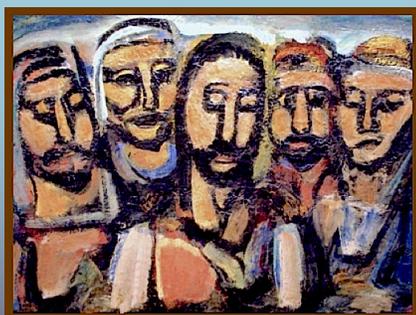


# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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While they were still speaking about this,  
he stood in their midst and said to them,  
“Peace be with you.”

Luke 24:36

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 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.



# 2015 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

*"...Be men and women  
who bring the light of  
hope to others."*

-Pope Francis

**2015 CMA  
GOAL  
\$108,400**



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*Place in weekly collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office or  
Visit [www.olphlindhurst.org](http://www.olphlindhurst.org) to make your donation.  
Make Checks Payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal*

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Third Sunday of Easter*

Our Easter joy continues undimmed and undiminished as we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter. The cause for our joy is, of course, the new life we share in Christ because we have been united to Him in His Death and Resurrection.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for today's Mass has an interesting and captivating phrase to describe our new life in Christ: "youthfulness of spirit." In that prayer, we expressed how we, as God's people, exult "*in renewed youthfulness of spirit*" and how we rejoice "*now in the restored glory of our adoption*." Such references to youthfulness, restoration and adoption are meant to evoke images of Baptism and the new life given to all who are baptized. That's why it's so appropriate for us to use the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water to begin our Sunday Masses during Easter Time. Regardless of your age, do you feel youthful in spirit and restored to glory because of Easter? You should! If not, then what parts of your life need to be touched by the resurrection of Christ so that you can be renewed and restored? Such newness, and the possibility of always being renewed in Christ, is the heart of our Easter faith and joy.

However, that newness of life does not stop here on earth. That same Collect ends by reminding us that Easter joy goes beyond the present moment of our celebration, and even beyond our lifetime; the prayer asks that "*we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection*." This points to the future fulfillment that will occur at the end of time, when Christ returns, in the final resurrection. Our present participation in Christ's Paschal Mystery (His Death and Resurrection) is always connected to its future fulfillment in the resurrection of the dead on the last day.

These are heady thoughts, indeed, and they are important points to ponder as we continue to unpack the richness and depth of the Easter mystery.

### *Catholic Ministries Appeal Witness Talks*

I wish to offer words of **THANKS** to our Catholic Ministries Appeal witness speakers this weekend. They have shared with us their insights as to why they participate in the Catholic Ministries Appeal and why it is important for everyone to do so. I thank you for your time and courtesy in listening to them.

As I have spoken about on many occasions, the Catholic Ministries Appeal is important not only

for the work of the Catholic Church throughout all of Long Island, but also because we here at OLPH benefit financially from it. I urge you, if you have not already done so, to make a pledge. Also, **THANK YOU** to all who have already made pledges and who are in the midst of paying them off. I cannot thank you enough for this important offering you are making.

We are doing well in the Appeal once again this year, and sometime within the next couple of weeks I expect to be able to publish a total for you.

### *First Communions at Sunday Masses*

We are entering First Communion season! Please pray for our children who will be celebrating First Holy Communion this Easter Time. Saturday celebrations will take place on May 9 and May 16. Also, starting later in the month, children will also be receiving First Holy Communion at certain Sunday Masses throughout Easter Time. More and more families are taking advantage of this option since we introduced it a couple of years ago, and I am thrilled that it is catching on. There really is no more appropriate context in which to celebrate First Holy Communion than at a Sunday gathering of the parish, since the Sunday Eucharist is the heart of our faith and it is what gives us our identity as a Eucharistic community. Families enjoy being able to have their children receive Holy Communion for the first time at the Mass which they regularly attend each week, and they enjoy having the entire community be a witness to this joyful event. In addition, other worshipers at the Mass love to see the children. There is something exciting, refreshing and renewing about sharing in such an occasion; it deepens everyone's faith!

I hope you have the opportunity to experience First Holy Communion at Sunday Mass during Easter Time. As Pastor and as a liturgist, I would love to see the day when ALL First Holy Communions take place at Sunday Masses, because ALL families are choosing this option which connects deeply to their weekly practice of the faith.

### *Liturgy Matters!*

I continue to receive beautiful comments, both written and oral, about our parish's extraordinary celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Sunday). I am sincerely grateful by all the good things being said, and I am absolutely thrilled that so many peo-

ple were so deeply touched and spiritually uplifted by our liturgies. We even have reports of people who came to the Triduum liturgies after being away from the church for a long time and who, because of what they experienced, have recommitted to their faith and are now coming every week. Alleluia!

I wish to again thank everyone who in any way offered their time and service during Holy Week, including those who attended the liturgies. So many people encountered Christ through their participation, and that's what liturgy is all about.

As you know, we are committed to doing the rites in all their fullness here at OLPH; we don't want to minimize anything, but instead we are seeking to maximize our immersion in the Sacred Mysteries. Yes, it takes work. Yes, it takes time. Yes, sometimes it means moving out of our "comfort zones" and doing things that require energy and commitment. Processions, rituals, music, environment — these all demand a commitment of time and energy. They are worth it, however; we get out of liturgy what we put into it. It is this commitment by EVERYONE to liturgical celebration at its fullest that makes OLPH "the place to be." People can tell when parishioners in a liturgical assembly are really "into it," and how proud we should be that the great people of OLPH are "into it" when it comes to liturgical celebration. We have seen and experienced the **transformational effect** that good liturgy can have on us! Alleluia!

*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,



## PUTTING ON OUR



## “SUNDAY BEST”

Many times it is during the hot summer weather that parishes remind people to dress appropriately for Mass. However, it is just as true all year long! Sunday Mass is the most important thing we do, and out of respect for God and our brothers and sisters with whom we worship, we should bring the best we have to offer not only inwardly and spiritually, but also outwardly in the way we are dressed. The way we are dressed expresses the importance of what we are doing and is a statement about the attitude we bring; externals do matter! In fact, dressing properly for Mass is part of the spiritual preparation that helps us to more deeply enter into the act of worship during the liturgy itself!

Therefore, we ask all parishioners at OLPH to help us “raise the bar” for attire at Mass all year long, even during the winter months, and to set a high standard for the importance of what we are doing. Sloppy slacks and shirts, tee-shirts, jeans with holes and rips in them and maybe even jeans in general, baggy short pants, sweat shirts, gym clothes, pajama pants, and all clothing of that nature are really inappropriate for Mass. We should be dressing “up” for such an important occasion as Mass, rather than dressing “down.” This applies to kids, too – they are very capable of expressing their love for God and for their brothers and sisters by taking the extra time to dress appropriately. Parents can help instill these values in their children by having them dress appropriately and by dressing appropriately themselves as good role models.

Together let's give each other the gift of dressing “up” for Mass to show each other how important our liturgy is!

# CHRISTIAN INITIATION

## OUR NEWLY RECEIVED!

Congratulation to **Christina Feminella** and **Alice White** who were received in to the Catholic Church. Please pray for them as they become even more active and engaged members of our parish community. 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, Cris-tofer 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.



This past Saturday, we welcomed three young people from our parish desiring baptism as they participate in the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. They will now be part of the catechumenate, meeting weekly to study God’s word and learn more about the faith. Please pray for **Noel Andrade, Jason Flores** 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.

Next Saturday, April 25, 2015, **Sandra Best, Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets** and **Jamie Wittke** 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.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Do you know someone who wants to be baptized?

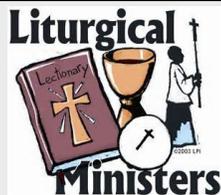
Do you want to be baptized?

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.

# 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@oloph.org](mailto:msgrjoe@oloph.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 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.

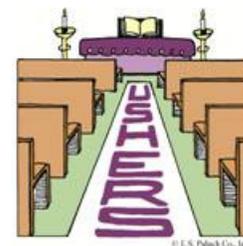


**What do Ushers do?** Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding 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).

## 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.*

***If someone without faith eats and drinks the consecrated bread and wine, does he or she still receive the Body and Blood of Christ?***

If "to receive" means "to consume," the answer is yes, for what the person consumes is the Body and Blood of Christ. If "to receive" means "to accept the Body and Blood of Christ knowingly and willingly as what they are, so as to obtain the spiritual benefit," then the answer is no.

A lack of faith on the part of the person eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ cannot change what these are, but it does prevent the person from obtaining the spiritual benefit, which is communion with Christ. Such reception of Christ's Body and Blood would be in vain and, if done knowingly, would be sacrilegious (1 Corinthians 11:29). Reception of the Blessed Sacrament is not an automatic remedy. If we do not desire communion with Christ, God does not force this upon us. Rather, we must by faith accept God's offer of communion in Christ and in the Holy Spirit, and cooperate with God's grace in order to have our hearts and minds transformed and our faith and love of God increased.



### *Mother's Day Novena of Masses*

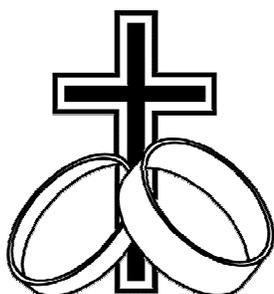
Mother's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the Church. The Mother's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your mother, grandmother, godmother, the mother-to-be you know or any mother you wish to remember in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. Simply take an envelope, write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. Thank you.

# 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.**

# 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Town \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Bus Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Select (1) Pick up Location: St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre \_\_\_\_\_ Or St. Matthew's Parish, Dix Hills \_\_\_\_\_

# 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
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † New Mother's Meal Ministry: Carol Stysiack—631.255.3506—carolstys@verizon.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: The Consi Family—631.226.7725
- † 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  
 MAC & CHEESE  
 SMALL PKGS. RICE  
 JELLY & JAM  
 PORK & BEANS  
 PAPER TOWELS  
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 BATH SOAP  
 TOOTHPASTE

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

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*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**9 A.M. —12 Noon**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the Scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



### 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.

# NEW Saturday HOURS

Responding to the needs of those who work during the week, St. Vincent de Paul will be open on Saturdays, from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. beginning Saturday, May 9, 2015.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY Happenings

## CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION

There will be a presentation on **April 20, 2015** at 7:30pm at *St. Joseph's Church in Babylon* in the O'Connell Room. It will be offered by Catholics for Freedom of Religion. Barbara Samuels (the Pres. Of CFFR) will discuss the unique role of the laity in addressing the threats to our religious freedoms in all arenas: the church, our public square, the military and in our schools. *Thomas Renker, Esq*, General Counsel of the Diocese of Rockville Centre,9 will discuss the on-going threats and the pending lawsuits on behalf of freedom of religion. Suggestions will also be offered on how we can become more aware and proactive in defending them. **Register by contacting Carol Pellegrino at 631-587-3511 or [jcjmpell@optonline.net](mailto:jcjmpell@optonline.net)**

## 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).



## GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY

Meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month,  
11:30am—3:00pm

Join us **May 7, 2015**

in Room 24. Everyone is welcome.

Any questions call President,  
Dolores Barone 631-957-3432.

## 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).

## SENIOR MOMENTS GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

*The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month in room 24 of the school. Each meeting begins with a prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by a Scripture reading and discussion of the reading and how we can integrate it into our lives. We also do book readings related to our spiritual lives through group discussions. All are welcome!*

**Tuesday, April 23, 2015**  
**9:00-10:30 A.M. - Room 24**  
(Park in the Gates Street Parking Lot)

## 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 HAPPENINGS

### HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY...AND MORE!

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.



#### Very Important!!!!\*\*Small Meals Needed\*\*

Can you or your family or your ministry assist us by making 15 to 20 sandwiches, soup or some other small meal that can given to the homeless we encounter each week? If so, contact Regina Muir at [rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com).

#### 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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| • New or Gently Used Bibles and Prayer Books | • Ensure/Boost Nutritional Drinks                   |
| • Socks                                      | • Water   |
| • Men's Underwear (New ONLY; no extra-large) | • Insect Repellent                                  |
| • Nutritional/Protein Bars                   | • New or Gently Used Backpacks                      |
| • New or Gently Used Baseball Caps           | • \$ 5 Gift Cards to McDonalds, Dunkin Donuts, etc. |
| • Sunscreen                                  |   |



#### Thrift Shop

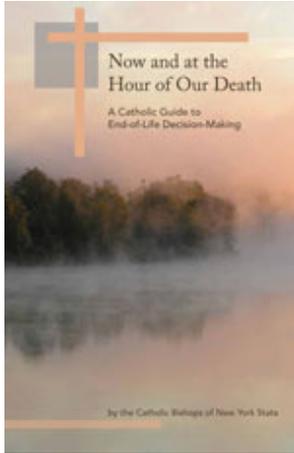
Last week, interested members of the parish once again came together to explore the possibility of beginning a thrift shop ministry on the grounds of OLPH. After visiting other Thrift Shops, they continue to learn about more “best practices” and ideas for a potential Thrift Shop here at OLPH! Our next planning meeting will take place on *Monday, May 4, 2015* at 7:30 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! Our first meal will take place next Sunday afternoon. Contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) and he will direct you to the appropriate members of the ministry.

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



### **Now and at Hour of our Death**

#### **Catholic Guidance for End of Life Decision Making**

*Talking about death and dying can be difficult and uncomfortable, yet perhaps no conversations are more profound or necessary for all of us. End-of-life decisions are among the most challenging we will ever face as individuals and families and as members of society. Residents of New York state must be particularly vigilant as we seek to oppose any legislation that promotes assisted suicide.*

#### ***Our lives are not our own....***

“The Church teaches us that each and every human life is an unrepeatable gift, created in the image and likeness of God. We are called to respect and protect human life because of its inherent dignity, sacredness and value. We understand that life is a sacred trust over which we have been given stewardship, but not ownership. Our life belongs to God, and we do not have absolute power over it. So while it is entrusted to us, we are called to care for it, preserve it and use it for the glory of God. All those who are sick should rightfully expect, accept, and be provided appropriate food, water, pain control, bed rest, suitable

room temperature, personal hygiene measures and comfort care. These are not medical treatments, but basic care-giving, the care that is owed to one human being by another. Truly to respect the dignity of the person, we must provide those who are sick with adequate pain relief, symptom management, compassion, acceptance, love, and physical, emotional and spiritual care.”

**To learn more about the Church’s teaching about this and other issues, visit [catholicendoflife.org](http://catholicendoflife.org) and [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org).**

## PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, **in prison and you visited me.**”*

**Matthew 25:35-36**

Prison Families Anonymous, a project of FECS Health and Human Services System, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system.

At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

### **Prison Families Anonymous (PFA)**

*Life becomes more difficult and stressful for family and friends when a loved one becomes incarcerated. Relationships and responsibilities can become strained and the dynamics within the family often change dramatically.*

*The PFA Support Group provides a safe, non-judgmental place where those in similar situations can connect with each another. It provides compassion, support and information to family members during their very difficult times.*



The Prison Families Anonymous Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7:30 P.M. at the

**Community Presbyterian Church  
1843 Deer Park Avenue  
Deer Park, NY 11729**

Northeast corner of Deer Park Avenue and Lake Ave  
Entrance on Lake Ave. Use rear door closest to lot

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month  
starting at 7:30 PM at the

**St. Anthony Hall across from St. Brigid’s Church  
75 Post Avenue  
Westbury, NY 11590**

For more information, please contact:  
PFA at 631-943-0441

Email: [pfa.longisland@gmail.com](mailto:pfa.longisland@gmail.com)

Website: [www.pfa-li.com](http://www.pfa-li.com)

For additional information contact: 516-496-7550 FECS + 631-943-0441 Barbara + 631-806-3903 Sue

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

located in the school building  
 Phone # 631.226.7725, x. 253  
 E-mail: religioised@oloph.org  
 Coordinator: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 (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.*

## COMMUNION REHEARSAL

All First Communicants receiving Communion at a **Sunday or Saturday evening Mass** have Rehearsal this Monday, April 19th at 5:00 p.m.

## FINALS WEEK

All students in Levels 2-7 will have their Final Exam during their class time. Please contact the office if you do not have a study guide for your child.

# 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!



## VACATION BIBLE CAMP UPDATES



Camper and Offerer Forms are available on the OLPH 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.

## CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS



(Ages 11 through 17)

You are invited to join the **Junior Legion of Mary**  
Our next meeting is **Wednesday, April 22**  
**2:30 PM in Room 24**

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 26 de abril del 2015.

**Primera Lectura (Hecho 4, 8-12):** Salvados en el Nombre de Jesús Resucitado

Pedro profesa sin miedo alguno su fe en Cristo Resucitado, en cuyo nombre ha curado de su discapacidad a un lisiado. Jesús es el nombre por el que todos nos salvamos. No hay otro nombre por el cual podemos ser salvados que el nombre de Jesucristo crucificado, pero resucitado de entre los muertos.

**Segunda Lectura (1 Juan 3,1 -2):** ¡Realmente Hijos de Dios!

Que somos hijos de Dios no es sólo un pensamiento bonito, sino la más profunda realidad, ya que estamos unidos a Jesús, Hijo querido de Dios. Solamente cuando veamos a Dios seremos capaces de entender esto.

**Evangelio (Juan 10, 11-18):** Jesús, Nuestro Buen Pastor

La imagen de un Pastor y sus ovejas no es familiar para muchos de nosotros, pero podemos comprender esto: Jesús ha entregado su vida por nosotros; como nuestro Señor Resucitado nos conduce y nos une, no por la fuerza sino por consentimiento personal y por amor a cada uno de nosotros. El buen pastor es Jesús y nosotros somos sus ovejas, y nuestros hermanos que aún no han escuchado esta buena noticia son los que aun andan por el mundo como ovejas sin pastor.

## 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

# 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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Fr. Ethel Anarado, Associate Pastor	226	ethelo702000@yahoo.com
Deacon Tom Bast, Business Manager	204	tbast@oloph.org
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
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Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Coordinator of Faith Formation	257	acarbaugh@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
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

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **Third Time:**

*Bryan Fisher & Amy Mascia*



*Christopher Giardini & Jessica Odin*

## **MASS MEMORIALS**

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

**April 19-25:**

***Altar Wine***

*In Memory of*

***Jack Ambrosio***

*Requested by*

***Violet Ambrosio***

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

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Edith Dunn***

***Walter Hess***

***William Sullivan***

***Thomas P. Maguire***

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS**

**12:15 MASS THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015**

***Walter Camier***

*Requested by*

***Patricia & Charles Gunther***

***Charles Muller***

*Requested by*

***The Legotti Family***

## **WE BELIEVE**

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

*Joan Cox  
Sharon Burke  
William Doran  
Peggy Curran  
Gorden Hinds  
Mike Bovenzi  
Bob Little  
Donna Catlan  
Harper Grace  
Paul Verricelli*

*Lorraine Curry  
Agostino Pecoraro  
Colleen Ullmer  
Reynold Ruiz  
Mary Chichester  
Richard Brosan  
Victoria Trachte  
Carmela Feaser  
Christine Foster  
Margaret Girgenti*

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.

## **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.



## **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.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, April 20—

#### Easter Weekday

6:30	Amanda Kammerdener (Living)
12:15	Keith Fitzpatrick
7:00	Devotions

### TUESDAY, April 21—

#### Easter Weekday

*(Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)*

6:30	Berta Salgado
12:15	Raymond Marko

### WEDNESDAY, April 22—

#### Easter Weekday

6:30	Taylor Negron
12:15	Albert Joseph Cavallo
12:45	Exposition

### THURSDAY, April 23—

#### Easter Weekday

*(Saint George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr)*

6:30	Carl Francavilla
12:15	Perpetual Help Mass

### FRIDAY, April 24—

#### Easter Weekday

*(Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr)*

6:30	The Savastano Family
12:15	Patricia Caramonica

### SATURDAY, April 25—

#### Saint Mark, Evengelkist

8:00	Deceased Members of the Rossetti Family
4:00 – 4:45	Confessions

#### Vigil for

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00	Francesco Veneziano
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#### Sunday, April 26

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:30	Gary Giordano
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Romualdas Tarvydas
11:00	Mary Hill
12:30	Johanna Bjork
5:00	Joseph Aliano

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, April 20, 2015

4:00 PM	Parish Social Ministry Coordinator's Meeting	St. Lucy
6:30 PM	Adult Confirmation Meeting	St. Mark
7:00 PM	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy
7:00 PM	Novena	Church
7:30 PM	Level 8 Religious Education	School

### Tuesday, April 21, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Rooms 13/15
5:00 PM	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
6:45 PM	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy
7:00 PM	Teen Confirmation Class	Room 4
7:00 PM	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:45 PM	Community of Praise Prayer	Room 16
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

### Wednesday, April 22, 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 Religious Education	School
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:30 PM	Level 7 Religious Education	School

### Thursday, April 23, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Room 13/14
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	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 PM	Introduction to Liturgy	Room 18
7:30 PM	Family Life Meeting	St. Mark
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

### Friday, April 24, 2015

9:00 AM	OLPH Home School Group	Rooms 1 & 2
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (Young People)	Room 24

### Saturday, April 25, 2015

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

### Sunday, April 26, 2015

9:30 AM	Pre-Cana	Church
6:00 PM	High School Youth Ministry	Auditorium
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

April 11/12, 2015			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 P.M.	335	141	\$2,698.00
6:30 A.M.	98	32	903.00
8:00 A.M.	255	103	2,451.00
9:30 A.M.	333	98	1,701.00
11:00 A.M.	420	130	2,691.00
12:30 P.M.	354	106	2,209.00
5:00 P.M.	220	32	1,314.50
<b>Total coin:</b>			23.33
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			118.00
<b>Children's Env.</b>		12	36.00
<b>Faith Direct</b>			2,005.10
<b>Special needs</b>		12	317.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,015	666	\$16,467.65
<b>2014 TOTAL</b>	3,112	793	\$21,307.96
<b>Candles</b>			\$1,060.38
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$566.34



## K of C Bingo

every Thursday in the school auditorium. Doors open at 6:15 pm  
 First game starts at 7:30 pm.  
 Over \$1,500.00 in prize money!  
 Specials, jackpots, and line bingo.  
 Coffee and cake are available.

*The Faith Matters Religious Goods Store*, located in the basement of the school, will be open this **Sunday, April 19** from **10:30 AM –2:00 PM**.

Stop by and pick up a copy of Msgr. Hamilton's new book – *Jousting With The New York Times, 1961-2014: Worldviews in Radical Conflict* and check out everything else they have to offer!



**PFI ENCOUNTERING CHRIST THROUGH THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL**  
 The Diocese of Rockville Centre School for Missionary Disciples

**PFI may be for you if...**  
 You are longing for the meaning of life  
 Have questions about life, death and suffering  
 Are looking to understand yourself, God and others more deeply  
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## PREPARING FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 26, 2015

*“I am the good shepherd.  
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*

*John 10:14*

### Acts 4:8-12

It would seem that this speech made by Peter before the Sanhedrin, attesting that a crippled man was healed in the name of Jesus, fell on deaf ears. They were amazed and rendered speechless, but not converted. Their only response to this power they could neither explain nor accept was to try to exercise their own earthly power and authority over Peter and John (Acts 4:15-18).

### 1 John 3:1-2

The greatest sign of God's love is the gift of his Son (John 3:16), who has made Christians true children of God. This relationship is both a present reality and a reward of the life to come; true knowledge of and intimacy with God will ultimately be gained, and Christians prepare themselves now by virtuous lives in imitation of the Son (1 John 3:3).

### John 10:11-18

John tells us that Jesus' teaching portraying Himself as the Good Shepherd was given in the winter, during the Jewish Feast of the Dedication (John 10:22), what we today know as Hanukah. In the late autumn or winter months, there are times when a shepherd can find no pasturage for his flock, and then he must become responsible for feeding the animals himself. This seasonal setting for the telling of Jesus' parable would seem to capture the conditions under which the people lived, making the Pharisees' dereliction of duty as their spiritual leaders all the more detrimental. Jesus intimates that the Pharisees are like hired hands, who care nothing about the sheep, but are only interested in their own welfare. By contrast, as the Good Shepherd, Jesus Himself will care for and feed God's people, to the point of dying for them, in order to safely lead them home to the Father.

### 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. Besides suggesting that priests stay close to the marginalized by being, as Pope Francis put it, “shepherds living with the smell of the sheep” (Homily for Chrism Mass, March 28, 2013), he also said that

The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness.

Evangelii Gaudium, 88

How do those statements relate to Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd?

2. Jesus said, “I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” Jesus applies the Trinitarian love-recognition between him and his Father to the recognition between himself and his own. What does this tell you about how well you are known and how much you are loved? For whom will you lay down your life?



## Readings for the Week

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

#### Monday, April 20, 2015:

Acts 6:8-15+ John 6:22-29

#### Tuesday, April 21, 2015:

Acts 7:51—8:1a + John 6:30-35

#### Wednesday, April 22, 2015:

Acts 8:1b-8 + John 6:35-40

#### Thursday, April 23, 2015:

Acts 8:26-40 + John 6:44-51

#### Friday, April 24, 2015:

Acts 9:1-20 + John 6:52-59

#### Saturday, April 25, 2015:

1 Peter 5:5b-14 + Mark 16:15-20

#### Sunday, April 26, 2015

Acts 4:8-12

+ 1 John 3:1-2

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