

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Celebrating 150 Years

2021

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

Mark 5:34

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 27, 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.

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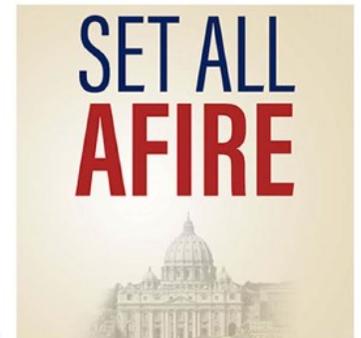
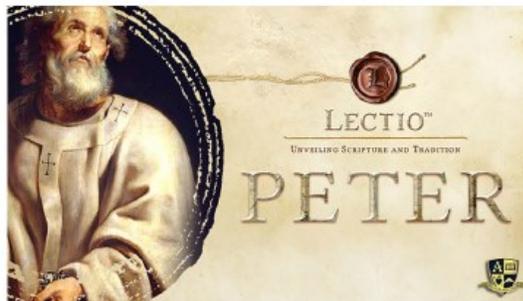
PICK OF THE WEEK

June 27, 2021

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PASTOR'S PAGE

150th Anniversary Year Patronal Feast Mass

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR PATRONAL FEAST MASS AT 12:00 NOON THIS SUNDAY!!! We are thrilled to welcome our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop John Barres, to preside at the 12:00 Noon Mass this Sunday.

We have so, so much to be grateful for to Almighty God, for the blessings He has bestowed on OLPH for 150 years. We also continue to be grateful to Our Blessed Mother who has interceded for us as our patroness. This weekend all parishioners should take a few moments to pause and reflect on the place of OLPH in their life and how this parish has been such an important part of their life. Think about all the parishioners who have given us the witness of their faith and the offering of their time, talent, energy and treasure over the past 150 years — it is truly amazing, awesome and awe-inspiring to think about! What a joyous weekend this is!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: pray for us!

Post-pandemic

As you can see, our celebration of Mass has returned almost to normal in these post-pandemic days. The mask mandate is lifted, so it is completely your choice if you choose to continue to wear a mask, but it is not in any way required. According to diocesan guidelines, masks are not required for those distributing Holy Communion. All seating barriers have been removed.

Two important aspects have yet to be reinstated, per diocesan guidelines: the presentation of the bread and wine from the assembly, and the offering of the Precious Blood to the assembly (*i.e.*, Communion under both kinds). The diocese has asked parishes to hold off on these last two practices for another little while, due to the nature of these practices and the high degree of handling and close interaction they involve. I can assure you, though, that both of those practices will be reinstated here at OLPH in the not-too-distant future. Let's just be patient to give all of us a little more time to achieve a high degree of

comfort again after enduring such a traumatic situation.

Obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass

The Bishop has announced that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses which was granted because of the pandemic ends as of the Sunday Masses August 14-15. Translation: the obligation to attend Mass will again be in effect as of Sunday Mass August 14-15, 2021, and as of that date it will once again be considered a sin to miss Mass without a just cause.

However, as I said in my letter mailed to all parishioners several weeks ago, we must be honest with ourselves. If we have not been coming to Mass, or not coming every week, but we are going other places regularly, such as stores and other venues and visiting people, then there really is no reason to not come back to Mass NOW.

Next Set of Bricks

I want to thank, for their patience and understanding, everyone who has ordered a brick to be memorialized since the last time we had a set engraved, installed and blessed. I know it has been a long wait and I am grateful for your indulgence. I am happy to announce that we are sending out another batch to be engraved, and, upon their return, they will be installed. The deadline to get in on this batch is July 19, 2021 — get your memorialization in before then if you want to be included in this next batch. We're looking to do a formal blessing of these new bricks in September or, at the latest, very early October; letters will be sent to those who have orders in this batch, inviting them to the blessing. It will also be announced in the bulletin.

Orders will continue to be taken, of course; it just means that if you miss this July 19 deadline, you'll have to wait to be included in the next batch. Brick memorializations will be ongoing, however.

Summer Appeal

SUMMER APPEAL letters have been mailed out and you should have received

yours. I respectfully and humbly ask that everyone take the 2021 **SUMMER APPEAL** very, very seriously, and that you participate in it by making your contribution. I hope that you are 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. As you know, due to the pandemic, we have experienced a loss of parish income. Lost income from collections and other sources has totaled approximately **\$200,000**, and, unfortunately, as a result, we have fallen behind in paying some of our bills. It is therefore with a sense of urgency that I beg for your support in this year's **SUMMER APPEAL**.

So, this year, monies from the **SUMMER APPEAL** will be used to directly offset the losses in income due to the pandemic, and to pay off the approximately **\$90,000** that we are currently in arrears. I have always been proud to say that in my entire time I have been your Pastor, we have always been current in paying our bills, never falling behind — until now. Our need is great! In addition, 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.) That's why monies from this year's **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.

Nine Years

This June 27 marks nine (9) years since I arrived here as your Pastor on June 27, 2012; nine years — “that’s a lot of water under the bridge,” as the saying goes! I’m proud to say to you that as I begin my tenth year with you, OLPH is now my longest priestly assignment ever, surpassing the nine years I spent on faculty as Professor of Liturgy at our diocesan seminary in Huntington.

So, not only have I spent more time at OLPH than in any other parish assignment, I have spent more time here as a priest than anywhere else, period! I continue to feel so blessed and so grateful to be able to say that.

It's probably no secret that priests, and perhaps especially the Pastor, exert a certain influence and bring a particular “flavor” to the parishes they serve. What you might not realize is how the parish, and the parishioners, influence and form and shape and mold the priests and the Pastors. All of you have certainly been a huge influence on me — and for the better. I feel incredibly blessed to look back on what you have taught me, on the Christian faith you have modeled for me, and the love for Christ and for the Catholic Church that have deepened in me because of you. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I look forward to remaining at OLPH for as many years as the Lord (and the Bishop!) grants to me. If you have a moment, please say a prayer for me, praying that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide my heart as your Pastor.

Summer Helping Priests

Unfortunately, we're going to have to go another summer without seeing Father Jacob and Father Alfred. Even though we're coming out of the pandemic, the circumstances concerning renewal of their visas and their international travel were just too complicated, and the processes taking too long, to get them here in time for this summer. I have been in touch with both of them, though, and I am not letting them off the hook for next summer! Happily, they are looking forward to coming here next year and we are already getting things

underway to be sure that all the details are taken care of in time so that they are able to return to us next summer. I know they look forward to seeing you as much as you look forward to seeing them.

150th Anniversary Year Picnic

Another great 150th Anniversary Year event is coming up over the summer: our 150th Anniversary Year Parish Picnic! Look for the ad which is starting to run in this week's bulletin for all the information. Make sure you are there; it promises to be a great deal of fun, and I look forward to seeing you there.

150th Anniversary DINNER DANCE and Journal

If you haven't already done so, make sure that sometime soon, and over the summer at the latest, you purchase your tickets for the social event of the season, our 150th Anniversary Year DINNER DANCE, on Friday, September 24. Don't forget, too, that in connection with the Dinner Dance, we'll be releasing our special 150th Anniversary Commemorative Journal. Take out an ad in the Journal if you have not already done so; use the order form elsewhere in this bulletin. There's an August 1st deadline for placing an ad, so do it now!

Anniversary Year Commemorative Items for sale

150th Anniversary Year Commemorative items will continue to be available for purchase over the summer. You can use the order form in this bulletin, or you can order online using the special link on the homepage of our website, www.olphlindhurst.com.

Independence Day

Next Sunday we celebrate our national holiday of Independence Day, the Fourth of July, as we commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, dated July 4, 1776, and our becoming a sovereign nation separate from Great Britain. Our country is 245 years old! It's a day of patriotism, unity and gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings we enjoy in our great country.

So, amidst the barbecues, fireworks and family gatherings, let's not forget to stop and take a moment to reflect on the many, many blessings we share as citizens of this great country, the United States of America.

Patriotism is a virtue; we should not feel ashamed or hokey to love our country. We should also take great pride in the American flag. I wanted to mention all of this in particular this year because it seems as though nowadays there are some very un-American and anti-American forces at work looking to tear our country down and trying to make us feel bad about ourselves. We should not give in to such destructive and divisive tendencies. Be proud of our country's rich history and in the progress we have made. God bless the U.S.A.!

Summer Hiatus

So, as is my usual custom, over the summer I will be taking a break from writing a weekly Pastor's Column. I will be back-and-forth throughout July and August, alternating various weeks at a time taking some vacation time and being back. It works out better to not have to meet a weekly deadline for a column, even though, of course, I will not be away for the entire summer. If any news arises about which I must inform you, I'll submit something to be printed.

In the meantime, know that you are always in my prayers, and will continue to be as I try to get some R & R in the weeks ahead. I hope you are able to get some time for fun and frolic, too — especially after everything we have been through! So, I'll see you at Masses and other summer events as I am back for them, and also when this column returns at the end of the summer, but, until then, may your summer be filled with sunshine, warmth, blessings and happiness with family and friends!

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.

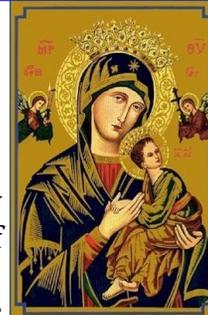
Sincerely,



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.

Novena *to Our Lady of* *Perpetual Help*



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, June 28 - 12:45 p.m.

Monday, July 5 - 12:45 p.m.

Monday, July 12 - 12:45 p.m.

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



150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR BOOKMARK

Students in Levels 6 and 7 in Religious Education participated in a service project this past spring as part of their Christian Witness hours. The service project tasked the students to design a bookmark for OLPH and the 150th Anniversary Year. Students were told that it would be a contest, and the winning bookmark would be copied for the parish.

Many students participated in this project and the top 6 bookmarks were presented to the OLPH Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council to vote on a winner. It was a tie! We had two winners and decided to make the bookmark two sided. The winners received prizes for their hard work and love for OLPH!

*Congratulations to **Jennifer Kulagowski** and **Giavanna Streffacio**, both from Level 6, who were our bookmark winners!*

The bookmarks were copied to share with the OLPH Parishioners for the special Patronal Feast Mass. Please take a copy of the bookmark home with you this weekend; they are located on the pew ledges. They are free, and will be available while supplies last!



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 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)
- ▶ 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

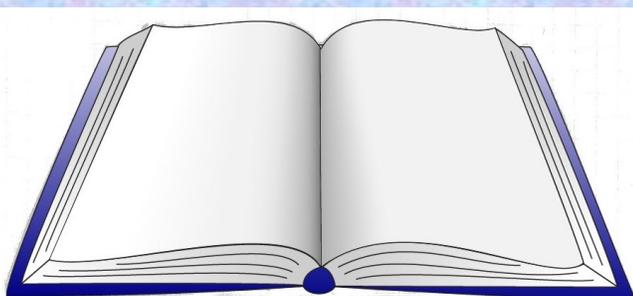
We live-stream the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week.

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](https://www.facebook.com/olphlindenhurst)
- OLPH YouTube Channel:
OLPH Church Lindenhurst



2022 MASS BOOK OPENS SOON!



The 2022 MASS BOOK
WILL OPEN NEXT WEEK
Wednesday, July 7

Limit of 3 Masses per person per day.

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**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
PARISH PICNIC**

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Belmont Lake State Park, West Babylon, NY
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FUN, GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP!



*Please bring your own food and drinks for the day, picnic tablecloth and of course, your mask!
Entrance to the Park is \$8 per car. Parking and rest rooms will be available.*

If you have any questions, please contact Helene at 917-679-0376 or Bubblesandscotty43@gmail.com.



**To attend the Parish Picnic, please fill out the below form.
Space at the Pavilion is limited
so be sure to reserve your space as soon as possible!
You don't want to miss the fun!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

No. of Persons Attending: _____



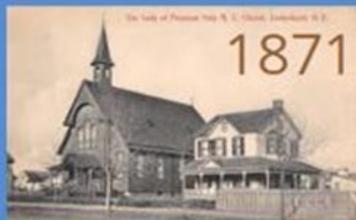
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150TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

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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2021

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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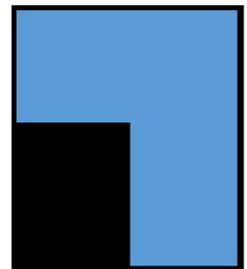
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Full Page and Cover
8.5 x 11"



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!

Bible Camp Registration is CLOSED!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.



Vacation Bible Camp Meeting!

We are decorating Wednesday, June 30, 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 always welcome!

Training is provided! Please call with any questions or stop by our office!

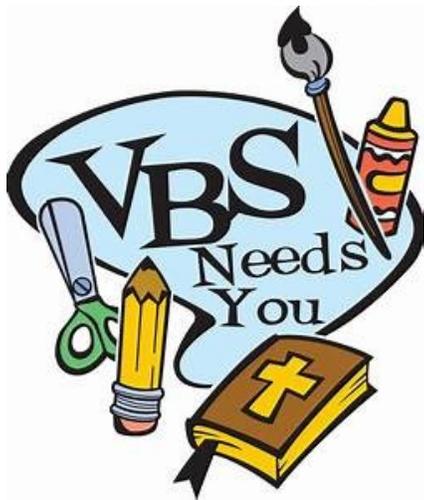
Registration for 2021-22

registration **OPEN**

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

Melting Chocolates
Lollipop Sticks & Cover Baggies
Tera cotta flowerpots 3.5 inches
Bags of Plain White Rice (*no Minute Rice*)
Bags of Uncooked Kidney
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

Juice Boxes

8oz Water Bottles

Decorating

Dollar Tree Gifts Cards

Hobby Lobby Gift Cards

Rubber fake snakes

Halloween skeletons and skulls

Fake cobwebs

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

Come to the OLPH Service Camp Car Wash!

Wednesday,

July 14, 2021

9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

At the OLPH School Parking Lot at the end of High Street!

ONLY \$5 per Car!



Our Service Campers
will be raising money for the
150th Year Anniversary of OLPH

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
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- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
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- † 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 today's Gospel we see how in faith, Jarius asked Jesus to heal his daughter and how Jesus then answered his prayer. In prayer we also come to know that we are loved by God, and in that trust we ask for healing for ourselves, our loved ones and all those who are suffering.

This week, please join with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in praying for the healing of all those who are ill and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

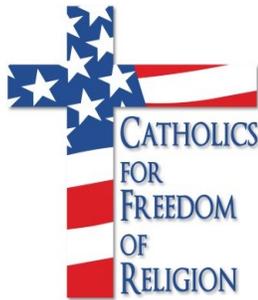
THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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

Religious Freedom Week: June 22-29 — Continued

The annual observance of Religious Freedom Week began as the Fortnight for Freedom in 2012, when the Church and other religious liberty advocates were concerned about threats to the Defense of Marriage Act.⁽¹⁾ In 2021, the U.S. Bishops continue to see threats to Catholic institutions in many different areas of concern. Also, this year's observance comes as the Supreme Court is due to rule on a Philadelphia First Amendment case that has implications for religious freedom in the area of foster care and adoption. "Domestically, a major area of concern continues to be freedom for Catholic institutions, such as schools, hospitals, and child welfare service providers, to carry out their missions with integrity," said a Bishops' press release.⁽²⁾

The Church is encouraged to "Pray - Reflect - Act" on the following themes:

- Adoption and Foster Care
- Catholic Social Services during the Pandemic
- The (Misguided) Equality Act
- Church Vandalism
- Catholics in Nigeria
- Conscience Rights for Medical Professionals
- Solidarity with Christians in Iraq
- Free Speech⁽³⁾

"The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB] Committee for Religious Liberty collaborated with the Office of International Justice and Peace to raise awareness and show solidarity with people throughout the world who suffer for their faith, from the persecution of Christians in Nicaragua to highlighting Pope Francis's trip to Iraq this year."⁽⁴⁾ Through prayer, education, and public action during Religious Freedom Week, the USCCB hopes to promote the essential right of religious freedom for Catholics and for those of all faiths.

"Religious freedom remains one of American's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it."

—Pope Francis

(aleteai.org, 6/3/21(1)(2); catholicphilly.com, 6/4/21(3); camdendiocese.org, 5/2021; catholicnewsherald.com, 6/2/21; dosafl.com, 6/3/21(4); catholicvote.org, 6/2/21(5))

Happening Now: Ruling that Vermont Cannot Deny Aid to Catholic School Students

Vermont's Town Tuition Program (TTP) provides funding for students in towns where the public school system does not cover all grade levels. When TTP administrators refused funding to four students who chose to attend a Catholic high school, their parents and the diocese sued and won at the Court of Appeals. "Four years ago, the Supreme Court reminded states that it has repeatedly confirmed that denying a generally available benefit solely on account of religious identity imposes a penalty on the free exercise of religion..." wrote Judge Steven Menashi. "Officials who administer Vermont's [TTP] nevertheless continued to discriminate against religious schools and students in violation of the First Amendment."⁽⁵⁾

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
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April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
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Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
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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 DeaconRobert@oloph.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Vincent Boccanfuso
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Adele Venezia

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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William D'Alessio
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
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Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
Deacon Robert Becker
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
MaryAnn Haas
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Denise Martinez
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Mike Williams
Fr. Frank Zero

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT:

Nicholas Gigante & Lisa Zeppetelli

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Edward Kienle</i>	<i>Lucas Sarmiento</i>
<i>Janet Leyden</i>	<i>Leonard Fries</i>
<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Karin Kienle</i>
<i>Lew & Natalie Hugel</i>	<i>Sonia Cruz</i>
<i>Anthony Lagala</i>	<i>Janet Leyden</i>
<i>Kathy Feldman</i>	<i>Shannon Daley</i>
<i>Barbara McCarthy</i>	<i>Katie Daley</i>
<i>Louis Grasso</i>	<i>Kim Daley</i>
<i>Meryl Nadraus</i>	<i>Joseph Pugh</i>
<i>Father Jerry DiSpigno</i>	<i>Angelo DelBianco</i>
<i>Penny Notarnacola</i>	<i>Josephine Senatore</i>
<i>Dawn Arpino</i>	<i>Rachel Lohr</i>

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.



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.

WE REMEMBER

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

Cristobal Diaz
Benedetto Cucinella
Leonore Cianci
Leoncio Cairo
Patricia Guardino
Jose Garcia-Cruz
Kristina Walker

"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."

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 28— Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr	
6:30	Marie V. Novak
12:15	Fathers enrolled in the Father's Day Novena
TUESDAY, June 29— SAINT PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES	
6:30	Jack Bagnoli
12:15	Raymond O'Neill
WEDNESDAY, June 30— Weekday <i>(The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church)</i>	
6:30	Frank Stryker
12:15	John & Vincent Treanor
THURSDAY, July 1— Weekday <i>(Saint Junipero Serra, Priest)</i>	
6:30	Bella Schneyer
12:15	Patricia Dougherty
FRIDAY, July 2— Weekday	
6:30	Sophia K. Cyganowski
12:15	Sr. Frances Hagzan, OP.
SATURDAY, July 3— Saint Thomas, Apostle	
8:00	William Biscardi Jr.
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:00	Joann Vitti
Sunday, July 4— FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	Celso Aguilar
10:00	John C. Beal Sr.
12:00	For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, June 28, 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
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24
Tuesday, June 29, 2021		
12:45 p.m.	CFFR—Rain date for 6/24 Rosary if needed.	Church Plaza
Wednesday, June 30, 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
Thursday, July 1, 2021		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
Friday, July 2, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
Saturday, July 3, 2021		
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	School
Sunday, July 4 and Monday July 5, 2021		
ALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.		



Welcome

TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

June 2021

Debra & Nicole Fischetti
Matthew, Megan & Jackson Chefetz
Michael, Kelsey & Wylder Thompson
Peter & Amanda Annarumma
Jeffrey & Christina Hunter
Gerard Rutan
Adrian & Jackson Kozlowski
Elizabeth, Danny, Danny Jr, & Mason Gonzales
Meghan, Daniel, Ava & Logan Nugent
Anna Bongiorno, Michael Mellina & Michael Jr.
Nicholas Randazzo & Rhianna Conger
Warren, Jennifer & Samara Spann
Danilo, Melissa, Lorenzo & Nicholas Maldonado

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.

Reflexión de las escrituras del domingo 27 de Junio del 2021

Hermanos: Estamos ahora reunidos en el nombre de Jesús: Él era rico, pero se hizo pobre por nuestro bien, para hacernos ricos desde su pobreza. Él nos trajo vida y salvación. Que su gracia y su vida estén siempre con ustedes

El Dios de la Vida nos hizo inmortales. Primera lectura (Sabiduría 1:13-15; 2:23-24)

Dios no hizo la muerte ni goza destruyendo los vivientes. Todo lo creó para que subsistiera; las criaturas del mundo son saludables: no hay en ellas veneno de muerte, ni el abismo impera en la tierra. Porque la justicia es inmortal. Dios creó al hombre para la inmortalidad y lo hizo a imagen de su propio ser; pero la muerte entró en el mundo por la envidia del diablo; y los de su partido pasarán por ella.

Palabra de Dios.

Segunda Lectura: Compartir y ser solidario en la Iglesia. (2 Corintios 8:7, 9,13-15) Las iglesias locales más pudientes y con mayor bienestar deben ayudar a las más pobres, siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, que se hizo pobre para enriquecernos a todos.

Evangelio: Jesús posee el poder de dar vida. (Marcos 5:21-43 o Mc 5:21-24, 35-43) El poder de resurrección está obrando activamente en Jesús: regenera a los enfermos y los integra a una vida más plena, e incluso devuelve los muertos a la vida.

La Vida es Victoriosa Casi todos nosotros tenemos miedo a la muerte, y nos cuesta mucho abordarla desde la fe. La vida es un lindo regalo de Dios, pero es frágil y quebradizo. Le enfermedad es una anticipada y normal participación de la muerte, y la muerte nos llega como una realidad inevitable. ¿Cómo podemos reconciliar esto con nuestra fe en un Dios que nos ha creado para vivir? No siempre vemos claro, pero al menos sabemos esto: Desde que Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos, la muerte ha sido vencida; la muerte no es el final.--- Pedimos a Jesús aquí y ahora, en la eucaristía, que nos toque con su poder de vida.

Salmo 8, Por boca de los infantes y de los niños de pecho has establecido Tu fortaleza, Por causa de Tus adversarios, Para hacer cesar al enemigo y al vengativo.

La invitación sigue en pie, Cristo siempre le espera, los adultos para acercarse a la fe y los niños para que la conozcan y crezcan en ella. Traiga también sus hijos para que crezcan también en la fe.



**OFFERING UPDATE
June 19/20**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	215	86	\$2,574.00
8:00 a.m.	237	110	3,542.00
10:00 a.m.	259	77	2,841.00
12:00 p.m.	240	53	1,730.00
Coin			1.82
Faith Direct:			2,951.30
Children's Env.		13	65.00
Mail-ins:			1,418.00
TOTAL	951	339	\$15,123.12
2020 total	532	220	\$17,068.80
Candles			\$731.25
Poor Box			\$246.63

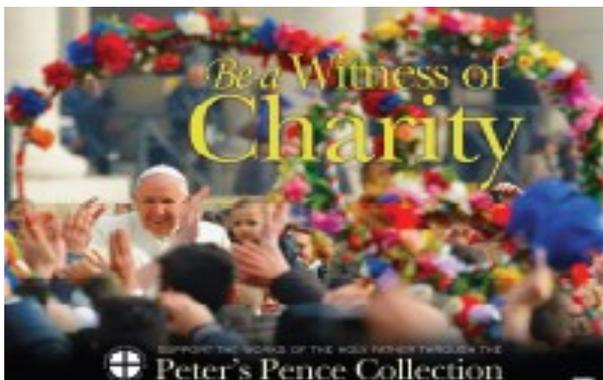
All Rectory and Parish Offices will be CLOSED, and all parish activities except for Masses will be cancelled, on both Sunday July 4 and Monday July 5, for the Independence Day holiday.

The Rectory Office will re-open Tuesday, July 6 at 9:00 a.m.



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

This week, **June 26/27**, we will take the *Peter's Pence Collection*, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



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 4—passed
- July 11—July 2
- July 18—July 9

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, July 4, 2021
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*When the sabbath came Jesus began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were astonished.*

Mark 6:2

Ezekiel 2:2-5

What we read in this passage from the Book of Ezekiel is essentially the prophet's calling, commission and new job description from the Lord. In the presence of the Lord, Ezekiel falls prostrate, and it is only the power of the Spirit that enables him to stand before the immensity of his God. The Lord makes it plain to Ezekiel that he will suffer in carrying His message of chastisement to the Israelites. But that is to be expected—if they turned their backs on the Lord, they will certainly not be willing to listen to His prophet.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Like Ezekiel and any of the prophets, Paul realizes that he is not able to carry out his mission and endure his many hardships without the helping grace of the Lord. Paul has also discovered that it is those very sufferings which in fact keep him completely dependent on the Lord and faithful to his calling.

Mark 6:1-6

Why is it, as Jesus says, that a prophet is never welcomed by his own? It is simply because their relatives and neighbors knew them before they proclaimed their calling. A prophet seems no different in appearance than any ordinary man, so even the extraordinary teachings and many miracles worked by Jesus fail to open their hearts to see what their eyes cannot. Are we able to see with the eyes of our heart?

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.

1. Can you think of theologians, saints or scientists who were rejected for their ideas? Do you know anyone you would call a prophet today? Where can you find such persons? What might they be trying to change for the better? Immigration and care for the environment? Care for neighbors? For what cause could you be a prophet?
2. Do you agree with Pope Francis' description of prophets (below): that they are people who keep the promise of God alive, who see the suffering of their people, and bring us the strength to look ahead?

“The prophet is a [person] of three times: the promise of the past, the contemplation of the present, the courage to point out the path toward the future.”

All of us who are baptized are prophets. Lord, may we not forget your promise; may we never grow weary of going forward; may we never close ourselves in through a legality that closes doors. Lord, free your people from the spirit of clericalism and come to their aid through your spirit of prophecy.”

*Pope Francis, The Eye That Is Opened
Domus Sanctae Marthae,
December 16, 2013*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, June 28, 2021:

Genesis 18:16-33 + Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday, June 29, 2021:

Acts 12:1-11 +
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
+ Matthew 16:13-19

Wednesday, June 30, 2021:

Genesis 21:5, 8-20a
+ Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday, July 1, 2021:

Genesis 22:1b-19
+ Matthew 9:1-8

Friday, July 2, 2021:

Genesis 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67
+ Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday, July 3, 2021:

Ephesians 2:19-22
+ John 20:24-29

Sunday, July 4, 2021:

Ezekiel 2:2-5
+ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
+ Mark 6:1-6a

2021 OLPH GOAL:
\$111,600

Total pledged: \$105,812.00
of pledges: 395
Total payments: \$77,186.50
94.81% of goal
As of 6/22/21

2021
CATHOLIC
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ROCKVILLE CENTRE



“Faith is not a light which shatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey”

-Pope Francis

Lauren believes her involvement in Youth Ministry has been one of the most important things she has ever done.

“Youth ministry will change your life. There will be a time when you have a really bad week and you come to the group meeting and you just share, you open your heart and let everyone in – you let Jesus’ love in. You feel so much better and you know that everything is going to be ok. Having a relationship with God is something that helps you through rough times and makes you grateful for the good times,” shared Lauren



Youth Ministry in our Parishes helps guide our young people on their faith journey and empowers them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world today!

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal ensure that young people like Lauren can develop a relationship with God that will lead to a life of prayer and service, coupled with the support and socialization of other young people who embrace the same Church and values.

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Preface

My mother was big on thank-yous. Most of her gratitude came in the form of baked goods—scrumptious edibles such as Italian wedding cookies or Polish *chrusciki*.

She offered these mouthwatering treats to people who constantly showed God’s kindness to us: the family doctor who never took a penny after our father died or the neighbors who plowed our driveway after the massive snowfalls. She recognized God’s goodness in the hearts of others and was eternally grateful. Focusing on the blessings of God rather than the pain of life often changed those potentially sadder moments into times of thanksgiving.

Like my mother, the Church continually reminds us through the liturgy to say thank you. The word *Eucharist* is derived from the Greek *εὐχαριστία*, which is translated as “thankfulness” and “gratitude.”

At the heart of the liturgy is the thanksgiving offered in the Eucharistic Prayer. That prayer begins with a dialogue that starts when the priest says, “The Lord be with you,” and the people respond, “And with your Spirit.”

This dialogue begins what is called the Preface, the prelude to the Eucharistic Prayer. The word *preface* comes from the Latin noun made from the verb *fari*, meaning “to speak,” and the prefix *prae-*, meaning “before.” The Preface is a prayer of utmost importance. Nearly one hundred Prefaces are in *The Roman Missal*, with each connected to a particular liturgical season, solemnity, or feast. Each Preface begins with a reiteration of the last part of the Preface dialogue: “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks.”

Each line of the Preface draws on what God has done for his people, as Preface V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time, shows:



The Eucharistic Prayer begins with the words of gratitude in the Preface that tell of the deeds God has done for his people.

For you have laid the foundations of the world and have arranged the changing of times and seasons; You formed man in your own image and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, to rule in your name over all you have made and forever praise you in your mighty works, through Christ our Lord.

After naming reasons to give thanks, the presider invites the assembly to join with the angels—indeed the whole company of heaven—in a song of praise and thanksgiving as they sing the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy).

If we are truly attentive to the reminders of God’s goodness offered in the Preface and in other parts of the Mass, we will have no choice but to be so filled with thankfulness that, like my mother, we will have to pour out our gratefulness onto others.

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