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*Be merciful,
just as your Father is merciful.*

Luke 6:36

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 24, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Frank Pokorney

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME 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

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Presence

Episode 1: God Is With Us

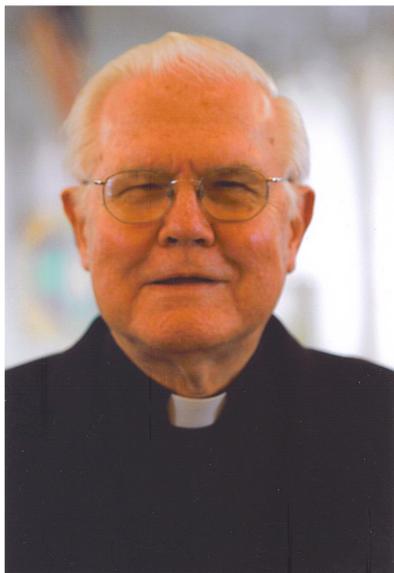
What's So Special about the Eucharist?

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist.

[Watch on formed.org](http://formed.org)



As a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, you have complimentary access to FORMED, an incredible gateway to Catholic content, all in one place. Visit our FORMED community website at <https://olphilindenhurst.formed.org>. Click on the "Register Now" icon and create an account. Once registered, you will have free access to the website and also their smart phone app.

IN MEMORIAM**Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton**

Born

January 7, 1932

Ordained to the Priesthood

May 31, 1958

Died

February 18, 2019

Birth: January 7, 1932, Far Rockaway, NY
 Collegiate Studies: Cathedral College, Brooklyn, NY
 Theological Studies: Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, NY
 Ordination: May 31, 1958 St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

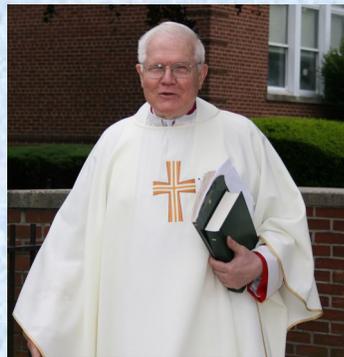
Assignments:

06.21.1958 St. Anne, Garden City
 02.18.1960 Chaplain Newman Club – Adelphi College
 06.24.1961 St. Pius X Prep Seminary, Faculty Residence
 07.01.1961 Co-Chaplain Newman Club Hofstra College, Hempstead
 06.27.1964 Member of Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism
 06.22.1968 Director Pastoral Institute Commission for Ecumenism
 07.15.1968 Director of Bureau of Information
 06.23.1971 Residence at St. William the Abbot, Seaford
 06.30.1975 Editor of Long Island Catholic
 05.21.1980 Honorary Prelate to His Holiness
 06.12.1985 Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst
 06.27.2007 Retirement at the Parish
 08.31.2007 Pastor Emeritus
 05.27.2016 St. Pius X Residence

Date of Death: February 18, 2019

*“Grant, we pray, O Lord, that the soul of your servant and Priest,
whom you honored with sacred office while he lived in this world,
may exult for ever in the glorious home of heaven.”*

- The Roman Missal



PASTOR'S PAGE

Rest in peace, Msgr. Daniel Hamilton

OLPH continues to mourn the loss of our beloved Pastor Emeritus, Msgr. Hamilton, who passed away early in the morning this past Monday.

It is with a great deal of admiration and respect that I say that Msgr. Hamilton was an institution here at OLPH. He was Pastor for 22 years, and so an entire generation of people grew up with him and were the recipients of his priestly ministry and witness of service. The comments about his kindness, his gentleness, his priestly presence, his administrative skills, and his care and concern for OLPH and the parishioners here have been coming in all week, as all of you share your fond memories of this good and faithful servant.

He was a great presence in the rectory, too, and many were the nights when he and I enjoyed great conversation at the dinner table. I loved listening to his reminiscences of the history of the diocese and the stories of his different assignments. He thoroughly loved his years as a faculty member at the diocesan seminary high school, and we would also talk often of his work at *The Long Island Catholic* newspaper. He shared with me his insights and backstories about OLPH, which were a great help to me as a new Pastor. He was pleased to continue to help out here for as long as he was able to when he was in residence. It was so difficult for him in that period when he was able to do less and less and had to slowly stop presiding at Mass and hearing Confessions due to his declining health. He continued to be a valued presence in the rectory until he was no longer able to stay here because of the greater assistance he needed.

I would like to thank everyone, both staff and parishioners, who worked so hard this week to attend to the million-and-one details, some small and some large, to help ensure that we as a parish family did everything we could to give Msgr. a dignified, prayerful and worthy wake and funeral. I have no doubt that Msgr. Hamilton is enjoying beautiful heavenly rewards as a result of his faithfulness as a priest and servant, and he will always be a beloved institution, in the best sense of that word, in the life of OLPH.

In the coming weeks and months you'll be hearing more about ways that I have in mind for us to properly remember Msgr. Hamilton and honor his memory; watch for details.

The horrific New York State "Reproductive Health Act"

Last weekend we published in the bulletin a very important letter from our diocesan bishop, Bishop John Barres, regarding the horrifying and appalling so-called "Reproductive Health Act," recently passed by the New York State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Cuomo. Sadly, this law is now the most aggressive pro-abortion law in the country. (Since when is abortion "healthy" or "health care"?)

If you have not yet read that letter, I urge you to do so; you can go to last week's bulletin on our parish website, www.olphlindenhurst.com, or to the diocesan website at www.drvc.org in order to find it. It is our obligation as citizens and as Catholics to be well informed and to exercise our constitutional rights. When evil and injustice threaten the sacredness of human life, it is our duty to make our voices heard and to give witness to the Gospel. Bishop Barres' letter encouraged us to contact our local legislators and elected officials. I have done so, and, as your Pastor, I ask you to do the same. We must be heard!

I urge everyone to stay informed and educated regarding these important issues. There are many battles ahead of us; issues of assisted suicide, for example, will be down the road. Some good resources for us to consult are the New York State Catholic Conference (www.nyscatholic.org) and the Diocese of Rockville Centre Respect Life Office (516-678-5800, ext. 381; <https://respectlife.drvc.org>).

Most importantly, we must all continue to pray — pray, pray, pray! Pray for a conversion of minds and hearts among the citizens of our state and our elected officials, and indeed, all of us.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019

As our parish's participation in the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal continues, I want to thank all those who have already donated; please know how so very grateful I am for your generosity. If you have not yet done so, please do so soon. We count on the rebate money we receive to keep us afloat. I give to the Appeal each year, and I ask you to, also, especially if you have never given before!

Supporting OLPH through Amazon purchases

Please continue to support OLPH through your purchases at Amazon.com, and please continue to spread the word to all your family and friends. Sign up today if you have not already done so — it costs you nothing! Once you are signed up with OLPH as your designated charity (OLPH Lindenhurst, please — make sure you're signed up with the correct OLPH!), Amazon makes a donation every time you make a purchase. That's all there is to it! I've already signed up, and I ask you to also.

Full details are elsewhere in this bulletin, so look there for all the details and for everything you need to know.

Brick memorializations continue

I remind you that there is still the opportunity to memorialize one or more bricks in our beautiful and prayerful "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden. It's a wonderful way to honor and pray for a deceased love one or to enshrine a particular prayer

intention or expression of gratitude. We get free shipping when we send an order of 100 or more bricks to be engraved, so we are trying to reach the next set of 100 to save that cost. If you have sent in a form, thank you for your patience as we continue to build up toward that number. I promise that you will be informed before they are sent out, so that you can proofread the engraving, and so that you can stay informed as to when they will be installed.

Help us to reach the next 100 as soon as possible, and submit your memorialization; the form can be found in this bulletin.

Children receive their sacraments in their home parish

Since we are in the “season” of registration taking place in our Religious Education Program, now is the time to remind all the parents of the parish about the policy of the diocese which requires that all children, regardless of where they go to school, receive their sacraments (First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation) in their home parish, not, for example, at the parish of their Catholic school (regardless of what the principal or teacher might incorrectly tell them).

This is very important because as Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). For children at OLPH, this OLPH community is their primary community and the community in which their faith is lived, day in and day out. It is the community that endures beyond the school year and graduation from an elementary school.

So, of course, all children in public school attend our Religious Education Program and celebrate their sacraments here. In addition, though, children who attend a Catholic elementary school, while they don't attend the Religious Education classes, must be registered in our Religious Ed program, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years, and they must celebrate their sacraments here. Homeschooled children who are parishioners of OLPH also must celebrate their sacraments here at their home parish.

All parents should be aware of this policy, and should help spread the word to other families.

Mardi Gras

Mark your calendar now: Tuesday evening, March 5 is our night of Mardi Gras! It's our annual night of feasting and fun before we settle into the seriousness of Lent which begins the next day on Ash Wednesday. We start with a very beautiful Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the church, and then as the conclusion to Evening Prayer we move in procession to the burning of palms, singing “Alleluia” as we do so, hearing that acclamation for the last time before it

returns at Easter. Then, a festive ice cream party follows the burning of palms.

Mardi Gras, with Evening Prayer, the burning of palms, and ice cream party, is for everyone of all ages — parents, kids, grandparents, marrieds and singles... everyone! (It doesn't matter if you don't have kids; come anyway and enjoy!) It's always a night of festivity and great community. Do plan on being there!

Start thinking now about Lent...

Along those lines, it's not too early to start thinking about how you will make the most of Lent this year. Ash Wednesday, March 6, is just around the corner. The Little Black Book is available again this year to assist you in your daily meditations. We'll have Stations of the Cross throughout Lent; look for that schedule. How will you and your family live out the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? Remember, holiness and virtue do not just happen on their own! We have to take concrete steps to cooperate with God's grace so that the life of Christ grows stronger in us. That takes planning, decision-making, commitment and follow-through.

Also, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (going to Confession) is an integral part of our season of Lenten penance and renewal. When will you go to Confession? We will again have all-day Confessions on Monday of Holy Week (this year on April 15). Why not put an appointment for that day in your calendar now, to make sure you get to Confession on that day? Most importantly, don't wait until the last minute to go to Confession, or you may not be able to make it there before Easter! Take a close look at the schedule of Confession times we will be announcing, and plan ahead.

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

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

Sincerely,



PRAYER & WORSHIP

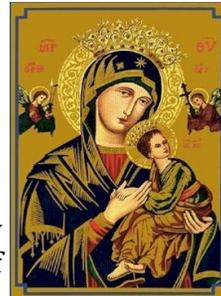
A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

- **Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).
- **Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.
- **Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.
- **Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

Mass Attendance: MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS! There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

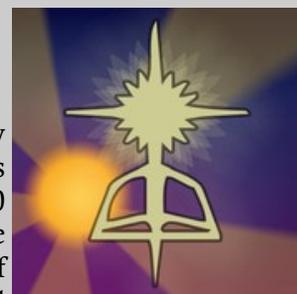
Monday, February 25—7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 4—7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 11—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**

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK
IN BANK PARKING LOT
ON ASH WEDNESDAY**

We ask that you kindly not park in the bank parking lot on the north side of the church on Ash Wednesday. Remember that Wednesday is a normal business day for the bank, and the bank lot is not our property. Let's be a good neighbor! Please do not park in their lot on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & SUNDAY DEVOTIONS



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

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

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

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, March 2 from 8:00 p.m. 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 Sunday, **March 3** at 7:00 p.m.



Mass for All People With Special Needs March 2

The *Special Needs Ministry* hosts a monthly celebration of the Eucharist in a smaller setting designed to provide a fulfilling worship experience for all adults and children who may be uncomfortable in a larger setting.

Please join us on **Saturday, March 2** at **4:00 p.m. in the auditorium**. Let's all come together and worship together! After Mass we have Hospitality!

Levels 6—8 and Teens may join us early to help the ministry with set up and to gain Confirmation Service hours. Call Jessica at the Religious Education office (number below) to let her know you are coming.

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

Our next Special Needs Mass is April 6 at 4:00 p.m.



BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES

We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is March 6. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season. As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes brand us with the sign of the cross — a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during Easter Time. Penitential acts are undertaken as a community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection.

What you may not know is where the ashes come from. Very simply, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are the ashes from palms saved from Palm Sunday the previous year, which have been burned.

This year we once again invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. **We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on March 5 and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.**

Please join in this meaningful gesture of community and solidarity as together we embark on our Lenten disciplines.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please take home a *Little Black Book* which contains daily reflections for the Lenten season. This book, following on the *Little Blue Book* which was so popular for Advent, will provide the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Lent. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the *Little Black Book*.

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK
2019

Six-minute meditations on the
Sunday Gospels of Lent (Cycle C)

BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE PARISH, FOURTH GRADE AND OLDER

We are in the process of **recruiting new Altar Servers!** Being an altar server is a great way to be involved at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You make an important contribution to the life of the parish and you perform an important ministry. Besides, it's fun!!! You serve at weekend Masses and other special events, attend some meetings throughout the year, and have fun parties!

Why not become an altar server? We would love to have you, and we will provide plenty of training — no prior experience is necessary!! If you are a boy or a girl who is in the **4th grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, or even older!)**, you are invited to become an altar server. Parents, why not mention it to your daughter or son to get them interested? Training will start soon, so sign up now. If you are interested, **mail or drop off the coupon below to Monsignor Joe at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue.** *No phone calls, please; you must let me know in writing! It's OK to scan this page and send it electronically with all the info to msgrio@oloph.org*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, RESPOND BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019, SINCE THE FIRST TRAINING MEETING WILL BE SOON AFTER THAT (you will receive a letter giving you specific information).

Sorry...no responses can be accepted after March 20!

We hope to hear from YOU!!!

Yes, I am interested in becoming an Altar Server! **RETURN THIS BEFORE MARCH 20!**

Name _____

Address _____

Town/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____@_____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) ____/____/____

Family Envelope/Registration Number _____ *****Required: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH.**

Year You Received First Holy Communion _____

Grade you are in right now _____



Check one:

_____ I go to public school; Name of School _____

_____ I go to Catholic school; Name of School _____

WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE?

DO YOU LOVE YOUR JOB?

ARE YOU FULFILLING
YOUR CAREER DREAMS?

Would you like to help others go
after their hopes and dreams?

If you enjoy helping people and mentoring others, it will be rewarding to share your professional knowledge and success. Come and join our Professional Mentorship Ministry and together let's help others find their purpose in life.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge call OLPH Church at (631) 226-7725 or email PMM@oloph.org



LET'S HELP EACH OTHER
FIND OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



District 11 Knights of Columbus

Day Retreat for Men presented by Msgr. Tom Costa

St. Martin of Tours Church, 37 Union Ave., Amityville, NY

Sunday, March 10

Check-in at 9:00 a.m. concludes with 5:00 p.m. Mass
\$25 p.p. includes breakfast, lunch & presentation handouts

To register contact: **Stephen Strigaro—631-225-0928 or Bernardo Batista—516-810-5717**

OLPH CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Guild

Do you want to meet new friends of all ages, grow spiritually, and have some fun? Check us out. If you've been away, come on back! We miss you!

Our Ministry was established over 110 years ago at OLPH! We are timeless and we are relevant in today's society. Some of our activities include: Fundraising for the Parish with our Palm Sunday Cake and Candy Sale, and selling Keep Christ in Christmas Car Magnets. We promote spiritual growth through prayer, guest speakers and an annual Retreat for a day. Come see what we're all about.

We meet on the third Wednesday of every month in the school cafeteria at 8:00 p.m. At our March 20th meeting, guest speaker Charlie Feldman of OLPH will show us a short video on "*Freedom of Religion in Schools*". Find out how our children's religious rights are being threatened. Open to women 18 years and older, married or single. Please contact Carol Stysiack, President: carolstys@verizon.net, if you have any questions.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Level 8:

Wednesday, February 27 is the mandatory
 Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting
 in the church,
 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Levels 6, 7, & Service Corps:

Looking for service hours?

Join us for our Lenten Mission Service
 Series! Serve your community through the
 Corporal Works of Mercy!

On Wednesday, February 27, feed the
 hungry with us by
 making sandwiches
 for our Van Ministry
 in room 16 of the
 school from
 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.



Happy Saint of the Day!

St. Lawrence

St. Lawrence was a deacon in ancient Rome who was able to convert many people to Christianity by his immense sacrifice for Christ. The emperor wanted all of the Church's riches, and if Lawrence gave them to him, he would spare him. Knowing Jesus' teachings, Lawrence brought the poor, the true treasure of the Church, to the emperor. The emperor then burned Lawrence to death.



IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



MARDI GRAS ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Come join us for a family evening of prayer and fun including the burning of palms as we begin our Lenten journey by strengthening our relationship with God!



Tuesday, March 5



**Starting with
Evening Prayer
at 7:00 p.m.
in the Church**



Please bring non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul pantry!



Games, music and toppings galore!

Any questions contact:

Eileen Corticchia 631.682-4853 or kencort36@gmail.com

MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

First & Last Name: _____

_____ #of adults _____ # of children & ages _____

Telephone number: _____ Email Address: _____ @

Please return to OLPH Rectory or in the collection basket

NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, March 3, 2019



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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NEW Food Pantry List!

**CANNED MEATS
PORK & BEANS
PANCAKE SYRUP
OATMEAL
PEANUT BUTTER
CANNED FRUIT
CANNED JUICE
WATER**

Thank you
for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

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

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

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: “Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you...Do to others as you would have them do to you...Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

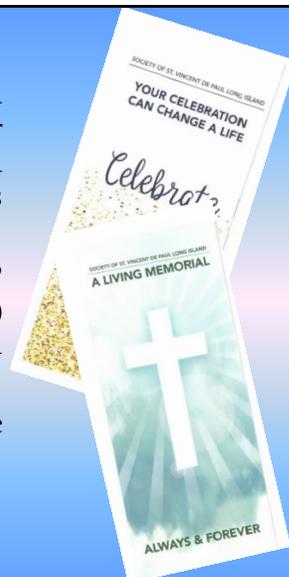
In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 172 community members in 83 households consisting of 49 children, 93 adults and 30 seniors. Thank You!

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

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

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

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



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS:

We can use gift cards (Visa, Amazon, etc.) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping for items most often needed.

We are in need of the following:

- Sweat shirts
- Sweat pants
- Jeans (30-42)
- New women's underwear (5,6,7)
- New men's underwear (L, XL, 2x, 3x)
- Hoodies
- Thermal underwear
- Blankets
- Clean, gently used sneakers
- Gloves
- Winter berets/skull caps

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.

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, March 12
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's **Community Meal Ministry** has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on one Sunday 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, March 17

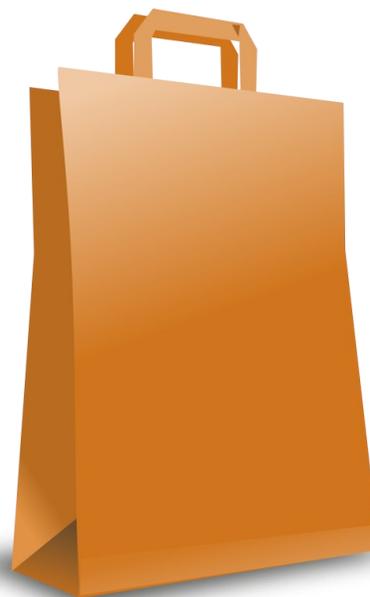
**Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass
& join us for "Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.**

BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE QUARTERLY BAG SALE

\$5 a BAG

Running for the entire month of March, the Blue Door Boutique's bag sales are the best bargain around. Purchase a reusable bag for \$5 and fill it with almost any clothing item in the shop. Summer clearance. Fall and winter preview. Includes blazers, jackets, dresses, shirts, pants and more! *Fancy dresses not included.*

We thank you for your generous donations of new and gently used items. Donations are gratefully accepted M,W,F 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. and Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. We cannot accept the following items: Electronics, anything electrical (even working), bathing suits, underwear (except new), toys, games, stuffed animals, baby gear (strollers, car seats, etc.).



THE
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BOUTIQUE

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

**20
19** CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing
Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

March, 2018

Dear Friends:

The Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving open our hearts to the presence of our loving and ever present God. It is a time for reflecting on the enormous sacrifice our Lord made on Good Friday. It's also a time for making sacrifices of our own. One of the purest sacrifices we can make is also one of the most loving. And it begins when we show compassion to others.

As Pope Francis said, "*Prayer brings us back to the path of truth about ourselves and about God; fasting makes us share the reality of so many people who face the anguish of hunger and makes us pay more attention to our neighbor; charity is a blessed occasion to collaborate with God's providence in benefit of His children.*"

When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, your neighbors experience the merciful presence of Christ through Outreach and Catholic Charities' programs that serve the basic needs of the poor, troubled, weak and oppressed in our community.

This Appeal also supports our efforts in evangelization, liturgy and worship. Consider the multitudes of children who are taught the faith through our Catholic schools and religious education programs and are able to continue their faith journey as they benefit from Campus, Young Adult and Youth Ministry Programs. It also funds the resources necessary to support our seminarians who are studying and preparing to serve us as priests.

If you have not yet made a pledge as of yet, please consider participating in the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal as one way of "*collaborating with God's providence in benefit of His children.*"

May this Lent be a source of *dramatic missionary growth* both in our lives and for our great Diocese.

I keep you and your family in my Masses and Prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

2019 OLPH GOAL:
\$109,400

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Jeffrey Gaab
 Gregory Guido
 Sonia Hansen
 Joselyn Kalt
 Mary Leon
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.
 James Totino
 Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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 John Reynolds

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 Bob Mehm
 Frank Pokorney
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Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
 Deacon Robert Becker
 Lynn Bergin
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 Chris Ferraro
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 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.

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.

Second Announcement:

Ryan Resky & Heidi Segelke

First Announcement:

***Tyler Kenny & Zhenqiu Liu
Vincent Siraco & Nicole Kurtz***

WE REMEMBER

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

Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

“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.”

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of

February 24-March 2:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Josephine Gauci

Requested by

Deacon Doug & Eileen Smith

Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 for other options for memorials.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Margaret Koza</i>	<i>Dean Latkowski</i>
<i>Lora Flynn</i>	<i>Sophia Marzullo</i>
<i>Colette Nasser</i>	<i>Ray Churik</i>
<i>Haley Kerwin</i>	<i>Natalie Nizza</i>
<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Ann Kuller</i>
<i>Dorothy Schatzger</i>	<i>Mark Kuller</i>
<i>Linda Menna</i>	<i>Renato Leon</i>
<i>Maureen Molinari</i>	<i>Dominick Santonastaso</i>
<i>Natalie & Lew Yugel</i>	<i>Randall I. Press</i>
<i>Nancy Kaden</i>	<i>Helen Iannacone</i>
<i>Frances Scarfo</i>	<i>Maureen Molinari</i>
<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>	<i>Dolores Muratore</i>
<i>Carmela Sammartiano</i>	<i>Agostino Pecoraro</i>
<i>Millie Abrusci</i>	<i>Jim Gordon</i>

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



Sponsored by
Office of Faith Formation
Diocese of Rockville Centre
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Catholic Cemeteries

Bereavement Conference

For the Bereaved and those Ministering to them

theme

GRIEF IS... A JOURNEY

Saturday, March 30, 2019
ST. PATRICK PARISH, HUNTINGTON
9:00am to 3:00pm

Are you grieving the loss of someone you love?

The DRVC Office of Faith Formation and Catholic Cemeteries are sponsoring a Bereavement Conference aimed at providing valuable information about the grieving process both to the bereaved and those who are ministering to them. The conference will be held on **Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at St. Patrick Parish in Huntington. A \$40 registration fee provides access to the conference and to a continental breakfast and lunch. Workshop topics include:

- Healing in the Time of Grief and Loss
- Finding Your Own Path to Healing
- A Child's Journey with Grief
- Grief Recovery after a Substance Passing
- Shattered Dreams – The Death of an Adult Child
- The Orphaned Adult
- And many other topics*

For more information & to register, call 516-678-5800 extension 236.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 25— WEEKDAY

6:30	Frank Denzel
12:15	Charles Regensburg

TUESDAY, February 26— WEEKDAY

6:30	Connie Fudjinski
12:15	Elissa Pisano

WEDNESDAY, February 27— WEEKDAY

6:30	Nazneen (Lucy) Hossain
12:15	Maria Aliano

THURSDAY, February 28— WEEKDAY

6:30	Mary Ann Sparano
12:15	Jerry Finn

FRIDAY, March 1— WEEKDAY

6:30	William L. Horney
12:15	Rose Farrell

SATURDAY, March 2— WEEKDAY

8:00	Michael Marchetti
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Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00	Joseph A. Novak <i>Special Needs Mass—Auditorium</i>
5:00	The Barry & Lanza Family

Sunday, March 3 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00	Theresa Taliercio
10:00	Albert F. LoPresti
12:00	For the People of the Parish
5:00	Margaret Turner

Monday, February 25, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Squires	Room 19
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
4:30 p.m.	Youth Service Corp.	Room 12
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 & 7 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Student/Parent Meeting	Church
7:30 p.m.	Family Life	Cafeteria

Thursday, February 28, 2019

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	CYO Coaches Meeting	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 1
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, March 1, 2019

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

Saturday, March 2, 2019

8:30,10:00	Levels 1-5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	School
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.	Nocturnal Adoration	Church

Sunday, March 3, 2019

8:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
9:15 a.m.	RCIC Meeting	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Room 16
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Lecturas del domingo 3 de Marzo del 2019

Bendito sea Dios, nuestro Padre, que nos ha reconciliado consigo mismo por medio de Cristo y nos ha encomendado el trabajo de reconciliación en este mundo.

Que su perdón y su paz estén siempre con ustedes.

Primera lectura Eclesiástico 27:4-7

4 Cuando la criba se sacude, quedan los desechos; así en su reflexión se ven las vilezas del hombre.

5 El horno prueba las vasijas de alfarero, la prueba del hombre está en su razonamiento.

6 El fruto manifiesta el cultivo del árbol; así la palabra, el del pensamiento del corazón humano.

7 Antes que se pronuncie no elogies a nadie, que esa es la prueba de los hombres.

Segunda lectura I Corintios 15:54-58

54 Y cuando este ser corruptible se revista de incorruptibilidad y este ser mortal se revista de inmortalidad, entonces se cumplirá la palabra que está escrita: La muerte ha sido devorada en la victoria.

55 ¿Dónde está, oh muerte, tu victoria? ¿Dónde está, oh muerte, tu aguijón?

56 El aguijón de la muerte es el pecado; y la fuerza del pecado, la Ley.

57 Pero ¡gracias sean dadas a Dios, que nos da la victoria por nuestro Señor Jesucristo!

58 Así pues, hermanos míos amados, manteneos firmes, incommovibles, progresando siempre en la obra del Señor, conscientes de que vuestro trabajo no es vano en el Señor.

Evangelio Lucas 6:39-45

39 Les añadió una parábola: « ¿Podrá un ciego guiar a otro ciego? ¿No caerán los dos en el hoyo?

40 No está el discípulo por encima del maestro. Todo el que esté bien formado, será como su maestro.

41 ¿Cómo es que miras la brizna o basura que hay en el ojo de tu hermano, y no reparas en la viga que hay en tu propio ojo?

42 ¿Cómo puedes decir a tu hermano: "Hermano, deja que saque la brizna que hay en tu ojo", no viendo tú mismo la viga que hay en el tuyo? Hipócrita, saca primero la viga de tu ojo, y entonces podrás ver para sacar la brizna que hay en el ojo de tu hermano.

43 «Porque no hay árbol bueno que dé fruto malo y, a la inversa, no hay árbol malo que dé fruto bueno.

44 Cada árbol se conoce por su fruto. No se recogen higos de los espinos, ni de la zarza se vendimian uvas.

45 El hombre bueno, del buen tesoro del corazón saca lo bueno, y el malo, de lo malo saca lo malo. Porque de lo que rebosa el corazón habla su boca.

En los versículos 39-42 se han indicado las características de los falsos maestros ciegos para la misericordia, pretenciosos, jueces severos de los otros e indulgentes con sí mismos, y no se creen que necesitan del perdón. A hora se indica la planta de la cual brotan estos males: el corazón del hombre, cuya bondad o maldad se conoce por sus frutos. Esto se dice para que se aprenda a condenar y a juzgar no a los otros por sus obras si no así mismos, y estar así dispuestos la absolución o la condenación al igual que los otros

4) Para la reflexión personal

¿Cuáles son mis frutos marchitos?

¿Conozco bien mis sentimientos para que mis palabras y mis acciones sean fruto de vida?



OFFERING UPDATE February 16/17, 2019			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of	
5:00			
8:00			
10:00			
12:00			
5:00			
Coin			
Mail			
Child			
Faith			
TOTAL			
2018			
Candles			
Poor Box			

All attendance and collection totals for last week will be printed in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your patience.

SUPER 72 RAFFLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEBRUARY 2019 WINNERS

- \$1000** - Bridget Manning
- \$250** - Arsenio Maneieri
- \$100** - Wilma Thibault
- \$100** - Lucille Kozlowsie
- \$100** - Mr. James T. Callahan
- \$100** - Pina Mascio

2018 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS
 Tax letters for the 2018 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*. Thank you for your cooperation.

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WELCOME

TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

February 2019

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Rosanne Minichello

Louis, Deniece and Louis Ruic

Thomas Mewhinney, Dionna Weigelt & Charlotte Mewhinney

Anthony, Michelle and Ryan Jacobs

Matt, Danielle and Everleigh Higgs

Antoinette Valdini

Joseph and Jennifer O'Brien and Darin Bordonaro

Scott, Jennifer and Catherine Whelehan

Anthony, Danielle, Frank and Matteo Falco

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

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

March 3—passed

March 10—March 1

March 17—March 8

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, March 3, 2019
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Every tree is known by its own fruit.

Luke 6:44a

Sirach 27:4-7

Ben Sira, author of the book of Sirach, tells us how to measure a person's character: listen to them talk. Listen carefully before making a judgment about them because the way a person speaks reveals their interior life. As Jesus tells us later in the Gospel, we can judge a tree by the fruits it bears. So too we can test the just and the wicked by their speech. However, this cuts both ways. We should also listen to ourselves speak and then reflect on what that says about our own consciences, attitudes, and intentions.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul also reflects on the harvest of our nature. Those who are embedded in a life of sin and corruption are destined for death. But for those who are "steadfast and persevering" death doesn't win. The harvest of the just is eternal life. The good people, who are "fully engaged in the work of the Lord," know their toil is not in vain. They shall bear fruit for eternal life.

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus speaks in parables today and warns us not to judge others but instead examine our own consciences. "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" He develops the theme we heard in the first reading that a tree is known by its fruits. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." We can examine ourselves and others we meet by paying attention to what we say and what they say for "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." We produce good out of the goodness of our heart, so there had better be good in our heart!

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. What will help us bear wrongs patiently, according to Pope Francis, when we are surrounded with people who annoy us? And what does he say we should do before counseling others?

Therefore a first question arises spontaneously: do we ever conduct an examination of conscience in order to see if we too, at times, might be annoying to others? It's easy to point a finger against the faults and shortcomings of others, but we must learn to put ourselves in their shoes. ...

Here we can see the reference to two other spiritual works of mercy: that of *admonishing sinners* and that of *instructing the ignorant*. ...

The need for counseling, admonition and teaching must not make us feel superior to others, but obligates us first and foremost to return to ourselves to verify whether we are coherent with what we ask of others. Let us not forget Jesus' words: "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?" (Luke 6:41). May the Holy Spirit help us to be patient in bearing wrongs, and humble and simple in giving counsel.

Pope Francis
General Audience
16 November 2016

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, February 25, 2019:

Sirach 1:1-10 + Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 26, 2019:

Sirach 2:1-11 + Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 27, 2019:

Sirach 4:11-19 + Mark 9:38-40

Thursday, February 28, 2019:

Sirach 5:1-8 + Mark 9:41-50

Friday, March 1, 2019:

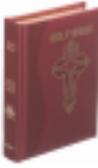
Sirach 6:5-17 + Mark 10:1-12

Saturday, March 2, 2019:

Sirach 17:1-15
 + Mark 10:13-16

Sunday, March 3, 2019:

Sirach 27:4-7
 + 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
 + Luke 6:39-45

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