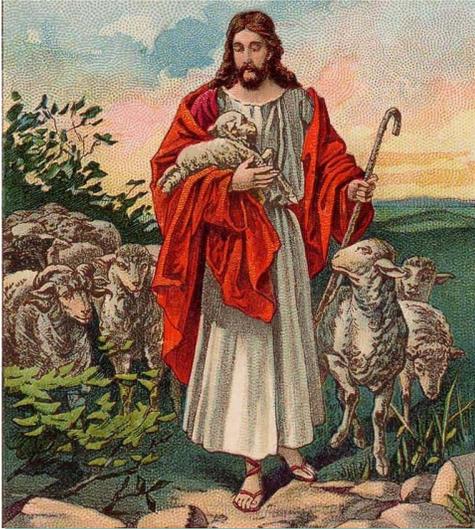


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*Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep."*

John 10:11

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 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 29th

at 7:00 p.m. in the church

Featuring the OLPH Youth Choir, Adult Choir, Youth Band, Cantors and Instrumentalists performing sacred music from a variety of styles. Refreshments and raffle prizes will follow the concert.

Requested Offering
\$10 for adults
\$5 for senior citizens and students



PASTOR'S PAGE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is also popularly referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the shepherd imagery from St. John's Gospel which is found in the Gospel reading on this Sunday every year. Hearing the Shepherd's voice, followers recognize it and know it is their God. Safe in the knowledge that they cannot be taken from the hand of the Shepherd, we who hear His voice should follow as faithful believers who are willing to go wherever God calls and sends us. As we hear the Gospel reading for this year, Lectionary Cycle B, we can focus especially on the notion that Jesus knows those who follow Him. He would do anything, including laying down His life for His sheep. We know, of course, that He did suffer and lay down His life, and we also know that He rose to be the one Shepherd of the one flock. Jesus' leadership as the Good Shepherd is in stark contrast with that of a hired man who shepherds sheep he does not know and love. As we encounter the words of the Gospel this weekend, then, we can be reminded of how blessed we are to have Jesus as our Good Shepherd and to have His undying love for us guide us in our faith and in our Easter journey.

This imagery of following the Shepherd is found in the Mass prayers for today. The Collect (Opening Prayer) refers to us as "*the humble flock*" who ask to "*reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.*" The Prayer after Communion continues the Shepherd imagery as it mentions the "*eternal pastures*" which we, the sheep who have been redeemed, hope to settle in. What do you imagine those "eternal pastures" to be like?

Another element of this Fourth Sunday of Easter is the continued expression of Easter joy. In the Prayer over the Offerings, we ask "*that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,*" and the prayer goes on to ask "*that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy.*" We must continue to keep alive throughout the entire fifty days of Easter Time our exultant joy and ecstatic cries of "Alleluia!" at the redemption and salvation that have been

won for us through the death and resurrection of Christ.

Continue to allow your reflections on the actual texts of the Mass to enrich your immersion in the spirituality of the fifty days of Easter Time.

Parish Leadership Meeting

We had an extraordinary and extremely rewarding Parish Leadership Meeting on Saturday, April 14, and I thank all the parish leaders who made the sacrifice to be present, indoors in the auditorium, on what was a beautiful spring day, when they could have been outside enjoying the gorgeous weather. This was the third Parish Leadership Meeting that I have convened in my time here as Pastor, gathering the leadership bodies of the parish and the heads of all the ministries, groups and organizations, for the purpose of building unity and driving forward our common mission as disciples in service to the parish.

This meeting was a little different from previous ones in that it was more of a working meeting rather than a visioning meeting, where we used the information we have gleaned from the Clifton Strengths-Finder Process to put our God-given strengths in concrete service to the parish to put together the "Passport to the Parish" Party which will take place in conjunction with the celebration of our Patronal Feast on June 30 this year.

Every parishioner should know what great and dedicated leaders we have! Many dedicated and talented parishioners are offering their time and energy in service to building up the life of the parish so that OLPH can continue to be "the place to be," a parish community of faith, service, love, witness and unity.

By the way, everyone in the parish should keep open the date of June 30 this year for the celebration of our Patronal Feast, starting with the 5:00 p.m. Mass and continuing with our "Passport to the Parish" Party. More details will follow in the bulletin as the date draws near, but mark your calendar now!

Meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Let me take this opportunity to personally remind all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion about the important meeting taking place this Tuesday, April 24; you should attend one of the meetings, either at 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. This is one of our semi-annual meetings for E.M.'s, meetings we hold regularly with all liturgical ministers for their ongoing formation. I look forward to seeing you there.

First Holy Communions at Sunday Masses

This coming Sunday, April 29, and continuing for the following few weekends, we will be celebrating First Holy Communions at certain Sunday Masses. There is no better way for children to celebrate First Holy Communion than within the Sunday assembly, as the Church celebrates the Eucharist on the Lord's Day, our primary holy day! I am thrilled that over the years since we introduced this option more and more families are making this important connection and are taking advantage of this option. Parishioners love it, too, as many people comment to me how much they enjoy seeing the children and how being a part of the celebration enriches their own faith and their appreciation of the Eucharist. I hope you are fortunate to be at a Mass at which we are celebrating First Holy Communion, and I ask that you pray for all of this year's First Communicants.

Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Be sure to participate in our Novena of Masses for Mother's Day; this is a beautiful way to remember and pray for your mother, living or deceased (or, for that matter, your grandmother, godmother, or even 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.

Catechists needed for those becoming Catholic

We are in need of some additional offering concerning one of our most important

ministries, that of our process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) — our process of formation for those who are unbaptized, or those who are baptized in a Christian tradition other than Catholic, who wish to become Catholic. We are in need of catechists who would lead discussion sessions in helping those becoming Catholic to explore and discuss the Catholic faith. Now, I know that your immediate response to this is, "I don't know enough to do this," but that's not really a valid response! What's most important is the witness of your faith and your commitment to Jesus Christ; if you have that, you are qualified! Beyond that, we will provide all materials, training and support necessary. It would be at most a once-a-week commitment, and most frequently even less than once a week.

I would like YOU to seriously consider this, and then YOU should contact Jeffrey Gaab, who heads up our RCIA process, at (631) 965-0076 or at jsg375@gmail.com (you can see our "Serving and Supporting One Another" page further on in the bulletin for more information).

Adult Education Course: Introduction to Liturgy

I am happy to get back in the "teaching saddle" once again, so to speak, and to be offering an adult education course right here at OLPH. It will be the "Introduction to Liturgy" course which I have offered before; the course will be a survey of introductory themes and concepts concerning the Church's theology of liturgy (worship). It's a great course to take if you want to deepen your understanding of and appreciation for what it's all about when we gather for worship. (It's the same introductory course I have offered before, so there's no need to take it if you took it in the past; it will be the same material!) The course starts on Tuesday, May 8, and complete information is elsewhere in the bulletin. Credit towards a diocesan Basic Religious Studies Certificate can be earned by taking this course. I hope I will see you there!

While it's good for everyone to be continually formed in our Catholic faith, I especially urge anyone who serves as a liturgical minister and all of our religious education catechists to take advantage of the

adult education courses we offer here at OLPH. We make a concerted effort to offer both basic and advanced courses on a regular basis, and I have asked our Pastoral Staff to make ongoing adult faith formation one of our highest priorities. I am grateful to Deacon Robert Becker who generously coordinates the details for our adult faith formation program and who works hard to keep the momentum going for such formation.

Super 72 Raffle

The raffle tickets for our next Super 72 Raffle have been mailed out, and I hope that you will participate. The Super 72 Raffle is an important fund raiser for the parish; we have been doing it for a number of years with success, and we need to make sure that we continue to support this important endeavor. Please be sure to return your Super 72 tickets, and spread the word to family and friends, asking them to participate. Tickets are available at the rectory if you need more. Thank you for your generosity!

Pope Francis' new Apostolic Exhortation on the topic of holiness in today's world

This week, in lieu of printing another excerpt from Pope Francis' series of catecheses about the Mass, I would like to draw your attention to another teaching that was just issued by the Holy Father: it is his Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad): On the Call to Holiness in Today's World*. It's

an important message that Pope Francis has written to the universal Church — to all of us, both clergy and laity — and it's about how we are all called to holiness, and how we can live it out in practical ways in today's world. It is written in Pope Francis' customary style — it is very down-to-earth, very readable, and very practical for people in real-life situations. From what I have read, I think you'll enjoy it and find it worthwhile. It can be found at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html (or Google some key words to find it), and I encourage everyone to read it and reflect on it (I have suggested to leaders of groups in the parish that they use the letter for reflection and discussion at their meetings). That's your homework from me this week!

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,



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Welcome to our new Catholics! Please join us in offering congratulations and blessings to our new Catholics **Kayla Rhodes** and **Carlton Mitchell**, who were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church this Saturday, April 21, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Already baptized, Kayla came to us from the Lutheran tradition, while Carlton came to us from the Anglican tradition, and both have now completed their process of formation. At Saturday night's Mass they made their profession of faith, were formally received into the Catholic Church, and then received Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Welcome, Kayla and Carleton! We look forward to having you as active members of our OLPH family!

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 23—6:30 p.m.

Note time change.

Monday, April 30—7:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 7—No Novena
due to May Crowning**

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**

Unless otherwise noted



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.

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.



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.

ADULT FORMATION CLASS TO BEGIN

Our next Adult Education Course...

INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY

Instructor: **Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco**
 5 Nights, Tuesdays and Thursdays —
May 8, 15, 17, 24 and 31
 Time: **7:30-9:30 p.m.**
 Place: **Room 3, OLPH School**

This course covers a basic understanding of the study of the Church's theology of liturgy. Foundational themes such as ritual process, anamnesis, symbols, and sacramentality, which are essential to understanding the theology of worship, will all be discussed. The course will also cover a basic understanding of the Liturgical Year, and will include an examination and discussion of key points from Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

Credit may be obtained as a Basic Course toward obtaining a diocesan Basic Religious Studies Certificate.

*To register, please return the coupon below or contact Josephine Vagelatos at jvagelatos@oloph.org or at 631.226.7725 x 206 no later than Thursday, **May 3.***

Yes, sign me up for...

INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone Number _____
 e-mail _____ @ _____

A \$20 per person free will offering to cover the costs of materials is requested.

*please return this coupon or contact Josephine Vagelatos at jvagelatos@oloph.org or at 631.226.7725 x 206 no later than Thursday, **May 3.***

DON'T MISS OUT!



SAVE THE DATE, EVERYONE!

Save the date of **Saturday June 30, 2018**. That's when we're celebrating our Patronal Feast this year—Special Patronal Feast Mass at 5:00 p.m., followed by the "Passport to the Parish" Party, 6:00-9:00 p.m.! More details to follow, but plan now to be there!

OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

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

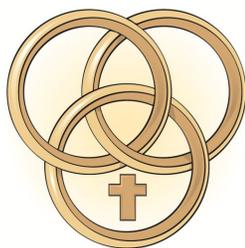
We're celebrating Mass and throwing a party for YOU!

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

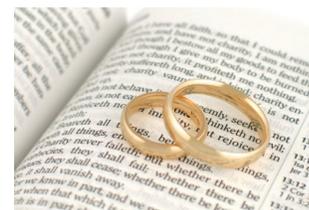
7:30 p.m. Mass

*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 _____

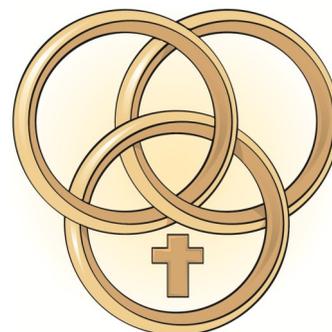
Wedding Song Artist _____

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
CANNED FRUIT
COFFEE**

**SMALL PACKAGES OF SUGAR
SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER
TOOTHPASTE/BRUSHES
BODY WASH/DEODORANT
DISH SOAP
PAPER TOWELS**

PLEASE, NO PASTA AT THIS TIME.

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.

Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday”
when we reflect on Jesus’ love and care for us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of
St. Vincent de Paul was able to be “Good
Shepherds” to the hearts of the poor, 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 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the
Rectorry. 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) - sizes 34, 36, 38, 42, L & XL

Women's new underwear (sizes 5,6,7)

Heavy hoodies - L to 3 XL

Sneakers - 10, 11, 11.5, 12, 13, 15

Work boots (in good condition)

Gently used tents

Sun screen lotion

Bug protector

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, May 1

Mother's Day plant project (off premise)

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449
or email her at gtonness@optonline.net for details.

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

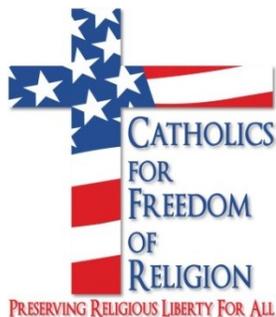
9:00 a.m. in Room 24

CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION

FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

"The Big Secret"

The U.S. Dept. of Education Guidelines make it clear...
It's OK for students to pray in public schools!



- * *California Deputy Sheriff Visits Home of First-Grade Student to Warn Him Against Sharing His Faith with Classmates*
- * *Sixth-Grade Student Prohibited from Mentioning Her Faith in "All About Me" Presentation*

* *New York Middle School Students Told to Turn Their T-Shirts Inside-out Because They Have Religious Symbols*

Public Schools are not "God-Free Zones." The courts have declared that students and teachers do not "shed their Constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gates ..."
"Catholics For Freedom of Religion," together with "Americans For Freedom of Religion," have produced a 9 minute educational video titled: **It's OK to Pray.**

You can see the video at www.youtube.com Type the words **It's OK to Pray in Public Schools** in the search bar, and watch Long Island students explain denials of religious expression and act out protected rights to live their faith in public schools.

(First Liberty Institute; Undeniable: The Survey of Hostility to Religion in America)

"A Bible and a newspaper in every house, a good school in every district ... are the principle support of virtue, morality, and civil liberty." Benjamin Franklin

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Msgr Joe concluded his class visits for the year. Depicted below are Level 5 students showing off all their fun crafts from Holy Week and Easter!



LEVEL 2

On Monday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m. there is Communion Rehearsal in the church for those receiving First Holy Communion at Sunday Masses.

LEVELS 2 through 8

Make-up Finals will be on Saturday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the school.

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.

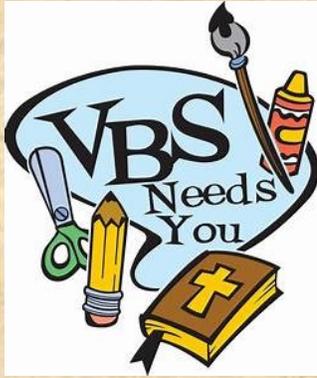
Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—**must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate.**

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!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP SUPPLIES NEEDED



Vacation Bible Camp Needs Adult Counselors.

Please consider being a part of our Crew Team this Year!

All Counselors over 18 must be Virtus Trained.

Please call or email April Kleinlaut

if you are interested in helping out this year!

(631) 226-7725 ext. 257 or akleinlaut@oloph.org

Supplies Needed for Bible Camp 2018

Bible Discovery (Bible Stories)

Plastic coins (6-12)
Plastic fruit – assorted, several
Plastic loaf of bread (1)
Yellow Play-Doh/ clay (*several cans/bricks*)
Rolling pins (3-4)
Brooms (4-5)
Small popcorn boxes (theater type) (30)
Small bottled water (30)
Roman soldier costume –*breastplate, helmet, etc.*
Plastic greenery
Plastic swords (2)
Large black bedsheet/ cloth

Arts and Crafts

Shells
Clean, Empty Gatorade Bottles (*with Lids*)
White Play Sand

Middle School Camp

Christmas Cards (*Unused Blank*)
Bags of Plain White Rice (*no Minute Rice*)
Bags of Uncooked Kidney Beans
Gallon—Sized Ziplock Bags
Blue Tarps
Plastic Gloves
Washcloths
Travel Size Packs of Tissues
Small Combs
Travel Size Toothpaste

Snacks

Pop Tarts
Pretzels
Goldfish
Cheese-Its
Juice Boxes
8oz Water Bottles

Decorating

Old trunks and old fashioned suitcases

Carpet tubes
Large roll of brown craft paper
Twine
Life preservers or Styrofoam wreaths
Fishing nets
Apple baskets
Green pool noodles
Bag of flour
Grass skirts
Rope
Boxes (*moving boxes and/or appliance boxes that can be taped closed*)
Paint: Grey (*different shades including several cans of grey spray paint*)
Paint rollers/paint pans/drop cloth
Lanterns
Wrapping paper tubes
Blue craft paper
Round laundry basket (*plastic—cannot be returned*)

IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

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

- Children in **all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with the Religious Education Office, and they and their parents must participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

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

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

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

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Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
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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.

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
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Kevin Sabella, Sr.
James Totino
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Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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John Reynolds

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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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.

First Announcement:

***Thomas Francis Kellermann, Jr.
& Miriam Morfino***

Tom O'Hanlon & Katherine McCaffrey

WE REMEMBER

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

***Matthew Graham
Fortunata Murli***

“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 22-28:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Brenda & Jorge Zarate

Requested by

Lis & Agostino Pecoraro

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

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.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Alvin Wickenheiser

Jean DeStasio

Peggy McCloud

Peter Masak

John Anglin

Guido (Guy) Gagliano

Dominick Barone

Joseph Doyle

Richard Olson & Donor

Mary Condra

Karen Brush

Walter Anderson

Bill Dlena

Ed Bogart

Nettie Deasey

John McPhail

Michele Crosby

Donald Bartsch

Joan Giarratano

Robert Stoss

Reva Perry

Kevin Reid

Irene Biggio

Herb Otten

Loretto Dinardo

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 Communion 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 23—

EASTER WEEKDAY

(Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr)

6:30 Thelma Chusac

12:15 Fred Kristiansen

TUESDAY, April 24—

EASTER WEEKDAY

(Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr)

6:30 Claude Burnett

12:15 Geraldine McGrath

WEDNESDAY, April 25—

SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

6:30 Minirdi Family

12:15 Joseph Michael Galdorisi

THURSDAY, April 26—

EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 Joseph Aliano

12:15 Michael Strazza

FRIDAY, April 27—

EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 Tadeusz Cimaszewski

12:15 Philip Hosey

SATURDAY, April 28—

EASTER WEEKDAY

*(Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;
Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest)*

8:00 For the Living & Deceased members of
the Breitfeller Family

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 Siemion Zdzislaw

Sunday, April 29

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of
the Knights of Columbus

10:00 Lewis Seaman

12:00 Lewis Seaman, Jr.

5:00 For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 23, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	Communion Rehearsal	Church
6:30 p.m.	Devotions	Church

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

3:00 p.m.	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Meeting	Church
4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark
7:00 p.m.	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Meeting	Church
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Squires	Room 19

Wednesday, April 25, 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
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Thursday, April 26, 2018

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, April 27, 2018

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

Saturday, April 28, 2018

12:00 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, April 29, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Knights of Columbus	Cafeteria
10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
1:30 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spring Concert Reception following	Church Auditorium
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 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.

Lecturas previas de la santa palabra de Dios para el domingo 29 de Abril del 2018.

Antes de ir a Misa tómese unos minutos, lea las lecturas y reflexione con nosotros.

¡Oh Dios!, que amas la inocencia y la devuelves a quienes la han perdido; atrae hacia ti el corazón de tus fieles, para que siempre vivan a la luz de tu verdad los que han sido librados de las tinieblas del pecado. Por nuestro Señor.

Primera Lectura (Hechos 9,26-31): Los Comienzos Dificiles de un Apóstol

De fanático perseguidor, Pablo se convierte en un celoso apóstol. Al comienzo, la gente no se fía de él. Bernabé responde por él y Pablo es aceptado, pero aun entonces provoca controversia.

Segunda Lectura (1 Juan 3,18-24): Fe en Jesús y Amor Mutuo

Estamos seguros de que Dios está presente en nosotros y de que estamos unidos a él si creemos en Jesucristo y nos amamos unos a otros con un amor auténtico y activo.

Evangelio (Juan 15,1-8): Yo Soy la Vid, Ustedes los sarmientos

• Juan 15,1-2: Jesús presenta la comparación de la vid. En el Antiguo Testamento, la imagen de la vid indicaba el pueblo de Israel (Is 5,1-2). El pueblo era como una vid que Dios plantó con mucho cariño en las costas de los montes de Palestina (Sal 80,9-12). Pero la vid no correspondió a lo que Dios esperaba. En vez de unos racimos de uva buena dio un fruto amargo que no servía para nada (Is 5,3-4). Jesús es la nueva vid, la vid verdadera. En una única frase él nos da toda la comparación. Él dice: "Yo soy la vid verdadera, y mi Padre es el viñador. Todo sarmiento que en mí no da fruto, lo corta, y todo el que da fruto, lo limpia, para que dé más fruto". La poda es dura, pero es necesaria. Purifica la vid, para que crezca y produzca más frutos.

• Juan 15,3-6: Jesús explica y aplica la parábola. Los discípulos ya son puros. Ya fueron podados por la palabra que escucharon de Jesús. Hasta hoy, Dios hace la poda en nosotros por medio de su Palabra que nos llega por medio de la Biblia y de muchos otros medios. Jesús alarga la parábola y dice: "¡Yo soy la vid y vosotros los sarmientos!" No se trata de dos cosas distintas: de un lado la vid, de otro, los ramos. ¡No! No hay una vid sin ramos. Nosotros somos parte de Jesús. Jesús es el todo. Para que un ramo pueda producir frutos, debe estar unido a la vid. Sólo así consigue recibir la savia. "¡Sin mí, no podéis hacer nada!" Ramo que no produce fruto es cortado. Se seca y se le recoge para quemarlo. No sirve para nada ya, ni siquiera ¡para hacer leña!

• Juan 15,7-8: Permanecer en el amor. Nuestro modelo es aquello que Jesús mismo vive en su relación con el Padre. Él dice: " Como el Padre me amó, yo también os he amado. ¡Permaneced en mi Amor!" Insiste en decir que debemos permanecer en él y que sus palabras deben permanecer en nosotros. Y llega a decir: "¡Si permanecéis en mí, y mis palabras permanecen en vosotros, pedid lo que queráis y lo conseguiréis!" Pues lo que el padre más quiere es que nos volvamos discípulos y discípulas de Jesús y así demos mucho fruto.

4) PARA LA REFLEXIÓN PERSONAL

- ¿Cuáles son las podas o momentos difíciles que he pasado en mi vida y que me ayudarán a crecer? ¿Cuáles son las podas o momentos difíciles que pasamos en nuestra comunidad y nos ayudaron a crecer?
- Lo que mantiene viva una planta, capaz de dar frutos, es la savia que la atraviesa. ¿Cuál es la savia que está presente en nuestra comunidad y la mantiene viva, capaz de dar frutos?

5) ORACIÓN FINAL

¡Cantad a Yahvé un nuevo canto,
canta a Yahvé, tierra entera,
cantad a Yahvé, bendecid su nombre! (Sal 96,1-2)

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, April 29, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."*

John 15:5

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

We hear today of the early days of Saul (Paul) in Jerusalem. Saul had been one of the fiercest persecutors of the first Christians. He had them imprisoned, tortured, and killed. It's no wonder the church members in Jerusalem were afraid of him. But he then met Jesus on the road to Damascus and was converted. When he came to Jerusalem he spoke boldly in Jesus' name, so boldly in fact that others tried to kill him. Isn't it amazing what God can do, that we're never so far from him that we can't turn around and embrace him?

1 John 3:18-24

John tells us plainly today: it's not what you say that counts, it's what you do. "Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and truth." Put your money where your mouth is. Then we will know that we belong to God. "Those who keep his commandments remain in him (God)." John asks us to search our hearts (consciences) to see if they condemn us, and if they do, not to worry because we can always ask God for help. The good news is that we will receive help from God for whatever we ask. Good news indeed!

John 15:1-8

Jesus tells his disciples and us that he is the true vine and his Father is the vine grower. We are meant to remain connected to him as our source of strength. A branch cut off a tree will wither and die. So will we if we cut off our source of strength by separating from Jesus. But if we stay connected we can expect many good things: our prayers will be answered, our work will be fruitful, and God will be glorified through us as we become an example to many. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." In today's world of technology that helps us network with other people, the most important person to stay connected to is Jesus.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 23, 2018:

Acts 11:1-18 + John 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 24, 2018:

Acts 11:19-26 + John 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 25, 2018:

1 Peter 5:5b-14 + Mark 16:15-20

Thursday, April 26, 2018:

Acts 13:13-25 + John 13:16-20

Friday, April 27, 2018:

Acts 13:26-33 + John 14:1-6

Saturday, April 28, 2018:

Acts 13:44-52 + John 14:7-14

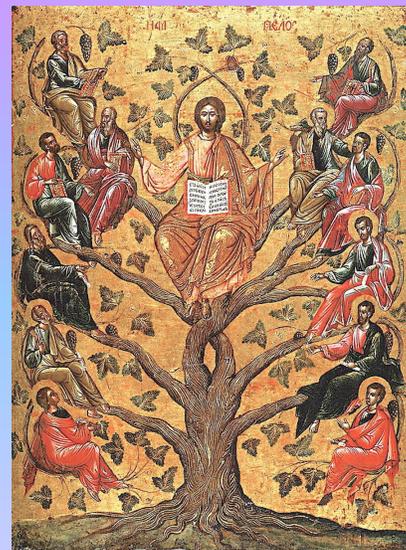
Sunday, April 29, 2018:

Acts 9:26-31
+ 1 John 3:18-24
+ John 15:1-8

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. You (the branches) remain in Jesus (the vine), whose life runs through you. How does his life running through you relate to your asking God for whatever you want and it being done for you? How could you use this Gospel to explain Paul's actions in the first reading?
2. "And every one that [bears fruit] he prunes so that it bears more fruit." Have you ever felt like you were being "pruned?" Explain. At times do you have "dead wood" that needs to be pruned? Discuss.



Super 72



1st Prize: \$1,000
2nd Prize: \$250
3rd - 6th Prize: \$100

“SUPER 72 IS BACK”

It's time to get your new tickets!

Mail back the parish portion of the ticket with your check payable to

“OLPH SUPER 72”

or drop it in the collection basket. Tickets and envelopes are also available
at

Johnstons' Funeral Home and at the rectory.

“DRAWING FROM June 2018 THROUGH November 2018”

Raffle Tickets courtesy of Johnstons' Wellwood Funeral Home

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“I knew something was wrong as soon as I saw him...”

For Long Island’s homebound seniors, **Meals-on-Wheels** is a lifesaver. Every weekday, the program delivers hot, nutritious meals to seniors in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Meals-on-Wheels case managers also assist these seniors in accessing other services they might need.

“I knew something was wrong as soon as I saw him,” explains Steve, a driver for Catholic Charities’ Meals-on-Wheels. Steve had been delivering meals to Ed for several years and upon arriving that fateful day, immediately observed that he seemed disoriented.

Steve knew Ed was diabetic, so he checked his blood sugar and saw that it was low. He poured him some orange juice but sensed there was something more serious going on. *“I kept asking him to let me call 911 but he resisted. I couldn’t accept that so I just casually stuck around, making my case. He finally admitted that he didn’t have anyone to care for his dog if he was hospitalized, so I promised I would, and that’s when he gave me the green light to call.”*

It was a good thing, too. At the hospital Ed was diagnosed with a serious blood infection that kept him there for nearly four months. In the meantime, Steve cared for the dog until Ed’s sister arrived from out of town.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal support so many programs that help us to serve our seniors and others who come to us for help each day.

Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in the lives of others.

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Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal		
Parish _____	Pledge:	\$ _____
Name _____	Down payment:	\$ _____
Address _____		
City, State, Zip: _____		
Phone: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____

THANK YOU!

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS



Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training

Our Lady of Grace Parish, Room 201 at 666 Albin Ave, West Babylon

Tuesdays, April 24, and May 1, 2018
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ministry of Consolation Course Offering Level 1

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Islip

Tuesdays, April 24, May 1 and 15, 2018
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

RCIA Enrichment Day

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

Sunday, April 22, 2018
2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

School of Missionary Disciples Information Session

St. Aidan, Monsignor Kirwin Hall (Auditorium Room – Lower Level), Williston Park

Wednesday, April 25, and May 23, 2018
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Training will be in English and Spanish.

Catholic Teachers In Public Schools Communion Breakfast

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Dining Room, Huntington

Sunday, May 6, 2018
11:00 a.m. *Mass followed by brunch and presentation*

Nurses Week Mass & Blessing

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre

Monday, May 7, 2018; 7:45 a.m.

For more information visit our website www.drvc-faith.org



The Best in Catholic Television!

Telecare, your Television Network of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, hosts the *Telecare 2018 Golf Classic* on Tuesday, **May 8th**, 2018. Telecare's Classic is played simultaneously on 2 prestigious North Shore courses. Proceeds from the event enable this important ministry of our diocese to continue to provide Catholic liturgy and programming to Long Island and beyond, through television, web streaming, and social media. Telecare especially provides a unique connection between our diocese and our homebound, hospitalized, rehabilitative facility residents, and our military parishioners, both home and abroad. This year, Msgr. James Vlaun is pleased to announce Peter & Chelsea Costello as event Chairpersons and Radio Icon Mike Francesa as event Honoree. Visit Telecare's website at www.telecaretv.org or contact Dawn-Marie Feiler, Golf Classic Coordinator, at 516-538-8704, ext. 118 or dmfeiler@telecaretv.org for golf, dinner, underwriting, raffle, and in-kind donation information.

Part time position at St. Rose of Lima School in Massapequa. Front desk/Copy person. 7:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. Duties include, but are not limited to, greeting guests, sorting mail, and photocopying for classroom teachers. Please fax resume to 516- 797-0351 or e-mail kgallina@stroseschool.net.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Let us learn to listen better to each other and to God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The Weekends are **April 27-29**, at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY and another **Nov. 16-18** also in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <http://www.wmeli.org>.

Spring Open House, Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, Sunday, **April 29** at 1:00 p.m. For information call 516-323-4000 or www.molloy.edu.

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It's a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship — a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, which couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are encouraged to attend. It's primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained *marriage counselors*, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. The next Retrouvaille Weekend is at the Immaculate Conception Seminary Friday, **May 4** at 7:00 p.m. Call 800-470-2230 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org to register.

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