

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said,
“The last will be first,
and the first will be last.”*

Matthew 20:16

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
September 24, 2017**

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

Monday – Friday 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.



RECOMMITMENT OF ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Thursday, September 28, 2017

7:30 p.m. in the church

Evening Prayer with Recommitment to Ministry
Hospitality to Follow

All those who minister in the liturgical life of the parish are asked to participate in an evening of prayer, spiritual formation and renewal to recommit themselves to their service.

We will pray Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer), which will include your recommitment to your ministry, and then hospitality and fellowship will follow.

Please make every effort to attend this important event!

(This will serve as the Fall meeting for E.M.'s, Readers and Ushers.)

- Altar Linen Crew • Altar Servers • Cantors • Children's Liturgy of the Word Readers, Homilists and Shepherds • Choir Members • Church cleaners • Deacons
- Environment and Decorating • Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Instrumentalists • Liturgy Committee • Ministry of Consolation—All Ministers
- Priests • Readers • RCIA Catechists • Sacristans • Ushers
- Wedding Rehearsal Ministers

(Did we leave anyone out? Sorry! Let Msgr. Joe know!)

I will attend the

Evening Prayer with Recommitment to Ministry

Name(s)

Liturgical Ministry or Ministries You Are Active In

Total Number Attending _____

Return this coupon to the Rectory no later than **Monday, September 25.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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70th Anniversary of OLPH Society of St. Vincent de Paul

This Wednesday, September 27, is the liturgical day when we celebrate the Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest, and this year the feast day is especially significant for us because we are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the OLPH chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Vincent de Paul, a French peasant, was ordained in 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.

The Mass prayers for this day point out to us the virtues of St. Vincent we should be imitating. The Collect (Opening Prayer), not surprisingly, recognizes the saint for his "apostolic virtues" in working for the relief of the poor. The Prayer over the Offerings describes how St. Vincent imitated "what he celebrated in these divine mysteries," and therefore we ask that we too may imitate them and become what we receive, i.e., "be transformed into an oblation acceptable to you." The Prayer after Communion asks that in being renewed by the heavenly sacrament, we may both be prompted by the example of St. Vincent and be sustained by his prayers.

More particularly, though, as I mentioned, this year is the 70th anniversary of our OLPH Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference, and we will mark this auspicious occasion with a special Mass at our weekday 12:15 p.m. Mass, which will then be followed by a festive luncheon.

What a gift our St. Vincent de Paul Society is! They 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 how blessed we are here at OLPH to have had their presence and ministry in our parish for 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 past presidents for their service over these 70 years. I am grateful too for the parishioners who so generously and willingly devote themselves to serving others. All of our Vincentians are a big reason why OLPH is "the place to be!" CONGRATULATIONS to our Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and THANK YOU for the great work you do in the name of Christ.

Recommissioning of Liturgical Ministers THIS Thursday!

Allow me to remind all liturgical ministers that this Thursday, September 28, is our Recommissioning of Liturgical Ministers, and all those who serve in our liturgical ministries are asked to be there. It promises to be a great celebration of Evening Prayer and a very uplifting moment of recommitment to serving the people of the parish. I know you will be spiritually uplifted and refreshed. Of course, there will be good food afterward, too! I look forward to being with and praying with all our liturgical minister this Thursday night.

Senior Moments Ministry

I wish to highlight one of our parish groups that has become a regular part of our life here at OLPH, and that is our Senior Moments group. While the name of the group is a humorous play on words — we often associate "senior moments" with forgetfulness and getting on in years (both of which are happening with me lately) — the group and its meetings are anything but tired or staid or declining! In fact, it's quite the opposite: Senior Moments Ministry is for vibrant and active parishioners aged 55 and older who are looking for a dynamic, engaging and stimulating group to belong to. It is not a group of retirees only; many are still working!

The Senior Moments Ministry has become a

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real community of parishioners who gather together to share ideas and reflections on books they read. The books are inspirational and thought-provoking. It's a very caring and welcoming group of people who share life experiences and who grow and learn together. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month in room 24 in the school building. Their goal is to build up their faith and spiritual life through their reading and their discussion. Anyone 55 and older is welcome to join. Why not consider it?

Special Needs Mass and Ministry

As you know, OLPH hosts a Special Needs Mass once a month, on the first Saturday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Families with special needs persons appreciate having this opportunity to worship in a setting and a style that is more conducive to special needs persons, and I am absolutely delighted that our parish gives such great witness by offering this Mass once a month. It shows OLPH as "the place to be" as a place of inclusion and caring.

What I would like to especially remind you of is that this Mass is not only for those and their families who have special needs; all parishioners are welcome to attend! There are always parishioners who come who do not have special needs members, but who come simply to be with, to pray with, and to offer support for families with special needs, and we love to see that and would love to increase that. Isn't that a great witness of oneness in the Body of Christ? Anyone is welcome and can attend this Mass, and I encourage you to think about it once in a while. I am very grateful for the presence and work of our Special Needs Ministry, and to Jessica Becker and Caroline Grogan who head up this ministry.

Ushers needed for 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sunday Masses

As we are announcing elsewhere in the bulletin, we are in great need of new Ushers to begin serving at our 12:00 Noon Mass each Sunday and we are in dire need of new Ushers for our 5:00 p.m. Mass each Sunday. Ushers are also asked to serve at other times when we have special parish occasions and liturgies throughout the year.

As you know, being an Usher is a vital ministry that involves so much more than just taking up the collection. Ushers greet people as they arrive for liturgy, creating a sense of hospitality and welcome (which is extremely important); they assist with processions and at other times when the movement of the assembly is a part of the liturgical action; and

they function in other ways that are crucial to a reverent and orderly celebration of liturgy.

Usher ministry is open to anyone old enough to do it, and to my mind it's a great ministry for an entire family to do together (what a way of deepening your family's faith!). While we are happy to accept new Ushers at any Mass, we are in special need of them each Sunday at 12:00 Noon and, as I mentioned, critically so at 5:00 p.m. Sunday. That Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass has a history of being difficult to maintain in terms of adequate numbers of liturgical ministers, so the continued viability of that Mass depends a great deal on people being willing to support it with their service.

If you are interested in becoming an Usher, or if you want more information, contact Mike Williams, our Coordinator of Ushers, at olphushersministry@gmail.com or see Mike in person — he serves each weekend, usually at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Funds for Hurricane Irma Relief

The folks in Texas continue to deal with the effects of Hurricane Harvey, and the folks in Florida continue to dig out from under and clean up and rebuild after Hurricane Irma. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is requesting that monies be collected to assist the relief efforts following Hurricane Irma, as we did with Hurricane Harvey. We will be collecting these funds here at OLPH and forwarding them to our Diocese for proper disbursement (however, we won't have separate envelopes available). If you wish to donate to help relief efforts for Hurricane Irma, please write out a check and indicate "Hurricane Irma" in the memo section, so the funds can be properly applied, or place cash in your own envelope and mark it "Hurricane Irma." Return your offering next weekend in the collection or any time during the week at the rectory. Thank you for your generosity to those who are so desperately in need.

In conclusion...

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

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

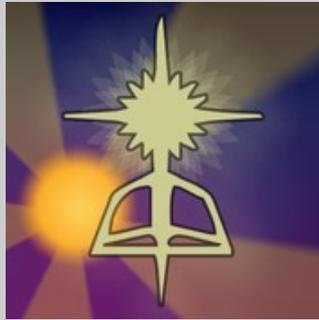
Sincerely,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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

Monday, September 25—7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 2—7:00 p.m.

**Monday, October 9—No Devotions
due to Columbus Day**



Prayer for Peace

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

DRVC GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION



The Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Celebration



*Couples celebrating 50 years or more
will be honored at these Masses.*

Sunday, October 22,
St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

OR

Sunday, November 19,
Christ the King, Commack

Both Liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm.
You must register for only ONE Mass.

Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by **October 9** for the October 22 liturgy & **November 6** for the November 19 liturgy.

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

5:30 P.M. ON THE RECTORY LAWN

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 12 for specific needs.



NEW USHERS NEEDED!

We are in need of new Ushers at our 12:00 Noon Sunday Mass, and we are in **DESPERATE** need of Ushers at our 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass!

Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy. They welcome those who visit our Church and create a warm environment, assist with taking up the collection, guide people for the reception of Communion and minister in other ways to help ensure a reverent celebration at many different liturgies throughout the year.

Men, women, teenagers and families are all welcome! This might be a great thing for you to do together as a family.

Please consider offering your gift by becoming an Usher at either the 12:00 Noon Mass or 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays. Please contact Mike Williams, Coordinator of Ushers, at olphushersministry@gmail.com to sign up, or for more information. Thank you!

At the *Sorrowful Mother Mass* held Friday evening, Sept. 15, members of the parish came together to support those who received the Anointing of the Sick during the Mass. Thank you to all who helped make this such a beautiful and important part of our OLPH tradition.



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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at 10:00 a.m. MASS BEGINS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8!

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 8.**

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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION



*Blessing of
the Pre-Cana couples!*

October 8

In the church at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

We are asking the members of the parish for prayers in the coming weeks for the couples in the Pre-Cana program as they set aside their "wedding preparations" to focus on their "marriage preparation."

For more information on the Pre-Cana program call Chris Volpe at (516) 238-2717.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

October 3, 12, 17 & 19

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Religious Studies Program

Basic Theology Course - Unit VI

MORALITY: LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

**STARTS
NEXT
WEEK!**

The goal of this course in Christian morality is to introduce participants to the basic principles of Catholic Christian morality and decision making, and how these principles apply to today's moral issues. The participants will:

- understand the difference between Covenant and Appeasement and recognize the foundational role of Covenant in the Christian approach to moral living;
- become familiar with the Scriptural bases of Christian morality especially the 10 Commandments (Decalogue) and the Beatitudes;
- gain insight into the Christian concept of Conscience and clearly distinguish the difference between Natural Law Theory and Relativism;
- become acquainted with the Church's renewed understanding of sin as reflected in contemporary moral theology;
- understand the roles played by the Magisterium and conscience in moral decision-making especially in the development of Social Justice teaching in the Church;
- apply basic principles of Catholic Christian morality to relevant moral issues of today.

The course will be taught by *Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor, and Mrs. April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation*. Classes will meet on *October 3, 12, 17 and 19*, from **7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** in Room 18 of the OLPH School. For further information, contact Mrs. April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation at 631-226-7725, extension 253. Those who are interested in taking this course should fill in the enrollment slip below and return it to the rectory.

Sign me up for **MORALITY: LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

A \$20 per person free will offering to cover the costs of materials is requested.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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 20
6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
In the O'Connell Room
at St. Joseph's Parish Center
39 N. Carl Avenue, Babylon

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 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12.

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility for Retired Priests

"Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ's heart."
-Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

We are very blessed in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to have so many priests who have devoted their lives to the service of God and our Church. Even after retirement, these dedicated priests continue to serve the ministerial and spiritual needs of our Long Island community.

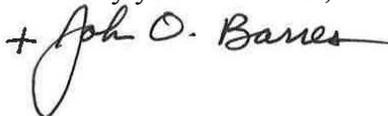
Several times during the last few months, I have had the opportunity to meet and celebrate Mass with our retired priests who reside at **St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility**. I am delighted to share, that they are *"still on duty"* praying for the people of our Diocese each and every day.

St. Pius X is truly an extraordinary facility that has proven to be a life-enriching entity for the men who reside there. The residence enables them to live or recuperate at a facility that gives them the extra care and attention that they need, while still allowing them to serve as active, fully engaged members of the community.

These dedicated priests have celebrated with us, mourned with us and ministered to us throughout our lives. As they age, we, in turn, are called to minister to their needs. Let us show our commitment to our retired priests by making a gift to St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility.

You have my deepest thanks for your caring generosity and for the loving care that you have for these wonderful men who have dedicated their lives to help bring Christ into our lives. Please remember them in your prayers, as I know we are remembered in theirs.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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*. The following dates and times for the high schools in our diocese and feel free to visit during these times.

Sacred Heart Academy	-	Saturday, September 30 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
St. Anthony's High School	-	Sunday, October 1 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School	-	Sunday, October 1 - 12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m.
Kellenberg Memorial High School	-	Saturday, October 14 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Chaminade High School	-	Saturday, October 14 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. Mary's High School	-	Sunday, October 15 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School	-	Saturday, October 21 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School	-	Sunday, October 22 - 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
St. Dominic High School	-	Sunday, October 22 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

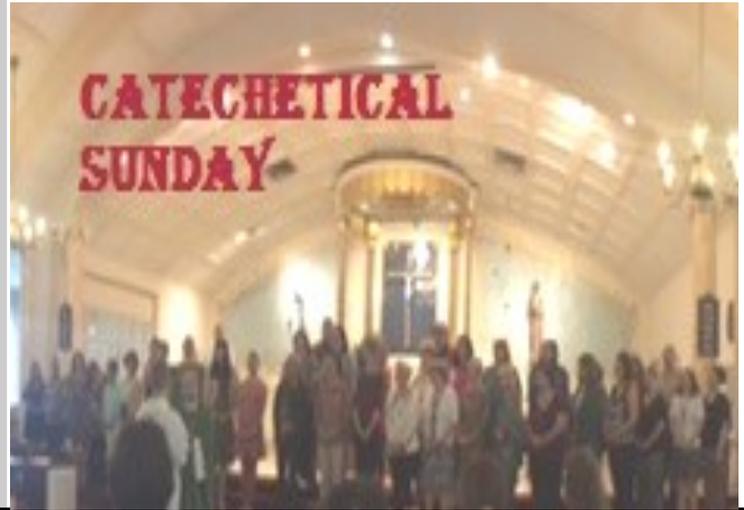
OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: By Appointment

Levels 3, 4, & 5
Don't forget the
Commitment Service
Saturday September 30,
In the church at 11:15 a.m.
Parents must attend!
Attendance will be taken!



Welcome!

Religious Ed. Classes Begin Monday, September 25th!

A reminder to all families that the first official day in the classroom for all levels will be in the school building. Please walk your child/children in to meet their teachers!

Level 8: Monday, September 25, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.

Level 6: Wednesday, September 27 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Level 7: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Levels 1 and 2 Session I: Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Levels 1 and 2 Session II: Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 10 a.m.

I thought that age should speak, and years should teach wisdom. Job 32:7



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
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † 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 MEATS
SOUP WITH MEAT
PORK & BEANS
PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT
SHELF STABLE MILK
HOT CHOCOLATE
JUICE
CAKE FROSTING
SOAP & BODY WASH
SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER

NO PASTA AT THIS TIME, PLEASE.

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 Room 24 of the School

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.—12:00 Noon

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

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “bring good news to the poor” assisting families, providing food, and other assistance they need. Thank You!

† A LIVING MEMORIAL

THANK YOU!!! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program. Your donations are used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish.

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

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

**Hear
the Cry of
the Poor**



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY DONATIONS

We are in need of the following items:

Men's pants (slacks & shorts) - larger sizes

Men's underwear - XL, XXL

Women's t-shirts/tops; new underwear
– size 6, 7

Medium weight hoodies - L, XL, 2XL

Sneakers

Shampoo - 1.5 oz. and Shaving cream

Lotion - 1.5 oz.

Sunscreen, bug spray, etc.

Lip balm

Backpacks

“Gently used” tents

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

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

MIDDLE AGES

Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?

Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?

Tuesday, October 3

make Halloween Candy Bags
for Community Meal in Room 24 – 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are usually held on the first and third weeks of the month in Room 24 of the “new” school. For more information, call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or e-mail 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.

Tuesday, October 10

9:00 a.m. in Room 24

Fran Grasso—631-956-3003
sixfingers13@gmail.com

There is a
place for
you at
our table...



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held once each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

*Our next Community Meal is
Sunday, October 1
Come and pray with us at the
12:00 p.m. Mass
then join us for “Sunday Dinner”
at 1:00 p.m.*

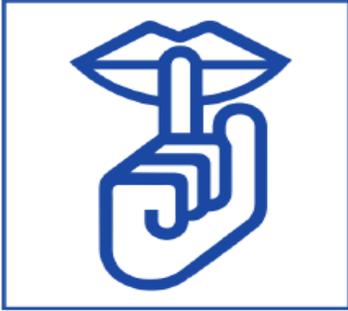
SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 6 -

“I'm sitting up straight now!”

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. She sits up straight now to accommodate her internal organs which have moved into their final place in her little body. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don't forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mom might still feel pressure to abort.



BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE***(silent)* Auction****OCTOBER 1, 2017****LINDENHURST OKTOBERFEST**

Come out to support The Blue Door Boutique, OLPH's Thrift Shop, at our (Silent) Auction during Lindenhurst's fall Oktoberfest and street fair. Visit our booth outside the church! Bid on items such as a Fiestaware package, Vietri Italian serveware, beautiful wooden salad bowl set and much more. Many items were seen on the Telecare television show Real Food with Msgr. Jim Vlaun. All proceeds benefit the work of the OLPH Parish social ministries.

THE
*blue*door
BOUTIQUE

VIRTUS TRAINING**VIRTUS TRAINING****Thursday, October 5****7:00 p.m. in Room 1**

TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS IN ALL MINISTRIES.

Registration MUST be done online in advance at www.drvc.org under Protecting God's Children or go to **Virtus online** on the lower right-hand side of the page and look for in the schedule for OLPH Lindenhurst.

**NEXT
SUNDAY**

**OLPH Youth
Ministry**

**ATTENTION ALL YOUNG PEOPLE****8th Grade-12th Grade**

The Youth Meeting will be directly after the 5:00 p.m. Mass next Sunday, **October 1st** in the auditorium.

Of course all are welcome and encouraged to attend Mass.

For more information contact Fr. Frank Zero at fzero@oloph.org

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

*Gary Minutolo & Laura Deangelis
Travis Meade & Emily Carow
Paul Ruggerio & Justine Rifice
Travis Holihan & Elizabeth Hehir*

First Announcement:

Dominick Renda & Brianna Urso

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Christopher Macchia</i>	<i>Juliette Silvestri</i>
<i>Nichlena Baily</i>	<i>Edward Voskinarian</i>
<i>Rocco Morabito</i>	<i>Judith Walsh</i>
<i>John Loiacono</i>	<i>Robert Chancellor</i>
<i>Peter Masak</i>	<i>Reynold Ruiz</i>
<i>Carol Mansuepo</i>	<i>Richard Northorn</i>
<i>Anne Muller</i>	<i>Juliette Silvestri</i>
<i>Tony Lopez</i>	<i>William D. Hinds</i>
<i>Agostino Pecoraro</i>	<i>Marjorie Hildemann</i>
<i>Kylie Zocali</i>	<i>Robert Scott Sr.</i>
<i>Jim Chiavone</i>	<i>Teresa Cording</i>
<i>Lyric Blauberg</i>	<i>Lily Elle Schlachter</i>
<i>Mary Condra</i>	<i>Haley Kerwin</i>
<i>Anna Cordova</i>	<i>Peter Leyden</i>
<i>Vera Anzalone</i>	<i>Jim Barlotta</i>

WE REMEMBER

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

*Joseph Pezzano
Attilio Lombardi
Glenn Cording
Vita Randazzo*

“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 having their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks depending upon space.

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of

September 24-30:

Altar Wine

In Memory of

Michael Bulzomi

Requested by

Connie Bulzomi

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 25— Weekday

6:30	Jessie Gagliano
12:15	Paul & Lorraine Grandinetti

TUESDAY, September 26— Weekday (*Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs*)

6:30	Diane Capuano
12:15	Raymond & Katherine Marko

WEDNESDAY, September 27— Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

6:30	Helen Brion
12:15	Carucci Family

THURSDAY, September 28— Weekday (*Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs*)

6:30	Michela Messina
12:15	Mary & Adam Hagzan

FRIDAY, September 29— Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

6:30	Emanuel J, Palazzolo
12:15	St. Michael

SATURDAY, September 30— Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00	Josephine Gigante
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Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00	John Gilbert Okula
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Sunday, October 1 THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00	Anna M. Kissinger
10:00	Vincent Ferraro, Jr.
12:00	For the People of the Parish
5:00	Ronald Lares

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 25, 2017

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
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Strengths Leadership Meeting	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	K of C Squires	Room 19

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

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
1:45 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School

Thursday, September 28, 2017

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.	Recommissioning of all Liturgical Ministers	Church
8:30 p.m.	Hospitality after Recommitment	Auditorium
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, September 29, 2017

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

Saturday, September 30, 2017

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

Sunday, October 1, 2017

8:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
12:45 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 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 PM 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.

Lecturas del Domingo 26th del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A Domingo 01 de Octubre del 2017

Dios abra nuestros ojos Espirituales y nuestro corazón para entender el mensaje y ponerlo en práctica, me habla a mí y a usted personal mente.

Primera Lectura (Ezequiel 18:25-28/136): cuando el malvado se convierte de su maldad, salva su vida. En la primera lectura, Ezequiel dice que una persona que ha vivido una vida justa y recta durante mucho tiempo, pero al final se vuelve malo " morirá en su pecado". Por otro lado, alguien que ha vivido una vida muy inmoral y lejos de Dios durante mucho tiempo, ha reconocido su pecado, y se ha vuelto hacia Dios al final vivirá. Israel y sus antepasados tenían una larga tradición de seguir la ley de Dios, pero ahora, se enfrentaron por primera vez con Juan el Bautista y luego con Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, no quisieron escuchar. Por otro lado, los gentiles que habían vivido vidas impías o idólatras, están recurriendo a Jesús y abriéndose a su enseñanza y su poder de sanación. No importa lo lejos que estemos de Dios y de Jesús, el Evangelio nos dice no importa lo negros que sean nuestros pecados, nunca es demasiado tarde para volver a casa de nuestro padre y podemos estar absolutamente seguros de que nos recibirá con los brazos abiertos y sin preguntas.

Segunda Lectura (Filipenses 2: 1-11): tengan entre ustedes los sentimientos propios de Cristo Jesús. Hoy escuchamos de Cristo mismo tomando la condición de siervo, humillándose hasta el punto de la muerte en la Cruz - recordándonos nuestra propia esclavitud al pecado y a la muerte. Paradójicamente, nuestra liberación viene del servicio voluntaria de Cristo, que es su entrada en nuestra servidumbre. Este movimiento por Cristo es el corazón de la exhortación que comienza y termina el pasaje de hoy. Si queremos llegar a ser como Cristo, comencemos por escuchar cómo Cristo que siendo de condición divina, se hizo como nosotros. Estas palabras deben sonar para nosotros como un trueno al oído de muchos que vivimos en comunidad. El Apóstol les habla a los Filipenses, pero el mensaje están actual que nos está hablando directamente: " si quieren darme el Consuelo de Cristo y aliviarme con su amor, si nos une el mismo Espíritu y tienen entrañas compasivas denme esta gran alegría: manténganse unánimes y en acorde con un mismo amor y un mismo sentir. No obren por rivalidad o por ostentación, déjense guiar por la humildad y consideren siempre superiores a los demás. No busquen sus propios intereses sino busquen todos el interés de los demás. Tengan entre ustedes los sentimientos propios de Cristo.

Evangelio (Mateo 21:28-32): La parábola es tan simple que parece que está dirigida a un grupo de niños que corretean a su alrededor, no a «los sumos sacerdotes y ancianos del pueblo» que lo acosan cuando se acerca al templo. Según el relato, un padre pide a dos de sus hijos que vayan a trabajar a su viña. El primero le responde bruscamente: «No quiero», pero no se olvida de la llamada del padre y termina obedeciendo y va a trabajar a la viña. El segundo reacciona con una disponibilidad admirable: «Por supuesto que voy, señor»; pero todo se queda en palabras. Nadie lo verá trabajando en la viña. El mensaje de la parábola es claro. También los dirigentes religiosos que escuchan a Jesús están de acuerdo. Ante Dios, lo importante no es «hablar» sino «hacer». Para cumplir la voluntad del Padre del cielo, lo decisivo no son las palabras, promesas y rezos, sino los hechos y la vida cotidiana. Jesús está hablando desde su propia experiencia. Los dirigentes religiosos han dicho «sí» a Dios. Son los primeros en hablar de él, de su ley y de su templo. Pero, cuando Jesús los llama a «buscar el reino de Dios y su justicia», se cierran a su mensaje y no entran por ese camino. Dicen «no» a Dios con su resistencia a Jesús. Lo sorprendente es la aplicación de Jesús. Sus palabras no pueden ser más duras. Os aseguro que los publicanos y las prostitutas os llevan la delantera en el camino del reino de Dios». Los recaudadores y prostitutas han dicho «no» a Dios. Viven fuera de la ley, están excluidos del templo. Sin embargo, cuando Jesús les ofrece la amistad de Dios, escuchan su llamada y dan pasos hacia la conversión. Para Jesús, no hay duda: el recaudador Zaqueo, la prostituta que ha regado con lágrimas sus pies y tantos otros... van por delante en «el camino del reino de Dios».

Estamos parados en la eternidad, las sediciones de hoy tienen consecuencias eternas, es de suma importancia dar un vistazo a nuestra vida, pensar que hoy puede ser nuestro último día de vida. Estamos listos para enfrentar Lajusticia Divina? Busquemos pues a aquel que nos amó hasta la muerte.



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
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Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
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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 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 at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork
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Lori Byron
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Greg Guido
Sonia Hansen
John Keller
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Christina Taparata
James Totino
Pete Triolo

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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John Reynolds

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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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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.

**OFFERING UPDATE
Sept. 16/17, 2017**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	313	152	\$3,701.03
8:00 a.m.	285	111	2,670.00
10:00 a.m.	404	115	2,791.00
12:00 p.m.	410	110	3,156.00
5:00 p.m.	174	52	1,135.00
Coin			23.04
Mail-ins:			710.00
Children's Env.		13	28.90
Faith Direct			2,214.50
TOTAL	1,586	553	\$16,429.47
2016 total	1,639	572	\$16,511.73
Candles			\$1,058.23
Poor Box			\$295.92



**Lindenhurst
Oktoberfest**

**Wellwood Avenue Closed
Sunday, Oct. 1 - 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.**

No traffic will be allowed on Wellwood Avenue between John Street & West Gates Ave. due to vendors. Remember to add extra travel time to arrive at church in order to obtain a parking spot and be on time for Mass on Sunday.

Respect Life Sunday

Sunday, October 1 is Respect Life Sunday. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

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

- \$1000 - *Ms. Jane A. McGrath*
- \$250 - *Thomas A. Romano*
- \$100 - *Tom & Rita Aloisi*
- \$100 - *Mrs. Dominick Ferraro*
- \$100 - *Maryann Santamaria*
- \$100 - *Unterschuetz/Hosey*

FUNDS FOR RELIEF FROM HURRICANE IRMA

The Diocese of Rockville Centre has authorized all parishes to collect funds to assist victims of Hurricane Irma in Florida, as was done with Hurricane Harvey in Texas. If you wish to make a donation to assist those affected by Hurricane Irma, please make out your check and be sure to indicate "Hurricane Irma" on the check, so the funds can be applied appropriately. Return the check in the collection next weekend, or drop it off at the rectory. We will forward it to the Diocese for disbursement. Thank you for your generosity.



**TO OUR NEW OLPH
PARISHIONERS**

September

- Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Fernandez & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. William Staak & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. James Giancola & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Louis Mangione & Family*
- Ms. Janet Morante*
- Ms. Cynthia Turcios & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Mitchell & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Mark Donadeo & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Adam Hurd & Family*
- Mr. Eric Sims & Miss Leanne Hockenbrocht, Family*
- Ms. Michele Landauere & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Puglisi & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Butler & Family*

PREPARING FOR Sunday, October 1, 2017—
THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10-11

Ezekiel 18:25-28

In this reading, Ezekiel tells his fellow exiles in Babylon that each individual will be held responsible for his/her individual sin. For the Israelites this was a radical new teaching. Until now, they believed in what is called "corporate responsibility" which meant that they were now paying for the sins of their ancestors. (Hence the words, "the Lord's ways are not fair.") Ezekiel states clearly that we are responsible only for our own sins. If the sinner repents he will experience a whole new beginning with God. Conversely, if the virtuous person sins, he will pay for his sins.

Philippians 2:1-11

While in prison, Paul has heard from his visitors about the bickering and divisions occurring amongst his beloved Philippians. From the deepest recesses of his heart he appeals to them to change their destructive ways. Because they have been baptized into Christ, they are called to live in a fellowship that should be characterized by love, humility, mutual respect, altruism and unity. As their model for this transformation process, Paul holds up for his readers Jesus who, even though he was God, was willing to surrender his equality with God in order to become fully human. He was willing to forgo his innocence to take on the sins of humanity.

Matthew 21:28-32

This is the first of three consecutive parables in Matthew on the theme of judgment day and how we will be responsible for our poor choices. The one who is faithful to the call will be rewarded, and the one who does not respond will be sorry. When Jesus asks the chief priests and elders which of the two sons did the Father's will, he is inviting them to pass judgment on themselves. The first son stands for sinners (tax collectors, prostitutes, etc.) who initially said "no" to God, but are now saying "yes" to Jesus. The second son represents Jesus' audience, the religious leaders of the Jewish people. They are the recipients of God's revelation. They, or their ancestors, at one time said "yes" to God, but now they are saying "no" to him by their rejection of Jesus. The first group in cooperation with the grace of God was able to have a change of mind and thereby open their hearts to Jesus. The latter group refused to have a change of mind and heart and therefore were shut out of the kingdom.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, September 25, 2017:

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

Tuesday, September 26, 2017:

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

+ Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 27, 2017:

Ezekiel 9:5-0 + Luke 9: 1-6

Thursday, September 28, 2017:

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

Friday, September 29, 2017:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

+ John 1:47-51

Saturday, September 30, 2017:

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a

+ Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday, October 1, 2017:

Ezekiel 18:25-28

+ Philippians 2:1-11

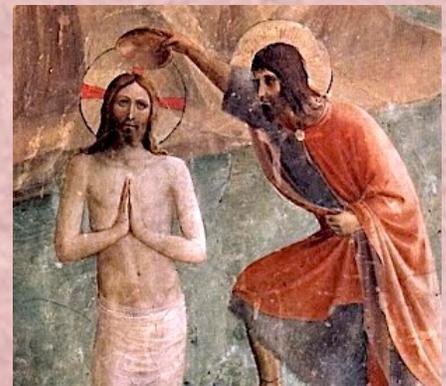
+ Matthew 21:28-32

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. Using the idea of "conversion," discuss the two sons from this reading. Which one needed to change and turn toward his father? Are you presently in need of conversion in any area of your life? What counts more in building community, saying some good words, or actually doing some good deeds? At which one are you better, words or deeds?

2. Jesus told the chief priests and elders that "when John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him." Why didn't they believe John the Baptist? Was it hard for them to change their minds and think in new ways? Is it hard for you?



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Girl Scout Pray & Play Day, Saturday, **September 30** 10:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. at the *Shrine of Our Lady of the Island*, Eastport, NY. For a day of prayer, handicrafts and fun. Contact 516 678-5800, ext. 245 or scouting@drvc.org

A day long retreat on the approved messages of "*The Flame of Love to Elizabeth Kindelmann*" on Saturday, **September 30th**, at the *Seminary of the Immaculate Conception* in Huntington. Tony Mullen, National Director of the Movement will be giving two retreat talks, and the day will include two meals, Mass and Adoration. You must pre-register by email arguariglia@gmail.com or call Angela at 516 659-7945 for further information. The cost is \$40 per person payable at the do or and the day begins at 8:00 a.m.

Regis High School of Manhattan, an all-scholarship Jesuit school for gifted and talented boys, is holding *Open House* on Columbus Day, **October 9** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For information contact Eric Di Michele, Dir. of Admissions, 212-288-1100 X 2057; edimichele@regis.org.

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island 100 years—Friday, **October 13**, 258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville 631-325-0661. 10:00 a.m. Procession & Prayer @ Rosary Walk, 11:30 a.m. Mass at the Rock, 1:30 p.m. Conference, 3:00 p.m. Holy Hour.

The "Moving On" Group, an 'After-Bereavement' Group for Widows and Widowers, will host a Computer Workshop at the *Church of St. Joseph Parish Center*, 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, to be conducted by "The Geek Squad From Best Buy" on Friday, **October 13th** @ 7:30 p.m. For more information please call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994 or Mike Goodwin 631-422-0957

St. Dominic's High School is holding an *Open House* on Sunday, **October 22**, from 1:00—3:30 p.m. at 110 Anstice St., Oyster Bay, NY. Contact them at 516-922-4888 X 5325, admissions@stdoms.org and hs.stdoms.org

The Dominican Sisters of Amityville will 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 26th**, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, to benefit the ministries of our Sisters. Our 2017 Veritas Award Recipient is 1010 Wins Reporter, Juliet Papa. Our St. Catherine of Siena Award Recipients are: Maureen Chase, OP, Maureen Coyne, OP, Jean Agnes Geraghty, OP, Elizabeth Gnam, OP, Denise Haviland, OP, Rosemary Jermusyk, OP, Madeline Queck, OP, and Catherine Thornton, OP. For further information about our 50/50 raffle or a listing in the 2017 *Dominican Gala Journal*, please contact Mary Fuchs, Director of Advancement, at (631) 842-6000 x 241. Print deadline - October 10, 2017.

Beginning Experience Weekend for the *Widowed, Divorced & Separated*. The loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation is one of life's most traumatic experiences, often resulting in feelings of loneliness and grief. When those feelings remain, it can be overwhelming and hard to move forward. The Beginning Experience weekend is a grace filled time to focus on you... to feel understood by peers and experience a sense of peace and a renewed hope for the future. The next weekend is November 3-5, 2017 on Long Island. For information and reservations, call Mary at 516-413-6209, Jeanne 631-903-0973 or Jim at 718-474-3779 or email: BeginningExperienceLI@hotmail.com.

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