# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.

Matt 9:37

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**June 18, 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**

<u>OLPH Novena</u>: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass <u>Rosary</u>: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass <u>The Holy Face of Jesus</u>: Tuesdays following

12:15 p.m. Mass

<u>First Fridays and First Saturdays:</u>
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.

### DOWNLOAD THE OLPH APP

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Text to 55321

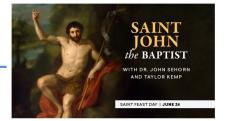
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# FORMED

Week of June 18, 2023

**WATCH** 



#### St. John the Baptist | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they talk about St. John the Baptist, the forerunner to Christ.

**LEARN** 



#### Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author

This engaging series delves into the lives of the saints who led the Catholic Counter-Reformation. In this episode, learn about St. Thomas More, a patient witness to the faith who endured a heroic martyrdom at the hands of Henry VIII.

**LISTEN** 



# The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist | The Bible and Baptism | Episode 3

Dr. John Sehorn joins Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College. This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.

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### **PASTOR'S PAGE**

#### Happy Father's Day!

Allow me to offer blessings and best wishes to all fathers celebrating Father's Day today! May God bless you for the many sacrifices and offerings you make for your children. We should be grateful to you not just on one day, but all year long, for the important role you play. The role of a father giving witness as a Christian man within the family is one that is unique and irreplaceable. I ask that all fathers never underestimate the important role they play in the faith formation of their children. Unfortunately, in some families, raising the children in the faith is something that is relegated to the mother alone, and that is extremely unfortunate. I ask all Christian fathers to take seriously their role and responsibility in being a witness to their faith to their children, and perhaps especially to their sons. I'll say it again: no one can replace the importance of the father in the life of a family.

Let's also keep in our prayers today those who perhaps find Father's Day to be a difficult time — fathers who have lost children; children who have lost their fathers; husbands and wives who are having difficulty conceiving a child; fathers and children who are estranged from one another; fathers whose children are ill and suffering.

#### Two Day Pastoral Staff Retreat/Meeting

On Monday and Tuesday of last week, the members of the Pastoral Staff went away on our annual Pastoral Staff Retreat and Meeting, held off-site. We went for two days (an overnight) to the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington for some spiritual time together, some social time, and plenty of work, as we looked at the "ministerial year" that just passed, and as we did some pastoral planning for the year ahead and even beyond.

As always, these were very productive days both in terms of work and in terms of spending some down-time together to share spirituality and friendship. We came away from the days refreshed and renewed, all so that we can serve you better, and be more deeply engaged in the mission of the parish

I thank all the members of the Pastoral Staff who were able to set aside the time for these days. The truth is that things like planning, coordinating administration, calendars, evaluating programs, etc., which were a part of the discussions, are not always the most glamorous parts of parish ministerial life, but they are necessary and important if the mission of the parish is going to continue to move forward. You should know that the members of the Pastoral Staff take their jobs very seriously, for the good of the parish. We continue to press forward, in Christ and trusting in Him, trying to build on past successes, and also trying to meet ongoing challenges.

#### Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

This coming Saturday, June 24, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. Because of its important rank on the liturgical calendar, we will celebrate the day with the appropriate festivity by having music at our 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning.

John the Baptist was the great prophet and herald of Jesus the Messiah. He prepared the way of the Lord and revealed Jesus to others as both the Messiah and the Lamb of God (think of one of the texts we use in the Mass, during the Communion Rite: "Behold the Lamb of God..."). St. John exemplifies the Christian life as one who proclaims the Gospel message of healing and repentance while he points out Christ to others and shows them the way to become united with God.

This Solemnity is an ancient one, dating back to the fourth century, although the actual date of the celebration varied in the East and the West. In the East, John's birth was celebrated on January 7, the day after Epiphany, because of the association of that feast with the Baptism of the Lord. In the West (our tradition), it was celebrated on June 24, in keeping with Luke 1:36, which notes that

Elizabeth was six months pregnant at the time of the Annunciation of the Lord.

The Mass prayers for this Solemnity deepen our understanding of John the Baptist's role in salvation history and provide spiritual food for thought for our own prayer.

At the Mass for the Solemnity, the Collect (Opening Prayer) speaks about the preparatory role of the Baptist as one who was raised up "to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord." This prayer prays that we may be directed "into the way of salvation and peace."

The Prayer over the Offerings during this Mass expresses why it is fitting to celebrate the nativity of St. John: it is because he "both foretold the coming of the world's Savior and pointed him out when he came."

This Mass's Prayer after Communion uses the imagery of the Lamb so closely associated with John the Baptist's announcement of Jesus (see my earlier comment), and in so doing this prayer gives voice to a rich Eucharistic theology with its phrase, "Having feasted at the banquet of the heavenly Lamb..." The image of Jesus as the Lamb of God shines brightly behind these thoughts.

Finally, the Preface (beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer) for this Solemnity recalls the events associated with St. John the Baptist's life and echoes the Scripture passages associated with him: how was consecrated "for a singular honor among those born of women;" how "his birth brought great rejoicing;" how "he alone of all the prophets pointed out the Lamb of redemption;" how "he baptized the very author of Baptism;" and how he gave witness to Christ by the shedding of his blood.

What rich and varied themes for us to reflect on as we celebrate this important saint! St. John the Baptist, pray for us!

#### Summer Appeal

It's the time of year when we are again starting up our annual **SUMMER APPEAL**. You will soon be receiving your 2023 **SUMMER APPEAL** letter. I respectfully and humbly ask that everyone take this **SUMMER** 

**APPEAL** very, very seriously and participate in it by making your contribution, and, I hope, by being able to offer the requested amount, \$150, if not more. If necessary, you can feel free to send the amount in installments over the summer; just be sure each payment is clearly marked "2023 Summer Appeal."

As you know, this annual **SUMMER APPEAL** is always a direct request from me, as your Pastor, to you, with no meetings, no time commitment on your part, and no phone calls. **Every dollar you give stays right here in the parish,** unlike with bazaars and other events where fees must be paid to vendors. Allow me to say **THANK YOU** to all who have made the **SUMMER APPEAL** so successful in prior years! I am very, very grateful, and I am once again pleading for your help. I personally give to this appeal each year; I ask you to do so, too.

The **SUMMER APPEAL** continues to be absolutely essential to the financial solvency of OLPH. I know full well how difficult it might be for you to consider giving to the **SUMMER APPEAL** at this time, because the economic conditions in our country are so terrible, and so many of you have found it necessary to cut back on so many things. Yet, the parish financial struggles continue as well, as costs for everything continue to rise, and so it is with tremendous urgency that I beg for your support in the 2023 **SUMMER APPEAL**.

I recognize — and deeply, deeply appreciate — that many of you already give to OLPH on a regular basis all year long and that you support other parish appeals. However, this **SUMMER APPEAL** continues to be necessary for our ongoing financial health, and so I do not hesitate to beg for your generosity. **THANK YOU** to all who have supported the **SUMMER APPEAL** in prior years and to those who will do so again this year.

# Some big-money necessary repairs are on the horizon

So, speaking of why our financial health is so important, I'll mention that we're looking at some significant capital repair projects that are on the horizon. We're hoping to use money

from the sale of the convent for part or all of them (and the sale is still in process...it's just taking a LONG time for many different reasons), so we'll have to see how much we can do, and prioritize our projects.

Some of them we have had on the docket for a while now, such as new air conditioning for the church and roof repair in the school (there are leaks). We need to repave parking areas around the church and rectory (only the south parking lot at the corner of South High Street and Gates Avenue was redone several years ago, and thankfully it's still in good shape), and we would like to repaint the church ceiling, and possibly fix up the red carpeted steps leading up to the sanctuary in the church.

However, as any homeowner knows, there are always unexpected things that happen. We have just recently discovered that the steeple on the school building is sagging, so we need to look into that and will have to get that repaired, and, while we're at it, we might as well check out the church steeple, to try to avoid any imminent problems with that.

The members of the Finance Committee are already working on these projects, assessing the jobs, getting bids, *etc.*, so that when we have the money we will be ready to go with whichever of the projects we will undertake. I will keep you informed, and I'll give you more detailed information once the convent is sold and our plans for the funds and the projects are firmed up.

#### OLPH Market at Gazebo

Allow me to remind you that an OLPH Market is taking place at the Gazebo on the corner of Wellwood and Hoffman this Saturday and Sunday. This is a fund raiser for the parish, so stop by and help us out, and share in some community spirit at the same time!

#### Chamber Concert for Patronal Feast

Speaking of community spirit, let me call your attention to the Chamber Concert being hosted at OLPH this Friday night, June 23, at 7:30 p.m. Full details are elsewhere in this bulletin. It promises to be a really uplifting and

inspiring evening, and proceeds will benefit our parish Friends of Music Program. It's being done in conjunction with our "Patronal Feast weekend" (see the next item), so I look forward to seeing you there. (Don't worry...I'm not singing, I'm just attending!)

#### Patronal Feast Mass next Sunday

Next Sunday is one of the annual big events in the parish — it's our Patronal Feast Mass, to be celebrated at the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, June 25. Celebrate the goodness of our parish life together by participating in this Mass. It promises to be another great, great liturgy — another "OLPH moment" at "the place to be" — and I don't want you to miss it. There will be light refreshments immediately following the Mass. See you there!

#### 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,

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# SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



















### **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!

### **PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

## Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

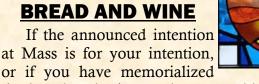
Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world,



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





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.

### **ICON OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

As we celebrate our Patronal Feast next weekend, we present to you an explanation of the elements in the image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.



- Greek initials for "Archangel Michael" who holds the lance and the sponge. "Michael" means "who is like God" (on left, immediately above the figure)
- Greek initials for "Mother" ("MP", top left)
- Mary's mouth is small, symbolizing her few recorded words and the depth of her contemplation
- Greek initials for "Archangel Gabriel" who holds the cross of Christ. "Gabriel" means "God is strong" (on right, immediately above the figure)
- Greek initials for "of God" (top right)
- Greek initials for Jesus Christ (next to Christ-child)
- The mother's supporting hand
- The Christ-child clings trustingly to his mother
- The falling sandal indicating his alarm at the thought of his Passion and death
- Red tunic: the color worn by virgins at the time of Christ
- The color blue worn by mothers in Palestine
- · Gold background symbolizes heaven

### 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



# "LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME" PRAYER GARDEN Engraved Bricks

Memorialize your loved ones or your prayer intention in our "Let the Children Come to Me"

Prayer Garden!

The memorializations do not have to be only for children, though; the prayer garden is for all prayers, intentions andmemorializations for loved ones of any age.

Or, you can offer a prayer intention.

Your Name(s)	
Street:	
City:	State: Zip:
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Please enclose full payment of \$125 with this completed form.

Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Mail or return form in person to:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Attn: Brick Memorialization

Linda Coppola

210 South Wellwood Avenue

Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Please print the inscription as it is to appear on the brick (3 lines/15 characters per line maximum). Each box represents one letter, number, character or space. The pavers will be engraved in all capital letters. If you would like to add a heart or a cross to your brick, it will be engraved on the left hand side.

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#### **OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

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

# OFFICE 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 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

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 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:**

July 10<sup>th</sup>- July 14<sup>th</sup>
REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED!



# Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

Nataniel Abarca	Emma Fitzgerald	Julius Olweck
Brandon Agudo-Pesantez	Sierra Francis	Daniel Onderdonk
Zachary Alcivar	Angelina Gambino	Margaret Papp
Emalee Alford	Holly Gregorek	Delaney Phelan
Grace Artale	Ryan Gross	Daniel Ptak
Devyn Baumann	Eduardo Ibarra	Zachary Resky
Noelle Bracero	Nicholas Innamorato	Alexa Reybok
Megan Bridges	Sofia Jendruczyk	Miabella Riceputo
Dominick Carlton	Jackson Keane	Kendrick Romero
Amy Cercado	Eric Kujawski	Michael Russo
Cesar Cercado	Jennifer Kulagowski	Elizabeth Saccente
Gabriella Chiarenza	James Loesch	Kailyn Schultz
Joseph Collins	Gianni Lombardo	Megan Shotter
Kian Corticchia	Max Lombardo	Kaitlyn Smedley
Cristian Crispino	Eduardo Machado	Isabella Soyack
Rosalia D'Atena	Jack Mador	Giavanna Streffacio
Isabella Deutsch	Olivia Martin	Diego Swystun
Sabrina Disla	Marabelle McCormack	Izabela Swystun
Kieran Erickson	John Meyers	Noah Torres
Shane Farrell	Dorian Mieszczak	Travis Vogel
Isabella Favara	Stephen Miller	Allison Weed
Pasquale Ferrarelli	Gabriella Navetta	Eva Zirpoli
Dominic Fiocco	Isabella Navetta	Emil Zysko





































#### 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

# Supplies Needed for Bible Camp 2023

#### 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

#### Other Items

Disinfecting Wipes Tissues Paper Towels 12 oz. Plastic Cups

8oz Water Bottles

# **PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

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- Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225-9864— cdefeldman@optonline.net
- Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—
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- **♦** Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
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- \$\Psi\$ St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 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.

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest."

Have you considered answering the call to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 116 adults, 98 children, and 33 seniors, for a total of 91 families. Thank you!

#### **NEW** Food Pantry List!

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JELLY
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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!

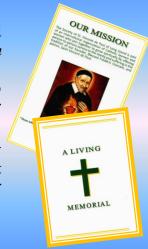
#### THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

#### † 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



#### Religious Freedom Week 2023: Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to **pray**, **reflect**, and **act** to promote religious freedom.

#### Pray-Reflect-Act

- **June 22 Respect for Sacred Spaces**—Pray that Christian witness in the face of attacks on our churches will convert hearts to faith in Jesus Christ, and that people of all faiths would be free to gather in sacred spaces without fear.
- **June 23 Seal of Confession**—Pray that governments would respect the seal of confession, as the Church in the United States continues to work to remove the scourge of clergy abuse.
- June 24 Nicaragua—Pray for our Catholic sisters and brothers who are suffering in Nicaragua.
- **June 25 Religious Student Groups**—Pray that religious student groups would be free to be faithful to their distinctive missions.
- **June 26 Religious Freedom in Nigeria**—Pray that herders and farmers in Nigeria, whose conflict over access to land and resources has fueled religious tensions, may find the means to compromise and work out their differences in a non-violent manner.
- June 27 Faith at Work—Pray that business leaders would promote a culture that welcomes faith at work.
- **June 28 Service to Immigrants and Refugees**—Pray that the Lord would protect all migrants and refugees, and that all those who work with people on the move would be free to serve.
- **June 29 Catholic Healthcare**—Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all individuals and institutions that care for the sick and vulnerable.

For a fuller version of each Day's prayers, or to Sign Up for USCCB's Religious Liberty Newsletter, or for Spanish language versions of these items, GO TO https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

St. Brigid Church in Westbury is seeking a full-time Director of Family Faith Formation. The person filling this role is expected to work and minister for 35 hours a week and is expected to be available on Sundays. The Director of Family Faith Formation leads the parish in its efforts to minister to, engage, support, and invite families into a deeper relationship with Christ and the Church, most clearly through engagement with the local parish. The Director of Family Faith Formation is responsible for visioning, directing, and managing all aspects of the parish's faith formation efforts. He/she is the primary organizer and motivator in coordinating the Faith Formation program, supporting family ministries (i.e. Pre-Cana, Baptism preparation, etc.), and collaboratively discerning new and necessary ways for the parish to more effectively minister to families and young people. The Director of Faith Formation is a member of the Pastoral Team and reports directly to the Pastor. There is a possibility that this position can be filled by two part-time Directors.

Qualifications: A practicing Roman Catholic who participates in the liturgical and spiritual life of their own parish or this one; upholds, understands, and embodies the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church; holds a degree in Education/Religious Education/Theology or related fields; meets all safe environment requirements of the Diocese of Rockville Centre; bilingual and/or able to minister to Spanish-speaking families and/or is willing to enter a credible language formation program; possesses excellent written and oral communication skills; understands issues relevant to the ministry in terms of human resources, legal issues and risk management; is highly organized, energized, and can multitask effectively.

Areas of Responsibility: Evaluates and adapts the available resources to most effectively serve families and young people, with a focus on developing a family-based model of faith formation/catechesis; coordinates a number of levels/grades of the Faith Formation program; serves as a liaison to existing programs in Baptism, Marriage Preparation, and the OCIA; Develops solid formation for catechists/group leaders/speakers in the Faith Formation Program; Supervises, manages and directs all members of the present faith formation staff; Organizes, manages, and administers the Faith Formation Office; and others. TO APPLY: Email resume and cover letter to <a href="mailto:fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net">fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net</a> or mail to: St. Brigid R.C. Church Attention: Reverend John Sureau, Ph.D., LCSW, 85 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590.

# **SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER**

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#### 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 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.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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# **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.

#### **First Announcement:**

John Filiberto & Kelly Daly

#### **WE CELEBRATE**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has freed you from sin, given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and joined you to his people.—Order of Baptism of Children

Hailey Rae Berdini
Theodore Michael Gaddis
Geradline Kathryn-Ruth Johnson
George Robert Johnson
Caleb Alexander McKellor
Tristen James Tarantino
Zoey Belle Tarlecki

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

#### **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.

#### **WE REMEMBER**

We remember those who have died in our parish.

Christine R. Nevola John Crispo Salvatore Sfalanga

"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...

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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.

# 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.

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

	MAGG GOTTEDGEE					
MONDAY, June 19—						
Weekday						
	(Saint Romuald, Abbot)					
6:30	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day					
	Novena					
12:15	Living & Deceased Members of the					
	Christian Mothers & Guild					
TUESI	DAY, June 20— Weekday					
6:30	Giovanni D'Amore					
12:15	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day					
	Novena					
WEDN	NESDAY, June 21—					
	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious					
6:30	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day					
	Novena					
12:15	Michael Dupree					
THUR	SDAY, June 22—					
	Weekday					
	(Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;					
	Saints John Fischer, Bishop,					
	and Thomas More, Martyrs)					
6:30	Arlene Ann Sredniawski					
12:15	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day					
	Novena					
FRIDA	AY, June 23—					
	Weekday					
6:30	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day					
	Novena					
12:15	Rita Bannon					
SATU	RDAY, June 24—					
	THE NATIVITY OF					
0.00	SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST					
8:00	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day					
	Novena					
	orday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): LFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
5:00	For the People of the Parish					
Sunday	y, June 25—					
TWE	LFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
8:00	Joseph Ingino					
10:00	Those Enrolled in the Father's Day Novena					
12:00	Eulogio Baez Batista					

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

	Monday, June 19, 2023							
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						
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church						
	Tuesday, June 20, 2023							
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria						
	Wednesday, June 21, 2023	3						
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						
6:00 p.m.	Bible Camp Meeting	Auditorium						
Thursday, June 22, 2023								
1:00 p.mon	Church closed for cleaning	Church						
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria						
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church						
Friday, June 23, 2023								
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23						
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12						
7:30 p.m.	Music Ministry Chamber Concert	Church						
	Saturday, June 24, 2023							
11:30 a.m.	Bereavement Ministry	School						
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						
	Sunday, June 25, 2023							
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church						
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria						

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: <a href="https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc">https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc</a>

#### **EL MINISTERIO HISPANO**

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

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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.

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#### Liturgia Viva del Domingo 11º del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A

Domingo, 18 de junio de 2023

#### **Enviados a Sanar**

Dios nos ama, a pesar de que pecamos.

Muriendo por nosotros, Jesús nos trajo reconciliación y nos colmó con gozo y confianza en Dios.

Que Jesús, el Señor, esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Éxodos 19,2-6a): Elegidos por Dios Como Su Pueblo Santo

Dios eligió a Israel como su pueblo, los liberó y se vinculó a ellos en una unión de alianza, unión de amor y vida permanentes. La misión sacerdotal de este pueblo era reflejar la santidad de Dios y darla a conocer a todos.

#### Segunda Lectura (Romanos 5,6-11): Somos lo Que Somos por el Amor de Dios

Dios nos hizo tal como somos por su amor. La prueba de la profundidad de su amor es que su Hijo Jesucristo murió por nosotros para reconciliarnos con Dios mismo y para hacernos partícipes de su vida.

#### Evangelio (Mateo 9,36 – 10,8): Enviados a proclamar la Buena Noticia de Salvación

Jesús envía a sus apóstoles en una misión que habrá de ser la misión de todo el Pueblo de Dios: llevar a todos el amor compasivo de Dios, que nosotros mismos hemos experimentado. Esta misma parece ser la preocupación de Jesús. Por eso el Evangelio nos transmite sus sentimientos íntimos al considerar la multitud abandonada: "Al ver a las muchedumbres, sintió compasión de ella, porque estaban abandonados, abatidos como ovejas que no tienen pastor". La muchedumbre que Jesús vio y por la cual sintió compasión no se reduce a sus contemporáneos, sino que abraza a la humanidad de todos los tiempos y lugares. Ante este espectáculo de desolación y desorientación "como ovejas sin pastor"- que se presentaba a sus ojos Jesús dice a sus discípulos: "La cosecha es mucha y los obreros son pocos". Esta afirmación expresa la desproporción entre la magnitud de la tarea y la escases de obreros. Jesús entonces recomienda a sus discípulos: "Rogad, pues, al Dueño del campo que envíe obreros a la cosecha". El campo es ciertamente la humanidad entera, toda la historia humana. El Dueño es entonces Dios mismo. A él hay que rogar que envíe obreros en número suficiente.



# OFFERING UPDATE June 10/11

	Julio		
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	217	79	\$1,849.00
8:00 a.m.	228	99	3,747.00
10:00 a.m.	373	80	2,644.00
12:00 p.m.	320	75	2,429.00
Total coin:			11.47
Faith Direct			3,486.25
Children's Env.		8	42.00
Mail-ins:			1,300.00
TOTAL	1,138	341	\$15,508.72
2022	1,013	373	\$15,622.26
Candles			\$828.16
Poor Box			\$235.77

# **SUPER 72 RAFFLE**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNE WINNERS

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**\$100** - Ken Hale

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\$100 - Michael Cronin

#### The Way You Are Dressed DOES Matter!

Please dress appropriately for Mass during the summer months. Attire that is meant for the beach, barbecues, boat or athletic field is inappropriate for Mass and is disrespectful to the Lord as we offer ourselves to Him through the sacred actions in which we are engaged. It is also disrespectful to one's brothers and sisters in the community. Your cooperation in continuing to dress up and dress appropriately for Mass during the summer weather is appreciated.

#### **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. no later than the dates listed below. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.* 

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July 2—June 23 deadline

July 9—June 30 deadline

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#### **PREPARING FOR**

# Sunday, June 25, 2023

#### **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked! Jeremiah 20:13

#### Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah was a prophet in Jerusalem during the time King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon captured and then later destroyed the city (587 BC.) For calling on Jerusalem's King Zedekiah to trust in the Lord for protection rather than the Egyptian Pharaoh as his counselors advised, Jeremiah was mocked, abandoned, beaten, and imprisoned. The prophetic mission that God gave him resulted in intense suffering and persecution. Today we hear him lamenting, or praying while in agony and torment, about those who are trying to harm him. But the prayer ends on an extraordinary note of confidence and praise. Since the Lord is with him "like a mighty champion," his persecutors will not succeed. What wonderful words for all who feel downtrodden and in despair: "Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

#### Romans 5:12-15

While Paul's writings can sometimes be hard to understand, his message can also be pretty simple and straightforward, as it is today. He contrasts Adam and Jesus. Beginning with Adam, sin and death spread throughout the world like a virus because of his actions. But the grace of God is far more powerful than sin. Because of Christ's actions we receive something so much greater: redemption. "For if by the transgression of the one (Adam) the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many." How good it is that we are among the "many!"

#### Matthew 10:26-33

Three times today we hear Jesus tell his disciples not to be afraid as he instructs them for their mission to preach the Good News to the world. Though many people will oppose them, just as they did Jeremiah, he reassures them that their heavenly Father will take care of them. Just as God takes care of the sparrows and all of his creation, how much more will he take care of those people who acknowledge him. He knows us so intimately and loves us so well that even the hairs on our heads are counted. Who can stand against him? No one, so rejoice and don't be afraid!

# Readings for the Week

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

Monday, June 19, 2023:

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 + Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 20, 2023:

2 Corinthians 8:1-9 + Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 21, 2023:

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

+ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 22, 2023:

2 Corinthians 11:1-11

+ Matthew 6:7-15

Friday, June 23, 2023:

2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30

+ Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday, June 24, 2023:

Isiah 49:1-6 + Acts 13:22-26

+ Luke 1:57-66

Sunday, June 25, 2023:

Jeremiah 20:10-18

+ Romans 5:12-15

+ Matthew 10:26-33

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

- 1. If Christ says to "speak in the light" that which he has said in darkness, is that speaking meant to dispel the darkness? What statements in this reading show that Jesus wants to establish a dynamic reality? Can you "proclaim" the Good News today "from the housetops?" What does that mean?
- 2. Why is there risk involved in proclaiming the Word? How many times does Jesus tell you not to fear in this reading? What does he say about the hairs on your head that reinforce the "no fear" concept?





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