

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said,  
“I came so that they might have life  
and have it more abundantly.”*

John 10:10

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 7, 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.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Music Ministry

# SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, May 7, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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

Requested Offering

\$10 for adults

\$5 for senior citizens and students

\$20 for the whole family



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# 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.



## VIGIL OF PENTECOST

*Saturday, June 3, 2017*

*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!



## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes also popularly referred to as “Good Shepherd Sunday” because of the shepherd imagery from St. John’s Gospel which is found in the Gospel reading on this Sunday every year. Hearing the Shepherd’s voice, followers recognize it and know it is their God. Safe in the knowledge that they cannot be taken from the hand of the Shepherd, we who hear his voice should follow as faithful believers who are willing to go wherever God calls and sends us. In particular this Sunday, Jesus reveals Himself as the gate for the sheep, leading them to good pasture, in contrast to those who have come before him who have led the sheep astray. The message to us is clear: Christ is our way and our salvation; we who hear the voice and enter through the gate who is Christ know the abundant life which is found in God’s love.

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

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

Continue to allow your reflections on the actual prayer texts of the Mass to enrich your immersion in the spirituality of the fifty days of Easter Time. Keep in mind, too, that each week we publish the citations and brief spiritual reflections for the upcoming week’s Sunday readings, so that you can prepare the readings ahead of time before coming to Mass.

### *Parish Leadership Meeting*

We had an extraordinary and extremely life-giving Parish Leadership Meeting last Saturday,

April 29, and I am grateful to all the parish leaders who made the offering of their time to be present for the afternoon. Recall that we have been having these meetings on a regular basis — gathering the leadership bodies of the parish and the heads of all the ministries, groups and organizations — in order to continue to drive forward our mission as disciples. These meetings foster a sense of common ownership and responsibility for the life of the parish and build up a sense of unity among all the leaders and ministers, to avoid having distinct and independent “kingdoms” among the various ministries. We are ONE as a parish family!

The focus of the afternoon was following up on the last meeting we had in October of 2016, discussing the habits of effective ministries and how our God-given strengths can be put at the service of building up our ministries and the pastoral life of the parish. An open forum was also held, and this generated some information which will now be brought to our combined Pastoral Staff/Pastoral Council meeting, which is held annually and which will take place later this month. From there, we will continue to come up with plans to try to enhance the engagement of all parishioners in the life of the parish.

Every parishioner should know what great and dedicated leaders we have! I feel grateful and privileged to work with them and I continue to be very excited about what we are doing and what we will continue to do here at OLPH — “the place to be!”

### *Mother’s Day Novena of Masses*

Allow me to remind you to participate in our Novena of Masses for Mother’s Day. What a beautiful way this is to remember and pray for your mother, living or deceased! 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.

### *Spring Concert*

Tonight (Sunday) is our Music Ministry’s annual Spring Concert. From our liturgies and worship throughout the year, you know how amazingly talented the musicians in our Music Ministry are, so this promises to be a very enjoyable and uplifting evening. I do hope that many, many people will be able to come out and support our Music Ministry. There will be

hospitality after the concert at which there will be chances to buy raffles to win some great gifts; all proceeds go to support the music programs here at OLPH. I thank you in advance for being a part of this great event. I am looking forward to being there myself.

### ***May Crowning***

May is the month traditionally devoted to Our Blessed Mother, and we will be celebrating our annual May Crowning this Monday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. (this week the May Crowning takes the place of the usual Monday night devotions). We'll gather on the rectory lawn at the Blessed Mother statue for a beautiful liturgy that will include the recitation of one decade of the rosary. Thanks 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.

You'll notice this year that once the outdoor Blessed Mother statue is crowned, there will also be a crown on the indoor statue in our church sanctuary. This was recommended by our Liturgy Committee, a recommendation I was pleased to accept.

### ***Saturday morning celebrations of First Holy Communion***

This Saturday, May 13, we will have the second of our two Saturday-morning Masses for the celebration of First Holy Communion for our children. Please continue to pray for these wonderful children as they share in the Eucharistic Banquet and receive the Lord's Body and Blood in Holy Communion for the first time. Pray too that the Holy Spirit will fill the hearts of their parents such that the parents will continue to accept the responsibility of forming their children in the faith, especially by bringing them to Mass each and every weekend.

At the same time, our celebrations of First Holy Communion at Sunday Masses continue. It is so wonderful and heart-warming to see the reaction of everyone in the assembly as they see these children at Mass! We are grateful to the parents for sharing this special day in the life of their family with all their brothers and sisters in the parish by celebrating First Holy Communion at a Sunday Mass.

### ***Jeffrey Gaab to be received into the Catholic Church***

At the 5:00 p.m. Mass this coming Saturday we will be thrilled to receive Jeffrey Gaab into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Jeffrey

was raised in the Lutheran tradition but now has desired to become Catholic. He has been in a process of formation in the Catholic tradition and is now ready to be received into the Catholic Church. At the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 13, Jeffrey will make his Profession of Faith and be received into the Church, and then receive Confirmation and his First Communion.

We welcome Jeffrey and thank him and his wife Tara for their witness of faith and their commitment and dedication to his process of formation. Why not join us for this Mass, even if you usually don't attend Mass at that particular time? It would be a great way to extend a great OLPH welcome to someone joining our Church!

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

Don't forget about our annual Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass, coming up on Friday, May 19. This is one of the ways we celebrate and support the Sacrament of Matrimony here at OLPH. It's for couples celebrating an anniversary "on the fives" (5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc.) and all couples married 50 years or any year more (51, 52, etc.). The Mass includes a renewal of commitment by all the anniversary couples, and then there's a reception which follows, which promises to be an occasion of good food, much joy and revelry, and the playing of the couples' special songs. The anniversary couples may invite their immediate families to the celebration (please, immediate family only — we cannot accommodate the crowd if everyone invites large numbers!). Look for the ad and the response form elsewhere in this bulletin, and notice that the RSVP deadline is coming up soon — it's this Friday, May 12. Don't miss out!

### ***In conclusion...***

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

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

Sincerely,



## PRAYER 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 8—  
Replaced by May Crowning at 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, May 15—7:00 p.m.  
Monday, May 22—7:00 p.m.**

### 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**

**No Evening Prayer  
tonight, May 7,  
due to the Spring Concert.**

### MEETING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are reminded to attend the important meeting to be held on *Saturday, May 13, at 3:00 p.m. in the church.* The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer and a discussion of important business items. All E.M.'s are expected to attend. Thank you.

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

This Easter, we are offering 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 offering to memorialize the candle is \$500.



We have ordered a new vestment that is available to be memorialized. The red cope will be used at the Palm Sunday Procession and on Good Friday. The donation for this vestment is \$600, and a label, marking the memorial, can be placed inside. The purple 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](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org).

## JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

### The Junior Legion of Mary

#### **PARENTS:**

**Do you have children between the ages of 8 & 18 years of age?**



The Junior Legion of Mary is the perfect blend of prayer, doing acts of mercy and socializing to lead your children to become moral Christian adults. You are welcome to attend a meeting to see what we are all about. The Junior Legion meets Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Room 24 of the School.

## *May Crowning*

**Monday, May 8<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.

Hospitality to follow after the prayer and blessing. The May Crowning will take place instead of the weekly devotions.

## 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.

## 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.*

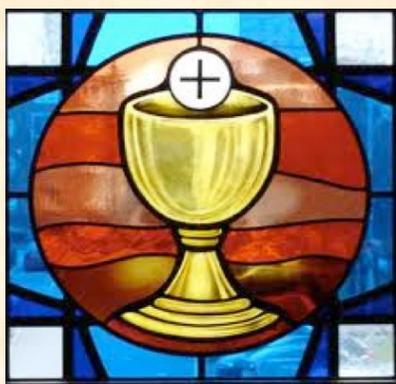
### *First Holy Communicants*

*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.*

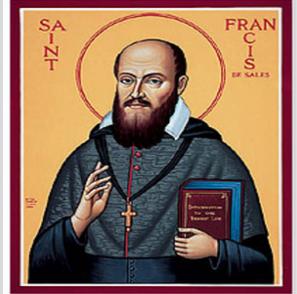


### **BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**

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.

## FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Hi! My name is St. Francis de Sales, and I'm the patron saint of writers. That's why your Pastoral Council has picked me as their patron and intercessor in this column which they offer to you. Here we will grow in our appreciation of the Catholic faith through questions and answers. So, I encourage all of you to send me your questions about Catholicism. All questions are welcomed and all will remain just between you and me (we won't print your name in the bulletin). Please e-mail [pastoralcouncil@oloph.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@oloph.org) and each time this column appears, a new question will be answered. So, let's get started! I'll pray for you what I pray for everyone: May the Lord grant you His peace!



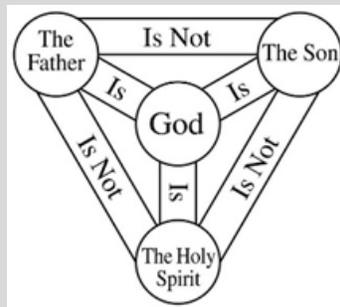
*“The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church, with His life-giving and unifying strength. Of many He makes a single body — the mystical Body of Christ.” — Pope Francis*

**Our profession of faith recognizes God as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but can you help me understand the Spirit? For example, the Lord's Prayer acknowledges our Father. When I walk into Church, I see Jesus on the cross. But I have trouble recognizing the Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Trinity! In the name of the Father, the Son, and who? The Holy Spirit may be the one Person in the Trinity who does not get the respect of the other Two, for reasons that you bring up in your examples. We acknowledge our Father when we pray The Lord's Prayer (“Our Father, who art in heaven...”), and we easily recognize Jesus on the crucifix, but what about the Holy Spirit?

Let's start out with an explanation of the Trinity. We believe in one God, but we also believe our one God is three divine Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The image below is nice a visual explaining the Trinity. Notice how there is only one God, but three distinct Persons. God is Father, but the Father is not the Son, nor is the Father the Spirit. Jesus is God, but Jesus is not the Father nor is He the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God, but the Spirit is not the Father nor Jesus. One God, but three divine Persons.

God as Trinity



Now this is the Catholic faith: we worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity, without either confusing the Persons or dividing the substance (consubstantial Trinity), for the Person of the Father is one, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit another; but the Godhead of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 266).

The Father and the Son revealed the Spirit. Before his Passover (His Death and Resurrection), Jesus announced the sending of “another Paraclete” (Advocate), the Holy Spirit. At work since creation, having previously “spoken through the prophets,” the Spirit will now be with and in the disciples, to teach them and guide them “into all the truth.” The Holy Spirit is thus revealed as another divine Person with Jesus and the Father (CCC 243).

The apostolic faith concerning the Spirit was confessed by the second ecumenical council at Constantinople (381): “We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.” By this confession, the Church recognizes the Father as “the source and origin of the whole divinity.” But the eternal origin of the Spirit is not unconnected with the Son’s origin: “The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, is God, one and equal with the Father and the Son, of the same substance and also of the same nature.... Yet He is not called the Spirit of the Father alone... but the Spirit of both the Father and the Son.” The Creed of the Church from the Council of Constantinople confesses: “With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified” (CCC 245).

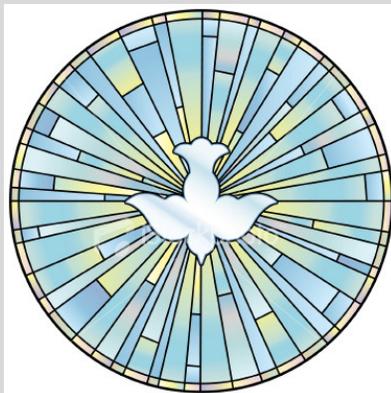
Note the Easter season lasts for 50 days according to our liturgical calendar. The season begins on Easter Sunday with the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then during the next 40 days, Jesus makes appearances to many in the Bible. On the 40th day, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, the day when Jesus ascended into heaven (yes, a Holy Day of Obligation, which is celebrated this year on May 25, 2017). After Jesus ascended, the “first community in Jerusalem” prayed in the upper room over the next few days (Acts 1:13-15). Then on the 50th day after His Resurrection, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday (this year it’s June 4, 2017). “When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.” (Acts 2:1-2)

Talk about transformation! The disciples go from living in fear, since the Lord ascended and was no longer physically with them, to now being filled with the Holy Spirit, and are able to boldly and confidently speak in public proclaiming Jesus has been raised from the dead. “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)

You can be transformed too! By reflecting on the gifts and fruits of the Spirit, over time you will feel God’s love working in you and through you. The Catechism says, “because the Holy Spirit is the anointing of Christ, it is Christ who, as the head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among his members to nourish, heal, and organize them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness, and associate them to his self-offering to the Father and to his intercession for the whole world.” (739) “These ‘mighty works of God,’ offered to believers in the sacraments of the Church, bear their fruit in the new life in Christ, according to the Spirit.” (740)

“The Holy Spirit will come and we shall know him; he will be with us forever; he will remain with us. The Spirit will teach us everything, remind us of all that Christ said to us and bear witness to him. The Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth and will glorify Christ. He will prove the world wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment.” (729).

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...AMEN!

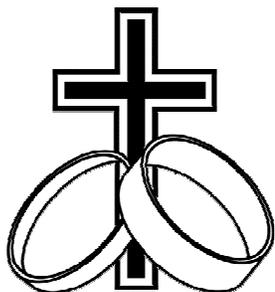


# OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

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 MAY 12**  
**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 12.*



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

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

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

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

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

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

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

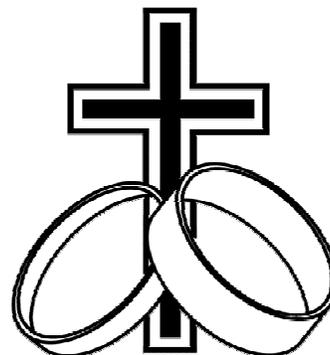
Wedding Song Artist \_\_\_\_\_

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 12.**  
**Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.**

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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 Email: [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)  
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
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## 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.

### SACRAMENT REHEARSALS:

Monday, May 8th at 5:00 p.m.:

**Communion Rehearsal— Group B**

Wednesday, May 17th at 5:30 p.m.:

**Confirmation Rehearsal— Group A**

Wednesday, May 17th at 7:30 p.m.:

**Confirmation Rehearsal—Group B**

## Registration Is Now OPEN



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 by Monday, May 8th** to reserve your spot.



## WE NEED YOU!

We are currently looking for **hall monitors** for our Saturday, Session I time (8:30-9:30 a.m.). This is a perfect opportunity for parents who are looking to get involved! All interested should call or email us for more information!  
 Training is provided.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

*St. Rose Venerini*  
*Feast Day: May 7th*



After her fiancé died, Rose joined a convent, only to return home realizing her calling was to become a teacher. Her gift for teaching became legendary as she opened many schools! After her death, the Venerini Sisters were formed, who serve Italian immigrants to this day!

# 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
- † 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!

- SHELF STABLE MILK**
- INDIVIDUAL FRUIT CUPS**
- PUDDING**
- JELLO CUPS**
- COFFEE**
- WATER**
- TOOTHPASTE**
- RAZORS**
- 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 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.

Today we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday”  
where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us and  
hear his words, “I came so that they may have life  
and have it more abundantly.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
you will reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd”  
to your suffering brothers and sisters.

## † 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 acknowledg-  
ing 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](mailto: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 underwear - XL, XXL**

**Men's sweat pants - XXL, XXXL**

**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](mailto: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, May 9**

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



Long Island  
Coalition for Life  
Educational Trust

Invites you to hear

**Jason Negri, MS, JD**  
**Patients Rights Counsel**

**Sunday, May 21st**

**1:30-4:30 p.m.**

**American Legion Hall, Islip**

Learn to thoughtfully & effectively speak about the danger physician-assisted suicide poses to the medically vulnerable while facing end-of-life decisions with a medical community increasingly comfortable with hastening a patient's death.

**No Admission charge.**

**Light Refreshments.**

**Information – LICL Educational Trust:  
631-243-1435; [info@PROLIFELI.org](mailto:info@PROLIFELI.org)**

*Directions: 39 Nassau Ave. - behind Islip Town Hall  
off NY 27A. Municipal parking east side of Town Hall.*

### Are you watching... **INSIGHT?**

Msgr. Joe's television show INSIGHT, which he co-hosts with Bishop Robert Brennan and Bishop Nelson Pérez, can be seen airing weekly on Telecare, channel 29 on Cablevision, on:



**Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays at 11:00 p.m.**  
**Fridays at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturdays at 10:00 p.m.**

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

*Our Lady of Mercy School* community invites you to join our school community for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond. Nursery—Grade 8 programs are offered. Tours are available during school hours, evenings, and weekends by appointment. Our Lady of Mercy School, 520 South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville, NY 11801. Please contact us for a tour. (516-433-7040 or [jharrigan@olmshicks.org](mailto:jharrigan@olmshicks.org)).

A *full time secretarial position* in a nearby Catholic School (St. Rose of Lima School Massapequa) is available for the new school year. Secretarial experience is preferred. Computer skills are required. Please fax resumes to: 516-706-2069.

*Telecare*, your *Television Network of the Diocese of Rockville Centre*, hosts the **Telecare 2017 Golf Classic**, on Tues., **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, 2017. Telecare’s Classic is played simultaneously on 2 prestigious North Shore courses. Proceeds from the event enable this important ministry of our diocese to continue to provide Catholic programming to Long Island and beyond, through television, web streaming, and social media. Telecare especially provides a unique connection between our diocese and our homebound, hospitalized, rehabilitative facility residents, and our military parishioners, both home and abroad. This year, Monsignor James Vlaun is pleased to announce Philip Westerman as event Chairman and Peter and Lisa Reali as event Honorees. Visit Telecare’s website at [www.telecaretv.org](http://www.telecaretv.org) or contact Dawn-Marie Feiler, Golf Classic Coordinator, at 516-538-8704, ext. 118, or [dmfeiler@telecaretv.org](mailto:dmfeiler@telecaretv.org), for golf, dinner, underwriting, raffle, and in-kind donation information.

*Church of St. Joseph Parish Center*, 39 North Carl Avenue, Babylon, NY, “**Moving On**” Group” an after bereavement group for widows and widowers will present: “**Reinventing Yourself After The Loss of a Spouse**” Presented by **Dr. Anne C. Kane**, Friday, **May 12** at 7:30 p.m. For further information please call Geri Olson 631-661-8994.

*Camp Veritas 2017*: a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens 7<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grades. **July 16-22** at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY; **July 23-29** at Summit Lake Camp, Emmitsburg, MD and **August 13-19** at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment price: \$450 per camper per week. Volunteers over 18 are needed. For details go to [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com).

## OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY

The new OLPH Youth Ministry had its first get-together on Friday, April 28. Fr. Frank Zero and Charlie Mailloux led the group through an evening of fun and games and pizza!



Thanks to all who came to play and to those who helped make the evening great.

Watch for our future events!



# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Lecturas del Domingo 5° de Pascua - Ciclo A

*Domingo, 14 de mayo de 2017*

No hay mejor modo de comprender a la criatura que comprendiendo al Creador. Conociendo al Autor, los matices y triquiñuelas de la obra, se nos aclaran muchas dudas y preguntas que se nos presentan a medida que nos acercamos a la fe.

Ustedes son una raza escogida,  
un sacerdocio real, una nación consagrada,  
un pueblo adquirido para alabar a Dios.

Que Jesús, nuestro Señor y Salvador,  
esté siempre con ustedes.

### **Primer Lectura (Hechos 6,1-7):** Un Misterio de Servicio

Cuando en la Iglesia primitiva creció la comunidad cristiana, resolvió las dificultades de organización creando nuevos ministerios de servicio para asistir a los apóstoles y a los presbíteros.

### **Segunda Lectura (1 Pedro 2,4-9):** Un Pueblo Sacerdotal

Cristo, nuestro Sumo Sacerdote, nos ha hecho un pueblo santo de sacerdotes; nuestra tarea es continuar la misión de Cristo, dando a conocer a Dios a los hermanos y alabando a Dios en nombre de todos.

### **Evangelio (Juan 14,1-12):** Cristo, Nuestro Camino, Verdad y Vida

Los que creen en Cristo pueden hacer lo que Cristo hizo, e ir a donde él les conduzca, ya que Por medio de Cristo vamos al Padre, y con él ofrecemos este sacrificio de alabanza. Él nos ha hecho un pueblo elegido para dar gracias al Padre en nombre de todo el mundo. Es para nosotros el Camino, la verdad y la vida. \*\*\*\*"Nadie puede ir al Padre si no es por medio de mí", dijo Jesús.

Acerquémonos, pues, al Padre con nuestra oración tomando los sentimientos y las palabras del mismo Jesús.

Juan 14,6: *Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida.* Tomás había preguntado: "Señor, no sabemos a dónde vas. ¿Cómo podemos conocer el camino?" Jesús responde: "*Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Padre sino por mí*".

*"Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Padre sino por mí"*. Tres palabras importantes. Sin un *camino*, no se anda. Sin *verdad*, no se acierta. Sin *vida*, sólo ¡hay muerte! Jesús explica el sentido. Él es el **camino**, porque "¡nadie viene al Padre sino por mí!" Pues, él es la puerta por donde las ovejas entran y salen (Jn 10,9). Jesús es la **verdad**, porque mirándole a él, estamos viendo la imagen del Padre. "¡Si vosotros me conocierais, conoceríais también al Padre!" Jesús es la **vida**, porque caminando como Jesús caminó, estaremos unidos al Padre y tendremos la vida en nosotros

Jesús es el camino, la verdad y la vida. Sin camino, sin verdad y sin vida no se vive. Trata de dejar penetrar esto en tu conciencia.

- Dos preguntas importantes: ¿Quién es Jesús para mí? ¿Quién soy yo para Jesús?

Los cielos cuentan la gloria de Dios, el firmamento anuncia la obra de sus manos; el día al día comunica el mensaje, la noche a la noche le pasa la noticia. (Sal 19, 2-3)

**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:**

*John J. Decutiis & Casey Lee Zupancic*

**Second Announcement:**

*Bryan McKiernan & Heather Vobis*

**WE REMEMBER**

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

*Joyce Rose Stroh  
Hugh Donaldson*

*“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.”*

**WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

- |                                       |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Theresa Paolo</i>                  | <i>Rich Kleczkowski</i>      |
| <i>Ryan Starace</i>                   | <i>MaryLou Miskovsky</i>     |
| <i>Robert Flesher</i>                 | <i>Susan Marcontonio</i>     |
| <i>George William Knack</i>           | <i>Kathy Fey</i>             |
| <i>Peter Masak</i>                    | <i>Shannon Snyder</i>        |
| <i>Arleen Loughlin</i>                | <i>Phil Pascarella</i>       |
| <i>Elizabeth Umile</i>                | <i>Glenn Cording</i>         |
| <i>Natalie &amp; Olivia Schettino</i> | <i>Heather Flores</i>        |
| <i>Judith Walsh</i>                   | <i>Giovanny Mateo Flores</i> |
| <i>Robert Chancellor</i>              | <i>Patrick Pigott Sr.</i>    |
| <i>Alice Leonard</i>                  | <i>Dominick Bonanduci</i>    |
| <i>Gary Foster</i>                    | <i>John McPhail</i>          |
| <i>Nora R. McMahon</i>                | <i>Margie Vacca</i>          |
| <i>Pat Kleczkowski</i>                | <i>Walter Eby</i>            |

**GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS**



Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

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.

**PERPETUAL HELP MASS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017 8:00 A.M. MASS**

Carmen Hernandez	Requested by Sonia Cruz
Francisco Navarrete	Requested by Dalida Calderone
James Marckesno	Requested by Adriana Lubrano
Richard Brosan	Requested by Fran Brosan
Jason Ross	Requested by Mascio & Ross Families
Alice Leonard (Living)	Requested by Patsy Eriksen

**MASS MEMORIALS**

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

**May 7-13:**

*Altar Bread  
In Memory of  
Silvio Leonti  
Requested by  
Rene Renna*

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, May 8—**

**Easter Weekday**

6:30 Henry & Eleanor Zuber

12:15 Lucretia & Dominick Colucci & Family

**TUESDAY, May 9—**

**Easter Weekday**

6:30 Annunziata Zoccali

12:15 Kaylin Zimms

**WEDNESDAY, May 10—**

**Easter Weekday**

*(Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest)*

6:30 Annunziata Zoccali

12:15 Rose Passarelli

**THURSDAY, May 11—**

**Easter Weekday**

6:30 Cynthia Simon

12:15 James McCowan, Jr.

**FRIDAY, May 12—**

**Easter Weekday**

*(Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancra, Martyr)*

6:30 Gerald J. Cunningham

12:15 Frank Bonventre

**SATURDAY, May 13—**

**Easter Weekday**

*(Our Lady of Fatima)*

8:00 Kathleen Murphy

**Vigil for**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 Anthony Gallo

**Sunday, May 14**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00 Perpetual Help Mass

10:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

12:00 Mother's Day Novena

5:00 For the People of the Parish

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, May 8, 2017**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for First Communion (B)	Church
7:00 p.m.	May Crowning	Lawn
8:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal Ministry Meeting	St. Mark

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

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.	DRVC Liturgy Workshop	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark
7:30 a.m.	Spanish Board Meeting	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	Life in the Spirit	Room 16

**Wednesday, May 10, 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
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:00 p.m.	Catholic Committee on Boy Scouting	St. Lucy
7:30 p.m.	RCIA Inquiry Session	Room 16

**Thursday, May 11, 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.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

**Friday, May 12, 2017**

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

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

10:15 a.m.	First Communion	Church
3:00 p.m.	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Meeting	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
4:30 p.m.	Carnation Sale - "Birthright"	Outside
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, May 14, 2017**

10:00 & 12:00	First Communion at Mass	Church
10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
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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Directory of Phone Extensions

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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 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

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

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 April 29/30, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	398	136	\$6,312.00
8:00 a.m.	280	113	3,190.00
10:00 a.m.	498	141	3,662.00
12:00 p.m.	575	130	3,569.00
5:00 p.m.	185	41	1,390.50
Coin			6.49
Mail-ins:			344.00
Children's Env.		17	58.00
Faith Direct			2,018.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>\$20,550.49</b>
<b>2016 total</b>	<b>2,139</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>\$18,251.22</b>
Candles			\$883.08
Poor Box			\$310.80

### "LET'S PAY OFF THE NEW BOILERS" COLLECTION

Total needed to pay off the Loan Completely:  
**\$119,516.00**

Total collected as of April 30:  
**\$84,089.16**



### 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 14—passed  
May 21—May 12  
May 28—May 19

**Thank you for your cooperation.**



### COLLECTION FOR 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. Last year the Foundation gave over \$1.75 million to students while actual student need was over \$6 million. The money that you give to the second collection next weekend will help to expand the academic excellence of our Catholic elementary schools and help them remain a place where our faith is taught and lived.

Sustaining Catholic elementary education is vital to the future of our society and our Church. Our students are our future. They are tomorrow's hope. Please be as generous as possible with your donation.



Use Your IRA for  
Your Gift Now  
and/or for  
Your Estate Gift!

If you would like to make a gift now using your IRA and if:

1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
2. Your IRA is a traditional or Roth
3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

**You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).**

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

**PREPARING FOR Sunday, May 14, 2017—****FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life.**No one comes to the Father except through me."*

John 14:6

**Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7**

In the first reading today we have a model for how conflicts in today's church should be handled. As the early church grew, it incorporated people of differing backgrounds. The Hellenists were Jews who spoke only Greek and the Hebrews were Jews who spoke Aramaic, as Jesus did. There arose a situation in which the Hellenists felt that their widows were being neglected when the community distributed food to the poor. In response, the twelve apostles called the whole community together and asked for a new group of leaders from among the Hellenists to see to this problem. It should be comforting for us today to note that even the original church had difficulties and frictions. Hopefully, we can handle it as they did – by working together with mutual love and respect.

**1 Peter 2:4-9**

We hear again this week from Peter's letter to Christians living in a hostile environment and how he encourages them to remain strong. Citing several Scriptural passages from the Old Testament, he reminds them that Jesus is the corner stone of their lives as believers and that anyone who puts their faith in him will not be disappointed. This should speak to us today as well since it's sometimes hard for others to understand why we make the choice to be faithful to Christ. Nevertheless, since we have made this choice, we are called "out of darkness into his wonderful light."

**John 14:1-12**

This selection from the Gospel of John is taken from Jesus' farewell address to the disciples during their supper before his Passion. He attempts to prepare them for his departure from his mortal life in this world but assures them that he will return and take them to himself, promising "where I am you also may be." However, the disciples don't understand since Jesus hasn't yet died and been raised to life. (How often do we not understand what Jesus is really saying?) But what is clear to us today is that Jesus is "the way and the truth and the life," that is, the way to have life and have it to the full both in this world and the next. That's the truth of the Gospel message.

**Readings for the Week***Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.***Monday, May 8, 2017:**

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

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017:**

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

**Wednesday, May 10, 2017:**

Acts 12:24—13:5a + John 12:44-50

**Thursday, May 11, 2017:**

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

**Friday, May 12, 2017:**

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

**Saturday, May 13, 2017:**

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

**Sunday, May 14, 2017:**

Acts 6:1-7

+ 1 Peter 2:4-9

+ John 14:1-12

**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. The disciples didn't know where Jesus was going and certainly did not want him to leave. Can you relate to this desire to be with the people you love? How is human love a reflection of divine love or a participation in it?*

*2. Does Pope Francis' message about Jesus pitching his tent in our midst help you know The Way? The Truth? How does it help us know the Father?*

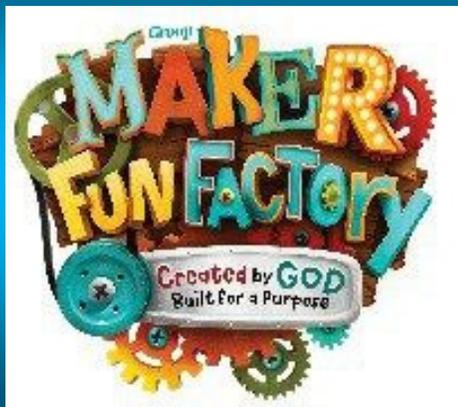
*"In him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father: Jesus is Love incarnate. He is not simply a teacher of wisdom, he is not an ideal for which we strive while knowing that we are hopelessly distant from it. He is the meaning of life and history, who has pitched his tent in our midst.*

*... Our Father is patient, he loves us, he gives us Jesus to guide us on the way which leads to the promised land. Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness."*

*Midnight Mass Homily of Pope Francis, #2, #3  
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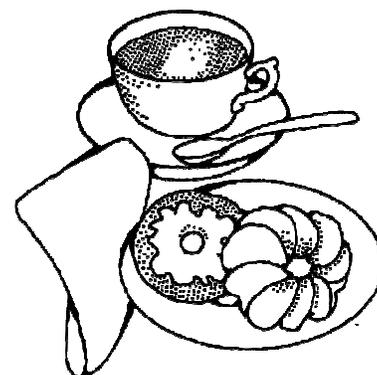
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