

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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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.

THIS FRIDAY!!!!!!!



The Noel S. Ruiz Theatre
of
Performing Arts Center

CREATIVE MINISTRIES
presents

JOURNEY CROSS+ CRUCIFIXION

A live dramatic presentation of the Stations of The Cross.
Join us as we experience the trial of Jesus, His journey through
the streets of Jerusalem, and His final moments on the cross.

THIS FRIDAY, February 20, 2015
8:00 P.M. + OLPH Church



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Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor

Ash Wednesday, 2015

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

GRACE, PEACE AND BLESSINGS TO YOU ON THIS VERY POWERFUL DAY OF ASH WEDNESDAY!

I recall a spiritual director remarking one time, “You know, we only have so many Lents.” It’s true: we have a limited amount of time in this world to draw close to God and to do what is necessary so that we might be in close union with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today we begin another Lent. We are branded with ashes as a sign that we need conversion and renewal in our life. We are marked with dust as a reminder of our own frailty and our need for God. We are marked with a sign of death as a reminder that we must die with Christ in order to rise with Him. Lent is a journey toward Easter as we all travel a spiritual road. For those who are preparing to become Catholic at Easter, the Lenten road leads to the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. For those of us already baptized, the Lenten road leads to a renewal of our baptism. Whatever our journey might be, the point is to become more deeply united to Christ by dying and rising with Him.

Wherever we are in our life, let’s make the most of this Lent, because we have only a limited number in which to do the spiritual work to which we are called. I hope that your spiritual practices will include joining in the various activities and programs that OLPH will be offering; information about them can be found in this bulletin, in our weekly Sunday bulletins and on our website, www.olphlindenhurst.org. Most importantly, we want you to join us for Sunday Mass each and every week, since Sunday is the heart of our identity as Catholics. Come also to our spiritual events on Friday evenings and to our Parish Mission; look to become part of our many opportunities for Christian service to others; come to Confession in the Sacrament of Penance, especially if it has been a long, long time since you have done so (we love to welcome people back after a long time away!). We look forward to journeying through our Lenten days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving together...and, of course, it’s not too early to make your plans and mark your calendar so you can join in celebrating the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum — Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday!

May your Lenten season be a blessed and holy one! Let us pray for one another, that we might make the most of this grace-filled opportunity of another Lenten season.

Sincerely,

Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco
Pastor

LENT 2015

Adult Faith Formation Workshop...One day only!

LIVING OUT LENT!

Let's live out the season of Lent more fully by understanding the liturgy's prayers, readings and texts.

Instructor: Christopher Ferraro

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

1:00 P.M.—Church

OR

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

7:30 P.M.—Room 24



PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Loving God Gladly

Save the dates...

Monday, March 16

Tuesday, March 17

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 P.M. + Church

*Abbreviated Retreat Presentation at the
12:15 P.M. Mass each day.*



This year our parish Lenten Mission will be led by **Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM**, a Franciscan Friar of the Holy Name Province. More details in upcoming editions of the bulletin.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

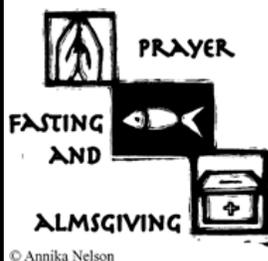
FRIDAYS

February 27, March 6, March 13 and March 27

7:30 P.M. + Church

LENT 2015

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING



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All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) 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.

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.

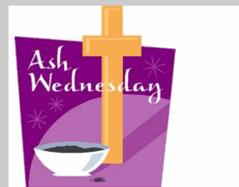
We are to journey through Lent together, then, as though we were all catechumens. We are to

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 through 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



6:30 A.M.— Mass

8:00 A.M.— Word Service

12:15 P.M.—Mass

4:15 P.M.—Word Service

5:30 P.M.—Word Service

7:30 P.M. — Mass

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

OLPH Novena

**Monday Nights
7:00 P.M.**



Each Monday evening, parishioners gather together for a special period of prayer in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The service begins with prayers for healing, families, children and renewal. Following these prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place concluding with Benediction. Veneration of the relic of St. Catherine Labouré concludes the service.

Come and pray with us each Monday at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. This may be a great practice to begin this Lenten season.

Liturgy of the Hours **EVENING PRAYER**

Every Saturday and Sunday

What can any one of us accomplish on our own in 10 minutes? Probably not much.

What can *God* accomplish in 10 minutes? More than we could ever imagine!

In just 10 minutes, you can pray the same prayer the entire Church all over the world prays at the end of each day, thanking God for all His blessings, and praying for His peace to reign in our hearts, in our families, and in the world.

Join us for 10 minutes, for Evening Prayer, every Saturday and Sunday after the 5 pm Mass.

“When evening approaches and the day is already far spent, Evening Prayer is celebrated in order that ‘we may give thanks for what has been given us, or what we have done well, during the day.’”

-General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours, 39

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.

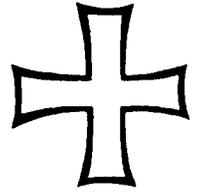
Mass Attendance: MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS!

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.

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. The Lamb of God chant will be sung using the Latin text (ie: *Agnus Dei*).
- During the Preparation of the Gifts, we will have 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, Christi 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.

Join Our Holy Week Choir

Are you interested in singing with our music ministry but can't commit to sing every Sunday? Consider singing for our Holy Week and Triduum liturgies. You won't want to miss the experience of being part of these unique and beautiful ritual moments in the life of the Church during the holiest days of the year. We'll be singing at the following times:

- Friday, March 20 - Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery (7:30pm)
- Saturday, March 28 - Palm Sunday Procession and Vigil Mass (5:00pm)
- Holy Thursday, April 2 - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:30pm)
- Good Friday, April 3 - Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord (3:00pm)
- Holy Saturday - April 4: Easter Vigil (8:00pm)
- Easter Sunday - April 5: Mass (11:00am)

If you would like to participate, you would only have to attend five rehearsals preceding Holy Week. Contact Chris Ferraro for more information - cferraro@oloph.org or 226-7725 ext. 210. Don't worry about having to read music. The only requirement is the ability to carry a tune and a desire to praise God in song.



CHRISTIAN INITIATION

OUR CATECHUMENS WILL BECOME THE ELECT

This Saturday at the 5:00 P.M. Mass, our parish will celebrate the Rite of Sending of the Catechumens for Election. Here, the parish community will “express its approval” and “send them forth to the celebration of election assured of the parish’s care and support” (*Rite of Christian Initiation* 107). This Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, our parish’s catechumens—**Jazmin Aguilar, Joshua Aguilar and Jennifer Feeley**— will celebrate the Rite of Election with Bishop Murphy at St. Joseph’s Church in Ronkonkoma. After the Rite of Election, and having completed the period of the catechumenate, they will be called the Elect. You can read more about the Rite of Election in next week’s bulletin.

Jazmin, Joshua and Jennifer have been meeting each Sunday and attending classes in our Faith Formation program. Tonight, Msgr. Joe will meet with them to teach about the importance of the Rite of Election and the period of formation they will enter after the Rite of Election—the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. This period is a time of “more intense spiritual preparation, consisting in interior reflection...and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the elect as they search their own consciences and do penance. This period is intended as well to enlighten the minds and hearts of the elect with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 139).



Continue to pray for Jazmin, Joshua and Jennifer, their families, their sponsors and our parish as they continue on their journey of faith!

NEXT STEP FOR OUR CANDIDATES



Our parish’s candidates, **Christina Lamont** and **Alice White**, continue on their journey towards acceptance and initiation in the Catholic Church. Different from our parish’s catechumens, their formation has been based on “the baptism they have already received” in other Christian faiths and calling them to focus on the effects of this baptism which they must develop” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* 400).

Their journey, too, will intensify in the season of Lent. Next Saturday, February 28th, we will celebrate, as a parish community, the Rite of Sending the Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop and for the Call to Continuing Conversion. The Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on the Second Sunday of Lent, March 1st, at St. Joseph’s R.C. Church in Ronkonkoma.

Here they will gather with other candidates from parishes throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

INQUIRERS

Please also pray for those who are discerning God’s call to join the Catholic community. They are presently in the Period of Evangelization. This period is of the utmost importance for “it is a time of evangelization: faithfully and constantly the living God is proclaimed and Jesus Christ whom he has sent for the salvation of all” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* 36). They are meeting now to more fully discern if God is calling them to membership in the Catholic Church.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

For information, contact Fr. John (jsureau@oloph.org/631.226.7725) or Deacon Doug (631.226.7725).

INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH

Come to learn more about how the Church “works” through a study of its history, structure and function. Through teaching and discussion learn more about...

How did the Church get to look the way she does?

What happened at Vatican II and why is it such a big deal?



Instructor: Father Alfred

5 Tuesday Nights

February 24, March 3, 10, 24 and 31

Time: 7:30—9:30 P.M.

Place: Room 24, OLPH School

Sign me up for **ECCLESIOLOGY**

Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____@_____

Please RSVP by using this form or by emailing to Fr. John at jsureau@oloph.org so we can make sure enough materials are available for all who are present.

Check the bulletin each week for more information about upcoming Adult Faith Formation classes, including...

LIVING OUT LENT!

See page 4 for more information.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

This course covers a basic understanding of the study of the Church's theology of liturgy. 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.

Instructor: Msgr. Joe

5 Thursdays—April 9 through May 7;
7:30—9:30 P.M.

Summer 2015

*Fr. Jacob returns for another Summer Scripture Session!
Look for more details soon!*

What about you?

Do you know someone who wants to be baptized?

Do you want to be baptized?

Do you want to become part of the Catholic Church?

Do you want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation?

Interested?

Want more information?

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

FAITH FORMATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS AND FAMILIES REGISTERING FOR 2015:

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.

Believe it or not, registration begins for 2015-16 formation year began on January 1st. To better serve you and organize our program, there are some new procedures in place. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, particularly if you have registered in previous years.

- **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.**
- **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.
- Our first official registration week is in February:

Monday	February 23	9:00—1:00
Tuesday	February 24	9:00—1:00
Wednesday	February 25	2:00—8:00
Thursday	February 26	9:00—1:00
Friday	February 27	8:00—12:00

- A letter will be sent to all our **previously-registered families** in March, requesting payment. Families with **children registered in previous years** may begin paying as of April 2015. This is a change from previous years when 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	\$170 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.

OLPH LOVES FAMILIES!

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? If so, contact familylife@oloph.org or call 631.226.7725.



UPCOMING LENT Family Life Events

Sunday, **March 8, 2015**

HOLY HOUR for Families
3:30 P.M.

An afternoon of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the midst of the Lenten season.



FAMILIES IN SERVICE

Immediately following the Holy Hour, we will journey together for another Families in Service event in the Cafeteria.

More info in upcoming editions of the bulletin!

Friday, **March 27, 2015**

Stations of the Cross

Family Life Ministry will lead *Stations of the Cross*. All are welcome to this special evening as the Stations are presented by families from our parish.

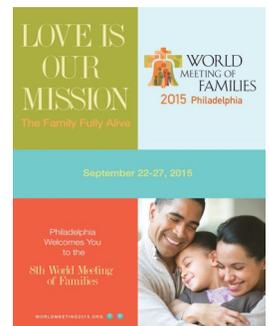


If you or your child would like to be part of the stations by reading or greeting or welcoming others to come, please email to familylife@oloph.org.

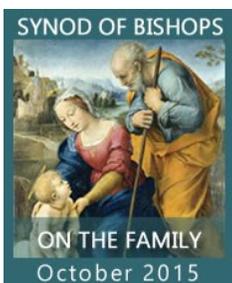
World Meeting of Families

Did you know? The World Meeting of Families is for everyone, whether you are married, single, celibate, or consecrated! Talk topics include marriage, parenting, grandparenting, celibacy, dating, fostering vocations, family life and much more. Visit the website for the list of speakers and talk titles: WorldMeeting2015.org.

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.



Extraordinary Synod of Families



As you know, the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops was held in October 2014 with the theme: "The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization." This Extraordinary Synod will be followed by the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 4-25, 2015 with the theme: "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World." The final document from of the Extraordinary Synod, the *Relatio Synodi*, is the preparatory document or "Lineamenta" of the XIV Ordinary General Assembly. As is customary in the synod process, His Eminence, Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri, the General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops, invites consultation on this topic to help with its preparation.

Contained within this Preparatory Document which was issued by the Holy See to begin this process is a series of questions. This document can be found at: <http://www.drvc.org/synod-of-bishops.html>. You can link to the site through our parish website. Paper copies can be found on the pew ledges.

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)

Middle School Youth Ministry

Middle School Youth Ministry meets three times a month and is geared for sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Each night varies and is a great way for young people to experience the Church in a different way!

Upcoming Events

Our last middle school night for February is next **Tuesday, February 24th at 7:30** in the gym. Come hang out, play some games, have some open gym time and maybe even grab something to eat as we learn a little more about our faith and pray together. On the 24th, in the midst of all the fun, we'll talk about the Transfiguration and belonging to God!

The first middle school night in March is on **Friday, March 6th at 7:30 P.M.** Wear sneakers: it's open gym night (there'll be some un-gym activities too)! All are welcome!

Please remember to enter and exit through the Wellwood Avenue entrance of the school building for Middle School Nights.

High School Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry meets two to three times a month both at OLPH and for various service activities beyond the parish. Events, topics, etc. are planned by the high school students themselves with help and support from our adult leaders.

Upcoming Events

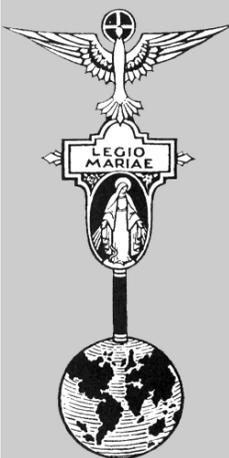
Holy Hour/Dodgeball: Friday, February 20th. We leave at 6 P.M. SHARP! Meet at the van at 5:45. E-mail Britt at youth@oloph.org to reserve your seat and get your permission slip!

Lets talk about Lent and the Sacraments! Our next High School Night is **Sunday, February 22nd** after the 5pm Mass in the auditorium. See you there!

Leadership Team:

Get ready to do our Lent Service Project... check your emails as we dive deep in the Corporal Works of Mercy and serve our community!

Planning meeting takes place on **March 1st** at 2:30 P.M. in the YM Office.



CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS

(Ages 11 through 17)

You are invited to an introductory meeting of the **Junior Legion of Mary** on **Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 1:00 to 2:30 P.M. in Room 24 of the OLPH school.**

DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH? Come and pray with us and be ready to perform charitable works.

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 this meeting and hear what it is all about. There will be two members of the Senior Legion of Mary present at this and all meetings. Refreshments will be served.

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
COFFEE
SHELF STABLE MILK
SOUP WITH MEAT
JELLO & PUDDING
PASTA SAUCE
PORK & BEANS
TUNA
SHAMPOO & SOAP
PAPER TOWELS

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

On Ash Wednesday, the Gospel focuses on three important Lenten practices: **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. These three practices aid the work of our local parish supporting the poor and vulnerable in our midst. *Pray* for the poor and those who seek to support them. *Fast* from eating at times and unite your hunger to those in need. *Give alms* and support the work of St. Vincent de Paul and other organizations that seek to assist and empower those in need.



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

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 –12 Noon, Monday, Wednesday & 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

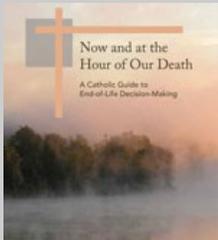
Have you ever thought about.....

Who would make medical decisions for you if you were unable to?

*What medical care you would want if
you had a brain injury and were unlikely to recover?*

What is the Church's position on these issues?

The Nursing Ministry invites you to attend



Living Wills and Advanced Directives

Mary Guararra RN, Esq. and Brice Beach Esq.
from Catholic Health Services

Next Wednesday, February 25

10 A.M. - Room 16

Best parking will be in the Gates Street Parking Lot.

An evening session will be held in the Spring.

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....and some fun, too!*



*Senior Moments is looking for
new men and women
to join our spirit filled group!
All are welcome!*

Next Meeting
TUESDAY - February 24, 2015
9:00 A.M. - Room 24

*Msgr. Joe will lead us in an inspiring
presentation about the season of Lent.*

(Park in the Gates Street Parking Lot)
New members are always welcome!

DRIVING MINISTRY

Our Driving Ministry assists parishioners in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment or to another serious appointment when needed. Over the past few months we have been able to help many parishioners!

For more information, contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182 or princessmoge@optonline.net.

Do you know how you can be a driving minister? Invite a neighbor, particularly someone you know who is homebound, to come to Mass with you!

CATHOLIC ACTION NETWORK

We ask all parishioners at OLPH to sign up to become part of the **CATHOLIC ACTION NETWORK**. By signing up, you will receive instant information from the bishops of New York state, easy ways to send letters to local legislative leaders and local organizations and much more!

All you need to do is go to [www. Nyscatholic.org](http://www.Nyscatholic.org) and click on the link that says "Join the Catholic Action Network"

(it looks like the graphic to the right).



Join the
**Catholic
Action
Network**

PARISH SOCIAL 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 Marie Foster at 631.592.1509 or e-mail to ripalda@optonline.net.

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

www.CatholicsforFreedomofReligion.org.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The Respect Life Committee seeks to raise awareness to and advocate on behalf of the dignity of every human life—from natural conception to natural death.

Our meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M. in Room 24 of the school. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, **March 5, 2015**.

Come and learn more about this important ministry!



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.

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

- *Middle Age members* putting together a Thanksgiving Basket for a St. Vincent de Paul client.
- Making Christmas wreaths that will brighten the doors of "A Veterans' Place" in Yaphank, temporary Veterans housing run by The Suffolk County United Veterans.
- Hosting a Super Bowl party for veterans in February!
- Attending the Parish Mardi Gras last night...and more is planned!! Come and be a part of it all!

Golden Age Society

The OLPH Golden Age Society meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 11:30am—3:00pm.

This group is for the senior members of our parish community.

**Our next meeting:
February 19, 2015**

Please join us in Room 24.
Everyone is welcome.

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY



Our Homeless Van Ministry seeks out and ministers to the homeless in our community. We journey out one night a week (presently Wednesdays) and will add a morning run soon.

What can you do?

- If you would like come out on a Wednesday night (presently from 7:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.), please contact Denise Redfern at dredfern@oloph.org. We will need more active help beginning in March and April.
- If you would like to prepare sandwiches, soup or another food for about 15 to 20 people, please contact Regina Muir at rmuir11@aol.com or call 631.226.2709
- People have asked about making donations of clothes. If you have donations, please contact Patti Parez at 631.957.6203 or e-mail to pp213806@aol.com.
- Financial donations are always welcome and can be sent to the Rectory.

A NEW Parish Social Ministry Development...



After a number of discussions with members of the Homeless Van Ministry, the Parish Social Ministry coordinators, the Pastoral Staff and Msgr. DeGrocco, we have decided to explore the possibility of having a thrift store on site here at OLPH. We have received an overwhelming amount of clothes through our Homeless Van Ministry and seem to have developed good systems to work this out. This would also serve as an onsite resource for clients who come to St. Vincent de Paul. Finally, this may prove to be a good fundraiser for our parish's ministries.

If you think you might be interested in a project like this, let Fr. John know at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org.

New Mothers' Meal Ministry

Who are we? A group of like-minded women who want to give a new Mom (and Dad) a break by cooking and delivering a delicious meal to your home. We keep the new family in our prayers.



Who is eligible? This is available for new mothers in OLPH Parish.

If you had a baby in the last few months and could use a break, you may contact:
Carol Stysiack at 631-255-3506,
or e-mail carolstys@verizon.net and put "Meal Ministry" in the subject line.

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

- *Are you someone who wants to use your gifts and talents, but can't make a commitment to a monthly meeting?*
- *Are you great at throwing together a little reception (with a little help)?*
- *Can you bake a dessert? Help with coffee? Shop at Costco?*

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 or Peggy McCloud at hospitality@oloph.org or leave a message at the Parish Office (631.226.7725).

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

Hebrews 13:2



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.

"Entonces nuestro corazón cae en la indiferencia: yo estoy relativamente bien y a gusto, y me olvido de quienes no están bien. Esta actitud egoísta, de indiferencia, ha alcanzado hoy una dimensión mundial, hasta tal punto que podemos hablar de una globalización de la indiferencia. Se trata de un malestar que tenemos que afrontar como cristianos."

**MENSAJE DEL SANTO PADRE FRANCISCO
PARA LA CUARESMA 2015**



PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bingo

every Thursday night
in the school auditorium.

Doors open at 6:15 pm
and the first game starts at 7:30 pm.

Over \$1,500.00 in prize money!

**SUPER
72
RAFFLE**

Are you in it?

**BIGGER
BETTER**

Easter week, there will be a special drawing **in addition to** the regular monthly drawing. One ticket will be drawn from all tickets sold.....one drawing, one ticket, one **\$500 winner!!!**

...AND

In honor of all our veterans and those who are currently serving in our Armed Forces, we are going to hold a special drawing for Memorial Day in addition to the regular monthly drawing. One ticket will be drawn from all tickets sold.....one drawing, one ticket, one **\$500 winner!!!**

\$40 EACH BUY 2 TICKETS - \$80

GET ONE FREE!

Tickets available at the rectory office or
at Johnston's Funeral Home.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Time:

Scott Reyes & Yadira Peralta

WE REMEMBER

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

Salvatore Ricci

Louis Valenti

Maureen Griffin

Maureen Gilbride

Jennie Occhiogrosso

“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Peggy Curran
Marjorie Hildemann
Theresa Caltabiano
Josephine Senatore
Frank Raffanilli
Fran Brosan
Jane Petti
Vincenzo Rao
Joan Coffee
Roberta Chaplin
Patricia Grasso
Vincent Treanor
Bernadette Sinnott
Richard Brosan
Kathy Bonarewicz*

*Barbara Brunsdorf
Salvatore Cicala
Julia Cicala
James Mahaney
Jose M. Cevallos
Thomas Curtin, Sr.
Bernard Celestine
Roberta Pollacek
Carol Gilroy
Margaret Girgenti
Marie Foster
Dolores Otten
Carmela DeFilippo
Whitey Rieger
Eileen Durney*

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.

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.

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, as a start, chairs with arms to make it easier to get up and down. We will see how these chairs work and then consider adding more and/or finding better places for them.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Fr. Ethel Anarado, Associate Pastor	226	ethelo702000@yahoo.com
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Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Coordinator of Faith Formation	257	acarbaugh@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor	203	jsureau@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Youth Ministry Office	200	youth@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Fr. John at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finance Council

Presents....2 different **INFORMATION SESSIONS**
on Important Personal Financial Topics

Topic #1 is **Social Security** and will be on **Sunday March 8th**
Session begins at 1:30pm in the OLPH Auditorium/Gymnasium and
will last for 90 minutes ; refreshments will be served.

The Session will cover.....



1. How Social Security fits into your Retirement Planning.
2. Decisions on how early I should start taking my benefits.
3. Why 65 is no longer the FRA (Full Retirement Age).
4. Understand how Social Security benefits may affect your taxes.
5. Did you know that benefits are inflation adjusted?
6. Spousal benefits: how to maximize.
7. A Question & Answer period will be held.

Topic #2 **Charitable Giving from A to Z** will be **Sunday March 15th**
Session begins at 1:30pm in the OLPH Auditorium/Gymnasium and
will last for 90 minutes ; refreshments will be served.

The Session will cover.....



1. Learn the reasons behind making a charitable gift.
2. Learn the basics, types of gifts, and replacing value in the estate.
3. Discussion will include other reasons for charitable giving.....
 - a. Like sharing one's good fortune
 - b. Religious and spiritual beliefs
 - c. Perpetuate or memorialize
 - d. Supporting causes important to the donor
4. Gain knowledge on different trusts for the donor's bequests.
5. Approaches to achieve large possible tax deductions.
6. A Question & Answer period will be held.

We know you will find these sessions both informative and helpful for your personal planning. Everyone is welcome to attend both sessions. An RSVP is very helpful so we ask that you send an email to FinanceCouncil@oloph.org and let us know if you are planning on attending one or both of the sessions. Please indicate the number of attendees within the email. If you do not use email then please call the Rectory and leave the information at 631-226-7725.

The Church in Need

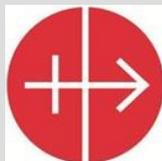
On February 22, 2015 a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

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.

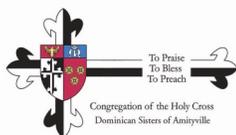
The Church in Africa – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity.

Thank you for your generosity.



Sisters of St. Dominic Irish Night Raffle Sales Weekend of Feb. 28/March 1

On Saturday, March 7th the Dominican Sisters of Amityville will be hosting their annual Irish Night at St. Brigid's parish in Westbury. The proceeds from this celebration are used for the needs of their retired sisters. As was done last year, Sisters will be selling chance book raffles after all the Masses here in OLPH during the weekend of February 28/March 1. Please consider buying some chances and who knows maybe you'll win! The Sisters surely "win" because of your generosity.



AUTHOR'S COLUMN

From Msgr. Hamilton:

Donald S. Hamilton

Joisting With The New York Times 1961-2014: Worldviews in Radical Conflict

"A primer and former editor tangles with The Times Editorial Board on its religion-related editorials."



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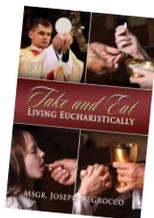
Dear Parishioners: I have published a new book – *Joisting With The New York Times, 1961-2014: Worldviews in Radical Conflict*– comprised of letters I have written to The Times in that period, some published then, others here for the first time – taking issue with their religion-related editorials. Through my letters, an introductory essay and concluding essay for the whole I have sought to point out how a great newspaper was and is a principal promoter of relativism and secularism in our land. This paperback, 300 pages, \$15, is available at Createspace.com/5169783 or at Amazon.com/DB/0692352066 or at your favorite bookstore. It will also be available at the OLPH Religious Goods Shop after the 9:30am Sunday Mass until 2:00pm.

All author's royalties go to a tax exempt Catholic charitable foundation, the St. John Fisher Fund. Thank you for your support.

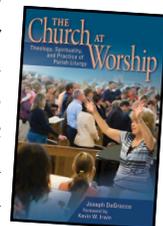
MSGR. JOE'S BOOKS FOR SALE AT THE RECTORY

Two of Msgr. Joe's books are available for purchase at the rectory.

Take and Eat: Living Eucharistically is a book of spiritual reflections about how we can deepen our participation in the celebration of Mass by focusing on the Eucharistic actions of taking, blessing, breaking and giving. It is an expansion of the Mission talk Msgr. Joe gives as part of the Parish Mission offered in parishes throughout the diocese with his classmates.



The Church at Worship collects Msgr. Joe's columns from *The Long Island Catholic* newspaper on the topic of liturgy. Written for a general parish audience, the book covers most of the major topics associated with the theology, spirituality and practice of parish liturgy, and each short chapter ends with discussion questions and references for further reading. It's a great and easy way to learn what liturgy is and should be all about.



Both books are available at discount prices of 10% off: *Take and Eat: Living Eucharistically* is on sale for \$8.00 (regular price \$8.95) and *The Church at Worship* is on sale for \$19.75 (regular price \$21.95). All checks should be made out to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and **all proceeds go to support the parish**. Thank you for supporting OLPH in this way!

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