

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Celebrating 150 Years

2021

Go to www.olph150th.com to order great 150th Anniversary Memorabilia!



*They were filled with great awe
and said to one another,
“Who then is this
whom even wind and sea obey?”*

Mark 4:41

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 20, 2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

Business Manager: Mr. William D'Alessio

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open

6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. seven days a week,
except for Thursdays when it closes
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.
Come in and spend some time in prayer.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and
Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.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.
Confessions are being heard in classrooms
in the “new school annex” near High Street.
See inside bulletin for safety protocols.

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons
at 12:45 p.m. in the church

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
First Saturday: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday:
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

DOWNLOAD THE OLPH APP

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with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help App

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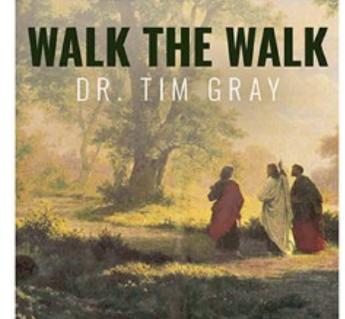
PICK OF THE WEEK

June 20, 2021

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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 the Catholic faith to their children, and perhaps especially to their sons.

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, and children who have lost their fathers, especially due to COVID over the past year; 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.

150th Anniversary Year Patronal Feast Mass

This is it — it's next Sunday, June 27 at the 12:00 Noon Mass: the special 150th Anniversary Year celebration of our Patronal Feast Day, the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We are honored to have our diocesan bishop, Bishop Barres, coming to preside. See the ad elsewhere in the bulletin, and do plan on being there! We may even have a little refreshing treat for you to take home as you leave the Mass!

Summer Appeal

Depending on timing, you will shortly be receiving, or perhaps have already received, our annual **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 your payment is clearly marked "2021 Summer Appeal."**

As you know, the **SUMMER APPEAL** is simple: it is a direct request from me, as your Pastor, for your help, with no meetings, no time commitment on your part, and no phone calls. **Every dollar stays right here in the parish**, unlike with bazaars and other events where fees must be paid to vendors. We need to do this because, quite frankly, we have taken a significant loss in income due to the pandemic, and have even, for the first time since I have been Pastor here, fallen behind in some diocesan bills. Weekly collections have not returned to what they were pre-pandemic. (If they don't, we will be in serious trouble — but that's a conversation for another time.)

So, monies from the **SUMMER APPEAL** will go

directly to help us pay off the bills we are in arrears, and to stay current on incoming bills.

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. I also recognize that the past 15 months or so were probably very difficult for you financially because of the pandemic. 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.

150th Anniversary DINNER DANCE and Journal

As you can see from the ad that is running, tickets continue to be on sale for what will be the social event of the season, our 150th Anniversary Year DINNER DANCE, on Friday, September 24. What a great opportunity for fun and celebration this will be, especially after everything we have been through! I hope you'll be able to join us for this major event in our Anniversary Year. Be sure to get your tickets now!

In connection with the Dinner Dance, we'll be releasing our special 150th Anniversary Commemorative Journal. You heard the pitch at Mass last weekend, so we strongly encourage you to take out an ad in the Journal if you have not already done so; use the order form elsewhere in this bulletin. The August 1st deadline will be here before you know it, so act now!

Anniversary Year Commemorative Items for sale

150th Anniversary Year Commemorative items continue to be available for purchase; see the order form in this bulletin, or use the special link on the homepage of our website www.olphindenhurst.com to order online. Your purchase of these items is a great support to the parish. Tell your family and friends about this and let them get in on it, too!

Brick Memorialization in the "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden

Finally, brick memorializations in our beautiful "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden on the south side of the church also continue to be available. The memorializations are to remember any person, living or deceased, or any prayer intention in general (not only ones dealing with children — don't be confused by the name of the statue and the garden). Thanks to all who have taken one or more bricks!

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,



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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are celebrated in the school building, in classrooms in the “new school” annex along High Street every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. until further notice.

Each priest will be in his own classroom.

These are the protocols that must be followed for going to Confession:

- ▶ **Entry is only via the blue doors at the north end of the hallway (off of the small parking lot)**
- ▶ **Everyone — priests and penitents — is required to wear face masks or face coverings**
- ▶ **Maintain social distance while waiting on line.**
- ▶ **Signs on easels outside the classroom will indicate the name of the priest who is in the classroom**
- ▶ **Social distancing and plexiglass dividers will keep a safe distance between priest and penitent, whether the penitent celebrates anonymously or face-to-face (both options are available)**

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

LIVE-STREAM MASS

We live-stream the **10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass** each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:
www.olphlindenhurst.com
- OLPH Facebook page: @olphlindenhurst
- OLPH YouTube Channel:
OLPH Church Lindenhurst



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays

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

in the church after the 12:15 p.m. Mass

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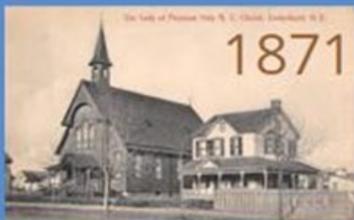
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150TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP R.C. CHURCH

Lindenhurst, NY



IT'S OUR 150TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY!
IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT!

**Friday,
September 24, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

**MEMORARE CATERERS
2183 JACKSON AVENUE
SEAFORD, NY 11783**

- *Cocktail Hour*
- *Sit-Down Dinner (6 choices!)*
 - *Open Bar*
 - *DJ for Dancing*
 - *Festive Attire*

We hope you will join us as we celebrate 150 years of "The Place to Be".
\$75 pp...it will be GREAT!
Don't miss out!!

Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Total # of Tickets _____ x \$75 each = Total Amount \$ _____

_____ Cash _____ Check

**To reserve a table with family and friends, email OLPH150dance@gmail.com
Tables can be reserved for 8/10/12 people**

**All ticket sales and table reservations must be made by
September 3, 2021**

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ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL PRICING

BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR AND SUPPORT OLPH! PLACE AN AD IN OUR COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL!

One of the highlights of the Anniversary Year will be a Commemorative Journal, available in conjunction with our Anniversary Year Dinner Dance on September 24, 2021.

Support the parish by placing an ad in our journal! An ad can be taken in the name of your family, or your business, and can include congratulatory wishes to the parish, or it can be a memorialization of deceased loved ones, or an expression of gratitude to God. Honor that special priest, family members living or deceased, or just say thanks for the memories. If you're creative, prepare your own ad; if you're not that creative, just send us your message and our team will create the ad for you!

There are many possibilities!

Deadline is August 1, 2021!

Don't miss out!

Send in your ad copy and payment TODAY!

If you need additional information, or have questions, contact Bob Dobres 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney 631-560-0451.

PLEASE INDICATE AD SIZE AND TYPE

[] GOLD FULL PAGE \$350

[] B/W FULL PAGE \$150

[] B/W HALF PAGE \$100

[] B/W 1/4 PAGE \$75

For more information call Bob Dobres at 631-592-8697 or

Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451

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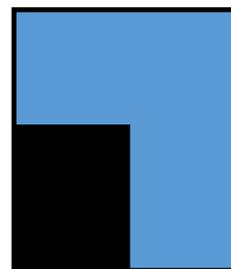
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Full Page and Cover
8.5 x 11"



Half Page
8.5 x 5.5"



Quarter Page
4.25 x 5.5"

Please submit payment along with ad materials no later than August 1st

Mail hard copy to rectory address above and attach copy of ad or materials (ad text, photos, images) to this form or write copy on back.

Email electronic version to 150thjournal@oloph.org. Please email a .pdf or .jpg file format.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Use this form to order great 150th Anniversary Memorabilia!

150th Anniversary Memorabilia of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Name: _____ Date: _____

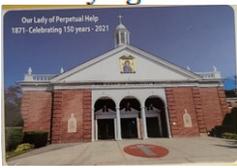
Phone (cell/home) _____

E-mail: _____

Thank you for celebrating with us! Bring this form & hand it in to the rectory with precise payment of either cash (in a ziplock bag) or check. You will be notified when your order is ready for a pickup date.

You may also check the website for a closer look at these products!

<http://olph150th.com>

Item	Price	Quantity	Item	Price	Quantity
 Keychain	\$10.00		 Tote bag	\$10.00	
 T-Shirt	\$15.00	S ___ M ___ L ___	 Pen with Stylus	\$3.00	
 Sweatshirt	\$40.00	M ___ L ___ XL ___	 Playing cards	\$12.00	
 Tumbler	\$15.00		 Magnet	\$ 3 2 for \$5	

For Office Use Only

Total Price: _____ Number of items: _____

Received by: _____

Date: _____

Order Placed: _____ Order Received: _____

Pickup date: _____ Notified Date(s): _____

Picked up by: _____

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)

New Summer Office of Faith Formation Hours as of June 1:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Saturday: By Appointment

LEVELS 6 and 7

Be sure to complete any missing assignments in your Mass Journals and Workbooks by Wednesday, June 30th!

Registration for 2021-22

registration **OPEN**

Bible Camp Registration is CLOSED!
 If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.



Vacation Bible Camp Needs YOU!
 Planning Meeting Wednesday, June 23,
 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Auditorium.
 Please consider being a part of our Adventure Team! Contact April for info.

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 the following teachers:

Levels 1 & 3, Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Levels 4 & 5, Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Level 6, Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

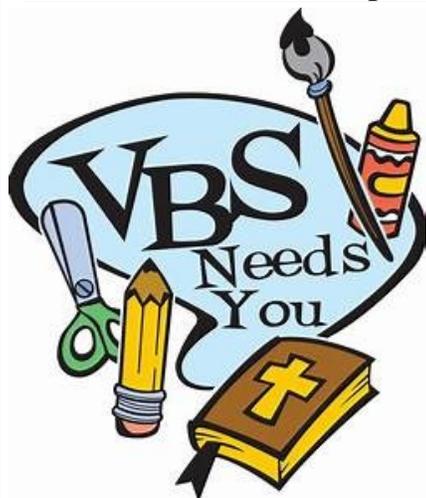
Assistants/Hall Monitors for other times are always welcome. Training is provided!

Please call us with any questions.
 or stop by our office!

Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families began April 5th. As of June 15th, there is now a \$25 late fee for ALL returning registrations. We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for classes. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a “New Family Appointment” or to call us for any information. Please remember that all new registered students, including those with siblings already in the program, must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate. New families **MUST** make an appointment to register by calling or e-mailing us. Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2021-2022 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Vacation Bible Camp Needs Adult Counselors. Please consider being a part of our



Adventure Leaders this year! Counselors oversee a small group of campers as they travel throughout the day to different activities. Please consider offering your time to the youth of the parish this fun week. All Counselors over 18 must be Virtus Trained.

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

Bible Camp Counselor Orientation

All Adventure Leaders will need to join us for Orientation on Wednesday, July 7, in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Please

RSVP to April by Tuesday, July 6, at (631) 226-7725 ext. 257 or akleinlaut@oloph.org

Supplies Needed for Bible Camp 2021

Arts and Crafts

Green Crepe Paper
Construction Paper
Markers
Pens

Middle School Camp

Empty Altoids Tins
Golf Pencils
Melting Chocolates
Lollipop Sticks & Cover Baggies
Tera cotta flowerpots 3.5 inches
Bags of Plain White Rice (*no Minute Rice*)
Bags of Uncooked Kidney Beans
Canned tuna fish
Pasta
Canned vegetables/fruits
Plastic Gloves
Washcloths
Travel Size Packs of Tissues
Small Combs
Travel Size Toothpaste
Travel size shampoo
Toothbrush
Travel size bar of soap
Peanut butter

Jelly
Old t-shirts to rip up (dog toy)
Old blankets
Old towels
Ribbons
Bows
Glitter
Shoe boxes
Tennis balls
Dog/cat food
dog bones *not made in China*
Dog/cat bed
Dog/cat toys
Rocks/seashells

Snacks

(Everything Must be Individually Wrapped for COVID Safety Measures)

Pop Tarts
Pretzels
Chips
Goldfish
Cheese-Its
Animal crackers
Fruit snacks
Cookies

Juice Boxes
8oz Water Bottles

Decorating

Dollar Tree Gifts Cards
Joann's Gift Cards
Home Depot Gift Cards
Hobby Lobby Gift Cards
Rubber/Fake Snakes
Halloween Skeletons and Skulls
Fish Tank Rocks
Weaved baskets
Green pool noodles
Treasure Boxes
Wrapping Paper Tubes
Blue Tarp
Giant Cardboard Boxes
(moving boxes and/or appliance boxes that can be taped closed)
Woven beach mats
Newspapers

Covid Safety Measure Items

Disinfecting Wipes
Tissues
Paper Towels
Hand Sanitizer
Medical Masks

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—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Food Pantry List

**THESE ARE THE ITEMS
THAT ARE MOST NEEDED:**

**PASTA SAUCE
CANNED CHICKEN
GRAVY
SHELF STABLE MILK
JUICE
CEREAL**

*Please bring items to the SVdP office:
Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and
on 1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.*

**Thank you
for your continued generosity.**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the School Building
Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

Our regular office hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and

1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples, “Why are you lacking in faith?” In our life’s journey, we also must learn to believe in God’s presence and to trust in his care.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to continue show God’s love and care for 105 adults, 87 children, and 17 seniors, for a total of 209 people in 68 households. Thank you for your generosity!

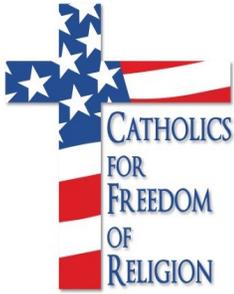
THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL AT OLPH

During these very difficult times many of us find ourselves in financial difficulty, often for the first time. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. Please don’t feel embarrassed—you are not alone. We want to assure you that all matters relating to SVDP are completely confidential. All volunteer workers in the Food Pantry are Vincentians who are pledged to follow the “Rule” in dealing with our friends and neighbors. We reach out to those who come to us with kindness, sincerity and total confidentiality. You may come to the pantry for food every two weeks. The money that would have been spent on this food can then be used to pay other bills. Please reach out to us by calling our Food Pantry office at 631-226-7725 x. 234. Our regular office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and 1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. We’re here for you.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom www.cffor.org

U.S. Catholic Bishops Designate Religious Freedom Week: June 22-29

Each year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) observes Religious Freedom Week. It begins on June 22, the feast day of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, two English martyrs who fought religious persecution in the early 16th century. The week includes the Nativity of St. John the Baptist on June 24 and ends on June 29, the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, two Apostles martyred in Rome.

The theme chosen for this year is *Solidarity in Freedom*. "Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community."⁽¹⁾

The Bishops invite all "to pray, reflect and act to promote religious freedom."⁽²⁾ The USCCB offers resources for each day focusing on different areas of religious freedom at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.

"It's the duty of everyone to defend religious freedom and promote it for all people."—Pope Francis
(*Fratelli tutti*, 116 (1); catholicphilly.com(2); aleteai.org, 6/3/21; 1.cbn.com, 6/6/21(3); toddstarnes.com, 6/7/21 (5); *Tinker v. DesMoines* 1969(4))

Happening Now: A Victory! 2nd Grader Will be Allowed to Read Bible During Recess

A second grader in Illinois who liked to sometimes read her Bible both silently and aloud during recess had it taken away when her teacher said, "You can't be doing that."⁽³⁾

Her parents reached out to American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), who wrote a letter to the district explaining a Supreme Court ruling that "students do not shed their constitutional rights at the schoolhouse gates..."⁽⁴⁾ "We're happy to report that after reading our letter, the school thanked us for educating them and removed all restrictions on Gabrielles's reading," the ACLJ reported.⁽⁵⁾

"Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community" (*Fratelli tutti*, 116).

Religious freedom is much more than "Freedom to Worship". Religious Freedom means the Church, and all religious communities, can live out their faith in public and thereby 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. Each day highlights a different action or problem. A brief reading for each of the eight days may be found at the USCCB's website, by going to.... <https://bit.ly/3pzb9tc>

June 22 - Adoption & Foster Care

June 26 - Catholics in Nicaragua

June 23 - Catholic Services During the Pandemic

June 27 - Conscience Rights for Healthcare Workers

June 24 - The Equality Act

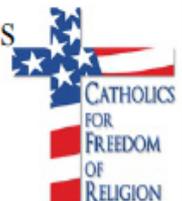
June 28 - Christians in Iraq

June 25 - Church Vandalism

June 29 - Free Speech

JOIN US FOR A PATRIOTIC ROSARY on Thursday, June 24
On The SIDEWALK OUTSIDE OLPH CHURCH, after the 12:15 Mass
(rain date June 29)

For more Information phone Kathy at 631-225-9864 or email cdefeldman@optonline.net



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Carole Carrano, Parish Secretary	212	ccarrano@oloph.org
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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 Rite 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:

Nicholas Gigante & Lisa Zeppetelli

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.

-Rite of Baptism



*Sophia Rose Bertucci
Siena Victoria Ruggerio*

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

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.

WE REMEMBER

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

*Vincent Cody
Emily Barbara Kahler
Bob Kahler
James Thomas Gallagher
Cody Ventimiglia
Patricia Juliano*

“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Edward Kienle</i>	<i>Penny Notarnacola</i>
<i>Janet Leyden</i>	<i>Dawn Arpino</i>
<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Lucas Sarmiento</i>
<i>Lew & Natalie Hugel</i>	<i>Leonard Fries</i>
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<i>Kathy Feldman</i>	<i>Sonia Cruz</i>
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<i>Father Jerry DiSpigno</i>	<i>Joseph Pugh</i>

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 help 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.

Through reading, self discovery, and group discussions, members find a new and meaningful way to cope with their loss. OLPH will hold groups in the Spring and Fall.

Our **Fall Bereavement Group** will meet **September 25 through November 20 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for registration and more information about our Fall registration.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, June 21— Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	
6:30	Fathers enrolled in the Father's Day Novena
12:15	Nicholas Vilardi
TUESDAY, June 22— Weekday <i>(Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop, Saint John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs)</i>	
6:30	The Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	Fathers enrolled in the Father's Day Novena
WEDNESDAY, June 23— Weekday	
6:30	Fathers enrolled in the Father's Day Novena
12:15	Sara Kesterman
THURSDAY, June 24— THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
6:30	Arlene Ann Sredniawski
12:15	Fathers enrolled in the Father's Day Novena
FRIDAY, June 25— Weekday	
6:30	Fathers enrolled in the Father's Day Novena
12:15	Rita Bannon
SATURDAY, June 26— Weekday	
8:00	Fathers enrolled in the Father's Day Novena
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:00	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
Sunday, June 27— THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	Fathers enrolled in the Father's Day Novena
10:00	Nicholas Fiano
12:00	For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, June 21, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
Wednesday, June 23, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
6:30 p.m.	Bible Camp Planning Meeting	Auditorium
Thursday, June 24, 2021		
12:45 p.m.	CFFR Rosary	Church Sidewalk
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
Friday, June 25, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
Saturday, June 26, 2021		
11:00 a.m.	Bereavement Support Group	Cafeteria
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	School
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, June 27, 2021		
2:00 p.m.	Baptism	Church

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- \$100 - Janice Treologitis**
- \$100 - Yolande**

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

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

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

Liturgia Viva del Domingo 12º del Tiempo Ordinario -B

Domingo, 20 de junio de 2021

Nos apremia el amor de Cristo.

Él murió por todos, para que los que viven, ya no vivan para sí sino para el que murió y resucitó por nosotros.

Primera Lectura: Dios Habla desde el Corazón de la Tempestad (Job 38:1,8-11)

Las respuestas de Dios a Job, cuando éste le implora en sus sufrimientos, son: “Fíjate en mi poder y confía en mí, aun cuando no entiendas”.

Segunda Lectura: Ahora Todo es Nuevo (2 Corintios 5:14-17)

El amor de Cristo nos mueve hacia adelante, pues en él hemos llegado a ser totalmente nuevos y renunciamos a nuestra vieja conducta.

Evangelio: Pero ¿Quién es Éste? (Marcos 4:35-41)

El miedo hace tambalear la débil fe de los discípulos cuando experimentan serio peligro.

También a nosotros nos pregunta Jesús: “¿Por qué tienen miedo? ¿Por qué es tan débil su fe?”

Marcos prepara la escena desde el principio. Nos dice que “era al atardecer”. Pronto caerán las tinieblas de la noche sobre el lago. Es Jesús quien toma la iniciativa de aquella extraña travesía: “Vamos a la otra orilla”. La expresión no es nada inocente. Les invita a pasar juntos, en la misma barca, hacia otro mundo, más allá de lo conocido: la región pagana de la Decápolis.

De pronto se levanta un fuerte huracán y las olas rompen contra la frágil embarcación inundándola de agua. La escena es patética: en la parte delantera, los discípulos luchando impotentes contra la tempestad; a popa, en un lugar algo más elevado, Jesús durmiendo tranquilamente sobre un cojín.

Aterrorizados, los discípulos despiertan a Jesús. No captan la confianza de Jesús en el Padre. Lo único que ven en él es una increíble falta de interés por ellos. Se les ve llenos de miedo y nerviosismo: “Maestro, ¿no te importa que nos hundamos?”.

Jesús no se justifica. Se pone de pie y pronuncia una especie de exorcismo: el viento cesa de rugir y se hace una gran calma. Jesús aprovecha esa paz y silencio grandes para hacerles dos preguntas que hoy llegan hasta nosotros: “¿Por qué sois tan cobardes? ¿Aún no tenéis fe?”.

¿Qué nos está sucediendo a los cristianos? ¿Por qué son tantos nuestros miedos para afrontar estos tiempos cruciales, y tan poca nuestra confianza en Jesús? ¿No es el miedo a hundirnos el que nos está bloqueando?

¿No es la búsqueda ciega de seguridad la que nos impide hacer una lectura lúcida, responsable y confiada de estos tiempos? ¿Por qué nos resistimos a ver que Dios está conduciendo a la Iglesia hacia un futuro más fiel a Jesús y su Evangelio?



OFFERING UPDATE June 12/13

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	228	103	\$3,387.00
8:00 a.m.	197	101	3,904.00
10:00 a.m.	231	77	2,040.00
12:00 p.m.	255	79	1,898.00
Coin			4.60
Faith Direct:			2,951.30
Children's Env.		10	38.00
Mail-ins:			2,323.00
TOTAL	911	370	\$16,545.9
2020 total	477	296	\$18,477.27
Candles			\$797.45
Poor Box			\$343.42

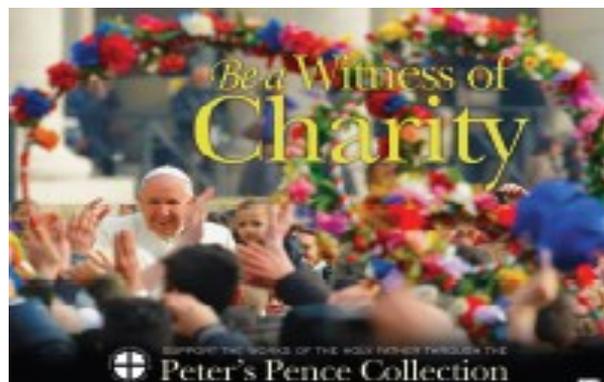
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All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted no later than the dates listed below and as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.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

June 27—passed
July 4—June 25
July 11—July 2

Next week, **June 26/27**, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous.

For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.



Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY286, or text 'Enroll' to (631) 201-5664.

Thank you.
God Bless You,

Msgr. Joe

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, June 27, 2021
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus said to the woman, “Daughter, your faith has saved you.
 Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.”*

Mark 5:34

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

While the identity of the author of the Book of Wisdom and the exact time of its writing continue to be debated, its message is clear: that it is sin which both separates mankind from God and has robbed us of our intended immortality—having been created in the image and likeness of the Eternal God. Those who are wise will persevere in righteousness, even as the wicked seem to prosper and oppress them. Like righteousness itself, which is “undying,” the righteous will be rewarded with immortality, while the wicked, who by their works “invite death,” will perish.

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Paul exhorts and encourages the Corinthian Christians to give out of their surplus so that those who are in need may have enough. The Lord Jesus is the personification of this act of generosity in the complete gift of Himself, “becoming poor so that we could become rich,” becoming like us so we could become like Him. Paul also explains that justice was always God’s plan for His chosen people, as God Himself had shown them in the wilderness through the miraculous provision of manna: that they received not according to what each one was able to gather, but according to each one’s need.

Mark 5:21-43

Just as he became sin for us on the Cross, here Jesus allows himself to become ritually unclean in order to restore others to wholeness. In an act of faith, Jairus asks Jesus to lay hands on his sick daughter in order to cure her. Even though the young girl dies, Jesus still honors Jairus’ request, in taking her by the hand (the dead were considered unclean). Jairus’ faith stands in contrast to the lack of faith of the entire crowd—with one exception: the woman who dared to believe that Jesus could cure her. As she knew she was considered unclean, she only dared to touch the hem of his garment.

Gospel Reflection

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

Pope Francis mentions the woman with the hemorrhage in his homily about “first encounters” with Jesus. How would you answer the questions he asks you below?

“The first encounter with Jesus changes the life of those who meet Him: John and Andrew, who stayed with the Master throughout the night; Simon who immediately became “the rock” of the new community; and then the Samaritan, the leper who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, the sick woman who was healed when she touched Christ’s tunic: these are decisive encounters that should prompt a Christian to never forget his own first encounter with Christ.

He never forgets, but we forget the encounter with Christ. And this would be a good assignment to do at home, to consider: ‘When have I really felt that the Lord was close to me? When have I felt the need to change my life, or to become better, or to forgive someone?’

When have I felt the Lord asking something of me? When have I encountered the Lord? Because our faith is an encounter with Jesus. This is the foundation of our faith: I have encountered Jesus, as Saul did.”

*Jesus asks us to remember—so ask for the grace to do it
 Mass at Casa Marta, April 24, 2015
 Paragraph 2-4*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, June 21, 2021:

Genesis 12:1-9 + Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 22, 2021:

Genesis 13:2, 5-18

+ Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 23, 2021:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

+ Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday, June 24, 2021:

Isaiah 49:1-6

+ Acts 13:22-26 + Luke 1:57-66, 80

Friday, June 25, 2021:

Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22

+ Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, June 26, 2021:

Genesis 18:1-15

+ Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday, June 27, 2021:

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

+ 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

+ Mark 5:21-43

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After paying the co-pays on his medications, his family's rent and utilities bills, James had very little left to purchase food and other necessities for his family.

It was hard for him to ask for help, but with nowhere else to turn, he did. Catholic Charities found him a specialist who assessed the family's needs and directed them to appropriate resources in their community. He went to his Parish Outreach, where his family received food that allowed them to make it through the month. James and his family received the help they so desperately needed.

Today, James is back to work and the family is doing well. *"I am so thankful that I know there is somewhere I can turn, where there are people that care, people I can talk to, if I am ever in such a situation again,"* shared James.

Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in the lives of others.

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DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Kellenberg Memorial Summer Camps: Kellenberg Memorial High School is pleased to offer a variety of instructional sports and enrichment camp options for the upcoming summer. Please visit kellenberg.org/camps to see the full list of offerings, including the newly added Science Lab Experience Camp, which is open to boys and girls entering grades 5-8. Lab Experience campers will have access to Kellenberg Memorial's newly opened, state-of-the-art Jim & Diane Rowen STEM Center. Please contact us at (516) 292-0200 ext. 242 or email requests to summercamps@kellenberg.org.

Freedom to be born—Face the truth Pro-Life Event: Pro-life Face the Truth event on **Saturday, July 3, 2021**, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; on the public sidewalk along Route 347, Lake Grove (near Smith Haven Mall). Pro-lifers continue to be challenged to defend the right to LIFE enumerated in the Declaration of Independence. We are called to take a public stand to declare that the right to life starts in the womb. Pro-lifers are asked to join this **Face the Truth** event to be a witness against the tragedy of abortion (participants must be peaceful & lawful). Rain or shine. Signs available (parking lot near Staples, near sidewalk). Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org; Instagram (LIcoalitionlife).

The Role of the Universal Prayer

“Pray for me.” When people ask for our prayers, it means they trust that God will hear us. When we pray for someone, we exercise the power of our Baptism by sharing in the priesthood of Christ, who intercedes for us at God’s right hand.

In the liturgy, this is most fully expressed in the Universal Prayer, also known as the Prayer of the Faithful. The petitions were part of the liturgy in the first centuries of the early Church, but toward the sixth century they fell into disuse.

Fortunately, the Second Vatican Council document the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* called for their return to the liturgy.

The local parish has the freedom to write these prayers so that they are suited to its time and place. In the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 70, the Church offers only these guidelines for the intentions, saying that usually should be:

- a) for the needs of the Church;
- b) for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world;
- c) for those burdened by any kind of difficulty;
- d) for the local community.

Though the Church tells us for whom to pray, specifics are not offered. The Church prays first for herself, recognizing the need for God’s presence. Also prayed for are those charged with the responsibilities of civic leadership and those who long to be liberated from various burdens such as illness, addictions, or poverty. The Church prays for the unity and peace of the entire human race and for the local community or for parish needs, such as teens who are on retreat, catechumens, a child who is being baptized that day, and the newly confirmed. The intentions of the prayers are broad, since these are general intercessions. During these intercessions, an intention is not voiced for Aunt



The intentions in the Universal Prayer are broad since these are general intercessions.

Mary, who is sick, since she would be included in the prayer for all the sick.

The priest announces the Prayer of the Faithful with a brief introduction. A lay person may read the intentions, but if a deacon is present, he announces them. Historically, as servant to the community, the deacon would know best who might be in need of prayers. The priest concludes the petitions with a prayer.

The assembly’s response to each petition may be sung, said, or made in silence. A typical response is “Lord, hear our prayer,” but the response can be changed from week to week. Using varied responses not only puts different prayers on the lips of the faithful, but encourages attentiveness.

Whatever prayers are composed and responses chosen, the Prayer of the Faithful forms the assembly to recognize the needs of those in the community and around the world, and assists the faithful in seeing themselves as agents of God’s grace.

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