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

Matthew 25:40

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 26, 2023

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**,
except on Thursdays (closed after the
12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning)
and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

Special Needs Mass:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person,
each Saturday in the church immediately following
the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning
Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.
on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

*Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

First Saturdays: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following
12:15 p.m. Mass

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of November 26, 2023

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Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

LEARN



Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!

LISTEN



Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

This Sunday, the Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, and the last Sunday is always celebrated as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This Solemnity was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925.

This Solemnity is a fitting celebration to the end of Ordinary Time, since it provides a nice transition into the call we hear in the first weeks of Advent to prepare for the coming King. Christ's kingship is eschatological, which means Christ's Kingdom is both already present in the Church, yet is also to be fulfilled at the end of time. Consequently, this Solemnity turns our thoughts to the "last things." It gives us a preview of the coming fulfillment of the reign of Christ at the end of time, which is also how we begin Advent next week — by reflecting on the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time (notice the smooth transition from one liturgical season to the next).

Take special notice of how this Solemnity causes us to rethink our conventional understandings of kingship and power; Jesus transforms what true kingship and power really are. The way of Christ, and therefore the way for all Christians to live, is the way of humble service and of caring for others. True kingship stems from making oneself low; true power comes about by being selflessly and generously concerned with the needs of others. Christ's kingship lies not in worldly power or authority, but rather in His self-sacrificing love that gives life to others.

The Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer used at Mass for this Solemnity sums it all up very well for us: Christ's Kingdom is "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

Blessings to you on this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe!

Altar Server Meeting

All Altar Servers — all our experienced Altar Servers and the new ones recently installed — are reminded to attend the very important

meeting on this coming Tuesday, November 28, at 4:30 p.m. in the church. In addition to conducting important business and reviewing some procedures, we'll also discuss and work on the special schedule for Christmas and January 1 Masses. All Altar Servers are expected to attend, and you should have a parent or adult with you. I look forward to seeing you there!

Advent begins next weekend!

Take note! Since this Sunday is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, that means next Sunday begins a new liturgical year. Yes, next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent! Next week we begin "Year B" of the three-year cycle of Lectionary readings (designated A, B and C) for Sunday Mass. The primary evangelist for Year B is St. Mark, so we'll be hearing a great deal of St. Mark's Gospel on the Sundays in Ordinary Time during the upcoming year, except for a few weeks throughout August when, because St. Mark's Gospel is short, the Sunday Gospels will come from chapter 6 of St. John's Gospel (the Bread of Life discourse).

It seems there's always something exciting about Advent Time; it always seems to bring something fresh and new, and as Christians we must always maintain an appropriate spirit of hope and optimism, and not give in to the voices of "doom and gloom." Advent gives us the time to prepare for Christ coming among us anew into our life and into our heart. One liturgical year ends as another begins, and so too with our life in Christ: there is always a new beginning to be found with the One who came into the world to save us.

There's no secret about how important I feel it is for us to keep Advent, and to not celebrate Christmas until it is Christmas Time; I harp on this subject every year, and will do so again this year. I really do believe it is vitally important for the rhythms of the liturgical year to be spiritual rhythms and focal points that we put into concrete practice in our life; they are not just cute mental notes to give lip service to or to pay attention to only when we are at Mass — they must become part of the fabric of our very life. We should not compartmentalize our lives and observe one thing when we're in church, but

then live something different in our personal spiritual life; we should really live these things consistently. It is upsetting to me when Catholics (especially those who should know better) seem dismissive of Advent (or, even worse, buy into secular phrasing such as using the word “holiday” in place of “Christmas”). We’ve all heard the phrase “Keep Christ in Christmas,” but how about “Keep Advent in Advent Time”?

In the week ahead, think about how you and your family will give yourselves the very special and irreplaceable gift of letting Advent be Advent, instead of celebrating an elongated Christmas. Such extensions of Christmas Time serve no purpose other than to water down the meaning of Christmas and to feed into the crass commercialism and superficiality of our secular society. It’s no wonder that we feel stressed out by Christmas, if we have been celebrating it for four or even eight weeks before December 25 ever arrives! Make some concrete decisions as to how you and your family will celebrate Advent as Advent. Be sure to celebrate a Christian Advent, with a true Christian spiritual and liturgical focus, and not a mere secular Advent of just simply counting down days.

Starting next week, we’ll be publishing information in the bulletin to help you and your family keep Advent time. Please take the time to read and use these resources to help you keep Advent in Advent Time!

Little Blue Book for Advent

As one resource to help everyone keep Advent, we have once again made available the *Little Blue Book* with daily meditations for Advent and Christmas Time. The reflections and meditations are new and updated for this year, as they are every year. I hope you enjoy the books again this year.

We always provide the books free of charge as a pastoral service to you. If you would like to make an extra donation to help cover the cost of the books, such a donation would be greatly appreciated. You can simply increase your weekly offering for one week, or send in a separate offering marked “For the Little Blue Books.” Thank you.

Plan now on when you will get to Confession during Advent

Our parish-wide mailing with our Advent and Christmas schedule has gone out, so you should have received yours, or, if not, you will be receiving it very soon. I urge you to make your plans now for when you will go to Confession during Advent; take note of the times we are offering the sacrament. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the perfect way to “prepare the way of the Lord” during Advent so that we are spiritually ready for the great feast of Christmas. We priests want nothing more than to celebrate with you the great gift of God’s forgiveness. *See you at Confession!*

SUPER 72

Finally, let me offer a brief reminder, asking you to be sure to participate in our next **SUPER 72** game (see the flyer elsewhere in this bulletin for more details). The **SUPER 72** continues to be another important fund raiser for the parish, so I ask everyone to buy some tickets. Tickets were mailed out, and are also available at the rectory.

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,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

FIRST FRIDAY, & FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS



All are invited to come and pray with our parish community.

First Friday Devotions will take place **December 1** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **December 2** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, December 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Spanish, Polish, English). The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:30 p.m.



**Special
Needs**

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for People
with Special Needs
and for those who care for them*

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community in a smaller setting.

Saturday, December 2
4:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium

All are welcome.

Come celebrate Mass with us!

*We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you?
Contact Jessica Becker at 631.226-7725 X 252 or email to jbecker@oloph.org*

Our Special Needs Mass is celebrated on the first Saturday of every month unless otherwise noted.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

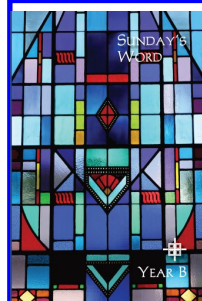
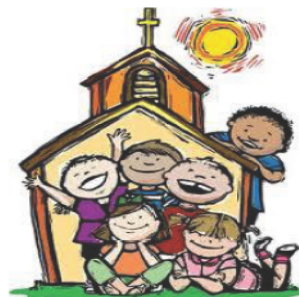
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Join us Next Sunday at the
10:00 a.m. Mass

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



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



NEW SUNDAY'S WORD BOOKS AVAILABLE

The new *Sunday's Word* books for the new liturgical year (Cycle B) starting with the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, are now available at the rectory for purchase, for \$5.00.

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

Please remember to pick up your picture by
**Thursday,
November 30.**



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 8 at 6:30 a.m.,
12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

Exposition and Prayer for the Unborn

Annual Respect Life Night of Prayer for the Unborn

Friday, December 8th
from 8:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

The Little Blue Book
for the
Advent and Christmas Seasons
2023-2024

Six-minute reflections on the
Infancy Narrative of Luke

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 provided free of charge for your spiritual enrichment, but if you would like to put an extra three (3) dollars into the collection basket to help cover the cost of your book, it would be appreciated. Thank you!

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY AT OLPH



We will again be celebrating our own “Bambinelli Sunday” here at OLPH on the **Third Sunday of Advent, December 16-17**. You are invited to bring to Mass that weekend your figure of the Christ Child from your home crèche (Nativity scene). We’ll offer a blessing of these figurines at all the Masses for the Third Sunday of Advent that weekend. Don’t forget to bring your Christ Child figure to Sunday Mass December 16-17!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Prepare Your Heart for the Coming of the Lord

How well do you know Jesus? Do you know how and what he prayed?

One certainty is that Jesus studied and prayed the Book of Psalms from his youth until his death. This Advent season, as we prepare for the Incarnation of the Lord, the Adult Faith Formation program at OLPH is offering an uplifting experience to make ready for the Solemnity of Christmas. Beginning on **Sunday, December 3** and continuing every Sunday **through December 24**, we will offer parishioners the opportunity to study the Responsorial Psalms used in each Sunday's celebration of the Eucharist during Advent. We will meet in the church's North Sacristy from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. to examine and discuss the joyful message of Christ's coming. Each session will feature a discussion of the themes of the Responsorial Psalm of the day, led by a member of the Pastoral Staff. Attend all of the sessions, or select those that fit your schedule. Join us to break open the Word of the Lord.

MEETING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS (INCLUDING NEW ONES): **MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

All our young people who serve as Altar Servers are reminded to attend the very important meeting on **Tuesday, November 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the church**. Among other business items, we will discuss **assignments for the Christmas schedule**. All Altar Servers are expected to attend, and this includes the new servers who are completing their training! One parent should attend as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

MEETING FOR ALL USHERS

All Ushers are expected to attend the important Ushers Meeting being held on **Saturday, December 9 at 2:00 p.m.** in the church. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer, reflection on your ministry, and a discussion of important business items, **including the schedule of Christmas Masses** this year. All Ushers are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.

FOR THOSE WITH CELIAC DISEASE

Special hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. These hosts contain less than 0.001% gluten content and are approved for the Roman Catholic Church by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you need to receive Holy Communion using one of these hosts, please stop in the sacristy before Mass begins to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

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.

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 2023) are now 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.

ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?



Every year on Pentecost, a group of adults completes their initiation into the Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. By Confirmation, the baptized are joined more perfectly to the Church and strengthened in their faith. Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation should receive it before being married.

Preparation for receiving Confirmation as an adult includes ten hours of classroom meeting, weekly attendance at Mass and additional study through Catholic instructional material such as the *Formed* multimedia platform. Classes meet in the evenings, usually twice a month, with some outside reading and preparation required. A fee of \$20 covers the cost of books and materials.

Classes begin on **Tuesday, December 5**. For more information contact Deacon Robert Becker at DeaconRobert@olph.org or by leaving your contact information at the rectory.



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

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.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 3, 2023

The First Sunday of Advent

7:30 p.m.

Our Lady of

Perpetual Help Church

210 So. Wellwood Avenue

Lindenhurst, NY

**Reception to follow in the
School Auditorium**

In the peak of winter darkness, we will gather in the quiet church, 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 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.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: By Appointment Only

ALL LEVELS!!!

Auditions for the annual Christmas Pageant are this Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11:30 a.m. All who are interested should meet in the auditorium for the auditions. Thank you!

LEVEL 4:

Remember that there will be a Workshop on Advent this Saturday Dec. 2. Parents/guardians and children should meet in the auditorium at the usual class time.

LEVEL 6:

Remember that there will be a Penance Service on Wednesday Nov. 29. Parents/guardians and children should meet in the church at their usual class time.

Trivia!

The answer to last week's question, *Which Old Testament prophet was promised he would be "father of many nations"?* is **B. Abraham.** You can find the answer in Genesis 17:4-6.
 Congrats to those who got it right!

Saint of the Day!**St. Lucy**

Saint Lucy is a martyr from the early fourth century. She had wanted to dedicate her life to Christ, however, her mother had arranged a marriage for her to a pagan husband. St. Lucy prayed to St. Agatha that she would not have to get married. St. Agatha told Lucy in a dream that her mother's illness would be cured and that would serve as her sign. When her mother was cured she and St. Lucy decided to donate the mother's riches to the poor. Unfortunately, Lucy's fiancé was not pleased and handed her over to the authorities. They tried to drag her away with oxen, but she would not move. So, they tried burning her, but to no avail. Finally, she fell to their swords. Before her death Lucy cried out that they would be punished, so they gouged out her eyes. When they went to bury her, her eyes were found healed.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND MUSIC MINISTRY

Children's Christmas Pageant

Friday, December 22, 2023

7:00 p.m. in the church



We would like to involve as many members as possible of our parish community, especially all parish children! We have many speaking parts for children who can memorize a few lines and speak loudly and clearly. There are roles for: Mary, Joseph, Herod, Three Wise Men, Innkeepers, the Little Drummer Boy, Angels and of course the shepherds.

Please indicate if your child is interested in having a speaking role. Parts will be given out at the tryouts on Saturday, December 2, at 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Anyone wishing to have a speaking part must be able to attend all rehearsals. There is something for children Preschool Age (4) and up!



College Students (especially those coming home for Christmas) and Adults: We need help with supervision of angels and shepherds, assistance with hospitality and more! If you can help, please contact April Kleinlaut at akleinlaut@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725 X 253.

Tryouts for speaking roles will take place on Saturday, December 2nd, at 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium!

Pageant Practices

Tuesday, **December 5th** 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the church

Tuesday, **December 12th** 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the church

Tuesday, **December 19th** 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the church

Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, **December 21st** 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the church

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Grade _____ My child wants to be a stagehand for service hours _____

My child is interested in having a speaking role! _____

My child wants to be in the Ensemble! _____

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † 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
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631.226.6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Respect Life Ministry: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Valerie Baxter—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: “...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve 114 adults, 68 children, and 19 seniors, for a total of 80 families. Thank you!

NEW Food Pantry List!

PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP

REGULAR COFFEE

HOT CHOCOLATE

SHELF STABLE MILK

FRUIT JUICE

COOKIES/SNACKS

ASSORTED GRAVIES

TOOTHPASTE

SHAMPOO

BATH SOAP

Thank you

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

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



The Society of St Vincent dePaul gratefully acknowledges the recent \$3500 donation from the Lindenhurst St Patrick's Parade Committee.

What a wonderful gift that will enable us to continue helping those less fortunate in our community!

Thank you!

OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE

“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?” And the king will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”
-Matthew 25

The Final Judgment in the Gospel of Matthew should serve as a call to action for each and every one of us. Our parish Advent Giving Tree is one way to respond! Our parish social ministries are working together to support life at all stages. There are tags on our Giving Tree to help the hungry, the unborn, the sick, the immigrant and those in prison. You need to empty the tree of the tags and return them no later than **Sunday, December 10**. Below are descriptions of some of the agencies we will be supporting this year. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Doug Smith at dsmith081553@gmail.com. Gifts for St. Vincent de Paul (green tags) should be wrapped. All other gifts should not be wrapped.

St. Vincent de Paul

Each year, our parish supports many families at Christmas with food, toys and clothing. Read more in our bulletin about our parish's outreach efforts.

LIFE CENTER

The Life Center assists pregnant women as they prepare to give birth to the gift of life in their own lives. Learn more about the life center at www.lifecenterli.org

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Support the work of our Middle Ages group in providing Christmas gifts and necessities for our local veterans.



The Giving Tree



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 2023 “**Keep Christ in Christmas**” poster contest.

Contest Rules:

The wording: “**Keep Christ in Christmas**” must appear on the poster

Paper: any color oak tag (recommended) or similar style construction paper.

Poster must be approximately 11 x 17 inches

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.

Artwork: must be completely the work of the STUDENT.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Society.

Return poster to your Religious Education Teacher, or to OLPH Rectory during business hours

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.

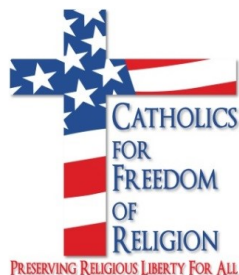
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Parent's Signature: _____

**For additional information, please contact:
Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451, or Bob Newberry at 631-317-9718**

All Posters must be turned in by Sunday December 10, 2023

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Freedom of Conscience and Religion: Indispensable Support of Our Freedoms, Equality and Safety

"Conscience is the most sacred of all property." —James Madison, 1792

"The liberty enjoyed by the people of these states of worshipping Almighty God, agreeable to their consciences, is not only among the choicest of their blessings, but of their rights." —George Washington

Our Founders established a nation where all religions could be exercised without discrimination or fear of persecution. They knew a moral and religious citizenry was vital to the exercise and survival of our extensive individual liberties, recognition of equality among men and the safe and respected practices of multiple religious sects.

First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Our First Amendment asserts each citizen's right to be free from government-imposed religion and to follow their conscience in the practice of the faith they may choose. The other four freedoms in the First Amendment are essential support to freedom of conscience/religion:

- * Freedom of speech empowers us to speak about our faith, to pray with others and to evangelize our beliefs.
- * Freedom of the press empowers us to print our Bibles and books of prayer and worship and to spread our faith through the printed word.
- * Freedom to assemble empowers us to come together in our churches, communities and public squares to worship, celebrate and evangelize.
- * Freedom of redress empowers us to challenge the government when it oversteps the wall of separation clearly described in Thomas Jefferson's letter to the Danbury Baptists, to keep government out of the affairs of each citizen's beliefs and religious practices.

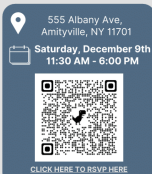
A lack of education in the facts of our freedom of conscience as a founding principle and pillar of our liberties has led to generations of Americans denying religious freedom in our schools, colleges and the public square of ideas and governance. That denial has worsened into intolerance, intimidation, and a shocking and dangerous increase in hate crimes in our nation.

Read more here: <http://bit.ly/470f7ji>



Young Adult
Advent Retreat

Mass
Adoration
Food
Praise and Worship
Reflections and more!
Suggested \$10 Donation



For more information, please contact:
Manuela Guisasa
manuela@domsisters.com

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

South Shore Young Adult Ministry

Ages 21-39

Young Adult Advent Retreat

December 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by:

the Dominican Sisters of Amityville

555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701

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 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Gregory Guido
Sonia Hansen
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon

Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
Deacon James Totino

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel
Bob Meade

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel (Chair)
Gerry Chille
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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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Deacon Robert Becker
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Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
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Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Denise Martinez
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Mike Williams
Fr. Frank Zero

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:

Spencer Lee & Karla Lynn Desimini

WE CELEBRATE

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has freed you from sin, given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and joined you to his people.—Order of Baptism of Children



Charlotte Lilly Carollo

Lana Grace Carollo

Avery Adella Lemos

Allison Nicole Torres

Alyssa Isabelle Torres

Our Religious Education students who were Baptized Saturday, November 18, 2023



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

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

Lucille J. Russo

“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...

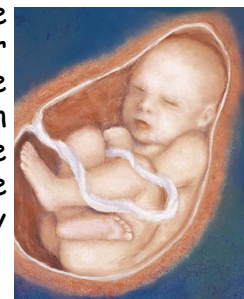
<i>Deacon Bill Weiss</i>	<i>Laurell Desner</i>
<i>Christopher DePalma</i>	<i>Vincent Crisotomo</i>
<i>Christine Ajello-Larsen</i>	<i>Liam Michael Bentley</i>
<i>John Leyden</i>	<i>Ken Brijlall</i>
<i>Sandra McGuckin</i>	<i>Jan Blake</i>
<i>Anthony Pastore</i>	<i>Megan Kelly</i>
<i>Winter Pastore</i>	<i>Ed Loges</i>
<i>Henry Batz</i>	<i>Joseph Abbamonte</i>
<i>Jack Brzozinski</i>	<i>Rosemary Curr</i>

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 8 - Developing Baby - "I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!"

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother's voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, November 27—
Weekday
(Thirty-Fourth or Last Week
in Ordinary Time)

6:30	Loretta Worgul
12:15	Cynthia & Paul Breitfeller

TUESDAY, November 28—
Weekday

6:30	Vincent DiCarlo
12:15	Irene Lydon

WEDNESDAY, November 29—
Weekday

6:30	Constance Roscigno
12:15	Mr. & Mrs. Nunzio & Giuseppa DiLorenzo

THURSDAY, November 30—
Saint Andrew, Apostle

6:30	Mildred Sredniawsji
12:15	Mr. & Mrs. Calogero & Carmela Falzone

FRIDAY, December 1—
Weekday

6:30	Francis Venezia
12:15	Rosaria Guglielmo

SATURDAY, December 2—
Weekday

8:00	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
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Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00	Joan Julia Grimes <i>(Special Needs Mass—Auditorium)</i>
5:00	Joann Vihi

SUNDAY, December 3—
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00	Salvatore & Filomena Mascio
10:00	Louis Fernandez
12:00	For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, November 27, 2023

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
1:30 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting	St. Lucy Room
7:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Meeting	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information)	Off Campus
6:30 p.m.	Level 6 Penance Service Levels 7 and 8 Classes	Church School

Thursday, November 30, 2023

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Friday, December 1, 2023

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12

Saturday, December 2, 2023

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5 and Special Ed. Classes Level 4 Parent Workshop: Advent	School Auditorium
11:30 a.m.	Christmas Pageant Auditions	Auditorium
12:00 p.m.	Decorate for Advent	Church
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.	Exposition	Church

Sunday, December 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Room 18
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Lessons & Carols	Church

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 a Dios todos los jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería, en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Alina Patrón al (516) 263-9401

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, llamar a la rectoría 631) 226-7725/ en español a Irma González al (631) 620-2401.

Lecturas del Domingo 34 semana del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A Domingo 22 de Noviembre del 2020

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.



OFFERING UPDATE November 18/19

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	222	92	\$2,478.00
8:00 a.m.	195	82	3,557.00
10:00 a.m.	332	79	2,963.00
12:00 p.m.	320	68	1,954.00
Total coin:			7.55
Faith Direct			3,146.32
Children's Env.		14	42.50
Mail-ins:			2,059.00
TOTAL	1,069	335	\$16,207.37
2022	1,039	345	\$15,744.55
Candles			\$749.30
Poor Box			\$261.67

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

December 3—deadline passed
December 10—December 1 deadline
December 17—December 8 deadline



Gathering around the table with friends, families, and bountiful meals, we are reminded that God enriches us to be generous and that our generosity leads to gratitude towards God.

Your generous online donations will help sustain our Thanksgiving ministries that reflect God's love. With Faith Direct, you can make regular automatic contributions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish using your credit/debit card or bank account.

Register today by visiting faith.direct/NY286 or call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757 or text **Enroll** to (631) 201-5664.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,



TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

*Carmela Buonincontri & Michael Rizzi
Eddie Rodecker & Christina Hempfling*

Damon & Elena Schultz

Milagro & Maria Escobar

Julia Gabrell

Brian & Jennifer Sullivan

Marie Michel

Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred, and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drcv>

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, December 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.

Mark 13:33

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

When the Israelites returned from exile in 539 BC, they found that their land had been pillaged and their buildings, including the Temple, had been destroyed. In this reading, we hear a prayer wherein they express their feelings that God has abandoned them. They feel that God has “hidden his face” from them (a vivid imagery of those times when we experience dryness in prayer). The prayer also acknowledges their sinfulness (“You are angry, but we have sinned. We have become like unclean people. So please, God, come and help us. Heal us. You are the Potter and we are the clay.”). To be clay is to know we are vulnerable and breakable and entirely dependent on God to redeem us, heal us, and guide us. To be clay is to know we are a work in progress, willing to surrender ourselves to God’s creation of us. The prayer in this first reading is a beautiful example of a people praying from their hearts.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

This reading is filled with confidence that God has and will continue to rescue us in Christ as the final judgment approaches. Paul reassures his readers that God “will strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The Corinthians — and we Christians today — are reminded that in Christ we are “in every way enriched” and that we lack for nothing as we “wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The way in which a faithful Christian awaits the second coming is not fearfully and in dread, but rather, with joyful anticipation and boundless confidence.

Mark 13:33-37

Our annual Advent season is not just about remembering the First Coming of Jesus many years ago and looking forward to his Second Coming. It also calls us to be alert and awake for present comings of Christ into our lives. We are like the servants in Jesus’ parable. Each of us has our work to do. As we go about our work, we are to be watchful for the many ways Jesus may break into our lives.

Gospel Reflection

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

1. As vigilant gatekeepers watching for the Lord of the house, what signs do you see that tell you God is present in the world and in your life?

2. As gatekeepers we are responsible for the preservation of God’s gift of the earth. The Iowa Catholic Conference is sponsoring a plan for clean water. What is the Church’s responsibility in the maintenance of the earth’s life? What is your responsibility in this?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 27, 2023:

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 + Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 28, 2023:

Daniel 2:31-45 + Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 29, 2023:

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
 + Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, November 30, 2023:

Romans 10:9-18 + Matthew 4:18-22

Friday, December 1, 2023:

Daniel 7:2-14 + Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, December 2, 2023:

Daniel 7:15-27 + Luke 21:34-36

Sunday, December 3, 2023:

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
 + 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 + Mark 13:33-37



Super 72

**MONTHLY DRAWINGS
FROM DECEMBER 2023
THROUGH MAY 2024**

\$40 Per Ticket

\$80 for 3 Tickets

SPECIAL BONUS:

\$100 for 5 tickets

**Extra \$250 Drawing at
Christmas and
\$150 Drawing in the
New Year!**

**It's time to get your
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portion of the ticket with your
check payable to "OLPH SUPER
72" or drop it in the collection
basket.**



1st Prize:

\$1,000

2nd Prize:

\$250

3rd-6th

Prizes: \$100

**Tickets and
envelopes are also
available at the
Rectory.**

Raffle Tickets Courtesy of Johnstons' Wellwood Funeral Home. "OLPH is a Section 501 © 3 nonprofit. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine if your contribution is deductible."



GOLDEN TICKET 2023 PRIZE WINNERS

The winning tickets for our GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE were drawn at a fun-filled and exciting party on Saturday night, November 18. Everyone had a great, great time and it was another "OLPH Moment" of great enjoyment with great community spirit! Here are the winners of the money prizes:

- 1st Ticket drawn, \$500 prize: Ticket # 094 Daniel O'Connell*
- 50th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 180 Choir*
- 100th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 398 Joseph Macejko*
- 150th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 030 Barbara Hirten*
- 200th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 152 Gerard McMahon*
- 250th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 055 Mike Lavorato*
- 300th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 159 Sr. Chinyeaka*
- 350th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 139 Sonia Hansen*
- 400th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 004 Alta Mercedes*
- 450th Ticket drawn, \$200 prize: Ticket # 395 Philip Pachacz*
- 491st Ticket drawn, \$300 prize: Ticket # 376 Duffy Family*
- 492nd Ticket drawn, \$400 prize: Ticket # 424 Norma Roca Sarmiento*
- 493rd Ticket drawn, \$500 prize: Ticket # 282 Vito Virgilio*
- 494th Ticket drawn, \$600 prize: Ticket # 280 Lucy Kearley*
- 495th Ticket drawn, \$700 prize: Ticket # 407 Frank & Carmen Odin*
- 496th Ticket drawn, \$800 prize: Ticket # 488 Diane & Chuck Glamann*
- 497th Ticket drawn, \$900 prize: Ticket # 399 Philip Pachez*
- 498th Ticket drawn, \$1,000 prize: Ticket # 246 Diane Glamann & 4 others*
- 499th Ticket drawn, \$2,500 prize: Ticket # 416 Deborah & Linda Deasy*
- 500th Ticket drawn, \$10,000 prize: Ticket # 034 Steven Vano*

OUR THANKS also go to these **GENEROUS** donors:

Ridgewood Savings Bank for a cash donation for cookies, soda and water; Belfast Gastropub for donating beer; All bottles of wine presented with consolation prizes courtesy of Barbara McPhail and Family; Goccia D'Oro One and Two; Village Florist; Linden Florist; Sand City Brewery; La Pizzeria; and Danaher Wealth Management, for ticket printing, wine AND the \$1,000 cash consolation prize!



GOLDEN TICKET 2023



The Lamb of God

When gathering with family or friends for a meal, bread is broken. The word *companion* has its roots in breaking bread together. The first part of the word, *com*, means “together with” in Latin. The second part of the word comes from the Latin *panis*, meaning “bread.”

To companion someone literally means to break bread with the person. This is what Jesus did at the Last Supper, and this is what Catholics do whenever they gather around the table of the Eucharist—they break bread together.

For the first Christians, the act of breaking bread together was so significant that they named the entire celebration of the Eucharist “the breaking of the bread.” The Acts of the Apostles 2:42 states, “They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.”

To the Apostles, the breaking of the bread symbolized the unity they shared with Christ and with one another, something that St. Paul echoed in the First Letter to the Corinthians. “The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ. Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf” (10:16b–17).

This symbolism was better expressed in the early years of the Church, when the presider broke one loaf for all to share. Usually today, the hosts that are consecrated are pieced and prepared in advance, and the presider breaks only his host into smaller pieces.

During this breaking of the consecrated bread, which is also called the Fraction Rite, the Agnus Dei or Lamb of God is said or sung. The text of the Lamb of God repeats the words spoken by John the Baptist upon seeing Jesus: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

Biblical scholars say that when John calls Jesus the Lamb of God, he is referring to the lamb in the fourth Servant song in the book of the prophet Isaiah:



God's mercy calls on the faithful to imitate the Lamb of God, who was broken for the sake of others.

Though harshly treated, he submitted
and did not open his mouth;
Like a lamb led to slaughter
or a sheep silent before shearers,
he did not open his mouth. . . .
My servant, the just one, shall justify the many
their iniquity he shall bear. (Isaiah 53:7–11)

In Aramaic, which John would have spoken, the words *Talya de'laha* can be used to mean both “Lamb of God” and “Servant of God.” In the passage from Isaiah, echoed by John the Baptist, Jesus is prefigured as the Servant-Lamb.

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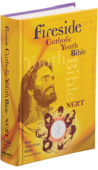
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