

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Simeon blessed them and
said to Mary his mother,
“Behold, this child is destined for the fall
and rise of many in Israel.”*

Luke 2:34

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH **December 31, 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 CHRISTMAS SEASON AT OLPH



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, 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.)*

OLPH COMMUNITY MEAL

The OLPH Community Meal held December 17th was a tremendous success thanks to the generosity of the entire OLPH Community!



Father Fidelis leads the prayer & the lighting of the 3rd candle for Gaudete Sunday.



A great big thank you goes to our many parishioners—helpers, cooks, servers and smilers—who helped with the meal and handing out gifts!



Over 60 guests – young and old – joined our “Christmas” Community Meal.

Photos courtesy of Louise Perrotta

CONGRATULATIONS FR. FIDELIS



*Tuesday, December 17 was a special day for Father Fidelis, as he was sworn in as a United States citizen before Judge Joseph F. Bianco of the USDC, Eastern District, Central Islip.
Congratulations, Fr. Fidelis!!!*

PASTOR'S PAGE

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Time blessings to you and your family! The Church continues to celebrate the shining days of Christmas, as we celebrate that the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us — God became man and lived a human life. Jesus of Nazareth is Emmanuel, God-with-us, revealing to us the fullness of the invisible God. As one of the Mass prayers for Christmas Time reminds us, *“On the feast of this awe-filled mystery, though invisible in his own divine nature, he has appeared visibly in ours; and begotten before all ages, he has begun to exist in time; so that, raising up in himself all that was cast down, he might restore unity to all creation and call straying humanity back to the heavenly Kingdom.”* Those are beautiful words for us to pray over in order to explore the richness and depth of the meaning of Christmas!

Don't let all the “after-Christmas” stuff you're hearing fool you — it's still Christmas, and will be for Catholics until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year is on Monday, January 8. These are the days that are appropriate for Christmas parties, Christmas visiting and Christmas cheer! Keep the joy and meaning of Christmas Time alive and well through all these days up until January 8. Keep your house lit and your decorations up until then! Let's celebrate the fullness of Christmas Time!

Merry Christmas!

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

This weekend is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This liturgical feast has been on the Church calendar for about one hundred years, although it has been celebrated on different dates throughout its history. The feast celebrates the unity and love so evident in the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and one of the main things the Church prays for on this feast is that our families might imitate the virtues of the Holy Family.

For example, the Collect (opening prayer) for Mass praises the Holy Family as a shining example, and it asks that *“we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity.”* The Prayer over the Offerings makes another petition for our families when it asks that *“through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you [God] may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.”* Imitation of the Holy Family is invoked a third time, in the Prayer after Communion, as that prayer asks that we might *“imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,”* adding the petition that *“after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever.”*

No family is perfect; all families have conflict and all families deal with less-than-ideal situations.

Don't get caught up in the idea that your family cannot live up to the ideal of the Holy Family. Do pray for your family, though, using the thoughts and words of these prayers of the Mass for the Holy Family; ask for the grace for you and all the members of your family to imitate the virtues lived by Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the Holy Family.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

This Monday, January 1 (aside from being New Year's Day) is the Octave (Eighth Day) of the Nativity of the Lord, and it is also the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Monday, January 1; be sure to attend one of them.

How beautiful it is to have a feast of the Blessed Mother so prominent during Christmas Time! One of the most outstanding characteristics of Mary is her willingness to know and do God's will. While we would like to follow her example, we often find it difficult to do so, don't we? Do we have a clue that could help us imitate Mary more perfectly? The Gospel for the Mass of this Solemnity gives us a clue, words that I am always struck by: *“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”* She reflected on events that had happened and that were unfolding before her eyes. In other words, she meditated! Don't we need to do that more — to stop, reflect, meditate, ponder, and even, at times, just wonder at what God has done and is doing? God is always manifesting Himself, but we often miss it. Often we simply just don't spend as much time in prayer as we should. It can be a wonderful source of spiritual nourishment for us to quiet down, to pray and to meditate a little more, and so to rediscover a sense of wonder about being in a never-ending love relationship with God. Talk about a great New Year's resolution! Would you be willing to make that yours?

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I need to take this opportunity to offer a tremendous THANK YOU to EVERYONE who gave so much of themselves to make our Christmas Masses so beautiful. To all the liturgical ministers, to all who in any way give their time to assist in and around the church, by cleaning, decorating, arranging, and many other behind-the-scenes and in-front-of-the-scenes tasks, and to all who work here, you are to be commended for your devotion and good work during these days! Our liturgical life together is one of the main things that makes OLPH “the place to be,” and everyone who offers their time and talent in service to our worship is an important part of that. THANK YOU to all!

PASTOR'S PAGE

Brick Memorialization, Phase Three

Phase Three of our Brick Memorialization Program continues! Remember, in addition to being a beautiful thing to do spiritually, this is an important fund raiser for our parish, one that needs your support.

You can take a brick along our Walkway to the Blessed Mother (we'll pick up where we left off in Phase Two), or you can take a brick in the little prayer garden at our new "Let the Children Come to Me" statue — or how about doing both! If you already have a brick along the Walkway to the Blessed Mother, why not take one now at the "Let the Children Come to Me" statue? You'll be making a great contribution to OLPH by doing so.

Thanks to all who have supported and who will support this program. Further details, and the order form, can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

Pastoral Staff and Support Staff Christmas Party

This Thursday night, January 4, we'll be having our annual Pastoral Staff and Support Staff Christmas Party — in other words, it's for the full-time pastoral ministers and everyone who is employed by OLPH. It's still Christmas Time, and we've found this to a great time to have our Christmas party each year. Please note that the rectory will be closed that night; there will be no evening hours for the reception desk.

Let me take this opportunity to say that I continue to be extremely grateful for the hard work and dedication shown by everyone on the Pastoral Staff and Support Staff. They all keep OLPH running smoothly, with some working directly with parishioners and some working more behind-the-scenes. No matter what job one has here, as Pastor I deeply value each employee's presence and work, and I am pleased and proud to be working with them to carry out the mission of the parish.

First Penance

This Saturday, January 6, will be the first of two Saturdays when the children of our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for the first time. The sacrament will be celebrated within a prayer service at 11:15 a.m. each Saturday. The usual situation is that children make their First Confession in Level 2 of religious formation, the same year they also celebrate First Holy Communion. For many weeks now the children have been working hard learning about the sacrament, and the catechists have been doing a great job of teaching them about it. We are very proud of the children!

Allow me to encourage the parents of the children celebrating First Penance to make a fairly big deal out of this significant occasion in their child's life; it's the first time they are celebrating a sacrament that, we hope, will be a regular part of their life for the rest of their life. It's a great thing for the child to dress up for the occasion, and the family could go out for a celebratory lunch or dinner on that day (and perhaps even invite relatives—grandparents and godparents, for example—to share in the festive meal).

Here's a thought for all parishioners: take a little time this week to pray for the children who will be celebrating First Penance this coming Saturday and next.

Can you help take down the Christmas decorations?

No, no, no, I am not rushing the Christmas season — this is just a kind of "mark your calendar" reminder. We'll be taking down the Christmas decorations on Monday, January 8 at 1:30 p.m. (after the last Mass of Christmas Time), so, if you're free, you're invited to come down and help out. In addition to doing some good work for the parish, you'll have the chance to share some fun with your fellow parishioners.

Happy New Year!

Finally, I wish everyone a very happy, healthy and holy New Year. May 2018 be filled with an abundance of blessings for you and your family! I know that OLPH will continue to be "the place to be" in 2018 because TOGETHER we will continue to be open to the Lord's will for us and we will allow the Holy Spirit to guide us as we seek to do our part in building up the Kingdom of God here in Lindenhurst.

To all who will be celebrating New Year's Eve in any way: Be safe!

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.

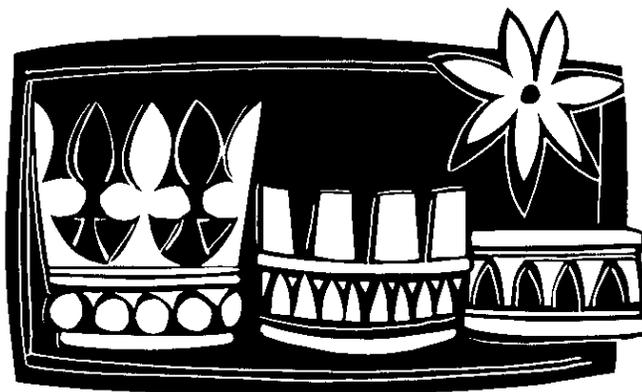
And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION NEXT WEEK

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is a traditional time to announce the major feasts and celebrations of the Church for the upcoming year. Before the advent of online calendars, iPhones, perpetual calendars, and handheld organizers, the formal announcement at Epiphany was the usual way the Church made known the date of Easter and all the celebrations that are dependent upon its date. Next weekend, after the Gospel at Mass, our cantors will chant this ancient announcement.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Mass for People with Special Needs

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.

Saturday, January 6
4:00 p.m. 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@olph.org*

FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

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

First Friday Devotions will take place **January 5** 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, **January 6** 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, January 6 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Polish, English, Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, **January 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer for Peace

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



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, January 1—No Devotions

Monday, January 8—7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 15—No Devotions

Due to Martin Luther King, Jr.

SPECIAL CARDS FOR THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF YOUR HOME

It is traditional for families to bless their home on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, which takes place next **Sunday, January 7, 2018**. In next week's bulletin we will have special information about blessing your home on Epiphany. We will also have available special cards which may be used in the blessing and placed above your doorway, to remain there for the entire upcoming year. Please look for these special cards available throughout the church next weekend.

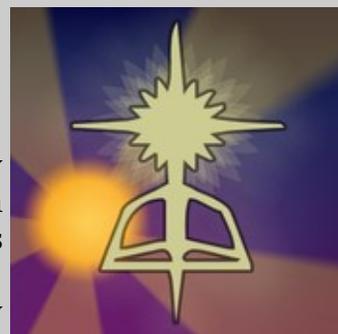
Peace be with this house and all who live here

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Lindenhurst, New York

Evening Prayer

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



Saturdays and Sundays After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

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

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

FAITH FORMATION



CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION

Soon we will be beginning classes in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you are an adult who is baptized and has received first Holy Communion but has not been confirmed, please let us know.

Classes will begin in the next few weeks!

For adults who desire more information, contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net.

For teenagers and their families who desire more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631.226.7725, x 251 or e-mail to religioused@oloph.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES

OLPH regularly offers Adult Faith Formation classes. These courses are wonderful opportunities for adults to grow in their faith and deepen their knowledge of Catholicism. Topics covered include the Bible, Sacraments, Worship, Morality, Christology and Church.

Watch future bulletins for info on specific upcoming courses or contact Deacon Robert Becker at rabecker@optimum.net.



PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018 AT 12:00 P.M. MASS

Leonard Vicciardo

Requested by Mary Vicciardo

Maryann Cassar

Requested by Doreen Nuzzo

Rita Schettini

Requested by Richard & Carmen Abbrevaya

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 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:

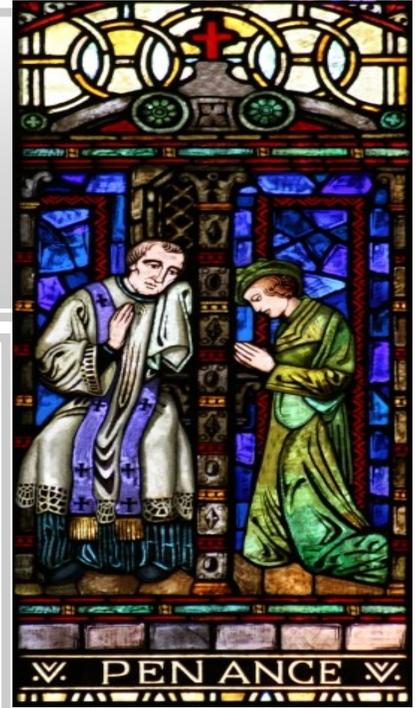
**There will be
 NO CLASS**

Monday, January 1st

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Levels 6-8:

**Make sure to make
 finishing touches to Part 1
 of your Workbook!
 They are due this week!**

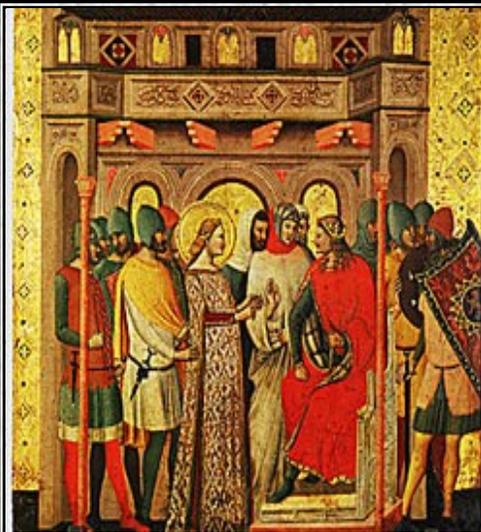
**Level 2 Session I:**

Penance Rehearsal on Tuesday, January 2, at 5:00 p.m.

Please meet in the church with a parent!

On Saturday, January 6, do not go to class at 8:30 a.m.

Meet in the church with a parent at 11:15 a.m.

***Saint of the Day*****St. Columba of Sens**

A Spanish martyr of noble descent, at sixteen she left Spain, fleeing imperial persecution. She and other Spanish Christians sought refuge in France, but they were martyred in the persecution instituted by Emperor Aurelian. Her shrine is in Sens, France.

*On the seventh day of Christmas Jesus Christ gave to me: Bethlehem's star
 shining, The shepherds praising, The King of kings, The Angel's words,
 Peace on earth, Two parents' love, And a great Nativity scene!*

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!

**PASTA SAUCE
CANNED MEAT
PORK & BEANS
CANNED FRUIT
JELLY OR JAM
HOT CEREAL
SHELF STABLE MILK CARTONS
(Please not evaporated milk)
TOILET PAPER
SHAMPOO
TOOTHPASTE**

NO PASTA 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.

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them.”

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, assisting families by providing food, gifts and a friendly face! Thanks!

† 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 1st & 3rd 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, February 6

Van Lunches and Valentine project
in Room 24 at 7:00 p.m.

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

Give yourself a Challenge

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

Tuesday, January 9
 Fran Grasso—631-956-3003
sixfingers13@gmail.com

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



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held 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, January 7
 Come and pray with us at the
 12:00 p.m. Mass then join us
 for "Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.*

BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE



WE WANT YOU!

The Blue Door Boutique is looking for a few more offerers to help out at the shop. Saturday shifts from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. are available and much needed.

Come and join our team!

We have a great time and serve a great need in the parish.

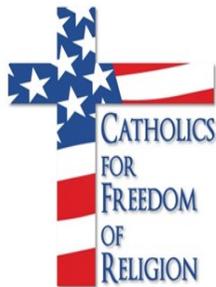
For more information, email buckleyt@optonline.net

THE
bluedoor
BOUTIQUE

HOURS OF OPERATION
 M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 SAT. 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Donations gratefully accepted whenever the shop is open. Please no toys, stuffed animals, books or electric items.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

The 12 Myths of Christmas (Part 2)

Myth: *Students cannot talk about their faith and the religious origins of Christmas in class assignments.*

Fact: Schools can't refuse to allow, punish, or give a lower grade to a student who includes a religious viewpoint in a class assignment. Far from "establishing religion," that would be displaying an anti-religious bias, which is unconstitutional and infringing on the free speech of students.

Myth: *Teachers cannot display a "Christmas tree" in the classroom.*

Fact: No court has ruled that "Christmas" is unconstitutional. In fact, The Supreme Court has acknowledged the government's long-standing recognition of holidays with religious significance, such as Christmas.

Myth: *School choirs and bands cannot use churches as venues, because of the "separation of church and state."*

Fact: Voluntary performances at a church do not promote religion. "Courts have unanimously allowed students to sing Christmas carols in school. Nothing changes when they sing the same Christmas songs at a community festival instead," said Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF).

Myth: *Students cannot give their classmates gifts that reference the Christian origins of the holiday.*

Fact: The Supreme Court has never ruled that public schools must prohibit the distribution of religious Christmas messages. For example, a H.S. that forbade a student from giving out candy canes to friends with a note that described the Christian legend later granted the student permission when ADF informed the principal of this fact. (adflegal.org, 12/11/15; rutherfordinstitute.org)

"Our first real Christmas as a nation was the dark and freezing Christmas of 1776, when George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware. They and Providence gave our nation its first Christmas gift - a victory that brought us closer to liberty, the condition in which God meant man to flourish."

President Ronald Reagan, 1984

"Here I am!" HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY!

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - nine months after her mother conceived her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. She is no different now than before birth except that she breathes and eats differently. She is truly a miracle. She began as a 46-chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we now can see. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies and their mothers for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth "so that they might have life and have it to the full!"

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

OLPH Respect Life Committee delivered the Christmas Giving Tree gifts to Life Center of Long Island Director Gloria Schreiber. Thank you for all the gifts delivered through your wonderful generosity.



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:

Carlton Mitchell & Maika Blackman

WE REMEMBER

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

***Robert Hodnick
Geraldine McGrath***

“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.”

DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE ANNOUNCES DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR INDEPENDENT RECONCILIATION AND COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The Diocese of Rockville Centre announced that the deadline to file for Phase I of the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) for survivors of sexual abuse by clergy of the Diocese of Rockville Centre has been extended to **January 31, 2018**. The first phase of the IRCP was originally scheduled to end on December 31, 2017.

Any person wishing to file a new claim alleging sexual abuse not previously reported to the diocese may be eligible to participate in Phase II of the program when it is implemented in early 2018. These reports will be turned over to the local District Attorney and investigated fully prior to a determination by the IRCP.

To learn more about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, please visit the diocesan website – www.drvc.org and click on “Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program” to access full program information.

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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.

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 1, 2018—
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
(World Day of Prayer for Peace)

10:00	Deceased Members of the Lucas & McPhail Families
12:15	Anthony Gerrato

TUESDAY, January 2—
Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops & Doctors of the Church

6:30	Lauren Rosensweig
12:15	Antonio Apostolico

WEDNESDAY, January 3—
Christmas Weekday
(The Most Holy Name of Jesus)

6:30	Alphonso Mollica
12:15	Anna Czynianska

THURSDAY, January 4—
Saint Elizabeth Seton, Religious

6:30	Jessica Coggins
12:15	Vincent McCauley

FRIDAY, January 5—
Saint John Neumann, Bishop

6:30	Marie Foster
12:15	Richard J. Pikul

SATURDAY, January 6—
Christmas Weekday
(Saint André Bessette, Religious)

8:00	Joseph Lucas
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Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00	Special Needs Mass (Auditorium)
5:00	Angelo Diguglielmo

Sunday, January 7
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00	Theresa Taliercio
10:00	Donna Hahl
12:00	Perpetual Help Mass (List on p.7)
5:00	For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 1, 2018

ALL PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND ACTIVITIES CANCELLED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY. THE RECTORY WILL OPEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 AT 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

5:00 p.m.	First Penance Rehearsal	Church
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

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, January 4, 2018

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 Meeting	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 3
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Coordinators	Room 22

Friday, January 5, 2018

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

Saturday, January 6, 2018

8:30,10:00	Levels 1, 3 - 5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Level 2 First Penance	Church
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
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
8:00 p.m.	Adoration	Church

Sunday, January 7, 2018

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

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- *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112*

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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.

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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

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OFFERING UPDATE			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.			
8:00 a.m.			
10:00 a.m.			
TOTAL			
2016 total			
Candles			
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The final totals for Dec. 23/24, the Christmas Collection and Christmas Flowers will be published in a later bulletin.




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November & December

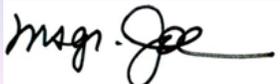
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Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,



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**PREPARING FOR Sunday, January 7, 2018—
The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod,
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?”* Matthew 2:1-2a

Isaiah 60:1-6

Today the Church celebrates the *epiphany*, or manifestation, of Christ to all the world, Jew and Gentile alike. All three readings make that clear. This first reading is from hundreds of years before Jesus' birth at a time when the holy city of Jerusalem had been conquered and many of its inhabitants deported to a foreign land. They longed for the day when they would return to their homeland. The reading overflows with light, brightness, and radiance as it prophesies how glorious that day will be for the Jewish people. But it goes on to say that this saving act of the Lord will also be the marvel of other nations and their rulers who will bring gifts to Jerusalem such as gold and frankincense. People from all nations will come to know and praise God.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

In this letter to the Church at Ephesus, Paul stresses that with the coming of Jesus the new Israel will expand to include the Gentiles as well as the Jews. This “mystery” was made known to him by revelation and was unknown to people in the past. It is a part of God's plan for the salvation of all people that was revealed to him by the Spirit. God desires all people, Jews and non-Jews alike, to be saved by Jesus. Good news indeed!

Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew was a Jew who came to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. As such, he wrote primarily to an audience of Jewish Christians like himself, telling them the story of Jesus and trying to persuade them to believe in him. Prominent in this account of the birth of Jesus is a passage from the ancient prophet Micah which prophesies that a ruler “who is to shepherd my people” will come from the town of Bethlehem. Witnesses to this wondrous birth are “magi from the east.” While many have debated the exact nature of the magi, what is more important for us today is that they come “from the east,” that is to say, they are non-Jews who recognized that Jesus came as Messiah for all people. Matthew makes it apparent that God, not the Roman emperor or his designated ruler Herod, has crowned the real “King of the Jews” and that even though he first appeared to the Jewish people all people will welcome their true ruler and Savior.

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. Luke mentions the Spirit three times regarding Simeon. Through the Spirit Simeon recognized Jesus as the glory of Israel and the light to the rest of the world. Do you let the same Spirit who lives in you help you recognize Jesus in your daily life? How?
2. Before “They returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth” (*Luke 2:39*), Matthew recounts the story of Joseph fleeing to Egypt with Mary and Jesus to escape the wrath of Herod (*Matthew 2:14*). Did the Holy Family experience what the Christian Syrian refugees are experiencing right now as they leave their country by the thousands, targeted by militant Islamists?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 1, 2018:

Numbers 6:22-27 + Galatians 4:4-7
+ Luke 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2, 2018:

1 John 2:22-28 + John 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3, 2018:

1 John 2:29—3:6 + John 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4, 2018:

1 John 3:7-10 + John 1:35-42

Friday, January 5, 2018:

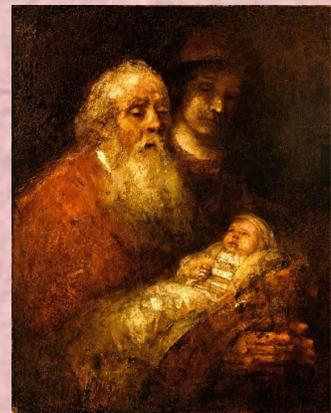
1 John 3:11-21 + John 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6, 2018:

1 John 5:5-13 + Mark 1:7-11

Sunday, January 7, 2018:

Isaiah 60:1-6
+ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
+ Matthew 2:1-12



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