

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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

John 15:12-13

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2018

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Frank Pokorney

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

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

**Pastor Emeritus:** Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

### COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mondays following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

(except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

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

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

(unless otherwise announced)

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

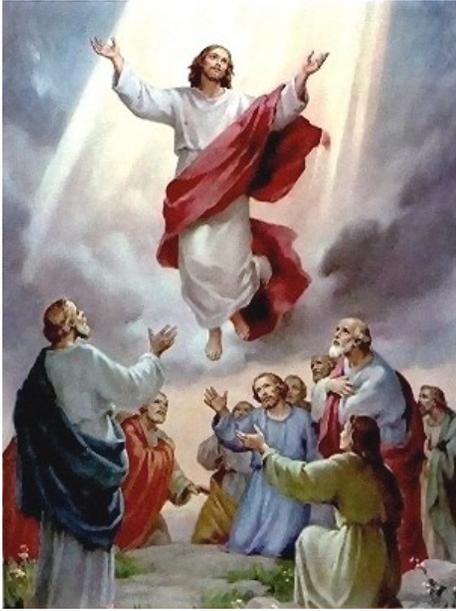
**Monday- Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## Holy Day of Obligation



## Ascension of the Lord

### Thursday, May 10th

Masses will be celebrated

**Wednesday, May 9th**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 10th**

**6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.**

**& 7:30 p.m.**

## *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.

- Friday, May 11** following the 12:15 p.m. Mass
- Saturday, May 12** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
- Saturday, May 12** following the 5:00 p.m. Mass
- Sunday, May 13** following all the Masses  
*(Replaces Evening Prayer after the 5:00 p.m. Mass)*
- Monday, May 14** following the 12:15 p.m. Mass
- Tuesday, May 15** following the 12:15 p.m. Mass
- Wednesday, May 16** following the 12:15 p.m. Mass
- Thursday, May 17** following the 12:15 p.m. Mass
- Friday, May 18** following the 12:15 p.m. Mass
- Saturday, May 19** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass



NOVENA TO THE  
HOLY SPIRIT

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

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Yes, it's still Easter Time; our sense of joy and wonder and awe over the Lord's Resurrection should be as rich and deep as it was back on Easter Sunday, even though we are starting our sixth week. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of the Sixth Sunday of Easter reminds us of this: "*Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord...*" The prayer then goes on to remind us that what we celebrate at liturgy must always have an effect in our everyday life, as it asks "... *that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.*"

This theme of what we celebrate at Mass truly having an effect in the way we live life is carried through in the Prayer over the Offerings and the Prayer after Communion. In the Prayer over the Offerings, we ask that "*we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love*" — with the principal mystery of God's love being the death and resurrection of Christ, a dying and rising after which we are to pattern our life. However, such transformation into Christ's life can be the result only of God's grace, not our own efforts alone, and so the prayer also recognizes our need to be purified by God's graciousness. The Prayer after Communion asks that we be given "*the strength of this saving food*" and that it might bear fruit in our life, *i.e.*, that it will increase our love for one another.

The depth and beauty of the Mass prayers during Easter Time continue to enrich our journey through these Fifty Days! They also always remind us of the important connection we must make between what we celebrate at Mass (God's love and saving power) and the way we live our life (we are to show that same love of God to one another).

### *May Crowning*

Since May is the month traditionally devoted to Our Blessed Mother, we will celebrate our annual May Crowning this Monday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m., and for this week the May Crowning will take the place of the usual Monday night devotions. We'll gather on the rectory lawn at the Blessed Mother statue

(weather permitting — otherwise we'll move inside to the church) for a beautiful liturgy that will include the recitation of one decade of the rosary. Thanks go to the Legion of Mary who offer their support and assistance with this liturgy each year! Please plan on being there to honor Mary, the Mother of God.

Also, once the outdoor Blessed Mother statue is crowned, there will also be a crown on the indoor statue in our church sanctuary.

### *Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord: Holy Day of Obligation*

This Thursday, May 10, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, and it is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**. Therefore, we will see everyone back for Mass either Wednesday night or Thursday (check the Mass schedule elsewhere in the bulletin). It's so important for us to celebrate these special holy days because they provide a rhythm and a structure for us to enter into the mysteries of the Lord throughout the liturgical year. It's a great reminder of the centrality of our faith to "interrupt" the normal routine during the week by celebrating an important liturgical day. Besides, it's a day that all Catholics are obligated to participate in celebrating Mass!

The dating of the Ascension of the Lord forty days after Easter comes to us from the Acts of the Apostles, the book from which our first reading is taken for the Mass of that day. The meaning of the Ascension is spelled out for us clearly in the texts of the Mass for the day; listen to them carefully when you are at Mass. Allow me to point out two texts in particular that seem to especially zero in on the central theme of the Ascension; these each come from one of the two choices for the Preface (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer) that the priest might use. One says, "*Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where, he, our Head and Founder, has gone before;*" the other says, "*For after his Resurrection he plainly appeared to all his disciples and was taken up to heaven in their sight, that he might make us sharers in his divinity.*" Notice how both texts point out how the Lord's

Ascension is not about his absence, but his deeper presence to us and how we are invited to share more fully in the mystery of his life. Keep these thoughts in mind as you celebrate Mass on the Holy Day this week.

### ***Novena to the Holy Spirit***

Then, after the Ascension, we begin a period of time which is the original Novena — nine days of intense prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost, as the Church prays for the coming of the Holy Spirit. You can see advertised elsewhere in our bulletin our schedule for the communal praying of a Novena to the Holy Spirit; please be sure to join in if you are available. I am grateful to Deacon Robert Becker who generously coordinates the Novena each year.

Even if you are not able to join in the communal prayers, use these nine days as days to pray intensely for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, either through your own prayer, or through some other Novena or personal devotion you might have. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

### ***First Holy Communions continue***

Celebrations of First Holy Communion continue, both at Sunday Masses and this coming Saturday, May 12 at 10:15 a.m. for the second and last of our Saturday morning celebrations. Please continue to pray for the children and their families, especially that the children will always stay close to the Lord Jesus through regular weekly participation in Sunday Mass.

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

This week is the last opportunity for you to join in on the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day, a beautiful way to remember and pray for your living or deceased mother, grandmother or godmother, or for a mother-to-be. Use the Mother's Day cards and envelopes that have been placed around the church or that have been mailed to you; your intention will be remembered in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses.

### ***Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass***

We've been advertising it in the bulletin: 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). It will be on next Friday, May 18. The RSVP cut-off date is this coming Friday, May 11, so don't miss out. This is our way of supporting and affirming the Sacrament of Matrimony, and to remind married couples how important that Sacrament is to the life of the Church. It is always a wonderful and joyous occasion, so I look forward to seeing you there! Find more complete information in the ad elsewhere in the bulletin.

### ***Adult Education Course: Introduction to Liturgy***

This Tuesday night, May 8, I begin teaching the Introduction to Liturgy adult education course. Technically, the last day to sign up was last Thursday, but we still have room in the class. If you still want to take the course but did not sign up, call the rectory and tell them "Msgr. Joe sent me"...I'm sure I can squeeze you in!

### ***Pope Francis' Catecheses on the Holy Mass***

We continue with our series presenting Pope Francis' catecheses on the meaning of Mass, given at his Wednesday audiences. Since Mass is so central to our life as Catholics, we can never learn enough about it. In the selection below, from his audience of February 14, 2018, the Pope concludes his comments on the Liturgy of the Word by focusing on the Universal Prayer. I present the Holy Father's words *verbatim*.

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The response to the Word of God received with faith is then expressed in the common supplication called the Universal Prayer, because it encompasses the needs of the church and of the world. It is also called the Prayer of the Faithful.

The Fathers of Vatican II wished to restore this prayer after the Gospel and the Homily, especially on Sundays and feasts, so that with the participation of the people, prayers are said for the Holy Church, for those that govern us, for those that find themselves in various needs, for all men and for the salvation of the whole world." Therefore, under the

guidance of the Priest who introduces and concludes, the people, exercising their own baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. And after the individual intentions, proposed by a Deacon or a reader, the assembly unites its voice [in an invocation].

We remember, in fact, all that the Lord Jesus has said to us: "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever you will, and it shall be done for you." (John 15:7) However, we don't believe this, because we have little faith. But, Jesus says, if we had faith as a grain of mustard, we would receive everything. "Ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you." And in this moment of the Universal Prayer after the Creed is the moment to ask the Lord for the most intense things in the Mass, the things of which we are in need, what we want. The intentions for which the faithful people are invited

to pray must give voice to concrete needs of the ecclesial community and of the world, avoiding taking recourse to conventional or myopic formulas. The Universal Prayer, which concludes the Liturgy of the Word, exhorts us to make our own God's looks, who takes care of all His children.

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*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, May 19*

*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!



## MAY 19 –20, COME TO MASS DRESSED IN RED FOR PENTECOST

We invite all parishioners to come to Mass on Pentecost, May 19 & 20, wearing something red. Since red is the color of the Holy Spirit and of the Mass for Pentecost, and therefore the color of the vestments worn by the priest and deacon at Pentecost, let's all celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in a festive, fun and joyful way by making our church bright and glorious throughout the entire liturgical assembly with the red color of the fire of the Holy Spirit!

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

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

**Monday, May 14—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, May 21—7:00 p.m.**

### *May Crowning* **Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**

**Rectory Lawn  
in front of the  
Blessed Mother  
Statue**



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

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

### **Evening Prayer**



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

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

*“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**

### **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, god-mother, 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.

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN WHO HAVE RECEIVED FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR

All children who have received their First Holy Communion this year are invited to come with their families to the **10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 20, wearing their special First Communion attire.** At that Mass we will celebrate and highlight in a special way all the children who have received First Holy Communion in 2018. 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 20 at 10:00 a.m. Hospitality and refreshments will follow the Mass.



### 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)*

## OFFERERS NEEDED

### HELP TAKE DOWN AND PUT AWAY THE EASTER DECORATIONS SUNDAY—May 20, 2018



Immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Mass  
The beautiful Easter decorations need to be taken down. We need parishioners to assist us for about a half-hour to forty-five minutes. Can you please help us?

*If so, please leave a message with Msgr. Joe at [msgrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgrjoe@oloph.org).*

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

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

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

### **KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN! LEAVE IT NICER THAN YOU FOUND IT!**

We have been having a problem in recent months with all sorts of litter being left in pews throughout the church. Used tissues, other papers, food items, empty water bottles, and litter in general, are being left behind, and it is making the church look a mess, which is highly disrespectful to the Lord and to each other. It is essential for us to maintain a dignified space in which we can give God due honor, worship and reverence.

Your cooperation is greatly needed! Please be conscious of not dropping or leaving litter in the church. If something does drop, please be sure to pick up after yourself and your children before leaving the church. Let's give each other this gift of respect and caring! Keep the church clean, and leave it nicer than you found it! Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

### **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.

# ADULT FORMATION CLASS TO BEGIN

*Our next Adult Education Course...*

## INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY

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



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

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

*To register, please return the coupon below or contact Josephine Vagelatos at [jvagelatos@oloph.org](mailto:jvagelatos@oloph.org) or at 631.226.7725 x 206.*

Yes, sign me up for...

## INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## DON'T MISS OUT!



### SAVE THE DATE, EVERYONE!

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

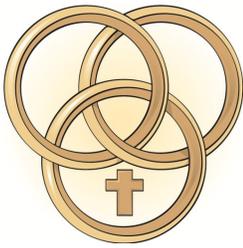


# OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

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

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

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2018 that is "on a five year mark," that is, if this year you're married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 – and for couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) – are invited to a special MASS AND RECEPTION!



**FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018**

**7:30 p.m. Mass**

*with Renewal of Commitment by the Married Couples for the Anniversary of their Marriage Followed by a Reception in our School Gym*

*Invite your immediate family members! They are welcome!  
(Immediate family only, please)*

**You must reply NO LATER THAN MAY 11  
WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY, USING THE FORM BELOW  
NO PHONE REPLIES CAN BE TAKEN**



*Cut-out and fill-in the form below and return to the Rectory by May 11.*

## 2018 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

First Name of Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Years Married \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Your Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Your Wedding Song \_\_\_\_\_

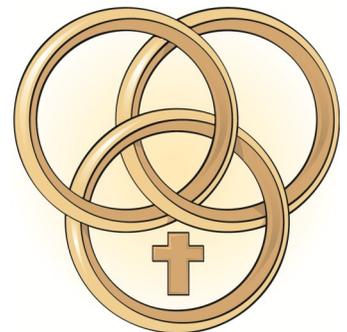
Wedding Song Artist \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending: Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_



*Please return this form as soon as possible to the Rectory,  
or drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.*

**ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 11.**

**Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.**

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

Thank you

for your continued generosity.

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

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of  
Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

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

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill the commandment to love one another as Jesus has loved you.

## † **A LIVING MEMORIAL**

**THANK YOU!!!** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program. Your donations are used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish.

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) - sizes 34, 36, 38, 42, L & XL

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

Heavy hoodies - L to 3 XL

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

Work boots (in good condition)

Gently used tents

Sun screen lotion

Bug protector

*If it is easier, we can always use Kmart gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.*

*Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.*

## MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?  
Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

Our next gathering is

**Tuesday, May 1**

Mother's Day plant project  
(will take place off premises)

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

## SENIOR MOMENTS

### GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, May 8**

**9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

## 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.

## BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE

It's NEW to YOU!



Our prices are the lowest around. Clothing, bags, dishes, decorative items, candles, shoes. New merchandise every week.

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

**HOURS OF OPERATION**  
Mon, Wed, Fri:  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Sat: 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Donations gratefully accepted whenever the shop is open. Please no toys, stuffed animals, books or electric items.

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

## OFFICE 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 1 students  
 spent the last  
 day of  
 religion class  
 in prayer!**



## Registration Is Now OPEN



Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families began April 3rd. After June 15th, there will be a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations.

We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a "New Family Appointment" or to call us for any information.

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

**New families MUST make an appointment to register by calling or emailing us.**

Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2018-2019 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

We can't wait to meet you!

### **LEVEL 2:**

**On Monday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**there is Communion Rehearsal in the**  
**church for those receiving First Holy**  
**Communion on Saturday, May 12**  
**(Communion on May 12 will be at**  
**10:15 a.m.)**

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Name	Ext	Email
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
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](mailto:jsg375@gmail.com) to begin the process.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto: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.*

**Third Announcement:**

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

**Second Announcement:**

*James Wynne & Gina Abatiello*

## **WE REMEMBER**

*We remember those who have died in our parish community.*

*"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."*

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018 10:00 A.M. MASS**

<b>Anthony J. Camporeale</b>	<b>Requested by Schaming Family</b>
<b>Margaret (Peg) Schneider</b>	<b>Requested by Nora Schneider</b>
<b>Celeste Biggs</b>	<b>Requested by Frances &amp; Anthony Natale</b>
<b>Eileen Welch</b>	<b>Requested by Linda Farrell</b>

## **MASS MEMORIALS**

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

**May 6-12:**

*Altar Wine*

*In Memory of*

*Silvio Leonti*

*Requested by*

*The Renna Family*

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

## **WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Peter Masak</i>	<i>Donald Bartsch</i>
<i>John Anglin</i>	<i>Joan Giarratano</i>
<i>Guido (Guy) Gagliano</i>	<i>Robert Stoss</i>
<i>Dominick Barone</i>	<i>Reva Perry</i>
<i>Joseph Doyle</i>	<i>Kevin Reid</i>
<i>Richard Olson &amp; Donor</i>	<i>Irene Biggio</i>
<i>Mary Condra</i>	<i>Herb Otten</i>
<i>Karen Brush</i>	<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>
<i>Walter Anderson</i>	<i>Sebastien Calixte</i>
<i>Bill Dlena</i>	<i>Camille Calixte</i>
<i>Ed Bogart</i>	<i>Mary Feeney</i>
<i>Nettie Deasey</i>	<i>Mary Mistratti</i>
<i>John McPhail</i>	<i>Don Doyle</i>
<i>Michele Crosby</i>	<i>Marjorie Hildemann</i>

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

## **MASS MEMORIALS**

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

**May 6-12:**

*Altar Candles*

*In Memory of*

*Walter Eby*

*Requested by*

*Roseann Oliveto & Joseph Pomilla*

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

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, May 7—**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

6:30	Joseph Cutrone
12:15	Elsa & Johannes Keller & Family

**TUESDAY, May 8—**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

6:30	Eddie Aliano
12:15	Gustave L. Wagner

**WEDNESDAY, May 9—**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

6:30	Rinaudo Giuseppe
12:15	Joseph Toscano

**VIGIL FOR  
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

5:00	Cecelia Deluso
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**THURSDAY, May 10—**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

6:30	Betty Doderico
12:15	Danny Willis
7:30	For the People of the Parish

**FRIDAY, May 11—**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

6:30	William Komorowski
12:15	James McCowan, Jr.

**SATURDAY, May 12—**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

*(Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr)*

8:00	Loretta & Jack Damone
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**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00	Frank Bonventre
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**Sunday, May 13  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Perpetual Help Mass (List on p.16)
12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society of OLPH
5:00	Mothers Enrolled in the Mothers Day Novena

**Monday, May 7, 2018**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
5:00 p.m.	Communion II Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy
7:00 p.m.	May Crowning	Grounds

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
4:15 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark
7:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Room 3
7:45 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Squires	Room 19

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
1:45 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir	Room 16
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus	Room 24

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

**RECTORY DESK OPEN; ALL OTHER OFFICES  
CLOSED AND ACTIVITIES CANCELLED.**

8:30 p.m.	Adult Choir	Church
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**Friday, May 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.	Novena to the Holy Spirit	Church
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society Meeting	Room 10

**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

8:30 a.m.	Novena to the Holy Spirit	Church
10:15 a.m.	First Holy Communion II	Church
12:30 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
3:00 p.m.	Pre-Cana	Room 10
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Novena to the Holy Spirit	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, May 13, 2018**

*Novena to the Holy Spirit after all the Masses.*

10:00 a.m.	RCIC RCIA	Room 18 Church
6:00 p.m.	Novena to the Holy Spirit replaces Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico [saitjoseph98@gmail.com](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

Nuestra segunda colecta la próxima semana es para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación. Esta campaña conecta a las personas con Cristo, aquí y alrededor del mundo, en los países en desarrollo a través del internet, la televisión, la radio y los medios impresos. Y, el cincuenta por ciento de los fondos recaudados, permanece en nuestra diócesis para financiar nuestros esfuerzos locales en el campo de las comunicaciones. ¡El apoyo de ustedes ayuda a propagar el mensaje del evangelio! Para informarse más, visiten [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Help wanted: Bookkeeper** The Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre is seeking (3) part-time Bookkeeper positions (Eastern Suffolk, Central Suffolk, and Nassau). This part-time position is 21 Hours per Week, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Individual will be expected to work with all Parish Support Managers and Associate Parish Support Staff, in providing financial services and administrative support to a select group of parishes and schools. Position Requirements - knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, Associate degree, preferably in the discipline of accounting or bookkeeping preferred, good verbal and written communications skills, ability and willingness to learn new tasks and systems. Please email your cover letter and resume in word format as an email attachment. Please note *Part-Time - Bookkeeper* in subject of e-mail to our Human Resources Department: Diocese of Rockville Centre, P O Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 - Email: [employment@drvc.org](mailto:employment@drvc.org) - Fax: 516-678-9566.

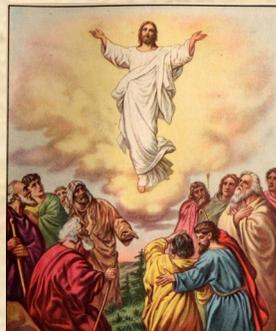
**May is Cystic Fibrosis awareness month.** Please help CF stand for a cure with a small donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk being held **June 10** at the Holtsville Ecology Center. [www.ccf.org/greatstrides](http://www.ccf.org/greatstrides) under team LOVING LUCAS.

**The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Annual Luncheon** Join us on Friday, **June 29th**, 2018 as the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville host their 17th Annual Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY. Each year our luncheon celebrates the beauty of the spirit of women - their strength, compassion, and wisdom. Our guests enjoy fantastic auctions and raffles, as well as an inspirational lecture from a Sister keynote speaker. This year's event will be emceed by News 12 Long Island Anchor and Journalist Carol Silva. Proceeds from the event benefit our retired Sisters - the beautiful and dedicated women who have spent their entire lives serving the tri-state area and beyond; now it is our turn to care for them. For more information, please call 631-842-6000 ext.246.

**OFFERING UPDATE  
April 28/29**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	301	133	\$2,909.00
8:00 a.m.	310	140	3,498.00
10:00 a.m.	411	115	2,750.00
12:00 p.m.	450	110	3,259.00
5:00 p.m.	241	47	1,413.50
<b>Total coin:</b>			16.58
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			360.00
<b>Children's Env.</b>		15	47.50
<b>Faith Direct</b>			2,269.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>\$16,522.68</b>
<b>2017 total</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>\$20,550.49</b>
<b>Candles</b>			<b>\$1,072.64</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>			<b>\$276.70</b>

*The Rectory reception desk will remain open as usual, but all other*



**RECTORY  
& RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION  
OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED  
MAY 10<sup>th</sup>  
ASCENSION  
THURSDAY**

**Catholic Communication Campaign.**

Next week, May 12 & 13 our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message!

To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



**CATHOLIC  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOLS**

The value of learning. The learning of values.

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

Please be as generous as possible with your donation this weekend.

**DEADLINES FOR  
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted* no later than the dates listed below and *as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at [cbecker@oloph.org](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org). *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

**May 13—passed  
May 20—May 10  
May 27—May 17**

**Stanford**  
Child Care Center  
[www.stanfordchild.com](http://www.stanfordchild.com)

**CALLING ALL THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS!**  
**STARTING SEPTEMBER**  
**NEW 3 & 4 YEAR OLD CLASSES**  
**AT OUR NEW LINDENHURST LOCATION**  
**240 S. WELLWOOD AVE.**  
**(AT OLPH CHURCH)**  
**EARLY ENROLLMENT STARTING NOW!**

REASONABLE RATES

[WWW.STANFORDCHILD.COM](http://WWW.STANFORDCHILD.COM)

- Pre-School Learning Center
- Full Time And Part Time Year Round Schedules
- Before/After School Programs Available
- Busing To/From Copiague Elementary Schools

**STANFORD'S 2018 SUMMER SOUNDS**

Don't let your child's fun end in June!  
Multiple summer programs that include:

- Arts & Crafts • Soccer • Basketball
- Outdoor Play • Water Play • Games
- Discovery & More

**RATES STARTING AS LOW AS \$20 A DAY**

AM & PM sessions available at **BOTH our Copiague and Lindenhurst sites!**

**1275 Montauk Highway, Copiague**  
Tel: 631.225.4600 • Fax: 631.225.9390

**PREPARING FOR Sunday, May 13, 2018****SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*“God is love,  
and whoever remains in love remains in God  
and God in him.”*

1 John 4:16b

**Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26**

We hear today how the Church asks God for a replacement for Judas in the interim period between Jesus ascending to heaven (the Ascension) and the descending of the Holy Spirit on the apostles (Pentecost). Peter takes charge and speaks in the midst of the assembly to guide them into choosing a successor. God, through the process of casting lots, chooses Matthias which brings the number of apostles back to twelve, a number of great significance for the early Jews since it is the number of the tribes of Israel that first inhabited the Promised Land. Thus it is a sign that the new Christian Church is the reconstituted Israel.

**1 John 4:11-16**

The declaration “God is love” is all about the experience of God. God has proved his love in the gift of his Son to the world. We Christians are urged to “remain in love” by continuing this gift. We do this whenever we show the same love to others. Our love for one another is the proof of God’s action, the evidence that God is with us. Faith and love are united since faith leads to a life of love in practice. Remember that old song? “And they’ll know we are Christians by our love...”

**John 17:11b-19**

Here we are listening in on an intimate conversation Jesus is having with the Father at the Last Supper. This is part of what is referred to as Jesus’ “high priestly prayer” since he is interceding with the Father for the apostles and indeed for all of us down through the ages who believe in him. Jesus asks the Father to keep us all in his name, protected and united as one. He also asks the Father to consecrate us, which is to make us holy and to set us apart from the world. He is about to depart from this world but here he prays for us. How powerful that is – the Savior of the entire world is praying for us to the Father! That’s cause for true comfort and encouragement.

**Readings for the Week**

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

**Monday, May 7, 2018:**

Acts 16:11-15 + John 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018:**

Acts 16:22-34 + John 16:5-11

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018:**

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 + John 16:12-15

**Thursday, May 10, 2018:****Ascension of the Lord**Acts 1:1-11 + Ephesians 1:17-23  
+ Mark 16:15-20**Friday, May 11, 2018:**

Acts 18:9-18 + John 16:20-23

**Saturday, May 12, 2018:**

Acts 18:23-28 + John 16:23b-28

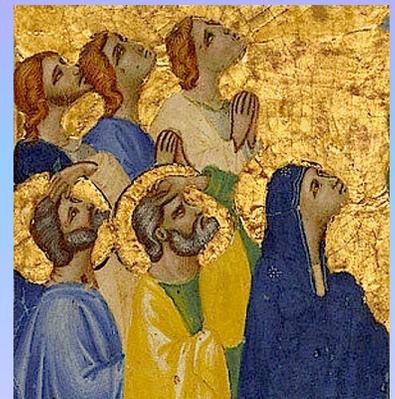
**Sunday, May 13, 2018:**Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26  
+ 1 John 4:11-16  
+ John 17:11b-19**Gospel Reflection**

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

1. “Then they prayed.” Do you pray before you make important choices? Would you feel comfortable “casting lots,” throwing dice, or flipping a coin after you pray? How would you make a final choice like the one the disciples had to make in choosing someone to take the place of Judas?
2. Discuss the implications of this reading’s last sentence:

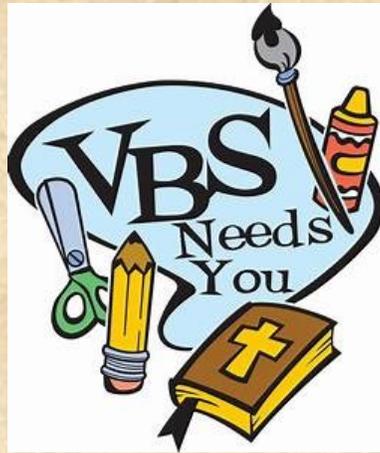
God is love, and  
whoever remains in  
love remains in God  
and God in him.

Can you think of examples from daily life of the fulfillment of this sentence? Are there scandalous exceptions to such an important revelation?





## VACATION BIBLE CAMP JULY 16 - JULY 20



### Vacation Bible Camp Needs Adult Counselors

Please consider being a part  
of our Crew Team this year!  
*All Counselors over 18 must be Virtus trained.*

Please call or email April Kleinlaut  
if you are interested in helping out this year!  
(631) 226-7725 ext. 257 or [akleinlaut@oloph.org](mailto:akleinlaut@oloph.org)

### Supplies Needed for Bible Camp 2018

#### Bible Discovery (Bible Stories)

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

#### Arts and Crafts

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

#### Middle School Camp

Christmas Cards (*Unused Blank*)  
Bags of Plain White Rice  
(*not Minute Rice*)  
Bags of Uncooked Kidney Beans  
Gallon—Sized Ziplock Bags  
Blue Tarps  
Plastic Gloves  
Washcloths  
Travel Size Packs of Tissues  
Small Combs  
Travel Size Toothpaste

#### Snacks

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

#### Decorating

Old trunks  
Old fashioned suitcases  
Carpet tubes

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

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