

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*

Matthew 18:20

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 6, 2020

## 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. Thomas Crennan

**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.

**Face covering and social distancing required.**

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

*5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass suspended until further notice.*

*Mass intention will be fulfilled privately by one of the priests.*

## 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

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

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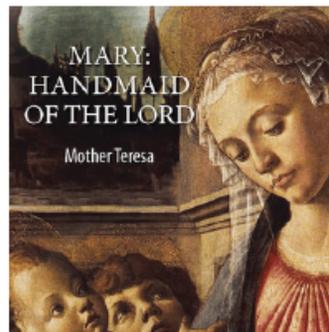
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### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

#### Mary: Handmaid of the Lord by St. Teresa of Kolkata

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**Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?**

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and

custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and find your parish to register.

**Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?**

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *The return of the Pastor's Column...at the end of a very different summer!*

So, the Pastor's Column returns as we wind down what has been a very unusual summer (I have heard some people call it "the summer that wasn't" because so much about it was changed!). I hope that, even with everything we have had to endure, it has been a good one for you. Slowly but surely, and perhaps somewhat hesitantly, we are returning to normal routines. I'm sure the start of school will be a big thing for families, and another step in returning to somewhat-normal routines.

It has been a rather hectic summer for OLPH, as we have been catching up on things that had to be postponed, and as we have begun to put things back together. Let's see if I can update you on a few things...

### *All the sacraments and initiations*

As you have been seeing in the bulletin, we have been celebrating all the First Communions, Confirmations and Sacraments of Initiation that normally would have taken place at the Easter Vigil and during Easter Time. These have wound up to be very beautiful, prayerful experiences. I thank our Religious Education Office, headed by April Kleinlaut, for the great work in keeping all the pieces moving forward, and I thank all the families and all the children for being so cooperative and agreeable. Even though the celebrations were much simpler this year, I think we were all just glad to be able to be celebrating them at long last! Congratulations to all — younger children, older children, teens and adults — who have been initiated into, or have completed their initiation into, the Church in these past weeks!

### *Where we're at with the Religious Education Program*

Through the good work of our Religious Education Office and our wonderful catechists, we are all set for in-person religion classes this year, with online accommodations if necessary. Both April and I feel that in-class, in-person learning is the most effective, and so we have worked to make that ideal a reality. Other events associated with the Religious Education Program — meetings, prayer experiences, Penance Services, *etc.* — will be figured out as we go along (like so much else these days); we will figure out the best way to do them within whatever the current safety guidelines are at the time they occur.

### *Where we're at with plans for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year*

The Steering Committee for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year met recently and decided on a course of action. I'm thrilled to say that we're going ahead with everything "as planned" — and by that I mean we are keeping all the events on the calendar (except for one planned event which we had to drop) and, when the time comes to do concrete planning and work, we will figure out how to do the event according to whatever limitations are necessary. However, we will do as much as we can in the most complete way we can. Yay! No wonder OLPH is "the

place to be!" It certainly will be during the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year!

In this bulletin we have a special two-page insert outlining the events for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, which runs November 28, 2020 through November 19, 2021. Please take note of everything and mark the dates now; cut out the special page and keep it on your refrigerator! I'm really hoping that by the time we get into 2021, we'll be able to go back to unlimited attendance and gathering everyone together as much as we want.

### *A word about the major renovation projects...*

Allow me to offer a special word about the six (6) major renovation projects we are associating with the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year: replacing the church lighting panel; making the auditorium handicap accessible; air conditioning the auditorium; finishing the church sanctuary; painting the church ceiling; and beautifying the entrance to the cafeteria off the little parking lot between the rectory and the school. Note that we would like to begin referring to the auditorium as "Msgr. Hamilton Hall," to honor one of our beloved former Pastors.

The funds for these projects will come from the sale of the Convent, which is still moving forward. I'm not suggesting that all these projects will be completed by the end of the Anniversary Year at the end of 2021; I am simply saying that we are using the Anniversary Year as the occasion to launch these projects and get them underway. I'm very grateful to Joe Masiello and Gerry Chille who are spearheading this endeavor, along with great assists from Bob Newberry and Pete Tapinis, among others.

### *Cameras and other equipment*

As you have been reading about, our project to install cameras and other broadcasting and recording equipment is well underway, thanks to the able leadership of Chris Ferraro. This equipment will allow us to do a much better job of both live-streaming liturgies and other events and recording liturgies and events for our YouTube page; the pandemic has shown us what an important pastoral outreach something like this is in keeping everyone connected. Aside from the pandemic, though, it's a great thing to offer to our sick and elderly parishioners who cannot be with us, and for special occasions when family members may not be able to be present at something such as a funeral or a wedding.

I wish to thank everyone who has so generously donated to this; formal thank you letters are in the works! We still have a way to go, though, so if you can contribute something towards it, I would greatly appreciate it.

### *Income is down*

I must share with you the difficult news that our income, from weekly collections and other sources of revenue, is down over \$135,000 (not including Catholic

Ministries Appeal rebate money — see below) since we had to shutdown back in March. That is, quite frankly, money that we will probably never recover, and the loss will probably increase. I know that so many of you have been negatively financially impacted, and many of you are either unemployed or have found your employment cut or placed in a precarious position. I am grateful for all those who have managed to continue to support the parish financially. Please continue to do so.

Tom Crennan, our Business Manager, and I are working hard on the budget for the fiscal year 9/1/20-8/31/21, keeping things as lean as possible, yet trying to not make cuts. I simply ask everyone to continue to support the parish as much as possible and in whatever way your means will allow. At some point in the future, when things are noticeably back to normal, we may have to look at having a special additional collection to help us offset losses from the pandemic.

### *Summer Appeal*

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to all of you who have been so, so generous in supporting this year's **SUMMER APPEAL**. I will have a final total to report to you in a few weeks; we'll see what still trickles in at the end of the summer. By the way, it's not too late for you to return your **SUMMER APPEAL** offering, a requested \$125, or more if possible. These funds have helped us tremendously, and I am very grateful.

### *Catholic Ministries Appeal*

As you might expect, the overall giving to the diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal is down, too, so we are expecting to receive less of a rebate this year than in past years — most likely it will be a loss of \$20,000-\$25,000 (a figure not included in the loss mentioned earlier). Again recognizing that so many of you are also in difficult situations, I ask you to simply follow through on your CMA pledge and payments as much as possible. The parish will benefit.

### *Really, though, it's not all gloom and doom!*

While being realistic about the financial picture, I don't mean to be all gloom and doom about parish life; there is very much to be hopeful about. I truly believe we will emerge from this pandemic stronger than before, and that within the coming year parish life, as with all other aspects of our life, will resume as normal. Why am I so confident? It's because the Risen Jesus, who gives us the grace and power of His risen life, never abandons us! God's grace is stronger than anything this world presents to us, and the Holy Spirit will always empower us to face the future. Let's learn from this experience to trust in God more completely and to put our assurance only in the things that really matter — the things of the Kingdom of God, and the way of the Gospel.

### *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, the concept of work has certainly taken on new meaning for many of us as a result of the pandemic, because our work habits have changed, or we were without work for a time, or perhaps still are. 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, and many of them were especially self-giving during the days of the shutdown in March, April and May. 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, one 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,



## 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.

**Monday, September 7—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, September 14—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, September 21—12:45 p.m.**

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Wednesday**

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

in the church

after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



### **ADULT INITIATION AND RECEPTION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



Congratulations to **Denise Marie Edwins, Dawn Marie Lack** and **Iryna Melko** who offered their Profession of Faith at the 10:00 a.m. Mass this morning to be brought into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Congratulations to **Emily Theresa Admunsen, Evelyann Burgos, Lauren Burgos, Ilenia Merone** and **Lisette Morales** who received the Sacrament of Confirmation as adults at the 12:00 p.m. Mass today and **Roseanne Catena** who received First Communion and Confirmation. We warmly welcome them to our OLPH family. Please pray for their continued growth in their journey of faith.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**



Next Sunday, September 13, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, OLPH will celebrate the **RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS.**

For months now one of our RCIA participants, **Ms. Wende Mitchell**, has been inquiring into the Catholic faith, discerning whether she really does want to go through the stages of becoming Catholic. With this Rite on September 13, she will now publicly declare her intention to the Church to become Catholic, the Church in turn accepts her as a person who intends to become a member, and the Catechumenate Stage begins. After the Rite, those needing to be baptized are referred to as **Catechumens.**

This Catechumenate Stage is a lengthy one; usually it encompasses over a full year, and perhaps two years, and it lasts until the First Sunday of Lent in the year at which the Catechumens will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Please feel free to welcome Wende and to make her feel a part of our community. Please pray for our Catechumens in the months ahead as she is formed and guided in the way of living the Catholic Christian life. All are welcome to join us at the 10:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday for this special celebration.

# *150th Anniversary*

## *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

### *1871-2021*

In 2021, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish will be 150 years old! As you have heard, plans have been underway to celebrate an ANNIVERSARY YEAR full of exciting events! A calendar of events, spiritual and social, was set, with our ANNIVERSARY YEAR scheduled to run November 28, 2020 to November 19, 2021.

Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic came along. However, the Steering Committee has decided that we will keep the events on the calendar, and, as each one approaches, evaluate it at that time as to its feasibility. Maybe we'll be able to do it in some modified form...with some in-person attendance and a virtual presentation online...or, maybe by the time some things happen, we will be back to normal!

So, here's an overview of everything that might possibly be happening over the course of the next year, to celebrate our ANNIVERSARY YEAR. **SAVE THE DATES! PLAN ON PARTICIPATING! DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE GREAT THINGS THAT WILL CELEBRATE 150 OF OLPH AS "THE PLACE TO BE!"** You'll hear more about each one as it approaches.

### *Some General Information...*

#### **OUR HONORARY CHAIRPEOPLE**

*We are proud to announce that Robert and Carolyn Dobres and Rosaleen Walters have graciously agreed to be our Honorary Chairs for the Anniversary Year.*

*As long-time and active parishioners, Bob and Carolyn and Rosaleen represent the best of OLPH and are shining examples of what makes OLPH "the place to be."*

#### **LOOK FOR THESE SPECIAL PROJECTS**

*As part of the Anniversary Year, we will undertake a number of renovation projects, using funds realized from the sale of the Convent. Look for these exciting projects to be done at some point:*

- ▶ **CHURCH LIGHTING PANEL:** The panel which controls the lighting in the church is in desperate need of updating. We'll install a whole new control system.
- ▶ **HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY TO MSGR. HAMILTON HALL:** We would like to begin referring to the auditorium as "Msgr. Hamilton Hall," and we are looking to have that Hall made handicap accessible.
- ▶ **AIR CONDITIONING FOR MSGR. HAMILTON HALL**
- ▶ **FINISHING THE CHURCH SANCTUARY:** We would like to remove the red carpeted steps at the front of the sanctuary and finish off the front to look complete and unified with the rest of the sanctuary décor
- ▶ **PAINTING THE CHURCH CEILING:** Adding blue and gold highlights to the white
- ▶ **BEAUTIFYING THE ENTRANCE TO THE CAFETERIA FROM THE PARKING LOT**

#### **KEEPSAKES, TCHOTCHKES AND MEMENTOS!**

**LOOK FOR PLENTY OF ITEMS TO BE ON SALE THROUGHOUT THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR. DON'T MISS OUT! SALES MAY HAVE TO BE MOSTLY ONLINE DUE TO COVID, BUT WE'LL GO TO IN-PERSON SALES AS SOON AS WE CAN. WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR INFORMATION AND BE PREPARED TO BUY, BUY, BUY!**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Exact format of each event will be determined by COVID restrictions at the time, but set these dates aside...more details to come...*

### **NOVEMBER 28, 2020—Special Marian Lessons and Carols to Open the Anniversary Year**

*We'll open the Anniversary Year with a liturgy of readings and music all honoring the patroness of our parish, the Blessed Mother*

### **JANUARY 8, 2021—Divine Intervention Night**

*Come see OLPH personalities you know and love who were contestants on Divine Intervention, the game show hosted by Msgr. Joe several years ago.*

*Msgr. Joe will also provide behind-the-scenes information about the show and his years hosting. A fun night for the entire family!*

### **LENT, 2021**

*In place of a Parish Mission this year, all parishioners will be invited to participate in a special formation program Living the Eucharist. A great opportunity for deepening your understanding of, and love for, the Eucharist!*

### **APRIL 23, 2021—Anniversary Year Gala Dinner Dance**

*Join your fellow parishioners in an evening of a sumptuous meal, great music and dancing and wonderful memories! An occasion to dress up and have a great time! A Commemorative Journal will be printed in conjunction with this event.*

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021—Anniversary Year Patronal Feast Mass**

*The center of the whole Anniversary Year! There's no better way for us to celebrate than to do so at the Eucharist. We're looking to have Bishop Barres as the Presider at this Mass!*

### **JULY 17, 2021—Parish Picnic**

*Join your fellow parishioners at Belmont Lake State Park on this Saturday afternoon.*

### **AUGUST 2, 2021—Summer Evening Prayer**

*A special warm-weather celebration of prayer and fellowship.*

### **AUGUST 15, 2021—SPECIAL MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE FIRST CHURCH BUILDING**

*We'll do this special Marian Solemnity up big this year!*

*We're hoping to have OLPH's own Bishop Bob Brennan come back to preside at this Mass!*

### **November 2, 2021—Prayer Service at Parish Cemetery**

*In this month of remembrance, let's honor and pray for those buried in our parish cemetery... an important moment of connection with our long history!*

### **November 19, 2021—Solemn Vespers to Close the Anniversary Year**

*We'll close out the year with a Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) which will include a Recommitment of All Parish Ministers (and, this day also happens to be the 60th anniversary of the dedication of our current church building!)*



## DEVOTIONS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

### *Sorrowful Mother Devotions*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

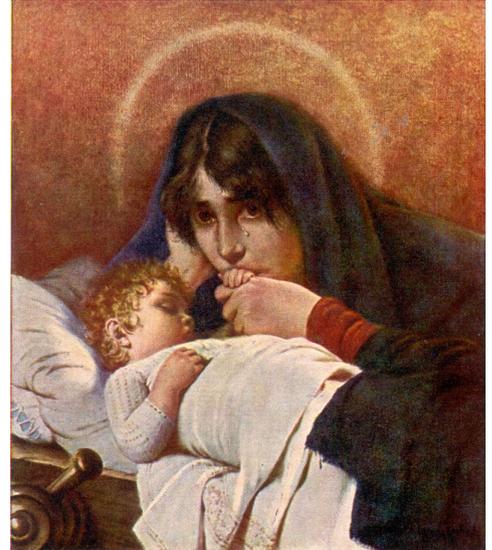
**Mass at 7:00 p.m.**

**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*



*Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco will be celebrating 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 before September 12th if you would like to attend or wish to be involved in this special event.

## CAN YOU HELP US UPGRADE OUR LIVE-STREAM CAPABILITIES?

We have ordered our new live-stream cameras and equipment for the church. The cost will be a little less than originally anticipated, \$12,000 instead of \$15,000. Our new system will enable us to live-stream Masses, weddings, funerals and other sacramental and ritual moments. When the weather is bad in the winter or people are leery about coming out at night to attend Lessons and Carols, the Parish Mission or Taizé Prayer around the Cross, we will be able to maintain a digital presence. Of course, all of this will never replace our “in person” worship. Also, we have many homebound parishioners who just can’t come out any more. This new system will include the installation of two



permanently fixed cameras, one in the choir loft focused on the sanctuary area and one in the sanctuary facing the back of the church to get views of the assembly praying, the reception of the body at funerals and important processions at Sunday Mass and weddings and funerals.

If you are interested in making a contribution to our new system, please contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory office, [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org) or (631) 226-7725. We have already received \$2,500 in donations.



## 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*

## SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH

**FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:**

- ▶ **WEAR A FACE MASK OR FACE COVERING – NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ▶ **REMAIN AT LEAST SIX (6) FEET APART, SIDE-TO-SIDE AND IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND YOU**
- ▶ **SIT IN DESIGNATED SEATS ONLY**
- ▶ **ENTER ONLY THROUGH WELLWOOD AVENUE DOORS**
- ▶ **EXIT ONLY THROUGH SIDE DOORS ON NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE**

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Confessions are being 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)**
- ▶ **Exit is only via the doors at the south end of the hallway (into the large parking lot)**
- ▶ **Everyone – priests and penitents – is required to wear face masks or face coverings**
- ▶ **Lines on the floor will indicate a 6-foot social distance between those waiting on line outside each classroom**
- ▶ **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)**

## IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...

*Participate virtually in Sunday Mass online celebrated by your OLPH priests!*

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*Click on the link to watch the video of the Mass anytime.*

*You can also click the link for our YouTube page*

**OLPH Church Lindenhurst.**

*In addition to Sunday Mass, other items of interest are occasionally posted on the YouTube page.*

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

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION  
 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

**ALL LEVELS:**

We need to know if you are returning to religious education classes! Please be sure to register for the 2020/21 academic year. A \$25 LATE FEE will be put into effect as of Wednesday, September 23, 2020. You can mail in your registration fee to us at any time, call over the phone and pay via credit card, or come into the office in person! All time switches and teacher requests can be mailed in or indicated to us when you speak to us over the phone or in person. Please let us know if you have any changes for your contact information. We will need to know the best e-mail for us to reach you at this year, for Google Classroom use throughout the year.

**What Classes Will Look Like for Fall 2020**

We have been working diligently on getting ready for the Fall of 2020 and on what classes will look like. We will have limited in-person classroom availability based on the amount of Catechists we have to teach each Level. The classrooms are available on a first come, first served basis. Once we hit our full capacity, those who do not fit into a classroom will be required to do the Google Classroom.

We are here for you and we have your safety listed as our number one (1) priority. We will have cleaning and sanitation procedures in place so that everyone will be safe and can stay healthy while attending class at OLPH. We have sent out these precautions via e-mail. We have also listed the requirements for your child to come into the classroom. In order to get the information for our classes you must be registered for the 2020/21 academic year.

**REGISTER NOW!**

**Catechists and Hall Monitors**

If you have yet to let us know if you plan on helping out with the Religious Education Program for the 2020/21 academic year, please contact us ASAP!

**We cannot run our program without YOU!**



# 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—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—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

## NEW Food Pantry List!

**PASTA SAUCE**  
**CANNED CHICKEN**  
**CANNED TUNA**  
**PEANUT BUTTER**  
**CANNED CARROTS**  
**CANNED STRINGBEANS**  
**CEREAL**  
**CANNED FRUIT**  
**PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP**  
**SHELF STABLE MILK**  
**WATER**

*The pantry is in great need at this time.*

*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, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

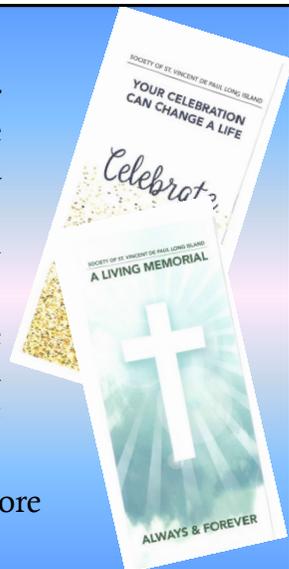
Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them."

## † AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

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

*Memorial/Special Occasion card* envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

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



## SOCIAL SECURITY, SSDI, SSI, VA BENEFICIARIES ELIGIBLE

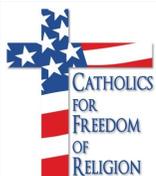
According to the IRS, beneficiaries of Social Security retirement, survivor or disability (SSDI) benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement benefits and Veterans Affairs (VA) Compensation and Pension benefits who did not file 2018 or 2019 tax returns can use the non-filers tool to claim the additional \$500 for eligible dependent children under 17. The new window to use the tool is Aug. 15 to Sept. 30. Payments are expected to be made in mid-October. Those unable to access the non-filers tool may submit a simplified paper return [following the procedures outlined on irs.gov](#).

The IRS says federal beneficiaries who already used the non-filers tool after May 5 to claim a dependent stimulus payment but have yet to receive the payment do not need to refile a claim. Those \$500-per-child payments will go out automatically in October. Eligible recipients can check the status of their payments using the Get My Payment tool on irs.gov. Payments will be made in the same manner as original \$1,200 stimulus payments were received, such as by direct deposit or paper check. Eligible beneficiaries who miss the new Sept. 30 deadline to claim dependent payments will need to claim the payments next year on their 2020 tax returns.

The IRS also reminds people who have little to no income or who are homeless that they can still use the IRS non-filers tool to claim their own \$1,200 stimulus payments. The deadline is Oct. 15.

## CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

### SINGING, BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP BANNED — AGAIN!



A network of California churches filed a lawsuit in July against Governor Gavin Newsom after he re-imposed a coronavirus lockdown with orders against holding church services and bans on singing, chanting and all private home religious gatherings. "We've been essential for 2,000 years," said a California Pastor, Che Ahn.<sup>(1)</sup>

"Newsom encourages tens of thousands of people to gather for mass protests, [but] he bans all in-person worship and home Bible studies and fellowship. Such repression is well-known in despotic governments and it is shocking that even home fellowship is banned in America," said Matt Staver, chairman of Liberty Counsel. "This outrage will not stand."<sup>(2)</sup>

Governor Newsom is not the only governor unconstitutionally restricting church activities. Federal lawsuits are also pending in Courts of Appeal against Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, and Virginia. However, federal courts around the country are split on whether religious liberty protections of the First Amendment will stand during a pandemic. It is troubling that courts in New Mexico recently ruled against the First Amendment.

#### Defending Religious Freedom

"Gathering, in short, is at the core of faith and religion...This time of restriction and confinement has confirmed for me that no freedom is more important than religious freedom," said Elder David Bednar of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. "Protecting a person's physical health from the coronavirus is, of course, important, but so is a person's spiritual health...Never again must the fundamental right to worship God be trivialized below the ability to buy gasoline."<sup>(3)</sup>

*cbsnews.com, 7/20/20(1); (lc.org, 7/17/20(2); newsroom.churchofjesuschrist.org, 6/1/20(3); USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship (4); washingtonpost.com, 7/17/20; pjmedia.com, 7/13/20*

#### Silent No More!

The Bishops of the United States remind us that "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation."<sup>(4)</sup>

Elected officials and their staff listen to, read and tabulate citizens' concerns and opinions when making decisions for their state and for the country. Do not be silent. Please contact one or more Senators or Congressmen each week to encourage those who share your Catholic values and to inform others.

**Call:** Switchboard at 202-224-3121 to be connected to any Representative's or Senator's office

**Email:** Find Representatives' emails at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) Find Senators' emails at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

*"The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty is staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people."*

—George Washington

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

### Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
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Thomas Crennan, Business Manager	204	tcrennan@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrjoe@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
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Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [DeaconRobert@oloph.org](mailto: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)  
Thomas Crennan  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Christine Donovan  
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

*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.*

### **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT:**

*Michael Brennan (OLPH) and Alexandra Staretz*

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 10:00 A.M.**

<i>Frank &amp; Jean Wilutis</i>	<i>Requested by Theresa &amp; Bob Mehm</i>
<i>Carl R. Kieninger</i>	<i>Requested by Donna Norton</i>
<i>Patty Cutaia</i>	<i>Requested by Martine &amp; Walter Karalais</i>
<i>Angela &amp; Frank Lobascio</i>	<i>Requested by Rose Garofalo</i>
<i>Raphaela Albergo</i>	<i>Requested by The Shores Family</i>
<i>Bill Blaha</i>	<i>Requested by Dotty Lapin</i>
<i>Nunzio Villano</i>	<i>Requested by Diane &amp; Peter Moskov</i>
<i>Catherine Seitter</i>	<i>Requested by Diane &amp; Peter Moskov</i>

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Loretto Dinardo  
JoAnn Randazzo  
Philomena Cea  
Eugene Coughlin  
Antoinette Scandoriato***

*“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>Nora McMahon</i>	<i>Gloria Kayaian</i>
<i>Mary Hawkins</i>	<i>Jean Corso</i>
<i>Pat Kleczkowski</i>	<i>William Connors</i>
<i>Rich Kleczkowski</i>	<i>James Gridley</i>
<i>Erin Stanton</i>	<i>Louis Giarratano</i>
<i>Mario Marino</i>	<i>Angela Giarratano</i>
<i>Heather Ann Flores</i>	<i>Jacqueline Vantull</i>
<i>Meaghan Snyder</i>	<i>Bernard Kates</i>
<i>Jayden Valle</i>	<i>Glenn Slaughter</i>
<i>Robert Quevedo</i>	<i>Ann-Marie Giarratano</i>
<i>Jim Gordon</i>	<i>Lawrence O'Donnell</i>
<i>Roberta Small</i>	<i>Tim Doran</i>

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

***“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”*** Matthew 5:4

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The ***Bereavement Support Group*** is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical, support as they learn to cope with their loss.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to know more about the **OLPH Support Group Program**, please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or Marige Reyes at 631-608-3658. You may also leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the rectory.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, September 7— Weekday

6:30 Vincent Ferraro

12:15 Karwowska Zofia

### TUESDAY, September 8— The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 Grazia Azzaro

12:15 Dolores M. Clemens

### WEDNESDAY, September 9— Saint Peter Claver, Priest

6:30 Vincent Ferraro

12:15 Living & Deceased Members of the  
Breitfeller Family

### THURSDAY, September 10— Weekday

6:30 Ann Batt

12:15 Mary Klingler

### FRIDAY, September 11— Weekday

6:30 Carl D'Angelo

12:15 Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

### SATURDAY, September 12— Weekday (The Most Holy Name of Mary)

8:00 Donald Smith

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

5:00 For the Repose of the Souls of the  
McCarty Family

### Sunday, September 13 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Matthew Conner

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 Living & Deceased Members of the  
Holy Name Society

5:00 \* Douglas Mertz

\*Will not be celebrated publicly; intention will be fulfilled  
in a private Mass by one of the priests.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Monday, September 7, 2020

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

12:45 p.m. Devotions Church

### Wednesday, September 9, 2020

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

12:45 p.m. Exposition

### Thursday, September 10, 2020

1:00 p.m.-on Church closed for cleaning Church

7:30 p.m. Catholic Committee on Scouting St. Lucy Room

### Friday, September 11, 2020

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

### Saturday, September 12, 2020

1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room 24

4:00 p.m. Confessions School

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Parking Lot

### Sunday, September 13, 2020

10:30 a.m. RCIA St. Lucy Room

2:00 p.m. Baptisms Church

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour Church

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OFFERING UPDATE  
August 29/30, 2020**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	172	82	\$2,669.00
8:00 a.m.	160	97	2,520.00
10:00 a.m.	200	67	2,009.00
12:00 p.m.	235	61	2,260.00
5:00 p.m.	<i>Not celebrated publicly</i>		
Coin			10.12
Mail-ins:			4,636.00
Children's Env.		3	7.00
Faith Direct			2,791.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>\$16,902.92</b>
<b>2019 total</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>\$16,405.92</b>
Candles			\$636.21
Poor Box			\$193.04

All Rectory and Religious Education  
Offices will be CLOSED on  
**Monday,  
September 7,  
for Labor Day.**

All parish activities  
except Masses are cancelled.  
The Rectory Offices will re-open  
Tuesday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m.



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

**DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Retrouvaille Weekend: You Can Help Heal Your Marriage.** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, **September 11, 2020**, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help. Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743.

**Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!** To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings **September 14 to October 26** from 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God’s plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

St. Mary’s, East Islip **Bereavement Support Groups:** The pandemic of 2020 resulted in a great many challenges, most especially, the unexpected death of a loved one. We are offering a special focus support group for adults who have endured this specific loss and are struggling to rebuild their lives within the current societal framework. There will also be a second adult bereavement support group offered not related to COVID-19 for anyone who has lost a loved one. Both groups will begin on Thursday, **September 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend the groups, but pre-registration is required. In order to participate in this program, the death must have occurred prior to June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If interested, please call (631) 581-4266, x-125. *Please note that all participants must wear a mask while in the group and we will be as socially distanced as possible.*

## PREPARING FOR

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.*

Sirach 28:2

**Sirach 27:30-28:7**

The reading begins with two proverbs followed by a strong statement about forgiveness. If we do not forgive one another, what right have we to ask God to forgive us? The refusal to forgive and our tendency to seek revenge are in themselves manifestations of sin, warns Sirach. Those united with God by virtue of the covenant are the blessed recipients of his constant love and mercy. As brothers and sisters covenanted to the same God, the people of Israel are called to manifest a similar love and mercy toward one another. To do less will be a breach of the covenant.

**Romans 14:7-9**

In this reading, we hear what may have been the words of an early Christian hymn or poem that Paul is quoting. We are told, as those who heard this song were, that God's covenant with us transcends the border between life and death. The risen Lord Jesus reigns over both the living and the dead. Once we are baptized, we belong not to ourselves but to Christ and to each other. We remain united with him and each other whether we live or die. What a joyful message!

**Matthew 18:21-35**

The story opens with Peter seeking to put limits on forgiveness. Jesus tells Peter: God does not put limits on how often he forgives; neither must you put limits on how often you forgive others. Jesus tells us a parable to reinforce his point and to show how forgiveness freely given can be lost if not freely shared. God is like a King who expects his servants to offer each other the same mercy that he has shown them. To experience the reign of God is to experience the mercy of God in such a powerful way that we are, in turn, able to extend to others the same mercy God has given to us. We are to heed the intent of the parable at its conclusion: it solemnly warns us that we must fervently pray for strength to resist the temptation of getting even with those who have hurt us and pray for the grace to reflect the majestic generosity of the Kingdom of God.

## Readings for the Week

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

**Monday, September 7, 2020:**

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

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020:**

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

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020:**

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

**Thursday, September 10, 2020:**

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13  
+ Luke 6:27-38

**Friday, September 11, 2020:**

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

**Saturday, September 12, 2020:**

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

**Sunday, September 13, 2020:**

Sirach 27:30—28:7  
+ Romans 14:7-9  
+ Matthew 18:21-35

**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 think God wants you to forgive your neighbor just for your neighbor's sake, or for yours too? How did Jesus "take away the sins of the world?"

2. Pope Francis says that Jesus asks us to do something radical when he asks us to forgive our brothers and sisters unreservedly. Can you think of ways you can do this?

"Jesus asks us to believe that forgiveness is the door which leads to reconciliation. In telling us to forgive our brothers and sisters unreservedly, he is asking us to do something utterly radical, but he also gives us the grace to do it. What appears, from a human perspective, to be impossible, impractical and even at times repugnant, he makes possible and fruitful through the infinite power of his cross. The cross of Christ reveals the power of God to bridge every division, to heal every wound, and to reestablish the original bonds of brotherly love."

***Homily of Pope Francis**  
Holy Mass for Peace and  
Reconciliation, August 18, 2014*



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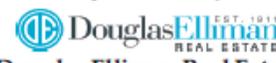
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