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*Whoever does not carry his own cross
and come after me
cannot be my disciple.*

Luke 14:27

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 4, 2022

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

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

Business Manager: Ms. Jill Marie Delano

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Reilly

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **each day until 6:30 p.m.**,
except on Thursdays (closed after the
12:15 p.m. Mass, for cleaning)

and on holidays (closed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass).

Come in and spend some time in prayer!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

Special Needs Mass:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult the bulletin

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person,
each Saturday in the church immediately following
the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning
Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.
on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

*Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

First Saturdays: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

OLPH Novena: Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass

Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesdays following

12:15 p.m. Mass

First Fridays and First Saturdays:

As announced in bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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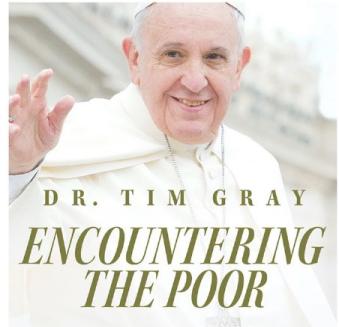
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Sept 4, 2021

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Labor Day

We may find it hard to believe, but Labor Day weekend is here, and along with it is also what is regarded, unfortunately, as the unofficial end of the “summer season.” It’s a cliché to say this, but it’s nonetheless true: the summer goes by too, too quickly!

As we celebrate Labor Day this year, we can once again be reminded that productive work is a gift from God, and it contributes to the building up of a just and more human world. I think it would be a great spiritual practice to get into the habit of offering a little prayer each day before you begin your workday or your daily tasks, whatever that might mean in your particular circumstances; 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.”* (Do this even if you’re now working at home, on your laptop, wearing pajamas, as has become a new possibility in our world nowadays!)

I want to take this opportunity in particular to say **THANK YOU** to all who work as paid employees at OLPH. They do an amazing job, and they keep things going in big ways and in small. I hope they know that their labors are not simply a paid job, but that they are also building up the Kingdom of God through their work in the parish. May God bless them for the work they do for the Church — especially since we all know that working for the Church is “a labor of love,” meaning that the Church does not pay very well!

Let’s also remember to thank all those whose work entails sacrifice of time and, perhaps, even danger to themselves. I’m in mind of so many service workers and first responders, who so willingly take on tasks that not everyone can do.

Perhaps this Labor Day you, alone or as a family, could take a moment to pray this prayer of the Church, taken from the Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor: *“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, God, for ever and ever.”*

Ministry of Consolation

One of the most visible and, in certain ways,

most important ministries we have here at OLPH (although all are important) is the Ministry of Consolation. Ministers in this ministry assist families before and at the celebration of the Funeral Mass, and it is a ministry that is very much appreciated by the grieving families. In the work that is done both behind the scenes and at the Mass itself, the ministers of consolation bring much comfort to the families, assist in making the celebration of the Funeral Mass dignified and worthy, and present a very warm and caring face of the Church to others (and that is how evangelization happens at its best).

The Ministry of Consolation is a somewhat-complicated ministry with many components and “moving parts,” so, as you can imagine, it takes strong and competent leadership to keep the whole thing running smoothly. From the beginning, as a founding member, MaryAnn Haas has been our Overall Administrator for the Ministry of Consolation, and, after close to ten years of service in this capacity, she feels the time has come for her to step down from that role. I cannot offer enough praise and gratitude to MaryAnn for the amazing offering and pastoral service she has given to OLPH in her many years as the Overall Administrator of the Ministry of Consolation. To say she has done an absolutely outstanding job is actually an understatement. Thank you, thank you, thank you, MaryAnn! You have served us so well, as you have given so much time and care attending to so many details and to so many people! Fortunately, MaryAnn will be continuing on in different capacities in the ministry, just not as the “head honcho” any longer.

At the same time that I am sad to see MaryAnn step down, I am thrilled that Ken Hale will be taking over as Overall Administrator of the Ministry of Consolation, and I offer my deep, deep gratitude to Ken for taking on this role so generously and so willingly (and so quickly — I had to ask only once!). Ken is already offering great service to OLPH as a member of the Ministry of Consolation, as a member of the Finance Committee, and as the coordinator of our AmazonSmile program. I know that Ken will do a great job, so welcome aboard, Ken!

Catechist Meetings

As school starts up at this time of year, so too our Religious Education Program will be

gearing up over the coming weeks for another “ministerial year.” We’re in the midst of having meetings for the catechists, to orient them and to give them important information for the upcoming year. Each week, the Religious Education Office has a page in the bulletin, giving important information and updates about the program. I hope all families with children enrolled in the program take note of this page each week, but actually every parishioner should read it and know what’s going on in this major aspect of parish life. Keeping informed will give you a new appreciation of how elaborate our program is, with its many different facets; it involves not only the formation of children, but also includes many different components for their parents, and also various prayer and worship experiences for parents and children together, so that we can support the parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their children. April Kleinlaut, our Director of Faith Formation, does an amazing job of running a very complicated, yet solid, strong and substantial program. April is generous with her time and is very competent as a pastoral minister and faith formator, and I am glad we have her here at OLPH.

Catechetical Sunday will be on September 18 this year, so we’ll have a chance to focus on our catechetical ministries again in a few weeks. For now, take a moment to offer a prayer for everyone involved in the ministry of catechesis to children in our parish as we begin to launch the formation year ahead.

Beginning a weekly series for you to read and ponder

As you know, my top priority here is and always has been the liturgical life of the parish — our worship, our celebration of the sacraments, and, most especially, the Sunday Eucharist. In continuing to emphasize that part of our Catholic faith, I am thrilled to be able to bring to you a new series for your reading pleasure, and for your reflection, that will be running in the weekly bulletin beginning today and continuing over the next several months.

On June 29, 2022, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Letter titled *Desiderio Desideravi*. The topic of this letter of the Holy Father centers on the liturgical formation of the People of God. He wrote this for everyone to read — not just bishops and priests.

The letter is an exquisite summary of

liturgical theology, and it serves as a call for serious and vital liturgical formation to take place among all Catholics. In this letter, the Holy Father addresses the nature of sacramental encounter, of symbols and symbolic language, of the art of celebration, and the need to engage all the baptized in the fruitful celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

We’re going to print the letter in the bulletin each week, two or three articles (paragraphs) at a time — easily-digestible snippets — beginning this week, until the entire text has been presented. I do hope you will take the time to read the brief selection each week, and ponder it and even pray over it. Maybe you would like to use it as a basis of discussion in your ministry group at your next meeting!

The full text can be found on the Vatican website at the address given in the introduction to this week’s excerpt elsewhere in this bulletin.

Farewell to Fr. Jacob

Alas, we have had to say farewell to our good friend and summer-helping priest Fr. Jacob, who left us at the end of last week. It was so wonderful to finally see him again after a few years of his not being able to come here due to the pandemic. As always, Fr. Jacob was a big help to us and we enjoyed his priestly presence. He even gave an adult education course, which many of you enjoyed! God’s blessings to you, Fr. Jacob, and we look forward to seeing you back next summer!

As I write this, we are still working on getting Fr. Alfred here for all or most of September (he may even be here by the time you read this). It would be wonderful to see him again, too! If it doesn’t work out for this year, we will definitely continue to work on getting Fr. Alfred here next summer for sure.

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,



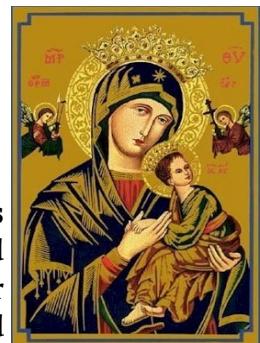
PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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.



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

Mondays at 12:45 p.m.

OLPH CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND GUILD NEED YOU!



**Are you interested in joining
OLPH Christian Mothers and Guild?**

We need you!

**Bring more faith and enjoyment into your life
by helping your church.**

We only meet once a month! New members always welcome!

Come join us at our next meeting

Monday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.

in Room 18 of the School building on High Street

Contact info: MaryAnn Bodt, Pres. 631 226 6102 or Marianne Santorelli, V.P. 631 767 3803

LIVE-STREAM MASS

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

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:

www.olphlindenhurst.com

- OLPH YouTube Channel: OLPH Church Lindenhurst



JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM

We **need new members** to join our Live-Stream Team for weekdays and especially weekends. If you are tech savvy, interested in broadcasting techniques and are willing to help record our liturgies, please contact Fr. Frank Zero at the rectory office at (631) 226-7725 or email fzero@olph.org.



IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Sorrowful Mother Devotions

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

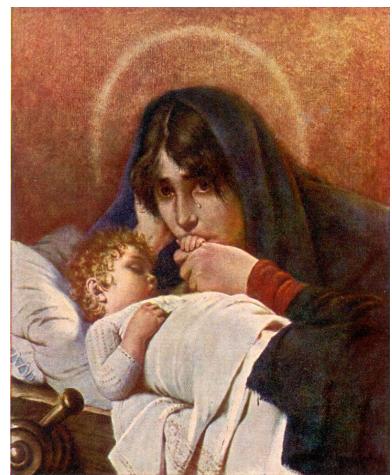
Mass at 7:00 p.m.

at OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

Devotions at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for:

- *Chanting the Stabat Mater*
- *The Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Mother*
- *The Sacrament of Anointing of the sick*
- *The presentation of a rose to each child/teenager/young adult*



Msgr. Joe will be presiding at our special Mass.

FOR ALL CHILDREN, TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OR WHO ARE TERMINALLY ILL OR IN REMISSION

All are invited to attend!

Please call Linda Setti at 631-884-6892 ASAP if you would like to attend
or wish to be involved in this special event.

PROPER RESPECT FOR THE CONSECRATED HOST

—IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

There's a serious problem which pops up from time to time which we must address. There are occasions when we find a Host in the pews — and even stuck underneath the pew! — in the Divine Mercy side section of pews (the "bank side" of the church, the north side section of pews). This is gravely sacrilegious to the Blessed Sacrament, and as a community we must try to do everything we can to prevent this from happening.

If you receive Holy Communion in the hand, **it must be consumed immediately and not carried back to one's seat**. If you are not receiving Communion in the correct way, please begin doing so immediately and do not carry the Host back with you to your seat. Parents, please make sure your children are consuming the Host immediately and not carrying it back to their seat.

We need **everyone** to be on guard about this throughout the entire church, and especially those who sit in the north side section of pews. If you notice someone bringing the Host back to their seat, please kindly, politely and gently say something to the person about how this is incorrect, and/or inform an Usher. Proper reverence for the consecrated Host is essential. "**If you see something, say something!**"

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

—*Msgr. DeGrocco*

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

A Time Will Come for Singing

Every year at this time, people around the country begin shaking over the carefree and relaxing ways of summer, from students of all levels who are going back to school, or the parents who are thrilled their kids have returned!

In the communities of Church, one of the surefire ways that this is realized, is that choir season begins anew. Here at OLPH, there are two excellent opportunities to come together and raise your voice to the rafters, besides the primary and most important choir of the assembly at song.



Youth Choir

For our young people from third grade through high school, the Youth Choir is an excellent chance to gather in community and develop a love for music through sung prayer and friendship with their peers.

Led by **Samantha Free**, rehearsals are held on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and sing at most 10:00 a.m. Masses on Sundays. In the program, sight reading and rhythmic skills are developed as well as some light voice training. And it's fun!

Adult Choir

If you're old enough to vote, you're certainly old enough to join the choir!



The Adult Choir has a long-standing tradition of excellent music here at the parish, and our goal is to develop that further. Through training of sight reading and regular times of rehearsal, a balanced choral sound will be developed to heighten the prayer experience of both the one who makes music and the one who hears it. Rehearsal are regularly held on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.

and the choir most often leads the singing at the Noon Mass on Sunday and other holidays. A hallmark of the OLPH choir is their sense of community and care for one another, in times of joy, healing, and sorrow, true companions in ministry. Won't you consider joining your voice to praise God in song and make music to support and uplift your community?

If you are interested in joining the Adult Choir or have questions of any aspect of the music program, please contact Christopher Reilly at creilly@oloph.org or 631-226-7725 X 210.



POPE FRANCIS ON LITURGICAL FORMATION

APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS

On June 29, 2022, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis released his Apostolic Letter Desiderio Desideravi, On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God. It is an exquisite summary of liturgical theology and a call for serious and vital liturgical formation for all Catholics. In this letter, the Holy Father addresses the nature of sacramental encounter, of symbols and symbolic language, of the art of celebration, and the need to engage all the baptized in the fruitful celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

This week we begin to present the text of the letter. A small selection of the letter will be printed in the bulletin each week for your reading and reflection and will continue until the entire text has been presented. The full text can be found on the Vatican website at

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html

1. My dearest brothers and sisters, with this letter I desire to reach you all – after having written already only to the bishops after the publication of the Motu Proprio *Traditionis custodes* – and I write to share with you some reflections on the liturgy, a dimension fundamental for the life of the Church. The theme is vast and always deserves an attentive consideration in every one of its aspects. Even so, with this letter I do not intend to treat the question in an exhaustive way. I simply desire to offer some prompts or cues for reflections that can aid in the contemplation of the beauty and truth of Christian celebration.

The Liturgy: the “today” of salvation history

2. *“I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.”* (Lk 22:15) These words of Jesus, with which the account of the Last Supper opens, are the crevice through which we are given the surprising possibility of intuiting the depth of the love of the persons of the Most Holy Trinity for us.

3. Peter and John were sent to make preparations to eat that Passover, but in actual fact, all of creation, all of history — which at last was on the verge of revealing itself as the history of salvation — was a huge preparation for that Supper. Peter and the others are present at that table, unaware and yet necessary. Necessary because every gift, to be gift, must have someone disposed to receive it. In this case, the disproportion between the immensity of the gift and the smallness of the one who receives it is infinite, and it cannot fail to surprise us. Nonetheless, through the mercy of the Lord, the gift is entrusted to the Apostles so that it might be carried to every man and woman.

MEETING FOR ALL MINISTERS WHO BRING HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

ALL E.M.’s who bring Holy Communion to the homebound are asked to attend the important meeting being held on **Tuesday, September 13**, in the church, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer and important updates concerning the ministry. This meeting is for ALL E.M.’s to the homebound, regardless of whether you are currently bringing Communion to someone or not. All E.M.’s to the homebound are expected to attend. Thank you.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

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

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

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

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

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers before Mass begins. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, **please sit in the front half of the church**, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

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Celebrating 150 Years

2021

The OLPH Family Photo Albums are on their way!

Good things come to those who wait!



The OLPH Family Photo Album has been finally completed and copies are on their way! Delivery should be in about 2 weeks. The Album features photos of many of our Parishioners and events that took place during the 150th Anniversary year. For those who have already made payment or placed an order, a date will be set when you may pick up your copy or copies in the Rectory. For those who would like to purchase an Album or two, the Albums will be on sale in front of the Church after each Mass on a date to be announced. Listen for further updates after Mass next weekend or look for updates in the Bulletin!

LEGION OF MARY



The Legion of Mary – OLPH Praesidium
we will be celebrating
Our Lady's birthday on
Saturday, September 17th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
Followed by a breakfast in the school cafeteria,
Prayers, and a presentation by Fr. Robert Kline.
All are invited.



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*Memorialize your loved ones or your
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“Let the Children Come to Me”
Prayer Garden!*

The memorializations do not have to be only for children, though; the prayer garden is for all prayers, intentions and memorializations for loved ones of any age.

*Especially in these times when we have all lost loved ones due to Covid,
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Or, you can offer a prayer intention.*

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If you would like to add a heart or a cross to your brick, it will be engraved on the left hand side.





OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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(akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION
OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Weekends: CLOSED

Catechist and Hall Monitor Meeting

Don't forget to RSVP no later than Tuesday, September 6th for one of the meetings:

Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m.
or Saturday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m.

**Are you, or a teenager you know,
looking to get Confirmed,
but feel like you missed the boat
to receive the Sacrament?**

No need to fear!
All teens in high school can join us for our
Teen Confirmation Prep Program.

**Join students your age to find what you're
searching for in Christ by receiving the
Gifts of the Holy Spirit in
the Sacrament of Confirmation!**

**INTERESTED IN OFFERING YOUR TIME
AS A CATECHIST OR HALL MONITOR?**

Our program relies on the generous time and talent offered by our dedicated teachers and hall monitors. We are in need of the following hall monitors:

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Assistants/Subs for other times
always welcome!
Training is provided.
Please call us with any questions.

Late Registration for the 2022-23 Academic Year

Letters with details about classroom assignments have now been mailed to all families who have reregistered for our program. Registration for returning families began April 1st. As of June 15th, there is now a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations. We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for classes. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to call us for any information. Please remember that all new registered students, including those with siblings already in the program, must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate. Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2022-2023 year, or offering your time as a hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225.9864—cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@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—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Styiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

NEW Food Pantry List!

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BAKED BEANS
SOUPS WITH MEAT
CANNED CARROTS
CANNED FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
SHELF STABLE MILK
CAKE & MUFFIN MIXES**

Thank you
for your continued generosity.

Cut out this list
and bring it with you
when you go shopping!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**Located in the “New” School Building
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Gates & High Streets**

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

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

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ."

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

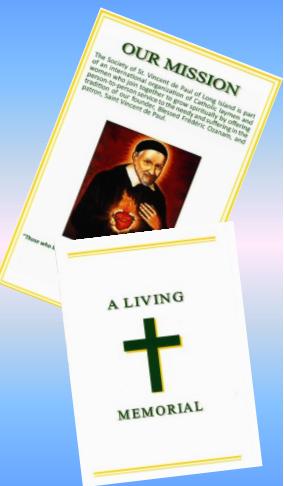
THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

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

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available 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. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

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



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

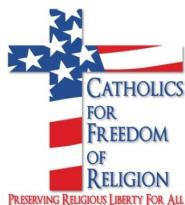
South Shore Young Adult Ministry at OLPH

Ages 21-39

For info about monthly meetings contact
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CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

"Telling lies about others is as harmful as hitting them with an ax, wounding them with a sword or shooting them with a sharp arrow."

—Proverbs 25:18

New Attempts to Cancel God, Religious Freedom, and Prayer in America

False Claims that "In God We Trust" is a Christian Nationalist Project:

"The national motto 'In God We Trust' asserts our collective trust in a sovereign God," said a Texas State Senator after schools started to receive donated posters of the motto that they will be required to display in accordance with a new state law.⁽¹⁾ Senate Bill 797 requires schools to display the posters in a "conspicuous place" as long as they are "donated" or "purchased by private donations," which has resulted in signs being displayed across the state.⁽²⁾ Those opposed are arguing the law imposes religion on students. "Alone, [the posters] are a basic violation of the separation of church and state. But in the broader context, it's hard not to see them as part of the larger Christian nationalist project," said Sophie Ellman-Golan of JFREJ.⁽³⁾

However, no group has yet spoken out against the national motto "In God We Trust" being printed on every dollar bill and coin. Nor has any group acknowledged that the national motto does not specify a Christian or Jewish or Muslim or any other denomination God. Since a Christian nationalist project does not exist, many see this objection to the posters as an attack on Christianity itself.

False Claims the Catholic Rosary Prayers are "An Extremist Symbol":

A writer for the widely read *The Atlantic* magazine has recently gained much attention with his claim, "Just as the AR-15 rifle has become a sacred object for Christian nationalists in general, the rosary acquired a militaristic meaning for radical-traditional Catholics. On this extremist fringe, rosary beads have been woven into a conspiratorial politics and absolutist gun culture. These armed radical traditionalists have taken up a spiritual notion that the rosary can be a weapon in the fight against evil and turned it into something dangerously literal."⁽⁴⁾

"It looks to me like the guy who is politicizing the Rosary and treating it as a weapon in the culture war is... [writer] Daniel Panneton," said Professor Robert George, Princeton University and former chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. "... it's hard to miss the classic anti-Catholic tropes in the piece..."⁽⁵⁾

"The politically elite core in media...mean to topple every natural and supernatural sign [of Western civilization]," said Professor Chad Pecknold of Catholic University of America.⁽⁶⁾

"The article is a long-running stream of inaccuracies, logical fallacies and distortions," said Dominican Fr. Pius Pietrzyk. "The notion of 'spiritual combat' has been with the church from time immemorial...In no way does the notion of Rosary as 'combat' imply physical violence."⁽⁷⁾

(cnn.com, 8/21/22(1); foxnews.com, 8/20/22(2); axios.com, 8/21/22(3); theatlantic.com, 8/14/22(4); ncregister.com, 8/16/22(5)(6)(7); deseret.com, 8/16/22

"Prayer is the best weapon we possess, the key that opens the heart of God." —Saint Padre Pio

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Eileen Corticchia
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jeffrey Gaab
Gregory Guido
Sonia Hansen
Joselyn Kalt
Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
Carlton Mitchell
James Totino

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Bendersnagel
Gerry Chille

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendersnagel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Jill Marie Delano
Marie Gagneron
Kenneth Hale
Bob Meade
Bob Mehm
John Reynolds
Kevin Sabella, Sr.

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

Greg Shannon & Laura Wysocki

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

**William Matthew Broza
Natalie Alexis Chin
Colton Bruno Kalb
Hunter Edward Kalb
Goldie Quinn Shelley**

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

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for the week of September 4-10.

The Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Frank Gaudioso

Requested by

Marie Gaudioso

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.

Eulogio Baez Batista

"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>Linda Matera</i>	<i>Winter Pastore</i>
<i>Lukas Georgios Memos</i>	<i>Susan Davniero</i>
<i>Dan Murphy</i>	<i>Eddie Pauciullo</i>
<i>Janice Mostrom</i>	<i>Maddelena Mortiz</i>
<i>Richard Curro</i>	<i>David Udkow</i>
<i>Laura Fischer</i>	<i>Eli Sausa</i>
<i>Lenny Fries</i>	<i>Gail Zorowitz</i>
<i>Clara Stancati</i>	<i>Erin Kelly</i>
<i>Florence Nerich</i>	<i>Gail Tonnesson</i>
<i>Lorraine Sullivan</i>	<i>Liboria Mezzapelle</i>
<i>Anthony Pastore</i>	<i>Joseph Raimondi</i>

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

The Bereavement Ministry assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Our Fall Bereavement Group will meet
September 24 through November 19
from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please contact Linda Arpino 631-592-1062 or Forubabe77@aol.com for registration and more information.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, September 5—
Weekday

6:30 Robert Horan

12:15 Therese Gigante

TUESDAY, September 6—
Weekday

6:30 Nina Tarantino

12:15 Winifred Larkin

WEDNESDAY, September 7—
Weekday

6:30 Ann Kidger

12:15 Christine M. Sokol

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

6:30 Grazia Azzaro

12:15 Edward Ward

FRIDAY, September 9—
Saint Peter Claver, Priest

6:30 John C. Keim

12:15 Frank Guadioso

SATURDAY, September 10—
Weekday

8:00 Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 Alice Brooks

Sunday, September 11,
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

12:00 Marilyn Hondorp

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 5, 2022

**ALL RECTORY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, FOR
LABOR DAY. ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES
EXCEPT MASSES ARE CANCELLED.**

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
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Wednesday, September 7, 2022

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831)	Off Campus
6:00 p.m.	Rel. Ed. Catechist Meeting	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group Board Meeting	Cafeteria

Thursday, September 8, 2022

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria

Friday, September 9, 2022

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12

Saturday, September 10, 2022

10:00 a.m.	Rel. Ed. Catechist Meeting	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
4:30 p.m.	Golf Outing Raffle Ticket Sale	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, September 11, 2022

All Masses	Golf Outing Raffle Ticket Sale	Church
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred, and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

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 reunirse con nosotros para alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. también llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Dolores Umanzor al (631) 636-8588. Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevar la Eucaristía a 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 Irma González teléfono (631) 620-2401 correo electrónico rosa90554@gmail.com Cada 1st sábado del mes tenemos adoración al Santísimo

Lecturas del Domingo 23º del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C

Domingo 4 de septiembre del 2022

Amigos y hermanos en la fe, un domingo más, todos unidos, queremos celebrar la fe y nuestro seguimiento al señor, queremos escuchar, con un corazón atento y decidido su palabra y a aceptar su invitación a seguirle.

Primera Lectura (Sabiduría 9,13-18): Necesitamos el Espíritu Santo de Sabiduría

Nuestra búsqueda demasiado humana es incapaz de descubrir la voluntad y los planes de Dios, a no ser que Dios mismo nos dé las intuiciones interiores de su propia sabiduría.

Segunda Lectura (Filemón 9b-10.12-17): En Cristo, un Esclavo Se Vuelve Hermano

En esta carta, breve pero sensible, Pablo pide a su amigo Filemón que acoja de nuevo a su esclavo fugitivo como recibiría al mismo Pablo. En Cristo, este esclavo se ha vuelto hermano.

Evangelio (Lucas 14,25-33): ¿Estamos Decididos a Seguir a Cristo?

“Caminaba con él mucha gente”. Con la indicación de esta circunstancia comienza el Evangelio de hoy. A cualquier lector del Evangelio debe llamar la atención el hecho inexplicable de que a Jesús lo rodeara tanta gente y tantos acudieran a él, y sin embargo, poco después muriera en la cruz solo, abandonado de todos y negado por todos. En efecto, además de la circunstancia ya anotada, leemos en el Evangelio expresiones como esta: “Su fama se extendía cada vez más y una numerosa multitud afluía para oírlo y ser curados de sus enfermedades” (Lc 5,15). O como esta otra: “Se reunieron en torno a él miles y miles de personas, hasta pisarse unos a otros” (Lc 12,1). No es cosa que destaque sólo el evangelista Lucas; antes que Lucas, lo destaca también Marcos: “Lo siguió una gran muchedumbre de Galilea. También de Judea, de Jerusalén, de Idumea, del otro lado del Jordán, de los alrededores de Tiro y Sidón, una gran muchedumbre, al oír lo que hacía, acudió a él” (Mc 3,7-8). Y también Mateo: “Su fama llegó a toda Siria... Y le siguió una gran muchedumbre de Galilea, Decápolis, Jerusalén y Judea, y del otro lado del Jordán (Mt 4,24-25). Su atracción y su poder de convocatoria superaba los límites de Israel.

¿Cómo se explica que poco después esa misma muchedumbre esté pidiendo a gritos la muerte de Jesús? Cuando, los sumos sacerdotes por envidia lo entregaron a Pilatos y éste, viendo que era inocente, quería ponerlo en libertad, leemos que “toda la muchedumbre se puso a gritar a una: ‘¡Fuera a ése, suéltanlos a Barrabás!’” (Lc 23,18). Luego siguen gritando: “¡Crucifícalo, crucifícalo!” (Lc 23,21). ¿Qué pasó para que cambiaron tanto? Es cierto que los hombres son cambiantes y que sólo “Dios no se muda” (Santa Teresa de Jesús) pero ¡este cambio es excesivo! El Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece una primera explicación: esa muchedumbre seguía a Jesús de manera superficial y movida por el interés. Esa muchedumbre no amaba a Jesús.

OFFERING UPDATE August 27/28

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	216	86	\$2,342.00
8:00 a.m.	190	90	3,046.00
10:00 a.m.	279		2,759.00
12:00 a.m.	250	77	2,277.00
Total coin:			6.79
Faith Direct			3,492.50
Children's Env.		3	11.00
Mail-ins:			1,445.00
TOTAL	935	256	\$15,379.29
2021	940	374	\$15,690.22
Candles			\$719.21
Poor Box			\$256.46



*Have you
returned your
Summer Appeal
envelope yet?

Thank you for your
generosity!*

National Collection for The Catholic University of America

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously. Support the collection at: futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org.



DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

September 11—deadline passed
 September 18—Sept. 9 deadline
 September 25—Sept. 16 deadline

**All Parish and Religious Ed. Offices
will be CLOSED and
All parish activities
except Masses are cancelled**

**Monday,
September 5,
for Labor Day.**

**The Rectory Offices will re-open
Tuesday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m.**

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*We must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.*

Luke 15:32

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

In all three readings today we hear about God's great mercy. In this first one, the Israelites have been led out of Egypt by Moses into the desert on the way to the land promised by God. But then they lose sight of who has wrought this great deliverance and instead fashion for themselves an idol, a golden statue of a calf, and worship it as their deliverer. God is rightly angry with them and threatens to destroy them all and start over. Moses however persuades God to relent and be merciful to them, remembering the promises he gave to their ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Why does he relent? Perhaps it's because it's in his very nature to do so. Ours is a merciful God.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul tells of God's great mercy towards him by pointing out that he began as the fiercest persecutor of the early Christians. He saw them as a threat to true religion who needed to be wiped out which he tried to do by jailing them and even putting some to death. But God had mercy on him. Instead of destroying Paul, God gave him a vision of Jesus that converted him into one of the bravest defenders of the faith. Because of this, Paul is happy to serve as an example of God's mercy by telling his story to all who will listen in the hopes of getting them to see that Jesus came for all people. If God could be merciful to such a sinner as Paul, why would anyone doubt that God could be merciful to them? It's a message of hope that says nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Luke 15:1-32

Jesus continues to teach of God's mercy by giving his listeners, then and now, a trio of stories that demonstrate how great it is. The first two, about the lost sheep and the lost coin, show that every single person is of great value to God. "There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Then the third is perhaps the most famous parable of all, that of the prodigal son who wastes his father's money but then repents and returns to him. Amazingly, the father takes him back with open arms and great joy. How comforting to know that God will always welcome us back in the same way. But we should also note that this only occurred after the son repented of his ways and asked for the father's forgiveness. We must cooperate in God's grace. We can always return home if we choose.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, September 5, 2022:

1 Corinthians 5:1-8 + Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 6, 2022:

1 Corinthians 6:1-11 + Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 7, 2022:

1 Corinthians 7:25-31 + Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 8, 2022:

Malachi 5:1-4a + Matthew 1:1-16

Friday, September 9, 2022:

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27
+ Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 10, 2022:

1 Corinthians 10:14-22
+ Luke 6:43-49

Sunday, September 11, 2022:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
+ 1 Timothy 1:12-17
+ Luke 15:1-32

Gospel Reflection

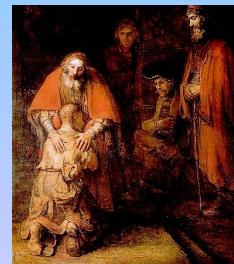
1. In the story of the prodigal son we hear that "While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." Was the father thinking about the son everyday and waiting for him to come home? Was the son thinking "warm bed and food" or sorrow, having hurt his father? Does the father's forgiveness depend on the son's repentance? Why would Jesus tell us this parable?

2. In his book, *The Church of Mercy*, Pope Francis discusses the parable of the Prodigal Son. What can you do as part of the church of mercy to show all people that they are the closest thing to God's heart?

"Maybe someone among us here is thinking, My sin is so great, I am as far from God as the younger son in the parable; my unbelief is like that of Thomas. I don't have the courage to go back, to believe that God can welcome me and that he is waiting for me, of all people.

But God is indeed waiting for you; he asks of you only the courage to go to him. How many times in my pastoral ministry have I heard it said, "Father, I have many sins"? And I have always pleaded, "Don't be afraid, go to him, he is waiting for you, he will take care of everything." We hear many offers from the world around us; but let us take up God's offer instead: his is a caress of love. For God we are not numbers, we are important; indeed we are the most important thing to him. Even if we are sinners, we are what is closest to his heart."

Excerpted from The Church of Mercy by Pope Francis.



OLPH GOLF OUTING

**2022 OLPH Bob Dobres
Memorial Golf Outing**
Monday Sept 26th
at Middle Island Country Club

Schedule of Events

7:00 a.m.

Registration and full hot breakfast

8:00 a.m.

Shotgun Start, lunch at the turn

1:00 p.m.

Cocktails, Buffet Dinner,
3-hr open bar and awards.**All for \$165/golfer**

Tee signs and other sponsorships are available.

For additional information:Contact: *Mike Hearney 631-560-0451*

Make checks payable to:

"OLPH Knights of Columbus"

And mail to:

**Mike Hearney
210 E John Street
Lindenhurst, NY 11757**

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**2022 OLPH GOAL:
\$114,600**

Total pledges: \$100,875.00**# of pledges: 372****Total payments: \$84,238.50****As of 8/29/22**

**20
22 Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE**

"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
- Pope Francis

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

Parish _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

To donate, you can also visit drvc.org/CMA or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296. Thank You!

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Bereavement Support Program at St. Mary, East Islip Eight Week Group beginning Tuesday, **September 13**, at 7:00 p.m. Support Groups are open to anyone who has suffered a loss at **least three months prior** to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to June 13, 2021. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. All Covid CDC guidelines will be properly adhered. **Pre-registration is required.** Call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register.

Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille another marriage-saving weekend is coming to the Metro/New York Area: **September 9-11, 2022.** The Retrouvaille Program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. To be connected directly and confidentially to someone who can help, or to register, contact: 1-800-470-2230 or www.helpourmarriage.org

Spanish Teacher needed to teach high school Spanish at **St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School** in West Islip. Candidate should have a BA or MA in Spanish or related area. Please send resume and cover letter to principalsoffice@sjbdhs.org or fax to 631-587-8996.

Saint John the Baptist Diocesan High School is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for ***the test for admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS EXAM)***. This course consists of five 2 1/2 hour sessions beginning in September. A test taking strategy course is also being offered on the Friday evening before the exam. For information please visit www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net or call 631-587-8000 X 117.

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702 As we prepare to reopen the adoration chapel in the fall, we are asking your help. (This is only possible when all hours are covered). Until then we will continue adoration in our church on **Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Please consider committing to an hour with Jesus by registering. Registration is necessary to ensure that during exposition all hours will be attended to. **Hours of adoration would be Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Jesus should never be left alone in the Blessed Sacrament during this time period.** Therefore, in order for us to proceed we must have at least two adorers at all times. (This is in the event one person cannot be there at the dedicated time). Call the rectory office at 631- 669-0068 for more information and Registration or email to roshanmandy@aol.com.

St Matthew's (Dix Hills) bereaved parents support group For parents who have lost a child. Sessions begin in fall and will be one day per week for a duration of eight weeks. For more information and to enroll please call 631-647-5675 or email to widowednotalone@gmail.com.

The annual Reunion of the St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association (NYC) will be held this year at 12 Noon on Saturday, **September 24, 2022** at Connolly's Pub and Restaurant, 121 West 45th Street, New York City. It is open to ALL Alumnae but especially honors the Golden Anniversary Classes of 1970, 1971 & 1972 and the Silver Anniversary Classes of 1995, 1996 & 1997. For more information and reservations please consult the website at: saintmichaelacademynyc.com, or by email at: smaaanyyc@gmail.com or call: 631-667-8875. The cost is \$85. Cash bar. ALL SMA Alumnae from all years are always welcome to attend.

Opening Word Program Registration for 2022-2023 in September. Classes to begin in September. Open to all students who have received COVID-19 vaccinations can register for in person classes at The Opening Word. Must show proof of vaccination to register. **Registration by appointment.** Call or text to [\(516\)308-6110](tel:(516)308-6110) or email: registration@openingword.org with you full name, phone number, email address and mailing address. **Masks will be required in all Opening Word sites.** Registration fee \$15 collected at your appointment at one of our three sites: 555 Albany Ave., Amityville; 1434 Straight Path, Wyandanch, or 1450 New York Ave., Huntington Station. Classes are Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. You must attend a minimum of 15 hours of class each week.

Music: An Integral Part of the Mass

Walk or jog any track and people with earbuds or in-ear headphones will be seen. While some may be catching up on the latest podcast, the majority are listening to music.

Music motivates people to move and helps to focus attention. The rhythms and the pulse of the beats help with keeping a certain pace that is vital to effective exercise. Music and action have long been partners in exercise, dance, and liturgy.

In the liturgy, hymns and songs may highlight the Scripture readings, add to the solemnity of the liturgy, and foster a unity among the assembly. The Second Vatican Council document the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* calls the musical tradition of the universal Church “a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art” (112). Noting the “preeminence” of music, the document goes on to say that “as sacred song closely bound to the text, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy.” Music, then, isn’t merely a nice extra in the liturgy; it is intrinsic to the liturgy.

Music is wedded to the action of the liturgy. The Entrance Song, for example, is meant “to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers” *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 47.

The purpose of the song during the procession to the Eucharistic table is “to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the ‘communitarian’ character of the procession to receive the Eucharist,” *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 86.

These processional songs are reminders that the faithful are pilgrims who journey from God, with God, and toward God. As we journey, our common song unites hearts and voices in love. St. Augustine explained that singing is for lovers. It is what people in love do!

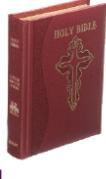


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Who among us in the throes of falling in love hasn’t wandered about, singing or whistling a tune? God is in love with us! We are in love with God! Words are not enough to express our feelings! We must sing!

But singing takes courage and involves risk and vulnerability. Yet this is exactly what is asked of the assembly when the liturgy is celebrated—to be open, vulnerable, and willing to go beyond their comfort zones.

Often people fear that they cannot sing well, but everyone can sing at some level. The liturgy gives people a chance to return to God the voice they have been given. As you sing at the next liturgy, allow the music to move your heart in love and in song, returning your gift to God.

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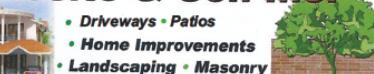
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