

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*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

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 25, 2017

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

Business Manager: Mr. Frank Pokorney

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 2017 WITH NEW TABERNACLE AND PROCESSION



Photos courtesy of Mike Ryan.



Summer Evening Prayer

Wednesday, June 28

7:00 p.m. On the Rectory Lawn

Presider: *Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco*

Preacher: *Sister Diane Morgan, O.P.*

Pastoral Associate at St. Ignatius Martyr, Long Beach

Hospitality to follow

All those whose last name begin with A-L please bring something yummy for dessert!



PASTOR'S PAGE

Celebration of our Patronal Feast!

Liturgically it is the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, but this weekend the 12:00 Noon Mass is a special festive Mass to celebrate our Patronal Feast, the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The traditional day for this feast is June 27, but each year starting this year we will move it to the previous Sunday and celebrate it at the 12:00 Noon Mass, so that more people may be able to participate.

What a gift we have in having Our Blessed Mother as our parish patroness! Mary, as Mother of God and Mother of the Church, and as a model of faith and discipleship, must hold a central place in the spiritual life of every Catholic, and, if I may say so, especially in the spiritual life of every parishioner of OLPH, since she is our patroness. Elsewhere in today's bulletin we are printing an explanation of the elements that make up the beautiful icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, so familiar to us all.

Our 12:00 p.m. Mass this weekend is meant to be an especially festive occasion to give thanks and praise to God for all our blessings as a parish community, with hospitality following on the rectory lawn. After all, OLPH is "the place to be," right? Let's all look forward to this special Mass each year and keep in mind the 12:00 Noon Mass on the Sunday before June 27 each year as the celebration of our Patronal Feast!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

Blessing of Bricks and Statue

This year, in conjunction with our Patronal Feast Mass, we are blessing all of the bricks along the Walkway to the Blessed Mother. I again offer special words of gratitude and appreciation to **Mr. Joe Artusa**, who generously donated his time and talent to install all the memorialized bricks along the walkway.

After blessing the bricks, we are blessing a new statue which calls to mind Christ's invitation to allow children to come to him, and which has the special dedication: "Dedicated to All the Unborn and to All Children." I must again thank **Mr. Joe Artusa**, this time for installing the statue and creating the foundation/base on which it has been installed. In addition, I must thank **Mrs. Annette Walsh** who generously donated the full cost of the statue, and who requested the memorialization of the statue as mentioned. Annette has been a great friend to OLPH for several years now, and we thank her for her generosity in so many ways. (Annette also generously paid for the entire cost of our new Entrance Plaza last fall.)

By the way, there WILL be a PHASE III for our Brick Memorialization! Full plans for this will be announced in the fall, so if you have not yet memorialized a brick and would like to do so, or if you would like to memorialize additional bricks, just be patient...the chance to do so will come very soon! Watch the bulletin at the end of the summer for more details.

Religious Education Office is on the move

One major ministry here at OLPH is literally on the move! Our Religious Education Office is moving out of its current location in the school building and will now be located in the rectory; by the time you read this, the move should be pretty well complete. I thank our Director of Religious Education, April Kleinlaut, and her staff for their work and cooperation in handling the move, and I am grateful as well to our Maintenance Department for their work in clearing, repairing and refurbishing the space that will be used for the new offices in the rectory. I ask everyone's patience and understanding over the next few weeks as you interact with the Religious Education Office; as you can imagine, there may be a few bumps along the road until things settle down. Everyone has had the experience of moving at one time or another, so we all know how disorienting it can be until we get used to the new surroundings. The summer is, of course, the best time for them to move so that they can be settled in before the start of the new religious education year in September. All contact information for the Religious Education Office—phone extensions, e-mail addresses—remain the same. This move helps us to better utilize the limited parish space we have, and it also creates a smoother and more efficient working atmosphere by now having all the offices (rectory and religious education) located in the same building.

Boiler repayment

We have done EXTRAORDINARILY WELL in our "Let's Pay Off the New Boilers" Collection, and I cannot say **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** enough!!! As you can see from the total in today's bulletin, as of June 18 our total amount collected is \$107,206.16, and that is simply amazing! The generosity of so many people is what makes OLPH "the place to be."

As I promised you, 100% of the money collected for the boilers is going directly to pay off the \$119,516 we owe on them; we have been making monthly payments since this collection started. We

will make another monthly payment at the end of June, including whatever money is collected this weekend, and then we will divide the remaining balance by the 36 months that we have left to pay off the loan (it's due June of 2020); our remaining monthly payments should be under \$400 per month. While it would be better to not have this monthly bill to pay at all, it's certainly much better than the original amount we were looking at. Of course, any monies that continue to come in for the boilers will be applied directly toward that outstanding amount, further lowering our monthly amount and, hopefully, paying it off completely even before the 36 months are up.

Once again, please allow me to express my deep gratitude to everyone who has contributed to this important endeavor. It has been a tremendous help to us and has helped to ease an enormous burden.

Summer Appeal

This year's **Summer Appeal** letters have been mailed out. Yes, I am aware that this is following on the heels of asking for your help with the "Let's Pay Off the New Boilers" collection, but we really need everyone's help with this, too, because it is crucial in keeping OLPH financially afloat; we really cannot do without it. Remember, every dollar stays directly here at OLPH, unlike with bazaars and other events where fees must be paid to vendors.

This year we are earmarking a portion of the **Summer Appeal** money to go for some maintenance work, so you will be able to see the fruits of your contributions: the steeple and finials on top of the church and the fascia around the top of the rectory along the roof line (the trim) are all in terrible shape and peeling and need to be repainted and refurbished. So, we are looking to use a portion of this **Summer Appeal** for this project.

The **Summer Appeal** is always a vital part of our financial stability, so please be sure to participate in this year's **Summer Appeal** by returning your envelope through the mail, in the Sunday collection, or by dropping it off at the rectory. Thank you for your generosity with this and with your consistent generosity to OLPH throughout the entire year.

Vacation Bible Camp

Allow me to remind you about a fantastic summer ministry that takes place here each year, Vacation Bible Camp. It's a fun-filled week focused on our younger parishioners as they learn about different stories from the Bible, learn great songs, and do interesting arts and crafts. The great thing is that our VBC here at OLPH also incorporates older

children — there's a special Service Camp geared toward teens! Of course, adults are needed and are a part of it all, too, in all sorts of capacities. So Vacation Bible Camp is something the whole family can be involved in. Information about it can be found elsewhere in the bulletin, so be sure to sign up soon; VBC is always so popular that it fills up quickly! I am grateful to everyone who makes VBC happen each year as such a great summertime activity!

Parish Day Trip

On Tuesday of this week Chris Ferraro and I will be leading our Spiritual Tour of Lower Manhattan day trip. The bus filled up rather quickly, and we are looking forward to a day that combines some spiritual aspects, some interesting touring, and some fun and socializing. Our bus day trips have been well received in the past and we look forward to doing more of them in the future. If you have any suggestions for a bus day trip, send them along to Chris or to me and we'll give them due consideration.

Altar Server party

On Thursday of this week I'll be hosting something I really look forward to every year, and that is the annual Altar Server Party. This is the annual parish thank you to the altar servers for the great job they do. This year we're going to AtPlay Amusements in Farmingdale, which offers arcade games, laser tag and bumper cars, so there will be plenty of fun things to do. I've been known to play a game or two myself, and it should be a great time for everyone.

I continue to be so impressed by the dedication and great service offered by our altar servers; they are a fantastic group of young people. It is my pleasure to be their Moderator, and to work with them and to get to know them and their families.

Five years as your Pastor!

Tuesday of this week, June 27, marks five years that I have been your Pastor. If you're saying to yourself that it doesn't seem like that long (or, maybe you're saying to yourself, "*Goodness, it seems like FOREVER that he's been here...!*"), it certainly doesn't seem to me like it has been five years — the time has flown by so quickly! Each year around this anniversary I take some extra time for prayer and reflection on this incredible gift the Lord has given me, and I want you to know that that is the way I perceive this assignment — as a tremendous gift, a grace, to be able to serve you and to bring whatever I can offer to all of the good people of OLPH, which I

truly feel is “the place to be.” Of course, it weighs very heavily on my mind and heart that along with the gift and grace comes a great responsibility to care for this parish and to shepherd it forward to an ever-deepening engagement in the mission of the Church. Please know that I am always striving to do so the best I can.

Because of this great gift that has been given to me, I also at this time of year feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude. I am grateful to God for this opportunity, and I am grateful to God for all of you: for your witness of faith, for your trust, and for your zeal to engage in the life and mission of the parish. It is humbling to be called to serve so many good, good people, and I thank you for your trust, support and friendship. *“I stand here, in Grace and Gratitude, and I thank you.”*

“Summer sun, something’s begun...”

So, we’re at the time of year where this Pastor’s Column is the last one before its summer hiatus; it is my custom to take a break from writing this weekly column over the summer. I’ll be back-and-forth over the months of July and August, taking some retreat and vacation time, and then will be back, and then taking a little more time off, and then back, and so it’s easier to not have to worry about a weekly deadline for the bulletin. In addition to taking

some retreat and vacation time, I will also be teaching a liturgy course for a week in the Liturgical Music Institute at the Seminary in Huntington that Chris Ferraro runs (yes, he gets to be MY boss for a week!). Our summer helping priests will be arriving, so you will be seeing them soon, too.

Summer is my favorite season of the year (I like hot weather!) and it’s always a great time for some relaxation, catching up on reading and on visiting with friends and family, and, in general, renewing, refreshing, and re-creating oneself. I hope that your summer months will provide those opportunities for you. I’ll see you at Masses and at other parish activities, of course (I’m not leaving for the entire summer!), but, until this bulletin column resumes...

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,



RESTORATION OF HISTORIC TABERNACLE

MEMORIALIZATION OF OUR HISTORIC TABERNACLE



Special thanks to those who have been so generous in the memorialization of the historic tabernacle:

- *In thanksgiving for graces received - John and Barbara McPhail*
- *In loving memory of Melchiorre Cucchiara and Family and Lucretia and Dominick Colucci and Family*
- *In memory of Frances M. Pellarin, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, forever in our hearts*
- *Dedicated to the Leon and Zulueta Families*

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Mass for People with Special Needs

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

Saturday, July 1

4:00 p.m.

School Auditorium

*All are welcome
come celebrate Mass with us!*

We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you? Contact Jessica Becker at 631.226-7725 X 252 or email to jbecker@oloph.org

FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

*All are invited to come
and pray with our parish community.*

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **July 1** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, July 1 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Polish, English, Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, **July 2** at 7:00 p.m.



First Friday Devotions will take place **July 7** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

Monday, June 26—7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 3—7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 10—7:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer

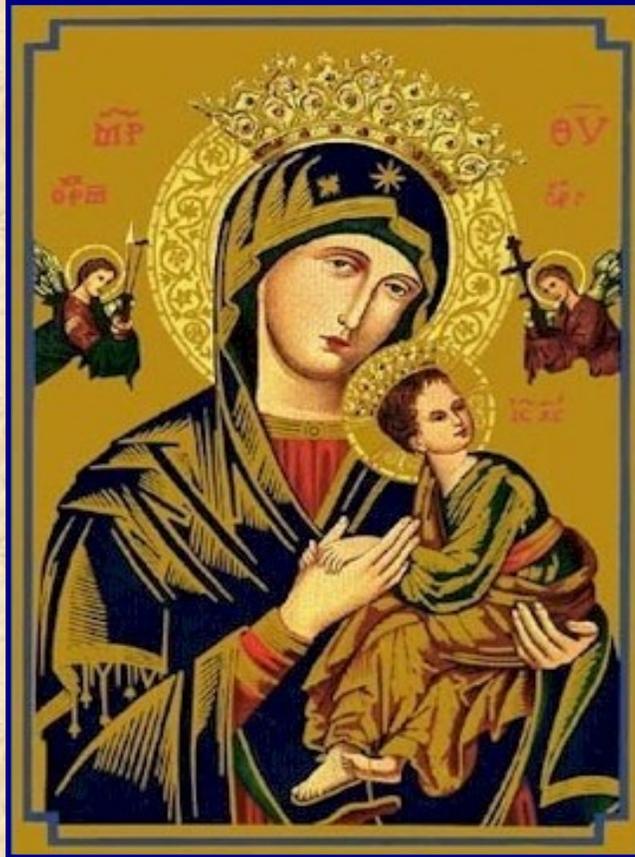
All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...



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

ICON OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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

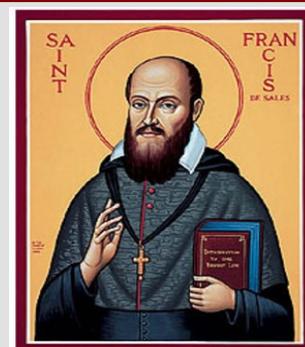


- ◆ Greek initials for “Archangel Michael” who holds the lance and the sponge. “Michael” means “who is like God?” (on left, immediately above the figure)
- ◆ Greek initials for “Mother” (“MP”, top left)
- ◆ Mary’s mouth is small, symbolizing her few recorded words and the depth of her contemplation
- ◆ 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 virgins at the time of Christ
- ◆ The color blue worn by mothers in Palestine
- ◆ Gold background symbolizes heaven

FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Hi! My name is St. Francis de Sales, and I'm the patron saint of writers. That's why your Pastoral Council has picked me as their patron and intercessor in this column which they offer to you. Here we will grow in our appreciation of the Catholic faith through questions and answers. So, I encourage all of you to send me your questions about Catholicism. All questions are welcomed and all will remain just between you and me (we won't print your name in the bulletin).

Please e-mail pastoralcouncil@oloph.org and each time this column appears, a new question will be answered. So, let's get started! I'll pray for you what I pray for everyone: May the Lord grant you His peace!



“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.” — Thomas Aquinas

Why is it that our faith brings us to believe in the Father Almighty, but yet there are times that God appears powerless?

Faith in God the Father Almighty can be put to the test by the experience of evil and suffering. God can sometimes seem to be absent and incapable of stopping evil. But, in the most mysterious way, God the Father has revealed his almighty power in the voluntary humiliation and Resurrection of his Son, by which he conquered evil. Christ crucified is thus “the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”¹ It is in Christ's Resurrection and exaltation that the Father has shown forth “the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe.”² (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 272)

Only faith can embrace the mysterious ways of God's almighty power. This faith glories in its weaknesses in order to draw to itself Christ's power.³ The Virgin Mary is the supreme model of this faith, for she believed that “nothing will be impossible with God,” and was able to magnify the Lord: “For he who is mighty has done great thing for me, and holy is his name.”⁴ (CCC 273)

“Nothing is more apt to confirm our faith and hope than holding it fixed in our minds that nothing is impossible with God. Once our reason has grasped the idea of God's almighty power, it will easily and without any hesitation admit everything that [the Creed] will afterwards propose for us to believe — even if they be great and marvelous things, far above the ordinary laws of nature.” (CCC 274)⁵

When in doubt, just repeat the beginning words of the Nicene Creed: “I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.”

¹ 1 Corinthians 1:24-25

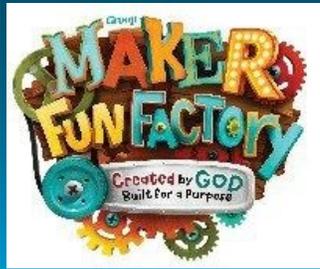
² Ephesians 1:19-22

³ 2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:13

⁴ Luke 1:37, 49

⁵ Roman Catechism, I, 2, 13

VACATION BIBLE CAMP COMING SOON!



Vacation Bible Camp July 17-21, 2017

For more information:

Mrs. April Kleinlaut at akleinlaut@oloph.org.

Please help us get ready for camp by donating one or two of the items below.
Drop off items at the Religious Education office or the Rectory. Thank You!

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| 1-inch Styrofoam balls (12) | blocks/pieces of wood | 12 (8) or 6 large boxes of Pop Tarts |
| variety of chenille wires (40-50) | red paper hearts cutouts
<i>(1 per camper)</i> | 2 large bags of skittles |
| glue dots | rope lights | 500 Sandwich bags |
| colored craft sticks (40-50) | fine-tip markers | 200 Gallon sized Ziploc Bags |
| colored ribbons | variety of fake food
<i>(enough for 3 large bowls full)</i> | 1 box of vinyl gloves |
| colored yarns | tennis balls or foam balls (10) | granola or breakfast bars |
| colored twine | Boxes- Various Sizes needed | travel sized toiletries |
| Red Stamp pads (2) | Empty Metal Cans- <i>Please take off the labels</i> | soaps/shampoos from hotels |
| wet wipes | Beer Bottle Caps | washcloths |
| white foam boards | 4 boxes of food coloring | wet wipes |
| straw table covers (3) | 40 8" round foil pans | Gift Cards always come in handy to help buy the "little" things we need. |
| cardboard boxes | 20 boxes of corn starch | |
| plastic greenery | | |
| plastic greenery | | |
| plastic cups <i>(1 per camper)</i> | | |

How can I help?

Camp Service

Camp Service is the MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE CAMP. We are focusing on acts of corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Campers earn 10 hours of service.

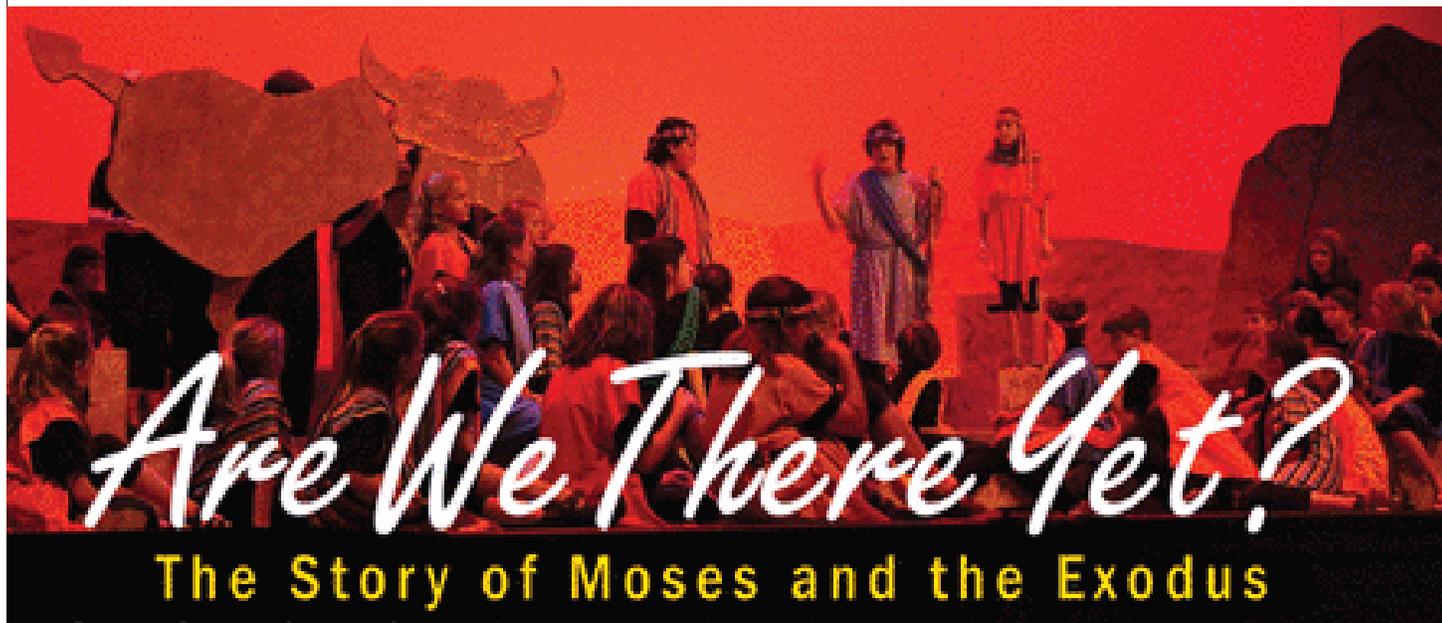
- Can't make a whole week?*
- That's okay, how about half a day*
- 07/17 to 07/21—or a couple of hours.*
- We need HS teens to help run activities.*
- We need help to drop off items at Mercy Inn.*
- We need set up and clean up help.*
- We need 2 Virtus trained drivers.*
- We need Virtus trained adults.*
- We need YOUR prayers!***

High Schoolers and Adults!

**AMWagner@optonline.net
631-680-9477**

We need u

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Music Ministry Presents A Summer Musical Experience For Children and Teens



Open to all students entering grade 3 through 12

Directed by Mrs. Amy Keller

Rehearsals: Monday, July 31 to Friday, August 4, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal: Monday, August 7 at 5:00 p.m.

Performance: Monday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Participation fee of \$45 per child if you register before July 1, \$65 per child if you register after July 1.

This retelling of the Exodus story will capture the humor and humanity of Moses, Miriam, Aaron, Joshua and the Pharaoh, and also communicate the eternal truths within the story. This is fun for kids and teaches a powerful and faithful story that they will keep with them!

ARE WE THERE YET?

*Please return this permission slip to the rectory along with payment (cash or a check made payable to OLPH)
\$45 per child registered before July 1, \$65 for each child registered after July 1.*

Child's Name: _____ Grade in September 2017: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parent's Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

I hereby give permission for my child(ren) to participate in the Summer Musical Experience at OLPH.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: CLOSED

COME VISIT OUR NEW HOME!

The Religious Education Office is now located in the RECTORY. All those wishing to visit us should follow the direction of the front desk personnel and the religious education staff. The school building will still be used for classes as usual during the academic year. Our contact information will remain the same. We ask your patience during this time as we make this transition!

**LATE REGISTRATION NOW IN EFFECT FOR 2017/18!**

Letters were mailed to all families with students in our program with details about re-registration. An email reminder was also sent. **As of June 15th, there IS NOW a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations.** We continue to encourage all families with students who have not yet begun religious education, who will be beginning 1st grade (or older), to register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a "New Family Appointment" or call us for any information. Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate. **New families MUST make an appointment to register by calling or emailing us.**

INTERESTED IN OFFERING YOUR TIME
AS A CATECHIST OR HALL MONITOR?
WE NEED YOU!



Our program relies on the generous time and talent offered by our dedicated teachers and hall monitors. Training is provided! Please call us for any questions or stop by our office!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cffr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

**PASTA SAUCE
PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP
CEREALS
SMALL PKGS. RICE
INSTANT POTATOES
COOKIES/CRACKERS
SMALL BOXES SUGAR
TOOTHPASTE/BRUSHES
SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER**

NO PASTA AT THIS TIME, PLEASE.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

Use Parking Lot located
on corner of Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

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

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say:

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will
acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”

This month, through your gifts, the Society of
St. Vincent de Paul was able to “acknowledge the
goodness of the Father” by assisting families,
providing food, gifts, and other help they may need.

† A LIVING MEMORIAL

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

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for further information.

**Hear
the Cry of
the Poor**



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com. You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

DONATIONS

We are in need of the following items:

Men's pants (slacks & shorts) - larger sizes

Men's underwear - XL, XXL

Women's t-shirts/tops; new underwear
—size 6,7

Medium weight hoodies - L, XL, 2XL

Sneakers

Shampoo - 1.5 oz. and Shaving cream

Lotion - 1.5 oz.

Sunscreen, bug spray, etc.

Lip balm

Backpacks

"gently used" tents

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

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

MIDDLE AGES

Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?

Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?

No meeting July 4th

Tuesday, July 18: Summer BBQ (off premise)

Tuesday, August 1: General Meeting

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in Room 24 of the "new" school. For more information, call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or e-mail at gtonness@optonline.net.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Give yourself a Challenge

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



OLPH Homeless Van Ministry Needs Your Help

Are you at least 18 years of age?

Do you feel called to follow the instructions of Jesus to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless?

JOIN US on *Wednesday evenings* as we minister to those in need!

Or, are you willing to cook for 20 people once a month?

For information, please contact

Regina Muir at 631 223 5327

or rmuir11@aol.com

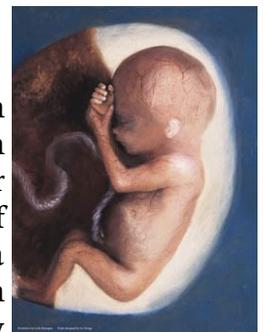
or Peggy Pannullo at 631 921-5994

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 3

"I can suck my thumb!"

Your baby is quite active in the womb now - - although her mother won't feel her for another couple of months. If her mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move her tongue. She can make a tight fist if you touch her palm. She is breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although she obtains the oxygen her body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce.



ROSARY RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Rosary & Rally For Religious Freedom

Bishop John O. Barres
- Keynote Speaker



Wednesday, June 28

6:00 p.m. - Public Witness Rosary in front of Auditorium facing Newbridge Rd.

7:00 p.m. - Fortnight Rally for Religious Freedom in the Auditorium of the School.

Holy Trinity High School
98 Cherry Lane
Hicksville, NY 11801

(Light refreshments will be served following the program)



Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Knights of Columbus #794

PGK Philip A. Renna Testimonial Dinner

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017
2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Lindenhurst Moose Lodge
883 South Broadway, Lindenhurst

Hot Buffet, Beer, Wine, Soda, Dessert
Casual Attire - \$35.00 per person

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:

Past Grand Knight JOHN REYNOLDS (631) 495-8578
Past Grand Knight ED CIRELLA (631) 335-1563
Deacon BILL CROSBY (631) 988-3068

*Please make checks payable to: **OLPH KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL #794***

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OUTINGS



Long Island Ducks
Vs.



Lancaster Barnstormers

Friday, August 18th

6:35 p.m.

Tickets: \$11 each

National Anthem led by OLPH Church Choir

*Flag Presented by Our Lady of Fatima Assembly
4th Degree Color Corps*



Monday,
July 24th
9:30 a.m.

Tickets: \$30
(Regular Price \$42)

For additional information contact:
Steve Strigaro - (631) 225-0928

Please send order form, with payment, (Requests for either outing by *July 10th*) to:

Stephen M. Strigaro
131 North 7th Street
Lindenhurst, NY 11757-3739

Make checks payable to: **OLPH Knights of Columbus #794**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ ZIP: _____

#Tickets for Game: _____ # Tickets for Waterpark: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Council: _____

OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY



OLPH Youth Ministry

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

8th Grade-12th Grade

We will be having another youth event!

Friday, June 30

OLPH GYM at 7:00 p.m.

Come down for fun, prayer and other activities.

Contact Fr. Frank Zero at fzero@oloph.org

Have a great summer! See you in the fall!

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

“Who is the Real Margaret Sanger?” This short video will be shown at the monthly meeting of the *LI Coalition for Life* on Mon., **June 26**, which begins at 7:45 PM. Margaret Sanger is the woman behind Planned Parenthood. Come and learn with us. The meeting is at Joseph Barry K of C, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. All are welcome. For further information: [631-243-1435](tel:631-243-1435); info@prolifeli.org.

With Liberty and Justice for ALL – Born and unborn: Pro-life Face the Truth event on Saturday, **July 1, 2017**, from 10:00AM to 11:30AM; at LIE Exit 70S & County Route 111, Manorville. Without the Right To Life we have no other rights! Pro-lifers are invited to join in a peaceful presence against the status quo of legal abortion. We hold signs (provided) on the public sidewalk. Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: [631-243-1435](tel:631-243-1435); info@prolifeLI.org.

Chinese Auction “In Memory of Diane Aluska” to benefit the Aluska Family will be held on Sunday, **July 2** at 1:00 p.m. at the Fireman’s Pavilion. \$5 per person entry. Contact Nicole Francis at Nicole91278@gmail.com. Donations are still being accepted at the Lindenhurst Public Library!

Seminary Golf Classic to Support Our Seminarians: The 14th Annual Seminary Golf Classic will be held at Rockville Links Club on Monday, **July 10, 2017**. Special honorees for this event are Bishop Robert J. Brennan, Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Centre, and the Scolaro Family. Fr. Joseph Scolaro was ordained in 2014, and his father, Joseph, is a member of the Seminary Board of Governors. Chairs of the event are Gus Nuzzolese, Chris Palmer and Steve Gallagher. We invite you to participate by sponsorship, journal, golf and/or dinner. *All funds support the education and formation of our seminarians, our future priests.* Contact the Development Office at [631-423-0483](tel:631-423-0483) X 102 or bmalone@icseminary.edu.

BOCES needs you this Summer! Work with children at Western Suffolk BOCES Summer School Program full or part time. (\$72/day) Download application: www.wsboces.org/noninstruct. Send completed form to: Special Education, Western Suffolk BOCES, P.O. Box 8007, Huntington Station, NY 11746-9007.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Lecturas del Domingo 13° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo a Julio 2 del 2017

Primera lect del segundo libro de los Reyes (4,8-11.14-16a):

Un día pasaba Eliseo por Sunam, y una mujer rica lo invitó con insistencia a comer. Y, siempre que pasaba por allí, iba a comer a su casa.

Ella dijo a su marido: «Me consta que ese hombre de Dios es un santo; con frecuencia pasa por nuestra casa. Vamos a prepararle una habitación pequeña, cerrada, en el piso superior; le ponemos allí una cama, una mesa, una silla y un candil, y así, cuando venga a visitarnos, se quedará aquí.» Un día llegó allí, entró en la habitación y se acostó.

Dijo a su criado Guejazi: «¿Qué podríamos hacer por ella?»

Guejazi comentó: «Qué sé yo. No tiene hijos, y su marido es viejo.» Eliseo dijo: «Llámalas.»

La llamó. Ella se quedó junto a la puerta, y Eliseo le dijo: «El año que viene, por estas fechas, abrazarás a un hijo.» Y ella dijo a su marido: He aquí ahora, yo entiendo que éste que siempre pasa por nuestra casa, es varón santo de Dios. Yo te ruego que hagamos un pequeño aposento de paredes, y pongamos allí cama, mesa, silla y candelero, para que cuando él viniere a nosotros, se quede en él." En verdad, qué considerada era esta mujer con Eliseo. No solo le ofreció de comer, sino que también mandó construir una habitación para él para cuando pasara por él pueblo y durmiera por la noche ahí. No hay necesidad de decir que Dios no podría haber dejado el cuidado y la amabilidad de esta mujer sin recompensa.

Segunda lectura del apóstol san Pablo a los Romanos (6,3-4.8-11):

Los que por el bautismo nos incorporamos a Cristo fuimos incorporados a su muerte. Por el bautismo fuimos sepultados con él en la muerte, para que, así como Cristo fue resucitado de entre los muertos por la gloria del Padre, así también nosotros andemos en una vida nueva. Por tanto, si hemos muerto con Cristo, creemos que también viviremos con él; pues sabemos que Cristo, una vez resucitado de entre los muertos, ya no muere más; la muerte ya no tiene dominio sobre él. Porque su morir fue un morir al pecado de una vez para siempre; y su vivir es un vivir para Dios. Lo mismo vosotros, consideraos muertos al pecado y vivos para Dios en Cristo Jesús.

Lectura del santo evangelio según san Mateo (10,37-42):

En aquel tiempo, dijo Jesús a sus apóstoles: «El que ame a su padre o a su madre más que a mí no es digno de mí; el que ame a su hijo o a su hija más que a mí no es digno de mí; y el que no cargue con su cruz y me sigue no es digno de mí. El que quiera salvar su vida la perderá, y el que pierda por mí la encontrará. El que os recibe a vosotros me recibe a mí, y el que me recibe, recibe al que me ha enviado; el que recibe a un profeta porque es profeta tendrá paga de profeta; y el que recibe a un justo porque es justo tendrá paga de justo. El que dé a beber, aunque no sea más que un vaso de agua fresca, a uno de estos pobrecillos, sólo porque es mi discípulo, no perderá su paga, os lo aseguro.»

La disposición para el sufrimiento, la pena y la cruz en el camino del seguimiento, es otra exigencia del Señor. No debemos buscar el sufrimiento, pero tenemos que aceptarlo si nos es impuesto. Tenemos que abrazar la cruz, por amor a Jesús y a la voluntad de Dios Padre. Jesucristo mismo también se enfrentó con esta dolorosa realidad humana, que afecta a todos y desconcierta a muchos. Su vida es un continuo sacrificio, un diario camino de Cruz. Permanentemente se enfrentó con el sufrimiento, lo santificó, lo sublimó y nos dejó el mensaje consolador de que la cruz tiene un sentido altamente redentor.



La semana antes de la Colecta

La próxima semana, nuestra diócesis llevará a cabo la *Colecta Peter's Pence*, la cual le proporciona al Santo Padre los fondos que necesita para realizar sus más importantes labores caritativas. Lo recaudado en la Colecta beneficia a los más necesitados: a las víctimas de guerra, de opresión y de desastres naturales. Por medio de su generosidad, estaremos esparciendo la paz de Cristo por el mundo.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

***Bryan Verdolino & Jacqueline Rozanski
MacDonald Robertson Drane, IV &
Lauren Michelle Gustavson***

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Phil Pascarella</i>	<i>Mary Elizabeth Setti</i>
<i>Glenn Cording</i>	<i>Helen Damm</i>
<i>Heather Flores</i>	<i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i>
<i>Giovanny Mateo Flores</i>	<i>Henry Kalt</i>
<i>Patrick Pigott Sr.</i>	<i>Marjorie Hildemann</i>
<i>John McPhail</i>	<i>Tom Gilroy Sr.</i>
<i>Margie Vacca</i>	<i>Erin Stanton</i>
<i>Ralph Cassor</i>	<i>Rosalie Grottola</i>
<i>Lawrence Pancamo</i>	<i>Gianna Tanfulla</i>
<i>Robert Ortiz</i>	<i>Lisa Ruggiero</i>
<i>Dolly Gallo</i>	<i>Frank Geraine Jr.</i>
<i>Peggy McCloud</i>	<i>Mary Doran</i>
<i>Rose Marie Russo</i>	<i>Cynthia Schmidt</i>

WE REMEMBER

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

***Barbara Bell
Ann Loretta Conway
Margaret Brogan
Sonny Russo
Dominick Camarda
Marie Haack***

“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.”

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

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.



**TO OUR
NEW OLPH
PARISHIONERS**

June

***Mr. & Mrs. Michael Donlin, Family
Miss Eartha Daniel
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cosgrove
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DiSalvo
Mr. & Mrs. Zbigniew Marchiewski
Mr. & Mrs. Bridget Donoghue
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DiSalvo
Mr. & Mrs. Zbigniew Marchiewski***

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 26—

Weekday

6:30 Arlene Ann Sredniawski

12:15 Fathers enrolled in the Father's Day Novena

TUESDAY, June 27—

Weekday

(Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

6:30 Marie Novak

12:15 Concetta Taiano

WEDNESDAY, June 28—

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

6:30 Joan Cox

12:15 Carmela Criscuolo

THURSDAY, June 29—

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

6:30 John M. Treanor

12:15 Frances Battista

FRIDAY, June 30—

Weekday

(The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church)

6:30 Vincent J. Treanor

12:15 Geraldine L. Martin

SATURDAY, July 1—

WEEKDAY

(Saint Jupinero Serra, Priest)

8:00 William J. Biscardi, Jr.

Vigil for

**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 Special Needs Mass - Auditorium

5:00 Jane Doyle-Gustafson

Sunday, July 2

**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 Carmine Gallo

12:00 Sandy Leschik

5:00 Grace Gerrato

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, June 26, 2017

8:00 a.m.	F & M Cleaning	Rm. 13/14/15
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:30 p.m.	Usher's Strengths Workshop	St. Lucy

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

8:00 a.m.	F & M Cleaning	Rm. 13/14/15
1:30 p.m.	Usher's Strengths Workshop	St. Lucy
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

8:00 a.m.	F & M Cleaning	Rm. 13/14/15
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
1-5:00 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary Business	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:00 p.m.	Summer Evening Prayer	Lawn

Thursday, June 29, 2017

8:00 a.m.	F & M Cleaning	Rm. 13/14/15
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, June 30, 2017

8:00 a.m.	F & M Cleaning	Rm. 13/14/15
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Hospitality Inventory	Kitchen/24
7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Ministry	Auditorium

Saturday, July 1, 2017

1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Adoration	Church

Sunday, July 2, 2017

6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Have you returned your
Summer Appeal envelope yet?
Thank you
for your generosity!



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
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Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork
 Tricia Buckley (Chair)
 Lori Byron
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Marie Foster
 Greg Guido
 Sonia Hansen
 John Keller
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.
 Christina Taparata
 James Totino
 Pete Triolo

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
 John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
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 Gerry Chille (Chair)
 Ed Cirella
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 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Bob Meade
 Frank Pokorney
 John Reynolds
 Sandra Tandoi

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Deacon Robert Becker
 Lynn Bergin
 Mark Costantino
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Chris Ferraro
 MaryAnn Haas
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
 Barbara McPhail
 Deacon Doug Smith
 Rosaleen Walters
 Mike Williams

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

OFFERING UPDATE June 17/18, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	340	135	\$3,779.00
8:00 a.m.	310	121	3,368.00
10:00 a.m.	452	127	3,305.00
12:00 p.m.	520	154	3,752.00
5:00 p.m.	135	35	970.50
Coin			19.73
Mail-ins:			143.00
Children's Env.		11	55.91
Faith Direct			2,124.50
TOTAL	1,757	583	\$17,517.64
2016 total	1,718	607	\$17,005.83
Candles			\$1,002.18
Poor Box			\$196.25

“LET’S PAY OFF THE NEW BOILERS” COLLECTION

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

Total collected as of June 18:
\$107,206.16



DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

July 2—passed

July 9—June 30

July 16, 23 & 30—July 7

I will be away. All items must be submitted early to be included in the bulletin on these dates.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SUPER 72 RAFFLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNE WINNERS

- \$1000 - *Ann McGronan*
- \$250 - *Donald Perollo*
- \$100 - *Joan Podrang*
- \$100 - *Marie Braunsdorf*
- \$100 - *Henry Mathes*
- \$100 - *Vera Meinhold*

OLPH SQUIRES

**OLPH
K of C
Squires**



Date: **July 8**

Time: **9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Where: **390 RTE-109, West Babylon**
(Hassell Auto Body)

CARS: \$5.00 Truck/Vans: \$7.00

Next weekend, July 1-2, our diocese will take up the *Peter's Pence Collection*, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.



PREPARING FOR Sunday, July 2, 2017—
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus said, "Whoever finds his life will lose it,
 and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

Matthew 10:39

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

We hear in this first reading of an act of kindness and its reward. Elisha was a prophet and as such was constantly traveling in order to preach the Word of God far and wide. In the city of Shunem, a wealthy and influential woman and her husband decided to add onto their house to make place for Elisha to stay when he passed through. As a way of thanking her, Elisha promised that she would bear a son who would take care of her in her later years. This woman illustrates how we are to receive a prophet and the Word of God: with openness and eager welcome. Elisha's response illustrates that God has rewards in abundance for those of us who welcome him with open arms.

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

In this letter, Paul teaches the members of the church in Rome what their baptism meant. Being baptized into Jesus means sharing in his death but then also sharing in his resurrection. Here, then, is the real Good News: since "death no longer has power over him" we no longer need fear death! Just as Christ's death means that he will die no more, so too we who are baptized are dead to sin and alive in newness of life "living for God in Christ Jesus."

Matthew 10:37-42

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus gives five lengthy speeches. We hear today the conclusion of the second of these speeches as Jesus instructs his apostles to go out on their mission. First, he tells them of the demands and then he tells them of the rewards. In order to be worthy of him, his disciples must put him above all else, even family and friends, and take up their cross to follow him. Although it may seem a paradox, Jesus says that whoever does this will lose their life but as a result will also find life, new life that is even better than the first. Rewards are promised to those who receive the apostles because they are really receiving Jesus himself. Just as the wealthy woman of the first reading, all who welcome prophets and righteous people will receive the rewards of one.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

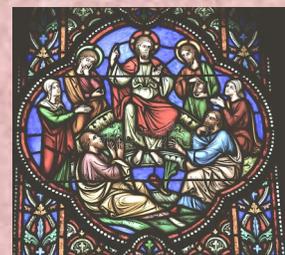
After reading next Sunday's Gospel take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. Could this quote from today's Gospel: "And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink, ... " relate to the problem of safe drinking water that Pope Francis speaks of in his encyclical, *Laudato Si*? Is there anything you can do to give someone in a poor country a cup of cold, safe, water?

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Laudato Si, Section 30, On Care for Our Common Home.

2. Who is blessed, the one who gives the help or the one who receives it? Are you always the giver or do you need to receive at times?



Readings for the Week

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

Monday, June 26, 2017:

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

Tuesday, June 27, 2017:

Genesis 13:2, 5-18

+ Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 28, 2017:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

+ Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday, June 29, 2017:

Acts 12:1-11

+ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

+ Matthew 16:13-19

Friday, June 30, 2017:

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

+ Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, July 1, 2017:

Genesis 18:1-15

+ Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday, July 2, 2017:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

+ Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

+ Matthew 10:37-42

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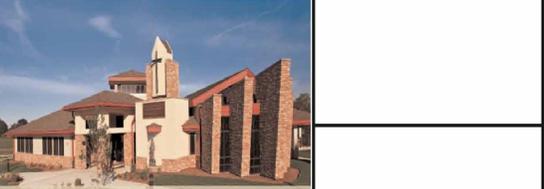
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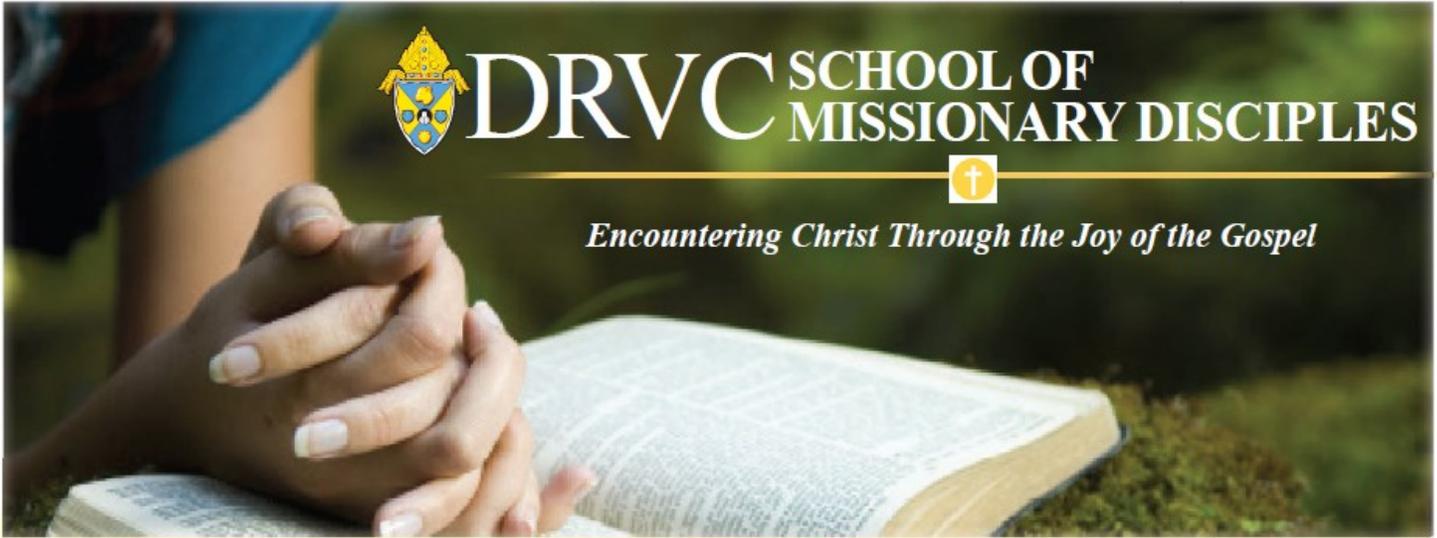
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