

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life,  
and I will raise him on the last day.*

John 6:54

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 11, 2023

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

**Deacons:** Deacon William R. Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith,

Deacon Robert A. Becker, Deacon James Totino

**Business Manager:** Ms. Jill Marie Delano

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut • **Music Director:** Miss Erin Barrett

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

### COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**,  
except on Thursdays (closed after the  
12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning)  
and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

*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. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

**Special Needs Mass:**

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.  
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

**Holy Days of Obligation:** Consult the bulletin

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person,  
each Saturday in the church immediately following  
the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning  
Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.  
on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link  
on the home page of our website.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.**

*Also available by individual appointment  
with one of the priests.*

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

**First Saturdays:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

### DEVOTIONS

**OLPH Novena:** Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

**Rosary:** Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass  
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

**The Holy Face of Jesus:** Tuesdays following  
12:15 p.m. Mass

**First Fridays and First Saturdays:**

As announced in bulletin

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Friday:** 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Saturday and Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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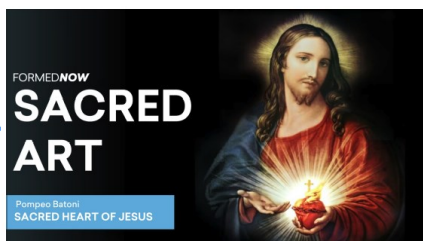
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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

## Week of June 11, 2023

### WATCH



#### The Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart | Sacred Art

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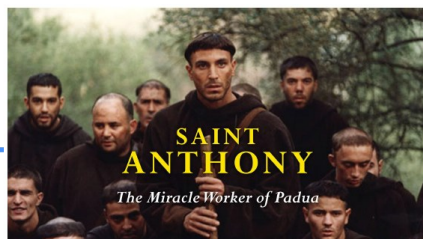
### LEARN



#### Saint Anthony of Padua | Lukas Storyteller

Don't worry about your children being exposed to unwholesome television content anymore! In this fun, family-friendly series, your children will learn important lessons, such as the value of honesty.

### LISTEN



#### Saint Anthony: Miracle Worker of Padua

This beautiful Italian film depicts the life of St. Anthony of Padua, including his preaching, his love for the poor, and the wonders of his miracles. It will doubtless help you cultivate devotion to this beloved saint.

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

What a wonderful liturgical day this is for us: it's the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This beautiful feast gives us the opportunity to specifically acknowledge and celebrate the Eucharist as the center of our life and as the center of our liturgical worship as Catholics. We can never exhaust the richness or the depths of the mystery that at Mass the offerings of bread and wine really and truly become the Real Presence of Christ, His Body and Blood. Through this covenant of love at the Sacred Banquet, God draws us into His divine life and offers us food for our earthly pilgrimage. We can be confident in God's nourishment transforming our weakness and sufferings into life and joy. At every celebration of Mass, the work of our redemption is accomplished.

As always, the meaning and spirituality of what we celebrate can be found in the liturgical texts. The Collect (Opening Prayer) notes that in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, God has "*left us a memorial of your Passion.*" Our celebration of the Eucharist always immerses us in the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. The prayer goes on to ask that because of our revering of "*the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood,*" we may "*always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.*" Those fruits are expressed in a life of self-emptying love; our participation in the Paschal Mystery must be a means of being transformed by God so that we live out the mystery of love being celebrated.

The Prayer over the Offerings for today's Mass reinforces the idea that worship of the Eucharist must be expressed in the practical living out of our lives. This prayer reinforces that one of the chief results of Eucharistic celebration must be unity: as the "one bread" and "one cup" are prayed over at the one altar around which is gathered the one Body of Christ, we see in those signs the mystery of what we are to become — "one body, one spirit in Christ," in the words of Eucharistic Prayer III.

Finally, the Prayer after Communion

points to the important but often-overlooked eschatological dimension of the Eucharist, as it reminds us that the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord in this present age is a foreshadowing of sharing in God's divine life for all eternity.

All these Mass prayers remind us that we must never just simply passively receive the Body and Blood of Christ, but rather, as we reverence the great mystery of the Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist, we must, through our participation in Mass, always (to borrow from St. Augustine) **become what we receive.**

If you are attending Mass earlier than 10:00 a.m. this Sunday, keep in mind that we are having a special Eucharistic Procession at the end of the 10:00 a.m. Mass, with the Procession concluding with Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, which will be carried under a beautiful canopy, as a special sign of honor to the Real Presence of Christ. So, everyone — do consider honoring the Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament by joining in the Procession.

We are also celebrating at that Mass all children who have received First Holy Communion this year, and we have invited them to attend in their First Communion attire and to participate in the Procession. What a festive occasion it is!

### *Receiving Holy Communion properly*

This Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a good opportunity for us to review the norms for properly receiving Holy Communion. May I ask you to take a moment to read through these items:

- We are to fast from everything except water and medicine for one hour before reception of Holy Communion. Included in this would be refraining from chewing gum during Mass, and most especially not chewing gum as one comes forward to receive Holy Communion! (Parents should check this with their children.)

- We are to come forward to receive Communion in a reverent procession. This is more than just a functional walking forward and we need to be attentive to the way we carry

ourselves. The Communion procession is not a time for talking or doing other things; we should be joining in the singing as much as possible as we process forward.

- If you are receiving the Body of Christ in the hand, one hand is to be underneath the other, with both hands flat, not curled up, creating, in the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, a throne for our Lord. There is to be no grabbing of the Host. Hands are to be washed and clean; parents should make sure their children's hands are free of dirt, magic marker markings, *etc.*, although children are not the only ones we have seen with dirty hands.

- If you are receiving the Body of Christ on the tongue, you must open your mouth and stick out your tongue. Do not expect the minister to have to maneuver to place the Host in your mouth — stick out your tongue! Also, let the minister place the Host on your tongue; do not bite it or grab it with your lips.

- Communicants must remember to say "Amen" after the minister says, "The Body of Christ" or the "Blood of Christ." That moment is an important moment to express faith, and the Church asks that the ritual reception of Communion take place as a dialogue. Your response of "Amen" expresses both your belief in what you are receiving — the actual Real Presence, the Body and Blood, of Christ — and your understanding of the consequences of being in Communion with the Lord, namely, the way you are called to be transformed to live the life of Christ.

- If you have received the Body of Christ in the hand, immediately place the Host in your mouth; do not begin to walk away with it. Proper reverence for the Sacred Species demands that it be consumed immediately and not carried around.

- When we return to our seat after receiving Holy Communion, we are to pray by joining in the singing. Reception of Holy Communion is a communal ritual action, not a private one. Once all have received Communion and the singing ends, then we all sit together in silence for some time for our individual and personal prayer.

- Ushers act as "Communion guards" to make sure that the Sacred Host is immediately consumed. However, as the saying goes, "If

you see something, say something" — in other words, if you see someone returning to their seat with the Host, please say something to them, or alert one of the Ushers. Every so often we have the problem of finding a Host left in the pews, and this is very troubling.

Careful attention on the part of all of us concerning our ritual behavior during the reception of Holy Communion will greatly enhance the reverence and dignity of our celebration of the Eucharist.

### *Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday, June 16*

This Friday, June 16, is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is always celebrated on the Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost (or, in other words, the Friday after the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus became popular in the seventeenth century through St. Mary Margaret Alacoque (1647-1690; St. Margaret's memorial is October 16), who said that in her visions Christ told her, "Behold the heart that has loved people so, yet is loved so little in return."

This beautiful feast gives us the opportunity to focus in a very powerful way on God's love, which comes to us through Christ, and this is especially emphasized for us in the Mass prayers for this Solemnity.

The Priest has a choice from among two Collects (Opening Prayers) for this day. The first one recalls the wonders of Christ's love for us as "*we glory in the Heart of your beloved Son.*" In recalling those wonders, we can ask for "*an overflowing measure of grace*" from the Heart of Christ, referred to in the prayer as "*the fount of heavenly gifts.*" The second option speaks more directly about how Christ's Sacred Heart has been wounded by our sins, and so asks that as we pay homage in our devotion, that homage "*may also offer worthy reparation.*"

The Preface (beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, before the Holy, Holy) assigned for today spotlights the image of Christ on the Cross, with blood and water flowing from his pierced side. This is "*the wellspring of the Church's Sacraments*" that makes it possible so that "*all might draw water joyfully from the springs*

*of salvation.”*

The Prayer after Communion picks up the theme of love as it refers to the Eucharist as *“this sacrament of charity.”* Our participation in the celebration of the Eucharist should transform us, making us *“fervent with the fire of holy love”* so that we can see and serve Christ in our neighbor.

I invite you to spend some time praying over these prayers on Friday, in observance of this beautiful Solemnity. As is our custom, we will highlight this Solemnity as a special day by including music at the celebration of the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass, so all who come to that Mass on Friday will have the opportunity to celebrate the Solemnity in an appropriately festive way.

***Anointing of the Sick next Sunday, June 18, at 12:00 Noon Mass***

Next Sunday, June 18, at the 12:00 Noon Mass, we'll include the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass; please see the ad elsewhere in this bulletin for more complete information.

I'm very happy that we are celebrating this Sacrament within the communal context of Sunday Eucharist, and I am grateful to the members of the Liturgy Committee and those parishioners who minister to the sick and homebound who have worked with me to put it all together. In addition to providing the opportunity to sacramentally anoint those who are sick, this celebration will serve as a concrete expression of our love, care, concern and prayers for our brothers and sisters who are sick, and of our oneness as a parish family gathered around the Sunday altar.

Anyone who is facing significant illness or who will be undergoing surgery should be anointed, as should the elderly who are significantly weakened or compromised because of their age (although simply being elderly is not reason to be anointed if one is healthy). Our homebound parishioners who are able to come to Mass for this one occasion will be there, and we extend the invitation to anyone who is in need of being anointed. All we ask is that you call us ahead of time to put your name on the list so that we will know to expect you, and so we can make adequate preparations.

Please consider being anointed, or bringing

your loved one for anointing, if appropriate, and be sure to call the rectory to let us know you want to be anointed at the Mass. If you are not in need of the Sacrament, attend the Mass anyway, in order to pray for our sick brothers and sisters and to show our unity in Christ with them, as an expression of your prayer and love for them.

***Father's Day Novena of Masses***

Cards and envelopes for our Novena of Masses for Father's Day are available on the pew ledges throughout the church. The Father's Day Novena of Masses is a beautiful way to remember and pray for your father, grandfather, godfather, or that father-to-be you know. Be sure to join in this spiritual remembrance so that your intention will be remembered in the Father's Day Novena of Masses.

***Reminder: we pray Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer together***

Lastly, let me extend an invitation for you to join in praying the Liturgy of the Hours with the parish. We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person, each Saturday in the church immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. on the Zoom video platform — all you have to do is click on the Zoom link on the home page of our website.

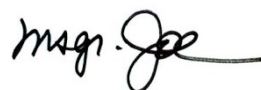
The Liturgy of the Hours is the official daily prayer of the Church, meant to be prayed communally. It's not meant only for Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers; it's for everyone. Enrich your prayer life by joining us!

***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,





**SACRAMENT OF  
THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK  
at the  
12:00 Noon Mass  
SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023**

We'll be celebrating the  
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick  
during the 12:00 Noon Mass on  
Sunday, June 18.

Anyone in need of being anointed  
is invited to participate in the Mass  
and to receive the Sacrament when it is offered.

We have also invited our parishioners  
who are homebound and who receive Holy Communion at home.

*This Sacrament brings the blessings of God's comfort, peace and grace,  
offering strength and the assurance that one is facing the illness  
in union with Christ.*

**Who should be anointed?**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for baptized Christians  
whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age.  
It should be celebrated at the beginning of the illness or during the illness  
and should not be delayed.  
So, the condition should be more serious than just a cold or some normal illness,  
but the old thinking about waiting until one is near death  
is no longer proper for this Sacrament, either.  
Also, it is appropriate to be anointed before undergoing any kind of surgery,  
or when one has received a diagnosis and will be undergoing  
a course of treatment for something significant.

***Please let us know ahead of time  
if you would like to be anointed at that Mass!***

Please notify us in advance so we can make adequate preparations:  
Call the rectory at **(631) 226-7725** and leave word.

*“Through this holy anointing  
may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.”*  
—Rite of Anointing of the Sick

## PATRONAL FEAST MASS

### *THE PATRONAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP*



**SUNDAY,  
JUNE 25, 2023  
12:00 p.m. MASS**

**Come and celebrate our Patronal Feast  
and build up our oneness  
as a community of disciples!**

**Let's give praise and thanks to God  
for the gift of OLPH  
as "the place to be"**

**as we celebrate Eucharist together!**

**We'll honor the icon  
of Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
in our Entrance Procession.**

**Hospitality will follow the Mass!**



### **FATHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES**

Father's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the church. The Father's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your father, grandfather, godfather, the father-to-be you know or any father you wish to remember, living or deceased, in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Father'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 if appropriate. Thank you.

Please Join Us For A  
*Concert for Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Feast Day*



Presented by the  
**Hoffman Chamber Ensemble**



Featuring works by Puccini, Bach-Gounod, Caccini,  
Dvorak and more!

**Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**at 7:30 p.m.**

*Attendance is free with an optional free will offering.  
Proceeds will go towards the OLPH Friends of Music Program*



## PRAYER AND 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. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Mondays at 12:45 p.m.**

### **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.

### **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.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*Children's Liturgy of the Word  
at the 10:00 a.m. Mass  
and YouTube videos  
are both taking a break  
for the summer!  
Enjoy your summer days  
and we'll see you in the fall!*





## We need your help!

*Please complete the survey below to help us better serve you,  
our OLPH parish community, in offering future Adult Faith Formation Programs.  
Please return the survey to the Rectory on or before Sunday, June 18.  
Thank you for your input and cooperation.*

### Survey of OLPH Adult Faith Formation Program 2020-2023

#### Parishioner Feedback

The survey means to acquire information about the population taking programs meant to deepen their faith life, and to evaluate the effectiveness of those programs.

1. In the past five years, have you attended any form of faith formation program offered by OLPH?

- Yes, I have attended an Adult Faith Formation program at OLPH.
- No, I have not attended an Adult Faith Formation program at OLPH.

2. From the list below, please indicate which Adult Faith Formation programs you have attended in the past five years. Please check as many as apply.

- Liturgy of the Hours presented by Chris Ferraro.
- Responsorial Psalms of Advent 2020, 2021 or 2022
- The Responsorial Psalms of Lent 2021, 2022 or 2023
- Living the Eucharist 2021, 2022, 2023
- Divine Mercy and Grace in the Bible presented by Fr. Jacob Summer 2022
- Catechesis on Texts of the Mass presented by Msgr. Joe Spring 2019
- Workshop on the Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* presented by Msgr. Joe Winter 2022
- Christian Morality presented by Fr. Frank and April Kleinlaut Fall 2018
- Liturgy and Sacraments presented by Msgr. Joe Spring 2018

3. Considering the Adult Faith Formation programs you have attended at OLPH, which of the following statements best represents your purpose in taking the program?

- I wanted to increase my knowledge of Catholic doctrine.
- I wanted to increase my knowledge of the Bible.
- I wanted to deepen my faith by sharing experiences with others.
- I found the presenter to be interesting in other programs or settings and wanted to hear more from her or him.

4. To what degree did the program satisfy your purpose?

- The program(s) did not satisfy my purpose.
- The program(s) met some of my expectations.
- The program(s) met most of my expectations.
- The program(s) exceeded my expectations.

5. Think about the content or material presented in the program or programs you have experienced. Which statement would best apply?

- Most of the material reflected information I already knew.
- Some of the material reflected information I already knew.
- I gained many new ideas or insights from the material.

6. Consider the presenter(s) in the programs which you have attended. Which of the following is most accurate?

- The presenter(s) welcomed questions and encouraged discussion.
- The presenter(s) discouraged questions and discussion.

7. In your experience, what has been the most effective way for you to learn about a program?

- Hearing an oral announcement after Mass.
- Seeing a description in the bulletin.
- Receiving an e-mail about the program.
- Hearing about the program from another parishioner.

8. Which of the following statements most nearly represents your thinking about participating in future Adult Faith Formation Programs? (Check all that apply.)

- I would be most likely to participate in programs which will increase my knowledge and understanding of the Bible.
- I would be most likely to participate in programs which will increase my knowledge and understanding of the Mass or other liturgies.
- I would be most likely to participate in programs which increase my knowledge and understanding of Church history and functioning.
- I would be most likely to participate in programs which increase my knowledge and understanding of Catholic doctrine and beliefs.
- I would be most likely to participate in programs which permit me to share my faith experience with others and to hear their faith experiences.

9. Which of the following statements most nearly reflects your preference for the structure of programs you might attend in the future? (Check all that apply.)

- I would most likely attend programs that offer a lot of small group discussion guided by a facilitator who is not a member of the clergy.
- I would most likely attend programs that offer information presented by a professional or clergy member in a single-session talk on a topic of interest to me.
- I would most likely participate in programs that are offered on a Zoom platform
- I would most likely participate in weekly Scripture study classes offered in the evening and focused on the readings to be used in the Mass on the upcoming Sunday.
- I would be most likely to attend programs that offer me a multi-session "classroom" experience to examine a topic in depth.

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

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**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION  
 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: CLOSED

**INTERESTED IN OFFERING  
 YOUR TIME AS A CATECHIST  
 OR HALL MONITOR?**

Our program relies on the generous time and talent offered by our dedicated teachers and hall monitors. We are in need of teacher assistants and hall monitors at all our sessions.

**Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and  
 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Training is provided!  
 Please call us for any questions  
 questions or stop by our office.

**Registration Is Now OPEN**

Letters with details about re-registration have been mailed to all families with students in our program. Early Registration is now CLOSED. The Regular Registration fee is now in effect for ALL registrations. For any late registrations that come in after July 31st there will be an additional \$30 late fee. All families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education should 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 with any questions. 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 e-mailing us.** Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2023-2024 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office. We can’t wait to meet you!

**Vacation Bible Camp Needs YOU!**

We will be decorating for Bible Camp every Wednesday in June. Come join us at 6:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Please consider being a part of our Space Ranger Team!

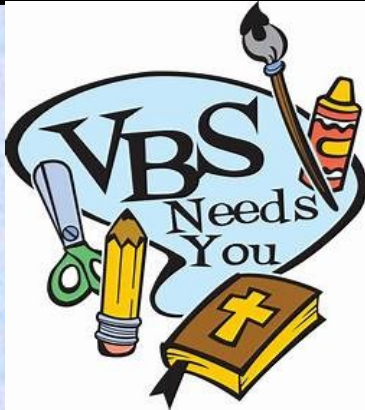
Contact April for more information.

**Vacation Bible Camp Dates:**

*July 10<sup>th</sup> - July 14<sup>th</sup>*

**REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED!**





# Supplies Needed for Bible Camp 2023

## Arts and Crafts

- Construction Paper
- Markers
- Pens/Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Glitter
- Pencil sharpeners
- Big Rocks

## Decorating

- Purple Poster/Roll Paper
- Green Poster/Roll Paper
- Silver Poster/Roll Paper
- Grey Poster/Roll paper
- Brown Packing paper
- Paper lanterns
- Aluminum foil
- Pool noodles
- Any Color Tablecloth Rolls
- Stars (Cutouts)
- String/Ribbon/Bows
- Balloons

Giant Cardboard Boxes (*moving boxes and/or appliance boxes that can be taped closed*)

- Dollar Tree Gifts Cards
- Joann's Gift Cards
- Home Depot Gift Cards
- Hobby Lobby Gift Cards

## Middle School Camp

- Old Magazines or Calendars *to cut out pictures*
- Scotch tape and tape dispensers
- Melting Chocolates
- Lollipop Sticks & Cover Baggies
- Twist ties
- Plastic Gloves
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Plastic knives
- Sandwich bags
- Brown paper lunch bags
- Shoe boxes
- Small toy to fit in shoe box

*Snacks (Everything must be individually wrapped prepacked)*

- Pop Tarts
- Pretzels
- Chips
- Goldfish
- Cheese-Its
- Animal crackers
- Fruit snacks
- Cookies
- Juice Boxes
- 8oz Water Bottles

## Other Items

- Disinfecting Wipes
- Tissues
- Paper Towels
- 12 oz. Plastic Cups

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225-9864—cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@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—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

## 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.

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.

### NEW Food Pantry List!

**RICE**  
**JELLY**  
**PASTA**  
**PANCAKE MIX**  
**PANCAKE SYRUP**  
**CAKE MIX**  
**COOKIES**  
**SOUP**  
**CANNED GREEN BEANS**  
**CANNED PEAS**

Thank you  
for your continued generosity.  
Cut out this list and bring it with you  
when you go shopping!

## THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### † AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

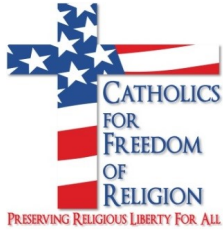
*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul* has an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP's efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

*Memorial/Special Occasion card* envelopes are available 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. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

Please contact the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



# CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



## FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

### Oregon Denies Adoption After Woman Refuses to Back Gender Ideology, Homosexuality

by Tyler Arnold/CNA, Nation, April 6, 2023

An Oregon woman filed a federal lawsuit against the state's Department of Human Services after she was denied the opportunity to adopt a child because she refused to express support for gender ideology and homosexuality.

The woman, Jessica Bates, filed an application to become certified to adopt a child from the Oregon foster care system. However, to obtain the certification, a person must agree to "respect, accept and support the...sexual orientation, gender identity [and] gender expression...of a child or young adult" who is placed in the home, according to the state's policy.

Although Bates promised to love and treat any child as her own, she told the certification officer that she "would not support their lifestyle or encourage any behavior related to their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression" if it went against her religious beliefs. The certification officer asked whether she would use a child's preferred pronouns if he or she ever identified as transgender and whether she would assist a child with transitioning his or her gender through hormone therapy. Bates said she would not.

Because her stance did not comply with DHS regulations, her application was denied. A spokesperson for the state agency was not immediately available for comment.

Bates, who is receiving pro-bono legal representation from Alliance Defending Freedom, argued in her lawsuit that this requirement infringes on her First Amendment rights to freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom of religion.

"Oregon's policy amounts to an ideological litmus test: people who hold secular or 'progressive' views on sexual orientation and gender identity are eligible to participate in child welfare programs, while people of faith with religiously informed views are disqualified because they don't agree with the state's orthodoxy," ADF Senior Counsel Jonathan Scruggs said in a statement.

"The government can't exclude certain communities of faith from foster care and adoption services because the state doesn't like their particular religious beliefs," he said.

## RIP — THE PASSING OF "SOMEONE ELSE"

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else. Someone Else's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Someone Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone Else did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, **one** name was on **everyone's** list: "Let **Someone Else** do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, **this** wonderful person was **looked to** for inspiration as well as **results** — "Someone Else can work with that group." Whenever the parish gathered for a special liturgy or other gathering, it was just assumed that Someone Else would be there.

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most generous givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the **truth** known, **everybody** expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder...what we are going to do?

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help or be present to OLPH in some way, remember: we cannot depend on Someone Else anymore. We can only depend on **YOU!**



# 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
Erin Barrett, Director of Music	210	ebarrett@oloph.org
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Carole Carrano, Parish Secretary	212	ccarrano@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Jill Marie Delano, Business Manager	204	jdelano@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
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 Order 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 [DeaconRobert@oloph.org](mailto:DeaconRobert@oloph.org).

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

### YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jeffrey Gaab  
Gregory Guido  
Sonia Hansen  
Joselyn Kalt  
Mary Leon

Rachelle Louis-Jacques  
Carlton Mitchell  
Deacon James Totino

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

### YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel  
Gerry Chille

### YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
Bill Bendernagel  
Gerry Chille (Chair)  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jill Marie Delano  
Marie Gagneron  
Kenneth Hale  
Bob Meade  
Bob Mehm  
John Reynolds

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

### YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste  
Erin Barrett  
Deacon Robert Becker  
Mark Costantino  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Kenneth Hale  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Denise Martinez  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Mike Williams  
Fr. Frank Zero

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

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **Second Announcement:**

***Michael Engel & Mary Kate Vulpis***

## **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.

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023**

**8:00 A.M. MASS**

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>
<i>Rosemene Saint German, Madeline &amp; Albert Celestin</i>	<i>Requested by Majorie Osias</i>

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Richard Fehr***

*“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...**

*Shakelia Seepersaud*

*Frank Farrugia*

*Elizabeth Fahmi*

*Dave Reid*

*Elvira Martinez*

*Rolando Pulla*

*Monica Pulla*

*Patricia Torres*

*Diane Wilmarth*

*Carol Barbera*

*Louis Giarratano*

*Denise Castrogiovanni*

*Michael Anais*

*Grace Germano*

*Richard Parez*

*Richard Heuthe Jr.*

*Crystal Rose Atkinson*

*Erin Kelly*

*John Leyden*

*Randall Press*

*Josephine Press*

*Nora McMahon*

*Patricia & Richard Kleczkowski*

*Diane Schneider*

*Taylor Crosby*

*Lourdes Jadan*

*Pat Zirkel*

*Joseph Lucas*

*Timothy Herbert*

*Clara Stancati*

*Patricia Corso*

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **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 at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

**The Bereavement Ministry** assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for information.



## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>MONDAY, June 12—</b> <b>Weekday</b> <i>(Tenth Week in Ordinary time)</i>	
6:30	Al Pickford
12:15	Victor Caferri
<b>TUESDAY, June 13—</b> <b>Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b>	
6:30	Helena Kowal & Andrzej Cioch
12:15	Frank , Mildred & Judith Carter
<b>WEDNESDAY, June 14—</b> <b>Weekday</b>	
6:30	Robert Horan
12:15	John Demeo
<b>THURSDAY, June 15—</b> <b>Weekday</b>	
6:30	Dominick O’Neill
12:15	Cristobal Diaz
<b>FRIDAY, June 16—</b> <b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>	
6:30	Margaret L. Brogan
12:15	Bertha Wagner
<b>SATURDAY, June 17—</b> <b>Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
8:00	Perpetual Help Mass <i>(Listing on p. 18)</i>
<b>Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):</b> <b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY</b> <b>IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
5:00	Dominick DeGirolamo
<b>Sunday, June 18—</b> <b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY</b> <b>IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
8:00	Fathers Enrolled in the Father’s Day Novena
10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
12:00	For the People of the Parish

## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Monday, June 12, 2023</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:45 p.m.	Christian Mothers Meeting	Cafeteria
<b>Tuesday, June 13, 2023</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society Installation of Officers	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Wednesday, June 14, 2023</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information)	Off Campus
<b>Thursday, June 15, 2023</b>		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Friday, June 16, 2023</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
<b>Saturday, June 17, 2023</b>		
11:30 a.m.	Bereavement	Room 22
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.	Music Ministry End of Year Choir Celebration	Auditorium
<b>Sunday, June 18, 2023</b>		
10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Room 18
6:00 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 a Dios todos los jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería, en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Alina Patrón al (516) 263-9401

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, llamar a la rectoría 631) 226-7725/ en español a Irma González al (631) 620-2401.

### Liturgia Viva del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo - Ciclo A

Jesús nos dice hoy en el Evangelio:

“Yo soy el pan vivo bajado del cielo. Quien coma de este pan vivirá para siempre; y el pan que yo doy para la vida del mundo es mi carne”.

Que Jesús, el Señor, nos dé siempre este pan que permanezca siempre con ustedes.

**Primer Lectura** (Deuteronomio 8,2-3, 14-16): Un Alimento para el Pueblo Necesitado

A su pueblo en necesidad en el desierto Dios le dio maná del cielo para comer y agua de la roca para beber, y así pudieran marchar hacia la tierra prometida. Hoy Dios nos da a nosotros la eucaristía, en nuestro camino hacia él

**Segunda Lectura** (1 Corintios 10,16-17): Un Pan, un Cuerpo

Nosotros cristianos, dice San Pablo, somos uno -o deberíamos ser- como cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia, pues compartimos juntos el único cuerpo eucarístico de Cristo.

**Evangelio** (Juan 6,51-58): Comida y Bebida Auténticas de Vida.



#### Del santo Evangelio según san Juan 6, 35-40

*En aquel tiempo dijo Jesús a la gente: Yo soy el pan de la vida. El que venga a mí, no tendrá hambre, y el que crea en mí, no tendrá nunca sed. Pero ya os lo he dicho: Me habéis visto y no creéis. Todo lo que me dé el Padre vendrá a mí, y al que venga a mí no lo echaré fuera; porque he bajado del cielo, no para hacer mi voluntad, sino la voluntad del que me ha enviado. Y esta es la voluntad del que me ha enviado; que no pierda nada de lo que él me ha dado, sino que lo resucite el último día.*

*Porque esta es la voluntad de mi Padre: que todo el que vea al Hijo y crea en él, tenga vida eterna y que yo le resucite el último día.*

En la eucaristía Jesús es el pan que nos sustenta y nos ayuda a crecer en su vida; él es nuestro vino de alegría y resurrección.

54. Por cuarta vez Jesús promete juntamente la vida del alma y la resurrección del cuerpo. Antes hizo esta promesa a los creyentes; ahora la confirma hablando de la comunión eucarística. En Jesús, en su “carne” -es decir, en su concreta humanidad- está presente todo el amor de Dios, que es el Espíritu Santo. Quien se deja atraer por este amor va hacia Jesús, y va con fe, y recibe de Él la vida, la vida eterna. Aquella que ha vivido esta experiencia en modo ejemplar es la Virgen de Nazaret, María: la primera persona humana que ha creído en Dios acogiendo la carne de Jesús. Aprendamos de Ella, nuestra Madre, la alegría y la gratitud por el don de la fe. Un don que no es “privado”, un don que no es “propiedad privada”, sino que es un don para compartir: es un don “para la vida del

**OFFERING UPDATE  
June 3/4**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	249	96	\$2,949.00
8:00 a.m.	213	85	2,591.00
10:00 a.m.	313	77	2,725.00
12:00 p.m.	320	81	2,981.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			5.51
<b>Faith Direct</b>			3,486.25
<b>Children's Env.</b>		10	48.00
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			883.00
<b>Special Needs</b>	48	18	565.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,143	367	\$16,233.76
<b>2022</b>	922	373	\$14,326.05
<b>Candles</b>			\$680.51
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$353.81
<b>1st Saturday</b>			\$144.00



**School's out! Summer is in!** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish asks that before you begin your vacations, travels and other summer plans, consider eGiving to ensure your support for our parish remains consistent even when you're away. Your recurring gifts will not only sustain our parish throughout the summer months, but you will help our staff steward God's resources well by reducing our costs for envelopes, paper and spending less staff time processing cash and checks, allowing more time for missions and ministries.

Getting started with eGiving is easy. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Visit [faith.direct/NY286](http://faith.direct/NY286)
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757
- Text **Enroll'** to **(631) 201-5664**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

**DEADLINES FOR  
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

- June 18—deadline passed
- June 25—June 16 deadline
- July 2—June 23 deadline



**Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information**

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred, and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

# SUPER 72



**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE:** \$1,000  
**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE:** \$250  
**3<sup>RD</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> PRIZES:** \$100



**DRAWINGS FROM JUNE 2023  
THROUGH NOVEMBER 2023**

**Tickets are: \$40 each ~ \$80 for 3  
AMAZING BONUS!! \$100 gets you 5 tickets!!**

**It's time to get your new tickets!**

Return the parish portion of the ticket with your check payable to "OLPH SUPER 72" or drop it in the collection basket. Tickets and envelopes are also available at Johnstons' Funeral Home and at the Rectory.



**Extra \$100 Drawings for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
and Thanksgiving!!**



**Raffle Tickets Courtesy of Johnstons' Wellwood Funeral Home.**

*"OLPH is a Section 501 ( c ) 3 nonprofit. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine if your contribution is deductible."*

**PREPARING FOR**

Sunday, June 18, 2023

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.*

Matt 9:37

**Exodus 19:2-6a**

We hear in this first reading the beginning of the story of how God established a covenant with Israel as his chosen people. He brought them out of slavery in Egypt to his holy Mount Sinai in order to tell them that, through his servant Moses, he wants to set them apart from all the peoples of the earth as a “holy nation.” But this preferential treatment is not simply an act of making them special. They are also called to be a “kingdom of priests.” This means they have the role of mediating on behalf of other peoples just as priests are set apart to minister to others.

**Romans 5:6-11**

Paul tells Christians to be hopeful even in times of persecution and then gives us a reason for this hope. He says, “God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” Maybe we can understand that someone would give up their life for a good person, but why would someone give up their life for a sinner? That seems incomprehensible. But it’s just this very fact that proves how much God loves us. We’re all sinners but Jesus gave up his life specifically for us in order to save us and open the doors of Heaven to us. That’s Good News indeed!

**Matthew 9:36-10:8**

This is the story of how Jesus commissioned the twelve apostles to go out into the world to preach that “the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” He saw crowds of people as being lost sheep in need of a shepherd. Don’t we feel like that sometimes, lost and without a shepherd? Jesus’ heart was moved with pity and he decided to send his disciples out into the world to be shepherds. In the first reading, God tells Moses that his special people, Israel, are to be a nation of priests, and here Jesus is commissioning people to do just that, to go out into the world and provide spiritual leadership and words of comfort. Aren’t we called to do that, too? “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.”

*Readings for the Week**Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.***Monday, June 12, 2023:**

2 Corinthians 1:1-7 + Matthew 5:1-12

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023:**

2 Corinthians 1:18-22 + Matthew 5:13-16

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023:**

2 Corinthians 3:4-11 + Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday, June 15, 2023:**2 Corinthians 3:15—4:1, 3-6  
+ Matthew 5:20-26**Friday, June 16, 2023:**

1 John 4:7-16 + Matthew 11:25-30

**Saturday, June 17, 2023:**

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 + Luke 2:41-51

**Sunday, June 18, 2023:**Exodus 19:2-6a  
+ Romans 5:6-11  
+ Matthew 9:36—10:8



**2023 OLPH GOAL:**  
**\$114,600**

**Total pledges: \$84,619.00**  
**# of pledges: 304**  
**Total payments: \$59,340.50**  
**As of 6/5/23**

Please make checks payable to *Catholic Ministries Appeal*.

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Total Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application.

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

### Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:

1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children class: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)

When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.

- a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first time registrant.
- b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization-from the drop down list select **Rockville Centre-Safe Environment**.
- c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
- d. One screen will have the **Codes of Conduct**. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
- e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
- f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.

2. Background Screening Application:

- a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
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Selected essays were heard on National Public Radio for a few years and then carried on satellite and public radio shows for several years following. Many essays can be read on [thisibelieve.org](http://thisibelieve.org), or heard on a weekly podcast. The project was based on the popular 1950s radio series of the same name hosted by Edward R. Murrow. Murrow created the series at a time when America was divided and worried about the Cold War, McCarthyism, and racial tensions. He hoped that hearing the core beliefs of others would help Americans come together by finding common ground.

As the faithful profess their faith in the Creed at Mass, they state the common ground of their beliefs. Across the globe, the faithful come from many cultures and backgrounds and pursue varied livelihoods and recreational activities, but unity is apparent as they profess their common beliefs in the Creed.

The word *creed* comes from the Latin word *credo*, meaning “I believe.” *Credo* may be derived from a word that means “trust” or “to give trust.” As the faithful profess the Creed, they are uttering the beliefs in which they have entrusted themselves.

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The Creed sums up the faith and is a reminder of the unity present in the gathering of the faithful.

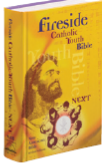
that originated at the Council of Nicaea (325) and the Council of Constantinople (381). The Apostles’ Creed, formerly reserved for Masses with children, also may be said at Mass, especially during Easter Time.

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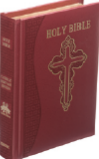
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