

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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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

## THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 23, 2018

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Frank Pokorney

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

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

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

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

### COME IN AND PRAY...

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

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

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

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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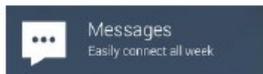
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In order to prepare for the upcoming Sunday Mass, click on the video under the "Featured Content and Discussion Groups" section of our community website. Once there, we recommend watching the video which is only a few minutes in duration, along with viewing the materials under the "Participant Material" and "Leader Material" sections listed below the video.

For technical support, click on "Help" at the bottom of the website where you will find frequently asked questions along with contact information.

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *SUMMER APPEAL 2018*

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to this year's **SUMMER APPEAL!** Due to your generosity, we had our most successful Appeal to date: \$32,749 was collected this year. I am very, very grateful to everyone who participated. As I mentioned in my letter, a portion of that money will be added to the amount the Knights of Columbus donated from their Giant Yard Sale, to go towards upgrading our security cameras on parish grounds (an unfortunate necessity these days). In addition, the rectory server is in need of an upgrade; we all know how dependent we are on information technology, e-mail, *etc.*, for being able to "do business." Your generosity has helped to keep OLPH running smoothly, safely and efficiently. Thank you again!

Of course, where finances are concerned, the "fun" never ends. As one example, this week we received invoices from the diocese for the mandatory assessments we have to pay: \$31,929 for the first quarter of our Non-School Assessment (the amount we are taxed to contribute to Catholic education in the diocese) and \$25,661 for the first quarter of our general annual Diocesan Assessment (yes, that's a total of \$57,590 — for only the first of four payments in those amounts). We'll be able to cover these for this quarter, but this gives you an idea of what we face on an ongoing basis. That's why I cannot stress enough the necessity of keeping up with your regular weekly offerings, and the need for you to regularly examine how much you give in light of the Biblical norm of tithing, which is 10% of one's income. So many people are very generous to OLPH on a regular basis, but the number of people who are actually supporting the parish financially is quite small in comparison to the total number of parishioners we have. Let's all strive to do all we can to do our part.

### *Starting up...*

Meetings and activities continue to start up again as we all return to "normal" routines after the summer. This week the Pastoral Council will meet on Monday night, and the Pastoral Staff will meet on Tuesday. Please say a prayer for the continued good work of these two important

leadership groups in the parish.

Also, religious education classes are starting up. I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to all the parishioners who offer their time and witness as catechists, giving their time week after week throughout the formation year. Don't ever underestimate the important gift you are giving our young people! Let's say a prayer for all our catechists, too.

### *FORMED*

So, have you signed up for FORMED yet? I have! As you know from the information we have been publishing in our bulletin, FORMED is an on-line platform that allows you to access all sorts of Catholic content: books (fiction and non-fiction), articles, videos, spiritual reflections, and much, much more. It's all 100% Catholic. You can go to FORMED to learn about a variety of topics including basic instruction in the faith, to prepare and pray over the Sunday readings, and to find material to view together as a family or to use in your prayer group or parish meeting. It's an amazing amount of content that is available, and it's FREE to you as a parishioner of OLPH. Look for the ad in this bulletin and find the web address to go to in order to sign up for your free account. The parish is happy to pay for this service for you so it can be available for your own ongoing formation in the faith.

### *The GOLDEN TICKET*

Last weekend I gave a personal pitch at most of the Masses, urging everyone to participate in our new **GOLDEN TICKET** Raffle. Have you bought yours yet? This has the potential to be a big, big money-maker for the parish, but we have a large number of tickets to sell in order to make it the huge success we want it to be — we have to sell all 500 tickets! I know we can do it, with your help. Tell your family members and friends. Remember, you don't have to be a parishioner of OLPH to play...and you don't even need to be Catholic!

Please help us make this a big success by spreading the word about it, and getting everyone you know (including yourself) to buy a ticket. You can go in on it as a group if you want, but let's get all 500 tickets sold.

***Valid Catholic marriage***

I want now to talk about a topic that seems not to be discussed much, but nonetheless is a topic of very great consequence, and it is the topic of the importance of Catholics being married in a way that is recognized by the Catholic Church.

Unfortunately, it is becoming more and more common for Catholics to just simply get married any way they choose — for example, by a Justice of the Peace, or by a friend or relative who becomes registered over the internet to be able to perform legal marriage ceremonies. Sometimes the catering hall will offer the option of finding an officiant to make it “easier” for the couple.

All of that is contrary to the Church’s teaching on the meaning of marriage and the sacraments. Catholics are required to get married in a way that is recognized by the Catholic Church. We need to make our young people aware of this and have them understand that when the time comes that they will get married, they must do so in a way that will be recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.

Catholics must go to a Catholic church and speak with a priest to ensure that their marriage is a valid Catholic marriage. This is to be done **before** booking a catering hall. If a Catholic is marrying a Catholic, the marriage must take place in a Catholic church (the church of the bride **or** the groom—it does not matter which one [it does not have to be the bride’s church]), in a Catholic ceremony. If a Catholic wishes to marry a non-Catholic, there are various permissions that may be obtained to marry in a non-Catholic ceremony but still have it recognized as a Catholic marriage; the Church, in her pastoral practice, can be very accommodating in granting permission to have the marriage recognized as valid under different circumstances. **The important thing is that a Catholic should always be sure to talk to a Catholic priest about the situation, no matter what.** I ask all parents to consistently emphasize this to their children.

By the way, if you are in a non-valid marriage (married in a ceremony “outside the Church” for which you never received permission from the Catholic Church), I extend to you an invitation to come speak with me or any of the priests about having your marriage validated. We will welcome you warmly and we will be very happy to help you take care of everything. I promise

you it will be a great thing!

***RIP — The Death of “Someone Else”***

Finally, let me share with you something that I have seen in other bulletins and on other parish websites. It’s a great little reflection entitled “The Death of Someone Else.” It goes like this:

*Our parish was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else. Someone Else’s passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Someone Else has been with us for many years, and for every one of those years, Someone Else did far more than a normal person’s share of the work in the parish.*

*Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone’s mind: “Let Someone Else do it.” Whenever leadership was needed, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results: “Let Someone Else be in charge of that.”*

*It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most generous givers in the parish. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference.*

*Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now, Someone Else is gone. We wonder...what are we going to do?*

*Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?*

It’s something to think about, isn’t it? When it comes to keeping the parish of OLPH alive and vibrant and healthy and active, we cannot depend on Someone Else anymore, can we? Think about it...

***In conclusion...***

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

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

Sincerely,





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

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

# THE GOLDEN TICKET

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

in the OLPH Gymnasium

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

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

The excitement builds as the evening goes on!

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

Golden Ticket Holders and a guest may attend.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*"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."*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### The Diocese of Rockville Centre



## *Golden Wedding Celebration*



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

at 2:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 21**

**The Church of Christ the King,  
Commack**

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

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



## **Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals**

*Thursday, OCTOBER 4*

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

(in Auditorium in case of inclement weather)

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

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

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



## PRAYER & WORSHIP

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



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

**Monday, September 24—7:00 p.m.**

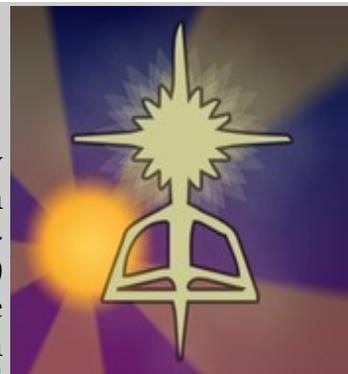
**Monday, October 1—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, October 8—No devotions  
due to Columbus Day.**

### **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**

## **Taizé Prayer Around the Cross Thursday, October 11**

**7:30 p.m. in 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.*

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at 10:00 a.m. MASS** **BEGINS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7!**

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 7.**

### *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 worshipping 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.



**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

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Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
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**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

Level 6 Students & Parents:  
Your Commitment Service is  
Wednesday, September 26,  
from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
in the church!  
Don't forget to hand in your  
Summer Mass Reflections!

Level 7:  
Classes begin  
Wednesday, September 26,  
from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
in the school building!



Level 8:  
Classes begin  
Wednesday, September 26,  
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
in the school building!



Levels 1 & 2:  
Classes begin in the school  
Saturday, September 29  
Session I: 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.  
Session II: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.



Levels 3-5 Students & Parents:  
Your Commitment Service is  
Saturday, September 29,  
at 11:15 a.m. in the church!



## IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

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

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

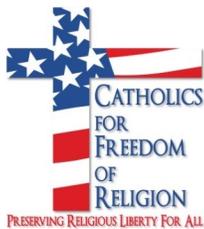
- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

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

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

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

## CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



### FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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

#### Grassroots Effort Stalls Assault on Free Speech in CA

**"Good news! Pro-family Californians now have more time to oppose AB2943. This tyrannical bill, which eliminates your freedom to choose your own counselor and tramples your free speech and religious freedom, DID NOT come up for a vote on the final day before ... vacation,"** said Randy Thomason with SaveCalifornia.com. Grassroots groups started a campaign educating Californians about the tyranny of this bill. ([1.cbn.com](http://1.cbn.com), 7/5/18; [californiafamily.org](http://californiafamily.org) 8/31/18; [massresistance.org](http://massresistance.org), 8/31/18)

**Citizens inundated the Pentagon and Congress with telephone calls and e-mails, urging the military to take swift action to exonerate Army chaplain Maj. Scott Squires** after he was accused of discrimination against a same-sex couple when he declined to lead a marriage retreat that included this couple.

**"It appears there are commanders today that see [chaplains] as social workers. This decision [to exonerate] goes a long way to reinforcing what a chaplain is,"** said Lt. Gen. (Ret.) William Boykin. ([frc.org](http://frc.org), 8/24/18; [1.cbn.com](http://1.cbn.com), 8/21/18; [toddstarnes.com](http://toddstarnes.com), 8/24/18)

**Take Action!**

\* Let us thank God for our Constitution which reflects our nation's founding on the Judeo-Christian ethic. Preserve the Constitution. Read it!

# 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
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- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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- † 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

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CANNED FRUIT  
JELLY/JAM  
CEREAL  
COFFEE/TEA  
TOILET PAPER  
PAPER TOWELS  
TOILETRIES**

*The Pantry is very low  
on supplies. Please help!*

**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

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*The office is open:*

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

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

In today's Gospel Jesus 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.”

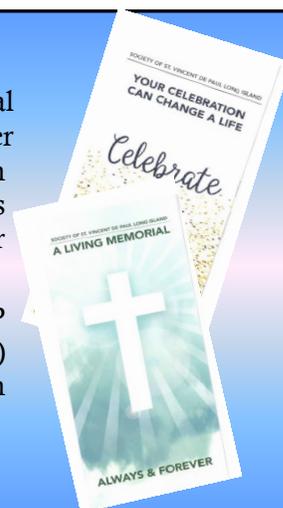
**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help  
hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.**

## † AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is happy to announce an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we are now able to offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP's efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available on the pew ledges or in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

*Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.*



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## HOMELESS MINISTRY

### DONATIONS:

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

We are in need of the following:

- T-shirts (plain)
- Jeans (mostly 30's, 40, 42)
- New women's underwear (5,6,7)
- New men's underwear (S, M, XL, 2X, 3X)
- Hoodies
- Clean, gently used sneakers

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

## MIDDLE AGES

*Are you 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 gathering is **Tuesday, October 2**  
7:00 p.m. in Room 24 of the school  
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 9**  
9:00 a.m. in Room 24

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WALK



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

## FRIENDS OF THE POOR® 5K WALK / RUN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

BETHPAGE COMMUNITY PARK

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

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

EACH STEP BRINGS HOPE TO FAMILIES IN POVERTY.

REGISTER TO WALK/RUN FOR YOUR CONFERENCE TODAY AT

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

QUESTIONS? CALL (516) 822-3132

CAN'T JOIN US? DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO: SVDP FOP WALK / C/O YOUR RECTORY

## *Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!*

Next weekend, *September 29 & 30*, Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit The Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a crisis pregnancy center that counsels women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide:

- free pregnancy tests
- maternity housing with eligibility requirements
- medical care, referrals
- cribs, car seats
- diapers

...and all other baby items that may be needed



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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**  
*Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle.*

The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors at The Life Center 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.*

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
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Jacqueline Dwyer, Parish Secretary	212	jdwyer@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net).

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jeffrey Gaab  
Gregory Guido  
Sonia Hansen  
Joselyn Kalt  
Mary Leon  
Melissa McLaughlin  
Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
James Totino  
Adele Venezia

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
Bill Bendernagel  
Gerry Chille (Chair)  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Bob Meade  
Frank Pokorney  
John Reynolds

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

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fauvette Auguste  
Deacon Robert Becker  
Lynn Bergin  
Mark Costantino  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Chris Ferraro  
MaryAnn Haas  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Rosaleen Walters  
Mike Williams

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

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **Third Announcement:**

***Michael Farrugia & Lauren Greese***

### **Second Announcement:**

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

### **First Announcement:**

***Nicholas Afansewicz & Brianne O'Leary  
Andrew Cordel-Carey & Erica Kreppein***

## **WE BELIEVE**

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

<b><i>Fred Sawyer</i></b>	<b><i>Robert Shields</i></b>
<b><i>Patricia Amato</i></b>	<b><i>Bunny Rieger</i></b>
<b><i>Ann Curtin</i></b>	<b><i>Nettie Deasy</i></b>
<b><i>Tom Jordan Jr.</i></b>	<b><i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i></b>
<b><i>Natalie &amp; Lewis Yugel</i></b>	<b><i>Marissa Gerardo</i></b>
<b><i>Peter Masak</i></b>	<b><i>Jeffery Magnuson</i></b>
<b><i>Loretto Dinardo</i></b>	<b><i>Sam Mangieri</i></b>
<b><i>Florence Shea</i></b>	<b><i>Anthony Calise</i></b>
<b><i>Peggy McCloud</i></b>	<b><i>David Udkow</i></b>
<b><i>Cheryl Cleaver</i></b>	<b><i>Rich Conti</i></b>
<b><i>William D. Hinds</i></b>	<b><i>Joseph Casale</i></b>

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Robert Rossi  
Clint Boye  
Patrick Summers  
Carmela Galdorisi***

*“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.”*

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.

DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE  OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass For Deceased Children

*Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14*



Saturday, September 29, 2018  
at 12:30 p.m.

Celebrant  
Father Tony Stanganelli  
Pastor of St Brigid Parish, Westbury

St. Agnes Cathedral  
29 Quealy Place  
Rockville Centre, New York

## **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.

*All are welcome*

Register online at [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org)

Come early to inscribe your child's name in the  
"Book of Families"

Light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Center after Mass.

For more information contact

Ellen Zafonte, Associate Director Office of Faith Formation  
516-678-5800 x506 [ezafonte@drvc.org](mailto:ezafonte@drvc.org)

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, September 24—  
WEEKDAY**

6:30	Robert Rabell
12:15	Paul & Lorraine Grandinetti

**TUESDAY, September 25—  
WEEKDAY**

6:30	Dennis McCarthy
12:15	Mary & Adam Hagzan

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

6:30	Donald J. Doyle
12:15	Raymond & Katherine Marko

**THURSDAY, September 27—  
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST**

6:30	Jean Agliodoro
12:15	Bob & Carolyn Dobres 60th Wedding Anniversary

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

6:30	Michela Messina
12:15	Maria & Gaspare Piazza

**SATURDAY, September 29—  
SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL,  
ARCHANGELS**

8:00	Consiglia Bulzomi
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**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):  
THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00	Anna Garone
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**Sunday, September 30—  
THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Josephine Gigante
12:00	John Morelli
5:00	Dora Barone

**PARISH CALENDAR****Monday, September 24, 2018**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Pre-Cana Meeting	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting	St. Lucy Room

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

5:45p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Room
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Squires	Room 19
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

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

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	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 28, 2018**

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

**Saturday, September 29, 2018**

8:30,10a.m.	Levels 1, 2 & Sp. Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Levels 3-5 Commitment Service	Church
12:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball Registration	Cafeteria
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, September 30, 2018**

All Masses	Baby Bottle Distribution	Church
5:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church/Rm. 16
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Lecturas del domingo 23 de septiembre del 2018

#### ***Primera Lectura (Números 11:25-29): No Monopolio sobre los Dones de Dios***

El Espíritu de Dios inspiró no solo a Moisés, sino también a otros. Los dones de Dios son para el bien de todos, no para que sean guardados celosamente por unos pocos.

#### ***Segunda Lectura (Santiago 5:1-6): Las Riquezas son una Responsabilidad***

En términos bien claros Santiago advierte a los ricos en bienes materiales y en talentos espirituales que en el día del juicio sus posesiones darán testimonio contra ellos si no las han usado bien en favor de los otros.

#### ***Evangelio (Marcos 9,37-42.44.46-47): Aprecien el Bien que Otros Hacen***

Jesús enseña a sus discípulos a apreciar el bien hecho por los otros, sean quienes sean, y a no escandalizar nunca.

#### **¿Quién es el Mejor?**

“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: “Quien quiera 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?”

#### ***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 pequeños, sino que, como niños, tenemos que ser espontáneos, abiertos y sencillos. Esperan todo de sus padres, con toda con fianza dependen totalmente de ellos. De la misma manera tenemos que ser nosotros, dependiendo totalmente de nuestro padre Dios. Llevaron unos niños a Jesús para que los tocara, pero los discípulos reprendieron a quienes los habían llevado. Al ver esto, Jesús se indignó y les dijo: «Dejen que los niños se acerquen a mí. No se lo impidan, porque el reino de Dios es de los que son como ellos. De cierto les digo que el que no reciba el reino de Dios como un niño, no entrará en él.» Entonces Jesús tomó a los niños en *sus brazos, puso sus manos sobre ellos, y los bendijo. Marcos 10:13-16 RVC*



**OFFERING UPDATE**  
**September 15/16**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	316	118	\$2,989.00
8:00 a.m.	250	113	3,302.00
10:00 a.m.	452	131	3,026.00
12:00 p.m.	400	128	3,079.00
5:00 p.m.	189	44	1,226.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			27.32
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			1,477.00
<b>Children's Envelopes</b>		17	40.78
<b>Faith Direct</b>			2,372.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,607	551	\$17,539.85
<b>2017</b>	1,586	553	\$16,429.47
<b>Candles</b>			\$1,217.12
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$294.47

**SUPER 72 RAFFLE**  
**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**TO OUR**  
**SEPTEMBER WINNERS**

- \$1000** - Ms. Anna Star
- \$250** - Joe & Angie Mirabile
- \$100** - James Yannone
- \$100** - Judith Mahanny
- \$100** - Colleen Sloan
- \$100** - Sister Jean A. Fry



With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NY286.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUS TRIP**



BETHLEHEM

Knights of Columbus BUS TRIP to

**SANDS CASINO**

**Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**COST: \$40.00 pp**

**REBATE \$30.00 Free Play**  
**PLUS \$5.00 meal voucher**

**OUR POLICY: First Pay—First Board**

**Bingo & Stop prizes**

**Leave High St. Parking lot at 8:00 a.m.**

**Call Bob Dobres at 631 592-8697**

**DEADLINES FOR**  
**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**September 30 —passed**

**October 7 —September 28**

**October 14 —October 5**

# PREPARING FOR

## Sunday, September 30, 2018

### THE 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.

#### 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. What was Jesus' response to the idea 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. The good that every person does should be accepted, Pope Francis says below. How far does he go in accepting good works from others?

*"If he is not one of us, he cannot do good. If he is not of our party, he cannot do good." And Jesus corrects them: "Do not hinder him, he says, let him do well." The disciples were a little intolerant, closed off by the idea of possessing the truth, convinced that "those who do not have the truth, cannot do good." This was wrong. ... Jesus broadens the horizon, reminding us that the Lord created us in His image and likeness and we are the image of the Lord, and He does good and all of us have this commandment at heart: do good and do not do evil. All of us. The objection is swift: "But, Father, this is not Catholic! He cannot do good." Yes, he can. ... The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ: all of us, not just Catholics. Everyone! "Father, the atheists?" Even the atheists. Everyone! We must meet one another doing good. "But I don't believe, Father, I am an atheist!" But do good: we will meet one another there.*

## Readings for the Week

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

#### Monday, September 24, 2018:

Proverbs 3:27-34  
+ Luke 8:16-18

#### Tuesday, September 25, 2018:

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13  
+ Luke 8:19-21

#### Wednesday, September 26, 2018:

Proverbs 30:5-9  
+ Luke 9:1-6

#### Thursday, September 27, 2018:

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11  
+ Luke 9:7-9

#### Friday, September 28, 2018:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
+ Luke 9:18-22

#### Saturday, September 29, 2018:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
+ John 1:47-51

#### Sunday, September 30, 2018:

Numbers 11:25-29  
+ James 5:1-6  
+ Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-49



## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide *Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3–September 28*. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at [www.usccb.org/pray/](http://www.usccb.org/pray/)

**Part-time Spanish Teacher** (Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays) for grades 6, 7 & 8 is immediately needed at *St. Rose of Lima School*, 4704 Merrick Rd., Massapequa. College education is required. Salary is based upon diocesan salary scale. Benefits not included. Send resumes to [gallina@stroseschool.net](mailto:gallina@stroseschool.net).

**Forty Days for Life – September 26 – November 4**. Join over 50 countries' efforts on behalf of the unborn babies and their abused mothers. Pray to end abortion, enlighten women to know the physical and mental danger they face, and help everyone recognize God's precious gift to us. Join us in prayer and fasting, constant vigil and community outreach.

**Dominican Village 12th Annual Chinese Auction**—Friday, **October 5**, Helen Butler Hall, 565 Albany Ave., Amityville, 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Light refreshments. Chances on restaurant certificates, Laptop, Smart Watch, TV, fabulous baskets, Gold Prizes, cash raffles. For information call 631-842-6618.

**Enduring Spirituality for Senior Men & Women**—Fridays, **October 5, 12, 19 & 26** from 10:30 a.m.—12 Noon. \$15 per session at the St. Joseph Renewal Center, 26 South Saxon Ave., Bay Shore. Call 631-665-4349 for information.

**Catholic Life International** will be hosting the first ever "*Candlelight Vigil Fundraiser*" on Sunday, **October 7**, at the Babylon Village Track, 50 Railroad Ave., Babylon, from 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. in support of "*St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*". Please refer to the following link for more information <http://fundraising.stjude.org/CLI>

**Shrine of Saint Anne's Columbiettes #4757 Garage Sale**, Saturday, **October 13** from 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus parking lot, 96 Second Avenue, Brentwood. Vendors needed—\$25 per space. For more information call Viviana Garamy 631-231-1859 or Carol Ercole 631-291-9167.

**Afternoon of Prayer for Married Couples "Marriage in the Garden"**— Sunday, **October 28** from 2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Renewal Center, 26 South Saxon Ave., Bay Shore. \$100 per couple includes a light supper. Call 631-665-4349 for information.

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES!

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

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

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

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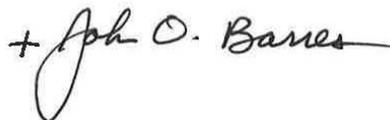
I feel confident that many of the faithful in our diocese can share stories about times in their lives when they have been supported and inspired through the ministry of their parish priest. Our priests baptize and confirm our children, listen to our concerns during the Sacrament of Reconciliation, rejoice as witness to marriage vows and are present to pray and comfort us in times of sickness or when the Lord calls us or a loved one home. Through their celebration of the Eucharist, dedication to our ministries and leading lives of service, our retired priests continue to inspire our Catholic community to develop a closer relationship with Christ and the Church.

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Please, take some time to review the enclosed materials. I encourage you to give prayerful consideration of a gift in support of our retired priests living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility. May I ask that you remember all of our priests in your prayers as I know you are remembered in theirs.

Be assured of my own remembrance of you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Jph O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

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