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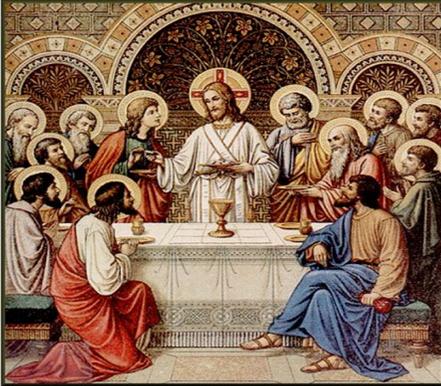
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*While they were eating,
Jesus took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said,
“Take it; this is my body.”*

Mark 14:22

**THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

June 3, 2018

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

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Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

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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 Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

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

Mondays 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.

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Procession **SUNDAY, June 3** **12:00 Noon Mass**



On Sunday, June 3, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**.

- Eucharistic Procession (outside, weather permitting) to end the Mass;
- Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the Procession.



PATRONAL FEAST

THE PATRONAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Celebrated SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018

5:00 p.m. MASS

then the

“PASSPORT TO THE PARISH” PARTY

immediately following Mass



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

**Let's give praise and thanks to God for the gift of OLPH as “the place to be”
as we celebrate Eucharist together!**

**Immediately following the Mass we'll have a great celebration we're calling the
“PASSPORT TO THE PARISH” PARTY!!!**

**It's a combination Mini-Feast and Ministry Fair
celebrating the life of OLPH!**

Fun and activities for everyone of all ages!

Mass...then party...

Don't miss out on any of it!

We'll see you there!

PASTOR'S PAGE

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

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

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

Finally, the Prayer after Communion points to the important but often-overlooked eschatological dimension of the Eucharist, as it reminds us that the reception of the Body and

Blood of the Lord in this present age is a foreshadowing of sharing in God's divine life for all eternity.

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

If you are attending Mass earlier than 12:00 p.m. this Sunday, keep in mind that we are having a special Eucharistic Procession at the end of the 12:00 Mass, with the Procession concluding with Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Do consider honoring the Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament by joining us for the Procession.

Finally, in acknowledgement of today's Solemnity, we are printing in this bulletin both some catechetical points about the proper and reverent way to receive Holy Communion and some spiritual points to ponder about the meaning of Holy Communion. I hope you find them edifying.

Congratulations to our new Altar Servers!

We are thrilled to welcome six (6) new Altar Servers who were/will be installed at the 12:00 Noon Mass today (how fitting...on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ!). We welcome **Jacqueline Coffey, Anthony Crisostomo, Justin Gries, Aaron Ross, Nicholas Sherman** and **Isabella Wolff**. Congratulations to all these great young people who are now offering to serve the parish through this wonderful ministry! Let's pray that their liturgical ministry and service may bring them closer to Christ; in the words of the ritual for the Blessing of Altar Servers, "*Grant [O God] that their ministry may be fruitful and our worship pleasing in your sight.*"

Parish Day Trip: Pray and Play

Chris Ferraro and I will be away from the parish on Monday leading our next Parish Day Trip; we have a full bus made up of parishioners from OLPH and from Christ the King in Commack. Most of the day will be

spent at a retreat house on Enders Island in Connecticut, where the group will have some very relaxed and low-key spiritual time together, including a spiritual talk, quiet time and Mass. After a gourmet lunch, we'll then move on to the more-recreational part of the day. It will be a long day, but a good one. Chris and I really enjoy running these day trips, and we'll be doing it again before too long; I hope you'll consider joining us in the future.

Combined Pastoral Staff/Pastoral Council meeting

Each year I call a combined meeting when the Pastoral Staff and the Pastoral Council meet together; we pray Evening Prayer, then have a festive dinner together, and then have the meeting itself. In addition to being the opportunity for the members of two of the main consultative and leadership bodies of the parish to spend time together getting to know each other, this annual meeting always accomplishes a great deal in terms of discussing and deciding where we have been and where we need to go in the year ahead. In the past, important pastoral decisions and strategies have come out of this meeting, and I'm sure this year will be no exception. The meeting will be on Tuesday night of this week, June 5, so perhaps you could remember to offer a prayer for us that night.

Anointing of the Sick next Sunday, June 10, at 12:00 Noon Mass

Next Sunday, June 10, at the 12:00 Noon Mass, we'll include the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass; please see the ad elsewhere in this bulletin for more complete information.

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

sick, and of our oneness as a parish family gathered around the Sunday altar.

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

Please consider being anointed, or bringing your loved one for anointing, if appropriate. If you are not in need of the Sacrament, attend the Mass anyway, in order to pray for our sick brothers and sisters and to show our unity in Christ with them, as an expression of your prayer and love for them.

Father's Day Novena of Masses

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

Welcome back, Fr. Emmanuel!

It might be hard to believe, but we're at that time of year when our summer helping priests are starting to arrive. We're happy to welcome back Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo who will be here for the months of June and July. We're pleased to have you with us once again, Fr. Emmanuel, and we thank you for your presence in helping us out!

Plans call for Fr. Jacob and Fr. Alfred to return this summer as well; more details about their arrival will follow in the weeks ahead. As Pastor, I am thrilled that we are able to have the same summer priests return each year. They

are loved by all of you and you look forward to their being here. I am grateful for their priestly presence and ministry.

30th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood

If you have a moment, perhaps you could offer a prayer for me on Monday, June 4; that’s the day of my 30th anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood. As you know, it’s not often that words fail me (these Pastor Columns are evidence of that!), but that’s what happens to me when it comes to trying to describe the joy and gratitude I feel at this wonderful and undeserved gift of being able to serve as an ordained priest. It is truly an occasion of “Grace and Gratitude” for me.

Good heavens...30 years a priest...am I now one of the “old-timers”????!!

Pope Francis’ Catecheses on the Holy Mass

We continue with our series presenting Pope Francis’ catecheses on the meaning of Mass, given at his Wednesday audiences. Since Mass is so central to our life as Catholics, we can never learn enough about it. In the selection below, taken from his audience of March 7, 2018, the Pope begins reflecting on the Eucharistic Prayer in the Mass. As always, I present the Holy Father’s words *verbatim*.

We are continuing the catecheses on the Holy Mass, and with this catechesis we shall focus on the Eucharistic Prayer. The rite of the presentation of the bread and wine having concluded, the Eucharistic Prayer begins, which qualifies the celebration of the Mass and constitutes its central moment, ordered to Holy Communion.

It corresponds to what Jesus himself did, at the table with the Apostles at the Last Supper, when “he gave thanks” over the bread and then over the cup of wine (*cf.* Mt 26:27; Mk 14:23; Lk 22:17, 19; 1 Cor 11:24): his thanksgiving lives again each time we celebrate the Eucharist, joining us to his sacrifice of salvation.

And in this solemn Prayer — the Eucharistic Prayer is solemn — the Church expresses what she achieves when she celebrates the Eucharist and the reason why it is

celebrated; rather, she makes communion with Christ truly present in the consecrated bread and wine. After inviting the people to lift up their hearts to the Lord and to give him thanks, the priest pronounces the Prayer aloud, in the name of all those present, addressing the Father through Jesus in the Holy Spirit. The meaning of the Prayer is that the entire congregation of the faithful should join with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice. And in order to join oneself one needs to understand. For this reason, the Church has wished to celebrate Mass in the language that the people understand, so that each one may join him or herself in this praise and in this great prayer with the priest. In truth, the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice.

In conclusion...

Together, let’s aim high in Christ. Together, let’s bring out the best in each other. Together, let’s be the best we can be in Christ.

And let’s always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

at the

12:00 Noon Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018



**NEXT
SUNDAY!**

We'll be celebrating the
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
during the **12:00 Noon Mass**
on **Sunday, June 10.**

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

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

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

Who should be anointed?

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for baptized Christians
whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age.

It should be celebrated at the beginning of the illness or during the illness
and should not be delayed.

So, the condition should be more serious than just a cold or some normal illness, but the
old thinking about waiting until one is near death
is no longer proper for this Sacrament, either.

Also, it is appropriate to be anointed before undergoing any kind of surgery,
or when one has received a diagnosis and will be undergoing a course of treatment for
something significant.

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

Please notify us in advance so we can make adequate preparations:

Call the rectory at **(631) 226-7725** and leave word.

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

THE PROPER WAY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

In conjunction with the celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we are presenting these points about the proper way to receive Holy Communion. Although these are not meant to be exhaustive, they do clear up some confusion that the priests, and other ministers, have encountered. All the points reflect the norms of the Church as spelled out in the liturgical documents governing the liturgy.

- We are supposed to observe a one-hour Eucharistic fast. This means that we do not eat or drink anything except water or medicine for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. Also, there should be no gum chewing; we should get rid of gum before we enter church. Also, coffee cups from Starbucks or 7-11 and the like, other drinking containers, and other items of the sort are not appropriate to bring into church.

- We should observe proper reverence during the Communion Procession. We should come forward in a prayerful way, which means that the Communion Procession is not a time for talking or doing other things; we should be joining in the singing as we process forward. Remember, receiving Holy Communion, as an action within the liturgy, is a communal action—something we do as one Body of Christ—and not an individual action.

- The proper sign of reverence before receiving Holy Communion is a bow of the head, not a full waist bow, and not a genuflection. The bow of the head is made before receiving both the Host and the Precious Blood. Receiving Holy Communion is a communal action, and not a moment to indulge in personal self-expression. Genuflecting draws unnecessary attention to oneself, and it creates a safety hazard for those behind you, in addition to disrupting the reverent flow of the procession.

- The norm for the posture for receiving Holy Communion is standing. Kneeling draws unnecessary attention to oneself, and it creates a safety hazard for those behind you, in addition to disrupting the reverent flow of the procession. Again, remember that receiving Holy Communion is a communal action, and not a moment to indulge in personal self-expression.

- If you are receiving the Body of Christ in the hand, one hand is to be underneath the other, with both hands flat, not curled up. St. Cyril of Jerusalem would instruct catechumens to “make a throne” for the King they are about to receive. There is to be no grabbing of the Host. Hands should be washed and clean; parents should make sure their children’s hands are free of dirt, magic marker markings, *etc.* (although children are not the only ones who sometimes have dirty hands).

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

- Communicants must remember to say “Amen” after the minister says, “The Body of Christ” or “The Blood of Christ.” That moment is an important moment to express faith, and the Church asks that the ritual reception of Communion take place as a dialogue. Your response of “Amen” expresses both your belief in what you are receiving — the actual Real Presence, the Body and Blood, of Christ — and your understanding of the consequences of being in Communion with the Lord, namely, the way you are called to be transformed to live the life of Christ. Don’t say “thank you” or anything else, and don’t be silent.

- If you have received the Body of Christ in the hand, immediately place the Host in your mouth; do not begin to walk away with it. Proper reverence for the Sacred Species demands that it be consumed immediately and not carried around. In addition, if you see someone walking around with a Host, say something!

- Holy Communion is not a “take-home” and it is not to be kept on your person or brought back to the pew; if you see this, say something!

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

- This last point is not specifically related to receiving Holy Communion, but it is appropriate and worth mentioning: we should not leave Mass early. We certainly should not leave right after receiving Communion, but we should also stay until the Closing Hymn ends. It’s polite to stay to be part of the community; an individual “Well, I’m ready to leave” does not build up a sense of oneness when everyone else is still singing. Unless you are having or must attend to a medical or other emergency, is there really any reason why you cannot stay at Mass another few minutes? Isn’t Mass, as the most important thing we do all week—giving praise to God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit—worth giving our full time and attention to?

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

There is more to the mystery of the blessed Eucharist than the human mind can grasp. These spiritual reflection questions, written by Anthony Ruff, OSB, which we offer to you on this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, give an opportunity to reflect gratefully from time to time on various aspects of the gift of the Eucharist.

- While processing to Communion, do I realize that I am journeying toward the “Jerusalem above” to feast with angels and saints, with deceased friends and loved ones, with the entire mystical Body of Christ?
- Do I recognize those around me as the Body of Christ, and add my voice, however halting, to the processional song that expresses our “union in spirit” and “joy of heart”?
- Do I bow humbly to the Eucharistic Lord, to the servant of the Lord ministering to me, to the altar on which the Lord’s dying and rising is made present?
- Does my veneration of the Risen Lord, really present in sacramental sign, open my eyes to the “divine presence” which “we believe is everywhere”?
- As I eat the “Bread of Life,” do I realize that my own body is a “temple of the Holy Spirit”?
- As I drink the Precious Blood, do I realize that Christ’s love poured out for me in sacrifice calls me to pour out my life for others?
- Does this sacred banquet strengthen my yearning for a world in which the poor have enough to eat?
- Am I grateful that the Eucharist has the “salutary virtue” to “remit the sins I commit daily”?
- Do I let the Eucharist Lord still my inner voices ready to speak in judgment of others’ piety and prayer?
- Am I ready to “go forth in peace, glorifying the Lord by my life”?

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. 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 4—7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 11—No devotions

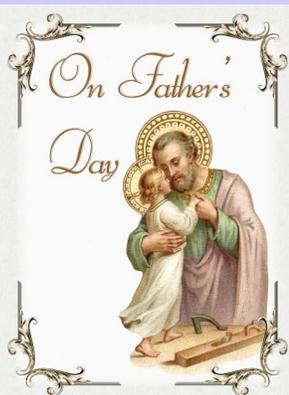
Monday, June 18—7:00 p.m.

Prayer for Peace



Please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES



Father's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the church. The Father's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your father, grandfather,

godfather, the father-to-be you know or any father you wish to remember, living or deceased, in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Father's Day. Simply take an envelope, write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer if appropriate. Thank you.

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**

"The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself 'continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.'"

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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NEW OFFICE HOURS: AS OF JUNE 4

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

CONFIRMATION 2018



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

A REMINDER THAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL JUNE 15TH. AFTER JUNE 15TH ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL INCUR A \$25 LATE FEE, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Please come during our office hours; Saturday by appointment only. Call for more information!

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- CEREAL***
- SOUP WITH MEAT***
- CANNED TUNA**
- CANNED MEATS**
- PORK & BEANS**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- FRUIT JUICE**
- COFFEE**
- SHELF STABLE MILK***
- SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER**

**these items most needed*

**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

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**Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.—12 Noon**

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

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

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

† **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.

OUR MISSION

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Long Island is part of an international organization of Catholic laymen and women who join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of our founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, Saint Vincent de Paul.



“Those who love the poor in life will have nothing to fear in death...”
- Saint Vincent de Paul

*As a Living Memorial
to the life of*

A donation has been made by

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul
of Long Island*

Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS

We are in need of the following:

- Jeans (Men - 32 - 44 and women)
- Spring/Summer tops for men (mostly L - XXXL) and women
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray (or other protection)

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?*

Our next gathering is

Tuesday, June 5

Service project

7:00 p.m. in Room 24

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449
or email her 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.

Our next meeting:

Tuesday, June 12

9:00 a.m. in Room 24

We do not meet in July & August

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Council 794

is sponsoring a

“Giant Yard Sale”

to help our Parish with the cost
of a new security system.

Saturday, August 18th

We need stuff. Lots of stuff!

We need your donations to make this a “Giant success.”

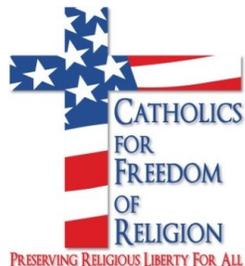
Toys, games, tools, exercise equipment, children’s clothing, baby paraphernalia, wood furniture, records, books, household items, artwork, etc.
(Please, no mattresses, adult clothing or upholstered furniture.)

Start cleaning out your attics, basements, garages and closets!!

Drop off location, dates and times to be announced
in July’s/ August’s bulletins.

Any questions? Please call Alex Keller @ 631- 226-3831

CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

'Tis the Season for GRADUATIONS!
And, YES... Student Speakers May Pray!

Colorado Mesa University has reversed its requirement that graduation speeches must be devoid of religious references after Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) contacted them on behalf of a student who was told she needed to keep comments about Christ out of her planned speech.

University officials had told the graduate to "take out the last section where you state that you find comfort in Jesus' words and cite a Bible verse."

"It is ... well established law (U.S. Supreme Court) that university officials cannot silence speech simply because it expresses a particular viewpoint, including a religious one," wrote an ADF attorney. "When they were confronted with what the law required, they quickly backtracked and allowed the student to speak freely."

According to the U.S. Department of Education Guidelines:

"Students can include religious content, including prayer, in their graduation speeches as long as ... the control over the content of each address is left to the students, and not the school."

(coloradomesa.edu; adflegal.org, 5 /10/18; christiannews.net, 5/11/18; frc.org, 5/14/18)

"I share the concern and frustration that many Americans feel about situations where the protections accorded by the First Amendment are not recognized or understood. This problem has manifested itself in our Nation's public schools."

President Bill Clinton, 1995, Memorandum on Religious Expression in Public Schools

Save The Date:

* **Saturday, June 30**, 10:00 - 12:00, Rally For Religious Freedom, St. John the Baptist HS, Montauk Hwy, West Islip. Outdoor Public Witness Rosary @ 10:00; Rally @ 10:30 w.cffor.org

PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Prison Families Anonymous, a project of FEGS Health and Human Services System, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system.

At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

Email: pfa.longisland@gmail.com Website: www.pfa-li.com

For additional info contact:

516-496-7550 FEGS

631-943-0441—Barbara

631-806-3903—Sue



... on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of every month
starting at 7:30 p.m. at the

Community Presbyterian Church

1843 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729

Northeast corner of Deer Park Avenue
and Lake Ave

Parking lot entrance on Lake Ave -
Use rear door closest to parking lot

... on the **1st Tuesday** of every month
starting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Hall across
from **St. Brigid's Church**

75 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

**For more information,
Please contact: PFA at 631-943-0441**

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the 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.

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
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Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Greg Guido
Sonia Hansen
Joselyn Kalt
Melissa McLaughlin
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
James Totino
Peter Triolo
Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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John Reynolds

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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

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Rosaleen Walters
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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.

Third Announcement:

Louis Marcolla & Daniela Antonacci

Second Announcement:

Christopher Russomanno & Mary Mullan

WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism

Anthony Vincent Capone

Devin Robert Gordon

Charlotte Kelly Hartley

Francesca Jean Pontecorvo



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

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of

June 3-9:

Altar Wine

In Memory of

Salvatore Matera

Requested by

The Renna Family

Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 for other options for memorials.

WE REMEMBER

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

Donald J. Doyle

Philip Varricchio

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Kevin Walsh

Fran Grasso

Lois Gillen Rydewski

Richard Olson

Helen Lavorata

Beata Konopka

Brendan Coolbaugh

Kennedy Ann Hutchinson

Peter Masak

Lewis & Natalie Yugel

Nora McMahan

Pat & Rich Kleczkowski

Charles Johnson

Stephen Strigaro

Thomas Curtin, Sr.

Anthony Peralta

Mary Doran

Maryann Cesare

Danielle Murphy

Loretto Dinardo

Dale Coolbaugh

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.

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.

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Community will then visit each week.

We pray for the sick and the homebound of our parish at each and every Mass.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, June 4—

WEEKDAY

(Ninth Week in Ordinary Time)

6:30 Theresa Distler

12:15 Melchior, Elizabeth & Thomas
Cucchiara & Family

TUESDAY, June 5—

SAINT BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR

6:30 Dr. Marianne Tramelli

12:15 Michael Sansalone

WEDNESDAY, June 6—

WEEKDAY

(Saint Norbert, Bishop)

6:30 Celeste Biggs

12:15 Elizabeth & Max Gehrlein & Family

THURSDAY, June 7—

WEEKDAY

6:30 Steven Kowal

12:15 Luigia J. Scarangella

FRIDAY, June 8—

MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

6:30 Stephen Corcoran

12:15 Jane Kaiser

SATURDAY, June 9—

**IMMACULATE HEART
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:00 Herb Daub

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 For the People of the Parish

Sunday, June 10

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Salvatore & Josephine Gigante

10:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Holy
Name Society

12:00 Antoinette Pagnotta

5:00 Mary Bradley

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, June 4, 2018

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

7:00 p.m. Devotions Church

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

5:45 p.m. Pastoral Staff/Council Meeting St. Lucy

6:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Middle Ages Room 24

8:00 p.m. Community of Praise Room 16

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

12:45 p.m. Exposition Church

1:45 p.m. Legion of Mary Room 24

6:00 p.m. Van Run Room 12

Thursday, June 7, 2018

1:00 p.m.-on Church closed for cleaning Church

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Respect Life Meeting Room 18

7:30 p.m. Baptismal Prep Class Room 16

7:30 p.m. Vacation Bible Camp Planning Room 12

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

Friday, June 8, 2018

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

10:00 a.m. Blue Door Boutique Convent

7:00 p.m. Holy Name Society Meeting Room 10

Saturday, June 9, 2018

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

Sunday, June 10, 2018

10:00 a.m. RCIC
RCIA Room 18
Church

1:00 p.m. Sacrament of the Anointing
of the Sick Reception Grounds

2:00 p.m. Baptisms Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Peace Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Liturgia Viva del Domingo X del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo B

Nosotros creemos y proclamamos que “quien resucitó al Señor Jesús también con Jesús nos resucitará” a nosotros.

Primera Lectura (Gen 3:9-15): El enemigo desde el principio: el pecado.

Desde el principio la humanidad ha experimentado que las fuerzas del mal son hostiles a Dios y son también nuestro fuerte enemigo.

Lectura Segunda (2 Corintios 4:13-5:1): Fe en el Señor Resucitado

El Señor Jesús ha resucitado. Por eso creemos en él, nos renovamos en él y lo proclamamos.

Evangelio (Marcos 3:20-35): El Poder de Jesús vence a Satanás

Jesús expulsa demonios por su propio poder como Hijo de Dios. Esto marcará el fin del dominio de Satanás.

“No os ha sobrevenido ninguna tentación que no sea humana; pero fiel es Dios, que no os dejará ser tentados más de lo que podéis resistir, sino que dará también juntamente con la tentación la salida, para que podáis soportar”. **1 Corintios 10: 13**

Muchas personas creen que ser tentado es pecado, pero si nos vamos a las escrituras podemos deducir fácilmente que ser tentado no es pecado, el pecado sería caer o acceder a la tentación.

En la vida de Jesús podemos notar como ser tentado no es pecado, puesto que Jesús mismo fue tentado por el mismo Satanás (Mateo 4: 1-11), pero él no accedió a la tentación, **Hebreos 4:15** dice: *“Porque no tenemos un sumo sacerdote que no pueda compadecerse de nuestras debilidades, sino uno que fue tentado en todo según nuestra semejanza, pero sin pecado”*. Esto quiere decir que el pecado no está en ser tentado, sino que el pecado está en caer o acceder a la tentación.

Además algo impórtate de aclarar es que Dios jamás nos tentara, en Santiago 1: 13 leemos: “Cuando alguno es tentado, no diga que es tentado de parte de Dios; porque Dios no puede ser tentado por el mal, ni él tienta a nadie”.

La tentación nace de nuestra concupiscencia es decir de nuestros deseos, lo podemos leer en **Santiago 1: 14, 15**, *“sino que cada uno es tentado, cuando de su propia concupiscencia es atraído y seducido. Entonces la concupiscencia, después que ha concebido, da a luz el pecado; y el pecado, siendo consumado, da a luz la muerte”*.

Entendiendo esto podemos decir que cada uno de nosotros será tentado durante el resto de nuestra vida terrenal, la tentación siempre estará ahí, nunca dejaremos de ser tentados, pero que lindo es saber que junto con la tentación Dios nos dará la salida (1 Corintios 10:13)

Si tú eres de las personas que piden y piden que la tentación desaparezca de su vida, quiero decirte que eso nunca ocurrirá, pues vivimos en una constante lucha en donde nuestros deseos querrán cometer aquellas acciones que van en contra de la voluntad de Dios, en lugar de clamar por que la tentación se vaya es mejor clamar a Dios para que la fortaleza necesaria venga a nuestra vida para resistir al Diablo para que huya de nosotros *“Someteos, pues, a Dios; resistid al diablo, y huirá de vosotros”* **Santiago 4:7**.

**OFFERING UPDATE
May 26/27**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	295	127	\$3,211.90
8:00 a.m.	242	98	2,772.00
10:00 a.m.	323	104	2,519.00
12:00 p.m.	408	124	3,535.00
5:00 p.m.	188	50	1,561.00
Total coin:			20.80
Children's Env.			32.00
Faith Direct			2,321.75
Mail-ins:		8	727.00
TOTAL	1,456	511	\$16,700.45
2017	1,597	420	\$16,766.80
Candles			\$930.90
Poor Box			\$445.73



Gearing up for summer vacation? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure your gifts reach Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NY286.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

**UPDATE YOUR PARISH
CENSUS INFORMATION!**

We are continuing the process of updating our Parish Census Database with "Phase II" of the process. A large mailing has gone out to all registered parishioners who did not return updated Census Forms during "Phase I." **When you receive that mailing, please complete the Census Form and return it as soon as possible.** It is vitally important that we keep our census information as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about whether or not you have updated your records, you can always call the parish office and ask. You can also stop down and pick up a new Census Form at the rectory any time during normal business hours. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

CALLING ALL THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS! STARTING SEPTEMBER NEW 3 & 4 YEAR OLD CLASSES AT OUR NEW LINDENHURST LOCATION 240 S. WELLWOOD AVE. (AT OLPH CHURCH) EARLY ENROLLMENT STARTING NOW!

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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.

- June 10 —passed**
- June 17 —June 8**
- June 24 —June 15**

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, June 10, 2018

THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus said, "Whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother."*

Mark 3:35

Genesis 3:9-15

We hear today readings that tell us about family – our own families and the human family that we are part of. The first reading describes how the very first family, Adam and Eve, had a perfect relationship with each other and God but it was torn apart by sin. Adam and Eve did what God had told them not to do. They ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, a knowledge reserved for God alone. As a result, their relationship with each other and God was broken. By their own actions, they were now subject to the weariness of existence. Life would now be painful and a struggle. We have inherited that judgment as our original sin but the good news is the Jesus came to fix all that.

2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Paul speaks of this weariness of existence in his second letter to the church members in the Greek city of Corinth. He speaks of the afflictions of life and of our wasting away. But he also contrasts what is happening to our "outer self" with what glory is ours in Jesus Christ in our "inner self." We know that this is not all there is to life. We do not end with death. Jesus has overcome that and won us the victory of everlasting life in glory with the Father in heaven. He calls this "an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." Good news indeed!

Mark 3:20-35

If you've ever had conflict in your family, take comfort – so did Jesus. We hear today from Mark how members of Jesus' family thought he was crazy and tried to seize him to take him out of circulation. Not only his family but church officials, too, tried to shut him down. Of course, they were unable to. But Jesus teaches us a further lesson by broadening the definition of just who is in his family. He tells the assembled crowds that "whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." That includes us today. We are members of Jesus' family which means that we are all brothers and sisters with each other. Jesus has restored the perfect relationship with other and God that was broken by Adam and Eve.

Gospel Reflection

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

1. Is the doing the will of God always easy? Do you think it was easy for Jesus when he figured out what God was asking him to do? Do you always know what the will of God is in a situation? What helps?
2. Pope Francis has three suggestions regarding our praying for the will of God. Can you name them?

"Do I pray that the Lord gives me the desire to do his will, or do I look for compromises because I'm afraid of God's will? Another thing: praying to know God's will for me and my life concerning a decision that I must take. ... The way in which we handle things. ... there are so many things. Praying for the desire to do God's will and praying to know God's will. And when I know God's will, praying again for the third time, to follow it. To carry out that will, which is not my own, it is his will. And all this is not easy."

*Pope Francis on Discernment
January 27, 2015, Santa Marta*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, June 4, 2018:

2 Peter 1:2-7 + Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday, June 5, 2018:

2 Peter 3:12-15a; 17-18

+ Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday, June 6, 2018:

1 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12

+ Mark 12:18-27

Thursday, June 7, 2018:

2 Timothy 2:8-15 + Mark 12:28-34

Friday, June 8, 2018:

Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9

+ Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19

+ John 19:31-37

Saturday, June 9, 2018:

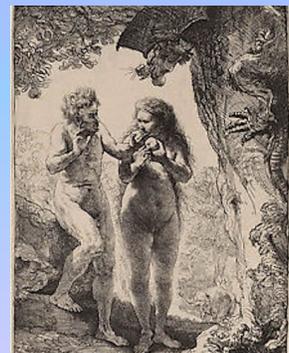
2 Timothy 4:1-8 + Luke 2:41-51

Sunday, June 10, 2018:

Genesis 3:9-15

+ 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

+ Mark 3:30-35



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Healing after Abortion Day of Prayer and Healing for Women



A Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by an experienced team including faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

Saturday, June 9, 2018

To register or for more information, please call Project Rachel at 1-888-456-4673 or 1-516-766-2538, or email us at projectrachel@drvc.org. Please register early, as the day can fill up quickly. Last day to register is Monday, June 4, 2018.

For more information visit: respectlife.drvc.org

All reservations and information will remain confidential.

Church of St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702, “**Moving On**” Group, an After Bereavement Group for Widows and Widowers, presents: Are You Stressed? Stress-busting strategies and tips on Friday, **June 8th @ 7:30 p.m.** For further information please call Geri Olson 631-661-8994 or Linda Sparaco 631-225-9530.

Cystic Fibrosis awareness. Please help CF stand for a cure with a small donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk being held **June 10** at the Holtsville Ecology Center. www.ccf.org/greatstrides under team LOVING LUCAS.

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Annual Luncheon on Friday, **June 29th**, 2018. The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville host their 17th Annual Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY. Enjoy fantastic auctions and raffles, as well as an inspirational lecture from keynote speaker, *S. Aimee Koonmen*, OP Executive Director of Bethany House. This year's Master of Ceremonies is News 12 Long Island Anchor and Journalist, *Carol Silva*. Tickets are \$75 each. Proceeds benefit the retired Sisters - the beautiful and dedicated women who have spent their entire lives serving the tri-state area and beyond. For more information, please contact 631-842-6000 ext. 246 or Mike Goodwin 631-422-0957.

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