

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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2021

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*The people said of Jesus,  
"He has done all things well.  
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."*

Mark 7:37

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

September 5, 2021

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. William D'Alessio

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

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

## COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open

**6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week,  
except for Thursdays when it closes  
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.  
Come in and spend some time in prayer.

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

**Saturday Morning:** 8:00 a.m.

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

**Sunday Masses:**

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

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,  
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and  
Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.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.  
Confessions are being heard in classrooms  
in the "new school annex" near High Street.  
See inside bulletin for safety protocols.  
*Also available by individual appointment  
with one of the priests.*

## OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons  
at 12:45 p.m. in the church

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
First Saturday: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS


Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday:  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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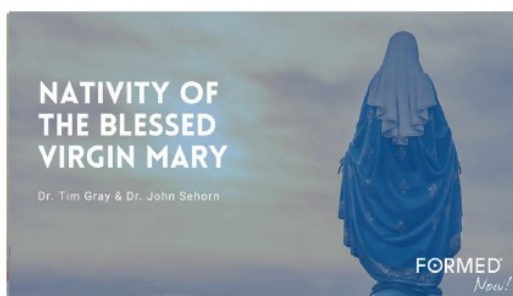
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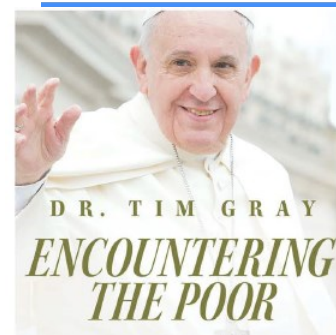
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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Hello, September!*

Greetings to you as my Pastor's Column returns after a summer hiatus! Since I have last written to you I have managed to take some vacation time, for a few weeks in July and then again some time in August. Then, on the weeks when I was not on vacation, I enjoyed being here during the slower pace of the summer. I hope your summer has been going well, although I am sad to say that, as always, it goes by all too quickly. Here we are at the first weekend in September already!

### *Some work which has been done in the church*

We did manage to accomplish some work in the church over the summer — two projects in particular.

We now have an entirely new, up-to-date and up-to-code electric panel in the sacristy, controlling the lights in the church. The antiquated switches which we were using were in desperate need of upgrade for a whole host of reasons, and I'm glad to say that has now been done. This work was planned as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, and we managed to pay for it through careful budgeting and planning, and thanks to some money raised through the Anniversary Year. Special thanks go to Bob Newberry who oversaw the whole project and who donated his time and expertise with many different parts of it. Great job, Bob!

Second, you have probably noticed that the pews in the church look much, much better; we refinished them to remove the residue that accumulated during the time we were regularly spraying/misting the church during the height of the pandemic. Special thanks go to Pete Tapinis who did the work for us and who donated his time and labor. Great job, Pete! The pews look great!

### *Covid-19: Church Protocols*

Speaking of the pandemic, you might be wondering where the parish stands concerning our protocols at Mass. Here is the latest info, following the guidelines given by the Diocese of Rockville Centre; please keep in mind that sometimes the information changes rapidly, so who knows if by the time this sees print there has already been a change — but for now, this is the latest:

- There is no mandate to wear a mask at

Mass; it is up to each and every individual to make the choice for himself or herself. As Pastor, my strong advice is that if you are vaccinated, you can make your own choice, but if you are not vaccinated, you should strongly consider wearing a mask. Of course, if you are vaccinated and you still choose to wear a mask, that is perfectly fine too, and it is up to you. However, we are not requiring it or enforcing it for everyone, as we were months ago.

- Masks are no longer required for the distribution of Holy Communion, but are optional and up to the individual preference of the clergy or lay minister administering Communion. However, hand sanitizing before distributing Holy Communion is required.

- The pews are no longer marked off for social distancing; people are free to social distance or not to social distance according to their comfort and preference.

- We have been told to not ask people about their vaccination status or for proof of vaccination, and we will not be segregating people based on vaccination status.

- As of the weekend of August 14-15, the obligation to attend Mass each and every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation went back into effect. There is no longer a general exemption from this. As before, there is no obligation in cases of illness, due to being confined to one's home, to a hospital or nursing facility, or due to some serious underlying health condition; however, apart from these conditions (which have always applied), Catholics have the obligation to attend Mass.

In addition, please take note of these aspects particular to OLPH:

- Confessions are still be heard in classrooms in the school, but we anticipate returning to the confessionals in the church in the very near future; watch for an announcement.

- The adaptations of not carrying forward the bread and wine at the Presentation of the Gifts and of not offering the chalice (the Precious Blood) to the entire assembly will continue for another little while; given concerns over the recent uptick of cases and spread of the variant of the virus, we think it is prudent to continue to limit the handling of the bread which will be distributed, and to avoid drinking from common cups. However, both of these are important aspects of the ritual, and I promise you that I am

keeping them “on the radar;” I envision returning to those practices in the not-too-distant future.

### ***Religious exemption from the vaccine?***

We are receiving a number of inquiries from people who would like the parish to sign off on giving them a religious exemption from receiving the Covid vaccine. The short answer to this is that there is no such exemption; the Catholic Church does not offer a religious exemption from the vaccine. The explanation which follows comes directly from the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

The Catholic Church does not morally oppose vaccines in and of themselves and has never taught that the use of vaccines is morally wrong. Thus, there is no Catholic moral or religious objection to vaccines in general (as, for example, the objection Jehovah’s Witnesses have to receiving a blood transfusion).

Although taking vaccines is morally permitted by the teaching of the Catholic Church, is there an objection to the Covid vaccine in particular? The answer to this question may be found on the website of the Diocese of Rockville Centre’s Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics ([vaccinebioethics.com](http://vaccinebioethics.com)) and/or on the website of the Bishops of the United States, ([uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org)). Simply put, a Catholic can morally and licitly receive all the Covid vaccines currently available, although there are differences between them. On moral grounds it is suggested to avoid the Johnson and Johnson vaccine and Astra Zeneca vaccines if another is available.

Questions regarding vaccine exemptions (from a Catholic perspective) have to do with a secular civil liberties question: whether or not the government can require someone to show proof of vaccination to be permitted to do something. For example, it is well known that in New York State, vaccines are required for day care, pre-K, and all school attendance (e.g., Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP or Tdap); Hepatitis B vaccine; Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR); Polio vaccine; Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine).

Some people are asking the Catholic Church to support a religious exemption from the Covid vaccines. This issue should be properly pursued on civil liberties grounds, or on the grounds of one’s “personal” beliefs, but not on the basis of the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Church cannot say that there is a “Catholic” religious objection to the vaccine when one does not exist.

### ***150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, especially the upcoming DINNER DANCE***

We’ve been fortunate that even with the pandemic, we have been able to still hold most, if not all, of the planned Anniversary Year events, even if they have had to be somewhat modified. We had great celebrations of the Eucharist, one on June 27 with Bishop Barres for our Patronal Feast, and another on August 15 with Bishop Brennan for the Solemnity of the Assumption.

The next major event is our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year DINNER DANCE, on Friday, September 24, coinciding with the release of our special 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Journal. I hope you have purchased your ticket for the Dinner Dance; it will be the social event of the season!

### ***Summer Appeal***

I’m shouting out a gigantic **THANK YOU** to all who have contributed to this year’s **SUMMER APPEAL**. You have no idea how helpful your generosity has been. In another couple of weeks or so I will announce the total amount collected this year; let’s give another couple of weeks for offerings to trickle in.

If you have not yet sent in your **SUMMER APPEAL**, please do so as soon as possible. It’s not too late! I personally will guarantee one additional day of warm summer weather for every additional donation sent in from now on! How’s that for an incentive?

### ***Last push to Catholic Ministries Appeal***

If you have been following this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal reports in the bulletin, you can see that we are extremely close to reaching our goal — we are just under the wire. Once we reach goal, we receive a rebate back of 20% of the goal amount, and then, for any monies sent in over goal, we receive back 80%. If you have not yet given your gift to this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal, may I ask you to do so? It would greatly help the parish, in addition to supporting the work of the Catholic Church on Long Island. Thank you for your consideration.

### ***Meeting with all Ministry Heads and Leaders***

Throughout the month of September I will be meeting with all the heads and leaders of all our ministries, societies and organizations. I want to chat in person about that group’s status — where they’re at as far as starting up again after the



pandemic, and the group's viability for the future. I also want to personally thank each group for their witness and service to the parish, offer them in person my continued support, and ask what the parish can do to help them. Ministry heads and leaders should be on the alert for the contact from my secretary about setting up an appointment to come to the rectory to meet with me.

### 9/11

At the end of this week, on Saturday, we will be celebrating the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and it's an anniversary that takes on special significance given the recent developments in Afghanistan. As it is every year, September 11 will be a day of solemn remembrance for our nation, and especially for those of us in the New York metropolitan area, as we recall the terrorist attacks on our country, and particularly the collapse of the Twin Towers in Manhattan, and the resultant inconceivable loss of life in all the attacks. It's a day forever seared into our hearts, our souls and our minds for those of us old enough to remember it. We must never, ever forget; never forget!

Let's continue to pray for all those who lost their life, for their families, and for all the many brave, brave first responders and others who rushed to the scene on that day, and who continued to labor at Ground Zero in the days, weeks and months afterward. The effects of that day continue to be felt right down to the present by so many.

We must continue to be united as Americans and take pride in our country and in our way of life. Most of all, I repeat that we must never, ever forget the thousands of innocent people who lost their life on that tragic day. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### Labor Day

Finally, let's take note that Labor Day weekend is here, and along with it is also what is regarded as the unofficial end of the "summer season."

As we celebrate Labor Day this year, we can be reminded that productive work is a gift from God and 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!)

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 also serve to build up the Kingdom of God through the work of 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," in that the Church does not pay very well!

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."*

### 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,



## IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

### *Sorrowful Mother Devotions*

**WEDNESDAY, 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. Joseph DeGrocco 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 to attend or wish to be involved in this special event.*

## 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 in the program**, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. **These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH, not at the parish of their elementary school.**

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

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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

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

**Mondays at 12:45 p.m.**



### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Wednesdays**

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
in the church  
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



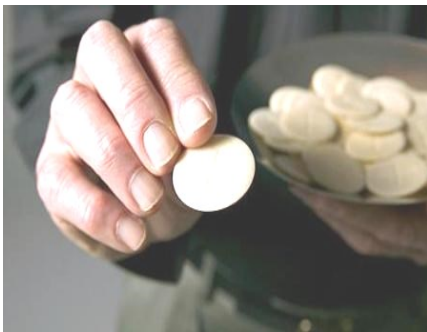
### **FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

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.



### **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.





## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Confessions are celebrated in the school building, in classrooms in the “new school” annex along High Street every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. until further notice. Each priest will be in his own classroom.**

**These are the protocols that must be followed for going to Confession:**

- ▶ **Entry is only via the blue doors at the north end of the hallway (off of the small parking lot)**
- ▶ **Maintain social distance while waiting on line.**
- ▶ **Signs on easels outside the classroom will indicate the name of the priest who is in the classroom**
- ▶ **Social distancing and plexiglass dividers will keep a safe distance between priest and penitent, whether the penitent celebrates anonymously or face-to-face (both options are available)**

## FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

### 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](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com)
- OLPH Facebook page: @olphlindenhurst
- OLPH YouTube Channel:  
OLPH Church Lindenhurst



### The Way You Are Dressed DOES Matter!

Please dress appropriately for Mass during the summer months. Attire that is meant for the beach, barbecues, boat or athletic field is inappropriate for Mass and is disrespectful to the Lord as we offer ourselves to Him through the sacred actions in which we are engaged. It is also disrespectful to one's brothers and sisters in the community. Your cooperation in continuing to dress up and dress appropriately for Mass during the summer weather is appreciated.



## WE REMEMBER 9/11

On September 11, 2001, nineteen terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes to carry out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. One plane was crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., killing 184 passengers and Pentagon employees. A second plane, targeted to be crashed into the White House, crashed twenty minutes away from the White House, when the thirty-three passengers on the plane attempted to re-take control of the aircraft; all of those on the plane were killed in the crash. Two planes targeted the Twin Towers in New York City.

The terrorists deliberately crashed American Airlines Flight 11, carrying 87 passengers and crew, into the North Tower, 1 World Trade Center (WTC), between floors 94 and 98, and United Airlines Flight 175, carrying 60 passengers and crew, into the South Tower, 2 WTC, between floors 78 and 84. Of the approximately 17,400 people in the North and South Towers on September 11, approximately 15,000 people evacuated safely, but thousands were killed in the impact and fire or trapped as firefighters and rescue workers scaled endless flights of stairs to rescue them. The South Tower (2 WTC) collapsed 56 minutes after being hit; the North Tower (1 WTC) fell after 102 minutes. All seven buildings at the World Trade Center in NYC were destroyed.

Among those who lost their lives on that day were Lindenhurst residents who were killed in the attack on the World Trade Towers, and in the rescue efforts that followed. As we pray for peace in the world, let us also pray for the souls of those who were lost on that day, and for the families who have mourned their passing from this world.

***Joseph Angelini Sr.***

***April 11, 1938–September 11, 2001  
New York City Fire Department,  
Rescue 1, Firefighter***

***Joseph John Angelini Jr.***

***August 3, 1963–September 11, 2001  
New York City Fire Department,  
Ladder 4, Firefighter***

***Susan Marie Clyne***

***May 9, 1959–September 11, 2001  
Marsh & McLennan***

***Tara Debek***

***August 15, 1966–September 11, 2001  
Marsh & McLennan***

***Geoffrey E. Guja***

***February 27, 1954–September 11, 2001  
New York City Fire Department,  
Engine 82, Lieutenant***

***Gary H. Lee***

***August 26, 1939–September 11, 2001  
Cantor Fitzgerald***

***Catherine Lisa Logiudice***

***December 5, 1970–September 11, 2001  
Cantor Fitzgerald***

***Laurence F. Nedell***

***November 13, 1948–September 11, 2001  
Aon Corporation***

***Michelle Lee Titolo***

***May 25, 1967–September 11, 2001  
Cantor Fitzgerald***

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## OLPH Family Photo Album

We are pleased to announce that as part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration, we will be offering for sale a Family Photo Album. The Album will include gathered pictures of Parishioners, our Priests and OLPH Staff. There will also be a history page about our Parish, a collage of different OLPH events that took place during our Anniversary celebration year and a message from our Pastor, Msgr. Joe. Won't you please take part by submitting a beautiful family photo? (Details below). Go ahead, "dress to impress"!

### Types of photos

Pictures may include a special family photo celebrating a Sacrament (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding, etc...), a birthday or special family celebration, a professional family photo. The choices are endless but only one picture please.

### Size of photo

Please submit a 3X5 photo **by November 15, 2021.**

### Where

- Pictures should be sent by email to: [socialmedia@oloph.org](mailto:socialmedia@oloph.org).
- Subject line should include: OLPH Family Photo Album - [family name]
- In your email, please simply include the names of the persons in the photo, Family last name and number of Albums you wish to purchase.
- As an **alternative to emailing**, the below form may also be completed and dropped off at the Rectory with your family photo in an envelope marked to the attention of "OLPH Family Photo Album".

*If you have any questions, please call Helene at 917-679-0376  
or send your question to the above email address, attention: OLPH Family Photo Album.*

## OLPH Family Photo Album



### Order Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of persons in the photo and family last name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Albums: \_\_\_\_\_ (Each Album: \$35)

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## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory  
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 Email: [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)  
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:

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



### New Family Orientation

All new families to the Religious Education Program, *regardless of their child's grade level*, are required to attend our

**New Family Orientation**  
 to take place on September 18, 2021  
 in the auditorium at 10:00 a.m.



### INTERESTED IN OFFERING YOUR TIME AS A HALL MONITOR?

Our program relies on the generous time and talent offered by our dedicated teachers and hall monitors.

We are in need of **Hall Monitors** for

**Wednesday nights**  
**from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**  
**and 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Training is provided!

Please call us with any questions,  
 or stop by our office.



## Registration for 2021-22

registration **OPEN**

Letters with details about re-registration have now been mailed to all families with students in our program. Registration for returning families began April 5th. As of June 15th, there is now a \$25 late fee for ALL returning 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 make a "New Family Appointment" or 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.

New families **MUST** make an appointment to register by calling or e-mailing us. Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2021-2022 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—[cdefeldman@optonline.net](mailto:cdefeldman@optonline.net)
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- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—[rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com)
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—[louiseperrotta@optonline.net](mailto:louiseperrotta@optonline.net)
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Bill Stysiack—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—[jbecker@oloph.org](mailto:jbecker@oloph.org)

## Food Pantry List

**THESE ARE THE ITEMS  
THAT ARE MOST NEEDED:**

**SHELF STABLE MILK  
FRUIT JUICE  
CANNED MEATS (CHICKEN)  
JAMS & JELLIES  
SOUPS WITH MEAT  
CANNED CARROTS AND PEAS  
COFFEE & TEA  
CAKE MIXES  
DESSERTS**

## TOOTHPASTE/SHAMPOO

*Please bring items to the SVdP office:*

*Wednesday and Friday*

*9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

*and on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays*

*1:30 – 3:00 p.m.*

**Thank you**

**for your continued generosity.**

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*Our regular office hours:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

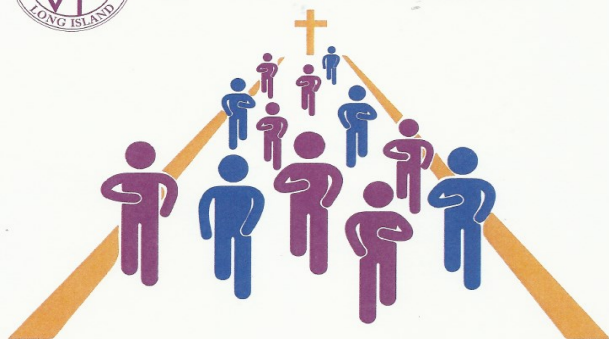
In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the Gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known, especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor.

## THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK



**THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FRIENDS  
OF THE POOR 5K WALK**



*"The Journey of Hope Continues..."*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join us to walk 3.1 miles or make a donation to help.

**Saturday, September 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**Bethpage Community Park**

**Check-In: 9 AM Walk Start: 10 AM**

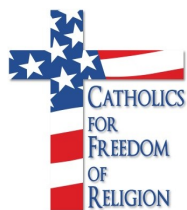
To register or donate:

**[runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com)**

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For more information: [info@svdpli.org](mailto:info@svdpli.org)  
[svdpli.org](https://svdpli.org)

## CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



### Focus on Religious Freedom

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

#### It's OK For Students to Pray in Public Schools

As students prepare for the new 2021-22 school year, they need an important tool in their backpacks: knowledge of their religious liberty rights.

On January 16, 2020 (Religious Freedom Day), the Department of Education issued updated *Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer & Religious Expression in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools*. The guidance was originally issued in 2003. The Guidance explains that "students and teachers do not shed their constitutional rights at the schoolhouse gate." The law also requires that, as a condition of receiving federal funds, local education agencies must certify that they are in compliance with the prayer guidance.<sup>(1)</sup>

The Supreme Court has repeatedly held that the First Amendment, with its enumerated rights of freedom of religion and freedom of speech, requires public school officials to be neutral in their treatment of religion, showing neither favoritism toward nor hostility against religion. The newly updated U.S. Department of Education Guidelines explicitly list the many rights of students in relation to religious expression. These rights include:

- Students may read their Bibles or other religious materials, say grace before meals, and pray or study religious materials with fellow students during recess, lunch hour, or other non-instructional time.
- Students may express their beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written and oral assignments.
- Students may organize prayer groups, religious clubs, or other religious-themed gatherings before or after school to the same extent that students are permitted to organize other non-curricular student activity groups.
- Schools may teach about religion but not provide religious instruction.<sup>(2)</sup>

These rights are often denied, as happened on Long Island when a high school senior was reading his Bible during free reading time. The teacher asked what he was reading and then proceeded to mock the student for reading the Bible, and encouraged other students to join in.

*(justice.gov, Volume 84-January, 2020(1); Ed.gov, Guidance from U.S. Dept. of Education(2))*

"The sacred rights of mankind...are written, as with a sunbeam, on the whole volume of human nature, by the divinity itself; and can never be erased." —Alexander Hamilton, *Founding Father*

#### Be Silent No More!

Assert your concerns regarding religious freedom in schools, the public square and legislation such as the misnamed Equality Act, covered in a previous bulletin. Do not be silent!

Contact your Senator at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov), and your Representative at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov). Call the switchboard at 202-224-3121 to be connected to any Senate or Representative office.

## LEGION OF MARY

### Calling all Our Lady's Friends

*The OLPH Legion of Mary will be celebrating Our Lady's birthday. On September 11<sup>th</sup> we will attend the 8 a.m. Mass. You are invited to breakfast, prayers and speech in the school cafeteria. Our speaker this year will be Fr. Darius of Our Lady of Assumption, Copiague. ALL ARE INVITED. Please call Louise - 631-412-3831 for more information.*





# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

### Directory of Phone Extensions

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William D'Alessio, Business Manager	204	bdalessio@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Fr. Emmanuel Okonkwo	223	emmaokons@yahoo.com
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

Vincent Boccanfuso  
Eileen Corticchia (Chair)  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Jeffrey Gaab  
Joselyn Kalt  
Mary Leon  
Rachelle Louis-Jacques  
Carlton Mitchell  
Kevin Sabella, Jr.  
Kevin Sabella, Sr.  
Adele Venezia

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
Bill Bendernagel  
Gerry Chille (Chair)  
William D'Alessio  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
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  
Chris Ferraro  
MaryAnn Haas  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Denise Martinez  
Barbara McPhail  
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:

***Joseph Gibbons & Elizabeth Dotten***

## WE REMEMBER

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

***Rose Annarumma  
Edward Morgese  
Geraldine Manzari  
Richard Rice***

*"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."*

**The Bereavement Ministry** assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and help 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 25 through November 20 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.



## WE BELIEVE

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

***Charles Lovascio  
Louis, Angela, &  
Ann-Marie Giarratano  
Barbara McCarthy  
Nancy Darnell  
Mary Doran  
Kevin Ryan  
Mark Behr  
Louise Posanti  
Robert Flesher  
Janet Hume  
Peter Curto***

***Richard Zdunczyk  
Marguerette Hoffmann  
David Reid  
Casey Gagliano  
Robert Siegfried  
Wayne Kolb  
Jessica Becker-Paolo  
Dianne Bendernagel  
Jimmy Gridley  
Leslie Cassidy and expected  
child***

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 at least 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.

## PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 10:00 A.M.

<b><i>Francis Farrugia</i></b>	<i>Requested by Lena Farrugia</i>
<b><i>Thomas Fine</i></b>	<i>Requested by Kathleen &amp; Jim O'Connell</i>
<b><i>Laura Fosco</i></b>	<i>Requested by Lena Farrugia</i>
<b><i>Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i></b>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas McCarthy</i>
<b><i>Steven McGrath</i></b>	<i>Requested by Pat Bell &amp; Joan Heinsohn</i>
<b><i>George Edward Tibbe</i></b>	<i>Requested by Helene Calabrese</i>
<b><i>Edward &amp; Carmela Faga</i></b>	<i>Requested by Theresa Faga &amp; Karl Knudsen</i>
<b><i>Susan Murphy &amp; Edward Mikoleski</i></b>	<i>Requested by Jean Gustavson &amp; Family</i>

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY, September 6— Weekday</b>	
6:30	Edward McCaughey
12:15	Bernard “Joe” Doyle
<b>TUESDAY, September 7— Weekday</b>	
6:30	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
12:15	Nicholas Fiano
<b>WEDNESDAY, September 8— The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
6:30	Raymond Henderson
12:15	Grazia Azzaro
<b>THURSDAY, September 9— Saint Peter Claver, Priest</b>	
6:30	John Kiem
12:15	Wilfrid M. Furlong
<b>FRIDAY, September 10— Weekday</b>	
6:30	Margaret Kulik
12:15	Craig Kennedy
<b>SATURDAY, September 11— Weekday</b>	
8:00	Buzz Santini
<b>Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
5:00	Dominick Barone
<b>Sunday, September 12— TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	In Celebration of Our Lady’s Birthday

**PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>Monday, September 6, 2021</b>		
<b>ALL RECTORY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, FOR LABOR DAY. ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES EXCEPT MASSES ARE CANCELLED.</b>		
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
<b>Tuesday, September 7, 2021</b>		
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Family Life Ministry Meeting	Room 20
<b>Wednesday, September 8, 2021</b>		
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
<b>Thursday, September 9, 2021</b>		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
<b>Friday, September 10, 2021</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
<b>Saturday, September 11, 2021</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Legion of Mary—Our Lady’s Birthday	Cafeteria
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	School
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Sunday, September 12, 2021</b>		
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Room 16
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**All Rectory and Religious Education  
Offices will be CLOSED on  
Monday,  
September 6,  
for Labor Day.**

**All parish activities  
except Masses are cancelled.  
The Rectory Offices will re-open  
Tuesday, September 7 at 9:00 a.m.**



## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

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

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

### Liturgia Viva del Domingo 23° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo B

Domingo, 5 de septiembre de 2021

*Espíritu Santo ven a estos momentos donde nos disponemos de corazón y mente para escuchar el mensaje de Dios y ponerlo en acción en nuestra vida.*

*Amén*

**Primera Lectura (Isaías 35:4-7a):** Los Oídos del Sordo se Abrirán

A un pueblo sordo y ciego para con Dios, el profeta anuncia la alegría de la salvación: verán y oirán, y así llegarán a ser nuevos.

**Segunda Lectura (Santiago 2:1-5):** ¡No doble Estándar! Dios Ama a los Pobres

Es una traición al sentido cristiano de comunidad honrar a los ricos y humillar a los pobres, dice Santiago. Dios ama a los pobres y los hace ricos en la fe.

**Evangelio (Marcos 7:31-37):** ¡Ábrete!

El sordomudo representa a los que se cierran a Dios. Jesús vino a hacer que la gente se abra a Dios, de forma que puedan alabarle por sus grandes obras. Su atención a los pobres es la señal de que el reino ha llegado ya.

**¡Señor, Abre Nuestros Oídos y Nuestros Labios!**

Vivimos en una era de explosión en comunicaciones: fax, E-mail, Internet o web, y así

### Reflexión

La lectura del evangelio de hoy presenta el segundo anuncio de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Sin embargo los discípulos Ellos siguen soñando con un mesías glorioso y muestran una gran incoherencia al discutir entre sí quiénes de ellos es el mayor. ¡Increíble! Jesús anuncia a los discípulos que lo van a matar, y ellos negocian un lugar de importancia para cuando esto ocurra. “No entendieron nada”, nos dice en el Evangelio. ¿Cuánto de esto nos pasa también a nosotros? Nos cuesta entender el proyecto de Jesús. A veces, nos creamos expectativas que están fuera de lugar, y que sólo abarcan la lógica humana. La lógica de Dios es diferente. No nos llama a la búsqueda del poder, de la riqueza o de la fama, nos llama a una vida en humildad y servicio, donde los demás son los más importantes. La lógica humana nos conduce al egoísmo, la lógica de Dios al desprendimiento. En la comunidad, no se trata de tener mayor poder, sino de servir mejor.

**Jesús quiere bajar y servir. Los discípulos quieren subir y dominar. ¿Yo? ¿Cuál es la motivación más profunda de mi “yo” desconocido?**



## OFFERING UPDATE August 28/29

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	187	79	\$1,794.00
8:00 a.m.	188	106	2,794.00
10:00 a.m.	288	95	3,802.00
12:00 p.m.	277	85	3,584.00
Coin			2.92
Faith Direct:			2,699.30
Children's Env.		9	54.00
Mail-ins:			960.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>\$15,690.22</b>
<b>2020 total</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>\$16,902.92</b>
Candles			\$770.85
Poor Box			\$293.04



**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](http://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* by the dates listed below and *as a Word document* to Carmel Becker [atcbecker@oloph.org](mailto:atcbecker@oloph.org).

September 12—passed

September 19—September 10

September 26—September 17

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**2021 OLPH GOAL:  
\$111,600**

**Total pledged: \$108,062.00  
# of pledges: 407  
Total payments: \$88,443.75  
96.83% of goal  
As of 8/24/21**

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

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PREPARING FOR**  
**Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.*

*Mark 8:35*

**Isaiah 50:5-9a**

"The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced." Whether those words apply to an individual in ancient times, to the entire Israelite community, or even to us today, they are encouraging. In the midst of being insulted, beaten, and put to shame, we can be confident of the Lord's help. Think of how Jesus suffered torture and execution for our sake without protest. Yet he rose again on the third day for our salvation. If God is for us, we will ultimately win. Good news indeed!

**James 2:14-18**

James addresses a central question that has been the source of much discussion and dissention over the ages: are we saved by faith or works? That is, is it enough to say that we believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior or is something more needed? James says that the two are inextricably linked – faith without works is dead. As he puts it, when someone is hungry or naked, is it enough to say "Have a nice day?" Indeed, it is our faith in Christ that compels us to act to help our brothers and sisters.

**Mark 8:27-35**

We hear today about a turning point in Jesus' ministry. Up until now, popular opinion regarded him as a great prophet who could work mighty miracles. But when Jesus asks who the disciples believe him to be, Peter announces that he is something more – the Messiah. Yet Jesus has to teach them that he will not be like the Messiah that they expect, a powerful warrior to overthrow the Roman government. He will be a Messiah who has to undergo pain and death for the sake of the whole world, something that Peter finds hard to believe. Jesus teaches them, and us, that we need to share in this hardship if we are to follow him and receive the rewards of eternal life: "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

*Readings for the Week*

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

**Monday, September 6, 2021:**

Colossians 1:24—2:3  
+ Luke 6:6-11

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021:**

Colossians 2:6-15  
+ Luke 6:12-19

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021:**

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

**Thursday, September 9, 2021:**

Colossians 3:12-17 + Luke 6:27-38

**Friday, September 10, 2021:**

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14  
+ Luke 6:39-42

**Saturday, September 11, 2021:**

1 Timothy 1:15-17  
+ Luke 6:43-49

**Sunday, September 12, 2021:**

Isaiah 50:4c-9a  
+ James 2:14-18  
+ Mark 8:27-35

**Gospel Reflection**

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

*1. Do you want people you love to know you well? Do you think Christ wants you to know him well? He asks the apostles, "Who do you say that I am?" What if he asked you that question? Do you answer it differently at different times in your life?*

*2. "The Son of Man must suffer greatly ..." In these words Jesus is telling the apostles what discipleship is all about. How does Peter handle this new message? How do you? Can "losing your life" be a means to gaining life? Can you desire to follow him in such a way?*





# Long Island Ducks Baseball Game vs. York Revolution



Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:35 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 each



Opening Ceremonies include: **National Anthem** led by **OLPH Choir members**  
**Flag Presentation** by **Our Lady of Fatima Assembly Color Guard**

To purchase tickets, please complete this form:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ NY ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (home/cell): \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

#Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794**

Mail to: Stephen M. Strigaro  
131 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

For more information, call: 631 747 4929 or email: [sdcnj@optonline.net](mailto:sdcnj@optonline.net)

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**Volunteers Needed—The Guilds of Good Samaritan Hospital** are currently seeking new members to join our team of volunteers. Opportunities include but are not limited to, our Thrift Shop, located in Babylon Village, Gift Shop, and Gift Cart. Patient facing roles and clerical opportunities are also available within the hospital. To obtain an application, or to learn more information, please contact Good Samaritan Hospital's Manager of Volunteer Services, Brittany Colasanto at [brittany.colasanto@chsli.org](mailto:brittany.colasanto@chsli.org), or 631-376-3659. We look forward to meeting you!

**Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille** is a lifeline for married couples. Another marriage-saving Retrouvaille weekend will be offered **September 10-12** at Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743. For information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend Friday, September 10, 2021, please call 1-800-470-2230.

**Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers.** 8 Week Program for age 50 and over. Starting Wednesday, **September 15, 2021 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**, St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 N. Carll Ave., Babylon. **For losses that have occurred before June 15, 2021.** For more information and registration, please call: Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson 631-661-8994.

**Upcoming Bereavement Support Program Offered at St. Mary, East Islip.** 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 16, 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. Eight Week Group beginning Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. **September 16<sup>th</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup>** Pre-registration is required. Call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register.

**Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island.** Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. New Member Orientation Meeting Tuesday, **September 21st** at 5:00 p.m. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6526, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793 (Parking in the rear of building) Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting — Carol at 516-794-4933 or Janet 516-579-4016

**Sacred Heart Academy's Fall Open House** on **October 2, 2021** from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The registration link is [www.sacredheartacademyli.org/register/](http://www.sacredheartacademyli.org/register/)

# 10th Annual OLPH Golf Outing



**Monday Sept 20th at Middle Island CC**

## Schedule of Events

7AM Registration and full hot breakfast  
8AM Shotgun Start, lunch at the turn  
1PM Cocktails, Buffet Dinner, 3-hr open bar and awards,

**All for \$165/golfer**

Tee signs and other sponsorships are available.

**For additional information:**  
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Bob Dobres 631-592-8697 or  
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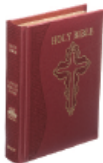



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