

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said,  
“Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.”*

Mark 13:33

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 3, 2017

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

**Deacons:** Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

**Business Manager:** Mr. Frank Pokorney

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

**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.

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

# Advent Lessons & Carols

And

## International Peace Light Ceremony

Sunday, December 3, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

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In 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.

## 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*

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### *First Sunday of Advent*

“Wait!” “Sit still!” “Be quiet!” How often do parents say that to their children? Indeed, impatience seems to be a childhood trait that we seek to outgrow... some of us better than others!

This weekend we begin the new liturgical season of Advent, and, in fact, we begin a whole new liturgical year. Advent is a very challenging season for us; our secular, consumer-oriented, profit-driven (greed-driven) society is already celebrating Christmas (and, in fact, has been for a while now). As Catholics, however, we must resist such superficial and, at times, devoid-of-any-true-meaning, attempts to create a secularized “holiday” marathon season, and instead we should spiritually, in our hearts and in our homes, mark the time of the liturgical year in the way the Church intends. To do so, we must let Advent be Advent. We must do the hard work of waiting, sitting still, and being quiet. We must be PATIENT!

To embrace the season of Advent, we must quiet ourselves, much as the coming of winter stills and quiets the natural world. Only in that way can we adequately and properly prepare a place for Christ to come again and to be born anew (His “advent”) in our hearts and in our world.

However, we cannot truly embrace the proper reverence, hope, reflection and anticipation that is Advent spirituality if we jump right away to celebrating Christmas. Likewise, as I always point out, we cannot adequately celebrate Christmas when that feast does finally come if we have not celebrated Advent well. If indeed we feel a let-down at Christmas or are exhausted by the time Christmas Day comes, perhaps it’s no one’s fault but our own: we have not spiritually prepared ourselves — we have not waited well enough, have not been still enough, have not been quiet enough — and have not taken adequate advantage of the richness and depth of the Advent prayers, readings, songs and symbols that lead up to Christmas.

The coming of the Messiah was a source of hope and anticipation in the life of the people of Israel. Frequently subjugated and often enslaved, they looked to the coming of the Savior as a horizon of promise. Spend time with the great figures we meet in the Scriptures who are so central to Advent: Isaiah, John the Baptist, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. As this new liturgical year begins, let’s bring ourselves to the symbols and stories of Advent with open hearts and readiness for something new to happen, to us and to the world around us. Such newness is the heart of Advent longing, hoping and waiting.

Try extra hard to listen carefully to, and to enter into, the prayers at Mass during Advent; those texts are filled with words, phrases and images that sweep us along in the meaning of the season. For example, right

from the beginning of the Mass on the First Sunday of Advent, with the Collect (the opening prayer), the mood for the new liturgical time is set: *“Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming...”* There is a great sense of urgency, of expectation, and of longing, because Christ is coming, and the best way for us to meet Him is through our deeds of love, mercy and compassion.

The beginning weeks of Advent look toward the Second Coming of Christ, and this is reflected in the Prayer over the Offerings for the First Sunday of Advent, when, in asking God to accept the offerings, we ask that those offerings may *“gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.”* This is a reference to our participation in the heavenly liturgy and in the fullness of the Kingdom when Christ returns. The Prayer after Communion also reminds of the Second Coming of Christ and of the Kingdom of God, particularly when it asks that the mysteries we celebrate in the Eucharist will *“...teach us...to love things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.”*

The Preface (beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer) for this Mass describes for us the two comings of Christ, namely, His first coming, when He assumed the lowliness of human flesh, and His Second Coming, the day that we watch for as we look forward to inheriting the “great promise” which is the foundation for our hope. As I mentioned, listen carefully for all of these beautiful prayers at Mass and get caught up in the feel of Advent.

In addition, notice that we have a special insert in today’s bulletin which explains many aspects of the liturgical time of Advent and offers thoughts for Advent spirituality. I hope you will use this insert in your prayer at home during the week. We’ll be running a special insert for each week of Advent throughout the season.

### *Holy Day of Obligation—Immaculate Conception*

This Friday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All Catholics are **obligated** to attend Mass for this Solemnity, so we’ll be seeing you back at the end of the week! We have printed the schedule of Masses elsewhere in this bulletin.

What a wonderful Solemnity this is, especially since it occurs during Advent and fits so beautifully into our Advent spirituality! What we celebrate is Mary’s total freedom from original sin from the moment of her conception. This freedom from the sin of Adam and Eve is shown in the Gospel for the Mass of the Holy Day, as Mary proclaims to the angel Gabriel, *“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according*

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to your word." Mary shows her willingness to place herself fully in God's hands, even when it promises to be difficult and requires great faith and trust.

However, Mary is always seen as the model disciple, the model of our faith, and so this day should be a day when we pray that our faith and trust may be the same as Mary's. This is expressed in the prayers of the Mass of the day, as in the Collect (Opening Prayer) we will pray that "...through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your [God's] presence" and in the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer we will refer to Mary as "a model of holiness."

Allow this Solemnity to be for you a day to reflect on the place of Mary in your prayer life and as a model of faith for you.

### *Lessons and Carols TONIGHT, Sunday, December 3!*

Tonight — Sunday, December 3 — is the night! Tonight at 7:00 p.m. is our annual celebration of Lessons and Carols. I can think of no better way for us to begin our holy time of Advent than by attending Lessons and Carols!

The "Lessons" (Scripture readings) and "Carols" (hymns — some sung by the choir alone, and some by everyone) are rich in Advent imagery and Advent mood. If you have attended in the past, you know how beautiful and worthwhile it is, and I know you want to be there again. If you have never attended before, you have been missing something great and I urge you to be there. As I mentioned last week, this is a great thing to do together as a family; go out for a pizza

or something beforehand, and then come to the church for 7:00. Please make every effort to attend Lessons and Carols. I'll be there; I look forward to it every year, and I look forward to seeing you there!

### *Brick Memorialization Phase Three coming very soon!*

We have been receiving some inquiries, so let me assure you that Phase Three of our brick memorialization IS coming soon! We just have a couple of details to settle, and then we will begin advertising it, definitely before the end of the year. Phase Three will offer the opportunity to memorialize the remaining bricks along the Walkway to the Blessed Mother, and will also include the opportunity to memorialize bricks around our newest statue in our "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden. Look for the flyer which will be appearing soon, and thank you in advance for your generous support of this important fund raiser!

### *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,



## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT OLPH

### Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24

5:00 p.m.

Saturday December 23;

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &  
12:00 Noon

on Sunday December 24

### Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24

5:00 p.m. and  
12:00 Midnight Mass

*Christmas Carols begin  
at 4:30 & 11:15 p.m.*

### Christmas Day Monday, December 25

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

*The 5:00 p.m. Mass will not be  
celebrated on Christmas Day.*

**Note:** *The 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 24 is for Christmas,  
not for Sunday, December 24.*

*Yes, that's right, you have to go to Mass TWICE between Saturday night, December 23 and Monday, December 25—once for the Sunday, December 24, and once for Christmas, a Holy Day of Obligation! We'll see you there!*



## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Sunday, January 1, 2018

10:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

*(Please note an error was made in the little leaflet mailed to your home;  
the midday Mass on Monday, January 1 is at 12:15 p.m., not 12:00 Noon.)*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards



Join in the Mass intentions for the Masses of Christmas by using the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards which are now available throughout the church. These cards are a wonderful and meaningful way for you to remember your loved ones at Christmas and to have them prayed for at our Christmas Masses. Return the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory, and keep the card to send your Christmas Spiritual Bouquet.

### NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE Friday, December 8th 8:30 p.m. to Midnight



Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego.

*It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 8th) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and prays through Her intercession for the establishment of a Culture of Life, protection for the Church from persecution and asks Our Lord to REVIVE OUR LAND. All are invited to participate!*

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



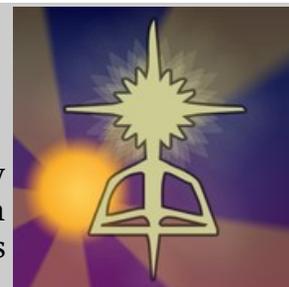
Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of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

**Monday, December 4—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, December 11—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, December 18—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**

### ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS: MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

All our young people who serve as Altar Servers are reminded to attend the very important meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 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 one parent should attend as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## *About the Advent Wreath*

The Advent wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the winter solstice — that time in the year when the sun reaches its southern-most point in the heavens and the days are the darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens in their celebration halls.



There they awaited the return of their sun-god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought. Celebrations culminated in the “nativity” of the sun—the turning point of the year.

As Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: the nativity of the Savior. We add one light on the wreath for each Sunday in Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam’s sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin help us prepare for His saving birth.

## *Thoughts to Ponder during Advent....*

Advent is much more than the beginning of a new liturgical year; it is a time of waiting, hoping and expectations, of dreaming, pregnancy, dissatisfaction, longing, echoing, listening, growing, and building up. This season speaks the restless urging of a soul longing and searching for God. Advent is John the Baptist, Gabriel, Mary and Joseph, each with a role to play and each with a message to give.

“Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*)

*Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.* (Collect of the Mass for the First Sunday of Advent)

*Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.* (Another prayer for the First Sunday of Advent)

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*On December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we honor holy Mary, and celebrate her conception in the womb of St. Anne. As we praise God, who kept her sinless from the first moment of her life, we remember God’s mercy, which has freed us from sin in baptism.*



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## *Blessing Your Home Advent Wreath*

Use this blessing to bless your family's Advent wreath at home.

**All make the sign of the cross as the Leader says:**

**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All respond:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Leader:** In the short days and long nights of Advent, we realize how we are always waiting for deliverance, always needing salvation by our God. Around this wreath, we shall remember God's promise.



*A family member now lights one purple candle. Then the Scripture is read (Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6):*

**Reader:** Listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing. As they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever.

The word of the Lord.

**All respond:** Thanks be to God.

**The Leader continues:** Let us now pray for God's blessing upon us and upon this wreath.

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Leader concludes by saying:** Let us bless the Lord.

All make the sign of the cross and **respond:** Thanks be to God.

## *Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week*

*Each day during the first week of Advent, at the evening meal, one purple candle is lit. The following prayers accompany the lighting of the candle.*

**All make the sign of the cross:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Someone at table reads the Scripture assigned to the liturgy of the day (one or both of the readings may be used). See the list of daily readings printed elsewhere in this bulletin.*

**Then the Leader continues:** Lift up your hearts.

**All respond:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**The Leader prays:** God, the Father of mercies, you willed your Son to take flesh, in order to give life back to us. Bless these your gifts with which we are about to nourish our bodies, so that, receiving new strength, we may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**After the meal, the Leader says:** Let us live soberly, justly, and devoutly in this world as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**All respond:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

# FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

## Family Life Ministry Getting Ready For Advent



*Get the  
Advent season  
off to a good  
start!*



**Sunday December 3rd  
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass**

**Join us for bagels, prayer and an Advent craft!**

We will meet in the Auditorium immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

A light breakfast will be served, followed by a prayer service and the making of the Advent craft.



*A free will offering would be greatly appreciated to cover the supplies. Bring a baked good if you are able. If you have any questions or can help with donations, contact Ann Marie Wagner at [familylife@oloph.org](mailto:familylife@oloph.org) or call 631-680-9477*

# FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

## Children's Christmas Pageant Friday, December 22, 2017 7:00 p.m. Church



We would like to involve as many members 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 Kings, Innkeeper, 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 first rehearsal, so anyone wishing to have a speaking part must be able to attend all rehearsals. There is something for children of every age!

**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 Trish Buckley at 631-561-5790 or e-mail [buckleyt@optonline.net](mailto:buckleyt@optonline.net).



Anyone interested in singing should contact [Mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com](mailto:Mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com).

### Pageant Practices:

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 -7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 -7:00 p.m.**

**Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

My child is interested in having a speaking role!

# 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 judgement 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 **Saturday/Sunday, December 9/10**. Below are description of some of the agencies we will be supporting this year. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ronessi at [dronessi@verizon.net](mailto:dronessi@verizon.net) or 631.225.4115. 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.

### Community Meal Ministry

Our Community Meal Ministry needs your help to provide a “little bit of Christmas” for our guests.

### OLPH HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY

Help our parish provide basic necessities for the local homeless during this season.

### 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](http://www.lifecenterli.org)

### SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

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

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES Immigration Services

Support our brothers and sisters and their families who are just coming to our country. Read more at [www.catholiccharities.cc](http://www.catholiccharities.cc)



### Prison Families

Support our Diocesan Prison Ministry as they provide gifts for the children of men and women in prison.

### HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES

Hope House Ministries supports young men struggling with addiction and brokenness in their own lives. Learn more about Hope House at [www.hhm.org](http://www.hhm.org).

## 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!

## OUR SPECIAL THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

*Each year, as they leave our special Thanksgiving Day Mass, worshipers receive table bread and a special prayer of blessing for their Thanksgiving table. Here are some photos showing the preparation of the bread and the distribution of it after the Thanksgiving Day Mass. Arrangements for this are under the auspices of the parish Liturgy Committee, and committee members Deacon Doug Smith and Jenine Jimenez-Spina coordinated all the details. Also helping were members of the Youth Service Corps and middle-schoolers from our Faith Formation program. Phil Macys picked up the bread. Thank you to all who came out to offer their time and assistance!*



**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.

—Msgr. Joe

*Context, Intellection, Input, Learner, Harmony*

**MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITY**

We recently purchased a new thurible and stand for use at funerals and more solemn Masses and liturgical celebrations at OLPH when we use incense. The thurible and stand we had been using for many years was worn and dirty and was no longer dignified for liturgical use. If anyone is interested in memorializing the censer and/or stand in memory of a loved one who has died or in honor of a special occasion, please contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory, cferraro@oloph.org or 631.226.7725 ext. 210. The requested donation is \$1,000 (\$700 for the thurible and \$300 for the stand).

**THURIBLE** – A vessel in which **incense** is burned on coals; also called a **censer**. Originally, thuribles were either open bowls, or **braziers**, that remained stationary or shovel-like containers with handles. Modern thuribles are usually metal vessels with pierced lids that allow air to keep the coals alight. They are suspended by one or more chains and, in the **Roman Rite**, held mid-way along the chains while swung toward the object or person being revered. In the Eastern Rites, the censer is usually swung at the full-length of the chains.

- From *A Glossary of Liturgical Terms*, by Fr. Dennis Smolarski, SJ with Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco



OLPH's Fr. Frank Zero will be on Telecare's *"It's A Wonderful Life."* It can be seen on channels 29/137 (Optimum), 296 (Verizon) and 162/471 (Spectrum).

The premier showing will be Tuesday, **December 12 at 7:00 p.m.** and repeated Thursday, December 14 at 9:15 a.m., Saturday, December 16 at 8:30 a.m. and Tuesday, December 19 at 9:15 a.m.

You can watch Telecare live anytime at the following link: [http://www.telecaretv.org/mediaPortal/player.dbml?db\\_oem\\_id=24700&DB\\_OEM\\_ID=24700](http://www.telecaretv.org/mediaPortal/player.dbml?db_oem_id=24700&DB_OEM_ID=24700)

**COMING  
NEXT  
WEEK!**

**Brick Memorialization, Phase Three**

- Walkway to the Blessed Mother
  - Our new "Let the Children Come to Me" statue
- Look for the flyer in next week's bulletin for details!*

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

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

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: 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

Level 8 students  
 will have a  
Confirmation Meeting  
Monday, December 4,  
at 7:15 p. m.  
Please meet in auditorium!



Level 4  
Don't forget your  
Parent/Child  
Workshop  
Saturday, December 9,  
8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
Meet in the auditorium!



*kindness is a language  
 that the deaf can hear  
 and the blind can see*  
 - Mark Twain



***Immaculate Conception***  
**Friday, December 8,**  
**is a Holy Day of Obligation**

The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

## NEW Food Pantry List!

- SHELF STABLE MILK**
- COFFEE**
- PORK & BEANS**
- OATMEAL**
- TUNA SNACK**
- PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP**
- CANNED MEAT**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- TOOTHPASTE**
- TOILET PAPER**

*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.

As we begin Advent we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.

## † 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. Your donations are used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish.

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pews, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A 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 12 –**

Wrapping Party for the Veterans Christmas Gifts  
please bring extra scissors,  
tissue paper and gift bags

**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](mailto: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

### COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY



OLPH's **Community Meal Ministry** has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held 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.*

### THE BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE



**THE**  
*bluedoor*  
**BOUTIQUE**

***Do you E-Bay?***

Do you wish you could help the Parish Social Ministries but don't have the time ...or can't commit to a set schedule?

Then, please consider becoming a “salesperson” for the Blue Door Boutique.

Occasionally donations to the Blue Door are worth more than we can charge at our Boutique. We hope to have a few parishioners offer their time and talents to sell such items on the internet. You can choose which items you want to sell and set whatever hours work for you, do it as often (or seldom) as you like, and be of great benefit to our parish.

If you are interested, please contact Tricia Buckley at 631-561-5790 or email [thebluedoor@oloph.org](mailto:thebluedoor@oloph.org). THANK YOU!

## 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.*

#### **First Announcement:**

***Justin Guzman & Jennifer Dean  
Jakob Boyke & Bridget Wendelken***

### **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**

***Tristan John Bussa  
Jason Edward Friesen  
James Henry Koehler***



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

### **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Anthony Lucev  
Michael A. Capobianco  
Anne Rennick  
Celia Della Porta  
Agnes Storz  
Eleanor M. Frost  
Barbara L. Blaskiewicz***

*“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.”*

### **NEW SUNDAY'S WORD BOOKS AVAILABLE**

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



### **WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<b><i>Haley Kerwin</i></b>	<b><i>Peter Masak</i></b>
<b><i>Peter Leyden</i></b>	<b><i>Dolores Rossetti</i></b>
<b><i>Jim Barlotta</i></b>	<b><i>Robert Stoss</i></b>
<b><i>Justin Rodgers</i></b>	<b><i>Ted Zimms</i></b>
<b><i>Robert Flesher</i></b>	<b><i>Connie Bulzomi</i></b>
<b><i>Laura Long</i></b>	<b><i>Douglas Ferraro</i></b>
<b><i>Fara Pellerito</i></b>	<b><i>Ronnie Buonpastore</i></b>
<b><i>Helga Popko</i></b>	<b><i>Reynold Ruiz</i></b>
<b><i>Joseph Chiusa Jr.</i></b>	<b><i>Herb Otten</i></b>
<b><i>Kathleen Stanton</i></b>	<b><i>Christine Donovan</i></b>
<b><i>Jerry Caporaso</i></b>	<b><i>Marguerite Danaher</i></b>
<b><i>Joan Caporaso</i></b>	<b><i>Mario A. Lotito</i></b>
<b><i>Catherine Lang</i></b>	<b><i>Josephine Palazzolo</i></b>

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.

## **CATHOLIC DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP**

*Prayer Service & Information Session*  
Friday, December 15 from 7:00—9:00 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church, Bellmore (Holy Family Chapel) located on the lower level of the Church.  
An opportunity to pray and receive support from clergy and trained professionals in order to begin the healing and recovery process and to communicate with others.

# 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, December 4—**  
**Advent Weekday**  
*(Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church)*

6:30 Peggy Basco

12:15 Marie Taylor

**TUESDAY, December 5—**  
**Advent Weekday**

6:30 Livio Jose Saltron

12:15 Lisa Cantelmo

**WEDNESDAY, December 6—**  
**Weekday**  
*(Saint Nicholas, Bishop)*

6:30 Alex Polanco

12:15 John Sureau, Sr.

**THURSDAY, December 7—**  
**Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

6:30 Theresa Hilbert

12:15 John Sureau, Sr.

Eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

5:00 Linda Manzi

**FRIDAY, December 8—**  
**The Immaculate Conception**  
**of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30 In Thanksgiving for The Pasquin Family

12:15 For the People of the Parish

7:30 Janet Connor

**SATURDAY, December 9—**  
**Advent Weekday**  
*(Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin)*

8:00 Alexander Boehler

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:00 For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 10**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 Anna M. Kissinger

10:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of  
the Holy Name Society

12:00 Carmela Randazzo

5:00 Antonio Senande

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, December 4, 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, December 5, 2017**

4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Meeting	Church
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

**Wednesday, December 6, 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
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School

**Thursday, December 7, 2017**

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Practice	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Coordinators	Room 22

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
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**ALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND ACTIVITIES  
CANCELLED FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION. THE RECTORY RECEPTION DESK WILL  
REMAIN OPEN FROM 9:00 A.M.—9:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

8:30,10:00 a.m.	Levels 1 - 5 & Sp. Ed. Classes Level 4 Parent/Child Workshop	School Auditorium
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, December 10, 2017**

10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
12:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
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](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

### Lecturas del Domingo 2º de Adviento - Ciclo B

"Aquí está nuestro Dios" entre nosotros en esta celebración. Es como un pastor que apacienta su rebaño, abrazándonos con su amor, trayéndonos misericordia y consolación. Que este Dios-con-nosotros, Jesús el Señor, esté siempre con ustedes.

**Primer Lectura (Isaías 40,1-5,9-11):** ¡Preparen el Camino del Señor!

Cuando su pueblo ha sufrido en el exilio, Dios lo consuela por medio del profeta: Dios permanece fiel a la alianza. Está dispuesto de nuevo a dirigir a su pueblo una vez más a la libertad.

**Segunda Lectura (2 Pedro 3,8-14):** En esta carta nos da a entender Pedro que no somos más que peregrinos en esta tierra, que tarde o temprano todo lo que a hora vemos y que muchas beses pasa in advertido desaparecerá. San pablo nos anima a mantenernos preparados Esperando Nuevos Cielos

y Nueva Tierra. Aprovecha este tiempo de adviento y prepara el camino de tu corazón para recibir el que Juan el bautista anunciaba, a Jesús quien vino al mundo para que todos encontráramos salvación en su nombre.

**Evangelio (Marcos 1,1-8):** ¡Preparen el Camino para la Venida de Cristo!

Juan el Bautista preparó la venida de Cristo con su predicación y su ejemplo de vida. Nosotros nos preparamos para recibirle con la conversión de nuestros corazones.

Juan es el profeta mediador entre la vieja y la nueva alianza. El comienzo de la esperanza de la salvación ya no por la ley sino por la gracia y nos llama a la conversión no podemos recibir al Mesías prometido siendo aún el hombre viejo. Juan nos invita a un cambio basado en al arrepentimiento y el bautizo en agua y a enderezar todo lo que esta torcido en nuestra vida. Por eso el mensaje característico del Bautista es fundamental para todo el que se acerca al Evangelio, es el de la espera. Pero ya no se trata de la espera de los antiguos profetas, que esperaban un futuro remoto, sino de la atención para descubrir aun Dios presente. "En medio de ustedes esta uno que aún no conocen....A quien yo no soy digno de desatarle la correa de sus sandalias.

La venida de Cristo exige una continua conversión. El tiempo del Adviento, es una llamada a la conversión para preparar los caminos del Señor y acoger al Señor que viene. El Señor ya no quiere nacer en una cueva, el Señor quiere nacer, ahora, en cada uno de los corazones de los hombres.

### Encendido de la segunda vela.

**La segunda vela recuerda la actitud de amor de Dios para con el hombre, invitándolo también a reflexionar sobre el amor que manifiesta a los que lo rodean.**

**Guía:** Los profetas mantenían encendida la esperanza de Israel. Nosotros, como un símbolo, encendemos estas dos velas.

Que cada uno de nosotros, Señor, te abra su vida para que brotes, para que florezcas, para que nazcas y mantengas en nuestro corazón encendida la esperanza. ¡Ven pronto, Señor!



## 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY'S APPEARANCE AT FATIMA

*The OLPH community welcomed the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue on Friday, November 17, 2017 at the 12:15 p.m. Mass. Pictured here are representatives of some of our ministries who joined in the Entrance Procession at Mass.*



# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@oloph.org
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

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
Bill Bendernagel  
Gerry Chille (Chair)  
Ed Cirella  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Bob Meade  
Frank Pokorney  
John Reynolds  
Sandra Tandoi

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

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste  
Deacon Robert Becker  
Lynn Bergin  
Mark Costantino  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Chris Ferraro  
MaryAnn Haas  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
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. 18/19, 2017**

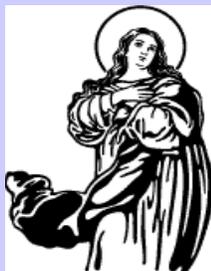
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	323	138	\$3,318.00
8:00 a.m.	284	110	2,992.00
10:00 a.m.	481	130	3,220.00
12:00 p.m.	447	113	3,396.00
5:00 p.m.	197	49	1,485.00
Coin			30.73
Mail-ins:			800.00
Children's Env.		27	51.50
Faith Direct			2,048.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,732</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>\$17,341.73</b>
<b>2016 total</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>\$17,523.44</b>
Candles			\$1,092.30
Poor Box			\$262.24
Human Dev. & Home Missions			\$1,492.00

**OFFERING UPDATE  
Nov. 25/26, 2017**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	386	123	\$3,814.00
8:00 a.m.	297	125	3,580.00
10:00 a.m.	466	141	3,287.00
12:00 p.m.	478	140	3,572.00
5:00 p.m.	212	52	1,419.00
Coin			33.60
Mail-ins:			242.00
Children's Env.		11	46.50
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**PREPARING FOR** Sunday, December 10, 2017—**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*John the Baptist appeared in the desert and proclaimed,  
“One mightier than I is coming after me.”*

Mark 1:4, 7

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Isaiah announces to the weary Israelites that their time of exile is over and that they can now return to their homeland. God will send his prophets to speak a message of consolation to the weary and disheartened exiles (“Comfort, give comfort to my people.”). Guilt for their sin of disloyalty to God is to be removed. Then “a voice” speaks of a new exodus when the Lord will create a new highway on which the exiles will travel back to their homeland. The mighty God of Israel will be like a gentle shepherd carrying his flock home.

**2 Peter 3:8-14**

Peter talks about how important it is to be upright and act rightly while awaiting the Lord’s coming. The awaited Second Coming of Jesus seems to be on hold. Why? Because the Lord wants to give people more time to repent and prepare their lives for their ultimate encounter with God. Are you using this Advent time to prepare your heart for Jesus?

**Mark 1:1-8**

Every year on the second and third Sundays of Advent, we encounter John the Baptist calling people to prepare for the Messiah by repentance. John is seen as the “voice” whom Isaiah spoke about in the first reading. As the people respond to John’s call to repentance, they are baptized with water—an outward sign of an interior cleansing occurring in their soul. Then John says One mightier than he is about to come, One who will baptize them with the Holy Spirit. John’s diet of locusts (grasshoppers) and honey would have reminded his audience of the two traditional symbols of judgment and comfort. Locusts are considered as instruments of divine judgment because of their fierce punishing power, whereas honey signifies peace, plenty and blessing. Those who refuse to receive the truth of John’s message will experience the devouring “locust” of divine judgment. On the other hand, those who open their hearts to his message will taste the “honey” of peace and joy.

## Readings for the Week

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

**Monday, December 4, 2017:**

Isaiah 2:1-5 + Matthew 8:5-11

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017:**

Isaiah 11:1-10 + Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017:**

Isaiah 25:6-10a + Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 7, 2017:**

Isaiah 26:1-6 + Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 8, 2017:**

Genesis 3:9-15

+ Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

+ Luke 1:26-38

**Saturday, December 9, 2017:**

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

+ Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday, December 10, 2017:**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

+ 2 Peter 3:8-14 + Matthew 1:1-8

**Gospel Reflection Questions....**

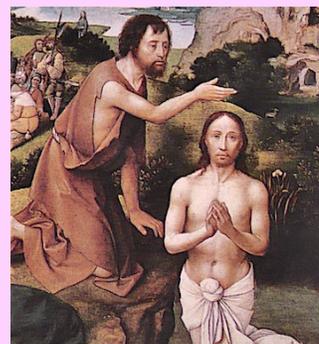
*After reading next Sunday’s Gospel take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

1. Compare the statement of John the Baptist that he is, as Isaiah prophesied: “a voice of one crying out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths’” (John 1:23), with Pope Francis’ statement:

“My mission of being in the heart of the people ... is not an “extra” or just another moment in life. Instead, it is something I cannot uproot from my being without destroying my very self. I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world. We have to regard ourselves as sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising up, healing and freeing. All around us we begin to see nurses with soul, teachers with soul, politicians with soul, people who have chosen deep down to be with others and for others.”

*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium 273*

2. How do you share John the Baptist’s mission to proclaim Christ’s coming into the world? Do you do this with words or by the way you live? How is John’s message of repentance and judgment different from that of Jesus?



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