

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*The seed sown on rich soil  
is the one who hears the word  
and understands it,  
who indeed bears fruit  
and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.*

Matthew 13:23

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 12, 2020**

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Thomas Crennan

**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.

**Face covering and social distancing required.**

## 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. Sunday Mass suspended until further notice.*

*Mass intention will be fulfilled privately by one of the priests.*

## 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

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday and Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help App

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## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

### Elements of the Catholic Mass

See the Beauty of the Mass

Each of the 3–5 minute videos in this series is designed to help Catholics better appreciate the depth and meaning of the Mass. Learn the "whys" behind the "whats" of the liturgy with Father Douglas Martis.

[Watch on formed.org](http://formed.org)



*"An awakening! Very helpful in understanding the depth of where the Mass can and wants to lead us."*

—Robert L., Chardon, OH

**Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?**

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup), Select your parish Register with your name and email address Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

**Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?**

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and

custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and find your parish to register.

**Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?**

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *A Summer Pastor's Column!*

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned that I might be writing a Pastor's Column for this bulletin intermittently over the summer, and lo and behold, this week is one of those occasions! I thought it might be good to go over some items with you.

Who knows if there will be another summer column soon, or not again for a while... what suspense!

### *Slowly opening up more and more*

Slowly but surely, people are coming back to Mass, and that's wonderful. Bishop Barres continues to grant a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, so if for any reason at all you are not yet able to return to Mass or are not comfortable doing so, that is fine, and you are not committing a sin. Please take care of yourself and stay healthy. At the same time, I want you to know that as we are permitted to increase our capacity in the church, we are doing so. Currently we have more pews open and available for seating (every other pew is open), and, of course, we are still maintaining appropriate social distancing. You should know that we have not had the problem of having to turn people away. So, whenever you are ready, I want you to feel free to return to Mass. It will be wonderful to see you, and we will have room for you.

For those who cannot yet return to Mass, we are still recording a Sunday Mass each week and posting it on our YouTube page. Go to our website [www.olphlindenhurst.com](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com) to access the YouTube page. By the way, we also pray Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer for Sundays, so look for that information on our website, too, and by all means, join in that prayer, which is the official daily prayer of the Church meant to be prayed by everybody!

Whenever you do come into church, it is still necessary for everyone, except children two years of age and younger, to wear a mask. Social distancing of at least six feet is also required, unless you are members of the same household living together, in which case you may sit next to each other. I want to offer a gigantic **THANK YOU** to everyone for cooperating with all these

inconveniences which are necessary at this time. We do these things **TOGETHER** as the Body of Christ, as acts of charity and offering and service, to keep each other safe.

### *Back to 4:00-4:45 p.m. on Saturdays for Confessions, but still in the school building*

In case you were not aware of it, let me mention that we have gone back to our regular time of 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. every Saturday for Confessions. They are still being held in the school building, not in the church, in the new school annex hallway along High Street, and masks and social distancing are, of course, required for Confessions, too.

### *Sanitizing the church*

I want you to be assured that safety and sanitizing are high priorities for us. The church is sanitized in between Masses by our great Ushers and other parishioners who are offering their time to do this, and it is also professionally sanitized each evening, seven nights a week. The rectory offices are professionally sanitized five nights a week. We have hand sanitizer stations throughout the church and on every desk in the rectory. I encourage you to also bring and use your own hand sanitizer whenever you come here. With all of these precautions, you should feel safe and secure when here.

### *Offering to help as a Special Minister of Hospitality*

I just mentioned that the men and women in our wonderful Usher Ministry are joined by Special Ministers of Hospitality; together, they seat parishioners, make sure everyone is wearing masks and is socially distanced, and, most importantly, join in **WIPING DOWN THE PEWS TO SANITIZE THEM AFTER MASS**. We have a great crew of offerers, and it only takes a few minutes after Mass to get the job done. It looks like we are going to need to do this for quite a while, **so why not consider joining up to help us out?** This is especially important in terms of helping to make sure the pews are sanitized in between Masses. Won't you consider stepping forward? For more information or to sign up to offer, please contact Chris Ferraro at [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org) or at (631)

226-7725 x210 and he will get you on board. The generosity of people getting jobs like this done is what makes OLPH “the place to be!”

### ***Sacramental initiations rescheduled***

The really exciting news of the past couple of weeks is that we are now finally able to go forward with First Communions, with Confirmation, and with the initiations into the Church which would have taken place at the Easter Vigil. So, over the course of July and August, and possibly into September (details are still being worked out), we will be celebrating: First Holy Communion with our children, at separate Saturday Masses and at weekend parish Masses; Confirmation for our teens and for our adults who need Confirmation, at separate Saturday Masses and at weekend parish Masses (and I will have the honor of confirming them this year — due to the special circumstances, the bishops won’t be going out to do Confirmations); and our four elect who would have been initiated at the Easter Vigil (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion all together) at a parish weekend Mass. Keep watching the bulletin for dates and information about these sacramental initiations, and please keep all these parishioners, of all different ages, in your prayers in the weeks ahead.

### ***Meetings on parish grounds***

We’re still exploring all the issues associated with opening up our facilities for meetings and parish groups, should some groups feel comfortable meeting here and wish to do so. There are many details to take into consideration, first and foremost being able to ensure that we can properly clean and sanitize the facilities after meetings. As of now, we are still not yet open, so no meetings or group activities are taking place. I promise you that we are continuing to look at this and I will let you know when it is possible to begin using parish facilities again. In the meantime, please continue to meet virtually, online, and keep in touch in whatever way you have been doing. It’s possible that some small groups and limited meetings may begin in July (have already begun by the time you read this?), but that will be determined on a case-by-case basis, according to specific circumstances. Thank you for your

patience and understanding.

### ***Holy Communion to the homebound***

For a number of reasons which you can probably surmise, we are not yet able to resume having our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Communion to the homebound. I know this is a tough thing for our brothers and sisters who are sick and homebound, but we must take extra care with them since they are such a vulnerable population. Again, let me assure you that we are continuing to look at this and will resume this as soon as it is feasible. Let me also assure all our sisters and brothers who are homebound that we have not forgotten you, and you continue to be in our prayers and in our love.

### ***Summer Appeal***

Finally, allow me to say **THANK YOU** to all who have already returned your **SUMMER APPEAL** offering. I am very, very grateful. May I ask that if you have not already done so, could you take care of that before too long? This is an important part of our income, especially in this year when we have lost over \$115,000 to date in income due to the pandemic. If you can send in the requested amount of \$125, that would be terrific; if you can give more, that would be amazing; if you have to give less, I deeply appreciate whatever you can give. Thank you for always remembering, and being so generous toward, our beloved OLPH parish.

### ***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,



## **SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH**

**FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:**

- ▶ **WEAR A FACE MASK OR FACE COVERING – NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ▶ **REMAIN AT LEAST SIX (6) FEET APART, SIDE-TO-SIDE AND IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND YOU**
- ▶ **FOLLOW THE TRAFFIC PATTERNS ON THE FLOOR**
- ▶ **SIT IN DESIGNATED SEATS ONLY**
- ▶ **ENTER ONLY THROUGH WELLWOOD AVENUE DOORS**
- ▶ **EXIT ONLY THROUGH SIDE DOORS ON NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Confessions are being 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)**
- ▶ **Exit is only via the doors at the south end of the hallway (into the large parking lot)**
- ▶ **Everyone – priests and penitents – is required to wear face masks or face coverings**
- ▶ **Lines on the floor will indicate a 6-foot social distance between those waiting on line outside each classroom**
- ▶ **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)**

## **IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...**

*Participate virtually in Sunday Mass online celebrated by your OLPH priests!*

*You can participate in Morning and Evening Prayer too.*

*Go to the website: [www.olphlindenhurst.com](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com)*

*Click on the link to watch the video of the Mass anytime.*

*You can also click the link for our YouTube page*

**OLPH Church Lindenhurst.**

*In addition to Sunday Mass, other items of interest are occasionally posted on the YouTube page.*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*



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

**Monday, July 13—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, July 20—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, July 27—12:45 p.m.**

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Wednesdays  
12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
in the church  
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



## SPECIAL MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

We are in need of more parishioners to be part of our new **Special Ministry of Hospitality**. We expect this ministry to be in place for as long as we have to enforce social distancing and have limitations on the number of people attending Mass. Special Ministers of Hospitality assist with:

**Lining parishioners up outside of church**

**Ensuring that anyone coming into church wears a mask or face covering**

**Escorting people to their seats**

**Guiding people to Holy Communion**

**Dismissing people at the end of Mass**

**Sanitizing the church after Mass**

Anyone offering their time in this ministry would need to be:

**Flexible with Mass assignments**

**Be in good health and not part of the high risk category**



*If you are interested in being a part of this new ministry,  
please contact Chris Ferraro, [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org) or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210.*



**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

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

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION  
 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 2:00 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 & Sunday: CLOSED

**Level 2:****THE NEW FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
 DATES ARE HERE!**

We will be having First Holy Communion on Saturday, July 25, at 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. & Saturday August 1, at 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. We will be having the Parish Mass options on Sunday, July 26, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass & the 12:00 p.m. Mass, Sunday, August 2, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass & the 12:00 p.m. Mass, & Saturday, August 8, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Sign-ups for all the above are available online. Make sure to drop off your banner to the rectory if you haven't done so already.  
*Check your email for more info!*

**All Levels:**

Please be sure to Register for the 2020/21 academic year! You can mail in your registration fee to us at any point! Make sure to read through our new Parking Policy and hand in the signed form so we know you've read it. All time switches and teacher requests can be mailed in as well. Please let us know if you have any changes for your contact information.

**Level 8:****THE NEW CONFIRMATION DATES ARE HERE!**

We will be having Confirmation on Wednesday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 22, at 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. We will be having the Parish Mass options on Sunday, August 23, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass and Sunday, August 30, at the 12:00 p.m. Mass.

Sign-ups for all the above are available online. *Check your email for more info!*

Don't forget to properly prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by practicing the gift of Penance! Confessions will be heard on Saturdays throughout the month of July from 4:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m. in the new building of the school.

## Bible Camp & Service Camp

Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253

Bible Camp Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 akleinlaut@oloph.org

Service Camp Director: Bridget Jordan  
 bjordan@oloph.org

### O.F.F. HOURS:

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.—5:00 p.m.

Weekends: Closed

### *Bible Camp Preview Week is HERE!*

During the week of 7/13-7/17 we will be sending out fun emails for you to do at home to get excited for Bible Camp!

Go on Scavenger Hunts around Lindenhurst and pray with us every step of the way. This event is free! You don't have to be a registered camper to join in the fun; just send us an email to participate!



### **Bible Camp Counselors Needed!**

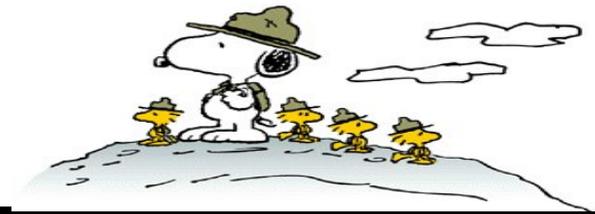
*We need your help! Have you participated in Bible Camp or Service Camp in the past and loved it?*

*Are you recently going into High School or older?*

*Looking for something to put on your college applications or resumes?*

**This is a great opportunity for you to share your faith with the youth of the Church while getting service hours with your friends and strengthening your own faith!**

**Please contact us to sign up, if you have any questions or are interested!**



### **We Are Looking for Donations!**

- ◆ Individually wrapped snacks
- ◆ 8 oz. water bottles/juice boxes
- ◆ Shoe boxes
- ◆ Water guns
- ◆ Bags of plain white rice (no minute rice)
- ◆ Bags of uncooked kidney beans
- ◆ Travel sized soap
- ◆ Travel sized shampoo
- ◆ Travel sized toothpaste
- ◆ Toothbrush
- ◆ Travel size pack of tissues
- ◆ Hand sanitizer
- ◆ Wipes
- ◆ Sandwich bags
- ◆ Christmas wrapping paper
- ◆ Disposable table cloths

# 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— cdefeldman@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
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

## **NEW Food Pantry List!**

**SHELF STABLE MILK (CARTONS)  
PEANUT BUTTER  
JELLY  
CEREAL  
PORK AND BEANS  
PAPER TOWELS  
SHAMPOO  
CONDITIONER**

*Please bring items to the SVdP office:*

*Monday, Wednesday and Friday*

*9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.*

*and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

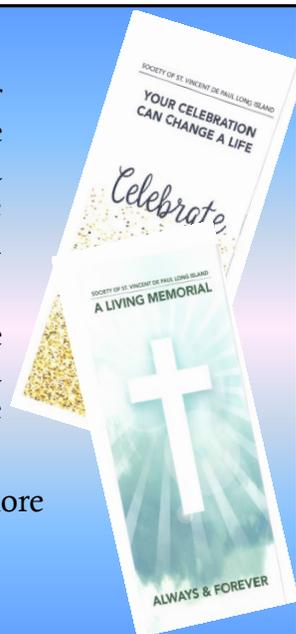
**This week, by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that together we will produce fruit a hundred fold.**

## **† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM**

*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul* is happy to announce an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we are now able to offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP's efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

*Memorial/Special Occasion card* envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

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



# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Directory of Phone Extensions

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April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at [jsg375@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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  
Bill Bendernagel  
Gerry Chille (Chair)  
Thomas Crennan  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Christine Donovan  
Marie Gagneron  
Kenneth Hale  
Bob Meade  
Bob Mehm  
John Reynolds  
Kevin Sabella, Sr.

*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

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

## PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

### 2021 MASS BOOK

The 2021 MASS BOOK  
OPENS THIS WEEK  
Wednesday, July 15



*Limit of 3 Masses per person per day.*

### SEEKING HEAVEN'S HELP

Current events in our world and in our country can at times be fearful. In times of struggle, our Blessed Mother has given us the means to pray for the world and to combat fear. At Fatima, for example, she asked for us to pray the Rosary and to practice "First Saturday Devotion." The World Apostolate of Fatima has provided information on how to do First Saturday Devotion, and has provided adjustments which can be made to the rules during our present pandemic restrictions. You can find these at <https://www.bluearmy.com/first-saturday-devotion/> or you can contact Louise Perrotta at [louiseperrotta@optonline.net](mailto:louiseperrotta@optonline.net) and she will send you the information.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."* Matthew 5:4

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The *Bereavement Support Group* is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical, support as they learn to cope with their loss.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to know more about the **OLPH Support Group Program**, please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or Marige Reyes at 631-608-3658. You may also leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the rectory.

### WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Janet Novotny  
Angela Pagnotta  
Daniel Cuzzo  
Gordon G. Hinds  
Dorothy Fitzgerald  
Douglas Young*

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.

### WE REMEMBER

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

*Margaret Aniello  
Rev. Daniel Strobel  
Catherine Colarossi*

*"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."*

### MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of July 12-18:

*Altar Bread:  
In Memory of  
Denise Grello  
Requested by  
Alan*

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

# REQUEST MASSES FOR 2021



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Below you will find a form to request Masses for the 2021 calendar year. To expedite the process of booking these Masses, please complete the form and bring with you the day you come to the Rectory to schedule your Mass requests. This will ensure a speedy and safe visit. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## MASS REQUEST FORM PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### MASS INTENTIONS

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# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY, July 13—</b> <b>Weekday</b> <i>(Saint Henry)</i>	
6:30	Conrado Baluyut
12:15	Carmine Marino
<b>TUESDAY, July 14—</b> <b>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</b>	
6:30	Mieczyslawn Wajtak
12:15	Mary Klinger
<b>WEDNESDAY, July 15—</b> <b>Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>	
6:30	Elaine Roby
12:15	Helen Cytryszewski
<b>THURSDAY, July 16—</b> <b>Weekday</b> <i>(Our Lady of Mount Carmel)</i>	
6:30	Joan & Robert Kienle
12:15	Mildred E. Bertsch

<b>FRIDAY, July 17—</b> <b>Weekday</b>	
6:30	George Walters
12:15	The Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
<b>SATURDAY, July 18—</b> <b>Weekday</b> <i>(Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest)</i>	
8:00	Rocco Pomatico
<b>Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
5:00	Dominick M. Barone
<b>Sunday, July 19 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
8:00	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
10:00	The Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers and Guild
12:00	Elpidio Peralta
5:00*	For the People of the Parish
<i>*Will not be celebrated publicly; intention will be fulfilled in a private Mass by one of the priests.</i>	

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

### SCHEDULING A MASS IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO CELEBRATE A FUNERAL MASS DURING THE SHUTDOWN

If your family experienced the loss of a loved one during the time of the pandemic when we were not celebrating Masses, and therefore you were not able to have a Funeral Mass for your loved one, you are invited to schedule a Mass now that we have been permitted to resume celebrating public Masses. Letters were sent to all families we are aware of who would be in this situation, but our record-keeping and information flow was at times hit-or-miss, especially at the very beginning of the shutdown, and we apologize if you should have received a letter but did not. Please contact our receptionist at (631) 226-7725, ext. 200, and explain that you would like to set up a Mass because it was not possible to have a Funeral Mass during the coronavirus shutdown. The receptionist will take everything from there and explain all the arrangements to you. We very much want to provide an opportunity to celebrate a Mass to pray for the repose of the soul of your loved one, and this will also provide the opportunity for your family and friends to gather to pray together and to come to some sort of spiritual closure.

## OFFERING UPDATE July 4/5, 2020

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	59	33	\$1,347.50
8:00 a.m.	130	60	2,086.00
10:00 a.m.	170	61	2,191.00
12:00 p.m.	153	53	1,616.00
5:00 p.m.	<i>No Mass Scheduled</i>		
Coin			4.29
Mail-ins:			3,677.00
Children's Env.			
Faith Direct			3,008.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>\$13,929.79</b>
<b>2019 total</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>\$16,849.17</b>
Candles			\$523.75
Poor Box			\$55.72



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#### Catechist Training Level I

##### Zoom

Mon, July 13  
Wed, July 15  
Mon, July 20  
and Wed, July 22,  
2020

##### Morning

10:00 a.m.  
to 12:00 p.m.

##### Evening

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Building Intercultural Competences for Ministers-BICM

##### Zoom

July 14, 16, 21, 23  
and 28, 2020

##### Morning

10:00 a.m.  
to 12:00 p.m.

##### Evening

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Desarrollando la Capacidad Intercultural para los Ministerios-BICM

##### Zoom

14, 16, 21, 23 y 28 de  
julio, 2020

##### Mañana

10:00 a.m. a 12:00  
p.m.

##### Tarde

6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.

#### Faith Formation for Our New Normal

##### Zoom

##### Session 1:

##### Morning

Tue, July 14, 2020  
at 11:00 a.m.

##### Evening

Wed, July 15, 2020  
at 7:00 p.m.

##### Session 2:

##### Morning

Tue, July 21, 2020  
at 11:00 a.m.

##### Evening

Wed, July 22, 2020  
at 7:00 p.m.

##### Session 3:

##### Morning

Tue, July 28, 2020  
at 11:00 a.m.

##### Evening

Wed, July 29, 2020  
at 7:00 p.m.

#### Catechist Training Level II

##### Zoom

Mon, July 27  
Wed, July 29  
Mon, Aug 3  
and Wed, Aug 5,

##### Morning

10:00 a.m.  
to 12:00 p.m.

##### Evening

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For more information, workshops, or to register online, please visit [drvc-faith.org/event](http://drvc-faith.org/event)

## PREPARING FOR Sunday, July 19, 2020

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took  
and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.*

Matthew 13:33

#### Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Dating from about 50 years before the coming of Christ, the Book of Wisdom was written to lift up the Jewish people during a time of great suffering and oppression. We hear today how the author describes God in seemingly contradictory terms, such as how mighty he is, yet it is this very might that enables him to be just and lenient. Though only God can be all-powerful and all-loving at the same time, we are also called to act in a similar manner. Like God, we must also always temper our use of power with leniency and love.

#### Romans 8:26-27

It's not always easy to pray. Certainly it is not easy to pray with fine words and wise thoughts like we heard in the first reading. Paul's letters are filled with beautiful prayers but even he knew that sometimes we need the help of the Holy Spirit just to be able to pray. Since sometimes "we do not know how to pray as we ought," it is a gift from God that "the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness." Sometimes, perhaps in the depths of grief, we can't even use words but can only pray using "inexpressible groanings." These can be beautiful prayers as well, for God understands what we mean even if we don't.

#### Matthew 13:24-43

What is the Kingdom of Heaven? How can we understand something we cannot see directly? Jesus gives us three parables today to help us understand. Even though Heaven is a mystery so deep that we can never fully understand it on this side of death, we can get glimpses into it from Jesus' words. Jesus tells us wheat and weeds grow together in this life, in the Church, and in our hearts. Whether in society at large, in our parish, or in our own daily lives, both good and bad exist and grow side by side. We all see people who are strong and healthy in their spiritual life and those who are not. We all act in ways that are healthy and loving as well as in ways that are selfish and destructive. God, as the sower, remains patient with us as the wheat and the weeds grow together. Ultimately, the final judgment is left to God, not to us.

### 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 always tell the weeds from the flowers, or saints from sinners? If you are quick to judge might you mistake a saint for a sinner? Is God patient with you regarding the "weeds" in your own garden? How patient are you with others? With yourself?

2. According to Pope Francis what is the important lesson that comes from the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven? Our cooperation is required, but are we in control?

*"An important lesson comes to us from these two parables: God's Kingdom requires our cooperation, but it is above all the initiative and gift of the Lord. Our weak effort, seemingly small before the complexity of the problems of the world, when integrated with God's effort, fears no difficulty. The victory of the Lord is certain: his love will make every seed of goodness present on the ground sprout and grow. This opens us up to trust and hope, despite the tragedies, the injustices, the sufferings that we encounter. The seed of goodness and peace sprouts and develops, because the merciful love of God makes it ripen."*

*Pope Francis: The Seed of God's Teaching, June 14, 2015*

## Readings for the Week

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

#### Monday, July 13, 2020:

Isaiah 1:10-17

+ Matthew 10:34—11:1

#### Tuesday, July 14, 2020:

Isaiah 7:1-9 + Matthew 11:20-24

#### Wednesday, July 15, 2020:

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16

+ Matthew 11:25-27

#### Thursday, July 16, 2020:

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19

+ Matthew 11:28-30

#### Friday, July 17, 2020:

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8

+ Matthew 12:1-8

#### Saturday, July 18, 2020:

Micah 2:1-5

+ Matthew 12:14-21

#### Sunday, July 19, 2020:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

+ Romans 8:26-27

+ Matthew 13:24-43

# WHAT IS LITURGY?

It's Sunday morning. We rise, get dressed, gather up the kids, get into the car and travel to our local parish. We nestle into our usual pew, say a brief private prayer and stand when it's time to sing the opening hymn. We follow the usual routine. We faithfully fulfill our obligation. But what ancient ritual have we begun? What awesome mystery have we entered into?

Liturgy is the official public worship of the church. Our most important liturgy is the Mass, but we have other liturgies, such as funerals, blessings and all our sacramental rites. The word liturgy comes from a Greek word, leitourgia — “the work of the people.” The work is actually God's work and he invites all of us to participate in it (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1069).

Liturgy, by its very nature, is communal. We enter into relationship with the Trinity and with one another. We also enter into relationship with others all over the world who are gathering around the altar of Christ's word and Eucharist. The assembly is not a collection of people praying in the same place, but a community of people, who “express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the church” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 2). And it is this mystery of Jesus Christ that is the only “theme” of any liturgy.

## THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

The Paschal Mystery is the life, passion, death, resurrection and glorious ascension of Jesus Christ and our participation in it! Perhaps it's that second part that we least understand — that “dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life” (Easter Preface I). Each liturgy, then, is a work of our ongoing redemption. We follow Christ's command to “do this in memory of me.” But we do not simply remember what Jesus has done for us. With Christ as the head of every liturgical celebration, it is a remembering that makes present — anamnesis.

## THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

“To accomplish so great a work [our ongoing redemption] Christ is always present in his Church, especially at its liturgical celebrations” (SC 7). Christ is present not only in the person of his minister ... but especially in his eucharistic elements. He is present in the sacraments and in his word “for it is Christ himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read ...” (CSL 7). Christ is present, too, in our assemblies, for he promised wherever two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt 18:20).

### OUR PRAYERS EXPRESS FAITH

And so we gather — Jesus, you and me. We address our prayers to God the Father, the source of all Liturgy. We acknowledge all that he has done for us and give him thanks and praise (CCC 1081). We are inspired by the grace of the Holy Spirit. And we seek God’s continuing favor through his Son, Jesus Christ. We pray with words that express and foster our faith. These prayers are both ancient and new. They are crafted carefully, based upon the principle of *lex orandi, lex credendi* — “the words of our prayer are the words of our belief.” We never pray anything that we don’t believe and we don’t believe anything that is not expressed in our prayer. For example, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption in 1950, based on the fact that the Church had long celebrated it in its liturgy. That’s why words matter; that’s why we adhere to the text.

### THE “ALREADY” AND THE “NOT YET”

There is always a “tension” in the way we pray — a good kind of tension that comes from fullness. We are thinking in the past, present and future. We speak about the “already” and the “not yet.” We are remembering what God has done for us, acknowledging what he continues to do for us now, and anticipating what we will experience in the heavenly kingdom.

### THE LANGUAGE OF THE LITURGY

The liturgy has other “languages” besides the spoken word. In signs and symbols, in posture and gesture, in silence and in song, in our buildings and our art, we give expression to the faith we share.

### AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE LIVING GOD

We have been invited to this liturgy by the living God. We have encountered him in a special way and been sanctified by his grace. We have been nourished by word and sacrament, the ordained minister and by each other. And we are dismissed until we can all meet again — perhaps next week, perhaps in the heavenly kingdom. We are reminded to “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” Some of you may remember the Latin words that ended our Mass, *ite missa est*, “Go, it is the sending.” From that word *missa* we get “mission” — our duty to go out and spread the Good News and to serve the Lord. From that word, too, we get “Mass” — a liturgy which empowers us to do so. ■

*Written by Rita A. Thiron and originally appeared in Faith Magazine, April 2010 for the Diocese of Lansing.*

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