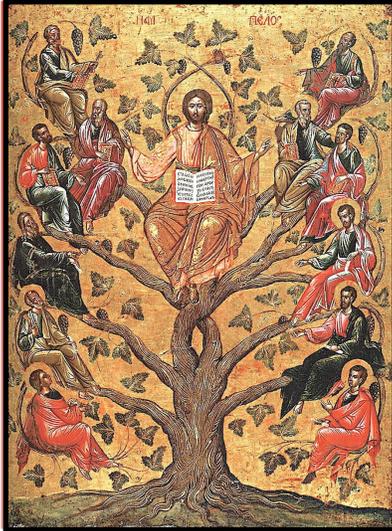


Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29, 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

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MUSIC NOTES

Spring Concert Tonight!

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



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.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Fifth Sunday of Easter

We continue to celebrate these fifty days of Easter Time “overcome with paschal joy,” as the words of the Preface in the Eucharistic Prayer tell us, and, on this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the season still reverberates with the joy and enthusiasm of the sacramental initiation that occurred at the Easter Vigil, and also with the theme of sacramental initiation in general. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for this Sunday’s Mass makes explicit reference to “those you [God] were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism.” The prayer goes on to ask that the baptized will “bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.” Notice how the meaning of Baptism continues to be center stage in the liturgical meaning of Easter Time! To further highlight the meaning of Baptism, in that prayer we also ask God to “constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,” so that all of us as the baptized may “bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.” The work of our renewal and redemption through Christ’s death and resurrection continues to be at work within us!

The saving work of the Paschal Mystery is what takes place at each and every Mass; thus, our Prayer over the Offerings acknowledges “the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice” that makes us “partakers of the one supreme Godhead.” Our newness of life in Christ must show itself in our living a worthy way of life — in the words of the Prayer after Communion, passing “from former ways to newness of life.”

Continue to reflect on the newness of life that comes to us through Christ’s death and resurrection and through the Sacrament of Baptism, and on what it means to be baptized. The glorious fifty days of Easter Time give us a special season to unpack the meaning of the mystery of being baptized and of being sharers in Christ’s life, death and resurrection.

First Holy Communions

So, we’re right at the start of “First Holy Communion Season” here at OLPH! This weekend we have the first set of First Communions taking place at Sunday Masses, and this coming Saturday, May 5, we will celebrate the first of our two Saturday morning First Communion Masses (10:15 a.m. on May 5 and May 12). What a beautiful and spiritually uplifting experience it is for us as a parish to have our children celebrate First Holy Communion! What a grace it is for both the families of the first communicants and for our entire parish family!

Please remember to pray for these children and their families in the coming weeks. Let’s especially

pray that all these families will continue to see the necessity of participating regularly in weekly Sunday Mass, and that the parents of these children will continue to fulfill the promise they made at their child’s baptism to raise them in the practice of the faith.

From the Sisters of St. Dominic

You may recall that some time ago the Sisters of St. Dominic sold chance books after all the Masses at OLPH to help raise funds for their annual Irish Night; the proceeds of that event help assist in the care of the “elder” Dominican Sisters. I received a very lovely thank you letter from the co-chairs of the Irish Night, Sister Pat Koehler and Sister Peggy McVetty, and they wanted me to share with you their gratitude and appreciation. Thanks to the support of the generous people of OLPH and others, \$1,536 was raised by the sale of the chance books.

Great job, OLPH — another reason we are “the place to be!” The Sisters want you to know that OLPH is remembered as part of their communal prayer. I think we can look forward to having them back next year to help out with this endeavor once again!

Spring Concert tonight, Sunday, April 29

We will have another wonderful “OLPH moment” tonight (Sunday), at 7:00 p.m. in the church, as our Music Ministry presents its annual Spring Concert. It’s not only an evening of magnificent music presented by our incomparable music ministers, but it is also a great evening of community and sharing. I look forward to being there, and I hope you will be there too. What a great way for your family to spend a Sunday evening together! I am grateful to all our music ministers, under the guidance and leadership of Christopher Ferraro, who will be offering their gifts and talents at the concert.

Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

This Thursday night, May 3, we have the opportunity for a very beautiful spiritual evening as we once again gather for Taizé Prayer Around the Cross, which we do approximately twice a year. Taizé Prayer, monastic in its style, provides a very unique opportunity for a different style of prayer with its blend of music, atmosphere, silence and reflection. It always includes the very poignant action of reverencing the lovely San Damiano Cross; that Cross itself is a visual focal point for meditation during the prayer. What a great way to spend a little

bit of much-needed quiet time to meditate on the meaning of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's Death and Resurrection!

Give yourself a treat during this Easter Time and be sure to attend our Taizé Prayer Around the Cross this Thursday night. See the ad elsewhere in the bulletin for more detailed information.

Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Allow me to remind you about our Novena of Masses for Mother's Day, a 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.

Adult Education Course: Introduction to Liturgy

Another reminder: I am once again offering the "Introduction to Liturgy" course which I have offered before. The course is 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. The course starts on Tuesday, May 8, and complete information is elsewhere in the bulletin.

Super 72 Raffle

Since good things come in threes, here's a third reminder: don't forget to return your tickets for the next game of the Super 72 Raffle. The Super 72 Raffle is an important fund raiser for the parish. Tickets are available at the rectory if you need more, especially for your family and friends who will want to participate. Thank you for your generosity!

Pope Francis' Catecheses on the Holy Mass

Finally, let's pick up on our series presenting the catecheses on the meaning of Mass from Pope Francis, given at his Wednesday audiences. Since Mass is so central to our life as Catholics, we can never learn enough about it. In the selection below, the Pope continues to reflect on elements within the Liturgy of the Word, including the Creed; I present the Holy Father's words *verbatim*.

To what does the listening of the Biblical Readings, prolonged in the Homily, respond? It responds to a right: the spiritual right of the People of God to receive abundantly the treasure of the Word of God. When we go to Mass, each one of us has the right to receive abundantly the Word of God well

read, well said and then explained well in the Homily. It's a right! And when the Word of God isn't read well, isn't preached with fervor by the Deacon, by the Priest or by the Bishop, one fails a right of the faithful. We have the right to hear the Word of God. The Lord speaks to all, Pastors and faithful. He knocks at the heart of all those taking part in the Mass, each one in his condition of life, age and situation. The Lord consoles, calls, brings forth shoots of new and reconciled life. And He does this through His Word; His Word knocks at the heart and changes hearts!

Therefore, after the Homily, a time of silence enables one to settle the seed received in the Spirit, so that resolutions of adherence are born to what the Spirit has suggested to each one. Silence after the Homily — there must be a beautiful silence there — and each one must think about what he has heard.

After this silence, how does the Mass continue? The personal response of faith is inserted in the Church's Profession of Faith, expressed in the Creed. We all recite the Creed in the Mass. Recited by the whole assembly, the Symbol manifests the common response to what has been heard together in the Word of God. There is a vital nexus between listening and faith. They are united. The latter — faith —, in fact, is not born from the imagination of human minds but, as Saint Paul reminds, "from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ." (Romans 10:17) Faith is nourished, therefore, with listening, and leads to the Sacrament. So the recitation of the Creed is such that it makes the liturgical assembly turn to meditate and profess the great mysteries of the faith, before their celebration in the Eucharist.

The Symbol of Faith links the Eucharist to Baptism, received "in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and reminds us that the Sacraments are comprehensible in the light of the faith of the Church.

In conclusion...

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

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

Sincerely,



PRAYER & WORSHIP

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 30—7:00 p.m.

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

Monday, May 14—7:00 p.m.

May Crowning

**Monday, May 7th
7:00 p.m.**

Rectory Lawn in front of the Blessed Mother Statue

Join with your fellow parishioners for the annual crowning of the Blessed Mother.

The May Crowning will take the place of the weekly devotions.



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**

PROPER RESPECT FOR THE CONSECRATED HOST— IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

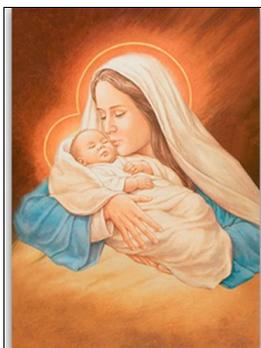
We are again having a serious problem which we must address. We have been finding a Host in the pews in the Divine Mercy side section of pews (the “bank side” of the church, the north side section of pews). This is gravely sacrilegious to the Blessed Sacrament and as a community we must try to do everything we can to prevent this from happening.

If we receive Holy Communion in the hand, **it must be consumed immediately and not carried back to one’s seat.** If you are not receiving Communion in the correct way, please begin doing so immediately and do not carry the Host back with you to your seat. Parents, please make sure your children are consuming the Host immediately and not carrying it back to their seat.

We need **everyone** to be on guard about this, especially those who sit in the north side section of pews. If you notice someone bringing the Host back to their seat, please kindly, politely and gently say something to the person about how this is incorrect, and/or inform an Usher. Proper reverence for the consecrated Host is essential. **“If you see something, say something!”**

Thank you for your cooperation with this.
—Msgr. DeGrocco

PRAYER & WORSHIP



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.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for People
with
Special Needs*

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

Saturday, May 5

4:00 p.m.

in the School Auditorium

*All are welcome
come celebrate Mass with us!*

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

**FIRST FRIDAY,
FIRST
SATURDAY
& FIRST
SUNDAY
DEVOTIONS**



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

First Friday Devotions will take place **May 4** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **May 5** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Polish, English then Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, **May 6** at 7:00 p.m.

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.

OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage 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 _____

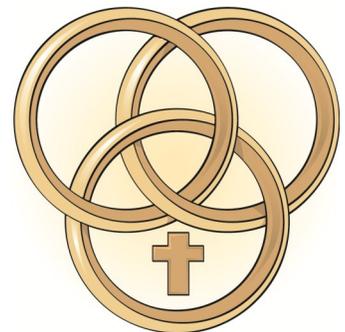
Wedding Song Artist _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone Number _____

e-mail _____ @ _____

Number of People 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.

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!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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- ✠ 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
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- ✠ 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 TUNA
PORK & BEANS
SHELF STABLE MILK
(NOT EVAPORATED)
CANNED CARROTS
CANNED FRUIT
CANNED MEATS
COFFEE
TOOTHPASTE/BRUSHES
BAR SOAP/BODY WASH
PAPER TOWELS**

**Thank you
for your continued generosity.**

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the "New" School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

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

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul showed that you are indeed disciples of Jesus as it brought your love by assisting 28 children, 101 adults, 19 seniors. We helped 148 people within 82 households during February. **God bless you!**

✠ 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 pews, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. 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*

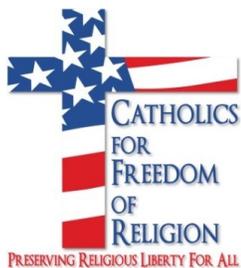
*As a Living Memorial
to the life of*

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.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Catholics For Freedom of Religion

www.cffor.org

Harvard Punishes Christian Student Group:

Harvard University has sanctioned and placed on probation the largest Christian student group on campus, Harvard College Faith & Action (HCFA), for the group's expectation that its student leadership follow orthodox Christian ethical teachings on sexuality.

HCFA had asked a Bible study leader to resign after learning she was in a same-sex relationship. "We reject any notion that we discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in our fellowship," wrote the HCFA co-presidents. "The student in this case was removed because of an irreconcilable theological disagreement ..." In Christian theology, homosexual conduct - not people - is considered sinful. "Our theological view is that - for professing Christians who are in leadership - celibacy is the only option outside the bounds of marriage."

The situation at Harvard is not unique. Clashes between religious clubs and campus diversity policies have occurred at Vanderbilt, Bowdoin, Wayne State, University of Iowa, and California State University systems, to name a few.

Religious clubs have the right to select their own leadership and set standards for leaders within the organization just as other campus groups do. CitizenGoUSA wrote: "Would Harvard force a Muslim student group to retain a student leader who decided to convert to Christianity? Would Harvard force an LGBT+ group to retain a student leader who expressed views critical of same-sex relationships? Of course not." (citizengo.org, 2/24/18; freebeacon.com, 2/27/18; nbcnews.com, 2017; bpnews.net, 3/8/18; weeklystandard.com, 3/1/18)

"Unfortunately, there are powerful and well-funded interests who, with broad support in the academy and in media, have been working hard to associate our 'first freedom' (Freedom of Religion) with discrimination and prejudice."

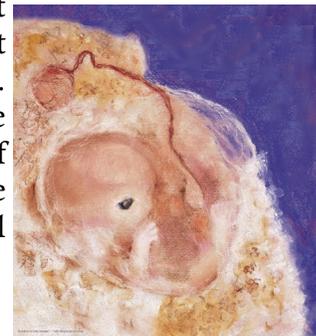
Professor Richard Garnett, University of Notre Dame Law School

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 1

"My heart is beating!"

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all - the gift of life.



Catholics For Freedom of Religion presents nationally renowned Constitutional educator *KrisAnne Hall* at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, 280 East Main St., Smithtown on **May 3**, at 7:00 p.m. She is an incredibly effective

speaker who teaches audiences all across the country about the roots of our Constitutional liberties including the fight for liberty and for religious freedom. For more information contact Barbara Samuells, Pres. CFFR at 631-896-8331.



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
(will take place off premises)

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

Tuesday, May 8

9:00 a.m. in Room 24

AT OLPH...



**TO OUR NEW
OLPH
PARISHIONERS
April**

*Richard and Valerie Deasy
Reginald, Sarah-Jane, Jaynold and Sarina Casimir
Michele Encarnacion
Justin, Jaclyn and Charlotte Hartley
Danny, Mary and Kiann Lee
Roberta Ross
Doreen Sulfaro
Mary Tisi
Gloria Manzano de Lopez, Noe Lopez, William
and Destiny Schaffer
Demaris Vasquez, Jon-Anthony Sagginario and
Jaida Estrada
Nicholas, Dana and Cole Foley
Michael, Frances, Dylan and Madison Legutko
Daniel, Ann and Daniel O'Connell
Raymond, Anja and Rylee Wilson*

KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN!

LEAVE IT NICER THAN YOU FOUND IT!

We have been having a problem in recent months with 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.

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

Recently, Level 1 Parents met for a Parent Meeting, and then went to the classrooms for the Open House to see all that their children have been learning!



LEVEL 2

On Monday, April 29, at 5:00 p.m. there is Communion Rehearsal in the church for those receiving First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 5
(Communion on May 5 will be at 10:15 a.m.)

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.

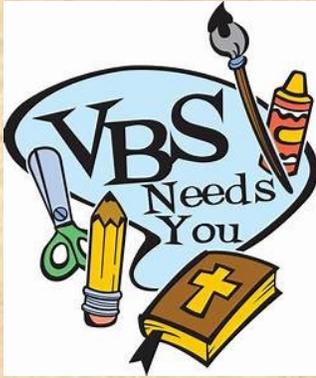
Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—**must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate.**

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

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Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
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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
 Melissa McLaughlin
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.
 James Totino
 Peter Triolo
 Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
 John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 Gerry Chille (Chair)
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 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Bob Meade
 Frank Pokorney
 John Reynolds
 Sandra Tandoi

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Announcement:

*Thomas Francis Kellermann, Jr. & Miriam Morfino
Tom O'Hanlon & Katherine McCaffrey*

First Announcement:

James Wynne & Gina Abatiello

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. -Rite of Baptism

Emma Tiemaa Asante

Kaleb James Butler

Emma Rose Foti

Maria Santina Montana

Gia Marullo

Quilan Jane Tiedemann

Sean Thomas Radie Jr.



We welcome the newest members of the Catholic community here at OLPH!

WE REMEMBER

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

Nicholas C. Albergo

Ida Friteni

Courtney Jean Dzikowski

“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 29—May 5:

Altar Wine

In Memory of

Christine Manzolino

Requested by

The Renna Family

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

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

Sebastien Calixte

Camille Calixte

Mary Feeney

Mary Mistratti

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.

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 30—

EASTER WEEKDAY

(Saint Pius V, Pope)

6:30 Carol Mansueto

12:15 Joan & William McCowan

TUESDAY, May 1—

EASTER WEEKDAY

(Saint Joseph the Worker)

6:30 Christopher Versace

12:15 Gaile McLaughlin

WEDNESDAY, May 2—

SAINT ANTHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

6:30 Helen Palmer

12:15 James T. Fisher, Jr.

THURSDAY, May 3—

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

6:30 Rose Sorrenti

12:15 Maria Szymanska

FRIDAY, May 4—

EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 Paul Santoro

12:15 Colleen English Flanagan

SATURDAY, May 5—

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00 William J. Biscardi, Jr.
& Millie Cordiello

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 Tom Ferrante—(Special Needs Mass,
Auditorium)

5:00 For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 6 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 Treanor & Russo Families

10:00 Walter Eby

12:00 Maria Lanza

5:00 Richard Price

Monday, April 30, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
5:00 p.m.	Communion I Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
8:00 p.m.	Pre-Cana Teaching Mass	Church

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, May 2, 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
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	Cafeteria

Thursday, May 3, 2018

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Parent Baptismal Prep Class	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 2/19
7:30 p.m.	VBC Planning Session	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Prayer Around the Cross	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, May 4, 2018

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

Saturday, May 5, 2018

10:00 a.m.	First Holy Communion	Church
12:30 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Adoration	Church

Sunday, May 6, 2018

8:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Lecturas del 5/6/2018 tómesese unos minutos y lea las lecturas del próximo domingo.

El amor viene de Dios y todos los que aman han nacido de Dios y conocen a Dios.

Que Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, que nos dio a conocer su amor, esté siempre con ustedes

Primera Lectura (Hechos 10, 25-26, 34-35, 44-48): *El Amor de Dios Abierto a Todos*

La señal que Dios da a Pedro y a la Iglesia es de que acepte y ame a los creyentes que proceden del paganismo por que el Espíritu Santo desciende también sobre paganos.

Segunda Lectura (1 Juan 4, 7-10): *Dios Nos Ama; Nosotros nos Amamos Unos a Otros*

Dios nos amó de tal manera que su amor tomó forma humana en Jesucristo. Desde entonces, nuestro amor hacia el otro es la señal del amor de Dios y de su presencia en medio de nosotros.

Evangelio (Juan 15, 9-17): *Ámense Unos a Otros como Yo Les He Amado*

Jesús nos ama y quiere que permanezcamos en su amor y alegría guardando sus mandamientos de amor mutuo.

Un Amor sin Límites ni Fronteras

Hoy se nos recuerda de nuevo que el corazón del cristianismo es el Amor a Dios, amor de unos para con otros. Jesús nos dice que tenemos que amarnos unos a otros como él nos ha amado. Éste es un amor muy exigente, ya que nos compromete a amar no sólo a los que nos caen bien y que nos aman o son compañeros cristianos de las mismas ideas, sino también a los difíciles, a los "no atrayentes", a gente muy lejos de ser perfecta, a marginados y extraños... Eso no es tan fácil, y esa es probablemente la razón por la que él lo llama "mandamiento".

Pidamos al Señor en esta eucaristía que crezcamos en esta apertura de auténtico amor. Alcemos nuestros corazones y nuestras voces a nuestro Padre bondadoso por habernos amado antes de que nosotros pudiéramos amarle. Con Jesús, signo máximo del amor de Dios hacia nosotros, ofrezcamos al Padre nuestro deseo y voluntad de dejar que su amor se derrame sobre todos los hermanos.

En esta fecha tan especial queremos felicitar a todas las madrecitas de nuestra parroquia y del mundo entero, el amor más grande después del de Dios.

TU NOMBRE ME SABE A CIELO

*Hay una estrella en el cielo
que reluce como el sol;
es bella, radiante, hermosa,
y Madre del Redentor.
Cuatro letras tiene su nombre,
sencillas como una Flor;
es Señora, Sierva humilde,
y la Esclava del Señor.
Su vida orante, profunda,
y atenta a la voz de Dios;
por ello escuchó a Gabriel
cuando su "Sí", le pidió.*

*Fue un regalo precioso
que desde la cruz nos dio,
"Ahí tienes a tu Madre",
dijo a Juan, el Salvador.
Su vida fue agradable
ante los ojos de Dios;
por ello fue la elegida,
para Madre del Señor.
Es ante todo Mujer,
la escogida del Señor,
para ser Madre de todos,
para ser Madre de Dios.*

*Tu nombre me sabe a cielo,
tu nombre me sabe a amor;
tu nombre, María, tu nombre,
ensancha mi corazón.
Madre sencilla y humilde
de todo el jardín, la flor
más preciosa y reluciente,
perfume del corazón.*



**OFFERING UPDATE
April 21/22**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	400	164	\$4,363.00
8:00 a.m.	256	109	3,148.00
10:00 a.m.	472	127	2,989.00
12:00 p.m.	400	120	3,274.00
5:00 p.m.	247	57	1,558.00
Total coin:			13.14
Faith Direct			2,424.25
Children's		11	23.50
Mail-ins:			102.00
TOTAL	1,775	588	\$17,894.89
2017	1,768	598	\$17,492.53
Candles			\$1,073.16
Poor Box			\$315.99



SpringFest comes to the Village on Wellwood Avenue

Sunday, May 6

Please remember next **Sunday, May 6th**, *Wellwood Avenue will be closed to all traffic* from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. for SpringFest which will allow residents to visit stores and vendors with arts and crafts from John Street to West Gates Avenue. So, plan ahead—leave a little early! You may have to find a new route to get to Mass on time and to find parking next weekend.

UPDATE YOUR

PARISH CENSUS INFORMATION!

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

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

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. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

May 6—passed
May 13—May 4
May 20—May 11



**COLLECTION FOR
CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS**

The value of learning. The learning of values.

May 5 & 6

The second collection taken *next weekend* will be in support of Catholic elementary schools in the diocese and of the Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation. Tomorrow’s Hope provides tuition assistance to students in need attending Catholic elementary schools and grants directly to schools to offset general expenses. The money that you give to the second collection next weekend will help to expand the academic excellence of our Catholic elementary schools and help them remain a place where our faith is taught and lived.

Sustaining Catholic elementary education is vital to the future of our society and our Church. Please be as generous as possible with your donation next weekend.

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, May 6, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

John 15:12-13

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

This reading is the climax of a longer story that is very important. Cornelius is a Roman centurion, a Gentile (non-Jew), who has a vision. Peter, many miles away in another city, also has a vision. When they meet, as we hear today, it becomes clear that these two visions were meant to convert Cornelius to belief in Jesus Christ but also to convert Peter to the belief that God's love is for everyone, Jews and non-Jews alike. God pours out his Holy Spirit on Cornelius and his whole household even though they were not Jewish, a fact that initially astonished Peter. However, Peter came to see by this that "God shows no partiality." We today are the beneficiaries of that impartial love as God's Holy Spirit is available to all of us through our baptism.

1 John 4:7-10

We hear today one of the most beautiful poems in the New Testament. When we hear this poem we think with our hearts not with our heads. It is a wonderful poem about the tender love that God has for us. Indeed, we hear forms of the word "love" ten times in the space of a few short lines. This is meant to draw those who hear it into an experience of a loving relationship with God who loved us so much that he sent his only Son to die for us. This is the foundation of our relationship with God and with one another.

John 15:9-17

Today's Gospel is a continuation of Jesus' teaching on the "vine and branches" we heard last Sunday which he gave to his disciples at the Last Supper. Before he leaves them he wants them to understand how and how much he loves them. Surely his disciples had previously noticed the loving relationship Jesus had with his Father. Now Jesus is telling them that this relationship extends to them, too. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." This shows how the disciples, and we today, are to love one another: "Love one another as I love you." That's a tall order sometimes but comes with the assurance that doing so will make our joy complete. That's good news indeed!

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 30, 2018:

Acts 14:5-18 + John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 1, 2018:

Acts 14:19-28 + John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 2, 2018:

Acts 15:1-6 + John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 3, 2018:

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 + John 14:6-14

Friday, May 4, 2018:

Acts 15:22-31 + John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 5, 2018:

Acts 16:1-10 + John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 6, 2018:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
+ 1 John 4:7-10
+ John 15:9-17

Gospel Reflection

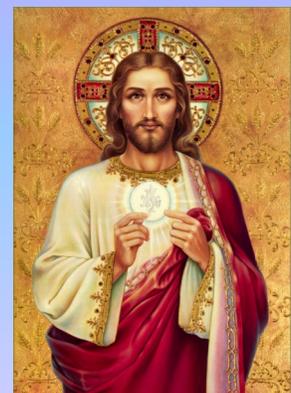
After reading next Sunday's readings and Gospel, take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. The one thing Jesus asks of us is that we love our neighbor. How would you rate this assignment on a "difficulty" scale from 1-10? Explain. What gift (First Reading) does God give you to help with this assignment?

2. According to Pope Francis, how can we get to know and love God?

"This is the doctrine of two Commandments: the most important is "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." To get to the first we must ascend the steps of the second: that means that through our love for our neighbor we can get to know God, who is love. Only through loving can we reach love."

*Homily at Mass at Casa Santa Marta,
January 10, 2015*



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS



The Office of
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STAY CONNECTED
drvc-faith.org

Ministry of Consolation Course Offering Level 1

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Islip

Tuesdays, May 1 and 15, 2018

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

School of Missionary Disciples Information Session

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

Wednesday, 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.

Annual Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment

St. Elizabeth Parish (In the Church), Melville

Tuesday May 15, 2018

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Monday May 21, 2018

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