

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Celebrating 150 Years

2021

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*Peace be with you.*

Luke 24:36

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 18, 2021

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Thomas Crennan

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

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

## COME 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.

Face covering and social distancing required.

## 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. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,  
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link  
on the home page of our website.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Confessions are being heard in classrooms  
in the “new school annex” near High Street.

See inside bulletin for safety protocols.

*Also available by individual appointment  
with one of the priests.*

## OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons  
at 12:45 p.m. in the church

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

First Saturday: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday, Saturday and Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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**Step 2:** Search "myParish app" & press download 



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**Step 5:** Explore the great features in our parish app!



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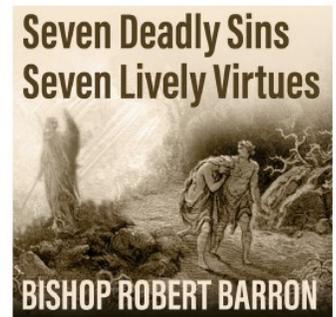
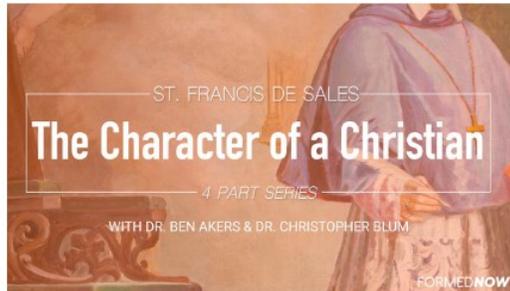
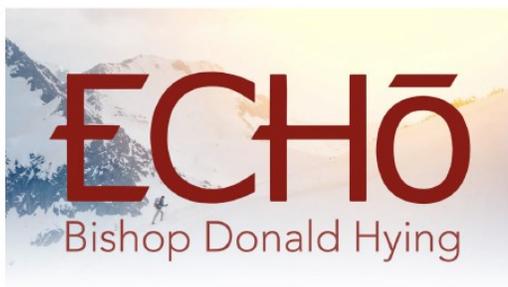
## PICK OF THE WEEK

April 18, 2021

### WATCH

### LEARN

### LISTEN



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To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

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Use our custom link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/11-1797184>.

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Third Sunday of Easter*

It's still Easter Time, and it will be until Pentecost! Don't let your Easter joy wane! Let your shouts of "Alleluia!" continue to be as strong this Sunday (and throughout these entire fifty days) as they were on Easter Sunday!

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of this 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 prayers 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.

### *Mother's Day Novena of Masses*

Allow me to highlight our custom of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day, and to invite you to participate in this beautiful way to remember and pray for your living or deceased mother, grandmother or godmother, or for a mother-to-be. Use the Mother's Day cards and envelopes that have been placed around the church or that have been mailed to you; your intention will be remembered in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses. Be sure to return your envelope and share in the prayers and blessings of this Novena.

### *Some "Save the Dates"*

I'll share with you some quick "save the date" announcements that you might want to be aware of; some of these you might have seen before, and some might be new. Mark your calendar now and plan to be a part of all of them. In chronological order, they are:

- **Friday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass** — This festive Mass returns this year! Couples celebrating an anniversary "on the fives" (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.) are invited to this special Mass, and since we could not have the Mass last year because we were shut down, we'll also invite those who celebrated an anniversary "on the fives" last year (which I guess would be "on the sixes" this year). We won't be able to have the reception with food and dancing, but we will have a surprise for everyone in conjunction with the Mass! More information will be coming soon.

- **Sunday, June 27, 12:00 Noon, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Patronal Feast Mass** — This will be the central event of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, as Bishop Barres comes to celebrate the 12:00 Noon Mass for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish on what is traditionally the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, June 27 (providentially, a Sunday this year).

• **Saturday afternoon, July 24, Parish Picnic** — As one of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year events, we'll be having a Parish Picnic at Belmont Lake State Park. More details to follow. Since this will be an outdoor event, it will be easy to stay Covid-safe at this event, which will be fun for the whole family!

• **Friday, September 24, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance** — You've seen the "Save the Date" ad running for this re-scheduled date for the Dinner Dance, which will be a great opportunity to dress up and "party hearty" in celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Again, more details will be coming; watch the bulletin!

***Brick Memorialization in the "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden***

Brick memorializations in our beautiful "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden on the south side of the church are continuing. Remember, the memorializations are to remember any person, living or deceased, or any prayer intention in general, and not just ones dealing with children.

Even if you have already memorialized a brick here at OLPH, I'm sure there's another person or intention you would like to have memorialized; you're not limited to only one! Please see the order form elsewhere in the bulletin, and feel free to tell all your family and friends about this so they can participate too. As I always say, you don't have to be a parishioner of OLPH to memorialize a brick...for that matter, you don't even have to be Catholic! Thank you for your consideration.

***Journal Ads for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal***

We're also still accepting ads for the special Commemorative Journal in celebration of the parish's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; use the order form elsewhere in this bulletin. This is a great way to offer your congratulations to our parish on this milestone, or to advertise your business, or to honor someone you wish to put in the spotlight! The Commemorative Journal is an important fund raiser and a big part of our

Anniversary Year celebration, so we're looking for many, many people and many, many businesses to take out ads. Please be sure to participate, and spread the word to your family and friends.

***Anniversary Year Commemorative Items for sale***

There are still many beautiful 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Commemorative Items which can be purchased; see the order form in this bulletin, or use the special link on the homepage of our website [www.olphlindenhurst.com](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com) to order online. Your purchase of these items is a great support to the parish. Tell your family and friends about this, too!

***Catholic Ministries Appeal***

Thank you for everyone's continued support of this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, as we move closer and closer toward reaching this year's assigned parish goal of **\$111,600**. Please remember, we cannot do without the income we receive from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate. We need that income to keep from "going under," so we need your support. Thank you for your generosity!

***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,



**ADORATION OF  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Wednesdays

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
in the church after the 12:15 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. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

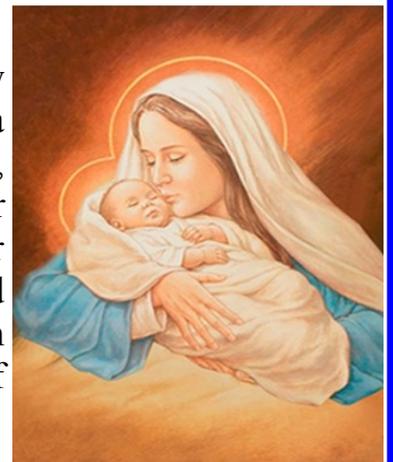
**Monday, April 19—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, April 26—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, May 3—12:45 p.m.**

**Mother's Day Novena of Masses**

Mother's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the church. The Mother's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your mother, grandmother, godmother, the mother-to-be you know or any mother you wish to remember in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. Simply take an envelope, write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. Thank you.



**MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER**

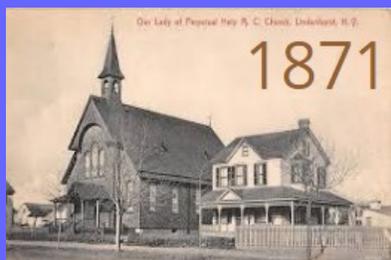


Join us on **Monday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.**  
on the Rectory Lawn  
in front of the Blessed Mother Statue  
for the annual Crowning of the Blessed Mother.  
This is always such a beautiful experience of prayer and devotion, and it is especially important for us to honor Our Blessed Mother. In case of inclement weather, the Crowning will be held indoors in the church.

*Masks required and bring your own chair if desired.*

# SAVE THE NEW DATE!

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR DINNER DANCE



### ANNIVERSARY YEAR DINNER DANCE — SAVE THE NEW DATE!

We hope you will join us as we celebrate 150 years of “The Place to Be.”  
Due to Covid restrictions the dinner/dance has been rescheduled.

See new date below.

\$75 pp/ More formal details to follow!!! It will be GREAT!!!

Friday,  
Sept. 24, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

MEMORARE CATERERS  
2183 JACKSON AVENUE  
SEAFORD, NY 11783

### JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM



We are in need of one or two people willing to help with the live-streaming of funerals which are held on weekday and Saturday mornings. Training will be provided. There are others involved too, so the commitment might be only three or four times a month. For more information, contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory, [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org) or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210. Consider being a part of this important outreach to our bereaved families.

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

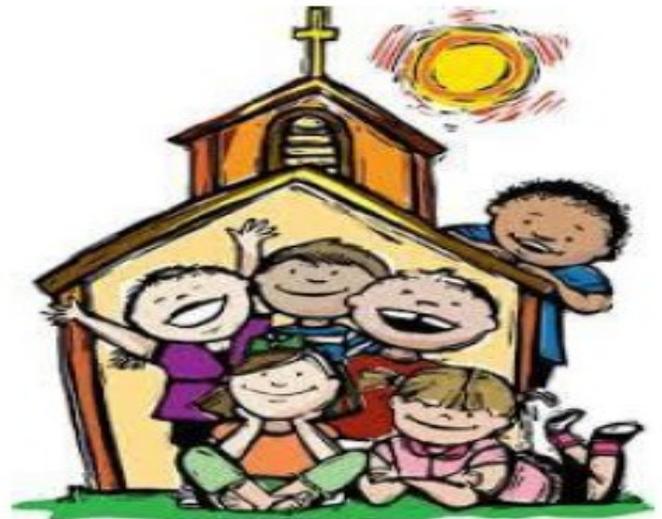
EVERY SUNDAY ON YOUTUBE - [OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST](#)



LOOKING FOR ANOTHER WAY TO ENGAGE YOUR CHILD IN THEIR FAITH FROM HOME?

JOIN US WEEKLY TO BREAK OPEN THE GOSPEL AND LISTEN TO A REFLECTION ON THE OLPH YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things as are being done in the main body of the church.



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**



*You may have noticed the addition of a beautiful Knabe baby grand piano in the Divine Mercy Chapel. The piano was donated to us by Lou and Jeanne De Frisco.*

*We are grateful for this generous donation to our music ministry. We plan to put it to good use in the years ahead.*

## **SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH**

**FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:**

- ▶ **WEAR A FACE MASK OR FACE COVERING — NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ▶ **REMAIN AT LEAST SIX (6) FEET APART, SIDE-TO-SIDE AND IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND YOU**
- ▶ **SIT IN DESIGNATED SEATS ONLY**
- ▶ **ENTER ONLY THROUGH WELLWOOD AVENUE DOORS**
- ▶ **EXIT ONLY THROUGH SIDE DOORS ON NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Confessions are being celebrated in the school building, in classrooms in the “new school” annex along High Street every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. until further notice.**

**Each priest will be in his own classroom.**

**These are the protocols that must be followed for going to Confession:**

- ▶ **Entry is only via the blue doors at the north end of the hallway (off of the small parking lot)**
- ▶ **Exit is only via the doors at the south end of the hallway (into the large parking lot)**
- ▶ **Everyone — priests and penitents — is required to wear face masks or face coverings**
- ▶ **Lines on the floor will indicate a 6-foot social distance between those waiting on line outside each classroom**
- ▶ **Signs on easels outside the classroom will indicate the name of the priest who is in the classroom**
- ▶ **Social distancing and plexiglass dividers will keep a safe distance between priest and penitent, whether the penitent celebrates anonymously or face-to-face (both options are available)**

## **IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...**

### **LIVE-STREAM MASS**

We live-stream the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:  
[www.olphlindenhurst.com](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com)
- OLPH Facebook page: @olphlindenhurst
- OLPH YouTube Channel:  
OLPH Church Lindenhurst



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*Celebrating 150 Years*

2021

**2020/2021 ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL PRICING**

**BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR AND SUPPORT OLPH!  
PLACE AN AD IN OUR COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL!**

One of the highlights of the Anniversary Year will be a **Commemorative Journal**, available in conjunction with our Anniversary Year Dinner Dance on September 24, 2021.

**Support the parish by placing an ad in our journal!** An ad can be taken in the name of your family, or your business, and can include congratulatory wishes to the parish, or it can be a memorialization of deceased loved ones, or an expression of gratitude to God. Honor that special priest, family members living or deceased, or just say thanks for the memories. If you're creative, prepare your own ad; if you're not that creative, just send us your message and our team will create the ad for you!

There are many possibilities!  
**Deadline is August 1, 2021!**

*Don't miss out!*  
**Send in your ad copy and payment TODAY!**

If you need additional information, or have questions, contact Bob Dobres 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney 631-560-0451.

**PLEASE INDICATE AD SIZE AND TYPE**

- GOLD FULL PAGE \$350
- B/W FULL PAGE \$150
- B/W HALF PAGE \$100
- B/W 1/4 PAGE \$75

For more information call Bob Dobres at 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451

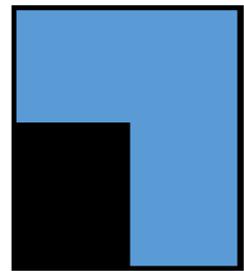
**AD DIMENSIONS  
(WIDTH X HEIGHT)**



Full Page and Cover  
8.5 x 11"



Half Page  
8.5 x 5.5"



Quarter Page  
4.25 x 5.5"

Please submit payment along with ad materials no later than **August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mail hard copy to rectory address above and attach copy of ad or materials (ad text, photos, images) to this form or write copy on back.

Email electronic version to 150thjournal@oloph.org. Please email a .pdf or .jpg file format.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

1871 Celebrating 150 Years 2021

Use this form to order great 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorabilia!

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorabilia of  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (cell/home) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for celebrating with us! Bring this form & hand it in to the rectory with precise payment of either cash (in a ziplock bag) or check. You will be notified when your order is ready for a pickup date.

You may also check the website for a closer look at these products!

<http://olph150th.com>

Item	Price	Quantity	Item	Price	Quantity
 Keychain	\$10.00		 Tote bag	\$10.00	
 T-Shirt	\$15.00	S ___ M ___ L ___	 Pen with Stylus	\$3.00	
 Sweatshirt	\$40.00	M ___ L ___ XL ___	 Playing cards	\$12.00	
 Tumbler	\$15.00		 Magnet	\$ 3 2 for \$5	

For Office Use Only

Total Price: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of items: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Placed: \_\_\_\_\_ Order Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Pickup date: \_\_\_\_\_ Notified Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Picked up by: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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 OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:

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

### ALL LEVELS

The last days of classes are  
 Wednesday, April 21  
 and Saturday, April 24.  
 Be sure to study hard for your finals!

### Registration for 2021-22



Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families began April 5th. 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 e-mailing us. Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2021-2022 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

### LEVELS 6, 7 and 8

**Be sure to complete any missing assignments in your Mass Journals and Workbooks!**

### Bible Camp Registration!

Be sure to Register ASAP, as spots are limited to 12 kids per group this year! Go to the website to sign-up before June!  
<https://forms.gle/E1vzrza6yQLsmixA8>

### Vacation Bible Camp Needs You!

Planning Meeting Wednesday, May 6,  
 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Auditorium.



Please consider being a part of  
 our Adventure Team!  
 Contact April for more information!

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864— cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon— mleon719@yahoo.com
- † 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. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the School Building  
 Use Parking Lot located on corner of  
 Gates & High Streets  
**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*Our regular office hours:*  
 Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and  
 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1:30 – 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?

### Food Pantry List!

We thank you for  
 your continued generosity  
 in keeping  
 our shelves full but...



we will be  
 asking for your  
 help again  
 soon.

*Please bring items to the SVdP office:  
 Wednesday and Friday  
 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and  
 on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.*

## THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL AT OLPH

During these very difficult times many of us find ourselves in financial difficulty, often for the first time. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. Please don’t feel embarrassed—you are not alone. We want to assure you that all matters relating to SVDP are completely confidential. All volunteer workers in the Food Pantry are Vincentians who are pledged to follow the “Rule” in dealing with our friends and neighbors. We reach out to those who come to us with kindness, sincerity and total confidentiality. You may come to the pantry for food every two weeks. The money that would have been spent on this food can then be used to pay other bills. Please reach out to us by calling our Food Pantry office at 631-226-7725 x. 234. Our regular office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and 1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. We’re here for you.



## **WE'VE MOVED & WE ARE OPEN!**



The **Blue** Door Thrift Boutique is open with limited hours of operation, in our new location. We are open **Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**



**We have moved into the basement of the school, entrance off the small school parking lot near the gym and cafeteria doors. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, The Blue Door can only accept clothing donations of CLEAN clothes, bagged and tied up in plastic bags. All shoppers will be expected to wear masks and we may limit the number of shoppers in the store due to social distancing. Please note, we also have a new phone number: 631-226-7725 extension 248.**

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

**HOURS OF OPERATION:  
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY  
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

# 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
Carole Carrano, Parish Secretary	212	ccarrano@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Thomas Crennan, Business Manager	204	tcrennan@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrjoe@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
Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
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 [DeaconRobert@oloph.org](mailto:DeaconRobert@oloph.org).

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT:**

*Joseph Matos & Jaclyn Napoli*

## **FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

<i>Patricia Krisch</i>	<i>Madeline A. Ricioppo</i>
<i>Mary Lennon</i>	<i>Bartolomeo V. Ricioppo</i>
<i>Franklin Weastler</i>	<i>Margaret McDonald</i>
<i>Lorraine Beatty</i>	

*"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 18-24:**

*Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Memory of*

*Agostino Pecoraro*

*Requested by*

*Elizabeth Pecoraro*

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

## **WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

<i>Sophia Wiesler</i>	<i>Mary Doran</i>
<i>Edward Henry</i>	<i>Dawn Arpino</i>
<i>Lisa Hulsen</i>	<i>Baby Addison Rose White</i>
<i>William Fleming</i>	<i>Stephanie Guidice</i>
<i>Adonis Catania</i>	<i>Nora McMahon</i>
<i>Robert Huber</i>	<i>Josephine Johnson</i>
<i>Marie &amp; Tom Stagnitta</i>	<i>Patricia &amp; Richard Kleczkowski</i>
<i>Darby Bandini</i>	<i>Carol Van Dyke</i>
<i>Dorothy Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Nancy Diaz-Ryan</i>
<i>Miranda Wesolowski</i>	<i>Mark Behr</i>

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

## **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.

**The Bereavement Ministry** assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and help the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Through reading, self discovery, and group discussions, members find a new and meaningful way to cope with their loss. OLPH will hold groups in the Spring and Fall.

**Spring Bereavement Group** will meet Saturdays **May 8** to **June 26**, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Due to Covid restrictions and weather, the group will meet in the courtyard. Registration is required. Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062. Please bring your own chair and refreshments.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY, April 19—</b> Easter Weekday	
6:30	Harold Peragine
12:15	Annamarie Decker
<b>TUESDAY, April 20—</b> Easter Weekday	
6:30	Patrick Carragee
12:15	Teddy Mancini
<b>WEDNESDAY, April 21—</b> Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)</i>	
6:30	Gerard Hart
12:15	Emanuel Gurrieri
<b>THURSDAY, April 22—</b> Easter Weekday	
6:30	Richard Seery, Jr.
12:15	Angela Rose Passalacqua
<b>FRIDAY, April 23—</b> Easter Weekday <i>(Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr)</i>	
6:30	John Gambarini
12:15	Stacey Schwille
<b>SATURDAY, April 24—</b> Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr)</i>	
8:00	Joseph & Carmela Riceputo
<b>Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
5:00	Agostino Pecoraro
<b>Sunday, April 25— FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 794
12:00	Perpetual Help Mass (List at right)

## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Monday, April 19, 2021</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
<b>Tuesday, April 20, 2021</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Wednesday, April 21, 2021</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Level 7 and 8 Classes	School
<b>Thursday, April 22, 2021</b>		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
<b>Friday, April 23, 2021</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
<b>Saturday, April 24, 2021</b>		
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5 and Special Ed. Classes	School
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	School
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Sunday, April 25, 2021</b>		
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
3:00 p.m.	Religious Education Confirmation Retreat	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	Church

## PERPETUAL HELP MASS

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021**

**12:00 P.M.**

<i>John DiPietro</i>	<i>Requested by Catherine &amp; Joseph Antonacci</i>
<i>Francis Farrugia</i>	<i>Requested by Lena Farrugia</i>
<i>Helen Mattern</i>	<i>Requested by Jeff &amp; Tara Gaab</i>
<i>Richard Reynolds</i>	<i>Requested by Daniel Murphy</i>

## 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).

### Liturgia Viva del Domingo 3° de Pascua - Ciclo B

#### *Lecturas del domingo 18 de abril de 2021*

*Dios ha glorificado a Jesús, su siervo,  
el Santo, el Justo,  
el príncipe de vida.*

*Dios le resucitó de entre los muertos  
y nosotros somos testigos de ese acontecimiento.*

*En su nombre estamos reunidos aquí.*

*Que el Señor Resucitado esté siempre con ustedes.*

#### **Primera Lectura (Hechos 3,13-15,17-19): Pedro, Testigo del Señor Resucitado**

*En esta predicación, Pedro da testimonio firme de que Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos. Pide a sus oyentes volver a Cristo y permitirle que los renueve.*

#### **Segunda Lectura (1Juan 2,1-5a): Fieles al Señor Resucitado**

*Cuando seguimos los mandamientos del amor de Cristo, somos fieles a Cristo Resucitado y crecemos en el amor de Dios.*

#### **Evangelio (Lucas 24,35-48): Testigos del Señor Resucitado**

*Jesús se apareció a sus discípulos, que dudaban, para fortalecer su fe de que él había resucitado. Después los envió -. Él, la tarde de Pascua, abre la mente de los discípulos al misterio de su muerte y resurrección y les dice: "Ustedes son testigos de todo esto". Los Apóstoles, que vieron con los propios ojos a Cristo resucitado, no podían callar su extraordinaria experiencia. Él se había mostrado a ellos para que la verdad de su resurrección llegara a todos mediante su testimonio. Y la Iglesia tiene la tarea de prolongar en el tiempo esta misión; cada bautizado está llamado a dar testimonio, con las palabras y con la vida, que Jesús ha resucitado, que Jesús está vivo y presente en medio de nosotros. Todos nosotros estamos llamados a dar testimonio de que Jesús está vivo.*

*El contenido del testimonio cristiano no es una teoría, no es una ideología o un complejo sistema de preceptos y prohibiciones o un moralismo, sino que es un mensaje de salvación, un acontecimiento concreto, es más, una Persona: es Cristo resucitado, viviente y único Salvador de todos. Él puede ser testimoniado por quienes han hecho una experiencia personal de Él, en la oración y en la Iglesia, a través de un camino que tiene su fundamento en el Bautismo, su alimento en la Eucaristía, su sello en la Confirmación, su continúa conversión en la Penitencia.*

**OFFERING UPDATE  
April 10/11**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	192	96	\$2,777.50
8:00 a.m.	166	82	2,419.00
10:00 a.m.	205	70	2,415.00
12:00 p.m.	250	66	2,112.00
Coin			4.15
Faith Direct:			2,921.50
Children's Env.		10	49.00
Mail-ins:			1,448.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>\$14,146.15</b>
<b>Last year, this weekend was Easter Sunday (and we were shut down!)</b>			
Candles			\$758.73
Poor Box			\$200.49



Spring is in full bloom – God’s glory is all around us! You can help Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish flourish by making the switch to eGiving. It’s a great way to grow our ministries that share the Good News of God’s love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the brightest days and the darkest storms. You’ll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/NY286](http://faith.direct/NY286), or text ‘Enroll’ to (631) 201-5664.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,

**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 25—passed
- May 2—April 23
- May 9—April 30

**PEACE BE  
WITH YOU.**  
LUKE 24:36



**PREPARING FOR**  
**Sunday, April 25, 2021**  
**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?

## Readings for the Week

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

**Monday, April 19, 2021:**

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

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021:**

Acts 7:51—8:1a + John 6:30-35

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021:**

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

**Thursday, April 22, 2021:**

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

**Friday, April 23, 2021:**

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

**Saturday, April 24, 2021:**

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

**Sunday, April 25, 2021:**

Acts 4:8-12  
 + 1 John 3:1-2  
 + John 10:11-18

**Gospel Reflection**

*After reading next Sunday's readings take some time to pray on them 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 Christ Mass, March 28, 2013*), Pope Francis also said that the Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness.

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?



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Please also know that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to serve the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you for your gift to this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal, and for *creating pathways of faith* across Long Island. Know that you and your family are in my heart and in my prayers as we celebrate the Easter Season.

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Bishop of Rockville Centre

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# The Bread We Eat

**B**read is one of the most widely consumed foods in the whole world. It nourishes; it strengthens; it sustains. Bread brings comfort. Breaking bread with others forms relationships. In many cultures, bread is life.

I had the opportunity to learn the art of bread-making from my mother. After kneading the dough, we separated it into round balls. Within a few hours, those balls of dough doubled in size and pushed up the dishtowels that covered them. I'll never forget my mother's expression at the risen dough. "Ah!" She would gasp, "God bless it!"

As a child, I wondered how God had time to help our dough to rise, but I was delighted that the Holy One was eager to mix with our human efforts. The aroma of the bread in the oven was heavenly. After the bread had cooled, my mother would give it away to friends and others who suffered illness or life challenges.

One of our favorite breads was Easter Bread, a specialty bread popular in Europe. In Ukraine, Easter Bread is called *paska*, a derivative of *pascha*, which means "Easter." The word *pascha* comes from the Hebrew word *pesach*, meaning "Passover." Similar to the Jews' celebration of Passover, which commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, Christians celebrate the feast of Easter, which commemorates the death and Resurrection of Jesus, our Passover or Paschal Lamb. Since the Greek *pascha* resembles another Greek word, *paschein*, which means "to suffer," the word encompasses the concept of the Lamb who was slain to save humankind.

Long before bread can be made, seeds die in the ground to become wheat, and wheat is ground to become flour. In each step of the process, a dying occurs so that something new can come to be. This is one reason Easter bread is made each year. It is symbolic of the dying and rising of Jesus.



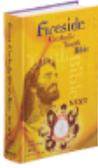
By sharing in the Eucharist, the faithful are transformed.

At each Mass, ordinary bread is transformed into something supernatural, the Body of Christ. By sharing in the Eucharist, we too are transformed. We become pregnant with possibilities, energized to knead the dough of life and to give ourselves away for the life of the world.

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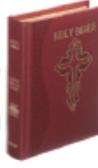
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