

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said,
"I am the way
and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father
except through me."*

John 14:6

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2017

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 Vigil: 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.

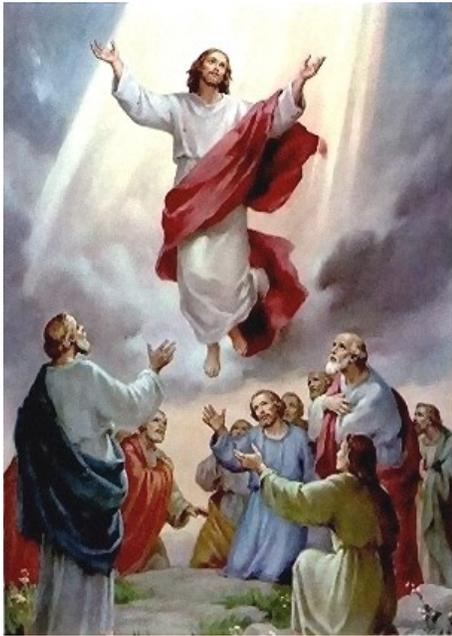
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SPRING CONCERT SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation



Ascension of The Lord

Thursday, May 25th

Masses will be celebrated
Wednesday, May 24th
5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 25th
6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
& 7:30 p.m.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

On Thursday evening, May 4, parishioners gathered for Taizé Prayer Around the Cross. A special thanks to all in the music ministry who led our voices in prayer!

What a joyful, musical and deeply prayerful night for all who attended!



PASTOR'S PAGE

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The fifty days of Easter Time continue, and, on this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the season is still reverberating with the joy and enthusiasm of the sacramental initiation that occurred at the Easter Vigil, and 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.*" 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 how the glorious fifty days of Easter Time give us a special season to unpack the meaning of that mystery.

Congratulations to our new Catholic, Jeffrey Gaab

As long as we're on the subject of sacramental initiation, allow me to offer congratulations and blessings to our newest Catholic, Jeffrey Gaab, who was received into the full communion of the Catholic Church this Saturday at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Already baptized, Jeff came to us from the Lutheran tradition and has now completed his process of formation. Jeff made a profession of faith, was formally received into the Catholic Church, and then received Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Welcome, Jeffrey! We look forward to having you and your wife Tara as active members of our OLPH family!

Happy Mother's Day!

Blessings and best wishes to all mothers who are celebrating Mother's Day today! May God bless you for the many sacrifices and offerings you make for your children and your family. We should be grateful to you not just on one day, but all year long, for the important role you play. My own mother passed away over 14 years ago, and although I still miss her very much, I

offer praise and gratitude to God for her, for being such a wonderful and loving mother to my brothers and me.

Let's also keep in our prayers today those who perhaps find Mother's Day to be a difficult time — mothers who have lost children; children who have lost their mothers; women who are having difficulty becoming mothers; mothers and children who are estranged from one another.

Bishop Barres' Pastoral Letter

Last weekend at all the Masses we announced that Bishop Barres has released his first Pastoral Letter, titled *Miracle of the Sun — Fatima: 100 Years!* It has been written on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima, and it asks the Blessed Mother's intercession for dramatic missionary growth on Long Island. Copies of the letter were available on the pew ledges last weekend, although I believe they went very quickly and there are no copies left of the limited supply we were sent. However, the letter is also available on the diocesan website www.drvc.org if you would like to read it or download it there.

In the letter, the Bishop asks each Catholic to pray the rosary every day during the month of May, a practice that I heartily encourage each and every one of us to undertake.

"Let's Pay Off the New Boilers" Collection

As you can see from our weekly updates, our special "Let's Pay Off the New Boilers" collection is doing quite well; THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE A CONTRIBUTION TO THIS SPECIAL COLLECTION! Please know how deeply grateful I am for this special offering you have made to the parish and to your fellow parishioners.

As of the end of April, we had collected a total of \$84,089.16, and two payments were made toward the loan we had to take out: one for \$55,000 at the beginning of April (March's payment) and \$23,809 at the beginning of May (April's payment). We used another \$5,000 to pay a current bill we received that was still outstanding (we figured we would pay that directly rather than using the Line of Credit and accruing interest on another \$5,000). The goal for this collection (the amount we had to borrow) is \$119,516, so while we are not there yet, we are doing quite well. The loan has to be paid off by June of 2020, and anything that we don't pay off as a result of this collection will have to be taken care of in monthly installments out of our operating expenses.

If you have not yet made a contribution toward this collection, please do so soon. In addition, I have mailed out letters to all registered parishioners who have not yet contributed, asking them for their assistance in joining in this common effort that affects us all. (If you already make a contribution and you

receive one of these letters, please accept my apologies; either your offering and my letter crossed in the mail, or it was a clerical error. Please feel free to let us know so we can make sure we received your contribution.)

Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass

Our Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass, celebrating couples married “on the fives” (5 years, 10, 15, 20, *etc.*, up to 50) and every year after 50, with a special Mass and then a party after the Mass (at which we play the couples’ wedding songs), is this coming Friday, May 19. Technically, the RSVP cut-off was this past Friday, May 12, but if you meant to respond but didn’t get the chance, we can still slip you in at the last minute if you respond before the end of this weekend; if you plan on coming, please respond to the rectory no later than this Monday morning, before 12:00 Noon. Please understand that after that time, we will need to go ahead and make appropriate preparations for food and other details.

I look forward to seeing you there! It’s always such a joyous and wonderful occasion!

Dinner Dance honoring Bob and Carolyn Dobres

Speaking of joyous and wonderful occasions, this Saturday night, May 20, is the Knights of Columbus banquet honoring Bob and Carolyn Dobres. Bob and Carolyn are so well known in the parish and throughout Lindenhurst because of their many years of witness and service. They have been incredibly active at and giving of themselves to OLPH, to the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies’ Auxiliary, and to the Lindenhurst community in general. How appropriate it is that the Knights have chosen to honor them at the Knights’ annual Anniversary Banquet! I look forward to being there to honor this wonderful couple, and I understand that ticket sales have been close to a sellout (if not a sellout by now), and that is fitting indeed. Congratulations, Bob and Carolyn, and continued thanks for all you have done, all you continue to do, and who you are.

All 2017 First Communicants at the 10:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, May 21

Next Sunday the 10:00 a.m. Mass will see the return of all of our First Communicants for 2017, and there will be hospitality in the auditorium afterward. First Communicants: don’t forget to wear your First Communion attire! The OLPH parish family congratulates and promises to pray for all our First Communicants! How happy we are that you are now sharing in the Eucharistic Banquet with us, and that you are more closely united to Jesus because you are now sharing in the greatest gift He offers us, the gift of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist!

Spotlights on our plaza Cross

Everyone continues to enjoy our new entrance plaza on Wellwood Avenue. I continue to receive favorable comments about the easier access it provides into and out of the church for those with mobility issues, and how it creates an overall more pleasing and beautiful appearance right in the midst of the village. The focal point of the plaza is, of course, the cross, which is at the center of the plaza, reminding us that the cross is at the center of our lives as Catholics. A dream of mine was to be able to light the cross at night, so the lighting of our plaza entrance would draw a focus to the cross. I am excited to announce that that dream is becoming a reality due to the generosity of two of our parishioners, Domenic and Gail Roseto. Domenic and Gail have generously offered to pay to have lighting installed, a project which we will be bringing to realization over the next several weeks. Then, in the evenings, we will have beautiful lighting to highlight the cross embedded in the plaza stonework, as yet another sign of Christian faith present to the larger Lindenhurst community.

Thank you, Domenic and Gail, for all you do for OLPH — as liturgical ministers, as generous and faithful stewards, for this beautiful offering in particular, and as people who make OLPH “the place to be.”

Our new/old tabernacle

There is some exciting news that is explained in detail elsewhere in our bulletin concerning the refurbishing and future installation of a new/old tabernacle for the church — read the bulletin ad to learn what I mean by that! As you will see, we are planning to bless and inaugurate this new/old tabernacle during the weekend of June 17-18, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. You’ll also note that we are offering the opportunity to memorialize the refurbishing of this new/old tabernacle, and this can be done by an individual, or a couple, a family, or even an extended family (siblings, cousins, *etc.*) or a group of parishioners who wish to go in on this.

I am thrilled we are able to do this, and I think it will be a magnificent and beautiful “upgrade” to our liturgical environment. I hope you think so, too, and will consider supporting this endeavor. Contact Chris Ferraro or me if you are interested.

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,





VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Saturday, June 3

5:00 p.m. Mass—Church

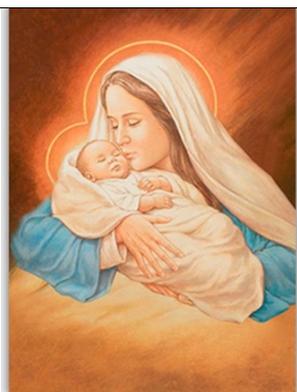
The Church encourages parishes to celebrate a **special Mass as a Vigil of Pentecost.**

- Entrance Procession highlighting the gifts of different ministries and the sacraments.
- A special Vigil of Readings
- The Sacrament of Confirmation

Come and feel the fire of the Holy Spirit!
 Come and feel the breath of the Holy Spirit!
 Come and celebrate Easter Time coming to fruition!



PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER



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

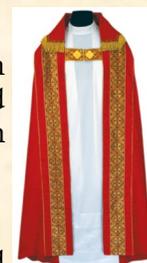
and meaningful way for you to include your mother, grandmother, godmother, the mother-to-be you know or any mother you wish to remember in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. Simply take an envelope, write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either in the collection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

MEMORIALS

This Easter, we offered a memorial opportunity for the Paschal Candle, the symbol of the Light of Christ that is lit from the Easter fire and remains lit for all liturgies during Easter Time. It is also lit throughout the year at baptisms and funerals. The Paschal Candle has been memorialized anonymously.



The red cope will be used at the Palm Sunday Procession and on Good Friday. The red cope has been memorialized anonymously.



If you would like to remember a loved one who has died or mark a special anniversary or other occasion by making a memorial, please call contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory, 631-226-7725 X 210 or email cferraro@oloph.org.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer for Peace

Please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,
Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!*

*Make all men and women witnesses
of truth, justice and brotherly love.*

*Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.*

*Enlighten our rulers
that they may guarantee
and defend the great gift of peace.*

*May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.
May longed-for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.*

AMEN

Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)



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, May 15—7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 22—7:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 29—No Devotions
due to Memorial Day**

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

RESTORATION OF HISTORIC TABERNACLE



We would like to replace the tabernacle we currently have in the church with the HISTORIC TABERNACLE pictured here. This tabernacle is the ORIGINAL tabernacle which was in the ORIGINAL CONVENT on 8th Street “back in the day,” and which has now been in the Chapel in the Convent on Wellwood Avenue.

We used this tabernacle on the altar of repose this past Holy Thursday and realized what a TREASURE it is. Given its HISTORIC VALUE to the parish, and seeing its DESIGN AND GRANDEUR, we thought it would be appropriate to use it as our tabernacle in the church.

Notice how its height and circular design fit so well with the baldachino in the church. It looks like it was made for this space! This will be a most fitting tabernacle in which to reserve the Blessed Sacrament, the Real Presence of Our Lord, and will add even greater majesty and beauty to our already-magnificent church.



There's another reason why this is such a great tabernacle to use in the church: it is decorated with symbolism that matches our altar! On the door of the tabernacle is the symbol of the PELICAN. A pelican is an ancient symbol of Christ, because a mother pelican would pierce her breast with her beak, to feed her young with her own blood—an obvious parallel to Christ's saving sacrifice. This same symbolic representation of Christ using the pelican feeding her young is depicted on the front of our current altar (look for it the next time you are in church!).

The tabernacle needs to be refurbished and restored, due to age and years of not being used. We are offering the opportunity to memorialize the restoration for \$10,000. It could be memorialized by an individual, or an entire family, or many relatives (brothers, sisters, cousins), or even many different families in the parish who have decided to do this together.

The newly-refurbished tabernacle will be used for the first time on the weekend of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 17-18. It will be formally blessed at the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, June 18.

If you are interested in memorializing this beautiful tabernacle, please contact Chris Ferraro at cferraro@oloph.org or at ext. 210.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

Novena to the Holy Spirit



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas as it was first made at the direction of Our Lord when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Consider joining us for one or all sessions.

May 26 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

May 27 following the 5:00 p.m. Mass
(Replaces Evening Prayer)

May 28 following all the Masses
(Replaces Evening Prayer after the 5:00 p.m. Mass)

May 29 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

May 30 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

May 31 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

June 1 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

June 2 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

June 3 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Novena booklets are provided. Recitation of each day's prayers and reflection only takes about ten minutes.

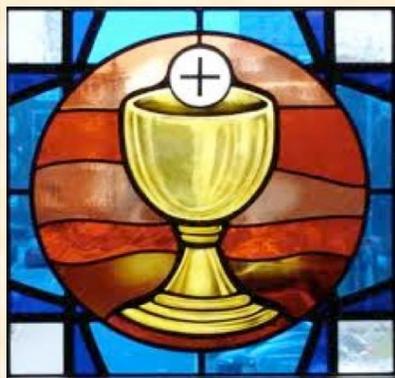
First Holy Communicants

All children who have received their First Holy Communion in 2017 are invited

to attend a special Mass on Sunday, May 21, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



At that Mass we will celebrate and highlight in a special way all the children who have received First Holy Communion in 2017. When the children arrive in church, they should check in with one of the "shepherds" who will be at all the doors. We look forward to seeing all the children wearing their "First Communion best" on May 21 at 10:00 a.m. Hospitality and refreshments will follow the Mass.



BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

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

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 2017 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 19, 2017

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 NOON MONDAY, MAY 15
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 15.



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 NOON MONDAY, MAY 15.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ATTENTION: LEVEL 8

**Confirmation Rehearsal—
Group A**
Wed., May 17th at 5:30 p.m.

**Confirmation Rehearsal—
Group B**
Wed., May 17th at 7:30 p.m.

WE NEED YOU!

We are currently looking for **hall monitors** for our Saturday, Session I time (8:30-9:30 a.m.). get involved! Call or email us for more information!

LAST MONTH TO REGISTER FOR 2017-18!



Letters were mailed to all families with students in our program with details about re-registration. **After June 15th, there will be a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations.**

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

Catechists’ End-of-Year Rosary Brunch

Saturday, May 20th: 10:00 a.m.

Calling all catechists and hall monitors! Join us for brunch, a rosary, and an end-of-year celebration! **Please RSVP** to reserve your spot.



OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE CHANGING FOR THE SUMMER!

For the months of June, July, and August, the Religious Education office hours will change for the summer. Please make note of the following hours:

Monday: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: CLOSED

These hours ONLY apply for the summer months.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

*Our Lady of Fatima:
100th Anniversary!*

Canonization of Francisco and Jacinta Marto May 13, 2017

May 13 marked the 100th anniversary since Our Lady



appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal. Two of those children were officially made saints, making St. Jacinta the youngest non-martyr saint!

PLEASE LOOK ON PAGE 23 IN THIS BULLETIN FOR PICTURES FROM FIRST COMMUNIONS!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cfr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.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: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
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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!

SOUP WITH MEAT
SHELF STABLE MILK
CANNED FRUIT
JELLY
SHAMPOO
TOOTHPASTE
DEODORANT
PAPER TOWELS

PLEASE, NO MORE PASTA AT THIS TIME

Thank you
 for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

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.—12:00 Noon

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever
 believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do
 greater ones than these, because I am going to the
 Father."

Through your almsgiving you are performing a
 good work, far greater than you think. The coins placed
 in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ's love
 and compassion to the poor.

† 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.

**Hear
 the Cry of
 the Poor**



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com. You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

DONATIONS

We are in need of the following items:

Jeans

Men's pants (slacks)

Men's underwear - XL, XXL

Hoodies

Sneakers

Shampoo - 3-5 oz

Thank you for response to our need for *shopping bags*. We have enough - NO MORE PLEASE!

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 16

7:00 p.m. in Room 24

Collect children's clothes and housewares for Haiti Mission.

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 will be on

Tuesday, June 13

9:00 a.m. in Room 24

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



*"A wind is picking up that is hostile to those with traditional moral beliefs."
Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, March 16, 2017*

Free Speech Fairness Act of 2017:

The Free Speech Fairness Act was introduced to allow churches and nonprofits to participate in political speech. It would roll back the Johnson Amendment of 1954, named after Sen. Lyndon Johnson, that prevents any church or other nonprofit organization from endorsing or opposing political candidates—even for biblical reasons—and allowed the IRS to punish pastors, churches and nonprofit ministries with crippling audits and threats

to take away tax exemptions. The Johnson Amendment has caused great confusion and concern about what tax exempt organizations can say about moral issues and political candidates.

The Fairness Act would restore free speech to churches, charities and their leaders who have effectively been silenced. The act proposes to "allow charitable organizations to make statements relating to political campaigns if such statements are made in the ordinary course of carrying out its tax exempt purpose."

"Thomas Jefferson's 'separation' coinage doesn't mean that there is a complete wall of separation between the two (church and state); it just means that the state should not have control over the church, nor shall the church maintain control over the state," wrote the Fairness Act's sponsors. (dailysignal.com, 4/28/17; congress.gov/bill; desertnews.com, 2/7/17)

"The First Amendment is, and freedom of speech is, the cornerstone of our democracy ... we cannot toy around with the First Amendment. It is absolutely critical."

Robert Reich, Berkeley Professor, former Secretary of Labor in the 1990's

A SPIRITUAL TOUR OF LOWER MANHATTAN

Monday, June 19, 2017

Departing from:

Christ the King Church, Commack

Led by:

Christopher Ferraro and Suzanne Richards

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Departing from:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst

Led by:

Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco and Christopher Ferraro



*The Basilica of St. Patrick's
Old Cathedral*



*September 11 Outdoor
Memorial & Reflecting Pool*



Parm, Battery Park



Brookfield Place

\$110 per person includes:

- *Deluxe motor coach transportation - the bus will depart from the Church at 8:45 a.m. and will return at approximately 8:00 p.m.*
- *Guided tour and Mass at the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral on the corner of Mott and Prince Streets*
- *Walking tour of the World Financial Center, a visit to the September 11 Outdoor Memorial and Reflecting Pools and the NYC Police Department Memorial*
- *Time for shopping at Brookfield Place*
- *Lunch at Parm includes a selection of starters, entrees and dessert for the table (beverages charged separately)*
- *Bagels, juice and coffee and tea in the morning and snacks throughout the day*
- *All fees and gratuities*

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 the rectory or mailed to:

210 So. Wellwood Avenue
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Attn: Manhattan Spiritual Tour

Please include a note with your check that includes your phone number and email address and indicates which date you would like to attend. Contact Chris Ferraro (cferraro@oloph.org or 631.226.7725 ext. 210) for more information.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO 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.

Liturgia Viva del Domingo 6° de Pascua - Ciclo A

Domingo, 21 de mayo de 2017

SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA (Ciclo A)

Abran Sus Corazones al Aliento del Espíritu

"No les dejaré huérfanos", dice Jesús, "pero mi Padre les dará el Espíritu de la verdad".

Que el Espíritu de nuestro Señor Jesús esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Hechos 8,5-8.14-17): Recibieron el Espíritu Santo

Cuando se fundó en Antioquía una comunidad no-judía, el Espíritu Santo confirmó este paso importante en la vida de una Iglesia universal, ya que descendió sobre los samaritanos.

Segunda Lectura (1 Pedro 3,15-18): Sufrir con la Mentalidad y Actitud de Cristo

Pedro anima a los cristianos que sufren incompreensión y persecución. Den testimonio de su fe, dice, y acepten los sufrimientos con la actitud y mentalidad de Cristo. Entonces vencerán con él.

Evangelio (Juan 14,15-21): El Padre les dará a Ustedes el Espíritu

Cristo promete su Espíritu Santo para ayudarnos a creer y a vivir nuestra fe, y así vivamos en el amor del Padre y del Hijo. Somos cristianos, hombres y mujeres que seguimos a Cristo. ¿Qué es lo que nos da la seguridad de que realmente le amamos? Jesús nos dice hoy: "Si me aman ustedes, guardarán mis mandamientos". Y sabemos muy bien que su mandamiento es: "Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, y a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". Hoy Jesús nos promete el Espíritu Santo, que nos hará ver lo que tenemos que hacer para amar a Dios y a nuestro prójimo y que nos dará la fuerza para hacerlo. Pidamos a Jesús aquí presente que nos dé el Espíritu de percepción interior y de fortaleza.

Preparando el encuentro con Jesús después de su resurrección. Este es el tiempo en que se le aparecía a sus discípulos. Que les parece si comenzamos con una buena confesión aquí están algunos puntos importantes para hacerlo. Cinco pasos para una buena confesión 1. Examen de conciencia 2. Arrepentimiento 3. Propósito de no volver a pecar (enmienda) 4. Confesar los pecados a un sacerdote 5. Después de la confesión, cumplir la penitencia (Las oraciones que el Sacerdote nos manda hacer después de la confesión

Procedimiento en el confesionario Usted dice: "Bendígame padre porque he pecado", o bien, Ave María Purísima, sin pecado concebida". Hace tantas semanas, meses, años, que me confesé. Prosiga a decir los pecados mortales, cuantas veces le cometió. Si no tiene pecados mortales, entonces confiese los veniales que ha cometido desde su última confesión. Cuando termine su confesión diga: "por estos y por todos mis pecados de mi pasado estoy verdaderamente arrepentido". El sacerdote le dirigirá unas palabras y le dará la penitencia y le pedirá que haga el Acto de Contrición. Espere y escuche cuando le dé la absolución. Después diga: "Gracias Padre", salga del confesionario y haga la penitencia asignada.

Hay dos tipos de pecados Mortal: es una horrible ofensa en contra de Dios que destruye la vida de gracia en el alma. Tres simultaneas condiciones deben estar presentes para que un pecado sea mortal: (1) Que el pecado sea grave, muy serio. (2) Que el pecador sepa que eso que va a hacer "es pecado". (3) Que a pesar de saber que eso es pecado, decida hacerlo. Venial: Es hacer un pecado pequeño, una falta leve contra la ley de Dios. Faltar a la Santa Misa del domingo deliberadamente es un pecado mortal



PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

Bryan McKiernan & Heather Vobis

First Announcement:

Michael Masciana & Kerri-Ann Legutko

Joshua May & Alissa Eckert

Jeremy Graham & Breanne Nugent

William Ramos & Rosa Torero

Anthony Amador & Christine Delano

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Natalie & Olivia

Schettino

Judith Walsh

Robert Chancellor

Alice Leonard

Gary Foster

Nora R. McMahon

Pat Kleczkowski

Rich Kleczkowski

MaryLou Miskovsky

Susan Marcontonio

Kathy Fey

Shannon Snyder

Phil Pascarella

Glenn Cording

Heather Flores

Giovanny Mateo Flores

Patrick Pigott Sr.

Dominick Bonanduci

John McPhail

Margie Vacca

Walter Eby

Ralph Cassor

Lawrence Pancamo

Robert Ortiz

Dolly Gallo

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 depending upon space.

WE REMEMBER

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

Josephine A. Vitale

“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.”

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Community will then visit each week.

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



MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of
May 14-20:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

George Walters

Requested by

Rosaleen Walters

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, May 15—

Easter Weekday
(Saint Isidore)

6:30	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
12:15	George Walters

TUESDAY, May 16—

Easter Weekday

6:30	Anne Quinn
12:15	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, May 17—

Easter Weekday

6:30	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
12:15	Frank Duff & Founders of the Legion of Mary

THURSDAY, May 18—

Easter Weekday
(Saint John I, Pope & Martyr)

6:30	John Donalds
12:15	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, May 19—

Easter Weekday

6:30	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
12:15	Jose Zulueta
7:30	Parish Wedding Anniversary Mass

SATURDAY, May 20—

Easter Weekday
(Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest)

8:00	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
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**Vigil for
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00	For the People of the Parish
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**Sunday, May 21
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00	Mothers enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena
10:00	George Cunningham
12:00	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
5:00	Michael Strazza

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, May 15, 2017

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	DRVC Liturgy Workshop	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	Life in the Spirit	Room 16

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary Business Meeting	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal	Church
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:00 p.m.	Pre-Cana	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal	Church

Thursday, May 18, 2017

1- 5 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
6:45 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	DRVC Liturgy Workshop	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Ministry Meeting	Room 12
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, May 19, 2017

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
8:30 p.m.	Parish Wedding Anniversary Reception after Mass	Auditorium

Saturday, May 20, 2017

12:00 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	RCIA	Room 16
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, May 21, 2017

10:00 a.m.	First Communicants Mass	Church
10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
1:00 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
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Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Alice White at 631-201-9184 or e-mail at Alicem9@icloud.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 at the Parish Office.

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)
Lori Byron
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Marie Foster
Greg Guido
Sonia Hansen
John Keller
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Christina Taparata
James Totino
Pete Triolo

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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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

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.

**OFFERING UPDATE
May 6/7, 2017**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	362	142	\$3,505.00
8:00 a.m.	300	122	2,977.00
10:00 a.m.	515	126	3,586.00
12:00 p.m.	511	110	2,951.00
5:00 p.m.	161	40	1,334.50
Coin			25.87
Mail-ins:			1,700.00
Children's Env.		16	41.58
Special needs	52	14	436.00
Faith Direct			2,018.50
TOTAL	1,901	570	18,575.45
2016 total	1,982	627	\$17,944.55
Candles			\$982.92
Poor Box			\$135.78
1st Saturday			\$183.00
Catholic Schools			\$1,336.00

"LET'S PAY OFF THE NEW BOILERS" COLLECTION

Total needed to pay off the Loan Completely:
\$119,516.00
 Total collected as of May 8:
\$84,339.16





NEW OR GENTLY USED REFRIGERATOR NEEDED FOR OLPH MINISTRIES

We are in need of a new or gently-used refrigerator for the OLPH Parish Center, to be used in the school kitchen for our Hospitality Ministry and Community Meals Ministry to feed the homeless (along with the many other parish groups that use our facilities!). If you can help us out with this, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact our Business Manager, Frank Pokorney, at fpokorney@oloph.org or at 631-226-7725 extension 204. Thank you!



Do you have plans for Memorial Day? Are booking your summer vacations? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure that your gift can reach Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NY286**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. All material must be submitted no later than the dates listed below and as a word document to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.

May 21—passed

May 28—May 19

June 4—May 26

Thank you for your cooperation.

**PREPARING FOR Sunday, May 21, 2017—
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept." John 14:15-17a*

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

We hear today Philip proclaiming Jesus as Messiah in the region of Samaria. This is significant since the Jews regarded the Samaritans as illegitimate descendants of those left after the Northern Kingdom of Israel was conquered in 722 B.C. and as such had nothing to do with them. But Philip, a Greek-speaking believer whom we heard last week being among the first seven men ordained by the twelve apostles, was led by the Spirit to preach the Word of God to the Samaritans. He met with such great success that Peter and John joined him. After praying and laying on hands, the Holy Spirit of God descended on the Samaritan believers. This is a good lesson for us today: God comes to all people who believe in him, even those considered as outcasts.

1 Peter 3:15-18

Again we hear from the first letter of Peter to those early Christians undergoing great trials for their faith. While these trials might involve imprisonment and even death, it also appeared in more subtle forms, such as mockery, shunning, and economic restrictions. We hear of that happening even today in places such as Egypt and Iraq. Peter tells them to claim as Lord the only one who has power over death because of his Resurrection, Jesus. They should hold Christ as their model and be prepared to explain with gentleness and reverence their ability to face sufferings with hope. Hopefully, we can do the same today when we face discrimination, hostility, and even violence because of what we believe.

John 14:15-21

This reading is again taken from Jesus' farewell address to his disciples on the night before he died. He assures them that although he will soon leave them physically he will always be with them in a different way. While he has been their advocate and companion during his earthly ministry, he will send "another Advocate" to be with them after his Ascension. This advocate will be the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit of God. In this way, Jesus promises that he will not leave them or us as orphans but that he will love us and we will be loved by the Father always. What a comforting thought!

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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. *"Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." If studying or reading or discussing are your only approaches to God, what else is needed, according to this reading? How does love impact knowledge and understanding in any friendship?*

2. *"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, ..." What is it that Pope Francis says the Holy Spirit seeks to do with his/her infinitely creative mind?*

To believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in everyone means realizing that he seeks to penetrate every human situation and all social bonds: 'The Holy Spirit can be said to possess an infinite creativity, proper to the divine mind, which knows how to loosen the knots of human affairs, even the most complex and inscrutable.' (St. John Paul II.)

Evangelium Gaudium, 178

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 15, 2017:

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

Tuesday, May 16, 2017:

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

Wednesday, May 17, 2017:

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

Thursday, May 18, 2017:

Acts 15:7-21 + John 15:9-11

Friday, May 19, 2017:

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

Saturday, May 20, 2017:

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

Sunday, May 21, 2017:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 + 1 Peter 3:15-18
+ John 14:15-21



SECOND ANNUAL BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE FASHION SHOW & TEA PARTY

Sunday, June 4, 2017

**immediately following
the 12:00 p.m. Mass.**

OLPH School Auditorium, Wellwood Avenue Entrance

Come and join us for tea and cookies and watch the priests and parishioners from all the different ministries walk the runway, modeling fashions from our own Blue Door Boutique.

Raffles, 50/50 and lots of laughs!

Support the great work of the Blue Door Boutique and support your fellow parishioners who will be modeling.

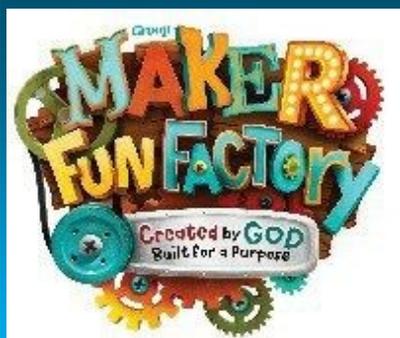


After the show, the Boutique will kick off the month-long bag sale in the shop from 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale at the Blue Door Boutique during regular business hours or to reserve seats email buckleyt@optonline.net. Tickets only \$2.00!

**THE
*blue*door
BOUTIQUE**

HOURS OF OPERATION
M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
SAT 1:30-3:00 p.m.



Vacation Bible Camp July 17-21, 2017

Register NOW!

Please see Mrs. April Kleinlaut for all required registration forms. For more information:

email Mrs. April Kleinlaut at akleinlaut@oloph.org.

Please help us get ready for camp by donating one or two of the items below. Drop off items at the Religious Education office or the Rectory. Thank you!

1-inch Styrofoam balls (12)
variety of chenille wires (40-50)
glue dots
colored craft sticks (40-50)
colored ribbons
colored yarns
colored twine
red stamp pads (2)
wet wipes
white foam boards
straw table covers (3)

cardboard boxes
plastic greenery
plastic cups (1 per camper)
blocks/pieces of wood
red paper hearts cutouts (1 per camper)
rope lights
fine-tip markers
variety of fake food (enough for 3 large bowls full)
tennis balls or foam balls (10)

boxes- various sizes needed
empty metal cans- *Please take off the labels*
beer bottle caps
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