

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2018

“Even now, says the Lord,  
return to me  
with your whole heart...”

Joel 2:12

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

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**Pastor Emeritus:** Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

### COME IN AND PRAY...

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



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Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco  
Pastor

Ash Wednesday, 2018

Dear Parishioners, and Dear Visitors to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish,

In the Collect (Opening Prayer) for the liturgy of Ash Wednesday, we pray, *“Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.”*

That’s a very striking image describing what we do on Ash Wednesday: we begin a **“campaign of Christian service”** and undertake a **“battle against spiritual evils.”** We do that by being marked with ashes. The ashes remind us that we are dust, and unto dust we shall return — and therefore, our life depends on God. The ashes, as a sign of death, remind us that we must die with Christ in order to rise with Him. The ashes, as a sign of death, are a call to die to our sins, to repent and to believe in the Gospel.

I hope that this Ash Wednesday is a day that begins something new and grace-filled in your life. No matter what point you are at in your life, and regardless of whether you are a regular weekly Mass-goer or have not been to Mass in a long time and are just coming back on Ash Wednesday, **NOW IS A GRACE-FILLED OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU.** We are so happy that you have been a part of our Ash Wednesday observance, and we hope that you will be with us frequently through the seasons of Lent and Easter Time. If you have been away from the Church for a long time, **we are thrilled to welcome you back — no judgments, and no questions.** We’re just glad you’re here! If you need to come to Confession after being away a long time, **we will be thrilled to welcome you back — no judgments, and no questions.**

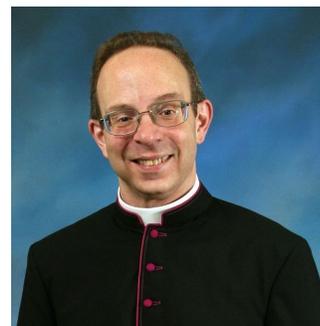
Please be part of our parish life this Lent and experience the love, joy, mercy and forgiveness of God that comes to us through the Church. Join in the various Lenten activities and programs that our parish will be offering; information about them can be found in this bulletin, in our weekly Sunday bulletins and on our website, [www.olphlindenhurst.com](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com). Allow me to especially point out:

- Sunday Mass each and every week (it makes us who we are as Catholics!);
- Friday evening Stations of the Cross, led by different groups in our parish;
- our Parish Mission, March 18, 19 and 20;
- the opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance (going to Confession).

Also, don’t forget to make your plans now and mark your calendar to join in celebrating our holiest days, the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum — Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday!

Sincerely,

Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco  
Pastor



## PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
Lindenhurst, New York



# Lenten Mission 2018

Are You Willing to Walk  
With Jesus This Holy Week:

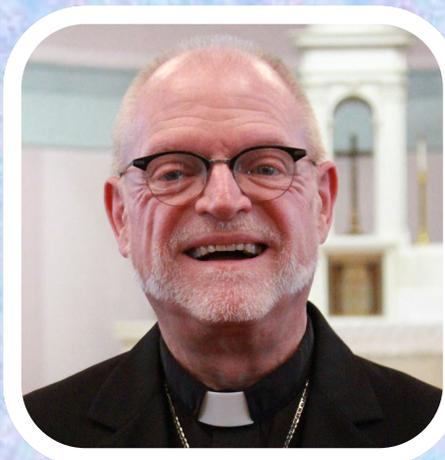
Are you willing to serve?

Are you willing to die?

Are you willing to rise?

**Sunday, March 18 · Monday, March 19 · Tuesday, March 20**

7:30 p.m. Prayer Service each evening



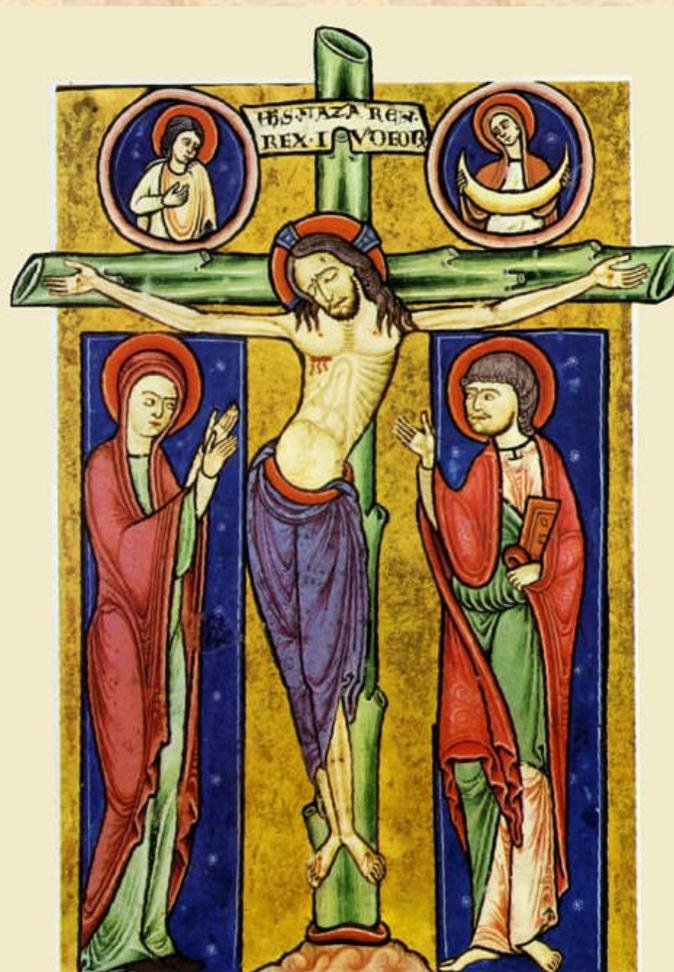
**Fr. Paul H. Colloton, OSFS, D.Min.** is a member of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, Wilmington-Philadelphia Province. Paul is the Priest Chaplain and Associate Director of Campus Ministry for Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, OH. He served as the Director of Continuing Education for the National Association of Pastoral Musicians for a little over thirteen years. Paul holds a D.Min. with a concentration in Word and Worship from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. He has over 40 years experience in pastoral ministry as preacher, presider, liturgist, musician, educator, spiritual director, workshop presenter, retreat director, and author.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Music Ministry Presents

# PASSION, PRAISE AND PASCHAL MYSTERY

An Evening of Choral Music and Meditations  
on Christ's Passion and Death

Friday, March 16, 2018  
7:30 p.m.



# ASH WEDNESDAY

## THE MEANING OF ASHES

Lent begins with ashes on our brows, reminding us of fundamental truths about ourselves. The dust of the ashes reminds us that death is inevitable for each of us. The ashes speak of repentance and of our need to convert our lives. The words at the imposition of ashes call us to repent and to believe in the Gospel. The ashes speak of a fire that has grown cold, a fire that needs to be rekindled within us by the time we gather around the new fire at the Easter Vigil. We seek to rise from the ashes of our sinfulness to a fuller life with Christ.

But before we can embrace the new life of the resurrection, we must embrace the cross. Before coming to the font of life-giving water, we must travel the desert. To embrace new life, we must be willing to embrace death. To become our true selves, we must leave the false selves behind which we have been hiding. Though it sounds negative, the dying to self to which we are called is the only way to fullness of life, and thus it is a profoundly positive step in our spiritual life, a step that begins with being signed with ashes.



## COMMUNAL MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

We make our Lenten journey through the desert in the company of the catechumens and candidates preparing for the initiation sacraments at Easter. This is the origin of Lent.

What we have come to call Lent developed in the fourth century, when three intersecting movements coalesced. The first was a paschal fast that gradually developed from two days into a forty-day observance. The second was the pattern of initiation that gradually developed into a full catechumenate with an intense period of spiritual formation leading to the sacraments at Easter. The third was the order of penitents, which sought a second conversion for those who sinned seriously after baptism. Modeled on the catechumenate, this process of the order of penitents culminated with reconciliation just before Easter.

Thus the forty-day fast was understood as the final stage of preparation for those called to

baptism and also as a time for reconversion for the already-baptized. As the whole community accompanied the elect and the penitents through this season, it came to be seen as a time for baptismal renewal for all the members of the church.

In subsequent centuries, however, both the catechumenate and the order of penitents gradually disintegrated. Lent was still seen as a penitential season, but the emphasis was on individual works of self-denial and on personal identification with the passion and cross of Christ. Lent was still a preparation for Easter, but the baptismal focus was largely lost, and the communal nature of conversion was ignored. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were held up as Lenten activities, but they became private rather than corporate. The liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council called for a recovery of the ancient tradition of a communal understanding of Lent.

We are to journey through Lent together, then, as though we were all catechumens. We are to listen to the readings and pray the prayers as though we were approaching the waters of life for the first time. We seek to understand and thus to enter into the experience of the elect, those called to enter into the paschal mystery of Christ Jesus though the waters of the font. Thus we all prepare together to come to the water again, to be more deeply converted to Christ and to renew our baptismal promises with conviction.

## DON'T JUST "RECEIVE" ASHES

As a parish, we wish to highlight that ashes are never just *received*, but rather that being branded with ashes is a sign of a **commitment** we make. The ashes are a sign that together we are all enrolled in the "order of penitents" and that we are committing ourselves to cooperate with God in **changing our life**. Ashes should not be passively received, but **actively accepted as a challenge** — a challenge to die and to rise with Christ, a challenge to embark on the Lenten journey with ones' brothers and sisters, a challenge to seriously undertake the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

## LENT: ITS MEANING, STRUCTURE, AND OUR CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

### THE MEANING OF LENT

We're going on retreat! True, we may not physically be traveling to a far-off place, but we are nonetheless going on retreat. The solemn season of Lent may be seen as a time of retreat for the entire Church, as we prepare to celebrate Easter and the new life which comes to us through Jesus' death and resurrection. In fact, three focal points can form the basis for our Lenten spiritual journey:



- focusing on the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection;
- final preparation of those in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
- rediscovery of and recommitment to Baptism by those already baptized, through their penance, spiritual renewal, and ongoing conversion.

The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* of Vatican II explains:

*The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent — the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance — should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer. More use is to be made of the baptismal features which are proper to the Lenten liturgy.... The same may be said of the penitential elements. But catechesis, as well as pointing out the social consequences of sin, must impress on the minds of the faithful the distinctive character of penance as a detestation of sin because it is an offense against God. The role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be passed over, and the need to pray for sinners should be emphasized. During Lent, penance should be not only internal and individual but also external and social.*

### THE STRUCTURE OF LENT

Most people know that Lent is 40 days long, but they think that the 40 days are the six weeks plus the four days of the week of Ash Wednesday (which totals 46 days) minus six Sundays, which equals 40 days. But Lent does not end on Holy Saturday; it ends on Holy Thursday evening. The Triduum, or Three Days, beginning with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concluding with evening Vespers on Easter Sunday, is a three-day season unto itself, and not merely the final three days of Lent. The span of days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday is 44 days, but the ancient fathers of the Church calculated 40 days by beginning the count with the First Sunday of Lent, and continuing until Holy Thursday. This practice has been kept to the present time, hence the 40 days of Lent.

At least four phases of the season can be discerned:

*1. Ash Wednesday and the next three days:* These four days form a solemn preview of the season; the Scriptures and Mass prayers announce the major aspects of the observance and call us to enter into the season. The First Sunday of Lent begins the period of 40 days, with the Rite of Election for the catechumens being one expression of this.

*2. The 28 days from the First Sunday until the Saturday of the Fourth Week:* Scripture readings and penitential rites provide the structure for these days. Penance services, the Penitential Rite for candidates for reception into the full communion of the Church celebrated on the Second Sunday, and the first two scrutinies for the elect on the Third and Fourth Sundays, are all a part of this time. Only one feast day, the Feast of St. Peter the Apostle, on February 22, breaks this violet period in 2018. The Fourth or "Laetare" Sunday (March 11) brings its own nuances, and rose-colored vestments may be worn that day.

3. *From the Fifth Sunday and following:* Attention becomes focused on the passion of Christ during this period of Lenten time. The Third Scrutiny for the elect is celebrated on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. One feast day occurs during the Fifth Week of Lent this year, allowing for festivity in the midst of this last week of Lenten seriousness: the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on March 19.

4. *The last days, called Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:* These days are given the highest liturgical precedence so the Church will not be distracted from final preparations for the Triduum. Focus on the passion of Christ becomes intensified. March 25, which is usually the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, falls on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, and so Palm Sunday takes precedence; thus, the Solemnity of the Annunciation will be transferred to April 9 this year.

Remembering that Lent is primarily about baptismal preparation and conversion, let us be aware of the structure and movement of this season as we journey toward Easter.

## CHURCH ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER RITUAL ELEMENTS DURING LENT



Our church environment will look different during the Lenten season. The environment in which we worship helps us to enter into a Lenten spirituality — what we see (and don't see) and smell and hear is all a part of the way we pray. Here are some things you will notice during Lent:

**THE ASHES USED ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE ON DISPLAY ALL DURING LENT, in the Divine Mercy Chapel area.** This will be an ongoing reminder of the spiritual journey of Lent, a journey of dying and rising, a journey of changing our lives to be closer to Christ. The ashes come from burned palms saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

**THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH.** The Roman Rite is specific about flowers for this penitential season: they are not allowed! The only exceptions this year are the feasts mentioned above and "Laetare" Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

**OUR BAPTISMAL FONT WILL HAVE A "LENTEN LOOK" TO IT.** Our baptismal font will be decorated with purple bands, as a reminder that these forty days of penance and conversion lead to a renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. We are thirsting for the new Easter water which will flow at the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection!

**FOR THE PENITENTIAL ACT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES DURING LENT WE WILL RECITE THE *CONFITEOR* (THE "I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD...") AND THEN SING THE *KYRIE ELEISON* ("LORD, HAVE MERCY").** This will highlight for us the penitential nature of the season and help us to more intently "acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries." It also gives us the chance to use the *Confiteor* ("I confess to almighty God...") which is not often heard at Sunday Masses.

**WE WILL USE THE APOSTLES' CREED INSTEAD OF THE NICENE CREED.** The Roman Missal tells us, "Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used." So, to highlight the sacredness of the season, we will use the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed, the one we usually use, for all of Lent and Easter Time. This will highlight for us the baptismal character of both the Lenten and Easter seasons.

**THERE WILL BE NO SINGING OR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS DURING LENT.** This will help create a mood of prayerful quiet and reflection appropriate to the season. The Priest may continue to pray the preparation prayers silently, or he may recite them out loud, giving the people the opportunity to respond, "Blessed be God forever."



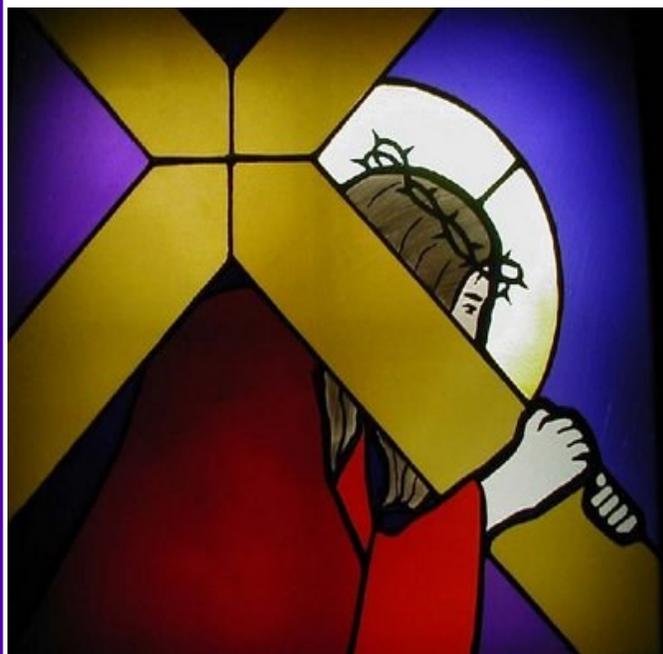
**CROSSES AND IMAGES IN THE CHURCH WILL BE COVERED STARTING WITH THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.** This custom becomes yet another stark visual reminder of the seriousness of Lent and helps us to truly experience heavenly joy and resurrected life when the images of the saints, who are in heavenly glory, are seen once again come Easter.

There are other ritual aspects that go into the celebration of Lent:

- the omission of the *Glory to God in the highest* at the beginning of all Masses;
- the omission of the Alleluia before the Gospel, replaced by another Gospel acclamation;
- less use of the organ and more singing without the accompaniment of instruments
- traditional Lenten practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;
- Lenten devotions such as Stations of the Cross and our Parish Mission (look for details elsewhere in the bulletin).

As we journey through the days of Lenten springtime together, let us enter into its spirit by anticipating the new life which comes to us through Jesus' resurrection at Easter.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



# Stations of the Cross

Fridays

February 16, 23

March 2, 9, 23

at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

We are continuing the custom of having different groups from the parish lead the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights during Lent as a great way to highlight the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

**February 16: led by the Parish Liturgy Committee**

*Stations of the Cross will also be held at 3:00 p.m. on March 16 led by Fr. Fidelis.*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

The Monday night Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been a longstanding OLPH tradition. Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the

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

**Every Monday at 7:00 p.m.  
unless otherwise noted**

### **Evening Prayer**

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



So come and pray...

**Saturdays  
and Sundays**

**After the 5:00 p.m. Mass**

*“The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself ‘continues his priestly work through his Church.... Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.’”*

**-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175**

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION

### **NEW CATHOLICS WANTED and NEEDED!**

*What about you?*

**Do you want to be baptized?**

**Are you already baptized in another Christian church and want to become Catholic?**

*What are you waiting for?*



We offer a beautiful and life-giving process to join the Catholic Church and would love for you to be a part of it! You will join with other women and men interested in becoming part of the Catholic faith. Together, led by members of our parish community, you will discover God's call for you!

We are hoping to form a new group of those interested in joining the Catholic Church. **We need you to reach out and invite someone you know who might be considering this and have them contact us here at OLPH!**

*Would you like to share your faith with those discerning God's call in their own hearts? To accompany another in this process not only aids those in this process of formation but transforms you as well. For more information about adult process, contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at [jsg375@gmail.com](mailto:jsg375@gmail.com). For information about becoming part of our children's process, contact Mrs. April Kleinlaut at 631-226-7725 X 253 or at [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for People  
with Special Needs*

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

**Saturday, March 3rd**

**4:00 p.m.**

**School Auditorium**

*All are welcome  
come celebrate Mass with us!*

*We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you? Contact Jessica Becker at 631.226-7725 X 252 or email to [jbecker@oloph.org](mailto:jbecker@oloph.org)*

### FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

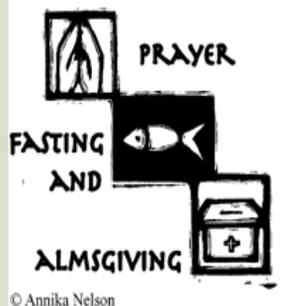
*All are invited to come  
and pray with our parish community.*

**First Friday Devotions** will take place **March 2** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

**First Saturday Devotions**—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **March 3** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish, Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

**First Sunday Devotions** — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, **March 4** at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



### LENT 2018 ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

### BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE



If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

## MUSIC NOTES

### Music During Lent

At OLPH, we will observe the Lenten fast as a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter and for the renewal of our Baptismal promises. In keeping with the spirit of fasting, you will notice that the music at our liturgies will be much simpler during Lent as well. In a sense, you can say that we are fasting with our music. Don't worry, we'll make up for it in the exuberance and joy of the Easter Season.



- Our Eucharistic Acclamations (the Holy, Holy, the Memorial Acclamation and the Great Amen) will be sung to very simple chants, without accompaniment. The Lamb of God chant will be sung using the Latin text (ie: *Agnus Dei*).
- During the Preparation of the Gifts, there will be no music at all.
- The organ will only be used to accompany singing, which means there will not be any prelude nor postlude instrumental music, except on *Laetare* Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent).
- Each Sunday of Lent we will recite the words of the *Confiteor*, "I confess to almighty God . . ." We pray that the Lord's mercy will be with us on our Lenten journey. Then we will sing the Greek words "*Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison*" which mean "Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy."
- Instead of singing "alleluia" to announce the Gospel, we sing instead: "Praise and honor to you, O Lord, O Lord. Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ." We also won't sing "alleluia" in any of our hymns. We look forward to the Easter Season when we celebrate the newness of life and we will sing the "alleluia" again with new joy and praise.
- On the First Sunday of Lent we will be keeping the ancient tradition of the Church of singing the Litany of the Saints as we begin our Lenten Pilgrimage. We invoke the name of the saints who accompany us on our journey to Jerusalem.
- On the other Sundays of Lent, our Entrance Hymn will be a simple a cappella chant, to which we will respond: "Gather Us in Mercy Lord" and "From the depths we cry to you."

# God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

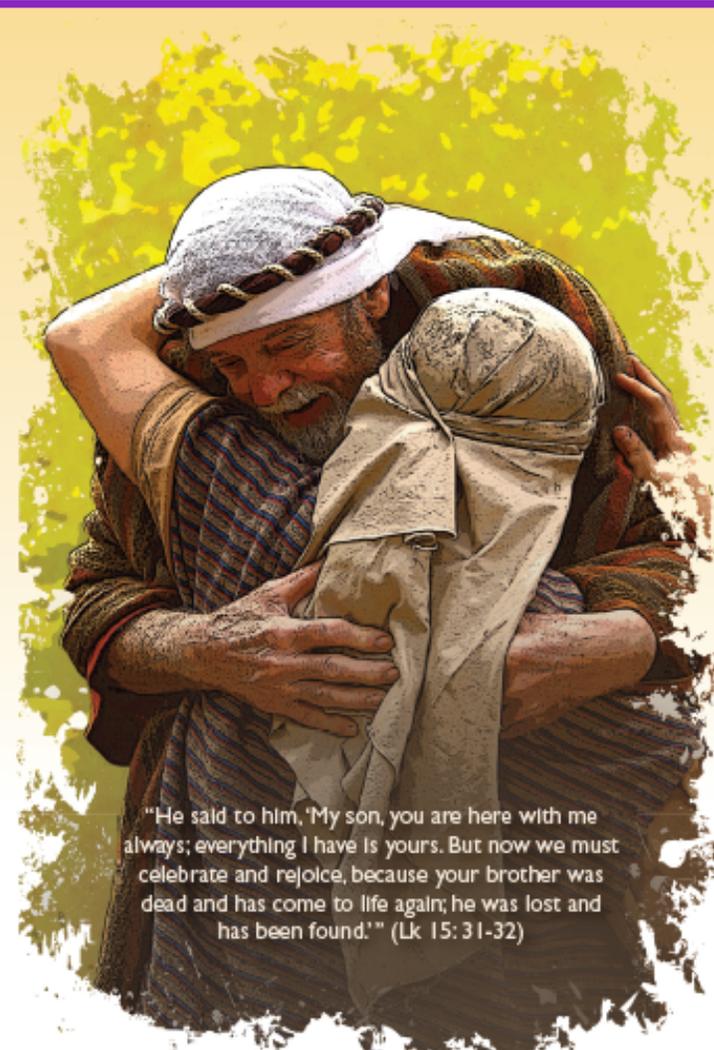
"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.<sup>1</sup> The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns

of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"<sup>2</sup>

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to



"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" (Lk 15: 31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

<sup>1</sup> *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

<sup>2</sup> Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, [www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_spe\\_20120309\\_penitenzieria-apostolica\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html).

FAITH  
WORSHIP  
WITNESS



JOURNEY  
WITH CHRIST

# How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all  
the saints,  
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,  
heal your sins,  
help you grow in holiness,  
and reward you with eternal life.  
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.
- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:  
  
My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy.  
*(Rite of Penance, no. 45)*
- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance, no. 47*).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/confession](http://www.usccb.org/confession).)

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# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## **A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH**

As we continue through the winter days of cold and flu season, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another as we gather each week for Mass.

**Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).

**Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.

**Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.

**Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

**Mass Attendance:** **MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS!** There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

## **REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST**

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

## **LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

Please take home a *Little Black Book* which contains daily reflections for the Lenten season. This book, following on the *Little Blue Book* which was so popular for Advent, will provide the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Lent. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the *Little Black Book*.

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK  
2018

Six-minute reflections  
on the Passion according to Mark

# PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY



## Getting Married @ OLPH

It brings great joy to our parish community when a man and a woman come to the Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. Whenever we respond to God's call, the entire Church rejoices!

If you want to get married at OLPH, we ask you to contact the Parish Office at least six months before the desired date of your wedding. Before making any other arrangements, please call the rectory at 631-226-7725 to meet with one of our priests or deacons first. At least one of the parties should be a parishioner of OLPH.

### "Baby Problems?"

*Don't give up...there  
is always HOPE.*



For example – Shellie & Greg Tucker were expecting a baby. Suddenly the doctor recommended "termination" because they would not survive since they were "co-joined" and shared a diaphragm and liver. As the doctor was saying this, the mother felt her babies kicking inside of her. They refused abortion and searched for another doctor.

Four years later they have two separated happy "normal" little girls, climbing and getting into "trouble." They were separated at 8 months after a 7 hour operation.

If you know ANYONE considering abortion or who has been advised to abort, do NOT be silent. Offer them hope and direct them to doctors who believe in life – **Gianna Center/Gabriel's Courage** at Good Samaritan Hospital or the **Life Center** or **Birthright**. Call our Respect Life Committee for more information – Louise 631-412-3831.



## Legion of Mary

Why not become even closer to Our Lady by doing what our Mother asks of us—to **say the Rosary**? You can become part of her "Prayer Warriors" by joining the Legion of Mary.

All that is required (as an "auxiliary" of the Legion) is that you **say the Rosary** daily plus a few extra prayers (taking about 5 minutes). You do NOT have to say the Rosary as one unit but may break it up during your day.

If you'd like to be even closer to Our Lady, you are most welcome to join as an "active" Legionaire. This has the same prayer requirements as above BUT ALSO you would attend a weekly meeting and do a "spiritual work" each week.

Our meetings are on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. in room 24 of the new school. You are welcome to visit us with no obligation to join.

For more information contact Marie D'Angelo at 631.884.0562.

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

One of the ways we unite as parish is to come together for times of fellowship and hospitality. Our Hospitality Ministry works to bring people from all different walks of life in our parish together. This is a great ministry for those who are not involved in the life of our parish and it can easily work around your schedule. This might also be good for some who are already involved. It's yet another way to share your gifts!

*Come and join the team!*

*For more information, contact Chris Ferris at  
631-957-2321 or email at [Slwwhl52@optonline.net](mailto:Slwwhl52@optonline.net)*



*Let mutual love continue.  
Do not neglect hospitality,  
for through it some have  
unknowingly entertained  
angels. -Hebrews 13:2*

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

Our first OFFICIAL REGISTRATION WEEK is the last week of February 2018:

Saturday, Feb. 24, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
 Monday, Feb. 26, 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Feb. 27, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
 Wed., Feb. 28, 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, Mar. 1, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
 Our office is closed Fridays!

### New Registration 2018/19 Year

New registrants may begin registering as of now. This includes all students who will be in 1st grade in September 2018, all students in grades 1-7 who wish to begin religious instruction, and all homeschooled or Catholic school students who have not registered with the Office and wish to receive their sacraments at their home parish of OLPH. **New registrants MUST make an appointment to register, and a baptismal certificate is required at the time of registration, no exceptions.**

#### Returning Families:

Families wishing to continue their child's religious education will be sent a letter in March regarding registration, which will begin in April.  
 Please call our office for more information on re-registering.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH**

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children **celebrate those sacraments at OLPH**. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

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

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

- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

# YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH



## Calling All Boys & Girls

(Ages 10 through 17)

### DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH?

The Junior Legion of Mary is a perfect blend of prayer and works that will lead you to a moral life, and you will have fun doing it. Some of the works we are currently involved with is the May crowning of the Blessed Mother, helping serve at the Community Meals, making rosaries, visiting nursing homes, sending cards to our military, just to name a few.

The word Legion means army. The Legion of Mary is our Blessed Mother's army. Our ammunition is the rosary and the Miraculous Medal.

There is no obligation to join. *Come to a meeting held in Room 24 of the School at 1:30 p.m. on any Sunday* and see what it is all about. There will be two members of the Senior Legion of Mary present at all meetings. Refreshments will be served.

## Saint Bernard League

*(Saint Bernards are known for bringing people to safety in hazardous weather conditions!)*

## We need Saint Bernards!

Can you and/or your family shovel, snow blow or clear out another family or two in need within our parish community? A number of our "St. Bernard's" from last year have moved on to college and we are in need of some new hands and hearts (and shovels!)

If you can help with this, call the **Parish Office** at **631.226.7725** and leave a message or e-mail **Deacon Doug** at **dsmith4475@aol.com**.

This is a great way to help those in need (and to do some tremendous community service!) **The parish's Confirmation prep students can use this for service hours needed as well.**



**Do you want to help others in need in our local community?**  
**Would you be up for helping with projects right here in our own parish? If so—**

## YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

*Here's how it works....*

When a need for help comes in, we'll contact everyone who has signed up for the Service Corps. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. We'll contact you next time.

If you'd like to join, fill out the form below or contact April Kleinlaut by e-mail at: [akleinlaut@oloph.org](mailto:akleinlaut@oloph.org)

In the past over 100 young people have stepped up for the Service Corps...**what about you?**

**YES!!! Sign me up for the Youth Service Corps at OLPH!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Presently I am in (check one)  
 \_\_\_ Middle School  
 \_\_\_ High School  
 \_\_\_ College

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225.9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.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: Deacon Doug Smith—631-226-7725—dsmith4475@aol.com
- † 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: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

## NEW Food Pantry List!

**PASTA SAUCE**  
**CANNED MEATS**  
**CANNED FRUIT**  
**PEANUT BUTTER**  
**JELLY OR JAM**  
**COFFEE**  
**PANCAKE SYRUP**  
**SHELF STABLE MILK**  
*(Not evaporated milk, please)*  
**SMALL BOTTLES OF WATER**  
**SHAMPOO**

Please bring your donations to the St. VdP office: Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon or 1st & 3rd Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Cut out this list and take it with you to the store!

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

Use Parking Lot located  
on corner of Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

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

St. Vincent de Paul is our parish’s primary way to reach out to those in need in our local community. Our incredible offerers do all they can to assist those in our local community.

Please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings from your generosity.

## † A LIVING MEMORIAL

**THANK YOU!!!** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program. To date, your donations have amounted to over \$4,000 which is used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish.

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for further information.

### OUR MISSION

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Long Island is part of an international organization of Catholic laymen and women who join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of our founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, Saint Vincent de Paul.



*"Those who love the poor in life will have nothing to fear in death..."*  
- Saint Vincent de Paul

*As a Living Memorial  
to the life of*

*A donation has been made by*

*To the  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
of Long Island*

*Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss.*

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### SO WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE?

#### Where is it located?

We are located in the basement of the convent. The entrance to the Blue Door Boutique is located next to the St. Vincent de Paul Donation Bins.

#### When can I drop off a donation?

We accept donations any time the Boutique is open. Our hours of operation are M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Saturdays 1:30—3:00 p.m.

#### Do you accept toys and books?

No, we have limited space in the Blue Door, so we can only accept clothing in new or very good condition, household items (dishes, glasses, serving pieces), decorative items (frames, candles, artwork, etc.). Nothing electric, no toys, games, stuffed animals, books.

#### I'd love to help out, how can I get involved?

We always need new people to help out.

For more information, email Tricia Buckley at [buckleyt@optonline.net](mailto:buckleyt@optonline.net).



Entrance to Blue Door Boutique is located by the driveway between the Village Museum and the Convent.

**\$1.00 Off any Clothing Purchase**

**\$10.00 or more!!**

*Expires March 31, 2018*

**THE**  
*blue*door  
**BOUTIQUE**

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

M, W, F

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

SAT 1:30-3:00 p.m.

## HOMELESS MINISTRY

Our Homeless Ministry ministers each Wednesday evening to local homeless. Each week, we meet, serve and minister to between 15 and 20 individuals in our local community.

**Want to learn more about getting involved in this ministry?** Contact Regina Muir 631.226.2709 or e-mail to [rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com). This is a great opportunity for women and men 18 yrs. old and above. High school students may participate.

**Can you help us prepare a meal?** We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to [rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com) or Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—[justin97@aol.com](mailto:justin97@aol.com). You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

**Can you help us with donations?** We are in need of the following:

*Men's pants (jeans &/or sweat pants) - larger sizes      Women's new underwear (sizes 5,6,7)*

*Heavy hoodies - L to 3 XL*

*Winter hats (skull type)/gloves - men & women*

*Gently used tents*

*Work boots (in good condition)*

*If it is easier, we can always use Kmart gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.*



## PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

### 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.



### PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

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

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

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

**Community Presbyterian Church**

**1843 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729**

Northeast corner of Deer Park and Lake Aves.

Parking lot entrance on Lake Ave -  
Use rear door closest to parking lot

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month  
starting at 7:30 PM at St. Anthony Hall  
across from St. Brigid's Church

**75 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590**

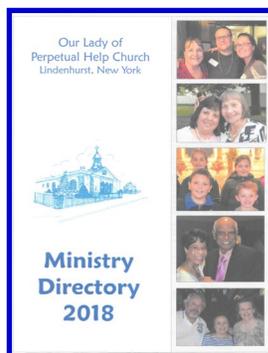
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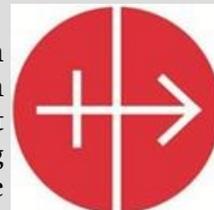
### GET INVOLVED AT OLPH!

Be sure to get a copy of our **MINISTRY DIRECTORY!** This Directory lists all the ministries, activities and organizations at OLPH, describing what they do and who they are, and telling you how you can become involved. Joining one of these ministries or groups is a great way to deep your relationship with the Lord, to serve your brothers and sisters, and to find fulfillment and satisfaction in offering your gifts, talents and presence. Copies of the booklet are available on the pew ledges in the church; take one the next time you are at Mass. Copies are also available at the rectory office — stop by and pick one up! The Directory is also available on-line on our parish website: go to [www.olphlindenhurst.com](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com) and then click on the “Get Involved” tab, and then click on the link where it says “Click here for our Ministry Directory.” We want YOU to be an active part of OLPH!



### THE CHURCH IN NEED

On **February 18, 2018** a collection will be taken for “The Church in Need.” The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:



**Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.

**The Church in Latin America** faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.

**The Church in Africa** – the funds will assist African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity. Thank you for your generosity.

## PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

### Catholics for Freedom of Religion Mission Statement



America's First Amendment guarantees its citizens five freedoms, the first of which is Freedom of Religion. Freedom of Religion includes the freedom to worship according to one's beliefs as well as the freedom to

practice that faith in everyday life according to one's conscience.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion offers resources

- To educate and advocate for Freedom of Religion
- To remain non-partisan, advocating for no candidate or party
- To invite and include other faith communities
- To recognize and oppose attacks on Freedom of Religion from any source.

*For more information about Catholics for the Freedom of Religion at OLPH, contact Kathy Feldman at [cdefeldman@optonline.net](mailto:cdefeldman@optonline.net)*

*To learn more about the larger CFFR movement visit their website at*

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

### Family Life Ministry

OLPH has a strong tradition of an active and vibrant Family Life Ministry. Over the past years, hundreds of families have been impacted by the events and efforts of our Family Life Ministry.

Family Life Ministry works to serve the parish community by:

- ✠ Connecting families to the life of the parish community and the Church.
- ✠ Building community among families.
- ✠ Providing and increasing family spirituality among families in the parish.

Would you like to help plan events and opportunities for families to come together? Would you like to find out more?

Contact Eileen Corticchia at 631-412-3903 or email to [kencort36@gmail.com](mailto:kencort36@gmail.com).



### MIDDLE AGES

*Are you a woman 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?*

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, February 20** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 24 in the New School (off High Street at the far south end of the building).

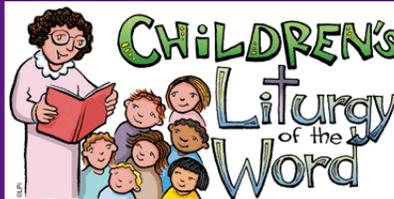
For information call Gail Tonnessen, 631-957-1449 or [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net).

Here are some things we've been up to...

- Hosting drives for veterans
- Preparing meals for our Homeless Ministry
- Working with St. Vincent de Paul for families in need
- Making Rosaries for prisoners
- Sewing "Ugly Quilts" for the homeless (see picture)
- Helping to host Mardi Gras
- ...and much, much more!



**Come and join us!!!**



OLPH celebrates the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** most Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

At this Mass children in first grade and older are sent forth after the Collect (Opening Prayer) to the Chapel in the North Sacristy.

Here, led by a catechist, children hear the readings from the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*. The catechist then breaks open God's Word with the children.

They return to their families after the Universal Prayer and remain with their family for the remainder of the Mass.

This is another way we can train and engage our young people in the celebration of the liturgy!

## PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

### SENIOR MOMENTS

Take the step. Don't be afraid.  
Give yourself the challenge of wisdom  
and spiritual growth.

The *Senior Moments Ministry* is a committed family who meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month in classroom 24 in the school from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to be a part of this group. Each meeting begins with a prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by readings from meaningful books related to our lives with discussion.



It is also our goal to get involved in our community doing charitable and worthwhile acts for our fellow human beings. We try to develop a charitable heart like Mother Teresa with others and ourselves.

All are welcomed into our spiritual family. Contact Fran Grasso at 631-956-3003 or e-mail to [sixfingers13@gmail.com](mailto:sixfingers13@gmail.com).

Our next meeting will be on  
March 13 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 24

### COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

Each month, approximately 50 guests and over 25 members of the parish offer their time and talent to make the afternoon a wonderful time for food, fellowship and a welcome break from the cold weather.

Are you or your family or group of friends or a ministry you are part of interested in preparing part of our next community meal?

If so, contact Gigi Gracey at 631-943-0095 or at [gigigracey1962@gmail.com](mailto:gigigracey1962@gmail.com).

Are you interested in helping at the next Community Meal? Contact Mary Leon at [mleon719@yahoo.com](mailto:mleon719@yahoo.com)



## MINISTRIES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

OLPH seeks to be a place where all are welcome and can worship fully and actively. Please take note of the following:



**Parking:** Specially designated parking spaces can be found on the north and south sides of the Church.

**Entering the Church:** A specially-operated handicapped entrance is on the north side of the Church (in the Chase bank parking lot). A ramp is also found on the south side of the Church, near the handicapped parking spaces across from the Rectory. The steps have been removed from the Wellwood Avenue entrance, so that is handicapped accessible also.

**Hearing Devices:** If you struggle to hear, listening devices are available. Simply go to the Sacristy (you can enter via the right of the Sanctuary) and ask for one. You'll need to leave some type of ID or "deposit" so we can be sure we get them back.



**Special Seating:** We have provided chairs with arms to make it easier to get up and down. They are located on the ends of certain aisles throughout the Church.

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida” le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 PM en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes

Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico [saitjoseph98@gmail.com](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com)

## SUMMER 2018

### CAMP SERVICE HELP WANTED

Camp Service is our Annual Middle School summer camp focusing on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. We need a ton of help and donations. This year's camp is

**July 16th—July 20th, 2018.**

If you can help or are in need of or have an idea for a service project please contact

**Ann Marie Wagner at**  
**[MWagner@optonline.net](mailto:MWagner@optonline.net)**  
**631-680-9477**



Save the Date

**Vacation Bible Camp**

**July 16<sup>th</sup> - July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Early Registration**

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**after the 10:00 a.m. Mass**



# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net for more information.

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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

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