

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.”*

John 20: 29

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

April 8, 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



Divine Mercy Devotions April 8th

*12:00 p.m. Mass, ending with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:30 p.m.*

Confessions 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

*3:00 p.m. – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
followed by*

*Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus &
1st Class Relic of Saint Faustina*

*3:30 p.m. Benediction and
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

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.

Go to our website olphlindenhurst.com and "LIKE" our Facebook page to keep up with information and to see more activities, pictures and to keep up on all the other ministries.



PASTOR'S PAGE

Second Sunday of Easter

As the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, the Sunday we celebrate today completes the Easter Octave. Our joy-filled cries of "Alleluia!" continue as we exult in the new life and salvation we have been given through the Lord's Resurrection! Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen!

The Missal texts (prayers of the Mass) for this Second Sunday of Easter are filled with references to our sacramental initiation. Historically, this day was given the name *Dominica in albis* — a Sunday for the neophytes (newly-initiated) to wear their white baptismal garments (albs). Today, our newly-initiated Nicholas Sherman, who was baptized, confirmed and received First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil last Holy Saturday night, will be at the 10:00 a.m. Mass wearing his baptismal garment! How fitting it is for all of us to reflect on what it means for us to be united to Christ and to have new life in Him through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the three sacraments of initiation!

As two examples of this emphasis on initiation, we can look to two of the prayers of the Mass for this Sunday. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for today's Mass is brimming with the language of initiation: it reminds us that we are the people who have been made God's own through the font in which we have been washed (Baptism), by whose Spirit in whom we have been reborn (Baptism and Confirmation), and by whose Blood we have been redeemed (Eucharist). The Prayer over the Offerings asks that we may "attain unending happiness" because we have been "renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism."

Throughout all the fifty days of Easter Time, we rejoice as we reflect on what Christ has done for us, and as we extol the mystery of sharing in His life; as one of the Prefaces for Easter reminds us, "...by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life." Alleluia!

Divine Mercy Devotions

St. John Paul II gave the additional title of "Divine Mercy Sunday" to this Second Sunday of Easter. This title does not connote a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather it leads us more deeply into the continuing celebration of God's mercy on this Second Sunday of Easter and throughout all of Easter Time.

OLPH will be participating in special devotions to mark the day; full details are described elsewhere in the bulletin. Please plan on joining in some or all of the special events which begin with the 12:00 Noon Mass and continue with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Hour of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m., and which are then followed by veneration of the image of Merciful Jesus and 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

Parish Leadership Meeting on Saturday, April 14

Allow me to offer this reminder to all the heads and leaders of all our parish ministries, societies and organizations about the very important Parish Leadership Meeting which is taking place this coming Saturday, April 14, 2018, 1:00-3:30 p.m. in the auditorium; you should have received your invitation letter from me. All heads and leaders are asked to give this a high priority and to contact me if someone else must attend in their place. We will build on the work we have done at prior Leadership Meetings as we all work together as one parish to live out the mission given to us as disciples; in particular, at this meeting, we will be using our God-given Strengths (as discovered through the instrument of the Clifton Strengths Finder) to work together on our "Passport to the Parish" Party, a combination Mini-Feast and Ministry Fair, which will be held on June 30 of this year. I ask every ministry head and leader to attend.

I thank everyone who will be taking the time and making the sacrifice of spending the afternoon at the meeting. It will be a beautiful gift that you give to the people of this parish, and much good fruit will grow from our work together that afternoon.

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.

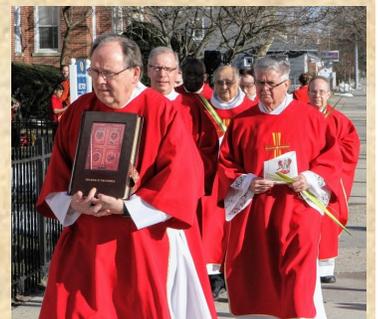
And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

*Our celebration of our
Special Mass with
procession for Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord,
5:00 p.m. on
Saturday, March 31, 2018*

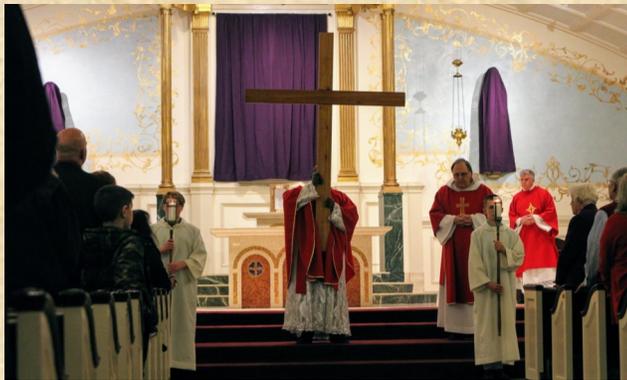


SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2018

Holy Thursday



Good Friday







*Pictures courtesy of
Michael Ryan.*

PRAY AND PLAY:

A DAY TRIP TO ENDERS ISLAND ON THE LONG ISLAND SOUND AND FOXWOODS CASINO

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

Departing from:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst
and

Christ the King Church, Commack

Led by:

Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Christopher Ferraro
and Suzanne Richards



The Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption on Enders Island is a place of profound serenity



Enders Island is an 11-acre island located off the coast of Mystic, Connecticut



Lots of games are available at Foxwoods Casinos



Tanger Outlets at Foxwoods

\$110 per person includes:

- Deluxe motor coach transportation - the bus will depart from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst at 6:00 a.m. and then Christ the King Church, Commack at 6:30 a.m. The bus will return to both churches between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m.
- Mass, spiritual talk, free time and hot lunch at St. Edmund's Retreat House, Enders Island, CT.
- Four hours of free time at Foxwoods Casino with a \$10 slot-play bonus package. Tanger Outlets at Foxwoods provides an alternative for those who choose not to gamble.
- Bagels, juice and coffee and tea in the morning and snacks throughout the day.
- All fees and gratuities

Dinner is not included. Foxwoods offers a variety of dinner options including Panera Bread, Hard Rock Café, California Pizza Kitchen, Junior's, Festival Buffet, and fine restaurants including steak houses.

Reservations are on a first come, first served basis and cannot be confirmed until payment is received. Checks made payable to OLPH (\$110 per person) may be dropped off at either Christ the King or Our Lady of Perpetual Rectory or mailed to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
210 So. Wellwood Avenue
Lindenhurst, NY 11757
Attn: Pray and Play Trip

Please include a note with your check that includes your phone number and email address. For more information, Contact Chris Ferraro (cferraro@oloph.org or 631.226.7725 ext. 210) or Suzanne Richards (srichards@ctkrcc.org or 631.864.1623 ext. 215).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Evening Prayer



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

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

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

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

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 Labouré. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, April 9—7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 16—7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 23—6:30 p.m.

due to safety meeting in church

alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

PARISH LEADERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 14, 2018

All heads and leaders of all parish ministries, societies and organizations are reminded to attend the very important **PARISH LEADERSHIP MEETING** which will be held this coming Saturday, **April 14, 2018, 1:00-3:30 p.m.** in the auditorium (you should have received your invitation letter from Msgr. Joe). As always with these Leadership Meetings, important pastoral planning and decision-making will take place. Your presence as a parish leader is essential as the parish continues to move forward in its mission of living out the Gospel. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



The Diocese
of Rockville Centre
**Golden
Wedding
Celebration**

*“Honoring Couples
married 50 years or more”*

Sunday, April 29, 2018

St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

Mass will begin at 2:30 pm.

*Each couple will receive a complimentary
picture with the celebrating bishop
and a certificate.*

Registration forms are available at the rectory
and must be returned to
the Office of Worship by **April 13.**

For more information call: 516-678-5800 X 504.

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.

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

for our “Spring Concert” featuring our cantors as well as our adult choir, youth band and youth choir. There will be a reception in the auditorium after the concert with lots of great raffle prizes (*so don't forget your wallet!*). Don't miss this fun evening as we celebrate the gift of music in our parish.



Find us on
Facebook

We're On Facebook

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Music Ministry has its own Facebook page. Be sure to check out our page and “like” us.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

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

Thank you

for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us
and says: “Peace be with you!”

During Mass we turn to each other and say
“Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into the St.
Vincent de Paul poor box you say “Peace be with
you!” to those who are poor and hungry.

† **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 Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

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

OUR MISSION

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



“Those who love the poor in life will have nothing to fear in death.”
—Saint Vincent de Paul

*As a Living Memorial
to the life of*

A donation has been made by

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

Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS

We are in need of the following:

- Men's pants (jeans & sweat pants) - 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, April 17**

Movie Night – “The Shack”
7:00 p.m. in Room 24

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

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, April 10
9:00 a.m. in Room 24

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



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on one Sunday each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

*Our next Community Meal is
Sunday, April 15*

*Come and pray with us
at the 12:00 p.m. Mass
& then join us for*

“Sunday Dinner” at 1:00 p.m.

VIRTUS TRAINING

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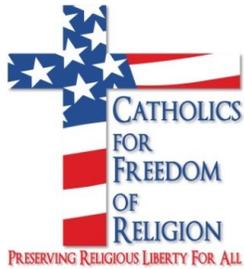
THURSDAY, APRIL 12
7:00 p.m. in ROOM 1

TRAINING IS REQUIRED
FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS IN
ALL MINISTRIES.

Registration *MUST* be done online.
Simply go to drvc.org, then Protecting God's
Children to the Virtus training schedule.
Find the date and OLPH to register.



CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Freedom of Conscience & Religion Rights Ignored:

Washington State: A bill containing no religious or moral exemptions, requiring the state's insurers who cover maternity care to also cover elective abortions and contraception, was passed by the state legislature and awaits the governor's signature. The bill also requires that as of 2019, health plans must provide free sterilizations, contraceptive drugs and devices.

~The Washington State Catholic Conference, along with pro-life groups and churches, strongly oppose the bill because it would promote abortions while violating constitutionally protected conscience rights of individuals, churches, businesses and others. "We strongly believe that even those who do not share our unconditional commitment to the dignity of every person from the moment of conception, have every reason to support our right to exercise our conscience in accord with the teachings of our faith," a Bishop's letter states.

Little Sisters of the Poor Freedom of Conscience & Religion Still Threatened:

In October, 2017, the government issued a new rule admitting that it violated the law when it tried to force religious ministries like the Little Sisters to violate their faith and include abortions and contraception in their health insurance plans. The rule fulfills the 2016 Supreme Court ruling and the President's 2017 Executive Order, but the Little Sisters still need permanent court protection to finally end their years-long lawsuit and go back to serving the elderly poor.

~The case has been on hold ever since the Supreme Court unanimously overturned the lower court rulings against the Little Sisters, ordered the government not to impose \$70 million in fines, and ordered the lower courts to allow time for the federal government to "accommodate the petitioners' religious beliefs." (littlesistersofthepoor.com; townhall.com, 3/5/18; dailysunnews.com, 3/7/18)

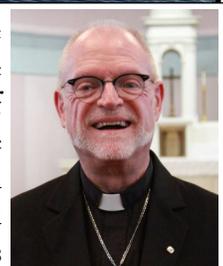
"The conscientious scruples of all men should be treated with great delicacy and tenderness: and it is my wish and desire that the laws may be extensively accommodated to them ..." George Washington

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND - JULY 23-AUGUST 1

Dublin ♦ Belfast ♦ Westport ♦ Galway ♦ Cliffs of Moher ♦ Wexford ♦ Wicklow



Are you ready to discover Ireland's treasures? Our hosts, Steve and Michele Warner, themselves Dublin residents, will share their vast experience of the Republic of Ireland touching on pastoral, historical and ecclesial points of interest along the way. After years of touring with the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir, they will help bring us close to many of the vital traditions of Ireland's spiritual heritage. Every day will include Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours ... as we journey together through the land of saints



and scholars and much more! Our chaplain will be Fr. Paul Colloton, OSFS, who led our recent Parish Mission . We hope you will consider joining us! For more information, or to get a full brochure, email Chris Ferraro, Tour Coordinator, at cferraro@oloph.org or contact Peter's Way Tours - peter@petersway.com or (516) 605-1551. The cost of the trip, which includes round-trip airfare from New York, is \$3,790.

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

Level 3 Parents and Students had their Workshop where they learned about the Rosary, Prayers of Thanksgiving and Meal Time Prayers.



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 begins 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!

Levels 6, 7, & 8

Your Workbooks are due this week!
Make sure you have everything completed and hand it in at class!

Level 1

Parent Meeting/Open House
on Saturday, April 14th.

Meet in the Auditorium during your child's class time!

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Directory of Phone Extensions

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

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

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Announcement:

James O'Connor & Elizabeth Triolo

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

Francesca Sciara

Marco Xavier Lopez

Kai Maxwell Molé-Reikert

Ryan Jeffrey Webster

Chase James Richards



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

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of

April 8-14:

Altar Wine

In Memory of

Margaret Cronin

Requested by

Edward Cronin

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

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A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of

April 8-14:

Altar Candles

In Memory of

Eva Sciara

Requested by

Aaron & Arianna Liebowitz

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WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Beata Konopka

Kathy Stanton

Marilyn Russo

Theresa Gloria Madonia

Paula DiBernardo

Mary Clark

Patricia Lamprecht

Rose Pentaleri

Alvin Wickenheiser

Jean DeStasio

Peggy McCloud

Peter Masak

John Anglin

Guido (Guy) Gagliano

Loretto DiNardo

Dominick Barone

Joseph Doyle

Richard Olson & Donor

Mary Condra

Karen Brush

Walter Anderson

Bill Dlena

Ed Bogart

Nettie Deasey

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.

WE REMEMBER

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

Kathleen Perillo

Alberta Romano

Ronald R. Weick

Nicholas Umbria

Maureen A. Price

“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.”

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 9—

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

6:30 Rita Insigne

12:15 George & Lydia Maguffin

TUESDAY, April 10—

Easter Weekday

6:30 Robert Hodnik

12:15 Anthony Cito

WEDNESDAY, April 11—

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

6:30 William Piazza

12:15 Margaret Sagesser

THURSDAY, April 12—

Easter Weekday

6:30 Eileen Herlan

12:15 Karl & Agnes Keller

FRIDAY, April 13—

Easter Weekday

(Saint Martin I, Pope & Martyr)

6:30 Sheila Sorge

12:15 Margaret Cronin

SATURDAY, April 14—

Easter Weekday

8:00 Thomas Gatto

Vigil for

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 Anna Swider

Sunday, April 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 Jean Cerbelli

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Christian Mothers & Guild

5:00 Robert DeSimone

Monday, April 9, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee	St. Lucy
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark
7:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Hospitality Ministry Meeting	Room 10
7:45 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Board Meeting	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00p.m.	Youth Ministry Squires	Room 19

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
1:45 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School

Thursday, April 12, 2018

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
7:00 p.m.	Virtus Training Class	Room 1
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, April 13, 2018

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

Saturday, April 14, 2018

8:30, 10:00	Level 1 Parent Meeting/Open House Levels 1-5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	Auditorium School
12:00 p.m.	Strengths Leadership Training	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, April 15, 2018

10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
12:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
12:45 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
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 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.

Invitándoles a una preparación previa les mandamos las citas adelantadas *Lecturas del domingo 15 de abril de 2018*

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

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

En su nombre estamos reunidos aquí.

Que el Señor Resucitado esté siempre con ustedes.

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

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

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

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

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

Jesús se apareció a sus discípulos, que dudaban, para fortalecer su fe de que él había resucitado. Después los envió - como nos envía a nosotros- para dar testimonio de su perdón y de su nueva vida.

Nuestra fe en el Señor Resucitado es una fe concreta, una fe en alguien que ha resucitado, sí, pero que no es un “fantasma”, ni un producto de la imaginación, sino alguien real y totalmente como nosotros en todo menos en el pecado, sin excluir heridas, cicatrices y dificultades. ¿Es éste el Cristo en quien creemos, que camina con nosotros en el camino de la vida, que nos sostiene con su amor y fortaleza cuando tenemos problemas y nos sentimos heridos? Él ha resucitado realmente, y viene con nosotros para ayudarnos a levantarnos ahora ya en esta vida por encima de nuestros problemas, temores y cobardía, hasta que nos acoja en su eterna alegría y felicidad. Que sea este Jesús el que esté con nosotros, con el que nos podemos identificar y del que damos testimonio en la vida de cada día.

OFFERING UPDATE
Easter Sunday—March 31/April 1

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.			
8:00			
10:00			
12:00			
5:00 p.m.			
Total			
Mail-in			
Children			
Faith Direct			
TOTAL			
Candles			\$925.30
Poor Box			\$564.77

Easter Sunday collection totals will be printed at a later date to allow for mail-ins and all other donations to be counted. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online by visiting www.faithdirect.net using our church code: NY286.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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

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

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

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

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.

April 15—passed
April 22—April 13
April 29—April 20

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, April 15, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Luke 24:36

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

What Peter says in this speech may be familiar to us today but it would have been scandalous to his hearers back in the day. Peter is speaking to the crowds of Jews in the Temple area who likely would have thought of Jesus as a common criminal that they had just seen executed. Yet here is Peter who tells them that Jesus is the “author of life” and is raised from the dead. He tells them that God has fulfilled what the prophets said a long time ago by having Jesus suffer and die, as in the Suffering Servants songs in the Book of Isaiah. How would you react if you were in their place? Would you believe what you were hearing? Do you believe it now?

1 John 2:1-5a

John writes some reassuring words to his readers two thousand years ago but also to us today. He tells us that if we sin (who doesn't?) that we have an Advocate with the Father, someone who will take our side to intercede for us and comfort us. That someone is Jesus who died to expiate not only our sins but the sins of the whole world. What should be our response? We should come to know Jesus by keeping his commandments. If we keep his word, the love of God will be perfected in us. Reassuring indeed!

Luke 24:35-48

We hear in the Gospel today of how Jesus appeared to his disciples in a locked upper room in Jerusalem where they were hiding. What was their reaction? They were startled and terrified! They knew he was dead and now he here was alive and talking to them in their midst. How would we have responded? Probably the same way. But Jesus goes on to reassure them that he is alive and opens their minds to how these great events had been foretold by the Scriptures. Then he commissions them to go out and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name. That same commission is still ours today two thousand years later.

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. He appeared in their midst. But why did Jesus say, “Peace be with you” to his disciples? What was the emotional atmosphere in the group at that time? Are there times in your life when you are distraught and you need some peace? Does it help you that Jesus has experienced trials like yours? Did God take our flesh because he needed to do so, or because it was us who needed him to?

2. What was the disciples' task, having recognized the risen Lord, and seeing that he “opened their minds to understand the scripture”? Is our task now to preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations? How can we do that globally? What about locally or in our neighborhoods?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 9, 2018:

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10 + Hebrews 10:4-10
+Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 10, 2018:

Acts 4:32-37 + John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 11, 2018:

Acts 5:17-26 + John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 12, 2018:

Acts 5:27-33 + John 3:31-36

Friday, April 13, 2018:

Acts 5:34-42 + John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 14, 2018:

Acts 6:1-7 + John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 15, 2018:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
+ 1 John 2:1-5a
+ Luke 24:35-48



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St. Gianna Mass for Women and Families

The Diocese of Rockville Centre
Celebrates
Saint Gianna Feast Day
at
Saint Agnes Cathedral
Saturday, April 28, 2018
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass - 5th Sunday of Easter
Saint Gianna Feast Day
Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
Presiding

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

Mass will be televised on Telecaretv.org
After Mass there will be an opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Gianna.
6:00 p.m. Reception at the Pastoral Center

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