

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said,
“Whoever wishes to save his life
will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake
will find it.”*

Matthew 16:25

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 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.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—SEPTEMBER 8



The Legion of Mary

O.L.P.H. Praesidium

Invites you to attend their
Annual Function Celebrating
The Blessed Mother's Birthday

Guest Speaker: **Father John Sureau**

*Pastor of St. John the Evangelist
Formerly Associate Pastor of OLPH*



Friday September 8, 2017

12:15 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Followed by refreshments after Mass in the auditorium
and the recitation of The Rosary and Tesseria

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The Feast of the Sorrowful Mother

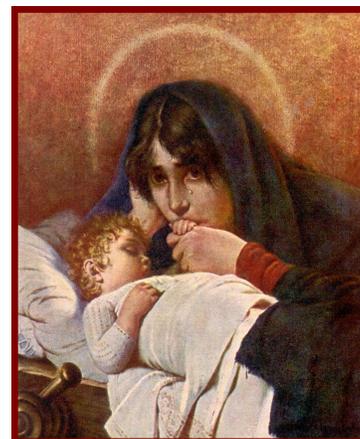
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Devotions begin at 6:30 p.m. + Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

At OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

The Schedule for the Evening will be:

- *Chanting the Stabat Mater*
- *The Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Mother*
- *The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*
- *Reception of the Anointing of the Sick at Mass*
- *The presentation of a rose to each child*



***Our Pastor, Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, will preside at the special Mass,
and Fr. Fidelis Ezeani will concelebrate.***

The intentions of this Mass will be for

***CHILDREN & TEENAGERS WHO ARE TERMINALLY ILL OR IN REMISSION
AND FOR CHILDREN & TEENAGERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS***

This beautiful devotion is important and open to all mothers and all children especially this year because it is the 100th anniversary of when Our Lady appeared at Fatima. During her last apparition to the children she performs the Miracle of the Sun. While this miracle is occurring she also appears as Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Sorrows to Servant of God Lucia, Saint Jacinta and Saint Francisco showing them the importance of Mary's Sorrowful & Immaculate Heart.

If any mothers or children would like to be involved in/attend this special evening
please call Linda Setti at 631-884-6892.

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Labor Day weekend

Labor Day weekend is here, and so we have the unofficial end of the summer season. If you're like me, this is when you say, "*Where did the summer go? It went by so quickly!*" Amidst the barbecues and festivities of the weekend, let's also remember to honor the contributions made by all those who labor in our country and who, through their work, contribute to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our nation. Let's also recall that regardless of whatever work we are engaged in, our labor can be made into a spiritual offering to God when we undertake that work with a spirit of generosity, selflessness, and as an opportunity to make others' lives or the world in general a better place. Perhaps it would be a good spiritual practice to get into the habit of offering a little prayer each day before you begin your workday, whatever your job might be; it could be something as simple as: "*God, accept my work today as a gift that will serve to do your will and build up your kingdom of love.*"

I want to take this opportunity in particular to say thank you to all who work as paid employees at OLPH. They do a great job, and they keep things going in big ways and in small. I hope they know that their labors are not just a paid job, but that they also serve to build up the Kingdom of God through the work of the parish.

Allow me to also offer to you this "official" prayer of the Church, taken from the Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor; you may find it beneficial to pray this prayer on Labor Day: "*O God, who through human labor never cease to perfect and govern the vast work of creation, listen to the supplication of your people and grant that all men and women may find work that befits their dignity, joins them more closely to one another and enables them to serve their neighbor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*"

Things starting up again in the parish

With the weekdays that follow Labor Day we see the starting up again of many activities that took a pause during the summer — most notably, of course, school, but also many other

routines, and many of our parish activities as well. Liturgy Committee; Pastoral Staff meetings; Religious Education Commitment Services, classes and parent orientation meetings; Children's Liturgy of the Word; Choir; CYO — these are but a few activities of parish life that will be resuming in the coming weeks, with others starting up again a little later on. Once again it promises to be an exciting and dynamic year of "dramatic missionary growth" (to borrow Bishop Barres' favorite phrase) here at OLPH. One of the things we will want to focus on in the year ahead is increasing the number of people who offer their time and talent. It takes people-power to keep all our activities running, and we can't really sustain our ministries with the same few people who do many different things; we need to get more people, and especially younger people, involved. More on this in the months ahead.

In October I will once again give the Pastor's Annual Report, which will give us a snapshot of where we are and where we would like to go.

Faith life at home in families

As parish, school and community activities start up again, I wish to remind everyone, and parents especially, to keep your faith alive at home. This can be done in many small and easy ways, such as remembering to say grace before and after meals. Another practice which is good to make a habit of is for parents to bless their children on their coming and going; for example, the parent can trace the sign of the cross on their child's forehead with the simple words "May God bless you" before the child leaves for school in the morning. Children can do the same for their parents, too!

A great resource that I think every Catholic family should have at home is the book *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*. The book contains exactly what the title describes — blessings for the persons and special times in the life of a family. Those household blessings are called "sacramentals" because they prepare us to receive the grace of the sacraments and help us to grow to be more like Christ. While we are accustomed to seeing bishops, priests and

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deacons give blessings, the blessings in this book are ones the Church says can be prayed by anyone who has been baptized, especially in many cases parents on behalf of their children.

The book is a great resource containing basic and essential prayers, prayers and blessings for various times of the day and daily activities such as work and study, prayers for seasons and feasts in the liturgical year, prayers and blessings for moments in family life from birth to death, and much more.

The book *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* is published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and can be purchased at their website, www.usccb.org or through Amazon. I strongly urge every Catholic household to have a copy of this book and to use it frequently, making it a part of family dinners and holiday celebrations, and bedtime routines and special occasions.

Anointing of the Sick

Not infrequently someone will come to one of us priests and ask for a blessing because they are facing an illness or are going into the hospital for surgery. When I ask that person if they have been or would like to be anointed, sometimes the idea of receiving the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick seems to be an idea they never thought of. With all due regard for blessings, which are important, and without in any way seeking to minimize them, I would like to highlight the importance of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which is something “more” than a blessing — it offers us sacramental grace!

When someone is facing an illness or going into the hospital for surgery, that person really should request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick from a priest. That Sacrament brings the sacramental grace of God’s healing and comfort to the person. Remember, Sacraments, in classic theological language, “effect what they signify,” so something real happens in a sacrament that does not happen in other forms of prayer, including a blessing. Sometimes people will refer to the Sacrament of Anointing as “a blessing,” but technically this is incorrect.

Also, remember that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is **NOT** “Last Rites” — it is **NOT** a death sentence if you celebrate this Sacrament! While it is appropriate for the dying to celebrate this Sacrament, it is really intended to be celebrated at the beginning of a serious illness.

Give yourself or your loved one the gift of celebrating this Sacrament if appropriate. Feel free to request one of us priests to celebrate it with you, either at home or by your coming to the rectory. It’s nice to have some or all of your family present to pray with you during the celebration. Understand that the ritual, while not long at all, takes longer than a simple blessing, so please do not grab us and ask for a “quick anointing” a minute or two before Mass or while we are on our way to another commitment. Arrange a time when it can be celebrated properly.

Those who have celebrated this Sacrament have felt the powerful grace that comes through sacramental anointing. It’s a beautiful gift the Church gives to us that we should take advantage of whenever we are facing serious or long-term illness or surgery.

Save two dates!

Let me again remind you of two important upcoming dates, so you can keep them free: Thursday, September 28, which will be our Recommissioning of all Liturgical Ministers, and Friday, October 20, which will be our bi-annual Offerer Appreciation Party, as we say “thank you” to everyone who offers their time and talent in some way to the parish.

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

Prayer for Peace

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

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,*

*Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!*

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

*Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.*

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

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

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

AMEN

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



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

**Monday, September 4—No Devotions
due to the Labor Day holiday**

Monday, September 11—7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 18—6:30 p.m.*

***Note Time**

Evening Prayer



All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Here we pray the psalms, listen to the

Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length.

So come and pray...

**Saturdays
and Sundays**

After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

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

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175



BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

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.

POLICY CONCERNING FIRST SACRAMENTS

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.



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!

MUSIC NOTES



Can you share your musical gifts?

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



Adult Choir

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

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

Youth Choir

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

*Contact: Amy Keller
mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com*

Youth Band

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

*Contact: Dan Volpe
(917) 468-9584*



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religiouslyused@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**

Here are some pictures from the Catechist Opening Meetings.

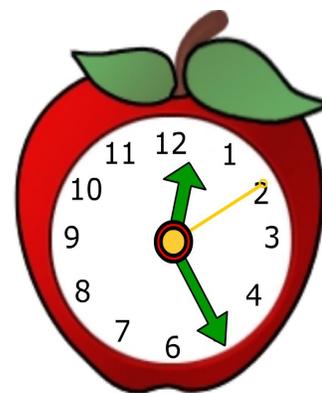
They are very excited to start the new year of religious formation!



Please Note:

The office hours have changed. See above for the School-Year Office hours.

The office will be closed on **Monday, September 4th** for Labor Day!



New Family Orientation Meeting

Attention New Families: All families who are new to our Faith Formation Program are encouraged to attend a meeting to discuss the different facets of our program. Discussion will be on policies, parent meetings, and raising your child in the Catholic faith, and will be run by April Kleinlaut and Msgr. Joe. This meeting will be on **Saturday, September 9th at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium.**



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—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.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
COFFEE
CANNED FRUIT
JELLY**

**SHELF STABLE MILK
SNACKS/CRACKERS
BAR SOAP**

PAPER TOWELS/NAPKINS

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.

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

**WALK WITH US!
HELP END POVERTY ON LONG ISLAND**



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FRIENDS OF THE POOR® 5K WALK
Saturday, September 30, 2017 (rain or shine)

Bethpage Community Park (1001 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714)
9:00 a.m. Registration/Check-in

EVERY DONATION GOES TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

To support us through a donation, checks may be mailed to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference, Attn: Friends of the Poor Walk, 210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Questions? Call (516) 822-3132

www.fopwalk.org

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



OLPH Homeless Van Ministry Needs Your Help

Are you at least 18 years of age?

Do you feel called to follow the instructions of Jesus to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless?

JOIN US on Wednesday evenings as we minister to those in need!

Or, are you willing to cook for 20 people once a month?

For information, please contact Regina Muir at 631 223 5327 or

rmuir11@aol.com

or Peggy Pannullo at 631 921-5994

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, September 5–

General meeting 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.

7th Annual OLPH Golf Outing

Monday, September 18th at Rock Hill CC

CALL NOW TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!

For additional information; Contact:

Bob Dobres 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney 631-560-0451

Bus Available from OLPH Church

Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

On the weekend of September 9 & 10, 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 4th & 5th

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle.

Help save lives



EMERGENCY Blood Drive

Sunday, September 10, 2017

9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

OLPH New School

Contact: Regina Muir 631-223-5327

All donors will receive a McDonalds gift certificate

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.

-Rite of Baptism

Salvatore Joseph Sceppa

Avaleigh Mia Turcios

Joseph James Abbate, Jr.

Abigail Butler Schaming

Milo James Figliozzi

Analia Dulce Taveras



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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

Cedric Johnson & Alexandra Keller

Philip Boystak & Stephanie McDonald

Gregory Santo & Mary Puleo

Michael Litvinoff & Kimberly Hirten

First Announcement:

Brian Logan & Kirsten Langan

MASS MEMORIALS

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

September 3-9:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Thomas Daniel Mattias

Requested by

The Mattias Family

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

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish community:

Nicholas Paretta William K. Thom

William G. Woods Salvatore Rizzolo

“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.”

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Gary Foster</i>	<i>Nichlena Baily</i>
<i>John McPhail</i>	<i>Rocco Morabito</i>
<i>Diane Dady</i>	<i>John Loiacono</i>
<i>Frank Gravano</i>	<i>Peter Masak</i>
<i>Baby Jason Werkmeister</i>	<i>Carol Mansuepo</i>
<i>Roberta Caristo</i>	<i>Glenn Cording</i>
<i>Ed Bogart</i>	<i>Anne Muller</i>
<i>Debra Glynn</i>	<i>Tony Lopez</i>
<i>Michael Marchetti Sr.</i>	<i>Agostino Pecoraro</i>
<i>Michael Marchetti Jr.</i>	<i>Kylie Zocali</i>
<i>Kathy Ferello</i>	<i>Jim Chiavone</i>
<i>Christopher Macchia</i>	<i>Lyric Blauberg</i>

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.

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3, 2017 10:00 A.M. MASS

Adam Whiston	Requested by Friends of the Family
Nina Eserino-Messina	Requested by Marie DiMezza
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Russell Ruffino	Requested by Jean Magaraci

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 4—
Weekday

6:30	Marie & Leo Clark
12:15	Thomas Daniel Mattias

TUESDAY, September 5—
Weekday
(Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Religious)

6:30	Henry & Eleanor Zuber
12:15	Robert Horan

WEDNESDAY, September 6—
Weekday

6:30	Gregory Vaughan
12:15	Regina Anderson

THURSDAY, September 7—
Weekday

6:30	Mary Corrigan
12:15	Antonio Suppa

FRIDAY, September 8—
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30	Grazia Azzaro
12:15	Celebration of the Blessed Mother's Birthday

SATURDAY, September 9—
Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:00	Patrick Gilmour, Jr.
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Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00	Edward Reve
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Sunday, September 10
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
12:00	Claudelle Michel
5:00	Maria & Aniello Gragnano

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 4, 2017

ALL RECTORY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
AND ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED FOR LABOR DAY.
OFFICES WILL OPEN TUESDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

8:00 a.m.	F & M Cleaning	Rm. 10-12
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

8:00 a.m.	F & M Cleaning	Rm. 9-12
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
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Room 18

Thursday, September 7, 2017

8:00 a.m.	F & M Cleaning	Rm. 1-5
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, September 8, 2017

8:00 a.m.	F & M Cleaning	Rm. 10-12
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Celebration of Blessed Mother's Birthday	Auditorium

Saturday, September 9, 2017

10:30 a.m.	New Families Orientation	Auditorium
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, September 10, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Blood Drive	Rm 16/18
10:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
12:45 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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

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**OFFERING UPDATE
August 26/27, 2017**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	325	143	\$3,853.00
8:00 a.m.	280	110	2,681.00
10:00 a.m.	389	111	2,860.00
12:00 p.m.	440	155	3,798.00
5:00 p.m.	154	54	1,433.00
Coin			10.88
Mail-ins:			100.00
Children's Env.		10	38.00
Faith Direct			2,214.50
TOTAL	1,588	583	\$16,988.38
2016 total	1,682	522	\$17,209.21
Candles			\$1,166.31
Poor Box			\$239.07
Mission			\$848.00



Bishop Barres has authorized a special collection to be taken up to assist those who are suffering from the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. Special envelopes are available on the pew ledges throughout the church. Checks should read *"Hurricane Harvey"* on the memo line. Checks can be made out to *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church* or to the *Diocese of Rockville Centre*. Please take an envelope and return it in the collection along with your weekly offering, or drop it off at the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.

All Rectory and Parish Offices are CLOSED on Monday, September 4, Labor Day, and all parish activities except for the two weekday Masses are cancelled. Also, the Monday evening Devotions are cancelled that night due to the holiday. The Rectory Office will re-open Tuesday, September 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Have you returned your *Summer Appeal* envelope yet? Thank you for your generosity!



SAVE THE DATE...

OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY

Save the date of *Friday, October 20...* that's the night of the **OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY**, our bi-annual "thank you" to all who offer their time and talent here at OLPH. More details to follow, but set the date aside now...you don't want to miss what is always a great party!

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PREPARING FOR Sunday, September 10, 2017— THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:19-20

Ezekiel 33:7-9

In ancient times, the sentinel, stationed high atop the city wall, was responsible for alerting the people to any approaching threats. Once the sentinel sounded a warning, the responsibility for action was in the hands of the people. In a similar way, the prophet's task is to warn the sinner of the impending disaster resulting from sin. If the prophet fails to issue the warning, he will be held responsible for the disaster that will befall the sinner. However, once the prophet speaks a word of warning, it is up to the sinner to listen to the word and act. Are we listening?

Romans 13:8-10

Paul speaks to us about the centrality of love when it comes to following Christ and living a normal life. Christian love must be sincere, without hypocrisy, and must manifest itself in heartfelt affection for one's brothers and sisters in the community, even for one's enemies and anyone in need. In the context of today's readings, it can also be noted that genuine love sometimes calls us to reach out to an erring brother or sister with the purpose of drawing him/her back into God's ways.

Matthew 18:15-20

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives instructions on how the local community should deal with a member who sins in order to win them back by true repentance. The community (not just the leaders) must reflect the merciful love of Christ. Jesus suggests the following three steps: First, go to the person privately. This simple outreach may bring about the desired result. If this fails, take along a second person to help the reconciliation effort and to emphasize the seriousness of the situation. If this still does not work, bring the sinner before the whole community. If he continues to be unrepentant, "treat him as you would a Gentile or tax collector," i.e., as someone who has a disdain for the Gospel. Some scholars say Matthew is telling his audience to excommunicate the unrepentant sinner. Others think that Jesus wants us to treat the sinner with unconditional love because that is how he treated Gentiles and tax collectors. Jesus says that the decision of the Church will be honored by God since he inspires the Church in making the decision. Jesus ends by saying that God will hear the prayer of those who gather together to pray in this kind of situation.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, September 4, 2017:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
+ Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 5, 2017:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11
+ Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 6, 2017:

Colossians 1:1-8 + Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 7, 2017:

Colossians 1:9-14 + Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 8, 2017:

Micah 5:1-4a
+ Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday, September 9, 2017:

Colossians 1:21-23
+ Luke 6:1-5

Sunday, September 10, 2017:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
+ Romans 13:8-10
+ Matthew 18:15-20

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. Can you rely on God to grant your request in some way when you and another person agree to pray about something? Do you trust God's promise?

2. Pope Francis thought it was important enough to send out an urgent request for all Catholics to join him in prayer when he met with leaders from Israel and Palestine to pray for world peace. Do you always remember that "if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they (you) are to pray, it shall be granted to them (you)"?

Pope Francis invited Catholics to join him in prayer for world peace, to participate spiritually in this great act of solidarity by uniting themselves in prayer with him on that special day, when he met with Israel's President Shimon Peres and President of Palestine Mahmoud Abbas in the Vatican that Sunday afternoon.

As he stated,

In this way, the invocation for world peace, emanating from the tomb of St Peter, will extend throughout the earth. Let us be confident that the promise of the Lord may be fulfilled: "if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my Heavenly Father" (Gospel).

Pope Francis, But who do you say that I am?



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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 23º del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A

Domingo 10 de Septiembre del 2017

Jesús nos dice hoy:

Donde dos o tres se reúnan en mi nombre allí estoy yo en medio de ellos.

Estamos aquí reunidos en su nombre; por tanto Jesús está en medio de nosotros.

Qué él permanezca siempre con ustedes.

Primer Lectura (Ezequiel 33,7-9): Guardián de los Hermanos

Como el vigía siempre está alerta para avizorar al enemigo, así el profeta debe avisar a su pueblo contra el mal, y cada cristiano debe advertir a su prójimo.

Segunda Lectura (Romanos 13,8-10): El Amor Compendia Todos los Mandamientos

Ámense unos a otros como ustedes se aman a sí mismos. Si hacen esto, dice san Pablo, han cumplido la ley, porque el amor es el motivo y el espíritu de todos los mandamientos.

Evangelio (Mateo 18,15-20): Ayuda a los Que Yerran

El sentido cristiano de responsabilidad de unos para con otros exige que, con firmeza pero con amor, ayudemos a los que Herrán. Si uno no tiene éxito en esta acción, que sea la comunidad la que ayude, ya que la Iglesia habría de ser un lugar de reconciliación." abras negado a tu hermano", dice Jesús a quien ha logrado llevar a un pecador reconocer el propio error. En efecto, ha reestablecido la fraternidad: ya no está sol, y donde dos hermanos están juntos, el Padre se complace el Hijo está en medio de ellos. La verdad hay que hacerla en la caridad pero la caridad nunca está separada de la verdad. La primicia siempre es del amor por eso se manifiesta en buscar al extraviado y apartarlo de el

Si realmente nosotros somos la Iglesia, somos una comunidad en torno a Cristo y por tanto somos hermanos los unos de los otros. Esto significa: Nos amamos unos a otros, nos aceptamos y servimos unos a otros, tanto que tenemos el valor de corregirnos unos a otros cuando erramos. Porque esas personas son mi hermano o hermana, ellas son mi preocupación. -- Oremos con Jesús, el Señor, que está aquí entre nosotros, para que tengamos tal valor, y que nuestros hermanos y nosotros aceptemos la ayuda que nos ofrecemos para liberarnos.

Qué gran responsabilidad nos confía hoy el Señor. Nos dice que la gente conocerá a los discípulos de Jesús por cómo se aman entre ellos. En otras palabras, el amor es el documento de identidad del cristiano, es el único "documento" válido para ser reconocidos como discípulos de Jesús. Es el único documento válido.

Si este documento caduca y no se renueva continuamente, dejamos de ser testigos del Maestro. Entonces les pregunto: ¿Quieren acoger la invitación de Jesús para ser sus discípulos? ¿Quieren ser sus amigos fieles? El amigo verdadero de Jesús se distingue principalmente por el amor concreto, no el amor en las nubes. El amor siempre es concreto, lo que habla de amor y no es concreto es telenovela, un romance. ¿Quieren vivir este amor que él nos entrega? ¿Quieren o no quieren? Entonces, frecuentemos su escuela, que es una escuela de vida para aprender a amar. Esto es un trabajo de todos los días, aprender a amar.



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Rosary, Mass and Healing Service continuing the *Marian Healing Ministry of Fr. Dennis Kelleher CSsR* will be held at St. Anastasia's Church, 45-14 245th St., Douglaston-Little Neck, NY, on Tuesday, **Sept. 5** at 7:00 p.m. For more information call St. Anastasia's Church at 718-631-4445.

St. Mary's Parish in East Islip is offering a *free 8 Week support group* for adults who are coping with the death of a loved one. Registration is required and group begins on Wednesday, **September 6**, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. In order to participate the death must have occurred prior to June 6, 2017. For information and registration please contact the rectory at 631-581-4266 ext. 100.

Regis High School of Manhattan, an all-scholarship Jesuit school for gifted and talented boys, is holding a *Long Island Admissions Information Night*, Tuesday, **Sept. 12** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church, 110 Anchor Ave., Oceanside & *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.

Church of St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 North Carll Ave., Babylon, NY “**Moving On**” Group An ‘*After-Bereavement*’ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents: “*Organize, De-Clutter and Downsize*” Presented by Alice Price, Friday, **September 8** @ 7:30 p.m. For further information please call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994 or Mike Goodwin at 631-422-0957.

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death at no charge. Upcoming Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include: *Spousal/Partner Loss Group* – 9/14/17-11/2/17 - 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; *Parents Who Have Lost an Adult Child Group*-9/14/17-11/2/17 - 6:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Both groups held at Good Shepherd Hospice Administrative Office, 110 Bi-County Blvd., Suite 114, Farmingdale. Registration required – (631) 828-7631

In Concert—Grammy Award Winner & Contemporary Christian Music Pioneer *John Michael Talbot*. Sunday, **September 17** at 7:00 p.m. at St. James RC Church, 429 Route 25A, East Setauket, NY. Tickets \$30 & \$50 at the Rectory Office 631-941-4141 and at www.johnmichaeltalbot.com.

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

Catholic Charities' Suffolk Meals on Wheels program located in Amityville, needs a driver, 19 hours per week, to deliver meals to homebound seniors, @ \$13.69 per hour. If interested call Izabela at 631-789-5219. We are an EOE employer.



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