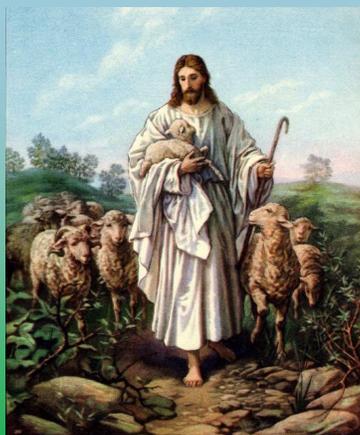


# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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

John 10:11

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 26, 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.

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION

### OUR NEW CATECHUMENS!!

Last Saturday, OLOPH celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens as **Noel Andrade, Jayson Flores** and **Edwin Alberto Sanchez** enter the next period of their journey towards baptism. This is an “extended period during which the candidates are given suitable pastoral formation and guidance” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 75*). As they grow in faith, we pray they will learn “to turn more readily to God in prayer, to bear witness to the faith, in all things to keep their hopes set in Christ, to follow supernatural inspiration in their deeds, and to practice love of neighbor...” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 75, 2*).

Let us pray that our parish may serve as good witnesses to Noel, Jason and Edwin in the journey ahead!



### OUR NEW CANDIDATES

This weekend, **Sandra Best, Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets** and **Jamie Wittke** participated in the Rite of Welcome. Here they stated 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.

They now enter a time of formation “during which the faith infused in baptism must grow in them and take deep root through the pastoral formation they receive” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 401*).

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



### OFFERERS NEEDED

As you can see, new groups are forming for the Christian initiation of adults and children. We are looking for men and women of our parish to accompany those who are seeking to become Catholic and complete their initiation. For more information, contact Father John at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org).

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.

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

The beautiful image of the Good Shepherd takes center-stage in the Gospel reading for this Sunday, and it's an image that has endless appeal, one that is meant to bring us confidence and assurance in the care that the Risen Christ has for us. This care, however, is much deeper than just an emotional feeling; this care is rooted in the Shepherd's laying down of His life for us, so that we might have life. It is through Christ's death and resurrection that we have new life — that is the constant theme throughout all of Easter Time, and that fact is the source of our Alleluias!

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, traditionally referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday," the Collect (Opening Prayer) of the Mass refers to God's people as "the humble flock" who ask to "reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before." The Prayer after Communion also echoes the shepherd imagery, even mentioning the "eternal pastures" in which we hope to settle one day. Interestingly, that same prayer mentions how we are redeemed "by the Precious Blood of your Son," thus giving a nod to how the Shepherd laid down His life for His sheep by shedding His Blood. How fortunate we are at OLPH that the entire assembly has the opportunity to receive the Precious Blood as well as the Body of Christ at every Mass; this offering of Holy Communion under both kinds on a regular basis is an important sign of our participation in the Paschal Mystery.

Is your Easter joy and excitement still at a heightened level? I hope so! Don't let it wane; Easter Time is too important, and we should continue to marvel at the redemption won for us through Christ's death and resurrection.

### Catholic Ministries Appeal: OVER GOAL!!!

I am absolutely thrilled and ecstatic to announce to you that as of this writing, we have exceeded our Catholic Ministries goal of \$108,400. As of the most recent report I received, we have total pledges of \$137,540, which is \$29,140, or 26.88%, over goal. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

I am very, very grateful to the (again, as of my most recent report) 524 donors who have supported the Appeal. Remember, now that we are over goal, we are receiving back 80% of any amount raised over goal, in addition to the 20% of the goal amount itself. I have written before about how im-

portant this income is to OLPH for our financial stability. We are basically squeaking by; we are paying our bills, but just barely, and so there is virtually nothing left over to build up savings, plus we have the very expensive job of replacing the boilers for the church and rectory this summer, a job which is already underway with much behind-the-scenes work. Your support of anything which provides income for OLPH is extremely, extremely important, and very much appreciated. Thanks must also go to Bob Dobres, our Chairman of the Appeal.

I thank all those who have made pledges and who are paying them off (please remember to complete your pledge). To those who have not yet made a pledge: may I with all humility and sincerity ask you to seriously consider doing so. Let's see if we can get the number of donors to be much higher. It would really help us out tremendously. Let's get that Catholic Ministries Appeal total up, up, up — the higher it goes, the more help it is to OLPH.

### Parish Leadership Meeting on Tuesday, April 28

This coming Tuesday, April 28, we are holding our second Parish Leadership Meeting for all parish leaders, namely, the heads of all parish ministries, organizations and groups, in addition to the members of the Pastoral Staff, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and the Liturgy Committee. Every ministry head and leader should have received a letter with instructions about preparing for the meeting; if you have not, please contact Fr. John at the rectory.

Our first meeting was last year around this time and we gathered all the parish leaders together so we could better understand the dynamics of working together; holding gatherings such as this is essential so that we can build up our unity for the good of the parish. After that first meeting, we received many positive comments. In addition to covering practical details, the meeting provided a forum for parish leaders to meet, talk and better come to know one another.

Now, one year later, it is time to gather all the parish leaders together again, this time to begin to lay the foundations for a strong ministerial future for OLPH. You might remember that about a year and a half ago, OLPH participated in the ME25 survey (we actually took this survey at Mass, if you recall). This survey helped to provide a baseline to

measure the engagement of parishioners in the life of our community. Since that time, members of our Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council have worked with the findings of that survey to set a direction for the future.

Now we will use this second Parish Leadership Meeting to take a step forward toward increasing the engagement-level of our parishioners. We will do this using a tool called the Strengths-Finder. So, at this April 28 Parish Leadership Meeting, Msgr. Christopher Heller, pastor of St. Joseph's in Babylon, and a team of leaders from his community will direct the OLPH parish leadership in a workshop about the importance of engagement and how recognizing our God-given strengths can help us to better serve the Church. Then, as a result of this meeting, we will begin the work of inviting other parishioners to better discover their strengths so everyone can be more deeply engaged in the life of the parish and can better serve the People of God here at OLPH.

There's so much to be excited about concerning the future of OLPH and where we are headed! We are working hard to continue to bring people together and to develop the strengths and talents of you, the parishioners, so that more and more people might be able to take responsibility for the life of and mission of our parish and inspire us to be the best we can be in Christ. Many good people will be coming together on Tuesday night; please pray for them. It is everyone's willingness to grow and to work for the common good of the parish that continues to make OLPH "the place to be."

### **Compliance with Program for Protection of Children and Young People**

A little over a week ago I sent out letters to those people who are active in ministries or other organizations at OLPH who had not yet completed one or more of the three diocesan requirements for the Program for the Protection of Children and Young People (namely: completion of the Virtus training class; the Volunteer Registration Form; the Code of Conduct Form). As I have written about on numerous occasions, we are taking compliance with the diocesan directives very, very seriously, and so a deadline to have all the requirements completed was established. Unfortunately, as Pastor, I had to notify these parishioners that they could not continue to participate in their ministry or organization until and unless all requirements were completed.

It is my fervent hope that they are working toward completing these requirements. It is not my intention to prevent people from being involved in the life of the parish; as I hope you realize, I am working hard to increase participation and bring more people in. However, I must also comply with the responsibilities entrusted to me by the Bishop, and so this step is necessary. We will continue to make sure that everyone who offers their time and talent at OLPH completes the necessary steps in this program.

Again, I urge anyone who needs to complete one or more of the requirements to please do so, so that you can return to participation in your ministry or organization. We are singling no one out; the same rules apply to all, regardless of what the involvement is or how long someone has been involved in that ministry or organization. If you have any questions, you may contact me at the rectory, or Linda Coppola at ext. 214 at the rectory, or Jean Bjork, our Coordinator of Virtus, at [jean.bjork@gmail.com](mailto:jean.bjork@gmail.com) for more information or to check the status of your compliance. I thank all parish offerers for your cooperation with this.

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,



## **IMPORTANT PARISH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP MEETING**

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

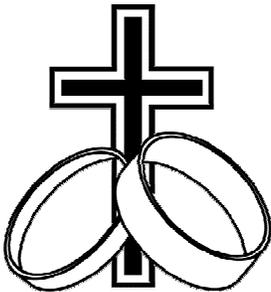
All ministry leaders must attend our Parish Ministry Leadership Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the Auditorium. This is an important meeting and your presence is needed. All ministry leaders should have picked up their *Living Your Strengths* Book and completed the online survey by the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. John at 631-226-7725 X 203 or email to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org).

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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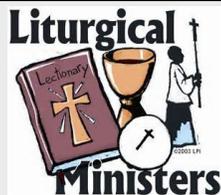


Number of People in Your Party Who Will be Attending \_\_\_\_\_

*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.**

# 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.

## 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.

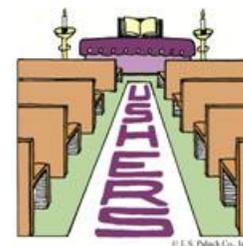


**What do Ushers do?** Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding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



**LAST  
CHANCE!**

## Diocesan Training Schedule

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

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 a believer who is conscious of having committed a mortal sin eats and drinks the consecrated bread and wine, does he or she still receive the Body and Blood of Christ?*

Yes. The attitude or disposition of the recipient cannot change what the consecrated bread and wine are. The question here is thus not primarily about the nature of the Real Presence, but about how sin affects the relationship between an individual and the Lord.

Before one steps forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, one needs to be in a right relationship with the Lord and his Mystical Body, the Church - that is, in a state of grace, free of all mortal sin. While sin damages, and in the case of mortal sin, can even destroy that relationship, the healing forgiveness of God given to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation can restore it.



St. Paul tells us that "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:27-28). Anyone who is conscious of having committed a mortal sin should first be reconciled through sacramental confession before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, unless a grave reason exists for doing so and there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, that is, an act of sorrow for sins that "arises from a love by which God is loved above all else" (*Catechism*, no. 1452). The act of perfect contrition must be accompanied by the firm intention of making a sacramental confession as soon as possible.



### Green Thumbs Needed!

We are looking for a parishioner or two who could assist with planting the Easter plants/bulbs around the parish grounds. This is something you can do at your convenience and a great way to involve others in the life of our parish family. If you are interested and able, please contact Rosaleen Walters at 631.226.3575.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### 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.

### Novena to the Holy Spirit



The Novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas as it was first made at the direction of Our Lord when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Consider joining us for one or all sessions as we offer the novena on:

- Friday, May 15—12:45 PM**
- Saturday, May 16—7:45 AM**
- Sunday, May 17—1:30 PM**
- Monday, May 18—6:45 PM**
- Tuesday, May 19—7:00 AM**
- Wednesday, May 20—6:45 PM**
- Thursday, May 21—7:00 AM**
- Friday, May 22—12:45 PM**
- Saturday, May 23—8:45 AM**

### May Crowning Monday, May 11th 7:00 P.M. Rectory Lawn

Join the Christian Mothers and Guild and the Legion of Mary for the annual crowning of the Blessed Mother. Novena prayers will be prayed around grotto on the Rectory Lawn that night.

Hospitality to follow after the prayer and blessing.



### Summer Evening Prayer 2015

Interested in being a part of the committee of parishioners who plans and organizes our

Summer Evening Prayer?  
Meetings will begin soon!

If you're interested, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org)

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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- ✠ 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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- ✠ New Mother's Meal Ministry: Carol Stysiack—631.255.3506—carolstys@verizon.net
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- ✠ 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  
 SHAMPOO  
 DISPOSABLE RAZORS  
 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

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**

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' love and care for us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to be "Good Shepherds" to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families, providing food, help for utilities, rent and other bills. God Bless you!



### 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

“First Genocide of the 20th Century”  
- Pope Francis 4/12/15

Marking the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide of 1915-1922 at a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis addressed the massacres in the context of the contemporary persecution of Christians in the Muslim world. The Pope questioned the silence of nations.

On April 24, 1915, the Armenian Christian genocide began with the Turkish Ottoman (Muslim) empire executing hundreds of Armenian intellectuals. Then, ordinary Armenians were sent on death marches through the desert, without food or water, many stripped naked. As many as 1.5 million Armenians, mostly Christian, were systematically killed during WW I in today's eastern Turkey.

“Bishops, priests, religious women and men, the elderly and even defenseless children and the infirm were murdered,” said Pope Francis.

Please visit: [www.catholicsforfreedomofreligion.org](http://www.catholicsforfreedomofreligion.org)

## 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?*

**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).

## 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 Stysiaek 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.

## NURSING MINISTRY

Advanced Directives for Health Care

By: Brice Beach

Attorney for Catholic Health Services

Monday, May 11 at 7:00 P.M.

Room 24

## SENIOR MOMENTS

### GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

*The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. All are welcome!*

**Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

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

## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for People  
with Special Needs*

**NEXT SATURDAY, May 2, 2015**

**4:00 P.M.—Auditorium**

## 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 VIR-TUS 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                                  |   |

## Blessing of the St. Bernards Sunday, May 3, 2015



This past winter, nearly 60 families and individuals were served by our St. Bernard League. Thanks to them for their dedication and hard work!

Next Sunday –May 3rd—we invite all of our St. Bernard's and their families for a special blessing at the 9:30 A.M. Mass. Following the Mass, all are invited to a light breakfast in the Auditorium.

*Would you like to make a breakfast snack/dessert for the breakfast? If so, contact the Parish Office or e-mail to [hospitality@oloph.org](mailto:hospitality@oloph.org).*

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Now and at the Hour of Our Death:

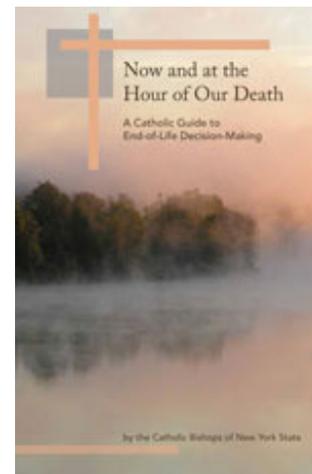
#### A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decision-Making

Advances in medical technologies bring with them new means of curing disease and living longer, healthier lives than ever before. But they can also be the source of heightened patient anxiety about a needlessly prolonged, painful and expensive dying process. Medical advances bring with them new and complex questions with regard to medical treatments and moral decision-making.

Our Catholic faith offers both a long tradition of reflection and Church teaching to help guide us through these multifaceted issues. It is important not to let the struggle over such questions eclipse what should be transcendent and grace-filled moments in the dying process: attending to spiritual needs, healing broken relationships, and saying good-bye.

Difficult decisions about the use of medical technology at the end of life may be made easier if we take the time to express our wishes about end-of-life treatments before illness strikes. This guide is designed to explain the moral principles of Catholic teaching with regard to end-of-life decision-making and to outline the options that exist in New York State for advance care planning.

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



## NEW PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRIES FORMING!

### 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?

Are you interested in working on a project like this for those in need in our parish community? Are you a cook, caterer, great waiter or waitress, cleaner, organizer? Let us know! Our next meeting in THIS WEDNESDAY, April 29, 2015 at 8:00 P.M. in Room 16. 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.

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

### Spiritual Adoption Program

#### MONTH 1 – Developing Baby – “My heart is beating!”



Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20<sup>th</sup> day. Her heart began to beat on the 21<sup>st</sup> day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all - - the gift of life.

# 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.

# Week of 4/26/2015

# Religious Education Office Updates

## REMINDERS

### LEVEL 8 FINAL EXAMS

All students in Level 8 will have their Final Exam during their class time. Please contact the office if you do not have a study guide for your child.

### FINAL EXAM MAKE-UPS

#### Saturday, May 2

All Level 2-8 Students who missed their Final Exam during their class time, and have not already made it up, must take the Final on Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m. Please use the Wellwood Ave. entrance, as the tests will be administered in the Auditorium.

Parents, please email any pictures taken after First Communion you wish to be considered for the bulletin and/or on the Facebook page to: [ReligiousEd@oloph.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@oloph.org) as soon as possible.



During the Level 1 Parent Meeting last Saturday, Fr. Ethel helped the 1<sup>st</sup> session by offering a reflection on our time with God.

Then parents gathered for a discussion on the Easter Season and went to their child's classroom to do an activity prepared by the



# 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)

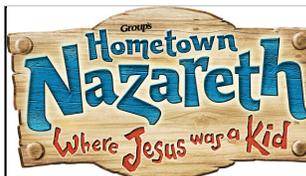
## Youth Ministry

### 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...

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



## VACATION BIBLE CAMP UPDATES

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

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) must be VIRTUS trained.

## Tender Garden II Early Childhood Learning Center



Where Little Seeds Blossom  
**Open House &**

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm**

Located at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Please call

(631) 592-1885 or (516) 731-4322

for any further information

Website - [tendergarden.net](http://tendergarden.net)



Next weekend, **May 2, 3, & 4** SpringFest takes center stage in the Village on Wellwood Avenue.

Please remember that on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> Wellwood Avenue will be *closed to all traffic* during the SpringFest which will allow residents to visit stores and vendors with arts and crafts from John Street to West Gates Avenue.

So, plan ahead—leave a little early! You may have to find a new route to get to Mass on time next weekend.



# 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 3 de mayo del 2015.

**Primera Lectura (Hechos 9,26-31):** Los Comienzos Dificiles de un Apóstol

De fanático perseguidor, Pablo se convierte en un celoso apóstol. Al comienzo, la gente no se fía de él. Bernabé responde por él y Pablo es aceptado, pero aun entonces provoca controversia.

**Segunda Lectura (1 Juan 3,18-24):** Fe en Jesús y Amor Mutuo

Estamos seguros de que Dios está presente en nosotros y de que estamos unidos a él si creemos en Jesucristo y nos amamos unos a otros con un amor auténtico y activo.

**Evangelio (Juan 15,1-8):** Yo Soy la Vid, Ustedes los Sarmientos

Sólo cuando estamos unidos con Jesús con fe y amor, como sarmientos de una misma vid, pueden nuestras vidas producir fruto y Dios nos dará todo lo bueno.

Señor Jesús, vid en la que vivimos, permanece siempre con nosotros, guárdanos siempre unidos contigo y con los hermanos, y danos la gracia de producir fruto que permanezca, ahora y por los siglos de los siglos.

Importante recordar que dice la palabra que el árbol que no de fruto será arrancado y echado al fuego.

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

- Thursday, **April 30** at 7:30pm *The Institute of Religion at Saint Joseph's College*, Patchogue, will offer “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. *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.
- **Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?** CATHOLIC CHARITIES/Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, Bohemia, provides services on a voluntary basis to anyone over the age of 18, seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. Please call: 631-589-4144—24/7; confidential and NO fee for service program.
- **COPING WITH GRIEF ON MOTHER'S DAY WORKSHOP**—Mother's Day can be a particularly difficult time for someone who has lost a loved one. Please join the Bereavement Specialists of *Good Shepherd Hospice* for a free workshop offering encouragement, education, coping strategies and support. The Workshop will be held at Good Shepherd Hospice Administrative Office, 110 Bi-County Blvd., Suite 114, Farmingdale, Thursday, **May 7**, from 7:00-8:30PM. Registration is required. Please call (631) 465-6262.
- **The NYS Council of the K of C** is running a fund raiser on Wednesday **May 6th**, (to benefit the children at *St Mary's Hospital*) at Citi-Field to see the NY Mets play the Baltimore Orioles for an evening game. For each ticket sold, \$10 will be donated to *St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children*. Tickets are \$33 for field level seats in the Big Apple section. For more information, (631) 560-0451 or [mhearney@optonline.net](mailto:mhearney@optonline.net)

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
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	msgrojoe@oloph.org
Brittany Marie Evans, Youth Minister	200	youth@oloph.org
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.*

### **First Time:**

*Albert Deluca & Patricia Reinhardt*

*Sean McDonough & Alexandra Cardello*

## **WE CELEBRATE**

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

**-Rite of Baptism**

***Damian Goralczyk***

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



## **WE BELIEVE**

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

<i>Joan Cox</i>	<i>Reynold Ruiz</i>
<i>Sharon Burke</i>	<i>Mary Chichester</i>
<i>William Doran</i>	<i>Richard Brosan</i>
<i>Peggy Curran</i>	<i>Victoria Trachte</i>
<i>Gorden Hinds</i>	<i>Carmela Feaser</i>
<i>Mike Bovenzi</i>	<i>Christine Foster</i>
<i>Bob Little</i>	<i>Margaret Girgenti</i>
<i>Donna Catlan</i>	<i>Barbara LaPersonniere</i>
<i>Harper Grace</i>	<i>Catherine Koster</i>
<i>Paul Verricelli</i>	<i>Bernadette Sinnott</i>
<i>Lorraine Curry</i>	<i>Lydia Correa</i>
<i>Agostino Pecoraro</i>	<i>Mary Kenny</i>
<i>Colleen Ullmer</i>	<i>Jean Kowenhoven</i>

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 631-226-7725 X 200.

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Vincent Abrusci***

***Paul S. Garguilo***

***Phillip Vozzo***

***Mary Theresa Kenny***

*“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.”*

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS**

**12:30 PM MASS SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015**

***Anna Rizzo***

*Requested by  
Joseph & Anna Beltrani*

***Charles Muller***

*Requested by  
The Grande Family*

***Kathleen Wessel-Yerk***

*Requested by  
Carol Kuchcicki*

## **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.

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



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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, April 27—

#### Easter Weekday

6:30	Tadeusz Cimaszewski
12:15	Anthony J. Saccaro
7:00	Devotions

### TUESDAY, April 28—

#### Easter Weekday

*(Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest)*

6:30	Jose Julio Cevallos
12:15	Philip Hosey

### WEDNESDAY, April 29—

#### Saint Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

6:30	Raymond Farrell
12:15	Kristy Schwartz
12:45	Exposition

### THURSDAY, April 30—

#### Easter Weekday

*(Saint Pius V, Pope)*

6:30	Sherman & Angela Glass
12:15	Rita & Tom Aloisi 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Living)

### FRIDAY, May 1—

#### Easter Weekday

*(Saint Joseph the Worker)*

6:30	Christopher Versace
12:15	Joan & William McCowan

### SATURDAY, May 2—

#### Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00	The Savastano Family
4:00 – 4:45	Confessions

#### Vigil for FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00	Special Needs Mass
5:00	Gloria Brauer

#### Sunday, May 3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:30	Barbara Kirsten
8:00	Maria Szymanska
9:30	For the People of the Parish
11:00	Margaret Scafuro
12:30	Perpetual Help Mass (names are on page 18)
5:00	Conrad E. Hubert

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, April 27, 2015

2:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
6:30 PM	Adult Confirmation Meeting	St. Mark
7:00 PM	Novena	Church
7:30 PM	Level 8 Religious Education	School

### Tuesday, April 28, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Rooms 13/15
9:00 AM	Senior Moments	Room 24
7:00 PM	Teen Confirmation Class	Room 4
7:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
7:30 PM	Parish Leadership Meeting	Auditorium
7:45 PM	Community of Praise Prayer	Room 16
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

### Wednesday, April 29, 2015

12:45 PM	Adoration	Church
1:50 PM	Daytime Prayer	Church
2:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Room 24
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:30 PM	Youth Ministry Middle School	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Community Meal Meeting	Room 16

### Thursday, April 30, 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	VIRTUS Training	Room 8
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Bingo	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Introduction to Liturgy	Room 18
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

### Friday, May 1, 2015

9:00 AM	OLPH Home School Group	Rooms 1 & 2
7:30 PM	Youth Ministry Middle School Movie Night	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (Young People)	Room 24

### Saturday, May 2, 2015

6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 PM	Nocturnal Adoration	Church

### Sunday, May 3, 2015

9:30 AM	Blessing of St. Bernards	Church
2:00 PM	CYO Volleyball	Auditorium
3:00 PM	High & Middle School Youth Ministry Team Meeting	Youth Office
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

April 18/19, 2015			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 P.M.	372	154	\$2,815.75
6:30 A.M.	115	46	1,406.00
8:00 A.M.	220	104	2,166.00
9:30 A.M.	374	91	1,895.00
11:00 A.M.	450	129	2,840.00
12:30 P.M.	265	89	1,865.00
5:00 P.M.	200	29	1,001.50
<b>Total coin:</b>			28.40
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			1,083.00
Children's Env.		13	65.50
<b>Faith Direct</b>			2,005.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,996	655	\$17,171.25
<b>2014 TOTAL</b>			Easter Sunday
<b>Candles</b>			\$902.57
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$287.30



## K of C Bingo

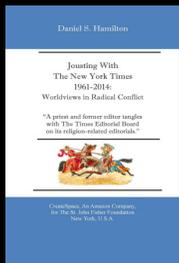
Every Thursday in the school auditorium.  
Doors open at 6:15 pm  
First game starts at 7:30 pm.  
Over \$1,500.00 in prize money!  
Specials, jackpots, and line bingo.  
Coffee and cake are available.

## Religious Gift Shop

OLPH School Building,  
back parking lot entrance

**Open Sundays**  
10:30am – 2:00pm

First Communion,  
Confirmation, Baptism  
All Occasions  
Gifts & Religious Goods



Also, Msgr. Hamilton's new book – *Jousting With The New York Times, 1961-2014: Worldviews in Radical Conflict*



### Second Collection

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## PREPARING FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 3, 2015

*I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,  
because without me you can do nothing.*

*John 15:5*

### Acts 9:26-31

This is a brief resume of Paul's initial experience as an apostolic preacher. At first he found himself in the position of being regarded as an apostate by the Jews, while also being suspect by the Christian community of Jerusalem. His acceptance by the disciples of Jesus was finally brought about through his friendship with Barnabas.

### 1 John 3:18-24

For Christians, proof of deliverance from sin is love toward others, after the example of Christ. This includes concrete acts of charity. Living a life of faith in Jesus and of Christian love assures us of abiding in God no matter what our feelings may at times tell us. Our obedience gives us confidence in prayer and trust in God's judgment.

### John 15:1-8

At key points in His ministry, Christ emphasized His equality with God in the clearest possible terminology. The strongest affirmations of His deity employed the name for God first revealed to Moses--"I AM" (Exodus 3:14). Jesus had already said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12); "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35); "I am the Way" (John 14:6); and "I am the Door" (John 10:9). Now, the night before His death, He tells them, "I am the Vine." Each one is a metaphor that elevates Jesus to the level of Creator, Sustainer, Savior, and Lord--titles that can be claimed only by God. Jesus describes Himself as "the true Vine." In Scripture, the word *true* is often used to describe what is eternal, heavenly, and divine.

### 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. How could you use this Gospel to explain Paul's actions in the First Reading? You (the branches) remain in Jesus (the vine), whose life-blood runs through you. How does his blood relate to your asking God for whatever you want and it being done for you?
2. "And every one that [bears fruit] he prunes so that it bears more fruit." Have you ever felt like you were being "pruned?" Explain. At times do you have "dead wood" that needs to be pruned? Discuss.

## Readings for the Week

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

#### Monday, April 27, 2015:

Acts 11:1-18+ John 10:1-10

#### Tuesday, April 28, 2015:

Acts 11:19-26 + John 10:22-30

#### Wednesday, April 29, 2015:

Acts 12:24—13:5a + John 12:44-50

#### Thursday, April 30, 2015:

Acts 13:13-25 + John 13:16-20

#### Friday, May 1, 2015:

Acts 13:26-33 + John 14:1-6

#### Saturday, May 2, 2015:

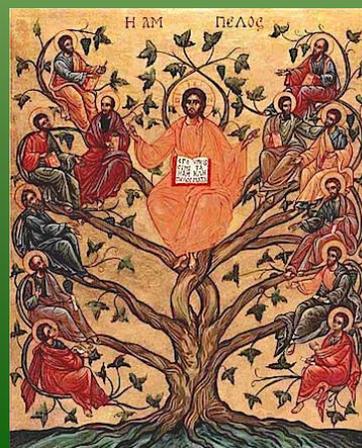
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Acts 9:26-31

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