

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*“Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life for my sake  
and that of the gospel will save it.”*

Mark 8:35

## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 16, 2018

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Frank Pokorney

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

**Pastor Emeritus:** Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

### COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mondays following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.*

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

**Sunday:** 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**First Saturday:** 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Catechetical Sunday*

This Sunday marks the Church's annual celebration of Catechetical Sunday, with "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ" as the theme for this catechetical year. Those who have offered to serve as catechists in our parish will be (or have been, depending on when you read this) called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We owe these fellow-parishioners a large debt of gratitude for their service in this vital and central ministry in the life of our parish — that of teaching, and helping to form our young people in living, the Catholic way of life.

Catechetical Sunday is also always a wonderful opportunity for all of us to reflect on the role that we all play, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being witnesses to the Gospel. We should look on Catechetical Sunday as an opportunity for all of us together as a parish family, one body in Christ, to rededicate ourselves to the mission of witness and formation.

I continue to be grateful to our Director of Faith Formation, Mrs. April Kleinlaut, for the great job she does in administrating our very large and complex program, and to those who work with her in the Faith Formation Office: Bridget Jordan, Christine Graham and Jessica Becker. Please pray for them, and for all who are involved in catechetical ministry in our parish.

### *Religious Formation*

Speaking of our Religious Education Program, the formal aspects of the program — classes, meetings, and liturgies — are, of course, starting up over the next few weeks. Our philosophy of the program is really that it is not about only education, but rather it's about formation in every sense — forming a child (indeed anyone) into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, and into living the life of a disciple.

That's why, for example, we begin our year with Commitment Services for the parents and children, within the context of liturgical prayer; such liturgies help to set the right tone and priority for the formation year ahead. Parents and children in Levels 7 and 8, two of the three years of preparation for Confirmation, will have their Commitment Services this Wednesday, September 19; parents and children in Levels 1 and 2, the two-year preparation for First Holy Communion,

will gather for their Commitment Service this coming Saturday, September 22; the Level 6 Commitment (the first year of Confirmation preparation) will be next Wednesday, September 26; and the Commitment Service for Levels 3, 4 and 5 will be next Saturday, September 29. As all these parents and children gather for prayer, to dedicate themselves to the Lord for the upcoming year of formation, we should all remember to keep them in our prayers.

We emphasize with the parents that they are the primary religious formators of their children, and that what we do here at the parish supports them in their role, not *vice versa*; they took on that responsibility when they brought their children to the Church to ask for Baptism. We must also always remember that faith is not something private or individual, and it is not whatever any one of us wants it to mean; rather, it is a tradition handed down through a community of faith — we can only fully know and be united to Jesus Christ through the life of the Church. Faith is not about being a consumer — it's not about coming to the Church to "get something;" rather, it's about being formed into an entire way of life. Of course, coming to Mass every Sunday is a non-negotiable component of that life, and we stress that heavily with the parents.

May God bless all our families in religious formation this year!

### **FORMED**

As alluded to above, religious formation is something not just for young people, but something that should continue throughout one's entire life. It is the responsibility of each and every Catholic to continually grow in his or her faith, both in spiritual formation and in intellectual formation. That's why I'm proud to announce a new endeavor that OLPH will be leaping on board with. It's called FORMED, and it's something which many parishes throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre — indeed, throughout the entire country — have available for their parishioners.

FORMED is an on-line platform that allows you to access all sorts of Catholic content: books (fiction and non-fiction), articles, videos, spiritual reflections, and much, much more. It's all 100% Catholic. You can go to FORMED to learn about a variety of topics including basic instruction in the faith, to prepare and pray over the Sunday

readings, and to find material to view together as a family or for your prayer group or gathering. It's an amazing amount of content that is available, and it's FREE to you as a parishioner of OLPH.

You'll be seeing and hearing more about FORMED in the weeks ahead, so keep an eye out for it. I hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity and make great use of it. My thanks go to Jim Totino who has agreed to be our parish coordinator of FORMED.

### ***Knights of Columbus***

This Sunday we are happy to also celebrate, following the 12:00 Noon Mass, the Installation of Officers for our parish Knights of Columbus Council. Congratulations to Stephen Strigaro, who will be assuming the duties of Grand Knight. Blessings also to Charles Shami who has completed his tenure as the previous Grand Knight. Charlie did an amazing job as Grand Knight, and I know Stephen will continue in his footsteps.

The Knights are a wonderful presence in the parish and I am continually grateful for their support of the parish and for the witness they give. It is my honor to be their Chaplain and to support them in whatever way I can. I know the great relationship between the Council and the parish, which has a long history, will continue for many, many years to come.

### ***Starting up...***

So, we've seen that it's the time of year when many things resume again after a brief summer hiatus, and that includes various groups who meet on a regular basis. On Monday of this week the Liturgy Committee begins meeting again, and on Thursday of this week the Finance Committee will convene once more. These are two of the four main leadership and advisory bodies in the parish to assist me in my role (along with the Pastoral Staff and the Pastoral Council); we always list the membership of these bodies in the bulletin, and I hope you take note of them occasionally, and even offer a prayer for the members.

### ***Golf Outing***

Tomorrow (Monday, September 17) is our 8th annual OLPH Golf Outing, run by the Knights of Columbus. Let's pray for good weather...since this column has to be written and submitted so early in the week, I can't comment yet on a reliable weather report for Monday. Since this is

an important fund raiser for both the Knights and the parish, we'll hope for the best! Thanks to all who are participating and supporting this event in any way.

### ***I'm fine...really!***

Finally, let me say that I really was not going to ever take the time or space to mention this last item, since I didn't think there was any need to draw attention to it, but I have received so many inquiries of concern — and I can only imagine what rumors or misinformation might be going around — that I finally decided it might be better to say something once and for all.

You have probably noticed that over the past several months (actually, since February 8) I have lost a good deal of weight (50 lbs., to be exact). Let me assure you unequivocally: **I AM FINE! REALLY!** I thank you for, and am touched by, your concern, but I am not sick. This was a planned diet (Nutrisystem...Marie Osmond talked me into it) simply because I had become too heavy and things were getting unhealthy; it was time to get back in shape, to the weight that I have been for most of my life. (If I seem "too thin" to you, I'm really not; it's just that I appear thin compared to how heavy I had become. Remember, I'm only 5'3"...there's not much room on this frame to carry around much weight!) Again, I thank you for your worries, but I am fine...feeling better than I have in a long time, actually. I reached my goal, and now I am undertaking the part that is even more difficult than losing the weight: keeping it off!!!

The only problem is that the Nutrisystem program was such a success for me that they have asked me to become their full-time spokesperson, and their pay is quite good. I'll consider their offer and let you know my decision next week.

*(I hope you know I'm just teasing you...)*

### ***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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**PLAY OUR NEW "GOLDEN TICKET" DRAWING!**

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

# THE GOLDEN TICKET

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

in the OLPH Gymnasium

Are you wondering, "What is The Golden Ticket?"

It's a cocktail party where you have a great time with an excellent chance of winning a monetary prize!  
Unlike a typical raffle... the last ticket pulled is the grand prize winner!

The excitement builds as the evening goes on!

***Winner need not be present!***

Golden Ticket Holders and a guest may attend.

- 1<sup>st</sup> ticket drawn - \$500
- 50<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 100<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 150<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 200<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 250<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 300<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 350<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 400<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200



- 450<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 491<sup>st</sup> ticket drawn - \$300
- 492<sup>nd</sup> ticket drawn - \$400
- 493<sup>rd</sup> ticket drawn - \$500
- 494<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$600
- 495<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$700
- 496<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$800
- 497<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$900
- 498<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$1000

**499<sup>th</sup> Ticket drawn - \$2,500      500<sup>th</sup> Ticket Drawn - \$10,000**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Golden Tickets @ \$100 each \_\_\_\_\_

\*Prize money based on 500 tickets sold. If less than 500 tickets are sold, the prizes awards will be pro-rated based on the total number of tickets sold.

Golden Tickets are on sale at the rectory during regular office hours. Tickets will also be available after all Masses the weekends of September 15<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> outside church. You can also enclose bottom portion of this form with check made payable to **OLPH** and return to rectory at 210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757 Attn: Golden Ticket.

**Questions? The Golden Ticket coordinators are Meg Danaher 631-704-1201 or Bob Meade 631-455-3916**

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## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### The Diocese of Rockville Centre



## Golden Wedding Celebration



*Couples celebrating 50 years or more  
will be honored at Mass*

at 2:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 21**

The Church of Christ the King,  
Commack

Registration forms and complete instructions are available at the rectory  
and must be returned to the Office of Worship by *October 12*.

For more info call: 516-678-5800 X 207.



## Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

*Thursday, OCTOBER 4*

*5:30 p.m. on the Rectory lawn*

(in Auditorium in case of inclement weather)

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis. St. Francis has contributed so much to the life of our Church, in so many ways. One of the things he is noted for is recognition of God's presence in all of creation, including animals.

We invite all members of our parish community (even those that crawl, fly and have four legs) to come for a special prayer service and blessing. Following the service, there will be refreshments for all, including our human family members and friends.

And, in the spirit of St. Francis, we ask all who attend the prayer service to bring a food or non-food donation for our food pantry. Please see page 13 for specific needs.



## PRAYER & WORSHIP

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



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Monday, September 17—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, September 24—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, October 1—7:00 p.m.**

### **Evening Prayer**

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...



**Saturdays  
and Sundays  
After the 5:00 p.m. Mass**

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

**-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175**

### **Prayer for Peace**



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

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
who are called the Prince of Peace,  
Who are yourself our peace  
and our reconciliation,  
Who so often said ‘Peace to you’,  
Grant us peace!*

*Make all men and women witnesses  
of truth, justice and brotherly love.*

*Banish from their hearts  
whatever might endanger peace.*

*Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee  
and defend the great gift of peace.*

*May all peoples of the earth  
become as brothers and sisters.*

*May longed-for peace blossom forth  
and reign always over us all. AMEN*

*Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!  
(Pope Saint John XXIII)*

### **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.

# 🎵 MUSIC NOTES 🎵



## Can you share your musical gifts?

Perhaps God is calling you to become a part of the music ministry at OLPH. If so, read below to see which ensemble might suit your gifts. Pray about it and then give a call. We need you!



### Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at the 12:00 p.m. Mass most Sundays (September to June) and for other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Church. Members are high school aged or older. Reading music is not a requirement, just the ability to carry a tune. **At this time, we only have openings for tenor or bass voices.** Please call in advance if you would like more information.

*Contact: Chris Ferraro  
(631) 226-7725, ext. 210  
cferraro@oloph.org*

### Youth Choir

The Youth Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. Mass three times a month (September to June) and at other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the school building. Members are in grades 3 through 12.

*Contact: Amy Keller  
(631) 226-0438  
mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com*

### Youth Band

Members of the Youth Band lead the music the Sunday night, 5:00 p.m. Mass twice a month. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings. The band needs young musicians: piano, flute, cello preferred. Auditions are required.

*Contact:  
Dan Volpe  
(917) 468-9584  
dvolpe8995@aol.com*





**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

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

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

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

**Level 6****Classes begin**

**Wednesday, September 19th**  
**from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**  
**in the school building!**

**Level 7 students & parents:****Your Commitment Service is**

**Wednesday, September 19,**  
**from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

**in the church!**

**Don't forget to hand in your**

**Summer Mass Reflections!**

**Level 8 students & parents:****Your Commitment Service is**

**Wednesday, September 19,**  
**from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**in the church!**

**Don't forget to hand in your**

**Summer Mass Reflections!**

**Levels 1-2 students & parents:****Your Commitment Service is**

**Saturday, September 22,**  
**at 11:15 a.m. in the church!**

**INTERESTED IN OFFERING YOUR TIME AS A HALL MONITOR? WE NEED YOU!**

Our program relies on the generous time and talent offered by our dedicated teachers and hall monitors. At this time, we are in need of the following:

**Hall Monitors, Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

**Hall Monitors, Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Assistants/Hall Monitors for other times always welcome!

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



## IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children **celebrate those sacraments at OLPH**. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with us, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are home-schooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES!

Our diocese is blessed to have wonderful Catholic students in high school. The best way to learn about a particular school is to visit their *Open House*. Here are the dates and times for the high schools in our diocese; feel free to visit during these times.

<b>Our Lady of Mercy Academy</b>	- Saturday, September 22 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
<b>Sacred Heart Academy</b>	- Saturday, September 29 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
<b>St. Anthony's High School</b>	- Sunday, September 30 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
<b>Kellenberg Memorial High School</b>	- Saturday, October 13 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
<b>Chaminade High School</b>	- Saturday, October 13 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<b>St. Mary's High School</b>	- Sunday, October 14 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Holy Trinity Diocesan High School</b>	- Saturday, October 20 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
<b>St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School</b>	- Sunday, October 21 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
<b>St. Dominic High School</b>	- Sunday, October 21 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

To register for the Catholic High School Entrance Examination, visit <http://www.cathhsl.org/index.htm>.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
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- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

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**PANCAKE MIX**  
**CANNED FRUIT**  
**JELLY/JAM**  
**COFFEE/TEA**  
**DESSERTS**  
**SNACKS**  
**PAPER TOWELS**  
**TOILETRIES**

*The pantry is very low at this time!  
 Please help out by purchasing at  
 least one item and bring it to Mass  
 next week or to the Rectory.*

**Thank you  
 for your continued generosity.**

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

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*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.**

In today's Gospel Jesus says, “Whoever wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps.” The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love.

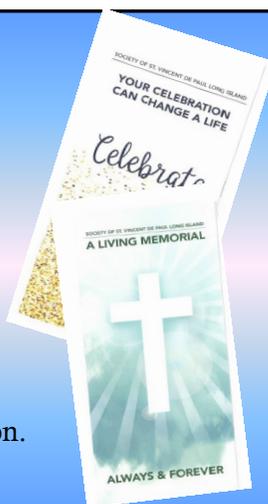
**Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!**

## † 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 or in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) 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.



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## HOMELESS MINISTRY

### DONATIONS

We are in need of the following:

- T-shirts (color/no wording or decorations)
- Sun screen
- Insect repellent (wrist bands, etc.)
- Shorts (30's)
- Jeans (mostly 30's)
- Deodorant (roll on)
- New women's underwear (sizes 5,6,7)
- New men's underwear (L - XXL)

*If it is easier, we can always use gift cards or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.*

*Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.*

## MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?  
Are you looking to meet others your age  
for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

**Our next gathering is  
Tuesday, September 18**

7:00 p.m. in Room 24 in the school

Call for details.  
Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449  
or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

## THANK YOU THANK YOU!

*A special thank you to all who participated in the School Supply Collection for the local school children, and to the members of the Middle Age Ministry who offered their time and talents to gather and deliver all materials collected!*



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WALK



HAND IN HAND, HEART TO HEART, HOPE ON THE MOVE

## FRIENDS OF THE POOR® 5K WALK / RUN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

BETHPAGE COMMUNITY PARK

(1001 STEWART AVENUE, BETHPAGE, NY 11714- LOOK FOR THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY SKATING CENTER)

7:30 AM CHECK-IN / 9 AM RUN/WALK

EACH STEP BRINGS HOPE TO FAMILIES IN POVERTY.

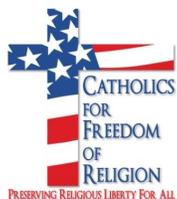
REGISTER TO WALK/RUN FOR YOUR CONFERENCE TODAY AT

[WWW.FOPWALK.ORG](http://WWW.FOPWALK.ORG)

QUESTIONS? CALL (516) 822-3132

CANT JOIN US? DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO: SVDP FOP WALK / C/O YOUR RECTORY

# CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



## FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

### School is Open!

And... YES, Students May Express Their Faith (Part 2)

The Supreme Court has repeatedly held that the First Amendment requires public school officials to be neutral in their treatment of religion, showing neither favoritism toward nor hostility against religious expression such as prayer.

Students do not shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or religious expression at the schoolhouse gates.

The U.S. Department of Education Guidelines tell us that:

- \* Students may read their Bibles or other religious materials, say grace before meals, and pray or study religious materials with fellow students during recess, lunch hour, or other non-instructional time.
  - \* Students may express their beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written and oral assignments.
  - \* Student speakers may not be selected on a basis that either favors or disfavors religious speech.
  - \* Students may organize prayer groups, religious clubs and "see you at the pole" gatherings before or after school to the same extent that students are permitted to organize other non-curricular student activity groups.
- ([www.Ed.gov](http://www.Ed.gov), Guidance from U.S. Dept. of Education on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools)

\* **ACTION ITEM:** A special back-to-school gift! Visit a religious goods store for one of the many medals your child or grandchild can wear to remind them, every school day and every day, that Jesus, Mary and their faith are with them always.

## THE LEGION OF MARY, OLPH PRAESIDIUM NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

*Fr. Hugh Gillespie (Montfort) was the guest speaker at the celebration hosted by the Legion of Mary. Thank you to all who helped make this a special occasion for all.*



# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
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Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@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 [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net).

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jeffrey Gaab  
Gregory Guido  
Sonia Hansen  
Joselyn Kalt  
Mary Leon  
Melissa McLaughlin  
Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
James Totino  
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)  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Bob Meade  
Frank Pokorney  
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  
Deacon Robert Becker  
Lynn Bergin  
Mark Costantino  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Chris Ferraro  
MaryAnn Haas  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Rosaleen Walters  
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

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **Third Announcement:**

***Conor Butler & Amanda Farmer  
Joseph D'Antona & Nicole Cassano***

### **Second Announcements:**

***Michael Farrugia & Lauren Greese***

### **First Announcement:**

***Anthony D'Angelo III & Lindsay Pipion  
James Bortolotta & Nicole Lyman  
Justin Hartley & Jaclyn Ciccossillo***

## **WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

<b><i>Theresa Paolo</i></b>	<b><i>Florence Shea</i></b>
<b><i>Nicholas Evans</i></b>	<b><i>Peggy McCloud</i></b>
<b><i>Jillian Egan</i></b>	<b><i>Cheryl Cleaver</i></b>
<b><i>Dana Sikorsky</i></b>	<b><i>William D. Hinds</i></b>
<b><i>Fred Sawyer</i></b>	<b><i>Robert Shields</i></b>
<b><i>Patricia Amato</i></b>	<b><i>Bunny Rieger</i></b>
<b><i>Ann Curtin</i></b>	<b><i>Nettie Deasy</i></b>
<b><i>Tom Jordan Jr.</i></b>	<b><i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i></b>
<b><i>Natalie &amp; Lewis Yugel</i></b>	<b><i>Marissa Gerardo</i></b>
<b><i>Peter Masak</i></b>	<b><i>Jeffery Magnuson</i></b>
<b><i>Loretto Dinardo</i></b>	

## **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**



***Ethan Joseph Insigne  
Reagan Rabina Liebowitz***

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

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:*

***Kathleen Stanton  
Lorraine Butkewicz  
Anthony Mainini  
Dorothy Bott  
Theresa Astarita***

*“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.”*

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



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

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

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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, September 17—**  
**WEEKDAY**  
*(Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)*

6:30 Adalade Williams

12:15 Francesco Stancati

**TUESDAY, September 18—**  
**WEEKDAY**

6:30 Dominick M. Barone

12:15 Rosemary Pozzini

**WEDNESDAY, September 19—**  
**WEEKDAY**  
*(Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr)*

6:30 Maureen McLaughlin

12:15 Ann Alwin

**THURSDAY, September 20—**  
**SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, &**  
**PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS,**  
**MARTYRS**

6:30 Richard Gandarillas

12:15 Joan Perez

**FRIDAY, September 21—**  
**SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

6:30 Eileen De Leonardis

12:15 Mary Carrington

**SATURDAY, September 22—**  
**WEEKDAY**

8:00 Gaetano Carcone

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**  
**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, September 23**  
**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 Angela & Dominic Cantelmo (Living)

10:00 Peggy Swiatocha

12:00 Lawrence Lanza

5:00 Charles Burgio

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, September 17, 2018**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Meeting	St. Lucy Room
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary Meeting	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 7 Commitment Service Level 6 Classes	Church School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Commitment Service	Church
8:00 p.m.	Christian Mothers	Cafeteria

**Thursday, September 20, 2018**

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 3
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

**Friday, September 21, 2018**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church

**Saturday, September 22, 2018**

8:30 & 10	Levels 3-5 & Sp. Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Levels 1 & 2 Commitment Service	Church
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, September 23, 2018**

11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

### Liturgia Viva del Domingo 24° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo B

Domingo, 16 de septiembre de 2018

*Confiamos en el Señor, que nos libera de la muerte eterna.*

*Que está a nuestro lado en la tristeza y aflicción,*

*y que guarda nuestros pies para no tropezar.*

*Que el Señor esté siempre con ustedes.*

#### **Lectura del libro de Isaías (50,5-9a):**

*A lo mejor el profeta Izáis se refiere a sí mismo. La misma oposición enfrentaron los profetas anteriores. Moisés había tenido que soportar aun pueblo rebelde; Jeremías había sido perseguido y encarcelado. A partir de este ejemplo se dibuja la figura y la misión del perfecto servidor.*

#### **Lectura de la carta del apóstol Santiago (2,14-18):**

*Una fe sin obras es muerta y obras sin fe también son muertas. Santiago nos habla de dar a conocer nuestra fe a través de nuestra obras. De que le sirve al hombre toda la experiencia? Y abecés tanto hacer. Santiago se refiere a la sabiduría práctica y no a la teórica el verdadero sabio busca la justicia en la paz.*

#### **El Santo Evangelio según San Marcos (8: 27-35)**

*Jesús lleva un tiempo conviviendo con sus discípulos y ha llegado el momento si saben quién es El realmente y sin rodeos. Hoy también sabemos quién es Jesús de Nazaret; también nosotros al igual que Pedro podemos contestar 'tú eres el mesías' ¿pero estamos convencidos? Decirlo es fácil pero practicarlo y vivirlo por eso tenemos que profundizarnos en la fe.*

*Al recitar el Credo profesamos: "Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuestro Señor." Afirmamos que conocemos quién es él, nuestro Señor y Salvador. Pero ¿le conocemos realmente? Para conocerlo profundamente no solamente tenemos que escuchar lo que él dice, sino conocer cómo vivió y murió, dándose totalmente al Padre y a los hombres. Pero ni eso es suficiente: debemos seguir sus huellas entregándonos sin reservas ni condiciones a Dios y a los hermanos. Entonces conoceremos a Jesús por experiencia personal y profunda*

#### **VIVIR CON DIOS: VIVIR COMO MARÍA**

*Proclamar a María como perfecto modelo de vida por el Padre, desde el Hijo y en el Espíritu es medido el capítulo de la Iglesia. Porque ella, como primera creyente, es parangón, espejo, haz que ilumina sobre el cómo de la existencia cristiana.*

*Podríamos aproximarnos a esta figura femenina desde la clave devocional que tantos corazones ha movido a lo largo de la historia. Pero nos parece más honesto hacerlo con el rigor de la teología. Más tarde sacaremos las implicaciones para la vida espiritual.*

*Tres dogmas marianos; la Inmaculada Concepción, la Virginidad de la Madre, la Asunción a los Cielos. Tres dogmas que muy bien podrían resumirse en uno; la santidad de María. Los tres están cantando lo mismo; el reconocimiento de la excelencia de una mujer en los inicios, en el medio y al final. Aquella que fue preservada del pecado pasó por la vida haciendo el bien por lo que Dios la elevó sobre todas las cosas. Hablar del principio, del medio y del fin es hablar de todo. Y el todo para el cristiano, después de Jesús, es María.*



**OFFERING UPDATE  
September 8/9**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	300	125	\$3,055.00
8:00 a.m.	270	115	3,792.00
10:00 a.m.	431	130	3,765.00
12:00 p.m.	408	109	3,098.00
5:00 p.m.	205	42	1,011.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			17.51
<b>Faith Direct</b>			2,372.75
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			1,813.00
<b>Children's Envelopes</b>		20	56.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>\$18,981.03</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>1,564</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>\$17,298.83</b>
<b>Candles</b>			\$986.50
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$309.51
<b>Catholic University</b>			\$834.00

**UPDATE YOUR PARISH  
CENSUS INFORMATION!**

We are continuing the process of updating our Parish Census Database with "Phase II" of the process. If you have not already done so, **please complete an updated Census Form and return it as soon as possible.** It is vitally important that we keep our census information as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 9/23**

**Remembering and Caring for our Senior Priests**

*Do you ever think about a favorite Pastor or Parish Priest and wonder how they are and where they may be living?*

Well, for our Senior Priests who are living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility in Amityville, life is good and sometimes very busy.



*"We are very happy that more and more of our Priests are taking advantage of this wonderful facility. We thank you for your support, we depend on it, especially now with the increasing costs we are experiencing. We couldn't do it without you!"*

- Rev. Msgr. Thomas Costa,  
Vicar for Senior Priests

*"Since I arrived at St. Pius X, I have found living here like being at home. I have found much happiness with my fellow priests and in the entire community, and I especially appreciate the support I receive. Thank you for helping to make this home possible."*

- Rev. Msgr. T Peter Ryan



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.

**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](http://www.drvc.org/stpiusx)

**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 as a Word document** no later than the dates listed below to Carmel Becker at [cbecker@oloph.org](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org). *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

**September 23 —passed**  
**September 30 —September 21**  
**October 7 —September 28**

# PREPARING FOR

## Sunday, September 23, 2018

### THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus placed his arms around the child and said,  
“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”*

Mark 9:36-37

#### Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

In this reading, the author portrays the wicked person as persecuting the just person because of their faith in God. They test and humiliate him to see if God will come to his aid, even putting him to death. They do this because the just person is a constant reproach to their selfish way of life and they can't stand it. We hear here echoes of the insults hurled at Jesus as he lay dying on the Cross. We also can recall Jesus' teaching: blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness.

#### James 3:16 – 4:3

James contrasts worldly wisdom with true wisdom that comes from setting our hearts on the things of God. Worldly wisdom leads to selfishness, jealousy, wars, conflicts and eventually death. But the “wisdom from above” is pure and leads to peace, gentleness, mercy and good fruits. Living in sync with God's plan sounds like a better option.

#### Mark 9:30-37

Jesus instructs his disciples about God's plan for salvation but they don't understand. He tells them that he will be killed, as predicted in the first reading, before he can rise and bring forgiveness and new life. His message went so far above their heads that they continued to argue who among them was the greatest. They hadn't understood that Jesus' message was one of humility not one of pride. He has to spell it out plainly by declaring that the first shall be last and must be like a little child. Is his message sometimes hard for us to understand, too?

#### Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. Jesus tells the disciples that they should be servants of all, in order to rank first. To whom would you be a servant if you could? Anyone close to you? How do you rate your parish in taking care of people in need? Where do you rank yourself?

2. In his message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis says that when we receive one migrant or refugee child, it teaches us to welcome others. What does giving a welcome have to do with faith, hope and love? Why do you think Jesus came as a child, small and weak?

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me” (*Mk 9:37; cf. Mt 18:5; Lk 9:48; Jn 13:20*). With these words, the Evangelists remind the Christian community of Jesus' teaching, which both inspires and challenges. This phrase traces the sure path which leads to God; it begins with the smallest and, through the grace of our Savior, it grows into the practice of welcoming others. To be welcoming is a necessary condition for making this journey a concrete reality: God made himself one of us. In Jesus God became a child, and the openness of faith to God, which nourishes hope, is expressed in loving proximity to the smallest and the weakest. Charity, faith and hope are all actively present in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.”

## Readings for the Week

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

#### Monday, September 17, 2018:

1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33  
+ Luke 7:1-10

#### Tuesday, September 18, 2018:

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a  
+ Luke 7:11-17

#### Wednesday, September 19, 2018:

1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13  
+ Luke 7:31-35

#### Thursday, September 20, 2018:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
+ Luke 7:36-50

#### Friday, September 21, 2018:

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13  
+ Matthew 9:9-13

#### Saturday, September 22, 2018:

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49  
+ Luke 8:4-15

#### Sunday, September 23, 2018:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20  
+ James 3:16—4:3  
+ Mark 9:30-37

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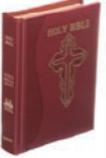
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