

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*"No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and mammon."*

Luke 16:13

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 22, 2019

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

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.,
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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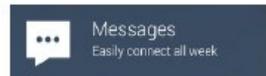
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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows

By: Kimberly Hahn

Walk with Mary

Kimberly Hahn reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to formed.org/signup

Select your parish

Register with your name and email address

Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

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

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to formed.org/signup and find your parish to register.

Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

St. Vincent de Paul Society at OLPH

This Friday, September 27, is the liturgical day when we celebrate the Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest. St. Vincent de Paul, a French peasant, was ordained in the year 1600. As a parish priest in Paris, he founded a home for foundlings because it upset him to see so many babies abandoned by parents unable to care for them. He founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac and the Congregation of the Mission, better known to us as the Vincentians, with both orders dedicated to helping the poor and visiting prisons. "Monsieur Vincent," as he was called, became a popular figure in Paris and, in spite of his visits to people such as Cardinal Richelieu, he maintained his simple lifestyle and manner of dress.

We are very blessed indeed to have a very active and well-run Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at OLPH, a ministry that is staffed by committed and generous parishioners. Functioning not only as a St. Vincent de Paul Society but also as our Parish Outreach, what a gift our St. Vincent de Paul Society is! The members do such tremendous work in large ways and in small. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a community of faith, love, prayer, and action. The Society as a whole has been serving those in need on Long Island since 1855, and we here at OLPH have had the good fortune of having their presence and ministry in our parish for over 70 years!

The mission of the Society is to serve the poor, the needy, and the disadvantaged through person-to-person service, providing them with material aid, emotional support, and spiritual comfort. St. Vincent members spend time working in our parish food pantry or parish office one day every few weeks. They also work on various projects throughout the year to make the lives of their clients better. Some also go out to the poor, making home visits to bring Christ's care, concern, and help to those in need. They meet twice a month on Monday afternoons, and they always have a prominent page in our bulletin, mentioning their activities and always detailing what items are needed for the food pantry. They are always open to new members, so maybe you should consider this as a great way to be involved at OLPH and to help and serve others!

I am deeply grateful to our current President of St. Vincent de Paul, Deborah Deasy, and to all the parishioners who so generously and willingly devote themselves to serving others in this ministry. All of our Vincentians are a big reason why OLPH is "the place to be!" THANK YOU for the great work you do in the name of Christ, and Happy Feast Day this

Friday!

Bishop Barres' visit on September 14

If you were at the 5:00 p.m. Mass last Saturday, September 14, you saw that OLPH had the pleasure of welcoming Bishop Barres, our Diocesan Bishop, who came to OLPH to preside at that Mass. The purpose of the visit was nothing more than our Chief Shepherd coming to one of his parishes to celebrate the Eucharist with his flock, and to meet and greet the folks. (You may be aware of the fact that Bishop Barres does this on a regular basis — just informally going to a parish to celebrate Mass, to be with his people.) We enjoyed having him here, and we can again be reminded of what gives us our identity as Catholics: to be Catholic means to be a member of the Body of Christ, in union with, and under the leadership of, one of the Successors of the Apostles, a Bishop.

The GOLDEN TICKET

You continue to hear about our second GOLDEN TICKET Raffle, which last year was a huge success, a tremendous amount of fun, and a big money-maker for the parish. Make sure you are a part of it!

Our GOLDEN TICKET sales continue to do well, but we have a big task ahead of us to make this important fund raiser a complete success again this year, that task being to sell ALL 500 tickets. So, we all need to continue to work hard and push forward with this. Please consider buying one or more tickets if you have not already done so. (Maybe you could go in on tickets with friends and family.)

Also, let me suggest something to you that would be a big help: would you be willing to take a batch of, say, five or ten tickets, and commit to selling them yourself — for example, among family members, or at work? This would be a great way for all of us to do our part to get all 500 tickets sold. We would have to ask you to make sure to follow through on the commitment to get the tickets sold — it would be disastrous if one week before the event we found out we had all these unsold tickets we thought were sold — but if you think you could do this, please let Ticket Coordinators Bob Meade or Meg Danaher know (their contact information is in this bulletin, on the GOLDEN TICKET page), and they'll be more than happy to work with you. Remember what I keep saying: someone does not have to be a member of OLPH to buy a ticket, and they don't even have to be Catholic!

Also, don't forget that the Cocktail Party at

which we will do the actual drawing will be a fun evening and a great time for all who attend, so plan on being there to join in the fun! Keep watching for information about the GOLDEN TICKET each week in the bulletin.

Pastor's Annual Report coming in October

One of the weekends in October I will again present my Pastor's Annual Report at all the Masses. As you know, I consider this to be an important vehicle of communication between us. I thought I would take a moment to put a couple of thoughts out there ahead of time; these are some of the things I will be talking about.

We continue to face serious financial challenges as we continue to live hand-to-mouth. Although we have done a great job of controlling expenditures, many costs are beyond our control, and we continue to be faced with diocesan bills. One example is our Non-School Assessment, the money we are taxed to support Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre; for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 we will have to pay a total of \$125,712 to the Diocese. In my report, I will speak about our financial situation and give you a sense of the larger picture.

In addition to that topic, though, and perhaps more so than in the past, I would like to speak to you about what it means for us to be a parish community, and the commitment of each and every person to be an active member of OLPH doing their part to keep this as a vibrant community of service and ministry. This topic is occasioned by the fact that in 2021 we will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the parish, an event about which I have alluded to from time to time, and about which you will hear more in my talk and in the months ahead. That anniversary will be a wonderful occasion for everyone to recommit themselves to the life of the parish. After all, it's not the Pastor, it's not the other priests, and it's not the deacons that make or break a parish; it's YOU, the parishioners. We can't do it without you, and the type of parish OLPH is depends on YOU;

OLPH will only be as alive and as active and service-oriented as you make it to be.

Perhaps you can begin to think about some of these thoughts, and how they apply to you and your family.

Blessing of bricks next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 29, immediately following the 12:00 Noon Mass, we will bless the new bricks which have been most recently installed in our Let the Children Come to Me Prayer Garden. Letters of invitation have been mailed to all who memorialized bricks, and, of course, everyone is invited to stay after Mass for the blessing.

Please remember that the memorialization of bricks is ongoing at OLPH, and it is an important fund raiser, so your continued support is necessary. We still have many, many bricks available in the Let the Children Come to Me Prayer Garden. We send bricks out to be engraved in batches large enough to make it worthwhile to send out, so there might be a little time in between when you send in your memorialization and when the installation actually occurs, so I ask for your patience. Please continue to spread the word, and consider memorializing a brick, or one or two more. This is something else, like the Golden Ticket, that you can pass on to family and friends, asking them to participate. (Again...you don't have to be a parishioner, and you don't even have to be Catholic!) Thanks to all, and I look forward to seeing you at the blessing next week.

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,



IT'S COMING SOON—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019

Attention everyone who has taken the Strengths Finder Survey to discover their Top Five Strengths! Remember that there will be an important Strengths Workshop on **Saturday afternoon, November 23, 2019, 1:00-3:30 p.m.** Please plan on being there. This will be an essential workshop to move us forward in the Strengths Process, to help you know and use your God-given Strengths more effectively, and to deepen engagement in the life of the parish. A formal invitation letter with more details will be coming before too long, but plan now to be there—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019.

—Msgr. Joe (*Context, Intellection, Input, Learner, Harmony*)

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Taizé Prayer Around the Cross Thursday, October 3



7:30 p.m. in the church

Join us for a candlelight prayer service to help us reflect on the mystery of the Cross and the glory of Christ's resurrection. Consider setting aside 45 minutes to join in this beautiful and contemplative form of prayer.



Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

Friday, 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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at 10:00 a.m. MASS BEGINS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13!

Allowing children to participate fully in the liturgical life of the parish is an important goal which we strive to attain here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Children should have every opportunity to understand what worship is all about and to be formed by the rites of the Church, especially the celebration of the Eucharist. In order to achieve this goal, we are happy to resume the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** which will be a part of the 10:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday **beginning again on Sunday, October 13.**

Where does the idea of the Children's Liturgy of the Word come from?

It comes out of the *Directory for Masses with Children* which tells us in paragraph 17, "Sometimes, if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own Liturgy of the Word."

How does the Children's Liturgy of the Word work?

After the Collect (the Opening Prayer of the Mass), children **first-grade and older** are invited to come forward to the sanctuary to receive a special dismissal. They are then escorted to a separate chapel set up in the north sacristy of the church, where they listen to that Sunday's readings as proclaimed from the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*. These are the same readings everyone else is hearing in the church, but in a slightly different translation that is easier for children to understand. A special homily is then given to the children to help them understand the readings. This Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful), as the children pray intercessions together. Meanwhile, the Liturgy of the Word has continued as usual in the church. The children return to the church at the beginning of the collection/presentation of the gifts, and participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist as usual.

What is the purpose of the Children's Liturgy of the Word?

The purpose of this is not to offer a babysitting service, nor is it to isolate the children or to make them feel unwelcome. Rather, it is actually an act of hospitality to them: they will be given the chance to listen to the Sunday readings and participate in a homily that will be on their level, and yet still be a part of the worshiping assembly, since they participate in all other parts of the Mass. It does require a certain maturity level and ability to focus, so it is intended for **first-grade children and older**, not kindergartners, pre-schoolers or toddlers. **Parents do not accompany their children;** we have specially-trained adult "shepherds" who will keep watch.

Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things that are being done in the main body of the church.

Ideally, parents and children then talk to each other on the ride home or later in the day about what they heard in their respective homilies. In this way, God's Word continues to be alive and active in the family's faith life.

Suppose I want my child to stay with me in the main body of the church?

That's fine; parents are in no way required to send their children to the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and no child is forced to participate. Children are welcome to stay in the main body of the church and to participate in the Liturgy of the Word there, where the usual readings and homily will take place. Since we think this is a great opportunity for children, though, we do hope you will encourage your child to participate.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer for Peace

The Holy Hour for Peace has been cancelled until further notice.



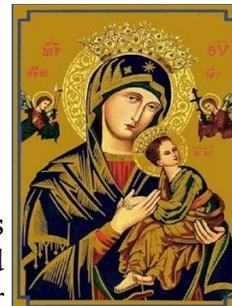
Evening Prayer

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**

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 Labouré. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, September 23—7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 30—7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 7—7:00 p.m.

BLESSING OF BRICKS—SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

On Sunday, September 29, immediately following the 12:00 Noon Mass, we will bless the newest set of bricks that were recently installed in the Let the Children Come to Me Prayer Garden. Invitation letters have been mailed to those who memorialized bricks, and all are invited to attend the blessing immediately following Mass.

Please remember that our memorialization of bricks in the Let the Children Come to Me Prayer Garden is ongoing, so please support the parish by purchasing one or more bricks. New bricks will be installed and blessed when we have accumulated enough to send out in a batch for engraving. Thank you for your continued support!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION



If you are an adult who is baptized and has received first Holy Communion but has not been confirmed, please let us know. *For adults who desire more information*, contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net.

For teenagers and their families who desire more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631.226.7725, x 251 or e-mail to religiously@oloph.org.

🎵 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 12:00pm Mass most Sundays (September to June) and for other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30pm 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 10:00am 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 pm 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, 5:00pm 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*



OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY

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



OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY

Friday, October 25

6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 1120

80 Herbert Avenue

Lindenhurst, NY

OFFERER APPRECIATION REPLY FORM

Name (First and Last) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

Ministry or Ministries you're involved in:

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

ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: THE "GOLDEN TICKET" DRAWING!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

THE GOLDEN TICKET

Saturday, November 16, 2019

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.

It was a big success last year, and this year promises to be even better!

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



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

499th Ticket drawn - \$2,500

500th 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 weekend of October 12th and November 2nd 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

"OLPH is a Section 501(c)3 nonprofit. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine if your contribution is deductible. Winners are responsible for all taxes."

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)

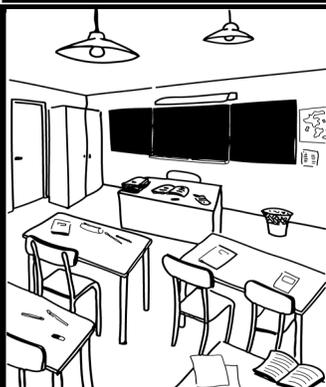
OFFICE HOURS

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



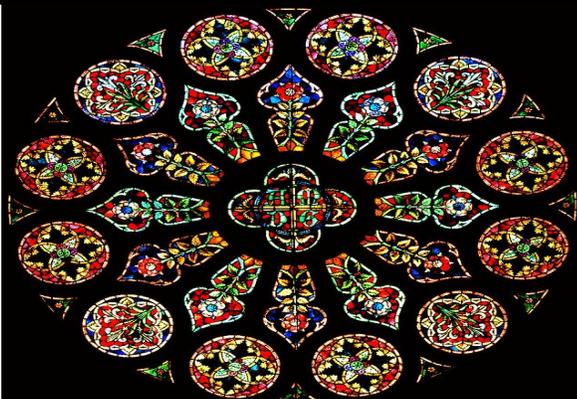
Wednesday, September 25,
Levels 6 & 7 classes begin at 5:30 p.m.
in the school building.
Parents are asked to stay the first ten
minutes of class to meet the teacher!

Wednesday, September 25,
Level 8 classes begin at 7:00 p.m.
in the school building.
Parents are asked to stay the first ten
minutes of class to meet the teacher!



Saturday, September 28, Levels 1 and 2 classes begin
in the school building at 8:30 a.m. for Session I
and at 10:00 a.m. for Session II.
Parents are asked to stay the first ten minutes of
class to meet the teacher!

Saturday, September 28,
Levels 3, 4 and 5 classes begin
at 11:15 a.m. in the church with a
Commitment Prayer Service!
Parents must accompany their child,
and attendance will be taken.



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
- † 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. Bernard League: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

- CANNED MEAT**
- SOUP WITH MEAT**
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE**
- PANCAKE MIX**
- RICE** (*small pkgs.*)
- MACARONI & CHEESE**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- SHELF STABLE MILK**
- COOKIES**
- GRANOLA BARS**
- SHAMPOO**

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

In today’s Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering.



**EVENT IS this
SATURDAY!**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

BETHPAGE COMMUNITY PARK

(11001 STEWART AVENUE, BETHPAGE)

9 AM WALK/RUN

NEW ROUTE

EACH STEP BRINGS HOPE
TO FAMILIES IN POVERTY.

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PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

DONATIONS:

We can use gift cards (Visa, Amazon, etc.) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping for the items most often needed.

We are in need of the following:

Jeans - especially 32" & 34"

New Socks, Underwear, Undershirts

Anti-mosquito spray, etc.

Razors

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.

The Homeless Ministry needs your help

Are you available to help us bring food to those in need?

Are you available to cook a hot meal for 20 people once a month?
Do you have clean men's jeans, hoodies or sneakers in good condition?

Do you have any tents in good condition that the homeless could use for shelter?

Could you make a monetary donation, donate new packages of socks or underwear or contribute a gift card?

If so please contact Regina Muir at 631-223-5327 rmuir11@aol.com or Peggy Pannullo at 631-921-5994



MIDDLE AGES

*Are you a lady in your 40s, 50s, or 60s?
Are you looking to meet other women who share your interest in spirituality, socializing and social action?*

Our next meeting:

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 p.m. in Room 24

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Our next meeting:

Tuesday, October 8

9:00 a.m. in Room 24

Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

Next weekend, *September 28th & 29th*, OLPH Parish will be hosting a *Baby Bottle Fundraiser* to benefit **The Life Center** of Long Island, a crisis pregnancy center that counsels women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

They provide:

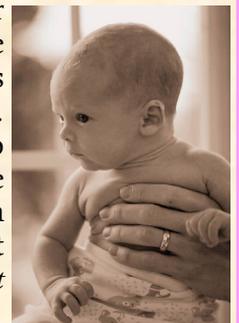
- *free pregnancy test kits*
- *free sonogram referrals*
- *maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals*
- *medical care referrals*
- *Material aid including car seats, cribs, cloths, diapers
.....and many other needed baby items*
- *Male advocates available to speak with fathers*

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation. *(Make checks out to the Life Center of L.I.)*

Please return the bottles on

November 2nd & 3rd

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle. The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother's heart to accept the truth. We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to call The Life Center in the first place. *Let us pray with our whole heart for the lives of our unborn children.*



CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION

FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



www.cffor.org

What Can Parents and Grandparents Do to Protect a Child's Religious Freedom?

(1) Attend a monthly School Board meeting to "Educate the Educators"

- Provide copies of the U.S. Department of Education's Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Schools. Every student may: pray before and after school, during free times such as recess and lunch; read the Bible and other religious books during free reading time; write, speak and draw expressions of their faith in classwork and homework where appropriate to the assignment; wear clothing and jewelry with religious messages; speak about God and their faith at school events and graduation; form religious based clubs that use school resources the same as other clubs.

- Remind School Board members that as a condition to receive education funds, Section 9524 requires that the School District certify in writing to the State educational agency that it has no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer or expression in their schools.

(2) Tell your child about the Dept. of Education Guidelines that guarantee his/her First Amendment Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech. CFFR has prepared a pamphlet, *It's OK for Students to Pray*, explaining these student rights. See www.cffor.org for information and free pamphlets and DVD. Also see www.ed.gov for other information.

(3) Confirm that Constitution Week — Sept. 17-23, 2019 — is being celebrated at your child's school. This celebration was signed into law in 1956. It requires that schools and universities that receive Federal funds are educating students and faculty about the Constitution, signed in 1787, that provides the framework for the United States of America. The aims of this celebration are:

- Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.
- Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.
- Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

(cffor.org; ed.gov; dar.org; apples4theteacher.com)

"Educate and inform the whole mass of the people ... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty."—Thomas Jefferson

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. 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.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

Vincent Boccanfuso
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Jocelyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
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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
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Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

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MaryAnn Haas
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Barbara McPhail
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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:

Joseph Freely & Diana Zehner

First Announcement:

Dominick Catania & Christine Schementi

WE REMEMBER

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

Vincent Patrick Sparagano

“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.”

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.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Jim Gordon
Doreen Quinn Cooney
Judy LePrey
Donald Smith
Margaret Walker
Barbara Sagesser
Bob Scott
Marilyn Gallipani
Linda Shulman
Dolores Otten
Richard Ferazi*

*Sabrina
Ralph Cassaro
John Ogden
Renato Leon
Loretto Dinardo
James Quinn
Peggy McCloud
Florence Grasman*

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.

PASTORAL CARE & 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 Communion will then visit each week.

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



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.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, September 23—
SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

6:30	Frank Zaffiro
12:15	Patrick & Cathleen O'Brien

TUESDAY, September 24—
WEEKDAY

6:30	Richard Garbe
12:15	Paul & Lorraine Grandinetti

WEDNESDAY, September 25—
WEEKDAY

6:30	Azzaro Grazia
12:15	Thomas Kelly

THURSDAY, September 26—
WEEKDAY
(Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs)

6:30	Evelyn Mary Moran
12:15	Kay & Ray Marko

FRIDAY, September 27—
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

6:30	Living & Deceased Members of the Breitfeller Family
12:15	Gaspar & Maria Piazza

SATURDAY, September 28—
WEEKDAY
*(Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs)*

8:00	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
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Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00	Dominick M. Barone
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Sunday, September 29
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
10:00	Marianne Femia
12:00	For the People of the Parish
5:00	Ronald A. Higgins

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 23, 2019

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
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Rm

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting	St. Lucy Rm
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

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	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Religious Education Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:00 p.m.	Rel. Ed. Level 8 Classes	School

Thursday, September 26, 2019

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Children's Choir	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, September 27, 2019

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

Saturday, September 28, 2019

10:30 a.m.	Rel. Ed. Levels 1 & 2 Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Levels 3, 4 & 5 Commitment Service	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	CFFR	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, September 29, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Knights of Columbus Hospitality	Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 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.

el camino la verdad y la vida

Lecturas del Domingo 26° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C

Preparándonos para el Domingo 29 de Septiembre del 2019

Bendito sea nuestro Señor Jesucristo:

A él todo honor y poder eterno.

Que su gracia y su paz estén siempre con ustedes.

Solo quien pone la confianza en el señor sabe que la verdadera felicidad es la que nos espera en la vida eterna, Y que nada de lo que tenemos aquí es capaz de llenarnos completamente. Por eso, hemos de permanecer fieles a Dios, conquistando aquí la vida a la que hemos sido llamados.

Primera Lectura (Amos 6,1^a,4-7/138): **Los Ricos Se Volverán Pobres**

El profeta Amós vocea la indignación de Dios contra los ricos insensibles. Éstos gozan de la vida, sin ninguna preocupación por los pobres. Dios no puede aceptar que una persona o una comunidad toleren semejante desigualdad e indiferencia.

Segunda Lectura (1 Timoteo 6,11-16): **Dar Testimonio de Cristo con Nuestras Vidas**

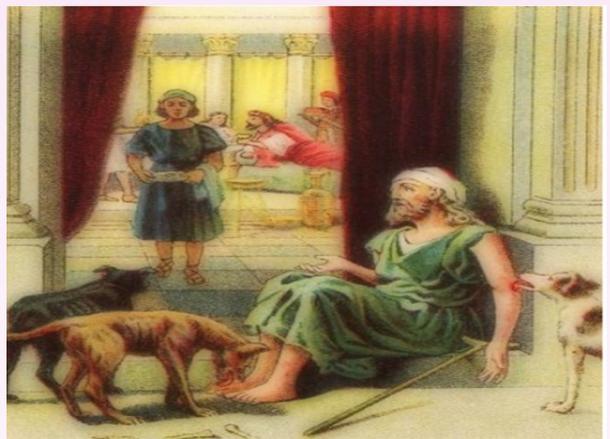
Los cristianos, especialmente los líderes de la comunidad, deben dar testimonio del Padre y de Jesús con su vida cristiana, ya que le deben a Dios su salvación en Cristo Jesús.

Evangelio (Lucas 16,19-31): **Dios Hará Ricos a los Pobres**

El rico de la parábola no se preocupa para nada del pobre a la puerta de su casa. Pero la justicia de Dios invierte la situación: El pobre llega a ser rico ante Dios; por el contrario, el rico egoísta perderá todo lo que posee.

La parábola del rico epulón y del pobre lázaro nos presenta este mensaje evangélico, el riesgo que las riquezas entrañan en los seguidores del Señor, el que las usa mal, olvidándose de los pobres y necesitados, cauteriza su conciencia y se vuelve de tal manera sordo a Dios, y está logrando una eternidad en el infierno.

En resumen, la Palabra de Dios habla hoy de la Vida Eterna y su relación con el amor al prójimo; para señalar que al final de esta vida, Dios juzgará a todo ser humano respecto al amor dado a Dios y a los demás. En otras palabras, es el amor el boleto de entrada al Cielo pero se trata de ese amor que se concreta en obras y no sólo palabras o buenas intenciones. En cuanto al amor hacia el prójimo pero desde Dios y con obras concretas, vale decir que este ejercicio permite a Dios comunicar su Gracia, la cual va más allá de la ayuda misma que se está dando. Ese actuar se resume en las llamadas Obras de Misericordia (7 Corporales y 7 Espirituales): Acciones caritativas que permiten ayudar a los demás en todas sus necesidades (Ver Is 58: 6-7; Hb 13: 3), enseñadas por Jesús mismo en lo que enseñaba y así.



OFFERING UPDATE September 14/15, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	358	140	\$3,310.00
8:00 a.m.	250	116	2,777.00
10:00 a.m.	431	129	3,584.00
12:00 p.m.	305	98	2,250.00
5:00 p.m.	184	41	1,148.00
Coin			13.66
Mail-ins:			838.00
Children's Env.		15	29.50
Faith Direct			2,319.50
TOTAL	1,528	539	\$16,269.66
2018 total	1,607	551	\$17,539.85
Candles			\$973.30
Poor Box			\$341.67

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or 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. *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

September 29—passed
October 6—September 27
October 13—October 4

SUPER 72 RAFFLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER 2019 WINNERS

- \$1000** - Dorothy Nelson
- \$250** - George Crisostomo
- \$100** - Theresa Kluko
- \$100** - Richard Geldermann
- \$100** - Shawn Cullinane
- \$100** - Stephen & Deidre Strigaro

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS AT ST. PIUS X ENRICHED LIVING FACILITY SEPTEMBER 21/22

Remembering and Caring for our Senior Priests

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.

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 this weekend. Please be as generous as possible! Thank You!

www.drvc.org/stpiusx

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PREPARING FOR
Sunday, September 29, 2019
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness.

Compete well for the faith.”

1 Timothy 6:11-12

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

As in last week's first reading, the prophet Amos harshly criticizes those who live a comfortable lifestyle while ignoring the needs of the poor who surround them. He is blunt and forceful in his critique because he understands that love of God never ignores the needs of one's neighbors and that prayer and religious sacrifice don't substitute for righteous living that includes sharing resources with the needy. This is a powerful message even for us today. Amos speaks for a God who cares about injustice and won't stand idly by as it happens. He prophesies that God will avenge the poor and so he did just a few years later in 721 BC when the powerful Assyrian army destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel and carried off many into exile.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

This letter, written late in Paul's career, is to Timothy, a young man whom Paul converted and who accompanied him on his second and third missionary journeys. Timothy is described as the administrator of the entire community at Ephesus, in present-day Turkey. In this letter, Paul instructs his young protégé on his duty to restrain false teaching and also gives many practical principles for instructing the Church in righteous conduct. Throughout, Paul exhorts Timothy to remain strong in the faith. He urges him to “compete well” to the finish line and “keep the commandment,” that is, to surrender completely to God until Jesus returns in glory. Perhaps we can let Paul also encourage us to remain strong in our faith.

Luke 16:19-31

The message of this Gospel reading, like that of the first reading today, is neither easy nor welcome. In both, we're told that it is possible to run out of time and that there is no reversing the fate that follows the sounding of the final bell. Through this parable of Lazarus and the rich man Jesus cautions us to keep our eye on the clock. When we hear of God's mercy we might sometimes think that everything depends on God. While God never tires of forgiving us, we still need to ask for that forgiveness and then accept his mercy. Jesus speaks of hearts so hard that they will not believe even one who has risen from the dead, knowing full well that the one rising from the dead would be him. We pray that our hearts never become so complacent or hard that we cannot hear his call to mercy.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, September 23, 2019:

Ezra 1:16 + Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 24, 2019:

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20

+ Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 25, 2019:

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

Thursday, September 26, 2019:

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

Friday, September 27, 2019:

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

Saturday, September 28, 2019:

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a

+ Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 29, 2019:

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

+ 1 Timothy 6:11-16

+ Luke 16:19-31

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. Where would you find Lazarus today? What would s/he look like? Do you recognize and care for him/her as God's beloved child, or do you try to get to the other side of the street when you see him/her coming?

2. Pope Francis says that “vast wealth and resources are in the hands of few.” If it's not in your capability to change that unjust situation, what smaller things can you do to answer the “cry of the poor”?

“This scene reminds us of the harsh words of the Son of man during the final last judgment: ‘I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was ... naked and you did not clothe me’ (Matthew 25:42).

Lazarus represents the silent cry of the poor of all times and the contradictions of a world where vast wealth and resources are in the hands of few. ...

[Pope Francis concluded saying that] the Word of God can revive a withered heart and heal it of blindness, and that God's saving message overturns the situations of this world by the triumph of His justice and mercy.”

Pope Francis, “To Ignore The Poor Is To Despise God”

General Audience, May 18, 2016

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

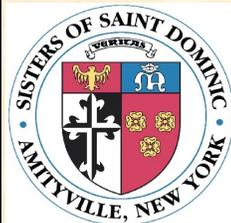
Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. New member orientation meeting Wednesday, **September 25th** at 7:30 p.m. St. Frances de Chantal Church Rectory Basement, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. Non-Denominational, all are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues are \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For information, please call: Carol– 516-794-4933 or Fran– 516-889-5790.

Free book talk in Seminary Library: “*The Recovery of the Beautiful: St. John Paul II’s ‘Letter to Artists’*” with Brother Owen J. Sadlier. Sunday, **September 29th**, at 2:00 p.m. Brother Owen, who has taught Philosophy at St. Francis College, will explore this beautiful letter and discuss our culture’s neglect of the philosophical and spiritual understanding of beauty. No admission charge or reservations necessary; refreshments will be served.

Dominican Village 14th Annual Chinese Auction & Dinner Friday, **October 4**, 6:30—10:00 p.m. in Helen Butler Hall, 565 Albany Avenue, Amityville. All are welcome to view and purchase basket tickets from 12:00—4:00 p.m., join us for dinner 6:30—10:00 p.m. Dinner \$45 pp or \$400 for a table for ten. Call Emily Monem 631-842-6618 for more information.

Benefits & Breakfast Lecture Series: Medicare Basics, Saturday, **October 19** from 9:00—10:30 a.m. at the Long Island State Veterans Home, 100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, NY multi-purpose room, continental breakfast will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Call 631-444-8606 or visit listateveteranhome.org.

Catholic Voices for the New Evangelization Saturday, **October 19** at Kellenberg Memorial High School, 1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd., Uniondale, NY, from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Speakers are Catholic authors Dr. Scott Hahn and Jennifer Fulwiler. \$25 includes lunch. Afternoon concludes with Mass. Call Alex Basile 516-292-0200, ext. 342 for details or mrbasile@kellenberg.org.



The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Annual Gala

Many of you know the Dominican Sisters of Amityville through our ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year, we celebrate and honor those whose daily dedication and hard work foster the creation of a caring community.

The Dominican Gala will be held on **October 25th**, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, to benefit the ministries of our Sisters. Our 2019 Veritas Award Recipient is President of Molloy College, Dr. Drew Bogner. This year we wish to honor the leaders of our four sponsored ministries with the St. Catherine of Siena Award: Paul Wasser, CEO and President of Dominican Village, Elizabeth Keihm, Executive Director of Homecoming Farm, Gillian Kessinger, Executive Director of Opening Word, and Susan Nicoletti, Principal of St. Agnes Academic High School.

Tickets are \$300 each. For further information about our silent auction, 50/50 raffle or a listing in the 2019 Dominican Gala Journal, please contact Susan Jappell (631) 842-6000 x 246.

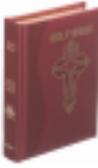
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St. Anthony's High School	- Sunday, September 29 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Kellenberg Memorial High School	- Saturday, October 5 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Chaminade High School	- Saturday, October 5 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. Dominic High School	- Sunday, October 6 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School	- Saturday, October 19 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
St. Mary's High School	- Sunday, October 20 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School	- Sunday, October 20 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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