# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Sirach 28:2

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2020

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker Business Manager: Mr. 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

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. First Saturday: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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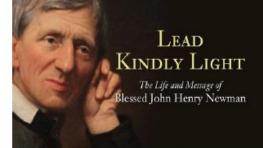
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### SIGN UP FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP

**Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?** A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to <u>formed.org/signup</u>, 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 <u>formed.org/signup</u> 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**

### 150th Anniversary Year Overview

I hope you have noticed our overview of the 150th Anniversary Year, which we are running again in this week's bulletin (see the separate two-page insert elsewhere); it promises to be an exciting year! As described, we will do as much of it as we can, within all the proper safety precautions, and, if necessary, adapted. I think it's very much needed for us to have something upbeat, joyful and celebratory to look forward to, right? That's why we want to try to do as much as we can of the original plan. Take note of the dates and special events and plan now on being a part of it all, one way or another!

### Our operating mind-set in our "new normal"

The approach that I describe above with the 150th Anniversary Year is really the approach that I have asked parish leaders to take with the life of the parish as a whole in these days of navigating life while still dealing with the threat of coronavirus. As we begin another "Ministerial Year," I have asked all groups and ministries to function as much as possible within all necessary precautions and safety guidelines, but nonetheless to function as much as possible. I think this is important for the health and well-being of the parish, and for our own mental, emotional and spiritual health. Going forward, I would like our mind-set to be, "Let's do as much as we can do within safety guidelines." In other words, when it comes to parish life, let's see if we can look at everything this way: "Here's what we always do in a normal year. What can we still do within safety guidelines of wearing masks, social distancing, and limited sharing of objects, or on-line through the internet?" Some things might be impossible to do until we return to normal; if so, that's OK. Some things might be possible, but people might be too uncomfortable to do them and so the decision is made to skip it for now; if so, that's OK too. I have asked, however, that if possible, ministry heads and leaders figure out if there is a way to do something safely (with masks, social distancing, and limited sharing of objects, or on-line through the internet), and, if so, to do it.

At this time, we must unfortunately still consider our school building/parish facilities as being "Closed" for meetings and activities, due to the coronavirus situation. Safety and finances are the two main factors driving this decision. The logistics and costs involved in keeping the building properly sanitized do not allow us yet to have the building generally and widely open as we did before the virus. As you have read about, however, we will be having in-person Religious Education classes, and will be meeting all necessary safety precautions required for a school program for those classes. Also, the Stanford Pre-School, which rents classrooms from us, will be in session, and all procedures and costs have been worked out and accounted for with them. In addition, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, because of its service to the poor, is continuing to work out of its office and food pantry. Beyond these activities, however, we are not yet at a point where it is feasible to open the building up on a large scale for unlimited use as before. Rest assured, though, that we are continually looking at this situation and evaluating it. Let's see what develops in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, I have encouraged groups to be creative in meeting together. A few groups have chosen to have one or more meetings out-of-doors here on parish property; we're happy to try to accommodate that. Some groups are meeting in a home; that's a decision they can make. Some groups use the Zoom video platform, or some other on-line platform; that's great too.

### Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This Monday, September 14, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Notice the title of the day: **Exaltation** of the Holy Cross. The meaning of the feast rests in the Cross as a symbol of hope and victory because it is the instrument of our salvation: Christ rose from the dead. For the Christian, salvation rests in God bringing new life out of death; the heart of Christian spirituality is to be found in the transformation that God brings about in us when we go to the Cross with the Lord. (How important that message has been for us in 2020!)

As always, the words of the liturgy sum up best for us the meaning of what we celebrate; these are the words of the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer for this feast day: For you [God] placed the salvation of the human race on the wood of the Cross, so that, where death arose, life might again spring forth and the evil one, who conquered on a tree, might likewise on a tree be conquered, through Christ our Lord.

The imagery is rich: Adam and Eve eating of the fruit of the tree forbidden by God brought sin and death into the world, but out of another tree — the tree of obedience, love and total selfless offering, namely, the tree, or wood, of the Cross — came forgiveness, redemption and new life. As we celebrate this feast, take some time to reflect on how, in the words of the Preface, God has made life "spring forth" in your life when you have embraced a Cross. It is to that trust and confidence in the power of God to bring new life — even in the midst of a pandemic — that all Christians are called.

### Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Then, on the next day, Tuesday of this week, September 15, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, I will have the privilege of once again presiding at our special Sorrowful Mother Mass, where we pray especially for children and teens who are terminally ill, or in remission, or who have serious illnesses, or who have special needs. Our celebration of this Mass at OLPH always includes the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for these children, and, in fact, for anyone in attendance who is in need of that sacrament.

This memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows is a relatively new one on the liturgical calendar, included universally on the Church calendar for the first time only in 1814. The sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary begin with the prophecy of Simeon at the Presentation in the Temple, when he tells her, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (Luke 2:34-35) In art, Our Lady of Sorrows has her heart pierced by seven swords, representing the seven sorrows of tradition and the prophecy of Simeon.

If you have a child or grandchild with a serious illness, or who is in remission, or who has special needs, or if you yourself are in need of it, I urge you and your family to attend this Mass and have them or yourself anointed. Even if you don't need the Anointing, you may wish to come to this Mass simply to pray with and for, and to express your solidarity with, those who will be there. I know this Mass has special meaning for those who have a particular devotion to the Blessed Mother under this title. It is always a very beautiful and meaningful experience of prayer and of communal support. I am grateful to Linda Setti who organizes this Mass for us each year. Full details can be found in the ad elsewhere in the bulletin.

### Knights of Columbus Installation of Officers

Congratulations to all of the Knights of Columbus who will be installed as officers for the upcoming year; I myself will have the joy and privilege of being renewed as our Council's Chaplain. The ceremony will take place in the church at 6:30 p.m. this coming Saturday, September 19 (with masks and proper social distancing, of course). I once again take this opportunity to thank the Knights for their frequent good work for and support of OLPH; it is my pleasure to be their Chaplain and to have them as such an integral part of parish life.

#### Summer Appeal total coming soon

I plan on announcing next week, or the week after, at the latest, the total for this year's SUMMER APPEAL; you can look for it in my Pastor's Column soon. I know that your generosity has been amazing, and I want to report back to you in good stewardship. In case you have not made your \$125 (or more!) offering, you certainly can still do so. These funds have been especially important to us this year.

### 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,

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## **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
- **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 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.

## 150th Anníversary Our Lady of Perpetual Help 1871-2021

In 2021, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish will be 150 years old! As you have heard, plans have been underway to celebrate an ANNIVERSARY YEAR full of exciting events! A calendar of events, spiritual and social, was set, with our ANNIVERSARY YEAR scheduled to run November 28, 2020 to November 19, 2021.

Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic came along. However, the Steering Committee has decided that we will keep the events on the calendar, and, as each one approaches, evaluate it at that time as to its feasibility. Maybe we'll be able to do it in some modified form...with some in-person attendance and a virtual presentation online...or, maybe by the time some things happen, we will be back to normal!

So, here's an overview of everything that might possibly be happening over the course of the next year, to celebrate our ANNIVERSARY YEAR. **SAVE THE DATES! PLAN ON PARTICIPATING! DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE GREAT THINGS THAT WILL CELEBRATE 150 OF OLPH AS "THE PLACE TO BE!"** You'll hear more about each one as it approaches.

Some General Information ...

### **OUR HONORARY CHAIRPEOPLE**

We are proud to announce that **Robert and Carolyn Dobres** and **Rosaleen Walters** have graciously agreed to be our Honorary Chairs for the Anniversary Year. As long-time and active parishioners, Bob and Carolyn and Rosaleen represent the best of OLPH and are shining examples of what makes OLPH "the place to be."

KEEPSAKES, TCHOTCHKES AND MEMENTOS! LOOK FOR PLENTY OF ITEMS TO BE ON SALE THROUGHOUT THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR. DON'T MISS OUT! SALES MAY HAVE TO BE MOSTLY ONLINE DUE TO COVID, BUT WE'LL GO TO IN-PERSON SALES AS SOON AS WE CAN. WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR INFORMATION AND BE PREPARED TO BUY, BUY, BUY!

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Exact format of each event will be determined by COVID restrictions at the time, but set these dates aside ...more details to come...

### NOVEMBER 28, 2020—Special Marian Lessons and Carols to Open the Anniversary Year

We'll open the Anniversary Year with a liturgy of readings and music all honoring the patroness of our parish, the Blessed Mother

### JANUARY 8, 2021—Divine Intervention Night

Come see OLPH personalities you know and love who were contestants on Divine Intervention, the game show hosted by Msgr. Joe several years ago.

Msgr. Joe will also provide behind-the-scenes information about the show and his years hosting. A fun night for the entire family!

### LENT, 2021

In place of a Parish Mission this year, all parishioners will be invited to participate in a special formation program Living the Eucharist. A great opportunity for deepening your understanding of, and love for, the Eucharist!

### <u>APRIL 23, 2021—Anniversary Year Gala Dinner Dance</u>

Join your fellow parishioners in an evening of a sumptuous meal, great music and dancing and wonderful memories! An occasion to dress up and have a great time! A Commemorative Journal will be printed in conjunction with this event.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021—Anniversary Year Patronal Feast Mass

The center of the whole Anniversary Year! There's no better way for us to celebrate than to do so at the Eucharist. We're looking to have Bishop Barres as the Presider at this Mass!

### JULY 17, 2021—Parish Picnic

Join your fellow parishioners at Belmont Lake State Park on this Saturday afternoon.

### AUGUST 2, 2021—Summer Evening Prayer

A special warm-weather celebration of prayer and fellowship.

### <u>AUGUST 15, 2021—SPECIAL MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</u> <u>AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE FIRST CHURCH BUILDING</u>

We'll do this special Marian Solemnity up big this year! We're hoping to have OLPH's own Bishop Bob Brennan come back to preside at this Mass!

### November 2, 2021—Prayer Service at Parish Cemetery

In this month of remembrance, let's honor and pray for those buried in our parish cemetery... an important moment of connection with our long history!

### November 19, 2021—Solemn Vespers to Close the Anniversary Year

We'll close out the year with a Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) which will include a Recommitment of All Parish Ministers (and, this day also happens to be the 60th anniversary of the dedication of our current church building!)



## IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

## Sorrowful Mother Devotions TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 Mass at 7:00 p.m. at OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH Devotions at 6:30 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

## Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco will be celebrating 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.

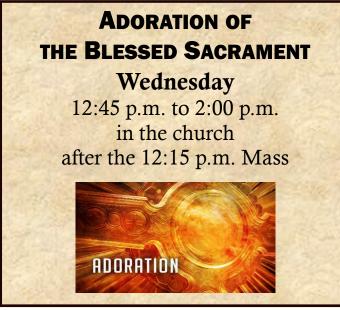
## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### 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.

Monday, September 14—12:45 p.m. Monday, September 21—12:45 p.m. Monday, September 28—12:45 p.m.



### **ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS: MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

ALL Altar Servers — BOTH "veterans" AND new servers still in training — are reminded to attend the very important Altar Server Meeting on **Monday, September 14, at 4:30 p.m. in the church**. Since it's our first meeting since the shutdown back in March, we'll be discussing important information about how we will move forward. All Altar Servers are expected to attend, and one parent should attend as well. A mask must be worn, and social distance seating will be used, for everyone's safety. We look forward to seeing you there!





**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** 



This weekend, we congratulate and welcome our RCIA candidate, **Ms. Wende Mitchell**, who is becoming a **Catechumen** in a ritual taking place at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This is Wende's first official stage in the process of initiation into the Catholic Church. This **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** is an occasion of great joy for her and for us as a parish community. We offer our prayerful support and best wishes to our Catechumen!

After her acceptance today, **Wende** will be attending Mass with her family while undergoing an intensive period of formation in the Catholic faith. Please welcome our new Catechumen into our worshipping community, and please remember her in your prayers as she journeys toward the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at a future Easter Vigil.

## **CAN YOU HELP US UPGRADE OUR LIVE-STREAM CAPABILITIES?**



We have ordered our new live-stream cameras and equipment for the church. The cost will be a little less than originally anticipated, \$12,000 instead of \$15,000. Our new system will enable us to live-stream Masses, weddings, funerals and other sacramental and ritual moments. When the weather is bad in the winter or people are leery about coming out at night to attend Lessons and Carols, the Parish Mission or Taizé Prayer around the Cross, we will be able to maintain a digital

presence. Of course, all of this will never replace our "in person" worship. Also, we have many homebound parishioners who just can't come out any more. This new system will include the

installation of two permanently fixed cameras, one in the choir loft focused on the sanctuary area and one in the sanctuary facing the back of the church to get views of the assembly praying, the reception of the body at funerals and important processions at Sunday Mass and weddings and funerals.

If you are interested in making a contribution to our new system, please contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory office, cferraro@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725. We have already received \$3,800 in donations.





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## "LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME" **PRAYER GARDEN Engraved Bricks**

## Memorialize your loved ones or your prayer intention! Bricks may be memorialized in our "Let the Children Come to Me" Prayer Garden.

Brick locations will be assigned in the order in which they are received in front of the "Let the Children Come to Me" statue.

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HELP NEEDED! We need Catechists to teach Level 7 on Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. and Hall Monitors on Saturdays 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	Distance Learning & Liturgy Students There will be Book Pick Up Days in the auditorium on Wednesday, September 16, 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 19, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
All time switches and teacher requests can be mailed in or indicated to us when you speak to us over the phone or in person. Please let us know if you have any changes for your contact information. We will need to know the best e-mail for us to reach you at this year, for Google Classroom	What Classes Will Look Like for Fall 2020 We have been working diligently on getting ready for the Fall of 2020 and on what classes will look like. We have limited in-person classroom availability, based on the number of Catechists we have to teach each Level. The classrooms are available on a first come, first served basis. Once we hit our full capacity, those who do not fit into a classroom will be required to do the Google Classroom. We are here for you and we have your safety listed as our number one (1) priority. We will have cleaning and sanitation procedures in place so that everyone will be safe and can stay healthy while attending class at OLPH. We have sent out these precautions via e-mail. We have also listed the requirements for your child to come into the classroom. In order to get the information for our classes you must be registered for the 2020/21 academic year. REGISTER NOW!
use throughout the year.	

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The pantry is in great need at this time. Please bring items to the SVdP office: Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and on 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.

The challenge in today's Gospel is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

### **†** 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.

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## SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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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 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

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

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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.* 

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT: Frank Alfani & Dawn Butera

<u>SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT:</u> Michael Brennan (OLPH) & Alexandra Staretz

## 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

Chiara Faustina Mailloux

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 September 13-19:

Altar Bread and Wine:

In Memory of

Agostino Pecoraro

Requested by

Elizabeth Pecoraro

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

## **RESPECT LIFE**

The bi-annual *"Stand Up for Life"* will be held on **October 4th**. The sites are on Rte. 110 in front of the Walt Whitman Mall and at LIE Exit 70 S - County Rte. 111.

Please join us from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. to show your support for the protection of all unborn babies. All are invited.

At present babies may be killed right up to the 9th month and casting live born babies aside (infanticide) is allowed.

## WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Erin Stanton Mario Marino Heather Ann Flores Meaghan Snyder Jayden Valle Robert Quevedo Roberta Small Gloria Kayaian Jean Corso William Connors James Gridley Louis Giarratano Angela Giarratano Jacqueline Vantull Bernard Kates Glenn Slaughter Ann-Marie Giarratano Lawrence O'Donnell Tim Doran Karin Kienle Angela Pagnotta Kevin Imm

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.

### Sofia Garbe Theresa Palazzo Luisa Goebels Jim Gordon

"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."

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 12:15 p.m.

John Lecuit	Requested by Martine & Walter Karalais
Philip Hosey	Requested by Joan Hosey
Donemico Commisso	<i>Requested by</i> Jim & Jackie Totino

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

### MONDAY, September 14—

### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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6:30	Nancy Versace
12:15	Arvo Podrang
TUESD	AY, September 15—
	Our Lady of Sorrows
6:30	Richard Brosan
12:15	Perpetual Help Mass (List on p.14)
7:00	Our Lady of Sorrows
WEDN	ESDAY, September 16—
	Saints Cornelius, Pope, and
	Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:15	Jean Griggs
THURS	DAY, September 17—
	Weekday
	(Saint Robert Bellarmine,
	Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
6:30	For the Repose of the Souls of the
10.15	McCarthy Family
12:15	Francesco Stancati
FRIDA	Y, September 18— Weekday
6:30	Michela Messina
12:15	Joan Fisk
SATUR	DAY, September 19—
	Weekday
	(Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr)
8:00	Cormac Gerrity
	day Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): Y-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00	Lewis F. Darby
	Sunday, September 20
TWEN	TY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Margaret McCloud
10.00	Living & Deceased Members of the

10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
12:00	For the People of the Parish
5:00 *	Antonio Suppa
*Will n	ot be celebrated publicly; intention will be fulfilled
in a priv	vate Mass by one of the priests.

#### PARISH CALENDAR Monday, September 14, 2020 9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24 12:45 p.m. Devotions Church 4:30 p.m. Altar Server Meeting Church 7:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting Church Tuesday, September 15, 2020 Devotions Our Lady of Sorrows Church 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2020 St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. Room 24 12:45 p.m. Exposition Church 5:00 p.m. Rel. Ed. Book Pick-up Auditorium 7:45 p.m. Christian Mothers Parking Lot Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:00 p.m.-on Church closed for cleaning Church Baptismal Prep Class for Parents 7:30 p.m. Room 16 Friday, September 18, 2020 St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. Room 24 Saturday, September 19, 2020 9:00 a.m. Rel. Ed. Book Pick-up Auditorium 1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24 4:00 p.m. School Confessions K of C Installations - Officers 6:30 p.m. Church 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Parking Lot Sunday, September 20, 2020

# 1:30 p.m.Boy Scout ConvocationChurch7:00 p.m.Holy HourChurch

Church

Church

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## **DEACON ROBERT ON CFN!**

Deacon Robert Becker will be the homilist on The Word: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, Thursday, September 17, Friday, September 18, Saturday, September 19; and Sunday, September 20 at 10:45 a.m.



## 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 ensenamos 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 24º del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A

Que el Dios de perdón, de misericordia y vida, esté siempre con ustedes

### Lectura del libro del Eclesiástico (27,33–28,9):

Furor y cólera son odiosos; el pecador los posee. Del vengativo se vengará el Señor y llevará estrecha cuenta de sus culpas. Perdona la ofensa a tu prójimo, y se te perdonarán los pecados cuando lo pidas. ¿Cómo puede un hombre guardar rencor a otro y pedir la salud al Señor? No tiene compasión de su semejante, ¿y pide perdón de sus pecados? Si él, que es carne, conserva la ira, ¿quién expiará por sus pecados? Piensa en tu fin, y cesa en tu enojo; en la muerte y corrupción, y guarda los mandamientos. Recuerda los mandamientos, y no te enojes con tu prójimo; la alianza del Señor, y perdona el error.

### Segunda Lectura (Rom 14, 7-9): Como Cristo, Nadie Debería Vivir para Sí Mismo

Por el bautismo pertenecemos a Cristo. Como él, deberíamos vivir y morir, no para nosotros mismos, sino para los demás.

### Evangelio (Mt 18,21-35): Perdona de Corazón

Si no sabemos cómo perdonar, Dios no nos perdonará a nosotros, dice Jesús. El reino de Dios no vendrá a nosotros si no podemos perdonar

### 1. Perdona: Entra en el Mundo de Dios

Nos resulta familiar el dicho: "Errar es humano, perdonar es divino". Quizás olvidamos con demasiada facilidad la segunda parte. Al perdonarnos unos a otros, hacemos lo que Dios hace siempre con nosotros. Si no podemos perdonar, no hemos aprendido a amar en profundidad y estamos todavía lejos del evangelio. Comenzamos esta eucaristía pidiendo perdón al Señor y a los hermanos.

### Oración de los Fieles

Pidamos a nuestro Dios compasivo que nosotros, su pueblo, que hemos experimentado su perdón, llevemos al mundo la alegría de la reconciliación. Y digamos:

## **DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

*Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!* To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called *Restore – Rekindle – Renew.* This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings **September 14 to October 26** from 7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <a href="https://wwmenyli.org/">https://wwmenyli.org/</a>.

*Sacred Heart Academy*, 47 Cathedral Avenue, Hempstead, New York 11550 *Virtual Open House* will take place on Saturday, **September 26** 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For registration information email <u>mvonelm@sacredheartacademyli.org</u>

### OFFERING UPDATE September 5/6, 2020

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection	
5:00 p.m.	159	61	\$2,462.50	
8:00 a.m.	155	80	2,595.00	
10:00 a.m.	235	66	1,902.00	
12:00 p.m.	215	50	2,459.00	
5:00 p.m.	Not celebrated publicly			
Coin			2.50	
Mail-ins:			2,798.00	
Children's Env.		3	16.00	
Faith Direct			2,791.80	
TOTAL	764	260	\$15,026.80	
2019 total	1,653	570	\$18,009.30	
Candles			\$708.96	
Poor Box			\$298.08	

### DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

September 20—passed

September 27—September 18

October 4—September 25



Fall is here along with our traditional season of stewardship. However, this year has been anything but typical, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners.

This year people throughout our community have turned to us for help. However, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish can only continue to meet that need with your assistance. Your valuable online donations help us to continue our ministry to answer their call for help.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting **faith.direct/NY286**, or text **'Enroll'** to *(631) 201-5664*.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS AT ST. PIUS X ENRICHED LIVING FACILITY SEPTEMBER 19/20

### **Remembering and Caring for our Senior Priests**

Even in retirement our senior priests retain roles as our shepherds, and St. Pius X enables these dedicated men who live there to be fully engaged members of the community. "Still on duty," they serve as our teachers, counselors, and spiritual leaders.

Our continued goal is to close the gap between operating expenses and the current funding provided by the Diocese. Any monies received through this **collection above and beyond the need for St. Pius X will** be applied to the Priests' Sickness, Disability and retirement Fund, with the aim of controlling the premiums on priests' pension plans. Currently St. Pius is at full occupancy and is taking over 4 more much needed rooms.

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible! Thank You! www.drvc.org/stpiusx

### **PREPARING FOR**

## Sunday, September 20, 2020 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus said, "The last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:16

### Isaiah 55:6-9

In this reading, we hear a call for sinners to turn from their sinful ways and for us to reflect on God's mysterious ways. We don't understand the ways of God in our lives or world but in the context of today's Gospel, where a latecomer receives the same wages as the one who has worked all day, this probably refers to God's great mercy. Despite the fact that we may have been huge sinners and have spent most of our lives in a state of indifference to God, he will have mercy on us if we turn from our sinful ways. This way of acting is probably unlike how we would behave if we were God. His ways are not our ways...

### Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

This is an amazing reading. Paul is writing from prison and is not sure whether he will get out alive. But it does not matter because for him "life is Christ and death is gain." If he gets out of prison, that's okay; it will give him another opportunity to preach the Gospel. If he dies, he gets to live with Christ in glory. The bottom line for Paul is to serve Christ and his Gospel. He urges his readers to have the same attitude.

### Matthew 20:1-16a

Eternal life is a gift, not something anyone earns by his/her own hard work. In order to drive home this truth, Jesus tells his disciples a parable that defies their sense of "equity." In this parable, no one is lazy. The men are standing around only because no one has hired them, but once hired they go to work and are paid the agreed wage at the end of the day. However, their sense of justice is upset when those hired later in the day receive the same amount. Envy on the part of Jesus' followers is unwarranted since every gift of God completely comes from his generosity, and not from any individual's ability or activity. Earning has nothing to do with entry into the Kingdom, which is a gift for all. We do not place God in our debt just because we have been faithful to him (more or less) for many years. We do not gain heaven with good works but rather by opening our hearts to God's saving grace. Whether we have served him from sunrise to sunset or enlisted for service only at the eleventh hour, God blesses us with his bounty not because we have earned his goodness, but because of who he is, namely, a God of mercy and compassion.

## Readings for the Week

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

Monday, September 14, 2020: Numbers 21:4b-9 + Philippians 2:6-11 + John 3:13-17 Tuesday, September 15, 2020: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a + John 19:25-27 Wednesday, September 16, 2020: 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 + Luke 7:31-35 Thursday, September 17, 2020: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 + Luke 7:36-50 Friday, September 18, 2020: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 + Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 19, 2020: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 + Luke 8:4-15 Sunday, September 20, 2020: Isaiah 55:6-9 + Philippians1:20c-24, 27a + Matthew 20:1-16a

### **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. This Gospel reading is not about strict justice but outrageous generosity. Are any of us, first hour worker or eleventh, ever worthy of grace, no matter what? What is the message of this parable? What is the message for you in your everyday life?

2. How would grace be handed out if people made the rules? What if God's ways were like our ways, if God's bountiful generosity did not exceed the level of simple distributive justice?

According to Pope Francis, in Joy of the Gospel, paragraph 46, who qualify as the "last" in the gospel saying, "the last shall be first"?

"A Church which 'goes forth' is a Church whose doors are open. Going out to others in order to reach the fringes of humanity does not mean rushing out aimlessly into the world. Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way. At times we have to be like the father of the prodigal son, who always keeps his door open so that when the son returns, he can readily pass through it.

The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes there looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door."

Pope Francis, A Mother With an Open Heart Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, 46





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