

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*While the disciples  
were still speaking about this,  
Jesus stood in their midst  
and said to them,  
“Peace be with you.”*

Luke 24:36

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 15, 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.

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

# Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

**Thursday, May 3**

**7:30 p.m. in Church**



*Join us for a candlelight prayer service to help us reflect on the mystery of the Cross and the glory of Christ's resurrection. Consider setting aside one hour to join in this beautiful and contemplative form of prayer.*

## MUSIC NOTES



*Save the Date ...*

# Spring Concert

Be sure to join our music ministry

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

at 7:00 p.m. in the church

featuring our cantors, our adult choir,  
youth band and youth choir.

At our Spring Concert, we will have raffle baskets. We are in need of empty baskets as well as items to be raffled off or even completed baskets with raffle prizes. We are looking for baskets to be worth at least \$50. Items must be brand new. Gift cards of any amount and scratch off lottery tickets are also most welcome. Do you have an extra bottle of wine laying around the house? We'll take that too. Items can be brought to the rectory anytime before Sunday, April 22. Thank you for your support of our music ministry.



## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Third Sunday of Easter*

It's still Easter Time, and will be until Pentecost! Don't let your Easter joy wane! Let your shouts of "Alleluia!" continue to be as strong as ever throughout these entire fifty days!

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of the Third Sunday of Easter expresses well this tone of joy: the prayer describes how God's people have been "*renewed in youthfulness of spirit*" and rejoice "*in the restored glory of our adoption.*" Such references to youthfulness, restoration, and adoption maintain the imagery of the new life given to us at Baptism, and also as recalled in the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water with which we begin all our Easter Time Sunday Masses. The Collect ends by reminding us that such Easter joy goes beyond the present moment — there is a fitting reference to the end times, the future fulfillment at Christ's second coming, as the prayer asks that "*we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.*" We must always remember that our present participation in the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection (the Paschal Mystery) cannot be separated from the way that participation points toward its future fulfillment. The Prayer after Communion picks up this same theme when it asks that we may attain in our flesh "*the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.*"

The Prayer over the Offerings continues to echo the joyful tone of Easter by describing us, as the Church, as "exultant" in offering the gifts (offerings) of this Mass, again asking that the offerings "*may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.*"

As always, the prayers of the Mass highlight for us the meaning of what we are celebrating, and, by praying over them and reflecting on them ahead of time in preparation for Mass, we can gain a deeper immersion in the mysteries being celebrated when we are at Mass.

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

What with all the information I wanted to pass on to you at the end of Lent and concerning Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum, I took a break from presenting to you

in serialized form the catecheses on the meaning of Mass that our Holy Father Pope Francis has been presenting at his Wednesday audiences. Now, however, we can continue this series. Since Mass is so central to our life as Catholics, we can never learn enough about it. In the selection below, Pope Francis continues to teach us about the meaning of the Gospel reading and the Homily at Mass; I present the Holy Father's words *verbatim*.

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Therefore, we don't read the Gospel in the Mass to know how things happened, but we listen to the Gospel to become aware of what Jesus did and said once, and that Word is living; the Word of Jesus, which is in the Gospel, is living and reaches one's heart. This is why it's so important to listen to the Gospel with an open heart, because it's a living Word. Saint Augustine wrote: "The Gospel is the mouth of Christ. He reigns in Heaven, but doesn't cease to speak on earth." If it's true that in the liturgy Christ proclaims the Gospel again, it follows that, taking part in the Mass, we must give Him a response. We listen to the Gospel and we must give a response in our life.

To bring His message, Christ also makes use of the words of the priest who, after the Gospel, gives the Homily. Earnestly recommended by Vatican Council II as part of the liturgy itself, the Homily isn't a circumstantial discourse or a catechesis, such as the one I'm giving now, or a conference or not even a lesson; the Homily is something else. What is the homily? It's a taking up again of the dialogue already open between the Lord and His people, so that it finds fulfillment in life. The Gospel's authentic exegesis is our holy life! The Lord's Word ends its course becoming flesh in us, translated into works, as happened with Mary and the Saints. Remember what I said the last time: the Word of the Lord enters by the ears, reaches the heart, and goes to the hands, to good works. And the Homily also follows the Lord's Word and follows this course as well to help us, so that the Lord's Word, passing through the heart, reaches the hands.

By way of conclusion we can say that, through the Gospel and the Homily, in the Liturgy of the Word God dialogues with His people, who listen to Him with attention and veneration and, at the same time, recognize Him present and operating. If, then, we listen to the "Good News," we will be converted and transformed by it, therefore capable of changing ourselves and the world. Why? Because the Good News, the Word of God, enters the ears, goes to the heart, and reaches the hands to do good works.

*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,



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## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Next Saturday, 21 April, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, our two Candidates for Full Communion will be formally received into the Catholic Church. For the past year, **Kayla Rhodes** and **Carlton Mitchell** have been in a process of formation in the Catholic tradition and are now ready to be received into the Catholic Church. Already baptized in other Christian traditions, they will make their Profession of Faith and be received into the Catholic Church, and then receive Confirmation and First Communion. Why not join us for this Mass, even if you usually don't attend Mass at that particular

time? It would be a great way to extend a great OLPH welcome to those joining our Church! Please remember to keep Kayla and Carlton in your prayers in the week ahead.

## FAMILIES IN SERVICE

*Awesome day! Families in Service made over 400 sandwiches for Mercy Inn. Thank you all, and to Lindy resident and former OLPH student Charlie Cicio, for coming and speaking with the group about the working poor and how these lunches will be distributed.*



## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### *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, April 16—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, April 23—6:30 p.m.**

*\* Note time change.*

**Monday, April 30—7:00 p.m.**

### **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.

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
who are called the Prince of Peace,  
Who are yourself our peace  
and our reconciliation,  
Who so often said 'Peace to you',  
Grant us peace!  
Make all men and women witnesses  
of truth, justice and brotherly love.  
Banish from their hearts  
whatever might endanger peace.  
Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee  
and defend the great gift of peace.  
May all peoples of the earth  
become as brothers and sisters.  
May longed-for peace blossom forth  
and reign always over us all. AMEN  
Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!  
(Pope Saint John XXIII)*

### **Evening Prayer**



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

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

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

**-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175**

### **REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST**

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### **KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN!** **LEAVE IT NICER THAN YOU FOUND IT!**

We have been having a problem in recent months of all sorts of litter being left in pews throughout the church. Used tissues, other papers, food items, empty water bottles, and litter in general, are being left behind, and it is making the church look a mess, which is highly disrespectful to the Lord and to each other. It is essential for us to maintain a dignified space in which we can give God due honor, worship and reverence.

Your cooperation is greatly needed! Please be conscious of not dropping or leaving litter in the church. If something does drop, please be sure to pick up after yourself and your children before leaving the church. Let's give each other this gift of respect and caring! Keep the church clean, and leave it nicer than you found it! Thank you.

### **BRINGING** **FORWARD** **THE OFFERINGS** **OF BREAD** **AND WINE**

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.



*Acies*

*I am all yours, my Queen, my Mother,  
and all that I have is yours.*

Everyone is invited to join The Legion of Mary in their  
Total Consecration to our Blessed Mother



**Sunday, April 15**

**3:00 p.m. Mass**

**& Total Consecration to the Blessed Mother**

**Montfort Spiritual Center**

**26 South Saxon Ave., Bay Shore, NY**

### **MEETING FOR** **ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** **OF HOLY COMMUNION**

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to attend the important meeting to be held on Tuesday, **April 24** in the church. Meetings will be held at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.—choose ONE (1) of those times to attend. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer and a discussion of important business items. All E.M.'s are expected to attend, as this is one of the required semi-annual meetings for ongoing formation. Thank you.



# OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings of the Sacrament of Matrimony by celebrating your wedding anniversary!

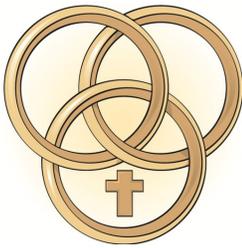
*We're celebrating Mass and throwing a party for YOU!*

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2018 that is "on a five year mark," that is, if this year you're married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 – and for couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) – are invited to a special MASS AND RECEPTION!

**FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018**

**7:30 p.m. Mass**

*with Renewal of Commitment by the Married Couples  
for the Anniversary of their Marriage  
Followed by a Reception in our School Gym*



*Invite your immediate family members! They are welcome!  
(Immediate family only, please)*

**You must reply NO LATER THAN MAY 11  
WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY, USING THE FORM BELOW  
NO PHONE REPLIES CAN BE TAKEN**



*Cut-out and fill-in the form below and return to the Rectory by May 11.*

## 2018 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

First Name of Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Years Married \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Your Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Your Wedding Song \_\_\_\_\_

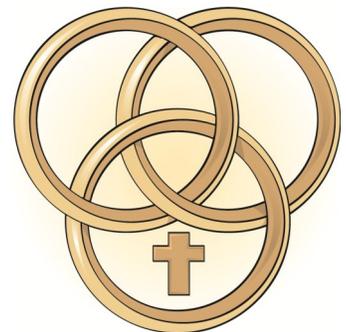
Wedding Song Artist \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of immediate family attending: Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_



*Please return this form as soon as possible to the Rectory,  
or drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.*

**ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 11.**

**Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.**

# 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!

- CANNED MEAT**
- CANNED TUNA**
- PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT**
- CANNED SOUP WITH MEAT**
- PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- FRUIT JUICES**
- PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY**
- COOKIES**
- SUGAR**
- TOOTHPASTE/BRUSHES**

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 this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the Scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to “help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life” by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

## † 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:

- 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)
- 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 in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?  
Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

**Our next gathering is  
Tuesday, April 17**

**Movie Night – “The Shack”**

7:00 p.m. in Room 24

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449  
or email her 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.*

**Our next meeting:  
Tuesday, May 8  
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

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



## COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's **Community Meal Ministry** has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held 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, April 15*

*Come and pray with us*

*at the 12:00 p.m. Mass*

*& then join us for*

*“Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m.*

## BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE

It's NEW to YOU!



Our prices are the lowest around. Clothing, bags, dishes, decorative items, candles, shoes.  
New merchandise every week.

**THE  
blue door  
BOUTIQUE**

**HOURS OF  
OPERATION**  
Mon, Wed, Fri:  
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.

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

## OFFICE HOURS:

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

**Level 4 Parent Meeting & Open House**  
 Recently, parents of children in Level 4 participated in a meeting about the Ten Commandments, and even tried to put them in order! Then parents went to the classrooms where they discussed what the children were learning.



**All Levels:**  
**This week is your last week of classes!**  
**Levels 2-8:**  
**Get ready for your finals to be taken on the last day of class!**

## Registration Is Now OPEN



Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families began April 3rd. After June 15th, there will be a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations.

We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a “New Family Appointment” or to call us for any information.

Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—**must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate.**

**New families MUST make an appointment to register by calling or emailing us.**

Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2018-2019 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

We can't wait to meet you!

# 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
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Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Jacqueline Dwyer, Parish Secretary	212	jdwyer@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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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.*

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.*

### Third Announcement:

*James O'Connor & Elizabeth Triolo*

## **WE REMEMBER**

*We remember those who have died in our parish.*

*Joseph Kelly  
Bette LeVasseur  
John Skopek*

*“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

**April 15-21:**

*Altar Wine*

*In Memory of*

*Anthony Michael Encarnacion III*

*Requested by*

*Suzanne & Richard Janson*

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

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018 5:00 P.M. MASS**

Gary Giordano

Requested by  
Dawn Giordano

Gerald J.  
Cunningham

Requested by Elena  
& Jennifer Cunningham

## **WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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*Jean DeStasio*

*Peggy McCloud*

*Peter Masak*

*John Anglin*

*Guido (Guy) Gagliano*

*Loretto DiNardo*

*Dominick Barone*

*Joseph Doyle*

*Richard Olson & Donor*

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*Karen Brush*

*Walter Anderson*

*Bill Dlena*

*Ed Bogart*

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*Fortunata Murli*

*Joan Giarratano*

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*Kevin Reid*

*Irene Biggio*

*Herb Otten*

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.

## **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 Community will then visit each week.

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



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, April 16—**

**Easter Weekday**

6:30 Kristen Halecky

12:15 Jean Claude LaPorte

**TUESDAY, April 17—**

**Easter Weekday**

6:30 William J. Friedberg

12:15 Jean Cerbelli

**WEDNESDAY, April 18—**

**Easter Weekday**

6:30 Stefano & Sergio Filipponi

12:15 Joe Cicero

**THURSDAY, April 19—**

**Easter Weekday**

6:30 Margaret Albert

12:15 Caterina Pinello

**FRIDAY, April 20—**

**Easter Weekday**

6:30 Donald Ligouri

12:15 Michael Capobianco

**SATURDAY, April 21—**

**Easter Weekday**

*(Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)*

8:00 Patricia Hubert

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 Darlene Glenn

**Sunday, April 22  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00 Tameka Duncan

10:00 Eleanor Gallagher

12:00 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Perpetual Help Mass (Listing on p. 13)

**Monday, April 16, 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.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School
7:45 p.m.	RCIA Rehearsal	Church

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

**Wednesday, April 18, 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 12
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School
8:00 p.m.	Christian Mothers	Cafeteria

**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

9:30 a.m.	Rel. Ed. Deanery Meeting	St. Lucy
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Parent Baptismal Prep Class	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 2/19
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
8:45 p.m.	Adult Choir	Church

**Friday, April 20, 2018**

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

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

8:30, 10:00	Levels 1-5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	School
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food	Room 24
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/Holy Hour	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, April 22, 2018**

10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	Catechist Brunch	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

## EL MINISTERIO 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](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

### *Preparádonos para el domingo 22 de abril de 2018*

Yo soy el buen pastor dice el Señor.

No hay otro nombre por el que nos salvemos que el nombre de Jesucristo, crucificado, pero resucitado de entre los muertos.

Que Jesús, el Señor Resucitado, esté siempre con ustedes.

**Primera Lectura (Hecho 4,8-12):** Salvados en el Nombre de Jesús Resucitado

Pedro profesa sin miedo alguno su fe en Cristo Resucitado, en cuyo nombre ha curado de su discapacidad a un lisiado. Jesús es el nombre por el que todos nos salvamos. No hay otro nombre por el cual podemos ser salvados que el nombre de Jesucristo crucificado, pero resucitado de entre los muertos.

**Segunda Lectura (1Juan 3,1-2):** ¡Realmente Hijos de Dios!

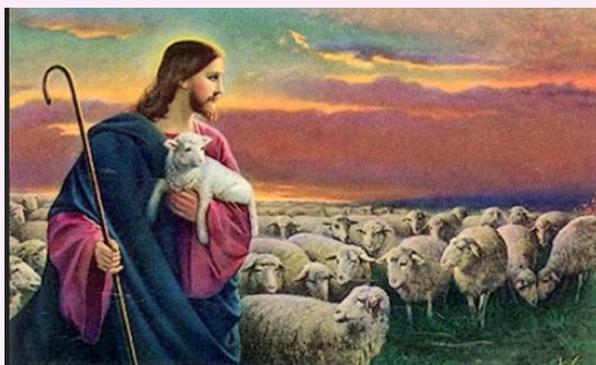
Que somos hijos de Dios no es sólo un pensamiento bonito, sino la más profunda realidad, ya que estamos unidos a Jesús, Hijo querido de Dios. Solamente cuando veamos a Dios seremos capaces de entender esto.

**Evangelio (Juan 10,11-18):** Jesús, Nuestro Buen Pastor

La imagen de un Pastor y sus ovejas no es familiar para muchos de nosotros, pero podemos comprender esto: Jesús ha entregado su vida por nosotros; como nuestro Señor Resucitado nos conduce y nos une, no por la fuerza sino por consentimiento personal y por amor a cada uno de nosotros. El buen pastor es Jesús y nosotros somos sus ovejas, y nuestros hermanos que aún no han escuchado esta buena noticia son los que aun andan por el mundo como ovejas sin pastor.

### **Un Pastor con Corazón**

Siempre esperamos que gente que está a cargo de otros, especialmente en tareas de liderazgo y servicio, como médicos, trabajadores sociales, sacerdotes y ministros sagrados, se dediquen responsablemente a los que confían en ellos. Los cristianos no tienen otro modelo que Jesús, el Buen Pastor. Él era todo corazón para con las personas, y estuvo dispuesto a ir tan lejos como hasta dar su vida por ellas. Todos los que tienen responsabilidad para con otros debieran ser como él: no fríos funcionarios, no gente que se contenta sólo con hacer su trabajo, sino, ya sean laicos o ministros ordenados, pastores -pastores con un corazón-, totalmente dedicados y comprometidos aun a costa de sí mismos. Y no olvidemos que todos tenemos confiado el cuidado mutuo, unos de otros como hermanos. Que Jesús, en medio de nosotros, inspire y nos guíe si.



## OFFERING UPDATE April 7/8

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	353	134	\$3,126.00
8:00 a.m.	275	132	2,987.00
10:00 a.m.	462	129	2,933.00
12:00 a.m.	490	128	3,283.00
5:00 p.m.	248	35	1,198.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			17.42
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			446.00
<b>Children's Envelopes</b>		23	48.55
<b>Faith Direct</b>			2,424.25
<b>Special Needs</b>	48	17	535.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,876	598	\$16,998.22
<b>Candles</b>			\$998.14
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$413.87
<b>1st Saturday</b>			\$145.00

### UPDATE YOUR PARISH CENSUS INFORMATION!

We are continuing the process of updating our Parish Census Database with "Phase II" of the process. A large mailing has gone out to all registered parishioners who did not return updated Census Forms during "Phase I." **When you receive that mailing, please complete the Census Form and return it as soon as possible.** It is vitally important that we keep our census information as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about whether or not you have updated your records, you can always call the parish office and ask. You can also stop down and pick up a new Census Form at the rectory any time during normal business hours. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

#### IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER = GREAT OPPORTUNITY UNDER NEW TAX LAWS



Whether you itemize or not in 2018, this unique opportunity allows you to make a charitable contribution through a direct IRA transfer while reducing your adjusted gross income.

If you would like to make a gift to our Parish using your Ira and if:

1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
2. Your IRA is a traditional (some Roth IRA's may qualify)
3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

**VERY IMPORTANT!!** Your gift must go directly from your IRA to our Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

*Bill has a \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 as his yearly gift to his Parish. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, he directs the custodian of his IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2018 directly to the Parish as the family's 2018 gift. He will not be subject to income tax on the \$5,000 donation.*

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

### DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**April 22—passed**  
**April 29—April 20**  
**May 6—April 25\***  
*\* Note earlier deadline.*

# PREPARING FOR

## Sunday, April 22, 2018

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd.  
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

John 10:11

#### Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Peter and John were arrested by the leaders of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem for preaching about Jesus and healing a crippled man in his name. The leaders questioned the apostles about what authority they had for doing these things. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaims that it is in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean that power was given to them to work this miracle. The physical healing of this man is also a sign of God's healing of all of us spiritually. Because Jesus died on the Cross for us and rose again, we are all saved. "There is no other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." Good news indeed!

#### 1 John 3:1-2

John writes to a first-century audience but his words speak to us as well. We, too, are God's children because of the love that God has bestowed on us in Christ Jesus. But even more than that (although what could be better than that?), we shall be something more. There will come a time when we shall know God face to face and then we shall be like him. The richness of God's love for us is never exhausted and always gets better!

#### John 10:11-18

John portrays Jesus as the Good Shepherd who was promised to appear at the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation. As a good shepherd, Jesus protects his sheep from the wolves that would harm them. Who are in his flock? Those who believe in Jesus belong to him, hear and respond to his voice, and so have life. Jesus lays down his life to protect us and lead us into everlasting life. This is something wonderful and truly to be desired. The question for all of us is, though, do we recognize the Shepherd's voice?

#### Gospel Reflection

*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. Besides suggesting that priests stay close to the marginalized by being "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep" (*Homily for Chrism Mass, March 28, 2013*), Pope Francis also said that the Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness.

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How do those statements relate to Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd?

2. Jesus said, "I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus is applying the love between himself and his Father to the relation between himself and his own. What does this tell you about how well you are known and how much you are loved? For whom would you lay down your life?

## Readings for the Week

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

#### Monday, April 16, 2018:

Acts 6:8-15 + John 6:22-29

#### Tuesday, April 17, 2018:

Acts 7:51—8:1a + John 6:30-35

#### Wednesday, April 18, 2018:

Acts 8:1b-8 + John 6:35-40

#### Thursday, April 19, 2018:

Acts 8:26-40 + John 6:44-51

#### Friday, April 20, 2018:

Acts 9:1-20 + John 6:52-59

#### Saturday, April 21, 2018:

Acts 9:31-42 + John 6:60-69

#### Sunday, April 22, 2018:

Acts 4:8-12

+ 1 John 3:1-2

+ John 10:11-18





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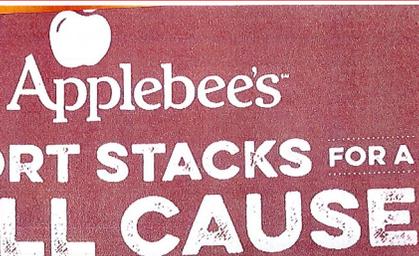
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Saint Gianna Feast Day Saint Agnes Cathedral

Saturday, April 28, 2018

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass - 5th Sunday of Easter Saint Gianna Feast Day

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre Presiding

Part of the liturgy will include a blessing in thanksgiving for those celebrating the gift of a child, those planning now or in the future for a child and those who are expecting a child.

Mass will be televised on Telecaretv.org After Mass there will be an opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Gianna.

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