES
CANCELLED. THE RECTORY RECEPTION DESK WILL
REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 9:00 P.M.**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent

Saturday, November 25, 2017

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE CANCELLED
DUE TO THANKSGIVING**

1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, November 26, 2017

10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
12:45 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Lecturas del Domingo 34 semana del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A **Domingo 26 de Noviembre del 2017**

Toda alabanza al Señor, que dice: "Buscaré las ovejas perdidas; haré volver a las descarriadas, vendaré a las heridas y curaré a las enfermas". Que este Señor y Dios compasivo esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Ezequiel 34,11-12.15-17): Dios, el Pastor- Rey

Ya que los reyes de Israel habían engañado a su pueblo, Dios mismo los conducirá como un pastor que se cuida de su rebaño.

Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 15,20-26.28): Cristo Debe Reinar.

Cristo fue el primero en resucitar de entre los muertos. Su poder de resurrección está operante en este mundo por medio de los que pertenecen a Él. Al final, Cristo presentará su reino al Padre.

Evangelio (Mt 25,31-46): Cristo Nos Juzgará según Nuestro Amor a los Hermanos

Jesús no sólo está cercano a los pobres, a los desposeídos, a los que sufren; es que en ellos le encontramos a Él mismo. Hoy concluimos el Año Litúrgico, el Año de la Iglesia, con la solemne celebración de Cristo, nuestro Pastor y Rey. Vino a nosotros como nuestro Buen Pastor y nos confió la responsabilidad de cuidar unos de otros. Cuando venga a evaluar nuestra vida y a verificar cuánto hay de bueno a sus ojos y a los nuestros, él nos preguntará: ¿Se han preocupado los unos por los otros, han servido ustedes a los demás, especialmente a los pobres y a los débiles? No es sólo cuestión de servir a otros: Se trata también de servir a Dios, ya que el prójimo en necesidad no es sino Cristo mismo "disfrazado". Se trata, por lo tanto, de un acto de fe profunda. En esta eucaristía pidamos, pues, al Señor fe profunda y amor generoso.

2. ¿Me Has Encontrado en los Pobres?

El Año Litúrgico acaba con la celebración de Cristo Rey, y el próximo sábado comenzará el nuevo Año de la Iglesia con el Adviento. El evangelio de hoy, de San Mateo, nos presenta la escena de Cristo nuestro Señor que viene como rey a juzgar a los hombres. Esta escena es la contrapartida de las Bienaventuranzas, donde los pobres y los que sufren se llamaban felices y dichosos. En el juicio, el Señor nos preguntará: "¿Qué has hecho en favor de los pobres y de los que lloraban?". Jesús se presenta aquí a sí mismo no sólo como cercano a los pobres y humildes, sino que él mismo es el pobre, el manso, el enfermo, el perseguido. Y nos vuelve a preguntar: "¿Me has encontrado en ellos?" ¿Qué le respondemos?

Cuáles son las obras de misericordia? Las obras de misericordia son acciones caritativas mediante las cuales ayudamos a nuestro prójimo en sus necesidades corporales y espirituales (cf. Is 58, 6-7; Hb 13, 3). Instruir, aconsejar, consolar, confortar, son obras espirituales de misericordia, como también lo son perdonar y sufrir con paciencia.

- La Iglesia la formamos los seglares (o sea, las personas casadas, solteras...), los sacerdotes y personas consagradas a Dios.

- ¡Así, si tú estás bautizado y crees en Jesús y todo lo que Él nos enseñó, entonces eres **PARTE DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA!**

CRISTO FUNDÓ LA IGLESIA PARA SALVARNOS

- Cristo, el hijo de Dios, fue quien empezó la Iglesia. ¿Y para qué la fundó?

- Cristo nos dejó la Iglesia para que cuando El ya no estuviera en el mundo, ella nos dijera qué es lo que debemos hacer para llegar al cielo.

La Iglesia es quien nos muestra el camino a la salvación. **¿CÓMO EMPEZÓ LA IGLESIA?**

- En el tiempo en que Jesús estuvo enseñando, El escogió a doce hombres para que le siguieran, aprendieran de Él y después fueran a otros lados a decirles a los demás hombres lo que les había enseñado.



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religiously@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
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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 to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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

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

OFFERING UPDATE Nov. 11/12, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	332	130	\$3,597.00
8:00 a.m.	260	112	2,855.00
10:00 a.m.	438	123	3,132.00
12:00 p.m.	425	144	3,568.00
5:00 p.m.	215	35	1,266.00
Coin			12.93
Mail-ins:			891.00
Children's Env.		16	35.00
Faith Direct			2,048.50
TOTAL	1,670	560	\$17,405.43
2016 total	1,737	600	\$18,397.87
Candles			\$1,076.75
Poor Box			\$343.04

This week, *November 18/19* we will take up the Collection for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* which includes Home Missions (CCHD). CCHD was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change.

**Fight poverty in America.
Defend human dignity.
Give to the CCHD
Collection.**



"The Holy Name Society of OLPH would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Turkey Raffle. Thanks to you, we will be able to help those

organizations in our parish that help others in a variety of charitable ways. Congratulations to all of the winners: Kathryn (no last name), Thomas Shivers, Anna Star, John Zocalli, Helen Damm, Jim Totino, Rachael Ferraro, Mary Abbondola, and the St. Vincent de Paul pantry won 2 turkeys.

HOLIDAY WEEK OFFICE HOURS:

- All Parish Offices will be closing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22 and there are no evening office hours at the Rectory on Wednesday, November 22.
- All Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23, for Thanksgiving Day, and the church will be closed after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- The Rectory reception desk will be open normal Friday hours on Friday, November 24.



DEADLINES FOR

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

- November 26— passed
- December 3— November 24
- December 10— December 1
- December 17— December 8
- December 24— December 8
- December 31— December 22

Due to early printing deadlines all materials for the December bulletins must be submitted ASAP!

PREPARING FOR Sunday, November 26, 2017— OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25:40

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Our first reading is one of reproach for the leaders of Israel for they have lived off the sheep (the people under their care) without responding to their needs. They provided no care for those who remained faithful and left those who strayed to their own resources. With their people in great danger the religious leaders provided for themselves even when many people were lost; there was no noticeable difference in their leaders' care for their flock. Now God himself will assume the role of shepherd. He will bring back the exiled and go after the lost, the wounded and the ill to bring them back.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Paul speaks of the final resurrection of the just and the subjection of all forces of evil to the sovereignty of God. In Christ's Resurrection, Paul envisions Christ as the second Adam. The first Adam brought death into the world; the second Adam brought life. This new life stretches beyond our mortal existence and will be given to those who have fallen asleep in death. Christ's reign will last until his mission is accomplished and all forces contrary to God are subdued.

Matthew 25:31-46

We hear today of the Last Judgment where we see what will happen to those who prepared well (the sheep) for the second coming of Christ and those who did not (the goats). The sheep, like the wise virgins and industrious servants from the parables we heard over the last two weeks, are blessed and welcomed into the Kingdom of God because of what they did, traditionally known as "the works of mercy": feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, visiting those in prison, and so on. While apparently the blessed ones did these works for the "least brothers of mine" they actually did it for the Son of Man himself, who identifies with the least among us in society. This is an important challenge to all who hear this Gospel. The little ones of our world all belong to Christ and in showing mercy to them we meet the Christ who will also come as judge.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 20, 2017:

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57,
62-63 + Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 21, 2017:

2 Maccabees 6:18-31+ Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 22, 2017:

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31
+ Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 23, 2017:

1 Maccabees 2:15-29 + Luke 19:41-44

Friday, November 24, 2017:

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59
+ Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 25, 2017:

1 Maccabees 6:1-13 + Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, November 26, 2017:

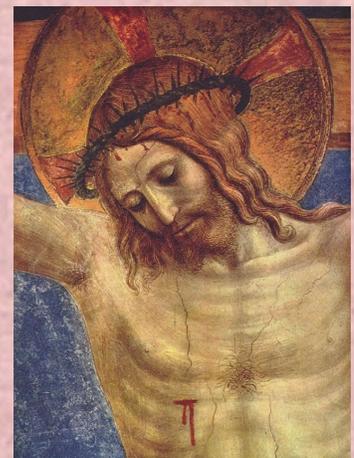
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
+ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
+ Matthew 25:31-46

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. *This king is the almighty and glorious God. Why did he come into the world, in solidarity with the poor, wear thorns for his crown, and have a cross for his throne? Can you relate on a personal level to a very rich, brilliant leader? How about to a poor and suffering one?*

2. *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink." Christ uses our generosity as a standard for salvation. How is it also a standard for happiness? What happens to you when you give? If the "goats" had recognized Jesus, wouldn't they have given too? How important is it to give without calculation?*



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Joseph's Babylon –Part-time secretary/receptionist St. Joseph's in Babylon is looking for an enthusiastic, welcoming and organized part-time assistant to work in the Parish office on Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and the 3rd/4th Saturday of the month, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m./9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Approx. 37 hours per month. Responsibilities/qualifications include:

- answering phones, greeting visitors, register new parishioners
- information intake /scheduling for baptisms, weddings, funerals
- assist priests and deacons when needed
- facilitating sick calls
- general office responsibilities include copying, light typing, some database entry
- basic computer skills needed
- experience in Church Office PDS a plus

Qualified, interested candidates are asked to please call Jane at (631) 669-0068 x 159 or e-mail her at stewardship@stjosephsbabylon.org.

Boy Scouts Troop 1 Babylon is in need of a Scout Master. The troop currently has 30 scouts with a strong committee and committed sponsor. Troop 1 meets at the Babylon Methodist Church every Thursday evening. Anyone interested please contact Michael Gaffney, Committee Chairman, at 917-435-3318 or jetblue48@aol.com.

Bereavement support group for Widows and Widowers; 8 Week Program for Ages 50 and Over, starting Friday, **December 1st**, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 N. Carll Ave. Babylon. For more information and registration, please call: Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson 631-661-8994.

VETERAN'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Family Life Ministry hosted its annual Veteran's Day Pancake Breakfast. Veterans, their families and the community enjoyed a meal and fellowship together. Thank you to our Level 8 Confirmation candidates for your assistance.



Brick Memorialization, Phase Three

**COMING
SOON**

- Walkway to the Blessed Mother
- Our new “Let the Children Come to Me” statue

Watch the bulletin for further details coming soon!

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