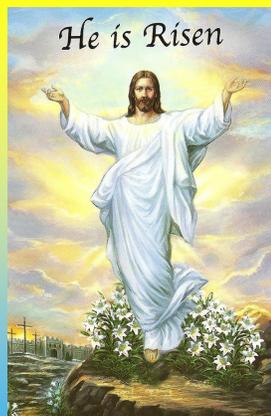


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**This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.**

Psalm 118:24

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 5, 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.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



OLPH FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY FAMILIES IN SERVICE

SATURDAY, April 11, 2015

1:00 P.M. - Rectory Front Lawn

Families are invited to come and prepare plants and decorate pots for the members of our parish who are homebound. Weekly, members of our parish bring Communion to and pray with them.

Here's how it works for Saturday, April 11, 2015:

1. You and your family bring a pot you can decorate (preferably no larger than 8")
2. We provide the flowers and the dirt (you can bring some of that too, though!)
3. Together we'll plant the flowers and write cards to each of the homebound parishioners in our parish.
4. Then, each family will deliver a plant to one of our homebound parishioners.



It really is that simple. The entire activity (including delivery) should be completed by 2:30 P.M. This is a wonderful way to bring Easter joy to those who are homebound in our parish.

Please RSVP to familylife@oloph.org or fill out the form below and drop it off at the Parish Office.

Families in Service - Saturday, April 11, 2015

Family Name _____
 Phone # _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

Can't be here on April 11th, but want to be part of this project?

We are in need of donations of plant flats or money to purchase the same. If you can help, contact familylife@oloph.org or leave a message in the parish office.

Want to join Family Life Ministry?

Our Family Life Ministry works to bring together families for times of faith, fellowship and service. In the past, the Family Life Ministry has worked to organize Mardi Gras, Families in Service events, the Pumpkin Patch, Stations of the Cross and more.



If you would like information on becoming part of Family Life Ministry and the wonderful events they help with throughout the year, please call 631.226.7725 or email to familylife@oloph.org. We are always looking for new members.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! Easter Sunday!

“O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.”

Those words of the Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass during the Day on Easter Sunday proclaim for us the reasons for our joy today. Death has been conquered! The path to eternity is opened! We are renewed! We are raised up in the light of life! Is it any wonder that we cry out, “Alleluia! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!!”

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very blessed and happy Easter. May your Easter joy continue throughout all fifty days of this great liturgical time! Elsewhere in this bulletin is a special insert which explains the meaning of the season; do take some time to read it and reflect on it. Rejoice in the gift of new life we all share because our Savior died and rose for each and every one of us. Recall how you share in that risen life of Christ through the sacraments, especially the gifts of Baptism and Eucharist. As we renew our baptismal promises on this Easter Sunday, we are renewing our profession of faith and our immersion into the life of Christ. In Christ, we have everything!

We can especially offer thanks to God for the gift of new life that comes to us through the new members of the Church who are initiated at Easter. At the Easter Vigil we baptized three new members and next week on Sunday we will receive into the Church two members who are already baptized in another Christian tradition and who are now becoming Catholic. You can read about these initiations elsewhere in this bulletin.

I wish to offer words of **WELCOME** to parishioners who have come to Mass today but who perhaps are not with us regularly. I want you to know that we are most glad to have you and we are happy that you have joined us. I do hope you will consider coming to Sunday Mass more frequently. Our community is diminished when all of our members are not present, and we value your presence as a member of the Body of Christ.

THANK YOU to all who ministered at our Sacred Paschal Triduum liturgies

We have had a truly remarkable and extraordinary celebration of Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum once again this year, and it is essential to say **THANK YOU** to the numerous ministers who offered their time, their presence and their service to make it all happen. I hesitate to mention names for fear of leaving someone out, so suffice it to say that we all owe a huge debt of gratitude to everyone who worked during Holy Week, whether it was “in front of the scenes” or “behind the scenes” — all the liturgical ministers, including clergy,

readers, EM’s, ushers, cantors, choir and instrumentalists, sacristans, altar servers; those who decorated the church; our maintenance crew; and parishioners who assisted in various processions and many other “behind the scene” aspects of setting things up for or cleaning up after liturgies. So many people put in so much time, energy and love! To anyone who participated in any way, and perhaps most especially to all who participated as a member of the assembly, bringing your presence, your voice, your prayer and your witness to our worship: **THANK YOU** for making OLPH “the place to be” for Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum. We have all enriched each other through the offering of our gifts to one another as disciples following Christ.

Little White Books

There may still be some *Little White Books* left on the pew ledges; if so and you don’t already have one, be sure to take one. The book contains daily meditations for each day of Easter Time. They are a great way for you to pray each day during the fifty days of Easter Time

You should know how great our parish Readers are!

I must take a moment and share with the entire parish a point of pride and admiration concerning our parish Readers. As you know, proclaiming the Word of God in the liturgy is a tremendous privilege, but it is also a tremendous responsibility. All our parish Readers take this responsibility very seriously; they, and I, are very concerned that they be as proficient as possible in proclaiming the Word so that all who hear that Word might be drawn more deeply into the mysteries being celebrated. A proficient proclamation of the Word encompasses two aspects — a spiritual component and a technical component.

In order to enrich the technical, public-speaking component of their ministry, I recently asked all Readers to participate in a series of two workshops focused on the mechanics of good public speaking. You, the parishioners, need to know that our Readers plunged wholeheartedly into this endeavor and really rose to the occasion. The workshops were run by Dr. Peter Pantina, a Professor of Public Speaking who teaches at St. John’s University, and they included a practicum where our Readers were asked to proclaim readings and be critiqued in order to receive valuable feedback on their presentation.

I cannot tell you how grateful and how impressed I am by our parish Readers. As you can imagine, this involved not only a commitment of their time, but also of their trust. It’s never easy to be critiqued, and yet they entered into this process with an eagerness to grow in their ministry and to learn how to do it better so that they can better serve the Lord and all of you. **KUDOS, CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF**

OUR READERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THESE WORKSHOPS! You have done a valuable service to the Word of God and to your fellow parishioners at OLPH. I have often received comments about how good our Readers are compared to Readers in other parishes, and I always wholeheartedly agree.

If you feel that a Reader has done a good job with the readings, why not go up and tell him or her that, and offer a word of thanks? Know that they are always striving to do their best in order to serve you.

Convent Rental

I am happy to announce to you that we have found a tenant for the Convent and are in the process of signing a Lease. Truly this is good news for the parish!

We will be leasing out the first two floors of the Convent, exclusive of the chapel. The parish will retain the chapel, the basement and the third floor. There is a possibility that the tenant may wish to expand to the third floor in the future.

Our tenant will be a not-for-profit entity, the Social Development for Community Affairs. The purpose of this not-for-profit is to encourage workforce development and to train people for entry-level jobs in the health-field industry. People will be provided the actual skills, training and education to become nurses' assistants, nurses' aids, patient care technicians, EKG technicians, and phlebotomy technicians. This school is licensed by New York State and is also licensed by the Department of Health of New York State. Once the students complete their training, they are also provided assistance in getting jobs. I am happy with this because it dovetails nicely with our mission as a Catholic parish; the fact that we are providing a place where people can be assisted in finding employment and skills to serve others is a great work of social justice for OLPH to be involved in. Not only that, but it will be good for the Village of Lindenhurst and the larger Lindenhurst community. We are bringing in people who will be eating and using stores in the Village, and the school will potentially have many Lindenhurst residents as students.

The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday and there will be Saturday hours as well. There will be no conflict with parish activities in the school building, including and especially Religious Education. Parking concerns have been addressed; their needs are minimal since most students will use public transportation.

I am extremely grateful to Deacon Tom Bast, our Business Manager, and to Jamie Winkler, the Real Estate Broker we have been working with, who have worked tirelessly and have waded their way through many tedious details in order to bring this to fruition, and, as of this writing, there are still a few technicalities to work out. The additional income will assist the parish on our journey toward someday being on a secure financial footing. Please continue to pray for the continued growth and stability of OLPH.

Divine Mercy Devotions next Sunday

Next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also known as "Divine Mercy Sunday." We will be observing the day with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 12:30 p.m. Mass, Confessions from 2:00-4:00 p.m., and Divine Mercy Devotions at 3:00 p.m. The afternoon concludes at 4:00 p.m. with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Do consider joining in the Divine Mercy Devotions!

Still looking for new liturgical ministers: Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers!

WE WANT YOU! WE NEED YOU! We are still continuing to recruit new Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers, and there is still a chance for you to sign up. This is a special **gift** you can give to your fellow parishioners by serving the liturgical assembly in one of these ministries. All you need is a **desire to serve**, a **willingness to give**, and a **wish to have our liturgical celebrations be all they can be**. I strongly urge YOU to offer your time and talent as a Reader, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or an Usher.

Adult Education Course on Liturgy (Basic Course)

This week begins our next offering of an adult education course. I will be offering the Basic (Introductory) Course in Liturgy; this is a repeat of the Basic Liturgy Course I offered about a year ago. Here's the chance for you to take the course if you missed it the first time, and it can count toward attaining the Basic Theology Certificate from the Diocese of Rockville Centre. We will discuss all the concepts needed to have a basic understanding of what liturgy is all about and why we do the things we do at our worship. Do consider joining us; in addition to learning something, I can promise you, as you might imagine, that we will have some fun and some laughs along the way. See the information and sign-up coupon elsewhere in the bulletin. Time is running out, though; the course starts this week!

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER TIME

THE MEANING OF THE SEASON



Alleluia! He is risen! The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one “great Sunday.” With Easter Sunday we begin Fifty Days of rejoicing.

During these Fifty Days the Church continues to instruct the neophytes (the newly baptized) about the new life they have embraced. In the process, all of us are called to reflect on the meaning of our baptism and on what living the baptized life looks like. What does it mean to live the resurrected life of Christ? What does it mean to be Church? How do we live life now that we have died with Christ and have been raised up with Him?

The neophytes spend this time in post-baptismal formation (which is also referred to as mystagogical catechesis). It is an opportunity to unpack their experience of the Easter sacraments and to reflect on what it all means for their life now as members of the Church.

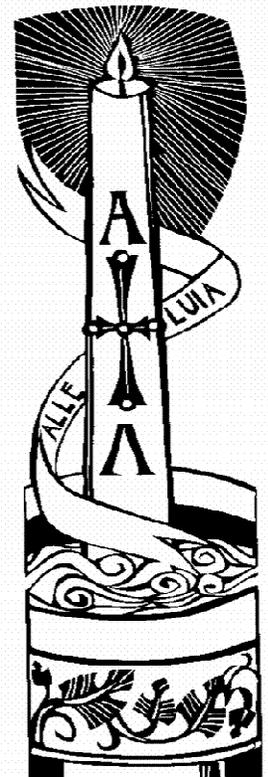
The readings of the Easter Sundays offer the opportunity for such reflection. This year, the first readings of these Sundays are from the Acts of the Apostles (as they are every year), the second readings are from the first Letter of Saint John, and the Gospels are from Luke and John. The readings from Acts give us a picture of life in the early Church, as the apostles began preaching the good news of the resurrection, encountering both joyful welcome and opposition. The passages from the first Letter of Saint John echo the Gospel readings from Saint John’s Gospel, consistently affirming that God is love and the one who loves abides in God in a mutual indwelling. Such indwelling calls us to love one another the way God has loved us; that’s the only way we can truly show that we love God. The Gospel stories present the Lord as the Risen One, the Good Shepherd and the one who promises the Spirit to strengthen and sustain the church.

These readings offer not only the neophytes, but also all of us, the chance to reflect on the meaning and shape of our life of faith together. Like the early Church, we are a people shaped by the resurrection, a people called to share our joy and the good news with others, a people freed from sin and filled with the life of the Holy Spirit, a people who constantly give thanks for all God’s gifts, a people who have risen from the font to a whole new way of life.

FIFTY DAYS OF CELEBRATION

Part of the challenge of Easter is learning how to celebrate a fifty-day feast! Perhaps as Catholics we find it easier to do penance than to celebrate; we find it easier to observe the forty days of Lent than the fifty days of Easter. Part of the problem lies with placing too much stress on Lent as “the” religious period for Catholics. For many people, unfortunately, Easter Sunday still seems to be the end point of Lent; come Easter Monday, it’s back to everyday life as usual.

The truth is, however, that we are called to maintain the festivity and celebration throughout the entire fifty-day period as one joyful feast. Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost are not three separate, independent feast days, each with its own themes. They are all part of the one Easter celebration.



THE STRUCTURE OF THE SEASON

The Easter season is composed of three phases, but these internal variations in rhythm never should eclipse its unity as the great Fifty Days.

1. The Octave: The first eight days are celebrated almost as one exuberant festival, with each day celebrated as a Solemnity. The tradition of mystagogical catechesis during this time influenced the selection of the scriptural passages. Since each day has the liturgical rank of Solemnity, we will have music at the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass Monday through Friday and at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday of Easter Week.

2. The 31 middle days: The Gospels of the Sundays give focus to the season of Easter Time. The first three Sundays of Easter relate post-resurrection appearances. The Fourth Sunday always focuses on the powerful image of the Good Shepherd. The next three Sundays of the season (and many of the weekdays nearby) draw from what has come to be known as the “farewell discourse” or “high-priestly prayer” in the Gospel of John. While this paschal season can include references and hymns to Mary, the paschal references and overall unity of the Fifty Days should not be compromised by excess attention to May as “Mary’s month.”

3. The final days: The season does not end on Ascension Thursday! Over the following nine days (the original novena!) and then on Pentecost day itself, we are invited into intense prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Easter Time ends at the conclusion of Pentecost Sunday.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

To highlight the “original novena” of the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost, and to focus on those days as days of intensely praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit, OLPH Parish will engage in a Novena to the Holy Spirit. Look for more information on this later in Easter Time.

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT DURING EASTER TIME AND CELEBRATING THE SEASON

Many rich symbols and images pervade the Fifty Days, linked in various ways to initiation. The resurrection inaugurates a new creation, the eighth day, a new Pentecost, a new covenant, a new way of life.

The Paschal Candle will remain prominently displayed near the ambo during the Fifty Days, and it will be lit for all liturgical celebrations. The new holy oils used in the celebration of the sacraments have been enthroned in our ambry.

Children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at certain Sunday Masses throughout Easter Time and on Saturdays on May 9 and May 16. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for adults at the Vigil Mass for Pentecost on Saturday evening, May 23 and for our teens on Thursday, May 28—this year just outside of Easter Time...but a powerful manifestation of the Easter sacraments nonetheless! These events are connected as part of the Easter complex of initiation rites, as Easter is the season par excellence for celebrating initiation.

We will highlight the initiatory character of Easter Time each Sunday by beginning Mass with the Rite for Blessing and Sprinkling of Water, recalling our baptism. Also, we will continue to use the Apostles’ Creed during Easter Time, since that Creed is often referred to as the “Baptismal Symbol of Faith.”

Also, there is a strong tradition of blessing homes during Easter Time, a blessing which can be arranged for with one of the priests by calling the rectory, or by using the home blessing provided elsewhere in this bulletin.

BLESSING OF YOUR HOME AT EASTER

Use this prayer service to bless your home and your family at Easter.

Be sure to use newly-blessed Easter water!

All who live in the house should be present for the blessing.

(All make the sign of the cross as the Leader begins:)

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

All respond: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ, risen from the dead, who is our source of hope, joy, and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

(Now someone reads the Scripture reading, Luke 24-28-32:)

Reader: Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

As the disciples approached the village to which they were going, Jesus gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(The intercessions are then said:)

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him. Our response will be: Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, through you every dwelling is a temple of holiness: build those who live in this house into the dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit. We pray:

All respond: Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, the disciples recognized you in the breaking of the bread: grant that the members of this family may be open always to the presence of Christ in Word and sacrament. We pray:

All respond: Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you appeared to the frightened Apostles and said, "Peace be with you"; grant that your abiding peace may remain with the members of this family. We pray:

All respond: Stay with us, Lord.

(After the intercessions, all pray the Lord's Prayer:)

Leader: Our Father...

(After the Our Father, the leader prays the prayer of blessing with hands joined:)

Leader: Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death: by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise. Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the Paschal Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All respond: Amen.

After the prayer, the leader may sprinkle those present and the home with holy water brought from the church. During the sprinkling the leader says:)

Leader: Let this water call to mind our Baptism in Christ, who by his death and resurrection has redeemed us.

(After the sprinkling, all make the sign of the cross as the leader concludes:)

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

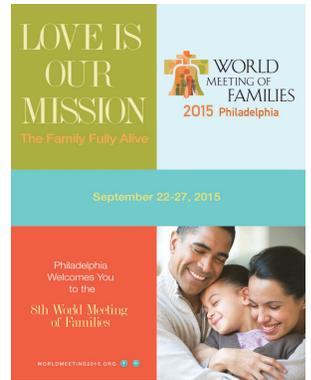
All respond: Amen.

ALL ABOUT FAMILY!

World Meeting of Families

Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families. Each World Meeting of Families has a theme that energizes and enlivens the event while adding great depth of meaning to our understanding of families. The theme of the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015 is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society.

As part of the preparation for the World Meeting of Families, our parish will present information each month about one of the themes of the meeting with some reflections by our own pastoral leaders. This week, a member of our Family Life Ministry and her husband share their thoughts below.



"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God." Galatians 4: 4-7



As a youngish couple who struggled to conceive, suffered through the loss of miscarriages, and eventually being blessed with a daughter and son, we have learned how precious a gift the vocation of parenting is. When we were married and opening up our hearts and relationship to the expected bundles of joy that would follow, how painful and shocking it was when our love and marriage did not seem to be following the expected course! All of those plans and assumptions that children would naturally follow were derailed and there were many levels of fear, anger, confusion and hurt. We felt we had so much abounding love and energy to give and who else was to receive it if we would not have children? We were impatient. We were supposed to be parents. Where were OUR children? Did God think we would not be good parents? We were so naïve and lacked faith and humility. Although we were undeserving, God was merciful and had a plan to draw us back to Himself through the two beautiful children He would give us in His time.

Once we became parents, we realized our expectations of parenthood and all of the things we (or our children) would or wouldn't do ... well they were all ridiculous! We were frazzled and fearful and frustrated. We turned to our faith, we came back to church and we called out to God "Help us Father, we have no idea what we are doing!"

Thankfully, the Father is never outdone in generosity. As our time in church, prayer, and the sacraments grew, we began to see our role as parents differently. We realized these are God's children, by His creation and design and we were blessedly chosen to raise, love, and teach them. God created these little individuals for a special purpose, He has a plan for their lives. This isn't about our plans for them at all! It is our responsibility to raise them to know, love, glorify and serve their heavenly Father. It's a huge task, but we learned we are not alone. What better role models and intercessors for us as parents to look to than Our Blessed Mother and dear St. Joseph? Whose arms are stretched wider than the Savior's when we need that reassuring love and boost of strength and to be reminded we are not alone in our parenting struggles? To help them be who they were created to be, we need our Catholic faith and all its richness and fullness to be our guide.

This vocation of parenthood calls us to love, guide, care for and pass on the faith to these two children and to recall they are a daughter and son of God in our charge. Our children will know we longed and hoped for them, but God created each of them just as they are and gave them life at His perfect time for a specific purpose; hopefully knowing this will help them grasp that they are each specifically important and dear to Him. We thank God for these children through whom He has taught us so much! They are our daily reminders that we are all sons and daughters of God, each "fearfully, wonderfully made" to be here at this very time, in this very place for a special purpose by one much greater than ourselves, and with the perfect plan.

In Christ,
Jessica & Keith Ladolcetta

For information about being a part of the World Meeting of Families, please contact Angela Garofalo of our parish's Family Life Ministry. She serves as our parish representative and can be contacted at (516)445-9635 or e-mail to finestone@optonline.net.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our next Adult Faith Formation course...

INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY

Instructor: Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

5 Thursday Nights - April 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 7

Time: 7:30—9:30 P.M.

Place: Room 18, OLPH School



This course covers a basic understanding of the study of the Church's theology of liturgy. Foundational themes such as ritual process, anamnesis, symbols, and sacramentality which are essential to understanding the theology of worship will all be discussed. The course will also cover a basic understanding of the Liturgical Year, and will include an examination and discussion of key points from Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

To register, contact Josephine Vagelatos at jvagelatos@oloph.org or call at 631.226.7725 no later than **Monday, April 6**, please!

Sign me up for **Introduction to Liturgy**

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

A \$20 per person free offering to cover the costs of materials is requested.

NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 6TH.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

Congratulations to our **neophytes**, Jazmin, Joshua and Jennifer, who were baptized, confirmed, and received first communion at the Easter Vigil last night. We warmly welcome you as new and fully-initiated members of our parish community. Their journey continues and grows as fully initiated members of the Church community.

Our parish's candidates for reception into full communion into the Catholic Church—**Christina Feminella** and **Alice White**— are entering the final stages of their long journey. This week, they will participate in an Evening of Prayer and Reflection in preparation for the Rite of Reception and the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the 11:00 A.M. Mass.

Pray for Christina and Alice during this final week of prayer and preparation.

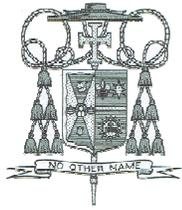
OFFERERS NEEDED

New groups are forming for the Christian initiation of adults and children and will begin meeting in just a few weeks. 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.



A LETTER FROM BISHOP MURPHY



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



Easter 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord:

How changed is the world this Easter morn! How wondrous the truth on the lips of His faithful disciples! Can there be any chant more beautiful, any news more desired, any heart that could seek for more? **Jesus Christ is Risen! It is true! He is Risen! Alleluia!**

The long Lent of human history was ended that first Easter Sunday morn when Mary Magdalen discovered that the tomb was empty and the body of her beloved Lord was missing. But that body, cruelly put to death on the tree of Calvary, was not missing. It was transformed! It was glorified! For the Son of God made man fulfilled His destiny on this earth and so transformed our destiny from sin and death to life in Him, life eternal.

You and I are the recipients of the long journey of love that Jesus travelled from Galilee to Jerusalem, from birth in a stable to death on a cross. When Jesus took that sign of death and made it the sign of glory, He accomplished the will of the Father *who so loved the world that He sent His Son not to condemn but to save the world. And this is the salvation which is ours: Life in Christ Jesus, Life eternal!*

My prayer this Easter is that we all with deep faith acknowledge with joy and gratitude that God's love triumphed in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and that His resurrection gives us our new destiny: we share His divine life now and will share it with Him forever in glory! My prayer is that we all participate in Mass this Easter Sunday as a pledge of our fidelity to Him who died and rose. My prayer is that we greet one another with that ancient greeting of Christians: *Christ is risen! He is truly risen. Alleluia.*

If we do that then I am confident we will be renewed in His life and we will be so filled with His Spirit that we will seek to share His life with others and witness His life to the world. I am confident that we will be more eager to care for the sick, reach out to the poor, bear one another's burdens and be true brothers and sisters by prayer and action to all who need us in our parishes, our communities, our nation and the world. The world needs the witness of our faith in the Risen Christ. The world needs the witness of our hope for the future. The world needs our love that embraces all those whom our Savior embraced from the cross. May they too share in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! *For He is Risen. He is truly risen. Alleluia!*

Your brother and your Shepherd in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

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, with permission. This series will conclude on June 7, 2015, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Why are some of the consecrated hosts reserved after the Mass?

The Body of Christ under the appearance of bread that is kept or "reserved" after the Mass is commonly referred to as the "Blessed Sacrament."

There are several pastoral reasons for reserving the Blessed Sacrament. First of all, it is used for distribution to the dying (*Viaticum*), the sick, and the homebound. Secondly, the Body of Christ in the form of bread is to be adored when it is exposed, as in the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, when it is carried in Eucharistic processions, or when it is simply placed in the tabernacle, before which people pray privately. These devotions to the Blessed Sacrament are all based on the fact that Christ Himself is present under the appearance of bread.

A sufficient number of hosts should also be reserved in the tabernacle to assure that no one is deprived of Communion at Mass due to any miscalculation of the number of persons in attendance. At the same time, the Church's Magisterium has several times expressed a strong preference for "that more perfect form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful, after the priest's Communion, receive the Lord's Body from the same Sacrifice" (see the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, No. 13). Thus, insofar as possible, the faithful should receive Communion from hosts consecrated during the Mass itself rather than from those reserved in the tabernacle.



Divine Mercy Sunday—NEXT SUNDAY!!!!

In preparation for this feast and the special graces it brings, a Novena to the Divine Mercy should have started on Good Friday. The chaplet is recited daily, works of mercy are to be undertaken each day, either corporal or spiritual or both, and a sincere and contrite Confession should be made before the Mercy Mass, in preparation to receive Holy Communion.



12:30 p.m. Mass

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

Confessions 2:00 – 4:00

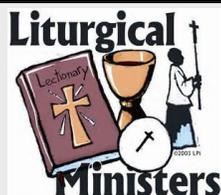
3:00 – The Hour of Great Mercy Recitation ~ Chaplet of Divine Mercy

~ Veneration ~ Image of Merciful Jesus &L

1st Class Relic of Saint Faustina

4:00 P.M. -Benediction

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

Diocesan Training Schedule

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

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

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

What do Readers do?

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

How Do I Become A Reader?

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

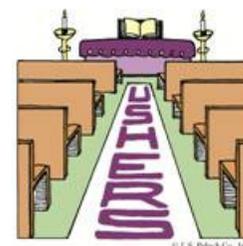


What do Ushers do? Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding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

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

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

- The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112

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

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

Cherubim (up to \$24)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Cecilia (\$200 and above)

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

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

210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

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

2015 Friends of Music

As of March 29, 2015

St. Cecilia

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

St. Gregory the Great

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

St. Augustine

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

St. Ambrose

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

Cherubim

- ◆ Martin Gibbs
- ◆ Angela Zoccoli

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—ripalda@optonline.net
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182—princessmorge@optonline.net
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Van Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com/Tony Spina—516.473.4021
- † 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
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Fr. John Sureau—631.226.7725—jsureau@oloph.org
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494

NEW Food Pantry List!

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the "New" School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
 Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

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

As we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show the love of the Risen Christ by bringing your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY

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

Are you interested in joining the ministry?

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

Donations Needed

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

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

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.

Thrift Shop

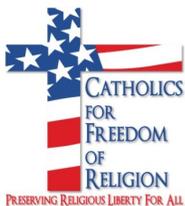
In March, interested members of the parish came together to explore the possibility of beginning a thrift shop ministry on the grounds of OLPH. The next few weeks are dedicated to learning more about how this works in other parishes. Our next planning meeting will take place on April 14, 2015 at 2:00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

Community Meal?

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

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

Catholics For Freedom of Religion: "More Assaults on Religious Liberty"



In January, Washington D.C. Mayor Bowser signed two bills threatening the religious freedom of Catholic institutions in D.C.

1st - coerces religious organizations to employ those who promote abortion and potentially forces employers to cover elective abortions in insurance for their employees.

2nd - repeals a congressionally approved exemption for religious schools and universities from having to approve and fund advocacy groups.

Cardinal Wuerl wrote, "Yet increasingly, Catholics are being told that we cannot - should not - be allowed to present and follow our beliefs if they offend politically correct thinking. We are being told that in our schools, social service ministries and other Church programs, we may not insist ...(employees) bear witness to the faith in their actions and words" (3/15/15).

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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.

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!
For information, call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449
or email to gtonness@optonline.net.

THIS TUESDAY, April 7, 2015 - Meeting -
7:00PM, in Room 24 of the "New" School. New
project: working on crochet squares for Veterans'
blankets. Yarn, crochet hooks and instruction will
be provided.

For more information contact: Gail Tonnessen,
631-957-1449, gtonness@optonline.net. All are
invited and welcome

NURSING MINISTRY

Our parish nursing ministry provides resources and information for parishioners in need and organizes events for our parish community. The next meeting of the Nursing Ministry is

**TUESDAY, April 7, 2015 in
7:00 P.M.—Room 18**

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 carolstys@verizon.net and put Meal Ministry in the subject line, or call 631.255.3506.

SENIOR MOMENTS

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

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

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

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

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

So the faithful should look into themselves and carefully examine their minds and the impulses of their hearts. If they find some of the fruits of love stored in their hearts then they must not doubt God's presence within them, but to make themselves more and more able to receive so great a guest they should do more and more works of durable mercy and kindness.

—St. Leo the Great

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS**

The next Mass for People with Special Needs (and those who love them!) will take place on

NEXT SATURDAY**April 11, 2015****4:00 P.M.****Auditorium**

"We must recognize and appreciate the contribution persons with disabilities can make to the Church's spiritual life, and encourage them to do the Lord's work in the world according to their God-given talents and capacity."

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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 Communion will then visit each week.

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

**Offer the Gift of Yourself
in the Ministry of Consolation!**

Would you like to help a family at a time when they need it most? Would you like to bring a warm, friendly and welcoming experience of the parish to others when they would greatly appreciate it and when it could have a great effect on them? If so, then the Ministry of Consolation is for YOU! Ministers of Consolation minister to families at the time of the Funeral Mass by helping them to prepare the Mass and by being present at the Mass as greeters and liturgical ministers. People are also needed to work behind the scenes to coordinate these various ministers, to prepare worship aids, and to bring a cake to a family during the days of the wake.

If you are interested in offering yourself in any aspect of the Ministry of Consolation or if you would like more information, please contact Msgr. Joe at msgrjoe@oloph.org or at the rectory number, ext. 206. Thank you.

IMPORTANT PARISH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP MEETING—PLEASE PLAN NOW!**Save the Date – Tuesday, April 28, 2015 – 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!

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

located in the school building
 Phone # 631.226.7725, x. 253
 E-mail: religiouesed@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.

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

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:30pm in the auditorium. We'll talk about mercy, particularly the celebration of the Divine Mercy. Fun and good times included!

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 will meet next 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 there at 6pm in the auditorium!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

OLPH Vacation Bible Camp

An Epic Adventure Awaits You!!!!

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

CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM

Can be found on the parish website!



DONATIONS AND OFFERERS NEEDED!!!

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

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 a las secciones 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 o en español, Irma González 631 620-2401 o correo electrónico: lanegra628@yahoo.com.

Lecturas previas de la santa palabra de Dios para el domingo 12 de abril del 2015.

Primera Lectura (Hecho 4:32-35): Un Solo Corazón y una Sola Alma. Los miembros de las primeras comunidades cristianas creían firmemente que el Señor Resucitado estaba vivo entre ellos. A causa de esta fe, eran "un solo corazón y una sola alma" y compartían con los necesitados. ¿Tenemos también nosotros esta fe y este amor?

Segunda Lectura (1 Juan 5:1-6): Una Vida de Fe y Amor. Los que creen en Dios y en su Hijo Jesucristo Resucitado también aman a su prójimo. Pertenecen a la familia de Dios, como nosotros, aun cuando a veces los otros nos parecen parientes extraños.

Evangelio (Juan 20:19-31): De la Duda a la Fe. Para personas como nosotros, que no hemos visto a Cristo Resucitado, Juan nos relata la historia del incrédulo Tomás que se convirtió en el Tomás creyente y fiel.

Sabemos lo desalentados y deprimidos que estaban los apóstoles y discípulos del Señor después que Jesús murió en la cruz. Cuando experimentaron que había resucitado, supieron que estaba vivo y presente entre ellos. Su fe en el Señor Resucitado los unió a todos como "un solo corazón y una sola alma" y les movió a preocuparse los unos por los otros. Y nosotros ¿qué? Nos hemos reunido aquí en la presencia del Señor Resucitado. ¿Somos todos uno en él? ¿Nos preocupamos los unos de los otros?

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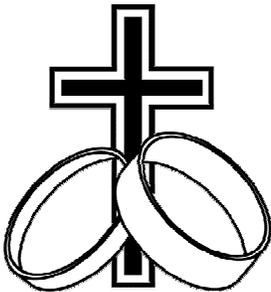
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March 28/29, 2015

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

Guest Speaker:

Fr. Michael Duffy

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact 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.

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MASS MEMORIALS

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

April 5-11:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Anthony Cito

Requested by

Rose & Johanna Cito

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BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Time:

Trevor Bailey & Edyta Suchoicka

First Time:

Bryan Fisher & Amy Mascia



Christopher Giardini & Jessica Odin

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The Paschal Candle

In Memory of

Christina Rose Renna

25th Birthday

Love

Mom & Dad

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WE BELIEVE

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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.

WE REMEMBER

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

Charles Peter Muller

Nora T. Mullins

Richard J. Collins

Paul Anzalone

Frank Scalia

"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

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 5:00 P.M.

Rose Masiello

Requested by Janet Fiore

Raymond Hale III

Requested by Janet & Joseph Beltrami

Eileen Durney

Requested by Carmel & Robert Becker & Family

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 6— Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:30	Ethel Carter
12:15	Rose Lott
7:00	Devotions

TUESDAY, April 7— Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30	Margaret Mehm
12:15	Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, April 8— Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30	The Savastano Family
12:15	Giuseppe Lentini
12:45	Exposition

THURSDAY, April 9— Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6:30	Grace Angeline
12:15	Terence Keogan

FRIDAY, April 10— Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:30	Edwidge Thomas (Living)
12:15	Anthony Cito

SATURDAY, April 11— Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00	Mr. & Mrs. George Schmidt
4:00 – 5:00	Confessions

Vigil for SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

4:00	Special Needs Mass
5:00	For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 12 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

6:30	Winfield Ritzeirt
8:00	Holy Name Society
9:30	Mrs. Flo Mitaritonno
11:00	Mr. Aldo Gambuzza
12:30	James, Muriel & James Jr. Farrell
1:30- 4:00	Exposition & Divine Mercy Devotions
5:00	Perpetual Help Mass (names are announced on p. 24)

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 6, 2015

6:30 P.M.	RCIA—Retreat/Practice	Church/16
7:00 PM	Novena	Church
	No Religious Education Week of April 4-11	

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Rooms 13/15
7:00 PM	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:00 PM	Nursing Ministry Meeting	Room 18
7:45 PM	Community of Praise Prayer	Room 16
7:30 PM	Youth Ministry—Middle School	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 8, 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

Thursday, April 9, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Room 13/14
1:30 PM	Church Cleaning	Church
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 PM	Adult Faith Formation— Introduction to Liturgy	Room 18
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, April 10, 2015

9:00 AM	OLPH Home School Group	Rooms 1 & 2
7:00 PM	Holy Name Society Meeting	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Catholics for the Freedom of Religion	Room 16
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (Young People)	Room 24

Saturday, April 11, 2015

	No Religious Education	
4:00 PM	Special Needs Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, April 12, 2015

11:00 AM	RCIA	Church
1:30 PM	CYO Volleyball	Auditorium
3:00 PM	Youth Ministry Team Meeting	Youth Office
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Second Sunday of Easter

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

John 20:29

Acts 4:32-35

Beyond the discovery of the empty tomb and the large number of people who reported seeing the risen Lord, it was the early Church's radically different way of life that gave the greatest witness to its claim that Jesus had in fact risen from the dead. Community members were by no means obligated to sell their possessions and hold everything in common (see Acts 5:4). Rather, doing so was a natural manifestation of their unity, that they were truly of “one heart and mind” in Christ.

1 John 5:1-6

Children of God are identified not only by their love for others and for God, but also by their belief in the divine sonship of Jesus Christ. Faith is the source of the Christian's power in the world and conquers the world of evil, even as Christ overcame the world. Christ's overcoming of the world by His death and resurrection are the proof for John's assertion that Jesus was both divine and human, that He “came not by water alone, but by water and blood.”

John 20:19-31

The lifeless body of Jesus in the tomb proved that He had died on the cross. Shock, fear, grief and hopelessness gripped the hearts and minds of all who had followed Him. Seeing, speaking with, and then touching the body of the now resurrected Jesus, which is no longer bound by the sealed tomb and neither by any locked door, is also a complete shock to the despairing disciples. But in their encounter with the risen Lord, they, too, are transformed, as He imparts the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit to them, as they become His ministers.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 6, 2015:

Acts 2:14,22-33 + Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 7, 2015:

Acts 2:36-41 + John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 8, 2015:

Acts 3:1-10 + Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 9, 2015:

Acts 3:11-26 + Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 10, 2015:

Acts 4:1-12 + John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 11, 2015: Vigil

Acts 4:13-21 + Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Acts 4:32-35
+ 1 John 5:1-6
+ John 20:19-31

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. Today's first reading speaks about the power of a community coming together. When that happens, all are provided for in body, mind and spirit. What are some ways you can contribute to the life of our parish community so the “community of believers can be of one heart and mind” (Acts 4:32)?
2. Thomas is often given the title “Doubting Thomas.” Re-read today's Gospel. What is your image of Thomas? It is a positive one or a negative one? What emotion do you feel in Thomas' response—“My Lord and my God”?
3. A great focus is placed on the gift of mercy this Sunday as Jesus calls the disciples to be ministers of reconciliation and justice. Who needs to hear words of forgiveness and mercy from you? What are you waiting for?



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