

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld
shall not prevail against it.*

Matthew 16:18

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 27, 2023

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

Deacons: Deacon William R. Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith,

Deacon Robert A. Becker, Deacon James Totino

Business Manager: Ms. Jill Marie Delano

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut • **Music Director:** Miss Erin Barrett

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**,
except on Thursdays (closed after the
12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning)
and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

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.

Special Needs Mass:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person,
each Saturday in the church immediately following
the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning
Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.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.

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

First Saturdays: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following
12:15 p.m. Mass

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 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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to download
our parish app

- 1) Download **myParish App**
- 2) Select our Parish after opening



Available on the
App Store

ANDROID APP ON
Google play

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*New number
to download
the Parish App!*

Text to **55321**

*The old number 88202
is no longer in effect!*

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Bulletin
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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of August 27, 2023

WATCH



Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

LEARN



Confessions of Augustine: Who Is St. Augustine? (Part 1 of 6)

Join these two patristic scholars as they help viewers learn how to read this classic text and draw from the riches of the spiritual life of the doctor of the Church, Saint Augustine.

LISTEN



St. John the Baptist | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they talk about St. John the Baptist, the forerunner to Christ.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Return of the Pastor's Column!

So...how's your summer going? Mine is going very well (summer is my favorite season!), although, unfortunately, the time is passing by much too quickly! What about you?

I took some vacation time in July, was back for a spell in July, then took a little more time at the beginning of August, and have been back from vacation for a while now, even though I continued to take a break from writing a weekly column. But...the time has come to resume these weekly ramblings from your verbose Pastor! So... here we are! The bulletin will now be thicker again!

Live Stream

As you have seen announced in the bulletin, we have had to unfortunately suspend the live streaming of our 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and also of funerals and weddings when it might be requested. We were encountering more and more technical difficulties with the live streaming system to the point where it became unusable. We are looking into it and trying to solve the problems as best we can, and we will try to get back on board with this if it is at all possible, but I cannot say when that will be, so I need to ask your patience and understanding. I don't know exactly how this will turn out. I want to thank Bob Mehm, Fr. Frank, and Jill Delano for their leadership with this.

By the way, if you or someone you know has expertise with this type of thing and would be willing to help us out, please have them contact our Business Manager, Jill Delano, to discuss it with her. We cannot afford to get into all sorts of expensive equipment and solutions, but we're certainly open to whatever guidance and technical assistance some knowledgeable person might be able to give to us.

Fr. Jacob

On a positive note this summer, you have seen that Fr. Jacob Onyumbwe has returned to grace us with his priestly presence and ministry. He was a little delayed in getting here, but he finally arrived and will be with us until the end of September. It's always good to see Fr. Jacob and to have him with us!

Summer Appeal

Our **SUMMER APPEAL** is going very well, and I want to thank everyone who has contributed to it. I will announce to you the grand total for the **SUMMER APPEAL** sometime in September, when we consider the Appeal to be closed.

Once again, to all who have donated to the Appeal: **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** You are helping to keep us financially afloat. To those who have not yet donated: *it's not too late!* Please send in your donation as soon as possible; just mark it "2023 Summer Appeal." We have asked for a gift of \$150, but whatever amount you can send would be greatly appreciated.

Parish Leadership and Engagement

As we gear up for another "ministerial year" which will begin in September, I would like to share these thoughts concerning parish life.

As Pastor, my vision for parish life has, of course, liturgy at the center. Our worship must be the heart and soul and source and summit of our life together as disciples of Christ. As such, however, robust liturgical celebrations must flow from and to a robust communal and pastoral life.

I truly believe that robust communal and pastoral life comes from having an active and engaged laity, especially lay leadership. It is the parishioners who make a parish what it is! For many years we enjoyed a high degree of lay involvement and a flourishing of many, many activities, but unfortunately, like everything else in our world, Covid took its toll on all of that. We have returned to some of that pre-Covid robustness, but in many ways our parish life is "leaner" — not everything started up again after Covid, and not everyone returned.

Maybe some of this is unavoidable, part of the natural rhythm of things; maybe some scaling down would have happened anyway. I have a theory that Covid simply accelerated what was already taking place in terms of where Church life in general was headed; we find ourselves now where we would have found ourselves anyway 5-10 years from now. I think an important question to ask, though, is how much of it is indeed unavoidable, and how much of it can serve as a call for us to try to renew and

enhance our parish life and ministries?

OLPH is also facing a serious problem which is common to all parishes, not just ours, and it's the problem of the shrinking number of people who offer to do things. The older generation of active parishioners who carried the ball for so long are either dying off or just cannot be as active. We're simply not getting the same number of people as we did in the past stepping forward to say "I'll do that."

Parish leadership will be exploring these questions in the year ahead, and we'll be holding Parish Leadership Meetings involving the four major Advisor Boards (Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee and Finance Committee) and the heads of all the parish ministries, groups and societies to hash all this out together.

Fostering involvement and engagement in, and responsibility for, the mission and life of the parish among everyone is a goal I have for the upcoming year.

Offering the Precious Blood

While we're on the subject of our parish life together, I would like to offer one heartfelt word of thanks and appreciation for an aspect of our liturgical life about which I am very proud, and about which you should be proud, too, and that is the fact that we offer the Precious Blood to the assembly at so many of our Masses. So many of you asked that we return to this after Covid, and, although we were not able to implement it as fully as we were doing pre-Covid, we nonetheless do so at the vast majority of our liturgies. This means so much to so many people — the priests and deacons included — and I am thrilled that we do so.

The liturgical life of our parish is a model for other parishes in so many ways, and I frequently receive questions from other priests asking about how we do things here.

The high quality of our liturgies would not be possible without the commitment, dedication and devotion to liturgy of so many parishioners, most especially those who serve not only as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, but in all of our ministries. I am grateful to all of you.

By the way, this fall we will be calling for more people to step forward to become liturgical ministers: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of

Holy Communion, Ushers, Altar Servers and Music Ministers (in fact, we're calling for new Music Ministers now). I expect a hearty and vigorous response to this, with many new people stepping forward to become liturgical ministers.

OLPH Bob Dobres Memorial Golf Outing

You have seen the bulletin ad running, but let me take a moment to highlight this year's OLPH Bob Dobres Memorial Golf Outing, which will take place on Friday, September 15. This is an important fund raiser for both the Knights of Columbus and for the parish, so please be sure to support it in some way — by playing golf, and/or by attending the dinner, and/or by participating in the raffle. I enjoy being part of the day not by playing golf (sports and I are never, ever a good combination!) but by being present to help get the day started and by being a part of the festivities at the end of the day.

Full details are elsewhere in this bulletin, so please be sure to support this year's OLPH Bob Dobres Memorial Golf Outing.

Offerer Appreciation Party

Lastly, mark your calendar now for this year's Offerer Appreciation Party, to be held on Friday, October 6. We're running an ad and the response form in the bulletin. This is our bi-annual "blow-the-roof-off-good-time" party to show our thanks and appreciation for anyone and everyone who offers their time and their talent in any way in any of our parish ministries and groups. I do hope that if that applies to you, then you will be there. Kids are welcome, too!

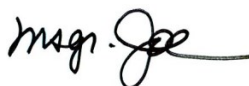
The RSVP deadline will be here before you know it, so be sure to send in your "YES" response NOW!

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,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

**FIRST FRIDAY,
FIRST
SATURDAY
& SUNDAY
DEVOTIONS**



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

First Friday Devotions will take place **September 1** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **September 2** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration will be held on Saturday, **September 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Spanish, Polish, English). The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:30 p.m.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for People
with Special Needs
and for those who care for them*

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

Saturday, September 2

4:00 p.m.

in the School Auditorium

*All are welcome.
Come celebrate Mass with us!*

*We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you?
Contact Jessica Becker at 631-226-7725 X 252 or
email to jbecker@oloph.org*

Our Special Needs Mass is celebrated on the first Saturday of every month unless otherwise noted.

IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

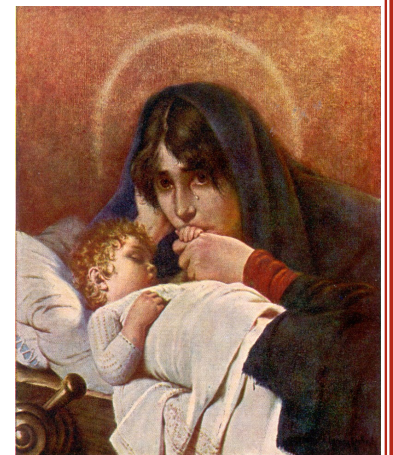
at OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

Sorrowful Mother Devotions at 6:30 p.m.

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for:

- *Chanting the Stabat Mater*
- *The Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Mother*
- *The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick*
- *The presentation of a rose to each child/teenager/young adult*



Msgr. Joe will be presiding at our special Mass.

**FOR ALL CHILDREN, TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH SPECIAL
NEEDS OR WHO ARE TERMINALLY ILL OR IN REMISSION**

All are invited to attend!

Please call Linda Setti at 631-884-6892 ASAP if you would like to attend or wish to be involved in this special event.

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.

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE



If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

The Way You Are Dressed DOES Matter!

Please dress appropriately for Mass during the summer months. Attire that is meant for the beach, barbecues, boat or athletic field is inappropriate for Mass and is disrespectful to the Lord as we offer ourselves to Him through the sacred actions in which we are engaged. It is also disrespectful to one's brothers and sisters in the community. Your cooperation in continuing to dress up and dress appropriately for Mass during the summer weather is appreciated.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS



Our Parish offers
Gluten Free Hosts

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION**The Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Rom 12:2).

In this course, we will learn with Saint Paul how we can let ourselves be transformed by the Holy Spirit so that we will be able to participate in the life and mission of Christ in the world.

September 5, 7, 12

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

in the St. Lucy Room downstairs in the rectory

Instructor: **Fr. Jacob Onyumbe**

(jacob_onyumbe@yahoo.fr)

Participants should have this book:

Michael J. Gorman, *Romans: a Theological and Pastoral Commentary* (Eerdmans, 2022), 349 pages.

Yes, sign me up for: ***The Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans***

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

A free-will offering is requested to help cover the cost of copying material.

Please return this cut-off slip to the reception desk at the rectory or by dropping it in the collection basket by September 3.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE CONCERNING OUR LIVE STREAMING

We are experiencing difficulties with our live stream system. At this time we will no longer be live streaming any Masses until further notice. If you know anyone in need of a televised Mass, Sunday Mass can always be viewed on Catholic Faith Network. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you all for your understanding.

OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY

*We would like to affirm the graces and blessings that come from our parish community because of YOU!!!
All who offer their time and talent in our parish ministries are invited!*



OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY

Friday, October 6

6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Feustel-Kurdt Post 1120

American Legion

80 Herbert Avenue

Lindenhurst, NY

OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY REPLY FORM

Name (First and Last) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

Ministry or Ministries you're involved in:

Please return your RSVP to Josephine Vagelatos at the rectory, drop in the collection basket or you can email your response to jvagelatos@oloph.org.

ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

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

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Saturday: CLOSED

**CATECHIST/HALL MONITOR MEETING**

Please choose one of the following meetings
 to attend for the upcoming year!

- **Wednesday, September 6th @ 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium**
- OR**
- **Saturday, September 9th @ 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium**

Please RSVP to one of these meetings by August 30th!

2023-24 Registration Is OPEN

Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Early and regular registration are now CLOSED.

For any late registrations that come in after July 31st there will be an additional \$30 late fee. We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a “New Family Appointment” or to call us for any information. Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—**must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate. New families MUST make an appointment to register by calling or e-mailing us.** Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2023-2024 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.



We can't wait to meet you!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

Like Peter in today’s Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus’ presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

NEW Food Pantry List!

- PASTA**
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE**
- CANNED VEGETABLES**
- CEREALS**
- BAKED BEANS**
- RICE**
- JUICES**
- SOUPS**
- SMALL CANS OF COFFEE**
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES**

Thank you
for your continued generosity.
Cut out this list and bring it with you
when you go shopping!

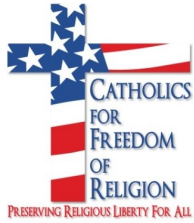
CATHOLIC HEALTH SERVICES VAN



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring the Catholic Health Services Van, which will be in the large school parking lot **Monday, September 18, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.**

Free health screening and free flu shots will be available. The Society hopes to see you there!

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

"To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian."

—George Washington

Learn and Live God's Gift of Religious Freedom: Part 2

9. Of the five freedoms in the First Amendment of the Constitution, religious freedom is first and asserts a robust exercise of faith and morals in every part of our lives free from government intrusion. Supporting religious freedom are the other four First Amendment freedoms: freedom of speech, of the press, of assembly and of redress of grievances.
10. The United States is not a "Christian Nation" — that would be a theocracy — but is founded on the Judeo-Christian ethic, which says all men are created equal and must be free to follow their conscience in the service of their God.
11. "The wall of separation between church and state" was a phrase used by President Thomas Jefferson to assure the Danbury Baptists that their rights of conscience and free exercise came from God, not from government, and are protected from government control by the First Amendment.
12. Tolerance is not a virtue, per Archbishop Chaput. The toleration of extreme evil is itself evil. "There is no other subject on which the average mind is so much confused as the subject of tolerance and intolerance. Tolerance applies only to persons, but never to principles. Intolerance applies only to principles, but never to persons."—Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
13. Elie Wiesel, Nobel Laureate and Holocaust survivor, said, "We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented." "Silence is consent." We must learn to never apologize or be ashamed of Christ, the Catholic Church, the Bible, our faith and religious practices. The supposed tolerance that requires people of faith to be silenced is a lie and is the worst of intolerance.

If we silence ourselves, self-censor our speech, for fear of offending, we will place the strongest shackles on America's liberties. Christ told us that to follow Him we must pick up his cross. Christ promised us suffering for his sake.

"We cannot grow weary of defending the freedom God gives us."

—B. Samuells, CFFR

LEGION OF MARY



The Legion of Mary OLPH Praesidium
invites YOU to our celebration of
Our Lady's birthday.

We'll be attending the **12:15 p.m. Mass** on
Friday, September 8th

**The Feast of the Nativity of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

followed with prayers and luncheon in the school cafeteria.

Our speaker this year is Msgr. Joe.

Please RSVP to Louise 631-412-3831.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directory of Phone Extensions

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Carole Carrano, Parish Secretary	212	ccarrano@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Jill Marie Delano, Business Manager	204	jdelano@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
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 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Jeffrey Gaab
 Gregory Guido
 Sonia Hansen
 Joselyn Kalt
 Mary Leon
 Rachelle Louis-Jacques
 Carlton Mitchell
 Deacon James Totino

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendernagel
 Gerry Chille

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
 Bill Bendernagel
 Gerry Chille (Chair)
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Jill Marie Delano
 Marie Gagneron
 Kenneth Hale
 Bob Meade
 Bob Mehm
 John Reynolds

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
 Erin Barrett
 Deacon Robert Becker
 Mark Costantino
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Kenneth Hale
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
 Denise Martinez
 Barbara McPhail
 Deacon Doug Smith
 Mike Williams
 Fr. Frank Zero

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Announcement:

Connor Fujarsai & Amber Marx

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 8:00 A.M. MASS

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>
<i>John Mohnhaupt</i>	<i>Requested by Barbara Gallagher</i>
<i>Linda Dowdeswell</i>	<i>Requested by Jill Delano</i>

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish.

***Jacqueline Berruti
Patrica Ann Fox
Rose Marie Scalley***

“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...

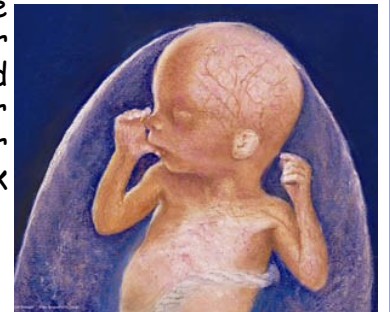
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<i>David Joseph Gleixner</i>	<i>Fred Sawyer</i>
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<i>Joanne Press</i>	<i>Frank Farrugia</i>
<i>Erin Kelly</i>	
<i>Faith Meihofner</i>	

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 5 - Developing Baby - "Mommy felt me kick today!"

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it - - the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, August 28—

**Saint Augustine, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church**

6:30 Robert Daniel Dash

12:15 Agostino Pecoraro

TUESDAY, August 29—

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

6:30 Vincenza Barone

12:15 Valerie Benkert

WEDNESDAY, August 30—

Weekday

6:30 Elizabeth Cavallo

12:15 Valerie Benkert

THURSDAY, August 31—

Weekday

6:30 Asher Dombrek

12:15 Valerie Boreyko

FRIDAY, September 1—

Weekday

6:30 Cristobal Diaz

12:15 Tadeusz Cimaszewski

SATURDAY, September 2—

Weekday

8:00 Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 Bill & Jessica Paolo
4th Wedding Anniversary
Special Needs Mass—Auditorium

5:00 Sophia Garbe

Sunday, September 3—

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 Perpetual Help Mass (*Listing on p. 14*)

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 Jason Ross

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, August 28, 2023

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Hospitality Ministry	Room 16

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information)	Off Campus

Thursday, August 31, 2023

9:00 a.m.	Hospitality Ministry	Kitchen
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria

Friday, September 1, 2023

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12

Saturday, September 2, 2023

1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.	Exposition	Church

Sunday, September 3, 2023

6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
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Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred, and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page:
<https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

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 a Dios todos los jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería, en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Alina Patrón al (516) 263-9401

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, llamar a la rectoría 631) 226-7725/ en español a Irma González al (631) 620-2401.

Lecturas del Domingo 21° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A Domingo 27 de agosto del 2023

Primera Lectura. Isaías 22:19-23): Eliasin fue llamado y nombrado divinamente. Él fue dotado de la llave de la Casa de David. No literalmente una llave, Juan se refiere a la misma "llave" en Revelación 3: 7, "El santo, el verdadero, que tiene la llave de David, que abre y nadie cerrará, que cierra y nadie abrirá." Esta poderosa llave significa la administración del reino de Dios en la Tierra.

Segunda lectura. Romanos 11:33-36

San Pablo nos recuerda que Dios es generoso, sabio, justo, omnisciente, y todo perfecto. ¿Quiénes somos nosotros para cuestionar Sus modos? Podemos imaginarnos sentados en el borde de Su océano de amor y bondad, mirando con asombro a Sus profundidades ilimitadas. ¿Qué más podemos hacer sino ofrecer alabanzas y gratitud? Esto es exactamente lo que Dios desea de nosotros.

Lectura del santo evangelio según San Mateo 16, 13-20 En el Evangelio de hoy, Pedro confiesa la fe en Jesús como el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo y es elegido por Jesús como la piedra sobre la que se edificará la Iglesia. No sabemos por qué Jesús elige a Pedro y no a otro, pero lo cierto es que se fija en él para apacentar a su rebaño, y confirmar a los hermanos en la fe. La pregunta de Jesús sigue para usted y para mí, ¿quién dicen ustedes que soy? la respuesta es personal, depende nuestra relación cercana con Jesús.

5. Cultivemos la semilla de la Palabra en la vida:

- 5.1. ¿Cómo expreso mi fe en Jesús, con qué términos? ¿Las palabras de Pedro expresan lo que personalmente estoy viviendo de Jesús?
- 5.2. ¿Qué podría hacer para que la persona de Jesús esté siempre en el centro de mi vida?
- 5.3. ¿Qué rol tiene Pedro en la Iglesia de Jesús? ¿Qué actitudes debe tomar la comunidad con él?
- 5.4. ¿Qué me dice a mí el texto? ¿Qué me ayuda a descubrir en mi vida de "creyente" en el Cristo e Hijo de Dios viviente?
- 5.5. (Para las familias) ¿Cómo educamos a nuestros hijos para que confiesen la fe públicamente y la demuestren con su estilo de vida?

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E INESCRUTABLES SUS CAMINOS!
ROMANOS 11:33**



OFFERING UPDATE August 19/20			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	223	95	\$2,278.00
8:00 a.m.	183	93	3,001.00
10:00 a.m.	274	85	2,470.00
12:00 p.m.	295	69	2,072.00
Total coin:			10.13
Faith Direct			3,405.80
Children's Env.		6	32.00
Mail-ins:			1,287.00
TOTAL	975	348	\$14,555.93
2022	935	344	\$14,562.83
Candles			\$947.67
Poor Box			\$343.45
Assumption			\$3,885.00



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September 3—deadline passed
 September 10—September 1 deadline
 September 17—September 8 deadline

2023 OLPH Bob Dobres Memorial Golf Outing
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PREPARING FOR Sunday, September 3, 2023 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*

Matthew 16:25

Jeremiah 20:7-9

During a turbulent time in Israel's history, Jeremiah is called by God to deliver a message that his people do not want to hear. Jeremiah must denounce corruption in the temple liturgy and condemn the people for dabbling in foreign cults, for their many breaches of the covenant, and for ignoring the poor. Prophets are not known for their "feel good" messages. He does not want the job but God, the stronger one, prevails. As a sensitive and caring soul, Jeremiah does not enjoy being the "object of laughter" and having "everyone mock him." The people beat him up and throw him in a dark dungeon. But the divine fire received at his call cannot be extinguished. For Jeremiah, the only thing worse than being God's prophet is saying "no" to God's call.

Romans 12:1-2

Having spoken eloquently in chapters 1-8 on what God has done for us in Christ Jesus, Paul now, in chapters 12-13, calls for a moral response. In acknowledgment of God's goodness, followers of Christ are to seek to make Christian values permeate every aspect of their lives. Authentic liturgy is not something that just takes place in church. Ideally, our whole life is an act of worship to God. Offering ourselves to God means conforming to his will and not to the temptations of the world.

Matthew 16:21-27

Last week, Jesus praised Peter for recognizing him as the Messiah. This week, Jesus rebukes Peter for suggesting that he avoid the Cross. Peter has yet to learn that Jesus will not be a regal warrior type of hero, but a humble, suffering Messiah. Jesus goes on to speak about the cost and rewards of discipleship. Disciples (that includes us) must be willing to embrace the crosses of life and die to themselves, i.e., to their false self: proud, vain, self-seeking. Jesus, not oneself, must be the center of one's life. In dying to the desires of the false self, we will discover and grow into our true (Christ) self.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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. Which of these situations fit "Lose your life for my sake and find it": Dads and Moms making sacrifices for the good of the family; priests, brothers and sisters generously serving others; young people daring to follow their consciences, unafraid to go against the current; people renouncing their own interests to work with immigrants, elderly, disabled, trafficked?

2. You cannot take your money and possessions with you when you die. If you "lose your life" in love for others, does that give you something to take with you? Is it the love in your heart that goes with you when you die?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, August 28, 2023:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
+ Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 29, 2023:

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 + Matthew 6:17-29

Wednesday, August 30, 2023:

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 + Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 31, 2023:

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 + Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, September 1, 2023:

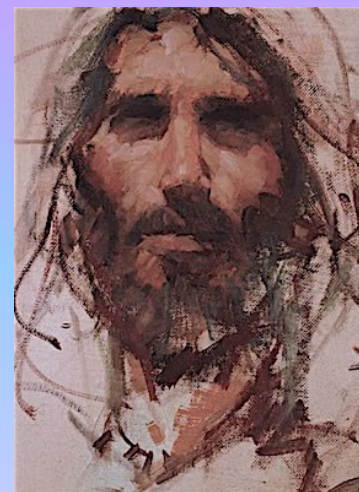
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
+ Matthew 25:1-13


Saturday, September 2, 2023:

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
+ Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, September 3, 2023:


Jeremiah 20:7-9
+ Romans 12:1-2
+ Matthew 16:21-27



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