

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said to his disciples,  
“Let us go on to the nearby villages  
that I may preach there also.  
For this purpose have I come.”*

Mark 1:38

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
February 4, 2018**

## **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.



## ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES

6:30 a.m.— Mass  
 12:15 p.m.—Mass  
 4:15 p.m.—Word Service  
 5:30 p.m.—Word Service  
 7:30 p.m. — Mass

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

**February 16, 23**

**March 2, 9, 23**

at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

We are continuing the custom of having different groups from the parish lead the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights during Lent as a great way to highlight the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross.



**February 16: led by the Parish Liturgy Committee**

*Stations of the Cross will also be held at 3:00 p.m. on March 16 led by Fr. Fidelis.*



## 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 February 14. 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 February 13 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.



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### *Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018*

As you know from your attendance at Mass, this weekend we are kicking off the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal here at OLPH.

The first thing I need to say to you, though, concerns not this year's Appeal, but rather last year's Appeal; I need to say to you **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!** As a result of your generosity in last year's Appeal, OLPH, as of January 12, 2018, received a total of \$60,813.60 in rebate money from the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal. That is truly astounding, and I want you to know how sincerely grateful I am to everyone who participated. Let me state it directly: **we cannot do without the income we receive from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate.** We need that income to keep from "going under."

So, by giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are helping your beloved OLPH as much as you are also helping the Catholic Church's many different ministries throughout all of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. That's why I am once again asking for your help and generosity for this year's Appeal. The goal we have been assigned this year is **\$109,400**. I personally give to the Appeal every year, and I am asking you to do the same. In fact, I am once again increasing the amount I am giving, and I am asking you to do the same.

I really, really hope we can once again go over goal, as we have done in all my years here. Why? It's because of how the formula works: when we reach our goal, we receive back 20% of that \$109,400; then, if we go over goal, we receive back 80% of everything that is raised over the goal amount. We count on this income from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate each year, especially as we have to continually pay bills such as our Diocesan Assessment (over \$100,000), our Diocesan Non-School Assessment (over \$120,000), and continued costs for liability and insurance in the tens of thousands, along with costs such as

snow removal and clearance when we have winter storms.

Remember, the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports works of charity and programs that are too big for any one parish to undertake, and therefore must be handled at the diocesan level. The Catholic Ministries Appeal supports the work of the Catholic Church on Long Island through Catholic Charities (feeding, clothing and sheltering the needy), through programs of formation and training for future priests, deacons and lay leaders, through programs of ministry to those in prison, through substance abuse services and day treatment programs, and through Youth Campus and Young Adult ministries, to name a few.

You and I are called to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal because our identity as Catholics, and our call to share in the work of the Church, is more than just our participation in parish life; we are called to share in the life and work of the diocesan Church as well.

As your Pastor, I ask you to please join with me and so many of your fellow parishioners by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, giving at a minimum what you gave last year, but also even giving more, as I will do. If you have never given in the past, this is the year to do so; OLPH needs you more than ever.

I give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, and I ask you to do so also, because I believe in it, and because it is the right thing for us to do as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. I continue to be extremely grateful for the generosity shown by all of you, and I know you will come through once again as we participate in the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

### *The cost of winter weather*

Speaking of costs we face at OLPH which are beyond our control, I wanted to share with you an insight as to what

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something like a winter storm does to our budget. Keep in mind that this does not include things that are harder to quantify such as the wear-and-tear that snow melt causes to our floors and other aspects of our physical plant. Just to date, as a result of snowfalls in December 2017 and January 2018, the parish has spent just under \$3,300 in actual snow removal (*e.g.*, plowing, sanding, *etc.*) and related costs (shoveling, ice melt, *etc.*) Keep in mind, too, that adverse weather has a negative effect on our Sunday Mass collections; if people do not or cannot come to Mass because of the weather (either a storm, or even because of extreme cold, which we have also had), most of the time we lose that collection income. So, it's kind of a double-whammy: not only do we have to spend more, but we lose income.

I ask everyone to keep in mind the importance of our weekly collections, and, if it is impossible for you to get to Mass one weekend, please be sure to include the missed monetary offering(s) in your offering the next time you are at Mass. Better yet, sign up for Faith Direct, our electronic giving program, so your weekly offerings can be take care of automatically! (I make my weekly and Holy Day offerings through Faith Direct.)

### *Thank you for the Christmas Collection!*

On the positive side, though, I must again say **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** for your amazing and extraordinary generosity in the collection this past Christmas. We published the total in last week's bulletin (\$75,698.17!), and I wanted to take this occasion to express my gratitude and appreciation. (Unfortunately, that money has already been spent because of big bills, like the assessments I described above, which have been due since then! Oh, well...we'll keep plugging away!)

### *One more THANK YOU...*

On Wednesday, January 24, a gentleman came into the rectory and left two

envelopes for me, one marked "For the Poor" and one marked "For the New Manger." Each envelope contained a very, very generous donation. He left without giving his name. A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to this anonymous donor! It would appear you wish to remain anonymous, and I will respect that, although I would love to be able to thank you personally for your generosity. Know that it is greatly, greatly appreciated.

### *Pope Francis' Catecheses on the Holy Mass*

We continue our series printing Pope Francis' catecheses on the Holy Mass, given at his Wednesday audiences. Since Mass is so central to our life as Catholics, we can never be learning enough about it. This selection comes from his audience on January 3, 2018; I present his words *verbatim*.

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Today we reflect, in the context of the rites of introduction, on the Penitential Act. In its sobriety, it fosters the attitude with which to dispose oneself to celebrate worthily the holy mysteries, namely, acknowledging our sins before God and brethren — acknowledging that we are sinners. In fact, the priest's invitation is addressed to the whole community in prayer, because we are all sinners. What can the Lord give to one whose heart is already full of himself, of his success? Nothing, because one who is presumptuous is incapable of receiving forgiveness, satiated as he is with his presumed justice. We think of the parable of the Pharisee and the publican, where only the latter — the publican — goes home justified, namely, forgiven (*cf.* Luke 18:9-14). One who is aware of his miseries and lowers his eyes with humility feels God's merciful look resting on him. We know from experience that only one who is able to acknowledge his mistakes and asks for forgiveness receives the understanding and forgiveness of others.

To listen in silence to the voice of conscience enables us to recognize that our thoughts are far from divine thoughts, that our words and our actions are often worldly, guided, that is, by choices that are contrary to the Gospel. Therefore, at the beginning of the Mass, we carry out communally the Penitential Act through a formula of general confession, pronounced in the first person singular. Each one confesses to God and to brethren to have sinned “in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do.” Yes, also in omissions, namely, of having neglected to do the good that one could have done. Often we feel we are good because — we say — “I haven’t done wrong to anyone.” In reality, it’s not enough not to have wronged our neighbor; we must choose to do good, taking up occasions to give good witness that we are disciples of Jesus. It’s good to stress that we confess, be it to God or to others, that we are sinners; this helps us to understand the dimension of sin that, while it separates us from God, also divides us from our brethren and vice versa. Sin breaks: it breaks the relationship with God and it breaks the relationship with others, the relationship in the family, in society and in the community; sin always breaks, separates, divides.

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### ***Mardi Gras***

Mark your calendar now: Tuesday evening, February 13 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. This year we’re trying a slightly different format. We’ll start with Evening Prayer as usual, but we will begin that at 7:00 p.m. in the church, and then the burning of palms will be the conclusion to the prayer, as we process from the church singing “Alleluia” to hear that acclamation for the last time before it returns at Easter. Then, a simple ice cream party will follow the burning of palms.

Mardi Gras, with Evening Prayer, the burning of palms, and ice cream party, will be for everyone of all ages — parents, kids, grandparents, marrieds and singles...everyone! 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, February 14, 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?

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? Keep an eye out for our schedule of Confessions, and don’t wait until the last minute, or you may not be able to make it there before Easter!

### ***In conclusion...***

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

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

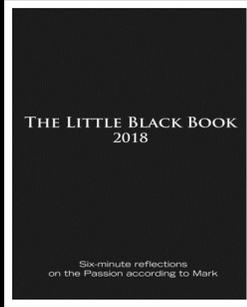
Sincerely,



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### 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*.



### 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.



### 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**

### *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, February 5—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, February 12—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, February 19—No devotions  
due to the Presidents' Day holiday**

### **ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT FUNERAL MASSES**

*We are in need of adults who will serve as altar servers at Funeral Masses. Your commitment would be once or twice a week, depending on the number of funerals we have. This is a great opportunity to serve your fellow parishioners at a very sensitive and touching time — when they have experienced the loss of a loved one. Your service as an altar server will make an important contribution to the dignity and reverence of the Funeral Mass. The main requirement is that you be available weekdays during the day; full training will be provided for you! Men or women, younger or older...we'll be happy to have you! Please contact Msgr. Joe at [msgrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgrjoe@oloph.org) or at the rectory phone number, ext. 206, to sign up. Thank you!*

## FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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



*“It is a fact that people are always well aware of what is due them. Unfortunately, they remain oblivious of what they owe to others.” — St. Francis de Sales*

### **Can you please provide a better understanding of what it means for man and woman to be created “in the image of God”?**

In the book of Genesis 1:27, “God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.” A few points can be made about man occupying a unique place in creation. First, he is “in the image of God.” Second, in his own nature he unites the spiritual and material worlds. Third, he is created “male and female.” Fourth, God established him in his friendship. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 355)

Of all visible creatures, only man is “able to know and love his creator.” He is “the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake,” and he alone is called to share, by knowledge and love, in God’s own life. It was for this end that he was created, and this is the fundamental reason for his dignity. (CCC 356)

Being in the image of God, the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone. He is capable of self-knowledge, of self-possession and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with other persons. And he is called by grace to a covenant with his Creator, to offer him a response of faith and love that no other creature can give in his stead. (CCC 357)

God created everything for humans, but humans in turn were created to serve and love God and to offer all creation back to him. St. John Chrysostom said, “What is it that is about to be created, that enjoys such honor? It is man — that great and wonderful living creature, more precious in the eyes of God than all other creatures! For him the heavens and the earth, the sea and all the rest of creation exist. God attached so much importance to his salvation that he did not spare his own Son for the sake of man. Nor does he ever cease to work, trying every possible means, until he has raised man up to himself and made him sit at his right hand.” (CCC 358)

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “A man is who he is before God and no more.” Yes, if we all stop and take a few minutes to reflect on what it means to be made in the image of God, we should all humble ourselves like our Lord Jesus did when He became man, and give praise and honor to our Lord, and be thankful that we are what we are.

<sup>1</sup>Gaudium et Spes, 12, §3.

<sup>2</sup>Gaudium et Spes, 24 §3.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### CELEBRATING 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 start this week:

**February 6, 13, 20, 27,**

**March 6, 20,**

**April 3, 10, 24,**

**May 1, 8**

*For adults who desire more information,* contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto: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 [religiously@oloph.org](mailto:religiously@oloph.org).

## 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.



*Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth  
on Long Island and Beyond*

## Hands of Christ's Mercy



Dear Friends:

As we begin a New Year, I am writing to thank you for your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal and for making my first year in this wonderful Diocese a great joy. I also come to you with a grateful heart to ask you for your prayers and support for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, which brings Christ's love and mercy to more than 600,000 people every year.

Pope Francis has invited us to embrace our vocation as missionary disciples – to be the **Hands of Christ's Mercy**. Our participation in the Catholic Ministries Appeal is an effective way for us to respond. As we support the good works of our Church, our hands serve as instruments of God's love.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal touch so many in our Diocese: children being formed in our Catholic Faith in our schools and religious education programs, seminarians preparing to be holy and zealous priests, candidates for the permanent diaconate preparing to serve our parishes, disadvantaged seniors who are often isolated and lonely, families in crisis including our immigrant-refugee families who face so much uncertainty, our youth and young adults discerning their Catholic faith and their futures, people who are incarcerated, and those suffering from addiction.

A donation to our Appeal will help to ensure that our shared vision for *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in our Diocese will have a firm financial foundation as we reach out beyond our Parish walls and into the "*mission territory*" to which we are called.

I am grateful for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Together we can bring Jesus' message of hope to communities, families and individuals.

Thank you for your love for the mission of the Church. I will be keeping you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a small cross symbol.

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

# How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all  
the saints,  
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,  
heal your sins,  
help you grow in holiness,  
and reward you with eternal life.  
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.
- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:  

My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy.  
*(Rite of Penance, no. 45)*
- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance, no. 47*).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/confession](http://www.usccb.org/confession).)

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

## Level 8

Are you ready for your Student Meeting on Monday, February 5, on the topic of Prayer?



## Level 2

On Saturday, February 10, parents and children together meet in the Auditorium during class time for your Communion Retreat!



**“Thank you” to our Catechists who helped serve at the Community Meal last Sunday!**



**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,  
February 13**



**7:00 p.m.  
in the Church**



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



**Music, games and toppings galore!**



*Any questions or ticket information contact:  
Deirdre Strigaro 631-225-0928 or [familylife@oloph.org](mailto:familylife@oloph.org)*

**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, February 11th.**



# 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 MEATS**  
**CANNED FRUIT**  
**PEANUT BUTTER**  
**JELLY OR JAM**  
**COFFEE**  
**PANCAKE SYRUP**  
**SHELF STABLE MILK**  
*(Not evaporated milk, please)*  
**SMALL BOTTLES OF WATER**  
**SHAMPOO**

*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.**

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal.

**Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.**

## † 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 pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

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

### OUR MISSION

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



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

*As a Living Memorial  
to the life of*

A donation has been made by

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

*Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss.*

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### HOMELESS MINISTRY

#### DONATIONS

*We are in need of the following items:*

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

*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](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net)

### SENIOR MOMENTS

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

**Tuesday, February 13**  
 Fran Grasso—631-956-3003  
[sixfingers13@gmail.com](mailto:sixfingers13@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto: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.

### RIGHT TO LIFE

#### Tell Senators to choose life and stop filibuster on S. 2311

Some legislators believe that a woman has a "right to choose" and that they are not pregnant with a living human being.

BUT, if a being can feel pain....would that not indicate that "it" is ALIVE?

S.2311 will protect an unborn child when it is shown that "it" can feel pain.

If an animal could feel pain, there would be laws against hurting that animal. Is a human child not worth more?

You can e-mail your Senators Schumer & Gillibrand or write to:

**Sen. Schumer**  
 145 Pinelawn Rd, #300  
 Melville, NY 11747

**Sen. Gillibrand**  
 155 Pinelawn Rd.  
 Suite 250 North  
 Melville, NY 11747

## 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:**

***Bryan Beltrami & Gina Laterza***

### **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Salvatore Cucinella  
Catherine Fabro  
Catherine Tamburino***

*“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.”*

### **PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M. MASS**

Gregory Doyle	Requested by The Doyle Family
Joseph Catania	Requested by Denise Segreto
Arvo Podrang	Requested by your loving wife & children

### **GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS**

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



### **WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<p><b><i>Agostino Pecoraro Kristy Donner Kathy Stanton Erin Stanton Kim Leggio Peter Masak Noreen Bucala Mary Doran Colin Czekaj Charles Wendland Teobaldo Santo Bruce Levy</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Christopher Macchia Rose Macchia Carmela Sannartino Nicolina Baily Lisa Marie Hulsen Paul Madonia Kevin Reid Susan LaSala Bonnie &amp; Richard Rieger Frank Criscuolo Ralph Assario Joseph Pugh</i></b></p>
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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.

### **PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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

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

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



# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, February 5, 2018— Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

6:30	John Kirsch
12:15	Salvatore Ricci

## TUESDAY, February 6— Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

6:30	Irene Benanti
12:15	Adam Whiston

## WEDNESDAY, February 7— Weekday

6:30	Josephine Bonura
12:15	Nanette Rose Catalano-Murphy

## THURSDAY, February 8— Weekday *(Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin)*

6:30	Michael Capobianco
12:15	Ann & Albert Fry

## FRIDAY, February 9— Weekday

6:30	Elizabeth Dowe
12:15	Terry Caltabiano

## SATURDAY, February 10— Saint Scholastica, Virgin

8:00	Flora & Cosmo Curri
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### Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00	Anna & John Pinto
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### Sunday, February 11 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00	Helen Anthony
10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
12:00	Adam Lionel Whiston
5:00	For the People of the Parish

## Monday, February 5, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee	St. Lucy
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes Level 8 Students only - Prayer	School Auditorium

## Tuesday, February 6, 2018

10:00 a.m.	Census Committee	Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

## Wednesday, February 7, 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
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	Cafeteria

## Thursday, February 8, 2018

10:00 a.m.	Census Committee	Room 3
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
6:00 p.m.	Census Committee	Room 3
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

## Friday, February 9, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society	Room 10

## Saturday, February 10, 2018

8:30, 10:00 a.m.	Level 2 Communion Retreat	Auditorium
8:30, 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1, 3 - 5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	School
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

## Sunday, February 11, 2018

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

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste  
Deacon Robert Becker  
Lynn Bergin  
Mark Costantino  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Chris Ferraro  
MaryAnn Haas  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Rosaleen Walters  
Mike Williams

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

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

### EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

### **Preparándonos para Liturgia Viva del Domingo 6º del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo B 11 de febrero del 2018**

Todo lo que hagan, háganlo por la gloria de Dios.

Traten de ser amables con todos para provecho de demás. Tomen a Cristo como su modelo.

Que Jesucristo, el Señor, esté siempre con ustedes.

Cuando nos reunimos para la eucaristía, lo hacemos porque somos comunidad. ¿Hasta qué punto somos comunidad, aun estando aquí juntos en torno a Cristo? Quizás falten aquí hermanos, porque no se sienten aceptados. Quizás son demasiado pobres para lucir bonita indumentaria, o temen que los menospreciemos por su incapacidad o deficiencia social o mental, o incluso física. ¿Por qué nuestra comunidad no se abre suficientemente para integrarlos y para liberarlos de sus temores y soledad? ¿Estamos dispuestos a reintegrarlos a la comunidad, como hoy nos enseña Jesús con su palabra y con su ejemplo?

#### **Primera Lectura (Levíticos 13,1-2. 44-46): Puros ante Dios**

En el Antiguo Testamento, la gente estaba tan preocupada por su pureza exterior que, llevados por su celo, excluían de la comunidad cultural a personas con serias infecciones de la piel. --- Cristo insiste más bien en la pureza interior.

#### **Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 10,31; 11,1): No Ofendan a Nadie**

Pablo insiste en que Cristo liberó a la gente de excesivas regulaciones de la Antigua Ley. Para los cristianos la caridad debería prevalecer donde algunos no comprenden todavía esta libertad.

#### **Evangelio (Marcos 1,40-45): Jesús Tocó al Leproso y Lo Curó**

Para Jesús, los leprosos -y los pecadores- no son ya marginados, sino personas a quienes tenemos que amar y a quienes, por amor de Dios, tenemos que reintegrar a la comunidad.

Seguimos con los consejos para los Matrimonios Los pensamientos impropios pueden destruir su matrimonio.

#### **4. Cuiden sus pensamientos, no dejen que sus sentidos los traicionen.**

"Cuál es su pensamiento en su corazón, tal es él" (Proverbios 23:7). "No codiciarás la mujer de tu prójimo" (Éxodo 20:17).

"Guarda tu corazón [tus sentimientos] porque de él mana la vida" (Proverbios 4:23).

"Todo lo que es verdadero, todo lo honesto, todo lo justo, todo lo puro, todo lo amable, todo lo que es de buen nombre... en esto pensad" (Filipenses 4:8).

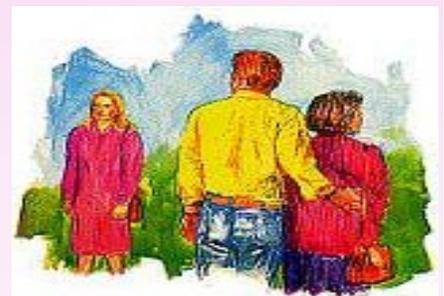
**Respuesta:** Los malos pensamientos destruirán el matrimonio. El Diablo intentará atraparlos con pensamientos como éstos: "Nuestro matrimonio fue un error". "Ella no me entiende". "No puedo soportar mucho más estas cosas". "De todos modos podemos divorciarnos, si es necesario". "Me iré de vuelta a la casa de mi madre". "El le sonrió a esa mujer". Abandone esa clase de pensamientos, porque ellos destruirán su hogar, ya que sus pensamientos y sentidos gobiernan sus acciones. Evite el ver, decir, leer o escuchar cualquier cosa que sugiera impureza o infidelidad, o el asociarse con cualquier persona que lo insinúe.

Los pensamientos descontrolados son como un automóvil en neutro en una pendiente. Cualquier cosa puede ocurrir, y el resultado será siempre desastroso.

#### **Bendición**

Hermanos: ¡Qué súper-feliz sería nuestra comunidad si pudiéramos aceptarnos plenamente unos a otros justamente tal como somos: sin condenar, sin juzgar, envidiar, ni mirar con malos ojos, sin menospreciar a nadie, sin intentar crear a los otros a nuestra imagen y semejanza...

Más bien, edifiquémonos unos a otros a imagen y semejanza de Cristo; y que la compasión y la misericordia permanezcan viva en nuestras comunidades. Para ello, que la bendición de Dios todopoderoso, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo descienda sobre nosotros y permanezca para siempre.





*Apoyando el Dramático Crecimiento Misionero en Long Island y más allá.*

## Las manos de la Misericordia de Cristo.



Estimados amigos,

Al comenzar este nuevo año, les escribo para agradecer su apoyo a la Campaña de los Ministerios Católicos y por darme tantas alegrías en este mi primer año en la Diócesis. Me dirijo a ustedes con un corazón agradecido, pidiéndoles sus oraciones y apoyo a la campaña de este año, campaña que anualmente lleva el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a más de 600,000 personas.

El Papa Francisco nos invita a abrazar nuestra vocación como discípulos misioneros, para que seamos las **Manos de la Misericordia de Cristo**. Una manera de responder a este llamado es participando en la Campaña de Apoyo a los Ministerios Católicos. Cuando apoyamos las buenas obras de nuestra iglesia, nuestras manos se convierten en instrumentos del amor de Dios.

Sus donativos a la Campaña de Apoyo a los Ministerios Católicos ayudan a muchas personas de nuestra Diócesis: a nuestros niños en su formación en la Fe Católica tanto en las escuelas como en los programas de educación religiosa; ayuda a los seminaristas que se están preparando para ser dedicados sacerdotes; ayuda a los hombres que en el futuro serán diáconos y prestarán servicio en nuestras parroquias; ayuda a ancianos desamparados y abandonados, ayuda a familias en crisis incluyendo a familias inmigrantes y refugiadas cuyo futuro es incierto; ayuda a jóvenes y jóvenes adultos que están discerniendo su fe católica y su futuro; asimismo ayuda a los encarcelados y a aquellos que sufren de adicciones.

Compartimos el deseo de un Dramático Crecimiento Misionero en nuestra Diócesis. Su donativo a la campaña ayudará a que tengamos un sólido soporte financiero, lo que nos permitirá ir más allá de nuestras zonas parroquiales. Dios nos llama a extender nuestra ayuda hacia los ‘territorios de misión’

Agradezco profundamente que en oración considere hacer un donativo a la Campaña de Apoyo a los Ministerios Católicos 2018. Juntos podemos llevar el mensaje de esperanza a nuestra comunidad, familias, y al prójimo.

Gracias por su cariño y entusiasmo por la misión de la iglesia. Los tendré presente a usted y a su familia en mis oraciones y en la celebración de la Santa Misa.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Muy Reverendo John O. Barres  
Obispo de Rockville Centre

**OFFERING UPDATE  
January 27/28, 2018**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	406	166	\$3,730.00
8:00 a.m.	225	110	2,567.00
10:00 a.m.	417		2,983.00
12:00 p.m.	501	131	4,031.00
5:00 p.m.	254	43	1,364.00
Coin			5.60
Mail-ins:			239.00
Children's Env.		16	34.52
Faith Direct			2,423.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>\$17,377.12</b>
<b>2017 total</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>\$18,881.89</b>
Candles			\$1,095.18
Poor Box			\$379.70



**Tribute to  
CYO**

Bishop John Barres appreciates the invaluable contribution that CYO teams, coaches, priests, Catholic schools and parish staffs, parents and players make to vibrant parish life and dramatic missionary growth of the Catholic Church on Long Island. He is now calling for a “full court press” of everyone involved in the CYO dimension of the Church’s mission to model for all of Long Island a radical fidelity to the Sunday Mass by the entire CYO community. He encourages CYO teams to go to Mass together periodically in their team uniforms as a powerful witness of faith and commitment to the entire young Catholic community of Long Island. He wants all CYO coaches, parents and players to read his tribute that will be available on [www.LICatholic.org](http://www.LICatholic.org) and in the LI Catholic in February.

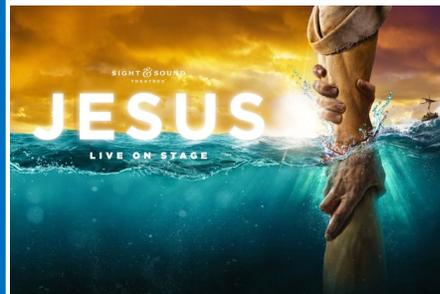
**2017 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS**

Tax letters for the 2017 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.

**DEADLINES FOR  
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**PREPARING FOR Sunday, February 11, 2018—  
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*Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand,  
touched the leper, and said to him,  
“I do will it. Be made clean.”*

Mark 1:41

**Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

The Book of Leviticus is a code of conduct from Moses for the children of Israel. It is filled with instructions and norms covering a wide variety of situations that the Israelites would encounter in everyday life. We hear today how they are to treat someone who is afflicted with leprosy. While it may sound harsh to our modern ears to send someone away from the community because they are sick, this action was intended to protect the rest of the people from a very dangerous disease rather than punish the one afflicted. Be sure to notice how differently Jesus acts in the Gospel reading.

**1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

This letter is filled with practical advice for early Christians and for us today. It can be summed up in Paul's statement that "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." While certain actions might not be morally wrong, we should be guided by how they would affect our neighbors. Would someone be scandalized and led astray by what they see us doing, even if we know there's nothing wrong? Glorifying God should be our first concern in everything we do followed by considering the impact our actions have on others. These take precedence over our own benefit or desire and can result in others being saved and brought closer to God.

**Mark 1:40-45**

We learned from the first reading that persons with leprosy were considered unclean and couldn't associate with others. Yet the leper in this reading crosses a boundary by kneeling before Jesus and begging for healing. Jesus also crosses a boundary by touching him. The leper knew that Jesus could do what only God could do: heal one who is unclean. This Jesus does. But he also tells the man to keep this healing secret, perhaps because he knows that the people are not yet ready to fully understand his mission and who Jesus really is. Nevertheless, the leper spread the news of this remarkable healing far and wide. Wouldn't we want to proclaim God's love for us from the housetops?

## Readings for the Week

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

**Monday, February 5, 2018:**

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 + Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 6, 2018:**

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 + Mark 7:1-13

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018:**

1 Kings 10:1-10 + Mark 7:14-23

**Thursday, February 8, 2018:**

1 Kings 11:4-13 + Mark 7:24-30

**Friday, February 9, 2018:**

1 Kings 11:22-32, 12:19  
+ Mark 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 10, 2018:**

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
+ Mark 8:1-10

**Sunday, February 11, 2018:**

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46  
+ 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1  
+ Mark 1:40-45

### 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. *“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’” If you come to Jesus with a problem, do you think he will be moved with pity and touch you in some healing way? Can you help heal those who are ailing around you? How can your scars help in healing others?*

2. *In his homily at Santa Marta on Jan. 22, 2015, Pope Francis spoke about the many people Jesus had cured, like the leper in today's Gospel. How are those miracles relevant for you today?*

*Jesus saves! These healings, these words that reach the heart, are the sign and the beginning of salvation—the path of salvation for many who begin to go to hear Jesus or to ask for a healing and then turn to him and feel salvation.*

*Jesus has gone to the Father and from there he still intercedes, every day, at all times for us. This is something current: Jesus before the Father, offering his life, the redemption, showing the Father his wounds, the price of salvation. Every day Jesus intercedes.*

*When we, for one reason or another, feel a little down, let's remember that it is he who prays for us, intercedes for us continuously.*

*Morning meditation in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae*

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