

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said,*

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

Luke 14:27

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
September 8, 2019**

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Frank Pokorney

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

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

## COME IN AND PRAY...

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

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mondays following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.*

## OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

**First Saturday:** 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday- Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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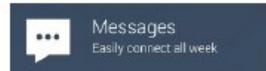
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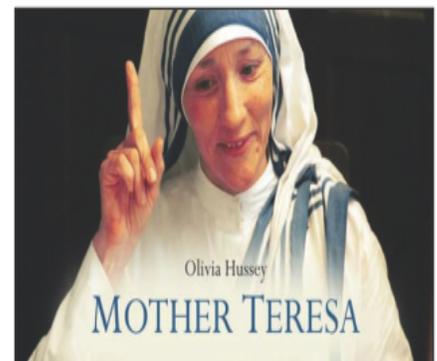


## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

# Mother Teresa

## An Indomitable Force of Love

One woman founded a religious order, won the Nobel Peace Prize, and became one of the most popular figures of the 20th century. Follow the selfless missionary of Calcutta who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor.



Watch on [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)

*As a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, you have complimentary access to FORMED, an incredible gateway to Catholic content, all in one place. Visit our FORMED community website at <https://olphlindenhurst.formed.org>. Click on the "Register Now" icon and create an account. Once registered, you will have free access to the website and also their smart phone app.*

## PASTOR'S PAGE

9/11

Wednesday of this week will be a day of solemn remembrance for our nation, and especially for those of us in the New York metropolitan area, as Wednesday is September 11. It is now eighteen years ago that our world changed forever with the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers in Manhattan, the collapse of those buildings, and the resultant inconceivable loss of life. It's a day forever seared into our hearts, souls and 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 many of the first responders, and many others who worked cleaning up the site, as they suffer with various health problems, especially respiratory issues, and other difficulties such as PTSD; the family members and friends of those who perished that day; and anyone who was there and witnessed the carnage.

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.*

### Golf Outing

It's time for the annual OLPH Golf Outing, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (you knew that from seeing the Knights outside Mass this weekend!); this is our ninth one! It's always a wonderful day and I have enjoyed being a part of it every year that I have been at OLPH — not as a golfer, of course (the thought of me doing anything even remotely athletic is quite laughable!), but as a participant in the day nonetheless. It's being held a week from this Monday, on September 16. By the way, it's not too late to sign up to golf if you have not already done so, nor is it too late to support the effort in some other way.

In addition to enjoying a great day of golf and a great day of fellowship and fun, you'll be helping both OLPH as a parish and our Knights of Columbus Council, since proceeds will be split

between the two. If you can't golf, then support the outing through the raffle tickets being sold or by buying one of the sponsorships. You can also just come to the great dinner. Check out the ad in today's bulletin for more information.

### Catechetical Congress

This coming Saturday the Office of Faith Formation of the Diocese of Rockville Centre is holding its giant Catechetical Congress, an all-day event filled with many great opportunities for those who minister as catechists and in many other ministries of parish faith formation to come together for prayer, workshops, lectures and community and fellowship. I myself will be presenting two workshops through the course of the day, and I know that our own Chris Ferraro is giving a workshop, too. It's always a very renewing, energizing and Spirit-filled day.

I'm proud to say that we have a good number of parishioners from OLPH attending the day, and I could not be more proud that our folks take their ministry seriously enough to want to continue to grow and to be formed in the Catholic faith and in their particular ministry.

The Congress is always held in conjunction with Catechetical Sunday, which is next Sunday, September 15; more on that next week.

### First Sacraments Policy

Speaking of faith formation, now would be a good time, at the beginning of this new school year, to remind everyone of the policy required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre concerning children and sacraments.

Very simply, 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). So, in concrete terms, this means:

Children in all grades who attend public school attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

Children in all grades who attend a Catholic elementary school need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with us, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. 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.

#### ***New Pastoral Council members***

As you know, the Pastoral Council is one of the four main leadership bodies of the parish who work with me in setting the overall goals and direction of the parish (the others are the Pastoral Staff, the Liturgy Committee and the Finance Committee). The members of the Pastoral Council should represent the various “constituencies” of the parish and present a broad representation of the makeup of the parish in terms of age, background, experience, *etc.* The Pastoral Council meets six times over the course of the year, with one of those meetings in conjunction with the Pastoral Staff. The names of your Pastoral Council members are listed in the bulletin each week; you should feel free to talk with them, since they are the ones who help me to

have a sense of the “pulse” of the parish, so to speak.

Members serve terms, so the membership changes a little bit each year, although overall continuity is not lost. I am grateful to Gregory Guido, Sonia Hansen and James Totino who have recently completed their terms on the Council, and let’s all welcome Vincent Boccanfuso, Rachele Louis-Jacques and Carlton Mitchell, who have accepted my invitation to begin four-year terms on the Council. Thank you Vincent, Rachele and Carlton for the great service I know you will give to OLPH on the Pastoral Council!

#### ***The Golden Ticket***

We’re officially underway with this year’s **GOLDEN TICKET!** We need YOU to make this a great success once again. Look for the full-page ad elsewhere.

Last’s year’s event was a huge amount of fun; there was much laughter, good food and a wonderful communal spirit. In addition to the cash prizes, we have great consolation prizes awarded among the non-winning tickets.

Buy your own ticket, go in with others on several tickets, and maximize your chances to win. Help us out by spreading the word to family and friends; you don’t have to be a parishioner of OLPH (heck, you don’t even have to be Catholic!) in order to purchase a ticket and win a prize. Don’t miss out on this great “OLPH moment!” It’s a much-needed fund raiser for us.

#### ***Spanish Prayer Group 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary***

Congratulations are in order to the members of our Spanish Prayer Group as they celebrate their 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary this Thursday night, September 12. I was honored to be asked to be there, and I’ll be offering a brief talk and a special blessing in my very poor and broken Spanish. Let’s all extend our good wishes for many graces and blessings to be showered upon this group; their presence and their prayerfulness is a blessing to us!

#### ***Social Media: Website, Parish App***

Don’t forget that OLPH has a great social media presence. You can go to our website (the web address is on the front cover of the bulletin each week) at any time for the latest info and a great deal of general information about the parish, including downloading parish forms such as maintenance set-up requests and requests for calendar and facilities bookings. Click around the website and check it out!

Also, do you have our Parish App on your phone? This too is an important tool in today's world; information about the Parish App is always in the bulletin, each week, so you can sign up for it at any time. Tell everyone you know about it!

**Amazon Smile**

Finally, let me remind you that our Amazon Smile program continues. It's a fund raiser for us whereby OLPH receives a donation from all eligible purchases on Amazon; all you have to do is be sure to select OLPH as your designated charity when you make purchases through smile.amazon.com. There is absolutely no cost to OLPH to be part of this, and for you, the shopping experience is identical to the usual Amazon experience, except that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate to OLPH when you select us as your charity. You do not pay anything additional. Just make sure you sign up for the correct Our Lady of Perpetual Help — Lindenhurst!

I'm already signed up for it and have used it! In fact, just from my purchase of books about liturgical theology alone, I have raised \$146,297... just kidding, of course, but I am signed up for it and have made my small contributions. It's safe, easy and costs nothing, so look for the information about it that we run in the bulletin every week, and tell everyone you know about it.

**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,



**IT'S COMING SOON—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019**

Attention everyone who has taken the Strengths Finder Survey to discover their Top Five Strengths! Remember that there will be an important Strengths Workshop on **Saturday afternoon, November 23, 2019, 1:00-3:30 p.m.** Please plan on being there. This will be an essential workshop to move us forward in the Strengths Process, to help you know and use your God-given Strengths more effectively, and to deepen engagement in the life of the parish. A formal invitation letter with more details will be coming before too long, but plan now to be there—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019.

—Msgr. Joe (*Context, Intellection, Input, Learner, Harmony*)

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES!**

Our diocese is blessed to have wonderful Catholic students in high school. The best way to learn about a particular school is to visit their *Open House*. Here are the dates and times for the high schools in our diocese; feel free to visit during these times.

<b>Our Lady of Mercy Academy</b>	-	<b>Saturday, September 21 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sacred Heart Academy</b>	-	<b>Saturday, September 28 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>St. Anthony's High School</b>	-	<b>Sunday, September 29 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Kellenberg Memorial High School</b>	-	<b>Saturday, October 5 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Chaminade High School</b>	-	<b>Saturday, October 5 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>St. Dominic High School</b>	-	<b>Sunday, October 6 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Holy Trinity Diocesan High School</b>	-	<b>Saturday, October 19 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>St. Mary's High School</b>	-	<b>Sunday, October 20 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School</b>	-	<b>Sunday, October 20 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>

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

## DEVOTIONS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

### *Sorrowful Mother Devotions*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 p.m.

at OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

*Join us for:*

- *Chanting the Stabat Mater*
- *The Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Mother*
- *The presentation of a rose to each child*



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

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

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

## HONORING THE BLESSED MOTHER



### JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY IN HONORING THE BLESSED MOTHER

The Legion of Mary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be hosting devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother, whose birth is traditionally celebrated in the month of September.

You are invited to Brunch  
and to the saying of the Tessera (Marian prayers)  
which will take place on

**Saturday, September 21  
in the OLPH cafeteria**

**immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the church.**

with special guest speaker, Mr. Charles Moran,  
*a representative of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.*

**Be sure to join us for the 8:00 a.m. Mass,  
and then the talk and devotions which will follow!**

*The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal care for the needy and homeless in New York City and have a mission in Haiti. A small gift of a food item such as tuna fish, peanut butter, pasta, canned fruits or vegetables would be much appreciated. Thank you!*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

The Diocese of Rockville Centre



### Golden Wedding Celebration

Couples who have been  
married fifty years  
will be honored at a Mass on

**Sunday,  
November 3, 2019**

at Maria Regina Roman Catholic Church  
in Seaford, NY  
at 2:00 p.m.

**Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski**  
will preside.

*Registration forms and complete instructions  
can be obtained at OLPH rectory. Space is  
limited; registration will be accepted on a first  
come, first served basis. The forms can also be  
found on the website [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org).*

*If you have any questions you may call  
516-678-5800, ext. 223.*

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

**Monday, September 9—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, September 16—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, September 23—7:00 p.m.**

### Prayer for Peace



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

## VIRTUS TRAINING



### VIRTUS TRAINING

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**6:30 p.m. in ROOM 18**

**TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS  
IN ALL MINISTRIES.**

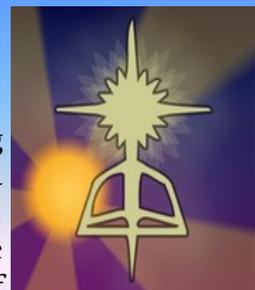
*Registration **MUST** be done online.* Simply go to [drvc.org](http://drvc.org), Protecting God's Children to the Virtus training schedule. Find the date and OLPH, Lindenhurst to begin the registration process.

## **SAVE THE DATE:** **OFFERER APPRECIATION** **PARTY**

Save the date of **Friday, October 25...** that's the night of the **OFFERER APPRECIATION PARTY**, our bi-annual "thank you" to all who offer their time and talent here at OLPH. More details to follow, but set the date aside now...you don't want to miss what is always a great party!

## **Evening Prayer**

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...



**Saturdays and Sundays  
after the 5:00 p.m. Mass**



## **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.

## **NEW COORDINATOR NEEDED** **FOR EXTERIOR CHUCH** **DECORATING FOR ADVENT,** **CHRISTMAS AND EASTER**

We are in need of a new coordinator for our outdoor decorations for Advent, Christmas and Easter. It's not hard, does not take up a tremendous amount of time, and either a single person, married couple or a whole family can head this up. Don't worry—there's no ladder work involved! It involves the decorations on our fence and corner fence pillars. Our Wellwood Avenue appearance always looks so great for Advent, Christmas and Easter, and we want that to continue. Won't you help us out by offering to take on this responsibility? Please contact Msgr. Joe at [msgjrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgjrjoe@oloph.org) or at (631) 226-7725, ext. 206, to offer, or just to find out more information. Thank you!



## **BLESSING OF BRICKS—** **SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

On Sunday, September 29, immediately following the 12:00 Noon Mass, we will bless the newest set of bricks that were recently installed in the Let the Children Come to Me Prayer Garden. Invitation letters have been mailed to those who memorialized bricks, and all are invited to attend the blessing immediately following Mass.

Please remember that our memorialization of bricks in the Let the Children Come to Me Prayer Garden is ongoing, so please support the parish by purchasing one or more bricks. New bricks will be installed and blessed when we have accumulated enough to send out in a batch for engraving. Thank you for your continued support!



## 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**

***Geoffrey E. Guja***

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

***Joseph John Angelini Jr.***

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

***Gary H. Lee***

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

***Susan Marie Clyne***

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

***Laurence F. Nedell***

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

***Tara Debek***

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

***Michelle Lee Titolo***

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

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: THE "GOLDEN TICKET" DRAWING!**

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

# THE GOLDEN TICKET

**Saturday, November 16, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

**In the OLPH Gymnasium**

Are you wondering, "What is The Golden Ticket?"

It's a cocktail party where you have a great time with an excellent chance of winning a monetary prize!

Unlike a typical raffle... the last ticket pulled is the grand prize winner!

The excitement builds as the evening goes on!

***Winner need not be present!***

Golden Ticket Holders and a guest may attend.

***It was a big success last year, and this year promises to be even better!***

- 1<sup>st</sup> ticket drawn - \$500
- 50<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 100<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 150<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 200<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 250<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 300<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 350<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 400<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200



- 450<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$200
- 491<sup>st</sup> ticket drawn - \$300
- 492<sup>nd</sup> ticket drawn - \$400
- 493<sup>rd</sup> ticket drawn - \$500
- 494<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$600
- 495<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$700
- 496<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$800
- 497<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$900
- 498<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn - \$1000

**499<sup>th</sup> Ticket drawn - \$2,500**

**500<sup>th</sup> Ticket Drawn - \$10,000**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Number of Golden Tickets @ \$100 each \_\_\_\_\_

\*Prize money based on 500 tickets sold. If less than 500 tickets are sold, the prizes awards will be pro-rated based on the total number of tickets sold.

Golden Tickets go on sale beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> at the rectory during regular office hours. Tickets will also be available after all Masses the weekend of September 14<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> outside church. You can also enclose bottom portion of this form with check made payable to **OLPH** and return to rectory at 210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757 Attn: Golden Ticket.

Questions? The Golden Ticket coordinators are Meg Danaher 631-704-1201 or Bob Meade 631-455-3916

*"OLPH is a Section 501(c)3 nonprofit. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine if your contribution is deductible. Winners are responsible for all taxes."*



## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

## OFFICE HOURS

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

**Saturday, September 14,**  
 the Catechetical Congress will take  
 place at St. John the Baptist HS from  
 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
*If you wish to join us, there's still time  
 to sign up — just email us!*

**Sunday, September 15**  
 Join us for Catechetical Sunday Mass  
 at 10:00 a.m., and  
 for refreshments in  
 the auditorium after!  
 Mass includes  
 a blessing of  
 catechists.



Practice  
*random kindness*  
 and  
*senseless*  
*acts of beauty.*  
 - Anne Herbert

## LATE REGISTRATION NOW IN EFFECT FOR 2019/20!

Letters were mailed to all families with students in our program with details about re-registration. An email reminder was also sent.

**As of June 17, there IS NOW a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations.**

We continue to encourage all families with students who have not yet begun religious education, who will be beginning 1st grade (or older), to register for religious education.

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 emailing us.**

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
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## **NEW Food Pantry List!**

- BAKED BEANS**
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- RICE**
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- CAKE MIX**
- TOILETRIES**
- PAPER PRODUCTS**

Thank you  
for your continued generosity.  
Cut out this list and bring it  
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## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

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**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

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

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

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



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## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### HOMELESS MINISTRY

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We are in need of the following:

Jeans - especially 32" & 34"

New socks, Underwear, Undershirts

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

### SENIOR MOMENTS

#### **GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE**

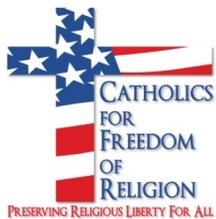
*The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.*

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, September 10**

**9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

## CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



### FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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

#### Religious Freedom — Why Does it Matter?

Freedom of religion is a cornerstone of the American vision. It is understood to be the exercise of inherent natural rights. "We are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights..."

The Founders believed that virtue derived from religion is indispensable to limited government and essential to the spirit of self-government. Founder Samuel Adams said, "Religion and good morals are the only solid foundation of public liberty and happiness."

The American model of religious liberty takes a strongly positive view of both private and public religious practice. It assumes that religious believers and institutions will take active roles in society, which include engaging in politics and policy-making and helping to form the public's moral views.

Religious freedom recognizes the right of all people to form their own conscience. This right applies to people who believe in a God as well as for non-believers. Liberty of conscience demands, and ultimately justifies, limited government. Conversely, limited government requires individual responsibility. In a free society, religion is an ally of good government and freedom as it forms the moral character of individuals and communities.

Research confirms that governments that respect religious liberty also tend to respect other freedoms and is strongly related to political liberty, economic freedom, and prosperity. "Whenever religious freedom is high, there tends to be fewer incidents of armed conflict, better health outcomes, higher levels of earned income, and better educational opportunities for women," said researcher Brian Grim.

*(heritage.org, 12/20/19; democracyweb.org/essential principles; share.america.gov, 2/4/19)*

*"Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; ...*

*Just as freedom of religion is often considered a threat to dictatorship, it can be an important safeguard of democratic society."*

UN General Assembly Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### 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  
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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

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

## YOUR PARISH

### LITURGY COMMITTEE

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*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:**

***Carl Hespeler & Karisa Ryan***

### **Second Announcement:**

***William Paolo & Jessica Becker***

### **First Announcement:**

***Joseph Freely & Diana Zehner***

## **WE BELIEVE**

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

*Annabell Kravetz*

*Barbara Sagesser*

*Loretto Dinardo*

*Bob Scott*

*Randall I. & Joanne Press*

*Marilyn Gallipani*

*Jim Gordon*

*Linda Shulman*

*Doreen Quinn Cooney*

*Dolores Otten*

*Judy LePrey*

*Richard Ferzai*

*Donald Smith*

*Sabrina*

*Margaret Walker*

## **WE CELEBRATE**

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

**-Rite of Baptism**

***Victor Richard Posadas***



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

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.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

### **& ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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

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

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



## **MASS MEMORIALS**

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

**September 8-14:**

***Altar Candles***

*In Memory of*

***Sheryl Regets***

*Requested by*

***The Lombardo Family***

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

## **BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins.

They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.



## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Frank DiBella***

***Angela Melloy***

***Giovanna Valentina Zerone***

*“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.”*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, September 9—**  
**SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST**

6:30 Msgr. Daniel Hamilton

12:15 Kathleen Stanton

**TUESDAY, September 10—**  
**WEEKDAY**

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the  
 Breitfeller Family

12:15 Dorothy Bott

**WEDNESDAY, September 11—**  
**WEEKDAY**

6:30 Katherine Marino

12:15 Dr. Rosario Reyes

**THURSDAY, September 12—**  
**WEEKDAY**  
*(The Most Holy Name of Mary)*

6:30 Peter C. Gerard

12:15 For the Repose of the Souls of the  
 McCarthy Family

**FRIDAY, September 13—**  
**SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM,**  
**BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

6:30 Barbara & John McPhail's 44th  
 Wedding Anniversary

12:15 Rosario Gerardi

**SATURDAY, September 14—**  
**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

8:00 Nancy Versace

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

5:00 Sandra Daniels

**Sunday, September 15**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 Mary E. Nappe

12:00 For the Living and Deceased Members  
 of the Christian Mother's & Guild

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

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, September 9, 2019**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Business Meeting	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Room 3
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
6:30 p.m.	Virtus Training Class	Room 18

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Room 3
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

**Friday, September 13, 2019**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society Meeting	Room 24

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	Golden Ticket Sale	Outside
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

All day	Golden Ticket Sale after all Masses	Outside
9:00 a.m.	Blood Drive	Rms. 16-19
11:00 a.m.	Religious Ed. Catechist Meeting	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Holy Hour	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 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).

### Lecturas del Domingo 24° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C

#### Domingo 15 de Septiembre del 2019

Demos gracias al Padre  
por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo,  
porque nos ha dado fortaleza  
y porque vino a perdonar nuestros pecados.  
Que su misericordia y amor estén siempre con ustedes.

**Primera Lectura** (Éxodos 32,7-11.13-14): El Amor de Dios Es más Grande que Su Justicia  
Dios había salvado a su pueblo; sin embargo, el mismo pueblo abandonó a Dios para adorar al becerro de oro. Moisés suplicó a Dios que perdonara a su pueblo.

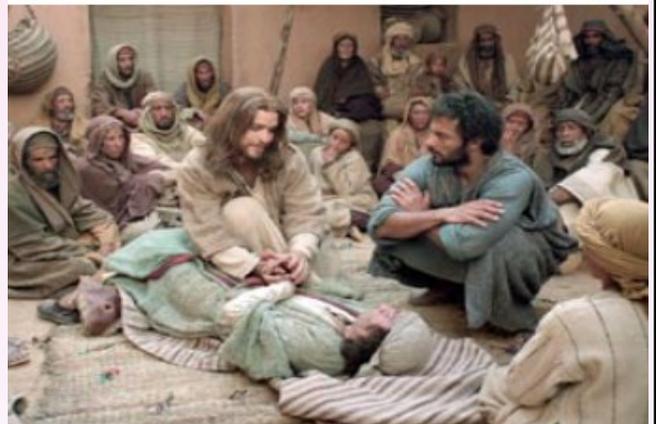
**Segunda Lectura** (1 Timoteo 1,12-17): Cristo Me Ha Perdonado  
Pablo es consciente de que es pecador. Pero encontró al Cristo que perdona. Lleno de gratitud alaba la grandeza y el amor de Dios.

**Evangelio** (Lucas 15,1-32): Dios Se Alegra al Perdonar  
Las bellas parábolas de este largo capítulo de Lucas tienen un punto central: Dios no se rinde en la búsqueda de los pecadores ni los abandona; sigue buscándolos y los acoge de nuevo con alegría.

**9. JESUCRISTO TE RECIBIRÁ SI VIENES A ÉL** Jesús dijo: "Al que a mí viene, no lo rechazo" (Juan 6:37). Por esta razón Él vino a la tierra: "a buscar y a salvar lo que se había perdido" (Lucas 19:10). No importa lo que hayas hecho, Jesús todavía quiere que vengas a Él. Dijo más: "No he venido a llamar a justos sino a pecadores para que se arrepientan" (Lucas 5:32).

**JESÚS CAMBIA LAS VIDAS** La gente que seguía a Jesús abandonaba sus pecados. Él echó fuera siete demonios de la vida de María Magdalena (Lucas 8:2) y ella se convirtió en una seguidora devota que luego les dijo a los demás que Jesús había resucitado (Juan 20:16). Zaqueo, un recaudador de impuestos, le devolvió a la gente lo que les había robado cuando les cobraba los impuestos y dio la mitad de todo lo que tenía a los pobres (Lucas 19:1-10). Cuando estos seguidores eran llenos del poder del Espíritu Santo, eran capaces de declarar el mensaje de Jesús, hacer milagros y vivir libres del pecado (Lucas 10:1-20).

Por casi dos mil años Jesús ha estado cambiando las vidas de la gente en todo el mundo. "Por lo tanto, si alguno está en Cristo, es una nueva creación. ¡Lo viejo ha pasado, ha llegado ya lo nuevo!" (2 Corintios 5:17). Él puede cambiar tu vida también. Jesús te liberará de tu adicción al pecado (Romanos 6:22), renovará tu mente (Romanos 12:2) y sanará tus heridas (2 Tesalonicenses 2:16-17).



## OFFERING UPDATE August 31/Sept. 1, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	301	123	\$2,883.00
8:00 a.m.	260	117	3,415.00
10:00 a.m.	398	123	4,206.00
12:00 p.m.	365	115	2,644.00
5:00 p.m.	128	35	871.00
Coin			14.66
Children's Env.		9	22.76
Faith Direct			2,319.50
Mail-ins:			30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>\$16,405.92</b>
<b>2018 total</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>\$16,620.19</b>
Candles			\$1,072.38
Poor Box			\$407.71

### DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

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

September 15—passed  
September 22—September 13  
September 29—September 20



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## PREPARING FOR

Sunday, September 15, 2019

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The father said, "We must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."* Luke 15:32

#### Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

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

#### 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

#### Luke 15:1-32

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

#### Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. In the story of the prodigal son we hear that while he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.

Was the father thinking about his son everyday and waiting for him to come home? Was the son hoping for a warm bed and food or thinking of sorrow, having hurt his father? Does the father's forgiveness depend on the son's repentance?

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

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

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

From *The Church of Mercy*, p. 4ff,  
by Pope Francis.

### Readings for the Week

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

#### Monday, September 9, 2019:

Colossians 1:24—2:3

+ Luke 6:6-11

#### Tuesday, September 10, 2019:

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

#### Wednesday, September 11, 2019:

Colossians 3:1-11 + Luke 6:20-26

#### Thursday, September 12, 2019:

Colossians 3:12-17

+ Luke 6:27-38

#### Friday, September 13, 2019:

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14

+ Luke 6:39-42

#### Saturday, September 14, 2019:

Numbers 21:4b-9

+ Philippians 2:6-11

+ John 3:13-17

#### Sunday, September 15, 2019:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

+ 1 Timothy 1:12-17

+ Luke 15:1-32

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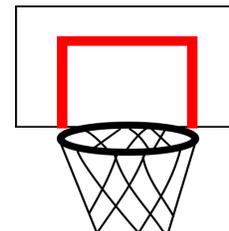
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**Our Lady of Lourdes Church** (455 Hunter Avenue; West Islip, NY, 11795) is hosting its annual **ITALIAN FEAST** from Wednesday, **September 11** – Sunday, **September 15** from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Sunday: 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.). Rides, Raffles, Las Vegas nights, food. Stop by for a great time. See website ([www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)) for more details and about discount RIDE tickets.

**“Moving On” Group**, an after-Bereavement group for widows and widowers will conduct a **‘Do It Yourself’ Workshop**, presented by Home Depot, Friday, **September 13**, @ 7:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Joseph Parish Center, Babylon, NY. For information call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994 or Linda Sparaco 631-225-9530.

**Holy Trinity Diocesan High School Fall 2019 Driver Education Program** begins on **September 18**. Openings in before-school classes (6:15 a.m.), after-school classes (2:45 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.) and on Saturdays, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Schedules and applications are available at <https://holytrinityhs.org/driver-education>. Students must be 16 when the course begins. Please call 516 433-4852 or email [drivered@holytrinityhs.org](mailto:drivered@holytrinityhs.org). *First come, first served.*

**Free book talk in Seminary Library:** *“The Recovery of the Beautiful: St. John Paul II’s ‘Letter to Artists’”* with Brother Owen J. Sadlier. Sunday, **September 29** at 2:00 p.m. Brother Owen, who has taught Philosophy at St. Francis College, will explore this beautiful letter and discuss our culture’s neglect of the philosophical and spiritual understanding of beauty. *No admission charge or reservations necessary; refreshments will be served.*

**Catholic Voices for the New Evangelization** Saturday, **October 19** at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale, from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Speakers are Catholic authors Dr. Scott Hahn and Jennifer Fulwiler. \$25 includes lunch. Afternoon concludes with Mass. Call Alex Basile 516-292-0200, ext. 342 or [mrbasile@kellenberg.org](mailto:mrbasile@kellenberg.org) for details.

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The Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, invite you to their Annual Communion Breakfast on **Sunday, September 29**. Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by breakfast in the Refectory. Celebrant and speaker will be Msgr. Charles R. Fink, recently appointed Seminary Rector. *RSVP by September 20* - \$30 per guest. For reservations and information, Seminary Development Office: (631) 423 – 0483, Ext 102; [bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu).



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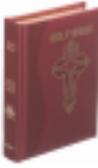
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