

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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2021

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*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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19, 2021

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. William D'Alessio

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.

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. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 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, Saturday and Sunday:
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help App

Step 1: Open App Store or Google Play



Step 2: Search "myParish app" & press download 



Step 3: Open up the myParish app and type in "Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church"

Step 4: Set OLPH as your main parish

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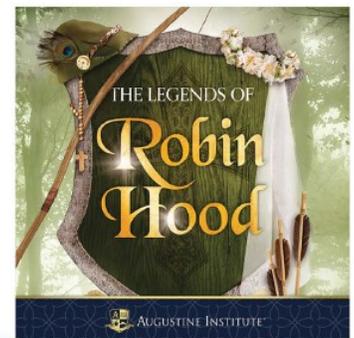
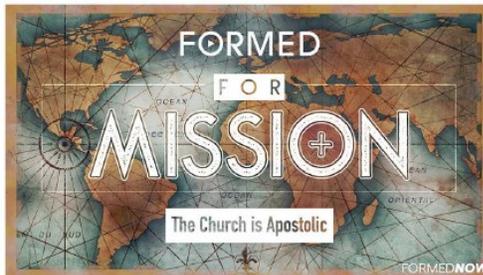
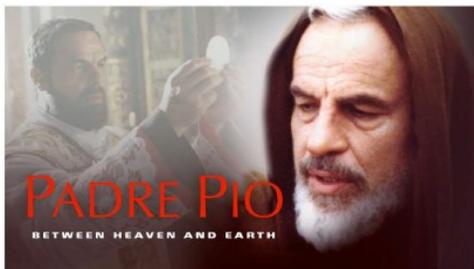
PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 19, 2021

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Catechetical Sunday

This Sunday, September 19, marks the Church's annual celebration of Catechetical Sunday. This year's theme is "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."

Those are indeed familiar words to us, as those are the words we pray at Mass before our communal reception of Holy Communion. The past year has highlighted the urgent need for healing — physical, spiritual, emotional — in ourselves and in our world. As our world struggles to heal, complete healing is not possible without Jesus as the Divine Physician. We can be especially mindful of the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist, which is essential, eternal and ever open to us. As they hand on the Catholic faith, all those who labor in the ministry of catechesis and faith formation give an invaluable witness to the healing power and presence of Christ whenever we open our life to Him and take His words into our heart. This witness, by the way, includes not only the catechists who teach, but also the hall monitors who provide a necessary and extremely important service to the program and to the students.

Catechetical Sunday provides us with a wonderful opportunity to highlight our parish's Religious Education program of faith formation. As you might have guessed, the logistics of our Religious Education Program are quite complicated in a parish this size; as I often say, there many, many "moving pieces" to it! Add on top of that all the extra details that now have to be taken into consideration because of safety protocols due to Covid-19, and you can begin to see the many layers of complexity. I am always extremely impressed by the work that is done each year by our Director of Faith Formation, Mrs. April Kleinlaut, and by those who work with her in the Faith Formation Office — Bridget Jordan, Christine Graham and Jessica Paolo. They always meet the many demands of their jobs with a sense of generosity, service and the desire to meet the needs of our children and their families. I am very, very grateful to them. Please pray for them, and for the success of our program, once again this year.

I am also grateful to all the wonderful offerers serving as catechists and hall monitors in our parish. We all appreciate the way you have stepped forward to serve, especially in the challenging times of the past two years!

This year's catechists and hall monitors will be (or have been, depending on when you read this)

commissioned for their ministry for the year ahead at the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday. 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. Thank you, catechists and hall monitors! You do an amazing job each and every week, and the dedication you show is an inspiration to us all!

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 in 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. How do you and I participate in the Church's mission of spreading the Good News to others? It's a challenge we should all think and pray about.

Religious Education Commitment Services

Speaking of our Religious Education Program, let me point out to you that on Wednesday and Saturday of this week, and on Saturday of next week, we will be celebrating the opening Commitment Services for each grade level in our Religious Education Program, and all students and their parents will be attending. These prayer services give the students and the parents an opportunity to make a commitment, within the context of liturgical prayer, to the year of faith formation that lies ahead. These Commitment Services stress and reinforce our philosophy that religious education is more than just going to religion class; rather, it's about being formed into a whole way of Christian living, with involvement in parish life as a part of it, and with weekly celebration of the Eucharist absolutely essential. That kind of faith formation can only take place in a total environment where all of us in the parish — "professional" ministers and parents — work together for the good of the children. It takes conscious commitment and concrete action on the part of families for this to occur; it doesn't happen merely by good intentions or by wishing. That's why we ask parents and children to make that commitment at the start of every faith formation year.

Golf Outing

Tomorrow (Monday) is the tenth annual OLPH Golf Outing, sponsored by and run by our great Knights of Columbus Council. It will be my pleasure to join the golfers for breakfast, to offer a prayer for the start of the day, and then to join them for the festive dinner at the end of the day.

I wish to offer my gratitude to all who have participated in this Golf Outing to help make it a success, whether as golfers or as supporters in other ways such as sponsors, or by buying raffle tickets. Of course, special thanks go to the Knights of Columbus for their work on this, and for sharing half of the proceeds with the parish. We have a fantastic K of C Council, and we are blessed by their service to and support of the parish. Pray for good weather on Monday!

New Altar Servers wanted and needed!

We're still in the midst of recruiting new altar servers. Girls and boys **5th** grade and older are invited and encouraged to sign up; moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, encourage the kids to become involved and make this great offering of service to the parish! It's a great way for them, and the entire family, to grow close to Jesus and His Church. Be aware of two things, though: for a number of reasons, this year I can accept only the **first twelve (12) applicants**, and I have a firm deadline of **September 27** for sign-ups, since training sessions will begin shortly after that.

150th Anniversary Dinner Dance this Friday

This Friday night, September 24, is our 150th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Memorare Knights of Columbus Hall in Seaford, and it is promising to be a wonderful evening; I know everyone will have a great time (I certainly will!). Thanks to all who have supported this Dinner Dance, and special thanks go out to the Dinner Dance Committee who did all the work in putting everything together: Barbara McPhail, Angela Garofalo, Joselyn Kalt and Sonia Hansen.

Social Media: Website, Parish App

OLPH has a great social media presence. You can go to our website (the web address is on the front cover of the bulletin each week) at any time for the latest info and a great deal of general information about the parish, including downloading parish forms such as maintenance set-up requests and requests for calendar and facilities bookings. Click around the website and check it out!

Also, do you have our Parish App on your phone? This too is an important tool in today's

world; information about the Parish App is always in the bulletin, each week, so you can sign up for it at any time.

Amazon Smile

Let me remind you that our Amazon Smile program continues. It's a fund raiser for us whereby OLPH receives a donation from all eligible purchases on Amazon; all you have to do is be sure to select OLPH as your designated charity when you make purchases through smile.amazon.com. There is absolutely no cost to OLPH to be part of this, and for you, the shopping experience is identical to the usual Amazon experience, except that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate to OLPH when you select us as your charity. You do not pay anything additional. Just make sure you sign up for the correct Our Lady of Perpetual Help — **Lindenhurst!** I'm signed up for it and use it frequently! It's safe, easy and costs nothing, so look for the information about it that we run in the bulletin every week, and tell everyone you know about it.

Faith Direct electronic giving

Finally, let me urge you to sign up for Faith Direct, the e-giving service we use, if you are not already using it for your weekly financial offering. It's safe, easy, and once set up, you never have to worry about missing a week in giving your monetary offering to the parish. You set up your account, you decide the amount and when it will be withdrawn from your account or charged to your credit card, and then it's done — it happens automatically! Then you have the peace of mind of knowing that when you cannot get to Mass, you are still offering your financial support to your beloved OLPH.

I use Faith Direct; that's how I make my weekly offering to the parish (I charge it to my credit card, and build up rewards points!). Please give serious consideration to signing up for Faith Direct. It is a great help to us. Full information and directions for signing up can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

In conclusion...

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

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

Sincerely,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays

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



REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

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

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

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew.

Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

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



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are 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)
- ▶ Maintain social distance while waiting on line.
- ▶ 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)

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

LIVE-STREAM MASS

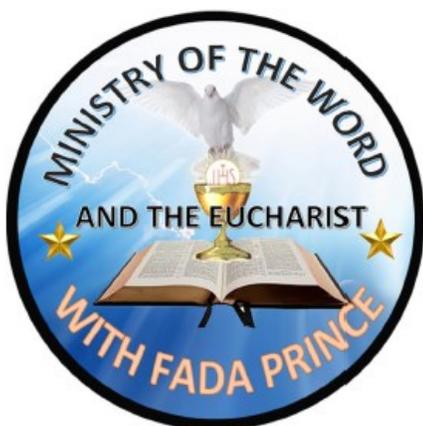
We live-stream the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:
www.olphlindenhurst.com
- OLPH Facebook page: @olphlindenhurst
- OLPH YouTube Channel:
OLPH Church Lindenhurst



FR. FIDELIS HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Hear Fr. Fidelis give weekly reflections and more on his YouTube channel!

You can go to YouTube and search for FADA PRINCE (*with the logo at left*) and click on the **SUBSCRIBE** button.





Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

Monday, 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.



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 in the program**, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. **These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH**, not at the parish of their elementary school.

- 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. **These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH.**

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled 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.

BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER!

ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE PARISH, FIFTH GRADE AND OLDER

We are in the process of **recruiting new Altar Servers!** Being an altar server is a great way to be involved at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You make an important contribution to the life of the parish and you perform an important ministry. Besides, it's fun!!! You serve at weekend Masses and other special events, attend some meetings throughout the year, and have fun parties!

Why not become an altar server? We would love to have you, and we will provide plenty of training — no prior experience is necessary!! If you are a boy or a girl who is in the **5th grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 6th, 7th or 8th grade, or even older!)**, you are invited to become an altar server. Parents, why not mention it to your daughter or son to get them interested? Training will start soon, so sign up now.

If you are interested, **mail or drop off the coupon below to Monsignor Joe at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue.** *No phone calls, please; you must let me know in writing! It's OK to scan this page and send it electronically with all the info to msgrio@oloph.org*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, RESPOND BEFORE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021, SINCE THE FIRST TRAINING MEETING WILL BE SOON AFTER THAT (you will receive a letter giving you specific information). **Due to some limitations beyond our control, only the first TWELVE (12) responses can be accepted.**

Sorry...no responses can be accepted after September 27! (and only the first 12!)

Yes, I am interested in becoming an Altar Server! **RETURN THIS BEFORE SEPT. 27!**

Name _____

Address _____

Town/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____@_____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____/_____/_____

Family Envelope/Registration Number _____ *****Required: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH.**

Year You Received First Holy Communion _____

Grade you are in right now _____

Check one:

_____ I go to public school; Name of School _____

_____ I go to Catholic school; Name of School _____

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Celebrating 150 Years

2021

OLPH Family Photo Album

We are pleased to announce that as part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration, we will be offering for sale a Family Photo Album. The Album will include gathered pictures of Parishioners, our Priests and OLPH Staff. There will also be a history page about our Parish, a collage of different OLPH events that took place during our Anniversary celebration year and a message from our Pastor, Msgr. Joe. Won't you please take part by submitting a beautiful family photo? (Details below). Go ahead, "dress to impress"!

Types of photos

Pictures may include a special family photo celebrating a Sacrament (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding, etc...), a birthday or special family celebration, a professional family photo. The choices are endless but only one picture please.

Size of photo

Please submit a 3X5 photo **by November 15, 2021.**

Where

- Pictures should be sent by email to: socialmedia@oloph.org.
- Subject line should include: OLPH Family Photo Album - [family name]
- In your email, please simply include the names of the persons in the photo, Family last name and number of Albums you wish to purchase.
- As an **alternative to emailing**, the below form may also be completed and dropped off at the Rectory with your family photo in an envelope marked to the attention of "OLPH Family Photo Album".

*If you have any questions, please call Helene at 917-679-0376
or send your question to the above email address, attention: OLPH Family Photo Album.*

OLPH Family Photo Album



Order Form

Date: _____ Name: _____

Tel/Cell: _____

Email: _____

Names of persons in the photo and family last name:

Number of Albums: _____ (Each Album: \$35)

1871 Celebrating 150 Years 2021

Use this form to order great 150th Anniversary Memorabilia!

150th Anniversary Memorabilia of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone (cell/home) _____

E-mail: _____

Thank you for celebrating with us! Bring this form & hand it in to the rectory with precise payment of either cash (in a ziplock bag) or check. You will be notified when your order is ready for a pickup date.

You may also check the website for a closer look at these products!

<http://olph150th.com>

Item	Price	Quantity	Item	Price	Quantity
 Keychain	\$10.00		 Tote bag	\$10.00	
 T-Shirt	\$15.00	S ___ M ___ L ___	Pen with Stylus 	\$3.00	
 Sweatshirt	\$40.00	M ___ L ___ XL ___	Playing cards 	\$12.00	
 Tumbler	\$15.00		 Magnet	\$ 3 2 for \$5	

For Office Use Only

Total Price: _____ Number of items: _____

Received by: _____

Date: _____

Order Placed: _____ Order Received: _____

Pickup date: _____ Notified Date(s): _____

Picked up by: _____

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:

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

Join us for Catechetical Sunday!

All Catechists and Hall Monitors are invited to the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 19th for a special blessing to start the school year off right! Join us after in the auditorium for hospitality and fellowship!

Late Registration for 2021-22

registration **OPEN**

Letters with details about classroom assignments have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families began April 5th. As of June 15th, there is now a \$25 late fee for ALL returning registrations. We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for classes. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a “New Family Appointment” or to call us for any information. Please remember that all new registered students, including those with siblings already in the program, must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate.

New families **MUST** make an appointment to register by calling or e-mailing us. Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2021-2022 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.



All Students Parents/Guardians will meet in the church on the First Day of classes!

Level 6: September 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

Mass Reflections due for OT 1 and 2

Levels 7 & 8: September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Mass Reflections due for OT 1 and 2

Levels 1 & 2: September 25th at 11:15 a.m.

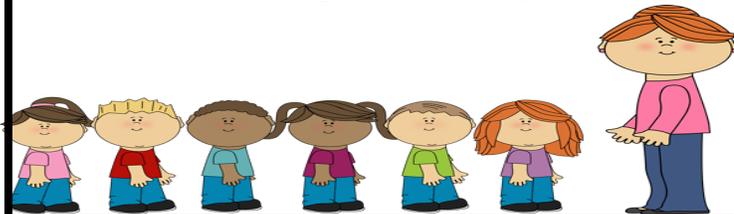
Levels 3-5: October 2nd at 11:15 a.m.

INTERESTED IN OFFERING YOUR TIME AS A HALL MONITOR?

Our program relies on the generous time and talent offered by our dedicated teachers and hall monitors. We are in need of the following **Hall Monitors** for **Wednesday Nights from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Training is provided!

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



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864— cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon— mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

Food Pantry List

**THESE ARE THE ITEMS
THAT ARE MOST NEEDED:**

CANNED FRUIT

COFFEE

SHELF STABLE MILK

PEANUT BUTTER

CANNED TUNA

CANNED CORN

PASTA SAUCE

CEREAL

TOILET TISSUE

Please bring items to the SVdP office:

Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

and on 1st and 3rd 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

1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In today’s Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, *“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”* Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, *“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”*

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK



**THE 13TH ANNUAL FRIENDS
OF THE POOR 5K WALK**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join us to walk 3.1 miles or make a donation to help.

Saturday, September 25TH

Bethpage Community Park

Check-In: 9 AM Walk Start: 10 AM

**LAST CHANCE TO
SIGN UP & RUN!**

To register or donate:

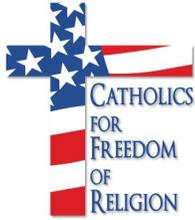
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“The Journey of Hope Continues...”

For more information: info@svdpli.org
svdpli.org

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Focus on Religious Freedom www.cffor.org

"To undervalue it [the Constitution] is one of the surest ways to lose it. Take pains to know what the Constitution is — the more you study, the higher you will esteem it. The better you understand your own rights, the more likely you will be to preserve and guard them."

—Arthur J. Stansbury, *Elementary Catechism on the Constitution of the United States*, 1828

Principles of Religious Liberty for Constitution Week

The U.S. Constitution is the world's longest surviving charter of government. It was signed on September 17, 1787, and since 2004 Congress requires that all public schools receiving federal funds implement educational programs about the Constitution on the day or week of September 17 every year.

Following are some little-known facts about the American Constitution:

- The Constitution was written in the same Pennsylvania State House where the Declaration of Independence was signed.
- The Constitution was prepared in secret, behind locked doors guarded by sentries.
- 55 delegates attended the Constitutional Convention; 39 signed, and 3 delegates dissented. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams could not sign because they were representing the United States in France and Great Britain at the time.
- At 81 Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania was the oldest delegate at the Constitutional Convention, and at 26 Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey was the youngest.
- George Washington established the first national "Thanksgiving Day" on November 26, 1789 to "give thanks" for the Constitution.⁽¹⁾

Principles of Religious Liberty and the Constitution:

James Madison explained that the free exercise of religion "is in its nature an inalienable right" because the duty owed to one's Creator "is precedent...to the claims of Civil Society."⁽¹⁾ Religious liberty is not merely a right to personal religious beliefs or worship. It encompasses observance and practice and should be reasonably accommodated in all government activity, including employment and contracting.

"To avoid the very sort of religious persecution and intolerance that led to the founding of the U.S., the Free Exercise Clause of the Constitution protects against government actions that target religious conduct. Government may not treat the same conduct as lawful when undertaken for secular reasons but unlawful when undertaken for religious reasons. For example, government may not...allow the distribution of political leaflets in a park but forbid the distribution of religious leaflets in the same park."⁽²⁾

(ciis.edu(1); justice.gov, 5/4/17(2); nationalday.com; dar.org; constitutionfacts.com/us; christianheadlines.com, 8/10/21(3))

Happening Now: Major win for Religious Liberty Advocates

On August 9, 2021, a federal judge ruled that Christian doctors and religious hospitals cannot be forced by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) insurance plan to perform abortions or gender transition procedures. Federal Judge O'Connor ruled that recent government rules forcing such procedures "substantially burdens Christian Plaintiffs' religious exercise in clear violation of" the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).⁽³⁾

RESPECT LIFE



ANNUAL SUPPORT FOR THE LIFE CENTER

Baby bottles will be distributed on **September 25-26** to collect change for the mothers and unborn babies. (Bottles to be returned on November 6-7)

STAND UP FOR LIFE

Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM (rain or shine)
Please join us in Huntington at Routes 110 & 25 (near the Whitman Mall)
or in Manorville LIE exit 70S on County Road 111.

ALL PRO LIFE PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!

Stand Up for Life is sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life

For more information or questions contact info@prolifeLi.org or 631-243-1435

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 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

Vincent Boccanfuso
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Adele Venezia

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
William D'Alessio
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Marie Gagneron
Kenneth Hale
Bob Meade
Bob Mehm
John Reynolds
Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste
Deacon Robert Becker
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
MaryAnn Haas
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Denise Martinez
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Mike Williams
Fr. Frank Zero

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Announcement:

*Travis Baucage & Jillian Daly
Robert Keim & Brittany Berrent
Jeb Vise & Shannon Barkey*

First Announcement:

*Arnold Alcantara & Melanie Jopio
Thomas McCormick & Sofia Illig*

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



*Luca James Dima
Sofia Nina Fiorenzo
Abigail Rose Pinto
Rex William Rawson
Penelope Isabella Rodriguez
Mia Love Santora
Blake Valentine Sass
Kayla Michele Skobla
Jace Nicolas Thorbourne
Samantha Alma Torres
Duke Russell Wells*

**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 19-25:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Thomas Sheppard

Requested by

Kathleen Kopf

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Barbara McCarthy</i>	<i>Casey Gagliano</i>
<i>Nancy Darnell</i>	<i>Robert Siegfried</i>
<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Wayne Kolb</i>
<i>Kevin Ryan</i>	<i>Jessica Becker-Paolo</i>
<i>Mark Behr</i>	<i>Dianne Bendernagel</i>
<i>Louise Posanti</i>	<i>Jimmy Gridley</i>
<i>Robert Flesher</i>	<i>Leslie Cassidy and expected child</i>
<i>Janet Hume</i>	<i>Janet Leyden</i>
<i>Peter Curto</i>	<i>Dominic Romeo</i>
<i>Richard Zdunczyk</i>	<i>Reynold Ruiz</i>
<i>Marguerette Hoffmann</i>	
<i>David Reid</i>	

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

WE REMEMBER

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

*Nestor Bonora
Arthur Albertsen
Margaret Roe
Edward Daniel Ward
Jerome Hamoy
Timothy J. Bak
Helen Festevole*

"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."

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, September 20— Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, and Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs	
6:30	Reynaldo Lactaen
12:15	Patricia Simone
TUESDAY, September 21— Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	
6:30	Barry Dean Monteleone
12:15	Josephine Cohen
WEDNESDAY, September 22— Weekday	
6:30	Margaret McDonald
12:15	Nick Conte
THURSDAY, September 23— Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	
6:30	Elizabeth Fitzgerald
12:15	Thomas Sheppard
FRIDAY, September 24— Weekday	
6:30	Joyce Forstell
12:15	Paul & Lorraine Grandinetti
SATURDAY, September 25— Weekday	
8:00	Edward Gergenti
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:00	Aniello & Adelaide Napolitano
Sunday, September 26— TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 794
12:00	Hugh Patrick Blisard

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 20, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Christian Mothers Meeting	Room 16
Tuesday, September 21, 2021		
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages Group	Room 24
Wednesday, September 22, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Level 7 and 8 Classes	School
Thursday, September 23, 2021		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Room
Friday, September 24, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
Saturday, September 25, 2021		
8:30 a.m.	Level 1-5 and Sp. Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Level 1 & 2 Commitment Service	Church
11:30 a.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	School
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, September 26, 2021		
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Room 16
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
3:30 p.m.	Wedding	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria



TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

September 2021

Kristen & Daniel Bopp

Kristy Lynne Sciortino

Shawn, Annemarie, Aisling &

Marguerite Nolan

Denny, Beris, Margery & Channing Montero

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

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

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

Liturgia Viva del Domingo 25° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo B Domingo 19 de septiembre del 2021

Primera Lectura (Sabiduría 2,12.17-20):

El Justo es rechazado

La fe del justo es una silenciosa acusación contra los de poca o de ninguna fe. Por eso los justos son ridiculizados y perseguidos.

Segunda Lectura (Sant 3,16-4,3):

El verdadero cristiano es Pacificador.

¡Cuánta más paz habría en el mundo si los cristianos no cediéramos al mal en nuestros corazones!

Evangelio (Mc 9,30-37): El Niño Como Modelo

¿Quién es el mayor? ¡En el Reino de Dios, los pequeños!

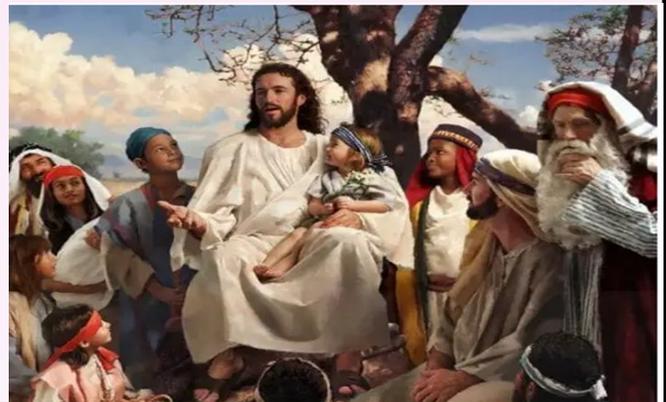
Con demasiada frecuencia sentimos que el impulso para dominar a otros es muy fuerte y no estamos dispuestos a servir desinteresadamente a nuestros prójimos

1. ¿Quién es el Mayor?

“Nosotros somos la nación más grande, la más fuerte, la más poderosa”, dicen los políticos. “Soy el mejor de todos los tiempos”, dice el boxeador campeón. “Yo soy el amo, y tú haces lo que yo te diga”, dice el empresario. “Soy más fuerte que tú”, dice el estudiante a su compañero de escuela. --- Pero dice Jesús: “Quienquiera ser el primero entre ustedes, tiene que hacerse el último y el servidor de todos”. -- Y Jesús nos pregunta a cada uno de nosotros: “¿Y tú qué dices?”

2. Y un Niño les Dirigirá

Nosotros sabemos, especialmente los padres, lo indefensos y frágiles que son los niños. Por eso Dios ama tanto a los niños, como Jesús nos mostró en toda su vida. Jesús incluso nos dice cómo tenemos que ser como niños; no que tengamos que ser pueriles, sino que, como niños, tenemos que ser espontáneos, abiertos y sencillos. Los niños no exigen lo que les es debido. Esperan todo de los mayores y aceptan cualquier cosa como regalo. De la misma manera tenemos que estar nosotros abiertos a los dones de Dios y de los hermanos. Los hermanos, todos sin excepción, son también regalos de Dios para nosotros, Los niños simbolizan el comienzo de la vida; así pues, tenemos por delante un futuro, y vamos hacia él teniendo como guía nada m



**OFFERING UPDATE
SEPTEMBER 11/12**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	247	106	\$2,696.00
8:00 a.m.	210	94	3,056.00
10:00 a.m.	268	68	2,793.00
12:00 p.m.	276	68	2,030.00
Coin			2.10
Faith Direct:			2,699.30
Children's Env.		8	87.05
Mail-ins:			2,706.00
TOTAL	1,001	344	\$16,069.45
2020 total	757	288	\$16,873.79
Candles			\$826.87
Poor Box			\$270.79

**SPECIAL COLLECTION
FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS
AT ST. PIUS X
ENRICHED LIVING FACILITY
SEPTEMBER 18/19**

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

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* by the dates listed below and *as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at atbecker@oloph.org. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

September 26—passed

October 3—September 24

October 10—October 1

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**2021 OLPH GOAL:
\$111,600**

Total pledged: \$108,237.00
of pledges: 409
Total payments: \$93,366.75
96.99% of goal
As of 9/14/21

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, September 26, 2021
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said, "Whoever is not against us is for us."

Mark 9:40

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord gave his spirit not just to Moses but also to many other elders of the Israelite tribe, including two men who were elsewhere when this happened. Although Joshua, Moses' right-hand man, objected to this and wanted to stop these two from prophesying, Moses saw this as a good thing. He thought it would be great if the Lord gave his spirit to everyone. "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on all of them!" Today, the Lord has done this: we receive the spirit of the Lord when we are baptized. Good news indeed!

James 5:1-6

James writes about what really matters in life. Gold and silver will corrode, fine clothes will become moth-eaten, and wealth will perish. Are these the things we should cherish? James is saying that we should use the good things that the Lord has given us to help those in need, not just hoard them for ourselves.

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Faith is a gift and not an achievement, so what matters is being true to the Gospel. This faith is not exclusionary. John wanted Jesus to exclude someone who wasn't in their inner circle from doing good works in Jesus' name. But Jesus tells him (and us) that anyone doing good works in his name can't be against him. Faith is given to many people in many different ways. All are part of the body of Christ and must work together for the spread of the Gospel.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, September 20, 2021:

Ezra 1:1-6
 + Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 21, 2021:

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

Wednesday, September 22, 2021:

Ezra 9:5-9 + Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 23, 2021:

Haggai 1:1-8 + Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 24, 2021:

Haggai 2:1-9 + Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 25, 2021:

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a
 + Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 26, 2021:

Numbers 11:25-29
 + James 5:1-6
 + Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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. *What was Jesus' response to John's report that no one outside the inner circle was to minister in his name? Can anyone lay exclusive claim to the reign of God as Jesus revealed it?*
2. *Does the Holy Spirit speak to us through the good, the beautiful and the true? What if those attributes come to us from people outside our circle? What does Pope Francis say Jesus is trying to teach us in this Gospel?*

"John and the other disciples display a 'closed' attitude when faced with a circumstance that does not fit with their program, in this case the action, albeit good, of a person 'outside' the circle of followers. Jesus on the other hand, appears very free, fully open to the freedom of the Spirit of God, whose actions are not limited by any confines nor boundaries. Jesus wants to educate his disciples—and us today—on this inner freedom.

... He calls us not to think according to the categories of 'friend/enemy,' 'us/them,' 'those who are in/those who are out,' 'mine/yours,' but rather to go beyond, to open our heart in order to be able to recognize God's presence and action, even in unusual and unpredictable environments that are not part of our circle. It is a matter of being more attentive to the authenticity of the good, the beautiful and the true that is done, rather than to the name and the origin of the one who does it."

*Spirit of God not limited by boundaries
 Pope Francis, Angeles, Sept 30, 2018*

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2021 OPEN HOUSES!

St. Anthony's High School	- Saturday, September 25 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
St. Mary's High School	- Sunday, September 26 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Kellenberg Memorial High School	- Saturday, October 2 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Chaminade High School	- Saturday, October 2 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Academy	- Saturday, October 2 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy Academy	- Sunday, October 3 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
St. Dominic High School	- Sunday, October 3 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School	- Saturday, October 16 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School	- Sunday, October 17 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 6, 2021

REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.TACHSINFO.COM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 24, 2021

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteers Needed—The Guilds of Good Samaritan Hospital are currently seeking new members to join our team of volunteers. Opportunities include but are not limited to, our Thrift Shop, located in Babylon Village, Gift Shop, and Gift Cart. Patient facing roles and clerical opportunities are also available within the hospital. To obtain an application, or to learn more information, please contact Good Samaritan Hospital's Manager of Volunteer Services, Brittany Colasanto at brittany.colasanto@chsli.org, or 631-376-3659. We look forward to meeting you!

St. Kilian Parish in Farmingdale is seeking a **part-time Rectory Cook** to work 20-25 hours per week, Monday through Thursday and Saturdays; 4 to 5 hours per day. Responsibilities include: Planning, preparing and serving dinner, shopping for meals, kitchen needs, appropriate cleaning and sanitizing of kitchen, dining room, pantries and appliances, accommodating dietary needs of the priests, planning, preparing and serving of special occasion meals and event. Please send cover letter/resume to Ed Fronckwicz, Business Manager, St. Kilian Church, (516)249-0127 or email edwardf@stkilian.com

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island. Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. New Member Orientation Meeting Tuesday, **September 21st** at 5:00 p.m. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6526, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793 (Parking in the rear of building) Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting — Carol at 516-794-4933 or Janet 516-579-4016

Regis High School, 55 East 84th St., New York, NY 10028, is having a **Virtual Admissions Information Night** Tuesday, **September 21** from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. To register go to www.regis.org/section/?id=21 or contact Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions 212-288-1100 X 2057, or email edimichele@regis.org. **Regis High School Open House** Monday, **October 11** from 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. contact Eric Di Michele—same contact phone number and email as above.

Sacred Heart Academy's Fall Open House on **October 2**, 2021 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The registration link is www.sacredheartacademyli.org/register/

Pondering the Mysteries

After traveling somewhere, I love to look at the photos taken that portray the culture, rituals, and symbols of the places and people visited. These photos not only help me to remember the trip, but also allow me to reflect on where I have traveled, how the journey affected me, what experiences moved me, and the difference the journey made in my life.

After receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, our newly initiated members enter a time in which they reflect on their faith. This process of reflection, which is called *mystagogy*, helps them deepen their understanding of their experience. In the ancient Church, it was a way of teaching not only the newly initiated, but the whole community about the mysteries of faith.

Mystagogy isn't only for the newly initiated. This way of reflecting can assist anyone in understanding their faith in new ways. The following questions will help individuals reflect mystagogically after participating in Mass:

- What did you see, feel, or hear?
- What one word or phrase captured your attention?
- What did you remember most?
- What symbol spoke to you and why?
- What did that symbol mean to you?
- What did that word or symbol or ritual say to you about God, the Church, yourself?
- How did the symbol change or challenge your perspective?

Recently, a visitor recounted his experience at Mass, and without knowing it, he revealed how he had reflected mystagogically on the liturgy. A lawyer who was all too familiar with criminal punishment, he said that he was struck by the petition in the Prayer of the Faithful for those on death row. The prayer spoke to him about the abundance of God's love and motivated



By reflecting on the symbols that are part of the liturgy, the faithful allow the mysteries of the faith to penetrate them.

him to seek a deeper understanding of the Catholic Church's stance on capital punishment. His perspective about who Catholics are and what we believe was challenged and changed.

Mystagogy shows us how the liturgy teaches, reinforcing a key concept of the Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*: "Although the liturgy is above all things the worship of the divine majesty, it likewise contains rich instruction for the faithful" (33).

To discover what the liturgy teaches about faith, it is essential that the faithful arrive at Mass with eyes and ears wide open, with attentiveness and presence, ready to be amazed, challenged, and changed.



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