

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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“Blessed are those who  
have not seen  
and have believed.”

John 20:29

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2015

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Ethel Anarado, Rev. John Sureau

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

**Deacons:** Deacon Frank A. Odin, Deacon William Crosby

Deacon Douglas G. Smith

**Business Manager:** Deacon Thomas J. Bast

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** April Kleinlaut    **Music Director:** Christopher Ferraro

### 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 Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:** 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Holy Day:** 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 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 to 2:00 p.m.

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

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

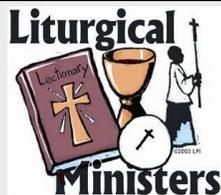
210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

**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.

# LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING



## WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU! OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW READERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION and USHERS!

### What do Extraordinary Ministers do?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Those who wish can also go on for extra training to bring Holy Communion to our homebound sisters and brothers.

### How Do I Become An Extraordinary Minister?

1. You must contact Barbara McPhail at 631.226-1354 or e-mail to [gospa254@gmail.com](mailto:gospa254@gmail.com).
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to [msgrjoe@olph.org](mailto:msgrjoe@olph.org) requesting to become a minister.
3. You must meet with Msgr. Joe for an interview.
4. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions. If you wish to also bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, you must attend a separate "Part B" training session. Information about that session can be obtained in your interview with Msgr. Joe.

### Diocesan Training Schedule

**Saturday, April 18:** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale

**Saturday, April 25:** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
McGann-Mercy High School, Riverhead

**Wednesday, May 6:** 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth, Melville

### What do Readers do?

Readers proclaim the Scriptures and sometimes the Intercessions at Sunday and daily Mass and at other liturgies.

### How Do I Become A Reader?

1. You must contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or email to [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net)
2. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.

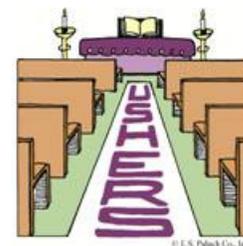


**What do Ushers do?** Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of the assembly during processions such as the reception of Holy Communion and at other times. Taking up the collection is another way Ushers serve the assembly.

**Who Should Become an Usher?** Anyone, including teens who have received Confirmation, can become an Usher. This is a great ministry for **families to do together...the young ones can do this with parents and older children!**

### How Do I Become an Usher?

You should contact Mike Williams at [olphushersministry@gmail.com](mailto:olphushersministry@gmail.com) or, if you don't have e-mail, leave a message for Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office, (631) 226-7725 and he will pass the message along to Mike.



All liturgical ministers must complete a Volunteer Registration Form, have Virtus training and be a registered parishioner. For information about becoming Virtus compliant: Contact Jean Bjork at [jean.bjork@gmail.com](mailto:jean.bjork@gmail.com).

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Second Sunday of Easter*

Alleluia! We continue to bask in the blessings of Easter joy as we celebrate this eighth day of the Octave of Easter, the Second Sunday of Easter, to which St. John Paul II gave the additional title of "Divine Mercy Sunday." This title does not connote a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather it leads us more deeply into the continuing celebration of God's mercy today and throughout all of Easter Time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Lectionary readings and Mass texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church's Easter faith. In particular, we are led to reflect more deeply on how our sacramental initiation makes us sharers in God's life of grace and compassion.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for today's Mass is brimming with the language of initiation as it reminds us that we are the people who have been made God's own through the font in which we have been washed (Baptism), by the Spirit in whom we have been reborn (Baptism and Confirmation), and by whose Blood we have been redeemed (Eucharist).

How appropriate then, for us to rejoice at Easter as we reflect on what Christ has done for us and as we extol the mystery of sharing in His life; as one of the Prefaces for Easter reminds us, "...by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life." Alleluia!

### *Congratulations to those being received into the Catholic Church today!*

We congratulate those Christians who have been preparing to be received into the Catholic Church and who today celebrate their reception into full communion. Read about their initiation into the Church elsewhere in this bulletin. Together with our three new Catholics who were baptized at the Easter Vigil last week, new life truly abounds in our community!

### *Safe Environment Compliance Deadline*

As I have written about on numerous occasions, OLPH follows very strictly the requirements mandated by the Diocese of Rockville Centre concerning compliance with the program for the protection of children and young people. Toward that end we are working very hard to go through all our records to make sure that anyone who is associated

with any parish ministry, group or organization is compliant with the requirements. You should know that we recently set up a deadline of April 15, 2015. Offerers have been notified that all requirements must be in place by then or they will no longer be able to continue to serve until and unless they complete the requirements. This applies across the board, no matter who the offerer is or how long that person has been serving. I want everyone to know that we are taking this with the utmost seriousness and we are fulfilling our requirements as mandated by the Bishop. I thank everyone to whom this applies for their cooperation and understanding.

### *Once again, a guest writer this week*

As you may recall, from time to time I turn over a substantial portion of my Pastor's Letter to someone else, so that you may learn about that person's ministry at OLPH. This time I have asked Deacon Doug Smith to share some thoughts on being a Deacon and his ministry in the parish, so....

### *Take it away, Deacon Doug...*

As many of you know I was ordained May 16, 2009 and I am fast approaching my sixth anniversary of this beautiful step in my life.

A little background before I start: I actually never really thought it would ever happen that I, Doug Smith, should be a Deacon; surely there are many more men out there who are much more worthy than I am to accept this position. It all started when my wife Eileen and I were attending the PFI courses that the Diocese offered. It just so happened that Deacon Bill was taking the same course, but he was on a different road — he was on the road to the Diaconate. You see, back then you needed two years of PFI before you went to the Seminary to become a Deacon. The year when we were in this PFI course the criteria for the Diaconate changed to 4 years in the Seminary and PFI was no longer needed. So Bill decided that the next year he would apply to the Seminary, so I said what the heck, I'll try also.... it seemed like a good idea at the time. Well, after many interviews and tests we were both accepted and, to tell you the truth, I was a little surprised and overwhelmed by what I just gotten myself into.

I'll never forget my first class on the Old Testament, given by Father Griffin. He was an amazing

professor, and so knowledgeable, but he talked so fast that after the first class I almost didn't come back. I had to keep telling myself over and over, I will point the boat in the right direction and if you (Jesus) want me, then you will have to get me there. So after four years and many long hours of study and paper-writing, here I am.

I cannot begin to explain how wonderful it is for me to serve in the parish I was baptized in; my family goes back in this parish a long way. My grandmother Mary Smith sold milk to the children at the school and ran a small religious goods store in the front of the church; she would do anything for this parish. My Aunt Rita is a Dominican Nun who was also in this parish. So, the Smith family has been here a very long time.

My being a Deacon means so much to me, to be able to serve each of you in so many ways. As ministers to this community, deacons have two primary responsibilities. First, we serve at the liturgy to proclaim the Word of God, especially the Gospel. Second, we serve beyond the liturgy, in particular to work for peace and justice. Throughout our parish, you will see us serving many types of people. We work with seniors, families, singles, men and women and children — anyone in need. We offer compassion to the grieving and pray with the ill and the dying. You will see us proclaim the Gospel, preach, teach, counsel, give religious instruction, and assist at many programs. Our liturgical roles encompass baptizing, witnessing marriages, bringing Eucharist to the dying and homebound and presiding at funerals and burials. Wherever there is a need for the presence of Jesus that is where you will see us, helping people in Jesus' name.

Over these past six years I have had the privilege of working with and serving many of you. I have baptized many children, bringing them into the family of Christ. What a special day that is for me when I am able to perform this sacrament. I see the families with their newborn (baptized child) some weeks or months later and it really makes me feel so good that I was involved in their baptism. Being able to be with you during the baptism of your child creates a special connection for me and your family, that we were part of this celebration together. And I actually think that the baby does not remember that I doused them with water!

I am also the co-facilitator of the RCIA process, a beautiful process that enables us to bring people into the family of God. Over the years I have had the privilege of working with so many

people at all different levels of their formation, and to see them get fully initiated into the body of Christ; whether they only need Confirmation or all three Sacraments of Initiation, it is truly a blessing for me.

I have also witnessed some weddings here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. I love doing weddings; to see these couples starting their new life together with God in the center just makes me so fulfilled. It is such a happy time in their lives and for me to be there to witness with them is an honor that is difficult to describe. I'm sure anyone who was married by a Priest or Deacon remembers who performed that sacrament. There is a special bond between the couple and presider, and hopefully as the witness to their marriage I will be able to see this family grow in years to come.

Another part of my duties as a Deacon is to preside at wake vigils. Here is where I feel the biggest connection with the people of our parish. I don't have to tell you that when you lose a loved one a piece of you goes with them; it is a very hard time in your life. As a Deacon, I am able to be with you in this time of pain, bringing the light of Christ's comfort and healing to this most difficult time of your life, sharing the good news that even though your loved one is no longer with us, they are in the comfort of our loving God with no more pain or suffering.

So I guess the greatest part of my being a Deacon is getting to know all of you more intimately, the people of Our Lady of Perpetual Help: to be part of your lives, good and bad, and to be able serve you as Christ served the people of His time.

It is truly my pleasure to be your Deacon.

*Thank you, Deacon Doug!*

Those are great reflections, Deacon Doug, and I thank you for sharing them this week.

*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.

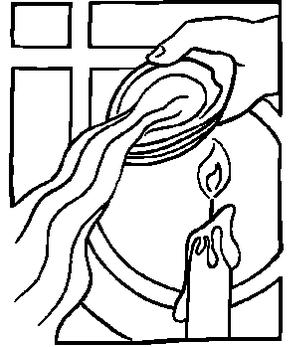
Sincerely,



## CHRISTIAN INITIATION

### OUR NEWLY RECEIVED!

Today is a great day of celebration for our parish! **Christina Feminella** and **Alice White** will be received in to the Catholic Church at the 11:00 A.M. Mass. They have prayed together, broken open God's Word and been formed in the teachings of the faith. Now they will fully join our community of faith. They are a sign of hope for us!



### ADULT CONFIRMATION

We are privileged to work with a number of young people and adults who are seeking to complete their initiation in the life of the Church. They will be confirmed, and in some cases receive First Holy Communion, at the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday, May 23, 2015.

The adults seeking confirmation—**Keri Boystak, Philip Boystak, Irma Gonzalez, Ester Kearney, Gloria Marullo** and **Stacy Pinero**— meet weekly with Fr. John, Robert Becker and members of our Pastoral Staff each Monday. Our parish's young people - **Gabriella Chacon, Julie Etienne, Cristofer Savona, Delmariz Valdivia,** and **William Wagner**—meet weekly with Kristine Doyle.

### MOVING TO NEW STAGES

We are preparing for members of our parish's community to enter more fully into the formation process for initiation.

Next Saturday evening, we welcome three young people from our parish desiring baptism as they participate in the Rite of Acceptance. They will now be part of the catechumenate, meeting weekly to study God's word and learn more about the faith. Please pray for **Jayson Ale, Noel Eduardo Alexandre** and **Edwin Alberto Sanchez** who are beginning their journey to baptism, and for Rebecca Rama and Joanne Domanico who will help to lead this process.

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, four members of our parish will participate in the Rite of Welcome. Here they will state before this community their desire to become part of the Catholic Church from another Christian faith. They have been meeting for a time of discernment and are now ready to take the next step in their process of conversion and formation.

Please remember **Sandra Cipriano, Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets** and **Jamie Wittke** in your thoughts and prayers in these days.

Our adults are led by a team of parishioners including Angela DeClerk, Rita Pugh, Joan Moran, Pete Tapinis and Joan Woelfel.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Do you know someone who wants to be baptized?

Do you want to be baptized?

Do you want to become part of the Catholic Church?

**Interested? Want more information?**

Please contact Fr. John ([jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org)/631.226.7725) or Deacon Doug (631.226.7725) for more info.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### The Eucharist: *Making All Things New*

*The Catholic Church professes that in the celebration of the Eucharist the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. What does it mean that Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine? How does this happen? The presence of the risen Christ in the Eucharist is an inexhaustible mystery that the Church can never fully explain in words. In order to foster a deepening of faith among our parishioners, OLPH is beginning a series of columns to respond to fifteen questions that commonly arise with regard to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. These questions and answers are reprinted and adapted from the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), with permission. This series will conclude on June 7, 2015, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.*

#### **What are appropriate signs of reverence with respect to the Body and Blood of Christ?**

The Body and Blood of Christ fully and substantially present under the appearances of bread and wine are treated with the greatest reverence both during and after the celebration of the Eucharist (cf. *Mysterium Fidei*, nos. 56-61). How we regard the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament should be apparent in all that we say and do: that is, by thoughtfully preparing ourselves for attendance at Mass through prayer and reading of the Scriptures, by our modest dress, by our full, conscious and active participation in the Liturgy, and at Communion in our approaching the altar with joy and receiving the Lord with a bow of the head and a fervent "Amen."

While it is appropriate for the members of the assembly to greet each other in the gathering space of the church (that is, the vestibule or narthex), it is not appropriate to speak in loud or boisterous tones in the body of the church (that is, the nave) because of the presence of Christ in the tabernacle. The Church also requires everyone to fast for at least one hour before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ as a sign of reverence and recollection (unless illness or some other condition prevents one from doing so).

The location and appearance of the tabernacle in which the consecrated hosts are reserved is itself a sign and reflection of this great reverence—which is directed to be "in some part of the church or oratory which is distinguished, conspicuous, beautifully decorated, and suitable for prayer" (*Code of Canon Law*, Can. 938, §2). To show our reverence, respect and adoration in the presence of the tabernacle containing the reserved sacrament, we should either genuflect or bow when approaching or leaving the sanctuary, upon entering the church before being seated, before leaving the church, or whenever we pass by the tabernacle as we walk through the church.



### *Divine Mercy Sunday*

*April 12, 2015*

*12:30 p.m. Mass*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:00 p.m.*

*Confessions 2:00 – 4:00*

*3:00 – The Hour of Great Mercy Recitation*

*~ Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

*~ Veneration ~ Image of Merciful Jesus*

*& 1<sup>st</sup> Class Relic of Saint Faustina*

*4:00 P.M. -Benediction*



### **OLPH Confraternity of Christian Mothers & Guild**

*We are a parish spiritual and social organization, open to all Christian women, married, widowed or single.*

**Our next meeting will be held on  
Wed, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm  
in the school cafeteria.**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Fr. Michael Duffy**

Assoc. Pastor, St. Kilian's R.C. Church

Refreshments served after meeting.

Please contact Deb Duffy, 631 956-3202,  
or Marianne Santorelli, 631 587-1520

# WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



**Diocesan Pilgrimage Day  
To World Meeting of Families**  
Wednesday, September 23, 2015

**Location:** Philadelphia

**Cost:** \$20 (to reserve your spot on the Coach bus. Payment must accompany registration, each person must register separately.)

**Pick up Locations:**

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre  
Time: 6:15 a.m.(promptly) - 9:00 p.m.

St. Matthew's Parish, Dix Hills  
Time: 5:00 a.m.(promptly) - 9:00 p.m.

*Upon Arrival: \*There is a \$95 registration fee for adults to attend the World Meeting of Families. Children (ages 6-17) will pay a \$25 registration fee. Registration will take place upon arrival at the Convention Center. There is no online registration for admittance to the Convention Center.*

For more information please click here:  
[www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org)

For more information please contact  
Kathleen Logan-516 678-5800 Ext 236

## *Itinerary*

- 8:00 a.m.** Registration at Convention Center
- 8:30 a.m.** Mass
- 10:30 a.m.** Keynote: Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.  
The Light of the Family in a Dark World
- 11:45 a.m.** Breakout Sessions\*
- 1:00 p.m.** Independent Lunch/ Exhibits
- 3:00 p.m.** Keynote: Professor Helen Alvaré,  
Creating the Future: The Fertility of Christian Love
- 4:15 p.m.** Breakout Sessions\*
- 5:30 p.m.** Departure

*\*You will have the option of attending two breakout sessions.*

For a listing of topics and speakers please click on the following link:  
<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Preliminary-Agenda-reg-announcement.pdf>

Register online at [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org) for bus transportation only, or forward the completed registration form below along with a check payable to "Office of Faith Formation". Mail to Debbie Coyne, Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

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# FRIENDS OF MUSIC

*“The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art.”*

- The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112

The *Friends of Music* is an initiative to help support the music ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. With the generosity of our *Friends*, we will be able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. Please consider supporting the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for the 2015 season.

Contributions are used to support the music program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help including Advent Lessons and Carols, concerts, additional brass, woodwind and string instruments for special liturgies on Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Contributions can be given at the following levels:

### **Cherubim (up to \$24)**

- ◆ Memorialization of a new choral folder for our youth choir or adult choir

### **St. Ambrose (\$25 to \$49)**

- ◆ Memorialization of a Gather hymnal with choral parts for our cantors and choirs
- ◆ Memorialization of Responsorial Psalm or Gospel Acclamation book for our cantors

### **St. Augustine (\$50 to \$99)**

- ◆ Memorialization of an octavo (sheet music) for one of our choirs
- ◆ Memorialization of a Gather hymnal instrumental accompaniment

### **St. Gregory the Great (\$100 to \$199)**

- ◆ Instrumentalist for special occasions (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Lessons and Carols)
- ◆ Printing costs and paper for worship aids for one of our special occasions and liturgies

### **St. Cecilia (\$200 and above)**

- ◆ Co-sponsorship of one of our concerts or special programs

It will be primarily through the support of the *Friends of Music* that we will be able to expand our ability to produce high-quality music in this majestic space for the praise and glory of God. To make a contribution by mail, simply send a check made payable to OLPH to: *OLPH Friends of Music*

210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

If your contribution will be in memory of someone or in honor of an occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, etc., please make note of the event and/or person(s) name(s). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Ferraro at [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org) or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210.

## **2015 Friends of Music**

As of March 29, 2015

### **St. Cecilia**

- ◆ Anonymous
- ◆ Joan Baffa, *In memory of Tony and Ann Baffa*
- ◆ Douglas and Carol Bertolino, *In memory of Cecelia Bankovich*
- ◆ Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, *In memory of Marcy & Bill DeGrocco*
- ◆ Christopher and Cathy Ferraro
- ◆ Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
- ◆ Sheila Lanza
- ◆ Jim and Jackie Totino, *In honor of Marianna Femia "Grandma"*

### **St. Gregory the Great**

- ◆ Anonymous
- ◆ Lucyne and Bob Flesher, *In memory of Jerry Zduczyk*
- ◆ Joan Hosey, *In memory of Philip Hosey*
- ◆ James Kendall
- ◆ Elzbieta Zdunczyk, *In memory of Evelina, Jozefa and Stanislaw Kuligowski*
- ◆ Antoinette Walsh, *In honor of Msgr. Joe DeGrocco*
- ◆ Antoinette Walsh, *In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother*

### **St. Augustine**

- ◆ Anonymous
- ◆ Ginny and Ed Beyrer
- ◆ Diane Moskover
- ◆ Kevin and Renata Rattigan, *In memory of Josephine Zagalak*
- ◆ Janine Soroka, *In memory of John Soroka and Anthony and Maria Jankowsky*
- ◆ Alvin Wickenheiser, *In honor of Stephina Wickenheiser, Margaret Wickenheiser, Joseph P. Wickenheiser*

### **St. Ambrose**

- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Corazon F. Andres, *In memory of Isaias Bareng*
- ◆ Chick and Barbara Ferraro
- ◆ Martin Gibbs, *In honor of Valerie Singh*
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haas, *In memory of Doris Nimz*
- ◆ Rose Mourdoukoutas, *In honor of Valerie Singh*
- ◆ The Volpe Family, *In memory of Ryan Barrett*

### **Cherubim**

- ◆ Martin Gibbs
- ◆ Angela Zoccoli

**Join the *Friends of Music* at OLPH and be a part of our music history!**

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- ✠ Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—ripalda@optonline.net
- ✠ Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182—princessmorge@optonline.net
- ✠ Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- ✠ Homeless Van Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com/Tony Spina—516.473.4021
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- ✠ Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- ✠ New Mother’s Meal Ministry: Carol Stysiack—631.255 3506—carolstys@verizon.net
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- ✠ Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
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- ✠ St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234—631-316-5555
- ✠ Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- ✠ Special Needs Ministry: Fr. John Sureau—631.226.7725—jsureau@oloph.org
- ✠ Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell— 631.252.5494

## NEW Food Pantry List!

- CANNED FRUIT
- READY TO EAT PUDDING
- MAC & CHEESE
- CEREAL
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- PANCAKE MIX
- PANCAKE SYRUP
- COFFEE
- DISH SOAP
- TOILET PAPER

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of  
Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
9 A.M. —12 Noon**

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!”

During Mass we turn to each other and say “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul poor box you say “Peace be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.



### SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The OLPH Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce that **Memorial Cards** are now available. These Memorial

Cards are a wonderful way to honor the dearly departed while benefitting the less fortunate in our community. A beautiful “Living Memorial” Card will be sent acknowledging your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Donation forms are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9am –12noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday) or at the Rectory.

For further information, please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234.

Deborah Deasy, our President (at right), along with Ann Bruce, in the St. Vincent de Paul Society Pantry, help sort and shelve the many bags of donations presented during the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Thank you, everyone, for your continued support.



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY Happenings

## COORDINATORS MEETING

The next meeting for all leaders of parish social ministries will take place on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. in the St. Lucy Meeting Room. Look forward to seeing you there!

## DRIVING MINISTRY

Our Driving Ministry seeks to assist parishioners in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment or to another serious appointment when needed. If and when possible, a member of our Driving Ministry will assist you (or your family member in our parish).



If you or someone you love is in need of a ride contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182—[princessmorge@optonline.net](mailto:princessmorge@optonline.net).

## MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?  
Are you looking to meet other women and men your age  
for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

**YOU** are invited to join the Middle Ages group!

**Tuesday, April 21** – 7:00PM, in Room 24 of the “New” School. Project continues - working on crochet squares for a Veterans’ blankets. Yarn, crochet hooks and instruction will be provided.

**Tuesday, May 5th:** “Ask Monsignor Joe” – 7:00PM, in Room 24 of the “New” School. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco will be a special guest speaker, answering questions about the Church, OLPH and the Catholic faith. All are invited and welcome.

For more information contact: Gail Tonnessen, 631-957-1449, [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net).

## WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

*This ministry is a gathering of widows and widowers of all ages to get together once or twice a month for a prayer and mingling over cake and coffee.*

Join us at our next gathering on  
**Tuesday, April 14, 2015**  
**6:30-8:30 PM—Room 18**

## SENIOR MOMENTS

*Avail yourself, men and women, 55 years +, of the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and with our parish community. Each time this group meets there will be times for formation, spiritual growth, friendship and community building. Senior Moments is looking for new men and women to join our spirit-filled group! All are welcome!*

**Tuesday, April 14, 2015**  
**9:00 A.M. - Room 24**  
(Park in the Gates Street Parking Lot)

## THE ST. BERNARD LEAGUE



The hope (the prayer) is that we're done with shoveling...but with this winter you never know! There will be a special blessing and breakfast for all of our St. Bernard's and those they served on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – save the date!

We are also in need of a new coordinator or, preferably, two coordinators, to take over the St. Bernard League. Chris Consi, who has wonderfully administrated the program over the past two years is moving to....FLORIDA! No need for a St. Bernard League there! But there is a need for one here as we have ministered to nearly 60 individuals and families this year. **Can you work the phone and the computer and even be a little “convincing” when necessary? If so, this the ministerial job for you! If you're interested, contact Fr. John at [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) or call 631.226.7725, x. 203.**

## NEW MOTHERS' MEAL MINISTRY

*Do you need a dinner and a break?*

If you had a baby in the last couple of months, are a member of OLPH and reside in Lindenhurst, then let us know who you are. We will be happy to cook and deliver a delicious dinner to you.

Please contact Carol Stysiack via e mail at [car-olstys@verizon.net](mailto:car-olstys@verizon.net) and put Meal Ministry in the subject line, or call 631.255.3506.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY

Our Homeless Van Ministry continues to grow— both in the numbers of those we serve as well as the generous offerings of time and talent given on behalf of the poor and vulnerable in our community.

### Are you interested in joining the ministry?

All are always welcome!!!! If so, please contact Tony Spina at 516.473.4021 and he will get you started. All members must complete a parish background check and participate in VIRTUS training.

### Donations Needed

As we shift into the Spring, we are in need of the following:

These items can be left with the donations for SVDP on the steps of the sanctuary. Please mark them clearly. For larger donations, contact Patti Perez at 957.6203 to arrange for a drop off time.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New or Gently Used Bibles and Prayer Books</li> <li>• Socks</li> <li>• Men's Underwear (New ONLY; no extra-large)</li> <li>• Nutritional/Protein Bars</li> <li>• New or Gently Used Baseball Caps</li> <li>• Sunscreen</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure/Boost Nutritional Drinks</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• New or Gently Used Backpacks</li> <li>• \$ 5 Gift Cards to McDonalds, Dunkin Donuts, etc.</li> </ul> |
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### Thrift Shop

In March, interested members of the parish came together to explore the possibility of beginning a thrift shop ministry on the grounds of OLPH. The next few weeks are dedicated to learning more about how this works in other parishes. Our next planning meeting will take place on *April 14, 2015* at 2:00 P.M. in Room 24. All are welcome.

### Community Meal?

The Homeless Van Ministry is considering the possibility of providing a regular or semi-regular community meal for those in our local community. Nearly 30 people came to our last planning meeting.

Are you interested in working on a project like this? Are you a cook, caterer, great waiter or waitress, cleaner, organizer? Let us know! Contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org). Our next planning meeting will be on *April 16, 2015* at 8:00 P.M. in Room 10 (across from the school cafeteria).

*We are collecting...*

**USED SOCCER SHOES  
USED OR NEW  
SOCCER BALLS**



For Father Ignance Loleke, formerly of OLPH

Drop items off in the collection box located at the Religious Ed. Office



Any questions?  
Contact Maria Fischer  
at 631.882.9887 or  
[MPFischer725@aol.com](mailto:MPFischer725@aol.com)

Learn more about Father Ignace's mission at  
[www.KicksForTheCongo.info](http://www.KicksForTheCongo.info)

## THANK YOU... THANK YOU... AGAIN...

Once again, you've been instrumental in diverting a calamity. The Life Center was desperately short of items and your generous donations for our pre-Spiritual Adoption program saved them. Items were also given the Regina Residence which houses and trains pregnant women.

Please don't forget to fill out the form for you to "Spiritually Adopt" a child for the next (now 8) months. Extra copies are available on the pew ledges or in the back lobby.



# YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry:

Brittany Marie Evans (youth@oloph.org)

Youth Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau (jsureau@oloph.org)

Catholic Youth Organization: Mr. Dave Reid (dreid88@optonline.net)

CYO Website: www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo

Boy Scouts: Mr. Al Damone (1203@optonline.net)

K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia (happynicosias@yahoo.com)

## Youth Ministry

### Middle School Youth Group...

Please note that our Tuesday, April 28th event has been moved to Wednesday, April 29th at 7:30pm in the auditorium. The night's topic will be Prayer.

### High School Youth Group...

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 19th, after the 5:00 P.M. Mass. Come join us in the auditorium as we discuss issues that affect us during high school and how our faith can help us get to the other side.

On Sunday, April 26th, Father John will lead the night on Pope Francis! See you at 6pm in the auditorium!



## OLPH Vacation Bible Camp

An Epic Adventure Awaits You!!!!

Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24,  
9 A.M. to 12 Noon

### CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM

Can be found on the parish website!

#### DONATIONS AND OFFERERS NEEDED!!!

- ✝ We are in need of Lowe's and Home Depot gift cards...no amount is too small. You can leave them in the Parish Office for VBC!
- ✝ Offerers are needed for this year's Vacation Bible Camp. All adult volunteers (including anyone above high school age) need to VIRTUS trained. Get a head start and get VIRTUS trained if you have not already!



## CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS

(Ages 11 through 17)

You are invited to join the  
**Junior Legion of Mary**

Membership requires that you attend a meeting once a week, say a decade of the rosary, the Legion prayers and perform one-hour's charitable works. The works that you will be doing should be a lot of fun, such as making rosaries, cards for the sick and residents of nursing homes, visit the sick and homebound, bring children to Mass, assist CCD teachers, etc. Two adult members of the Legion of Mary will be present at all meetings.

The word Legion means Army. You will be valiant soldiers of Jesus and Mary. Your prayers and works will combat the evils in this world. Our ammunition is the rosary and the miraculous medal.



I would like to become a member of the  
**Junior Legion of Mary:**

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

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

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please return in the collection basket or to the Rectory.

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida”. Te invita a alabar y glorificar a DIOS todos los jueves a las 7:00 PM en la cafetería. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Lleva la bendición a tu casa. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

**El sacramento del bautizo.** Las ceremonias bautismales se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes. Los padres que necesiten bautizar a sus hijos deben atender alas sección de charlas, estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales. Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, Contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 o email: [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) o en español, Irma González 631 620-2401 o correo electrónico: [lanegra628@yahoo.com](mailto:lanegra628@yahoo.com).

## Lecturas previas de la santa palabra de Dios para el domingo 19 de abril del 2015.

### *Lecturas del domingo 19 de abril de 2015*

*Dios ha glorificado a Jesús, su siervo, el Santo, el Justo, el príncipe de vida.*

*Dios le resucitó de entre los muertos y nosotros somos testigos de ese acontecimiento.*

*En su nombre estamos reunidos aquí. Que el Señor Resucitado esté siempre con ustedes.*

### **Primera Lectura (Hechos 3,13-15,17-19): Pedro, Testigo del Señor Resucitado**

*En esta predicación, Pedro da testimonio firme de que Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos. Pide a sus oyentes volver a Cristo y permitirle que los renueve.*

### **Segunda Lectura (1Juan 2,1-5a): Fieles al Señor Resucitado**

*Cuando seguimos los mandamientos del amor de Cristo, somos fieles a Cristo Resucitado y crecemos en el amor de Dios.*

### **Evangelio (Lucas 24,35-48): Testigos del Señor Resucitado**

*Jesús se apareció a sus discípulos, que dudaban, para fortalecer su fe de que él había resucitado. Después los envió -como nos envía a nosotros- para dar testimonio de su perdón y de su nueva vida.*

*Nuestra fe en el Señor Resucitado es una fe concreta, una fe en alguien que ha resucitado, sí, pero que no es un “fantasma”, ni un producto de la imaginación, sino alguien real y totalmente como nosotros en todo menos en el pecado, sin excluir heridas, cicatrices y dificultades. ¿Es éste el Cristo en quien creemos, que camina con nosotros en el camino de la vida, que nos sostiene con su amor y fortaleza cuando tenemos problemas y nos sentimos heridos? Él ha resucitado realmente, y viene con nosotros para ayudarnos a levantarnos ahora ya en esta vida por encima de nuestros problemas, temores y cobardía, hasta que nos acoja en su eterna alegría y felicidad. Que sea este Jesús el que esté con nosotros, con el que nos podemos identificar y del que damos testimonio en la vida de cada día.*

## IMPORTANT PARISH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP MEETING

**Save the Date – Tuesday, April 28  
7:30 P.M. – Auditorium**

All ministry leaders must attend our Parish Ministry Leadership Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the Auditorium. This is an important meeting and your presence is needed. We will be exploring, as parish leaders, the Gallup work that started with the ME 25 Survey and how building upon this we can strengthen our parish and its ministries. You will receive a detailed letter from Msgr. Joe immediately after Easter with more specific information. For now – *save the date!*

## BOILER UPDATE

Well, the 55 year old boiler in the basement of the Church which heats both the Church and the Rectory finally had to be shutdown. The water leak in the boiler which we were aware of and watching the entire winter finally got so bad, we had to shut the boiler down just before Easter. While this is a few weeks before the planned shutdown, the leak cannot be repaired. So, expect the Church to be somewhat cool and dress accordingly. The boiler replacement project is progressing on schedule (all behind the scenes right now) but visible activity will start to be seen in the next couple of months. I'll keep you posted on progress through the bulletin.

Thank you for your understanding.  
Deacon Tom Bast

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

located in the school building  
 Phone # 631.226.7725, x. 253  
 E-mail: [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)  
 Coordinator: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 ([acarbaugh@oloph.org](mailto:acarbaugh@oloph.org))

### OFFICE HOURS:

**MONDAY:** 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
**TUESDAY:** 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
**WEDNESDAY:** 3:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.  
**THURSDAY:** 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.  
**FRIDAY:** 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon  
**SATURDAY:** 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS AND FAMILIES FOR 2015/2016**

Passing on the faith is a great privilege for all of us at OLPH, particularly for our Faith Formation staff. We look forward to working with you and your family in the years ahead.

- **ALL CHILDREN WHO ARE PARISHIONERS OF OLPH must be registered with the Religious Education Program.** This applies to **Public School children, all Homeschooled children and all Catholic School children.**
- **ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS AND RE-REGISTRATIONS** are now taking place.
- **NEW REGISTRANTS** began registering January 1st, 2015.
  - **New registrants are: ALL CHILDREN—in public school, homeschool, or a Catholic School, who will be in 1st grade in September 2015; AND all public school students, all homeschool students, and all Catholic School students** currently in grades 1-7 who have not previously registered with the Religious Education Office. **Remember that sacraments are celebrated at the home parish of OLPH as mandated by the Diocese of Rockville Centre.**
  - A baptismal certificate is required.
- **All Families intending to have their children continue with OLPH need to submit payment by May 29, 2015. This is a change from previous years where we had “book pick-up” throughout the month of September.** Families must make payment for the 2015/2016 school year **by May 29th, 2015** to avoid a late fee.
- Payment will be taken in the forms of check, cash or debit card. All check payments may be returned via mail once that letter has been sent out. Payments by cash and debit card must be made in person. The Religious Education office is located at 240 S. Wellwood Ave. in the Faith Formation Center (formerly the OLPH School building).
- Once payment is made, any requests concerning teachers, students or session times may be submitted for consideration, **but only until May 29th, 2015. Requests for changes after this date may not be possible.**
- **Re-registrations will not be taken after July 1, 2015.**
- The **non-refundable** registration fees for the 2015/2016 year will be:
 

\$120 for one child	\$150 for two children	\$175 for three or more children
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*As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office and we will be happy to assist you.*

### **Monday April 13—LEVEL 8 PENANCE SERVICE**

No Class for ALL Level 8 students. Instead, all parents and children in Level 8 (including all Special Education, Homeschool and Catholic school students) are invited to attend a Penance Service in the Church at 7:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, April 18—LEVEL 1 PARENT MEETING**

Level 1 parents have a brief overview of Easter. Parents will then be invited into their child's classroom. You will remember, earlier in the school year, that you had the opportunity to participate in an interactive project with your child on Prayer.

### **LEVEL 6 & 7 WORKBOOKS DUE**

All Confirmation workbooks of students in Levels 6 and 7 are to be completed this week.

# OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage by celebrating your wedding anniversary!

*We're celebrating Mass and throwing a party for YOU!*

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2015 that is "on a five year mark," that is, if this year you're married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 – and for couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) – are invited to a special MASS AND RECEPTION!



*FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015*

*7:30 p.m. Mass*

*with Renewal of Your Wedding Vows*

*Followed by a Reception in our School Gym*

*Invite your family members as well! They are welcome!*

**You must reply NO LATER THAN MAY 5  
WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY, USING THE FORM BELOW  
NO PHONE REPLIES CAN BE TAKEN**



Clip out and return this form:

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name of Wife \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Your Marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Wedding Song \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_



Number of People in Your Party Who Will be Attending \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form as soon as possible to the Rectory,  
or drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.*

**ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 5.  
Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.**

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Directory of Phone Extensions

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St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor	203	jsureau@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@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 Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

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 Fr. John at the Parish Office.

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork  
Tricia Buckley (Chair)  
Lori Byron  
Marie Foster  
Greg Guido  
Sonia Hansen  
John Keller  
Mary Mullan  
Kevin Sabella  
Christina Taparata  
James Totino  
Pete Triolo  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
Deacon Tom Bast  
Gerry Chille (Chair)  
Ed Cirella  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Bob Dobres  
Bob Meade  
John Reynolds  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

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

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker  
Mark Costantino  
Barbara McPhail  
Rosaleen Walters  
Mike Williams  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Chris Ferraro  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Fr. John Sureau  
Alice Vozzo

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

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **MASS MEMORIALS**

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

April 12-18:

### ***Altar Bread & Wine***

*In Memory of*

***Jason Roos***

*Requested by*

***Pina Mascio & Roberta Roos***

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

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **Third Time:**

***Trevor Bailey & Edyta Suchoicha***

### **Second Time:**

***Bryan Fisher & Amy Mascia***



***Christopher Giardini & Jessica Odin***

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Lee Anthony Beatty***

***Helen McCormick***

***Stephanie Rivera***

*“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...**

<b><i>Joan Cox</i></b>	<b><i>Margaret Girgenti</i></b>
<b><i>Sharon Burke</i></b>	<b><i>Paul Verricelli</i></b>
<b><i>William Doran</i></b>	<b><i>Lorraine Curry</i></b>
<b><i>Peggy Curran</i></b>	<b><i>Agostino Pecoraro</i></b>
<b><i>Gorden Hinds</i></b>	<b><i>Colleen Ullmer</i></b>
<b><i>Mike Bovenzi</i></b>	<b><i>Reynold Ruiz</i></b>
<b><i>Bob Little</i></b>	<b><i>Mary Chichester</i></b>
<b><i>Donna Catlan</i></b>	<b><i>Richard Brosan</i></b>
<b><i>Harper Grace</i></b>	<b><i>Victoria Trachte</i></b>

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 at 631-226-7725 X 200.

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS** **SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 5:00 P.M.**

***Rose Masiello***

*Requested by Janet Fiore*

***Raymond Hale III***

*Requested by Janet & Joseph Beltrami*

***Eileen Durney***

*Requested by Carmel & Robert Becker & Family*

***Anthony Calderone***

*Requested by Caren Puleo*

***Lenore Cerone***

*Requested by Caren Puleo*

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS—MARCH**

***Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Nwosu***  
***Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sutch***  
***Frances Soraya Isidore***  
***Ethan & Stefany Nieves-Coppiano***  
***Brian & Kelly May-Mescall***  
***Mr. & Mrs. Milton Flores***  
***Pansy Frank***  
***Jack & MaryBeth Balnis***  
***Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dickman***  
***Christian & Riannon LaPersonerie-Roach***  
***Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Borneo-Martin***  
***Mr. & Mrs. Juan Ramierez***  
***Mr. & Mrs. Frank Schulz***

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, April 13—

**Easter Weekday**  
(*Saint Martin I, Pope & Martyr*)

6:30	Medardo Garcia Arreola
12:15	Margaret Cronin
6:30	Devotions
7:30	Level 8 Penance Service

### TUESDAY, April 14—

**Easter Weekday**

6:30	The McAuley Family
12:15	Rose, Carmine, Judy Tullo

### WEDNESDAY, April 15—

**Easter Weekday**

6:30	Patrick Versaci
12:15	Frank Boneventre
12:45	Exposition

### THURSDAY, April 16—

**Easter Weekday**

6:30	The Savastano Family
12:15	Deceased Members of the Rossetti Family

### FRIDAY, April 17—

**Easter Weekday**

6:30	John Michalik
12:15	William & Evelyn Eichholz

### SATURDAY, April 18—

**Easter Weekday**

8:00	Barbara Lachowicz
4:00 – 4:45	Confessions

**Vigil for  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00	Lillian Zelano
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**Sunday, April 19  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

6:30	For the People of the Parish
8:00	The Pecere Family
9:30	Romualdas Tarvydas
11:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
12:30	Antonio Matteo
5:00	Mildred & Nick Alfieri

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, April 13, 2015

1:00 P.M.	Adult Faith Formation— Exploring the Liturgical Year	Room 24
2:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
6:30 PM	Novena	Church
6:30 PM	Adult Confirmation Meeting	St. Mark
7:30 PM	Level 8 Penance	Church

### Tuesday, April 14, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Rooms 13/15
9:00 AM	Senior Moments	Room 24
6:30 PM	Widow & Widowers	Room 18
7:00 PM	Teen Confirmation Class	Room 4
7:45 PM	Community of Praise Prayer	Room 16
7:30 PM	Pastoral Council	St. Lucy
7:30 PM	Exploring the Liturgical Year	Room 24
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

### Wednesday, April 15, 2015

12:45 PM	Adoration	Church
1:50 PM	Daytime Prayer	Church
2:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 PM	Level 6 & 7 Religious Education	School
8:00 PM	Christian Mothers	Cafeteria

### Thursday, April 16, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Room 13/14
12:00 PM	Golden Age Gathering	Room 24
1:30 PM	Church Cleaning	Church
4:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Bingo	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 PM	Introduction to Liturgy	Room 18
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

### Friday, April 17, 2015

9:00 AM	OLPH Home School Group	Rooms 1 & 2
6:00 PM	Youth Ministry—High School	Outing
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (Young People)	Room 24

### Saturday, April 18, 2015

8:30	Levels 1-5 Religious Education Level 1 Parent Meeting	School
2:00 PM	CYO Volleyball	Auditorium
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

### Sunday, April 19, 2015

6:00 PM	Youth Ministry High School	Auditorium
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

<b>March 28/29, 2015 Palm Sunday</b>			
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b># of Envelopes</b>	<b>Weekly Collection</b>
5:00 P.M.	475	175	\$3,422.00
6:30 A.M.	148	57	1,575.00
8:00 A.M.	343	115	2,852.50
9:30 A.M.	512	108	2,289.00
11:00 A.M.	625	150	3,195.00
12:30 P.M.	680	136	3,331.00
5:00 P.M.	315	39	1,271.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			<b>20.07</b>
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			<b>109.00</b>
Children's Env.		20	75.50
<b>Faith Direct</b>			<b>2,005.10</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,098</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>\$20,145.17</b>
<b>2014 Palm Sunday TOTAL</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>\$21,307.96</b>
<b>Candles</b>			<b>\$1,021.12</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>			<b>\$312.50</b>

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Information Sessions earlier this month. I also want to thank both Meg Danaher and Kevin Sabella for presenting on the topics of Social Security and Charitable Giving respectively. It is a blessing to have such talented individuals at our Parish who are willing to give of their time. The information they delivered was interesting and insightful. A great deal of information was covered on both of these important topics.

The Finance Committee is interested in providing useful information on other important topics. We do need your input, so please tell us about other financial topics that you would like to have a deeper understanding and we'll see what expertise we have to offer. We'll do our best to provide information either in the Bulletin, via email, or via future Information Sessions. There are 3 good ways to reach us. One is to speak with one of the Committee members directly. The second is to e-mail us at [FinanceCouncil@oloph.org](mailto:FinanceCouncil@oloph.org). The third way is to write us a note and leave it at the Rectory. Thank you for your interest.

Warm Regards,

Gerry Chille

OLPH Finance Committee Chairperson

<b>EASTER SUNDAY April 4/5</b>			
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b># of Envelopes</b>	<b>Weekly collection</b>
8:00 P.M.	494	153	\$9,329.00
6:30 A.M.	250	145	6,122.00
8:00 A.M.	630	255	11,267.50
9:30 A.M.	1,000	291	10,783.50
11:00 A.M.	1,080		11,636.00
12:30 P.M.	960	236	7,219.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			<b>51.04</b>
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			<b>1,478.00</b>
Children's env.		25	94.90
<b>Faith Direct</b>			<b>2,005.10</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,414</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>\$59,986.04*</b>
<b>2014 Totals</b>	<b>4,570</b>	<b>1,494</b>	<b>\$62,129.59</b>
<b>Candles</b>			<b>\$1,143.10</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>			<b>\$525.46</b>
<b>Holy Land</b>			<b>\$2,723.69</b>



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## PREPARING FOR Sunday, April 19, 2015

*“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you,  
that everything written about me in the law of Moses  
and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.”*

*Luke 24:44*

### Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter’s exhortation to “repent and be converted” is an echo of Jesus’ own clarion call made at the beginning of His public ministry. In the ministry of Jesus, the kingdom of God was “at hand” (Luke 10:9-11); God’s promised way of salvation was about to be revealed. But Peter’s call to conversion takes into account that Jesus had in fact accomplished that way of salvation, in His death and resurrection: so that even for those who had put Jesus to death, if they would now repent, their sins could truly be washed away.

### 1 John 2:1-5a

True knowledge of God and true knowledge of self go hand-in-hand. Once we acknowledge that we are sinners, we can then embrace God’s call to turn to Him as the only One who can save us. But this is only the beginning of our relationship with God. Experiencing His love and forgiveness changes us. Healed and filled with His love, we in turn are then able to love one another.

### Luke 24:35-48

The resurrection narrative in Luke consists of five sections: (1) the women at the empty tomb (Luke 23:56b–24:12); (2) the appearance to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35); (3) the appearance to the disciples in Jerusalem (Luke 24:36–43); (4) Jesus’ final instructions (Luke 24:44–49); (5) the ascension (Luke 24:50–53). In Luke, all the resurrection appearances take place in and around Jerusalem; moreover, they are all recounted as having taken place on Easter Sunday. A consistent theme throughout the narrative is that the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus were accomplished in fulfillment of Old Testament promises and of Jewish hopes (Luke 24:19a, 21, 26–27, 44, 46).

## Readings for the Week

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

### Monday, April 13, 2015:

Acts 4:23-31 + John 3:1-8

### Tuesday, April 14, 2015:

Acts 4:32-37 + John 3:7b-15

### Wednesday, April 15, 2015:

Acts 5:17-26 + John 3:16-21

### Thursday, April 16, 2015:

Acts 5:27-33 + John 3:31-36

### Friday, April 17, 2015:

Acts 5:34-42 + John 6:1-15

### Saturday, April 18, 2015:

Acts 6:1-7 + John 6:16-21

### Sunday, April 19, 2015

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

+ 1 John 2:1-5a

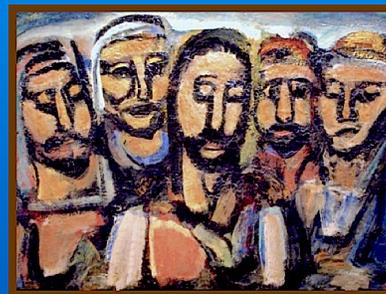
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## Gospel Reflection Questions....

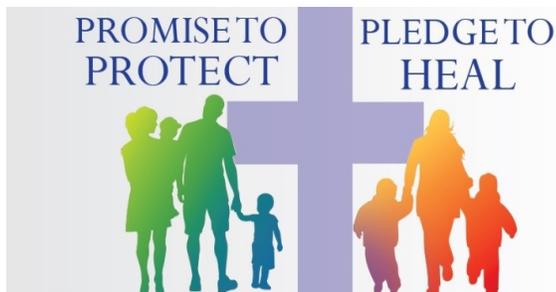
*After reading next Sunday’s readings and Gospel, take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

1. He appeared in their midst. But why did Jesus say, “Peace be with you” to his disciples? What was the emotional atmosphere in the group at that time? Are there times in your life when you are distraught and you need some peace? Does it help you that Jesus has experienced trials like yours? Did God take our flesh because he needed to do so, or because it was us who needed him to?

2. What was the disciples’ task, having recognized the risen Lord, and seeing that he “opened their minds to understand the scripture”? Is our task now to preach the good news of God’s forgiveness to all nations? How can we do that globally? What about locally or in our neighborhoods?



# DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS



## CREATING A CULTURE OF PROTECTION CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2015

Our diocese has policies and procedures to create a safe environment and protect children. The diocese also has codes of conduct all adults involved in any form of ministry must follow. To read the policies and learn how you can help create a culture of protection go to the diocesan website: [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) and click on the Protecting Children link in the upper right corner.

- **Thursday, April 30 at 7:30pm** *The Institute of Religion at Saint Joseph's College*, Patchogue, will offer a presentation "Dorothy Day: Peacemaker for Our Times." Speaker Martha Hennessy, granddaughter of Ms. Day, the famous social justice advocate and founder of the Catholic Worker movement. The event is *free and open to the public* at the McGann Conference Center in the O'Connor Building of the college located at Exit 52 Sunrise Hwy. No RSVP needed but questions can be addressed to Prof. Paul Ginnetty at 631-687-2681.
- **Volunteering at Islip Birthright:** You can help young women cope with their pregnancies and experience the feeling of good will that accompanies the task. The ultimate goal is to offer help, to listen, to educate, to refer, guiding our mothers-to-be to celebrate the new life within. Our volunteers come in from 10:30am—2:00pm, one day a week at 533 Main St., Islip. The next training session will begin the end of April. Call 631-277-3888.
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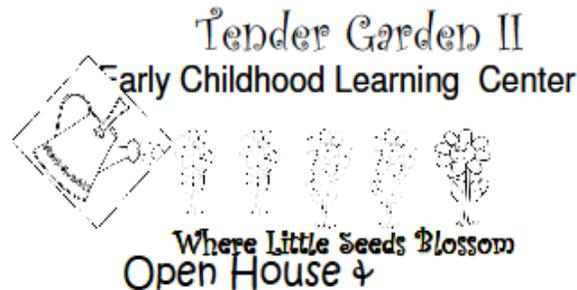
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