

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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**The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.**

Matthew 20:1

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2014

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Ethel Anarado + Rev. John Sureau

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

**Deacons:** Deacon Frank A. Odin + Deacon William Crosby + Deacon Douglas G. Smith

**Business Manager:** Deacon Thomas J. Bast

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Christopher Ferraro

### COME IN AND PRAY...

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:** 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Holy Day:** 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

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

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

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**



*Mass of Thanksgiving  
& Communion  
Breakfast*

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
**September 28, 2014**  
**11:00 A.M. Mass**

*followed by a Communion Breakfast in the School Auditorium.*

*\$10 Offering Per Person*

**Guest Speaker**

**Ms. Jan Jamroz**

*Jan is the Director of Parish Social Ministry for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. She will both challenge and engage us on the importance of this ministry in the life of our parish.*



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

*(especially those in any of our parish social ministries as we remember the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul September 27th)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

*Checks made payable to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help.*

**Please return the Parish Office or via envelope in the collection basket by Wednesday, September 24th**

## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Christ in Glory Icon*

Have you ever noticed the large icon that is hanging on the west wall (the “back” wall, opposite the sanctuary), on the right side, in between the main entrance doors and the ushers’ room? That icon is titled *Christ in Glory* and is also sometimes referred to as *Christ in Majesty*. It is a beautiful icon that is worth noticing and reflecting on, and I would like to call your attention to it.

The image is that of Christ seated on a throne, with his feet on a low stool. He is holding a book, which can be seen as representing the Gospels, as supported by the symbols of the four Evangelists which adorn the corners: counterclockwise starting in the upper left, we have a winged man or angel (Matthew); a winged lion (Mark); a winged ox or bull (Luke); and an eagle (John).

Msgr. Hamilton added the icon to the church during his tenure as Pastor because, in addition to meditating on the crucified Christ, as we do by taking notice of the crucifix in the sanctuary, he wanted parishioners to also reflect on Christ’s glorification. This glorification is one of the articles of the Profession of Faith: “He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.”

The phrase “seated at the right hand of the Father” refers to the glory and honor of Christ’s divinity. Article 664 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains it this way: “Being seated at the Father’s right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah’s kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel’s vision concerning the Son of man: ‘To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.’ (Dan 7:14) After this event the apostles became witnesses of the ‘kingdom [that] will have no end.’” (Nicene Creed)

Indeed, meditating on Christ in glory and the Kingdom of God established by Christ is a worthy and beneficial spiritual practice. Therefore, beginning this weekend, you will notice that we have moved one of our votive candle racks to now be located underneath this icon of *Christ in Glory*. We are moving it from its current location along the southern wall up near the front because, quite frankly, no one uses it! Those candles are hardly ever lit, and there are other candle racks right near it that are well-used. This change was suggested to

me and discussed and approved by the Liturgy Committee, and I think it serves several purposes well: it allows a votive candle rack to be put to better use, and it draws attention to another aspect of our faith worth meditating on, that of *Christ in Glory*.

### *Take Note, All Heads of Parish Ministries and Organizations*

Within the next week or two, those who head up or chair any ministry, society or organization in the parish will receive a letter from me confirming with them who their Pastoral Staff Moderator will be for the upcoming year. This is important because every group that is to be considered a parish group must in some way be officially connected to the parish, and I must know about the group, who is leading it, and they must have accountability to me as the Pastor concerning their activities and their connection to the mission of the parish. This is maintained through the Moderator who is appointed for them. The Pastoral Staff recently reviewed all the parish groups and Moderators were assigned. I thank all the leaders of parish groups for their attention to this letter they will receive, and for their cooperation in working with their Moderator.

### *Recommitment of Liturgical Ministers*

It’s finally here on Thursday night of this week, September 25 — the Recommitment of Liturgical Ministers. We have asked every minister who serves in connection with the liturgical life of the parish to make attendance at this service a priority. We will pray Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer), all ministers will have the opportunity to recommit themselves to their ministry, and together we will reflect on what it means for all of us to be “imbued with the spirit of the liturgy.”

### *Religious Education Enrollment Services for Parents and Children*

In the coming weeks our program of religious formation of children will be starting up again, and a very important part of this launch at the beginning of the ministerial year is the celebration of various Enrollment Services. These prayer experiences, which are required for children and parents to attend when children are preparing for sacraments, emphasize the commitment which children

and parents make as they embark on the course of formation which will lead to the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Reception of First Holy Communion occurs after a two-year period of formation (Levels 1 and 2) and Confirmation is celebrated after a three-year formation process (Levels 6, 7, 8). For each of those Levels, a Prayer Service of Enrollment is held so that children and parents can reflect on the important undertaking they are beginning, can commit to the process, and can seek the Church's support, guidance and catechesis throughout the process. These are significant moments in the faith life of these families and of OLPH.

The Enrollment Services for Levels 1 and 2, the process leading to First Holy Communion, will be held together on Saturday, September 27 at 11:00 a.m. Enrollment Services for the Confirmation Preparation Levels will be held separately: at all weekend Masses October 25-26 for Level 6; on Wednesday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. for Level 7; and on Monday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. for Level 8.

I ask all parishioners to pray for children and families preparing for the sacraments this year; ask the Holy Spirit to fill their hearts so that they are open to being formed to putting on the mind of Christ as they seek to share His life more deeply through the sacraments.

### ***Meetings Resume***

Another aspect of parish life that has already started up is the regular meetings of the four central bodies that direct the life of the parish and offer me counsel and advice: the Liturgy Committee, the Pastoral Staff, the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council.

The Liturgy Committee, which directs all aspects of the liturgical life of the parish, resumed its meetings during the first week of September and will continue to meet monthly. The Pastoral Staff (the priests, deacons, Business Manager, Coordinator of Faith Formation, and Director of Music) met last week, and we come together once a month for prayer, dinner and fellowship, and a meeting. The Finance Committee, which meets approximately four times a year, also met last week for the first time in this new ministerial year. The Pastoral Council is scheduled to meet this week, on Tuesday night.

*Whew! Lots 'n' lots of meetings!* Such is the life of a Pastor! All kidding aside, we should be pleased and proud that so many people on these committees are so devoted to OLPH as they offer their time, their talent and their wisdom in these leadership roles. I personally thank all those who offer themselves to our parish in this way.

### ***In conclusion...***

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

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

Sincerely,



## **VIRTUS TRAINING CLASS**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 30 AT 7:00 PM IN ROOM 1**



TRAINING IS ***REQUIRED*** FOR ***ALL*** PARISH OFFERERS IN ALL MINISTRIES.

***Registration MUST be done online in advance*** at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) under Protecting God's Children

Simply go to **[drvc.org](http://drvc.org)**, then Protecting God's Children on the right side and to Virtus training schedule to find OLPH Lindenhurst.

# CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2014



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Catechetical Sunday  
September 21, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Readings of the Liturgy for Catechetical Sunday, celebrated this year in parishes throughout the country on September 21<sup>st</sup>, erupt in an expression of God's mercy and forgiveness. His ways are not our ways, Isaiah reminds us in our first reading. We join our praise with the psalmist, humbled by the LORD whose kindness and compassion extend to all of his works.

The great kindness of the LORD exceeds our imagination even as we proclaim the story told by Jesus in Matthew's gospel. Those who labor long and hard in the vineyard are paid for their labors no more than those who labor for a few hours. Think of it! God's mercy and forgiveness beyond measure, beyond human understanding, are given to us all who call upon Him. We are all the recipients of His mercy!

We Catholics are privileged to enjoy the beauty of the Sacrament of Reconciliation which allows God's love and mercy to radiate in our moment of history. It is the passing on of an understanding of His forgiveness in our faith formation programs, as well as in all of the ministries which the Office of Faith Formation implements in our Diocese, which we celebrate today.

On this Catechetical Sunday, we thank all of you who go into the vineyard proclaiming God's love and forgiveness in programs throughout the Diocese. May we all join together in praying for a rebirth and renewal of the Sacrament which makes God's mercy and forgiveness present in our lives, which allows us to **Belong More Deeply** to Him, and to each other.

With my prayers and best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

## PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families.

Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.

Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family.

Amen.

**-United States Conference  
of Catholic Bishops**

# FAITH FORMATION

Our next Adult Faith Formation Course begins soon...



## CHRISTOLOGY

Who is Jesus Christ? What do we know?  
What does the Church teach us about Jesus?  
How does this impact my prayer and my faith life?

### Instructor

Fr. Ethel Anarado  
Associate Pastor, OLPH

Classes to be held

**THURSDAYS in October**  
**October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30**

Room 8 + OLPH School + 7:30pm—9:30pm

To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail  
[jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) or complete the form below:

**OFFERING**  
To help offset the cost of materials, maintenance, etc., we are requesting a \$20.00 offering per person per course. (This totals \$4.00 a class for most courses!)

If there is a financial issue for you, please let the course instructor know.

**CERTIFICATION**  
Completion of this course can count toward Diocesan Basic Certification.

### CHRISTOLOGY Sign Up

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE – ENTRANCE EXAM OCT. 25

Our diocese is blessed to have wonderful Catholic students in high school. One of the best ways to learn about a particular school is to visit their Open House. Feel free to visit the high schools in our Diocese during these times:

- Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Syosset - Saturday, September 27- (11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
- St. Dominic High School - Saturday, September 27 - (1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
- Holy Trinity DHS - Sunday, September 28 - (12 noon - 2:30 p.m.)
- Sacred Heart Academy, Hempstead - Saturday, October 4 - (11 a.m.– 2p.m.)
- Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale - Saturday, October 4 - (10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)
- Chaminade High School, Mineola - Saturday, October 4 - (2 p.m. - 4 p.m.)
- St. Anthony's HS, South Huntington - Sunday, October 5 - (10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)
- St. Mary's High School, Manhasset - Sunday, October 5 - (2 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.)
- McGann-Mercy DHS, Riverhead - Saturday, October 18 - (9:00 a.m.- 12 p.m.)
- St. John the Baptist DHS, West Islip - Sunday, October 19- (10:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.)

To register for the Catholic High School Entrance Examination, visit <http://www.cathhsli.org/index.htm>.

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*Proclaiming God's Word...*

## READERS

*Are you...*

Jesus asked twelve men to spread his teachings by relaying his words to others. From those twelve, hundreds of millions of believers have followed. Today, in our parish, three dozen men and women bring the Word of God to the OLPH community by offering their time to serve as readers at Mass. Because of the number of daily and Sunday Masses offered at OLPH, we should have nearly twice that number. *I believe we can find twelve people to enter the ministry of reader this fall.* If you enjoy reading Scripture, and are at least 15 years old, won't you consider serving God by becoming a reader for OLPH? We will provide training, support materials and spiritual development; you need to supply your voice. Pray on this invitation.

*One of the twelve?*

For more information about becoming a reader, contact Robert Becker at [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net) or by calling 631-226-6175. You may also leave your name and contact information with any priest, or at the rectory.

Training sessions will take place on:

**Saturday, September 27** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kellenberg Memorial HS

**Wednesday, October 15** 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

*Serving the Body of Christ...*

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Soon the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be sponsoring training and formation days for women and men interested in being **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**.

### What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

- Participation in Sunday Eucharist
- Commitment to serve two or three times a month
- Attendance at a Diocesan Training and parish training

Training sessions will take place on:

**Saturday, September 27**, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kellenberg Memorial HS

**Wednesday, October 15** 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

If you have other questions or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Barbara McPhail at 631.226-1354 or e-mail to [gospa254@gmail.com](mailto:gospa254@gmail.com) and send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to [msgjrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgjrjoe@oloph.org).

## ALTAR SERVER MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

All altar servers are reminded to attend the very important meeting which will be held on Tuesday, September 30 at 4:30 p.m. in the church. All altar servers are expected to attend, and parents are encouraged to attend as well. If you are unable to be there, you must contact Msgr. Joe ahead of time. Thank you.

## USHERS

Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! They assist with taking up the collection, guiding people for the reception of Communion and welcoming those who visit our Church.



**New ushers are welcome! If you are interested in becoming an usher we will get you started! Men, women, teenagers and families are all welcome!** For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or send an e-mail to [olphushersministry@gmail.com](mailto:olphushersministry@gmail.com)

# MUSIC NOTES

Do you find yourself humming certain hymns well after Mass is over? Do you like being with people? Are you interested in getting more involved with your faith? Maybe the OLPH Music Ministry is for you? New choir members are welcome at the beginning of the new choir year. It was St. Augustine who once said, "Those who sing pray twice." Please read below for the different opportunities to join one of our parish's music ensembles and help us "make a joyful noise to our God."

## Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at the 11:00am Mass most Sundays (September to June) and for other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30pm in the Church. Members are high school aged or older. Reading music is not a requirement, just a desire to praise God in song and the ability to carry a tune. Please call in advance if you are interested in joining or would like more information.

Contact:  
Chris Ferraro  
(631) 226-7725, ext. 210  
[cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org)



## Youth Choir

The Youth Choir sings at the 9:30am Mass three times a month (September to June) and at other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the school building. Members are in grades 3 through 12.

Contact:  
Amy Keller  
[mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com](mailto:mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com)



## Youth Band!

Members of the Youth Band lead the music at the Sunday night 5:00pm Mass twice a month. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings. The band needs young musicians: piano, flute, cello preferred. Try-outs are required.

Contact:  
Dan Volpe  
(917) 468-9584



Find us on  
**Facebook**

Make Music a  
Part of Your Life



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Monday, September 22  
—6:30 P.M.

Monday, September 29—7:00 P.M.

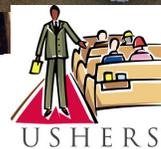
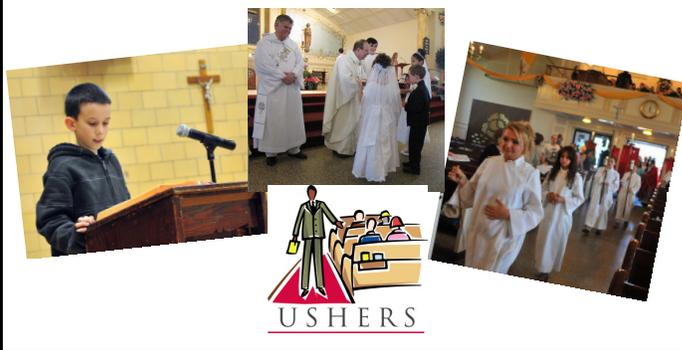
Monday, October 6—7:00 P.M.

Monday, October 13, Columbus Day—  
OLPH Novena will not  
be celebrated.

## RECOMMITMENT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

THIS THURSDAY,  
September 25,  
7:30 p.m.

Recommitment of All Liturgical Ministers:  
Priests, Deacons, Readers, Altar Linen Crew, En-  
vironment Crew, Altar Servers, Extraordinary  
Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Cantors,  
Choir, Instrumentalists, Sacristans, Children's  
Liturgy of the Word Homilists, Readers and  
Shepherds, Ministry of Consolation EM's and  
Greeters, Wedding Rehearsal Ministry, RCIA.



Are you looking for a closer relationship with God?

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Given by:  
Deacon Frank and Team



*"Receive the Holy Spirit"*  
John 20:22

*"You will receive power when the Holy  
Spirit comes upon you, and you will be  
Witness in Jerusalem, throughout  
Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of  
the earth." Acts 1:8*

Every Tuesday beginning October 7, 2014 - November 25, 2014

Meeting held at:  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, New York 11757  
School Classroom 16  
7:30 pm sharp - 9:15 pm each week

"The Life in the Spirit Seminars" (LSS) are commonly used by the Catholic groups in the context of spiritual renewal. They are an instrument for bringing people into a deeper experience of the work of the Holy Spirit. The seminars offer: a presentation of the Gospel message; and basic teaching about what the Lord is willing to do for all who come to him.

Experience "The Fruit of the Spirit"

Joy - Love - Generosity - Peace - Patience - Kindness  
Faithfulness - Gentleness - Self Control

For information and/or registering call Deacon Frank at (631) 226-0967

## 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.

# PILGRIMAGE TO NEW YORK



**ONLY SEVEN SPOTS LEFT!!!**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014**  
**PILGRIMAGE TO NEW YORK**  
**“A SPIRITUAL DAY”**

Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis and cannot be taken until payment is received. Please make check payable in the amount of \$130.00 to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, and drop it off at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757, Attn: Pilgrimage into New York. Please include your phone number and email address on the check. Contact the Rectory at 631-226-7725 for more information.



The cost of the trip includes Bus transportation, dinner, snacks, all tips and fees -  
 Departing from OLPH at 8:00 AM and will Return at 8:00 PM  
 \$130 per person

Mass at  
 Mother Cabrini Shrine  
 Tour of the Cloisters  
 (The Metropolitan Museum)

Free Time  
 In  
 Midtown Manhattan

Dinner at 4:30 PM at  
 Carmine's Restaurant  
 200 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
 New York

Coordinated by  
 Monsignor Joe DeGrocco  
 Chris Ferraro  
 Suzanne Richards

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



# Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 at 1:30 P.M.  
ON THE CONVENT LAWN**

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis. St. Francis has contributed so much to the life of our Church, in so many ways. One of the things he is noted for is recognition of God's presence in all of creation, including animals.

We invite all members of our parish community (even those that crawl, fly and have four legs) to come for a special prayer service and blessing. Following the service, there will be refreshments for all, including for our human family members and friends.



This year, in the spirit of St. Francis, we ask all who attend the prayer service to bring a food or non-food donation for our food pantry. Please see page 12 for specific needs.



## R.C.I.A.

### Rite of Welcoming the Candidates

*"This optional rite welcomes baptized but previously uncatechized adults who are seeking to complete their initiation through the sacraments of confirmation and eucharist or to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church."*

**-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 411**

Our parish's Rite of Christian Initiation process is always ongoing. Over the past year, two candidates—**Christina Lamont** and **Alice White**—have prayed and discerned about God's call in their lives. As a parish we have come to know them each Sunday when they are sent forth to study God's Word. Throughout the past year they have gathered weekly for faith sharing with members of our RCIA team and learned about some of the basics of the Catholic faith.



This week at the 9:30 A.M. Mass, we celebrate the Rite of Welcoming the Candidates as they enter some of the final stages of their preparation for full initiation into the life of the Catholic Church.

Their journey continues as they will be dismissed each week from Mass and learn more about the faith of the Church. Please pray for them and those from our parish who are privileged to accompany them on this journey.

*Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Catholic Church? If so, contact Father John, Deacon Doug Smith or Mrs. Rita Pugh at the Parish Office—631.226.7725 for more info!*

# 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
- † 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/Denise Segreto 631.220.0888

## **NEW Food Pantry List!**

**CEREAL**  
**CANNED FRUIT**  
**COFFEE**  
**SHELF STABLE MILK**  
**SOUP WITH MEAT**  
**SMALL PKGS. RICE**  
**PASTA SAUCE**  
**PORK & BEANS**  
**TOILET PAPER**  
**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 Saturday, September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "bring good news to the poor" by assisting families, providing food and shelter and many other forms of support. Thank you for your continued generosity!

## *Rachel's Vineyard*

*Rachel's Vineyard* is a weekend retreat **October 3-5** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY. This is a healing opportunity for men and women who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat focuses on God's love and forgiveness in a nonjudgmental environment. While based in Catholicism, individuals of all denominations are welcome.

For more information about a retreat, contact: Deacon Joe McNicholas at 516-445-3927 or [rvr@lifecenterli.org](mailto:rvr@lifecenterli.org) or Deacon Frank Gariboldi at 516.523.0586/  
[fgariboldi@optonline.net](mailto:fgariboldi@optonline.net). For more information about Rachel's Vineyard, visit:  
[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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## Happenings

### Catholics For Freedom of Religion



JOIN US FOR OUR  
SECOND MOVIE NIGHT

OLPH Catholics for  
Freedom of Religion

**THIS FRIDAY**  
**September 26 at 7 P.M.**

The movie is "tremendous" and challenging. It is the movie **"God's Not Dead."**

Everyone enjoyed our first movie which was more "educational" but this will be even better!! There is **NO COST** for the movie and nosh.

Sodas will be available for 50 cents.

## 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—princessmorge@optonline.net.

## OLPH Golden Age Society

Continues to meet  
every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month,  
11:30am—3:00pm  
at K of C Hall,  
400 South Broadway, Lindenhurst.

Everyone is welcome.  
Please join us.

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

### PSM Happenings (Continued)

## Middle Ages

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?  
Are you looking to meet other women and men your age  
for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?  
YOU are invited to join the Middle Ages group!*

**Tuesday, September 30th**

Middle Ages group will meet in Room 24 of the OLPH New School at 7:00PM. There will be a guest speaker discussing how we as a parish can help Veterans in our community. All are welcome. Call Gail Tonnessen, 631-957-1449 or e-mail:

[gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net) for information.

*Refreshments will be served.*

## 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.*

**Next Meeting—**

**Tuesday, September 23rd 9 A.M.—Room 24**

### Holy Name Society & Knights of Fatima

ROSARY  
RALLY FOR  
PEACE

**October 11**

**10am—12 noon**

**At the Village Square  
(Gazebo)**

**Please bring your own chairs!**

**ENGLISH, SPANISH & POLISH MYSTERIES  
ALL GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS**

**ARE WELCOME.  
FREE ROSARIES!**



# YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry:

Brittany Marie Evans ([youth@oloph.org](mailto:youth@oloph.org))

Youth Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau ([jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org))

Catholic Youth Organization: Mr. Dave Reid ([dreid88@optonline.net](mailto:dreid88@optonline.net))

CYO Website: [www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo](http://www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo)

Boy Scouts: Mr. Tom Duffy ([baggage25@hotmail.com](mailto:baggage25@hotmail.com))

K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia ([happynicosias@yahoo.com](mailto:happynicosias@yahoo.com))

## From the Office of Youth Ministry

(Located in the front of the school building!)

Greetings from the Youth Ministry Office! We have been very busy planning and kicking off the new school year with some big events and exciting changes and want our entire parish community to know about it!

### Middle School Youth Ministry

This past summer our middle school program was a huge success! Incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders met every Thursday in August for two hours of CRAZY games including paint slip and slides, messy games nights, kick ball, dodge ball, and some intense "Minute to Win it" challenges. Each night began and ended with prayer and focused on a faith based theme like the saints and the sacraments. (I almost forgot to mention that there was great food and ice cream every night!)

This year, **Middle School Youth Group** will continue to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 7:30 until 8:45 in the Auditorium. We kick off on Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> with a bang!! If you liked our messy game night you will LOVE our night on changes. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome! Be an evangelizer ...spread the word.. bring a friend.. it's free and we would love to have you there!

### High School Youth Ministry

While our middle school youth group was very active this past summer with events, our High School Youth Group was very active planning! This week, we started meeting with a leadership group consisting of about ten 9<sup>th</sup> graders who have invested in and committed to making our youth ministry program here at OLPH even better! These students meet with the adult team to help plan topics for each night, service projects and social outings.

Recently, our high school group traveled to St. Anne's Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen in Brentwood to help serve members of our community who are in need. They served 150 hot meals and assisted in making over 1300 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches!

**This year, our high school group will meet twice a month after the 5pm Mass in the Auditorium from 6pm-8pm on Sunday nights.** We will also have one community-based Christian service project a month which will be announced both on the Facebook page and in the bulletin. Some of the events will be familiar to you; some will be new. All high school students are most welcome to attend these events. If you are a high school student and maybe have thought about coming in the past, but haven't been sure...now is the time to try it out! It's a brand new program and you are wanted here. We kick off tonight. Come on down and bring a friend! (If you can't come tonight, you're always welcome!)

### What about you?

Finally, we are also looking for more adult offerers! If you are interested in assisting in our middle school youth group, please email [youth@oloph.org](mailto:youth@oloph.org)

Thank you to everyone who has offered their time, donations, and prayers to the youth ministry program over the past year! Hopefully the 2014/2015 school year will bring us just as much joy and success as the past year! Be sure to like our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/olph11757](http://www.facebook.com/olph11757) for more updates!

Peace,

*Brittany Evans*

Brittany Evans



# OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY

## High School Youth Ministry

**SUNDAY!!**

**September 21st**

**High School Kick Off Day!!**

Join us after the 5pm Mass in the auditorium (the front Wellwood Ave. doors of the school will be

open) to kick off the new school year right and see what the high school youth ministry program at OLPH is all about. All high school students are most welcome and wanted here!



Can't attend tonight? Our next event is next week, **Sunday, September 28th**, same time, same place; we hope to see you there!

High Schoolers be sure to save the date!  
The next Holy Hour/Dodgeball for vocations is **October 17th**.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School!!! Are you ready? Our kick off is **Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:30pm**. ALL middle school students are welcome to attend this event. Get ready for a night on **CHANGES**. Haven't been to middle school youth group before? It's awesome and always full of adventure. Be sure to wear sneakers!!



Can't attend Tuesday.. that's okay! Our next event is **October 3rd iSpy!** Get ready for scavenger hunts, obstacle courses and a new twist on an old game.. iSpy!

Our next **Messy Game Night** is **October 9th**.. get ready to get messy. Be sure to wear sneakers and clothes that can get dirty!



## MINISTRY FOR THE MINISTERS

This past weekend Brittany Evans and Mary Mullan, two of our parish's youth leaders, attended the diocesan *Youth Ministry Professional's Day*. We were privileged to host it here at OLPH!

Mike Thiesan from the *National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry* and our own Fr. John Sura were the featured speakers. We learned how to make youth ministry even more captivating and fun while also recognizing some of the important moral and social responsibilities of the youth minister.

Pictured are the youth ministers from our diocese who attended the conference.



# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **WE CELEBRATE**

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

**-Rite of Baptism**

***Eliana Katherine Taveras  
Julia Shea Hespeler  
Andrew John-Alan Park***

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

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Nonie B. Loehr  
Josephine Martino  
Linda Zink  
Claire Van Buskirk***

*“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.”*

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **Third Time:**

*David Schwietzer & Gina LiFrieri*



*Vincent Pira & Nicole Brett*

### **First Time:**

*William Kirkland & April Desimini*



*Robert Glazer, Jr. & Krista Ann Mulvaney*

## **WE BELIEVE**

*Almighty and Eternal God,  
You are the everlasting health of those  
who believe in You.  
Hear us for Your servants  
for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy,  
that being restored to bodily health,  
they may give thanks to You in Your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.*

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

<b>Bunny Rieger</b>	<b>Debbie Lazinsky</b>
<b>Rev. Hoppenjans</b>	<b>Kevin Curran</b>
<b>Donna Sheehan</b>	<b>Peggy Curran</b>
<b>Ro Kane</b>	<b>Dorothy White</b>
<b>Grace Sottile</b>	<b>Phyllis Schry</b>
<b>Josephine Palazzolo</b>	<b>Donna Falciglia</b>
<b>Geraldine Romeo</b>	<b>Marjorie Bass</b>
<b>Richard Brosan</b>	<b>Margaret Girgenti</b>
<b>Catherine Tamburino</b>	<b>Marvin Frichter</b>
<b>Adam &amp; Josie Whiston</b>	<b>Danielle Murphy</b>
<b>Dolores Otten</b>	<b>John Poulouse</b>
<b>Marisa Florio</b>	<b>RoseMarie Nelson</b>

## **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.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, September 22—**  
Weekday in the 25th week in Ordinary Time

6:30 Maria Francavilla  
12:15 Angelo Giordanella

6:30 Devotions

**TUESDAY, September 23—**  
Saints Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

6:30 Andrea Cowell (Living)  
12:15 Annette Germano

**WEDNESDAY, September 24—**  
Weekday in the 25th week in Ordinary Time

6:30 The Savastano Family  
12:15 Paul & Lorraine Grandinetti  
12:45-2:00 Exposition

**THURSDAY, September 25**  
Weekday in the 25th week in Ordinary Time

6:30 Elaine Shreiner  
12:15 Gaetano Carcone

**FRIDAY, September 26—**  
Weekday in the 25th week in Ordinary Time  
(Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs)

6:30 Domenico Paola Minardi  
12:15 Gaspare & Maria Piazza

**SATURDAY, September 27—**  
Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 Ivan Anthony Mack

**Vigil for**  
**THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 Enthronement of Jesus Christ as King of Poland & All Nations

**Sunday, September 28**  
**THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

6:30 Rose Lott  
8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Stephen M. Pina  
11:00 Stefano Gentile  
12:30 Judy Jarrow  
5:00 Maria Aliano

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, September 22, 2014**

2:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
7:00 PM	Novena	Church
7:30 PM	Level 8 Enrollment Service	Church

**Tuesday, September 23, 2014**

9:00 AM	Senior Moments	Room 24
4:00 PM	CYO—Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Youth Ministry—Grades 6-8	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Parish Social Ministry Coordinator's Meeting	St. Mark
7:30 PM	Pastoral Council	St. Lucy
7:45 PM	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Wednesday, September 24, 2014**

12:45 – 2:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
1:50 PM	Daytime Prayer	Church
2:30 PM	Legion of Mary Meeting	Room 24
7:30 PM	Youth Ministry—Boy Scouts	Cafeteria

**Thursday, September 25, 2014**

4:00 PM	CYO—Cheerleading	Auditorium
6:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 P.M.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 PM	Evening Prayer for Liturgical Ministers	Church
8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

**Friday, September 26, 2014**

8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous for Young Adults	Room 24
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**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

9:30 AM	Special Education Catechist Meeting	Room 4
11:00 AM	Levels 1 & 2 Enrollment Service	Church
1:30 PM	CYO Basketball Gr. 1 & 2	Auditorium
6:15 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, September 28, 2014**

9:30 AM	Pre Cana Program	Church/St. Lucy Room
11:00 AM	Blessing of Parish Social Ministers	Church
12:00 PM	Parish Social Ministry Communion Breakfast	Auditorium
1:30 PM	CYO Basketball Gr. 1 & 2	Auditorium
6:15 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Parish Office:** 631.226.7725

**Religious Education:** 631.226.2384

**St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Outreach) :**  
631.226.7725 X 234

**Parish Website:**

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

**Facebook:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help



## 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 Mondays 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.

## RITE OF 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 Deacon Doug or Fr. John at the Parish Office 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 Doug or 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.*

# OFFERING UPDATE

## September 13/14, 2014

Mass Time	Weekly	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$3,537.00	158	309
6:30 A.M.	1,064.00	38	102
8:00 A.M.	2,529.00	132	310
9:30 A.M.	1,936.00	90	276
11:00 A.M.	2,708.00	108	295
12:30 P.M.	2,398.00	95	385
5:00 P.M.	1,191.00	35	183
<b>Total coin:</b>	23.98		
<b>Mail-ins:</b>	941.00		
<b>Children's env.</b>	14.00	9	
<b>Faith Direct</b>	2,179.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,520.98</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>1,860</b>
<b>2013 Total</b>	<b>\$16,448.00</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>1,874</b>
<b>Candles</b>	917.31		
<b>Poor Box</b>	361.45		
<b>Catholic Univ.</b>	\$2,050.00		

## REMEMBER OUR PARISH

Please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to our Parish.

A gift to us in your Will or Trust affirms your everlasting commitment to our Parish's life and work.



**For more information about remembering our Parish in your will please contact Barbara Kilarjian, Dir. of Development at 516-379-5210 x 229.**

### The Long Island Catholic has a great E-newsletter!

We encourage you to sign up for the free, daily *Long Island Catholic* E-newsletter. Each day the latest news from the Diocese and the Church Universal will be delivered right to your E-mail inbox. Just visit [www.licatholic.org](http://www.licatholic.org) and scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your email address. That's all there is to it.

## St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility

*"Caring for Those who Cared for Us"*



The special collection for retired priests, living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility, will take place this weekend *September 20/21*.

Our Priests, at retirement, often have given forty years or more to the mission of our Church and bringing people closer to Christ. The St. Pius X Residence enables these dedicated men who need extra care and attention to live at a facility that provides them with that special care, while still enabling them to serve as active fully engaged members of the community.

*The Catholic Church of Long Island is blessed and privileged to be able to care for our senior priests - men who have dedicated their lives to serving God and our community.*



**We welcome your support of this important endeavor.**  
**For more information or to donate online go to [www.drvc.org/stpiusx](http://www.drvc.org/stpiusx)**  
**Or**

**Call 516-379-5210 ext 229 for more information.**

## 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. Unete a nosotros en oración, alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

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

Para las ofrendas de pan y vino en el altar, favor llamar a la oficina parroquial al 631-226-7725.

Adoración al santísimo Sacramento del altar, en español. El primer sábado de cada mes. Recuerda Cristo siempre te espera.

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 email jsureau@oloph.org o en español Irma González 631 620-2401 o correo electrónico: lanegra628@yahoo.com.

### LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO 28 DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL 2014

**Ezequiel 18:25-28/136** cuando el malvado se convierte de su maldad, salva su vida. En la primera lectura, Ezequiel dice que una persona que ha vivido una vida justa y recta durante mucho tiempo, pero al final se vuelve malo "morirá en su pecado". Por otro lado, alguien que ha vivido una vida muy inmoral y lejos de Dios durante mucho tiempo, ha reconocido su pecado, y se ha vuelto hacia Dios al final vivirá. Israel y sus antepasados tenían una larga tradición de seguir la ley de Dios, pero ahora, se enfrentaron por primera vez con Juan el Bautista y luego con Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, no quisieron escuchar. Por otro lado, los gentiles que habían vivido vidas impías o idólatras, están recurriendo a Jesús y abriéndose a su enseñanza y su poder de sanación. No importa lo lejos que estemos de Dios y de Jesús, el Evangelio nos dice no importa lo negros que sean nuestros pecados, nunca es demasiado tarde para volver a casa de nuestro padre y podemos estar absolutamente seguros de que nos recibirá con los brazos abiertos y sin preguntas.

**Filipenses 2 : 1-11** tengan entre ustedes los sentimientos propios de Cristo Jesús. Hoy escuchamos de Cristo mismo tomando la condición de siervo, humillándose hasta el punto de la muerte en la Cruz - recordándonos nuestra propia esclavitud al pecado y a la muerte. Paradójicamente, nuestra liberación viene del servicio voluntaria de Cristo, que es su entrada en nuestra servidumbre. Este movimiento por Cristo es el corazón de la exhortación que comienza y termina el pasaje de hoy. Si queremos llegar a ser como Cristo, comencemos por escuchar cómo Cristo que siendo de condición divina, se hizo como nosotros. Estas palabras deben sonar para nosotros como un trueno al oído de muchos que vivimos en comunidad. El Apóstol les habla a los Filipenses, pero el mensaje están actual que nos está hablando directamente:" si quieren darme el Consuelo de Cristo y aliviarme con su amor, si nos une el mismo Espiriyu y tienen entrañas compasivas denme esta gran alegría: manténganse unánimes y en acorde con un mismo amor y un mismo sentir. No obren por rivalidad o por ostentación, déjense guiar por la humildad y consideren siempre superiores a los demás. No busquen sus propios intereses sino busquen todos el interés de los demás. Tengan entre ustedes los sentimientos propios de Cristo.

**Santo Evangelic: Matthew 21:28-32** La parábola es tan simple que parece que está dirigida a un grupo de niños que corretea a su alrededor, no a «los sumos sacerdotes y ancianos del pueblo» que lo acosan cuando se acerca al templo. Según el relato, un padre pide a dos de sus hijos que vayan a trabajar a su viña. El primero le responde bruscamente: «No quiero», pero no se olvida de la llamada del padre y termina obedeciendo y va a trabajar a la viña. El segundo reacciona con una disponibilidad admirable: «Por supuesto que voy, señor»; pero todo se queda en palabras. Nadie lo verá trabajando en la viña. El mensaje de la parábola es claro. También los dirigentes religiosos que escuchan a Jesús están de acuerdo. Ante Dios, lo importante no es «hablar» sino «hacer». Para cumplir la voluntad del Padre del cielo, lo decisivo no son las palabras, promesas y rezos, sino los hechos y la vida cotidiana. Jesús está hablando desde su propia experiencia. Los dirigentes religiosos han dicho «sí» a Dios. Son los primeros en hablar de él, de su ley y de su templo. Pero, cuando Jesús los llama a «buscar el reino de Dios y su justicia», se cierran a su mensaje y no entran por ese camino. Dicen «no» a Dios con su resistencia a Jesús. Lo sorprendente es la aplicación de Jesús. Sus palabras no pueden ser más duras. Os aseguro que los publicanos y las prostitutas os llevan la delantera en el camino del reino de Dios». Los recaudadores y prostitutas han dicho «no» a Dios. Viven fuera de la ley, están excluidos del templo. Sin embargo, cuando Jesús les ofrece la amistad de Dios, escuchan su llamada y dan pasos hacia la conversión. Para Jesús, no hay duda: el recaudador Zaqueo, la prostituta que ha regado con lágrimas sus pies y tantos otros... van por delante en «el camino del reino de Dios».

## PREPARING FOR

# Sunday, September 28, 2014: The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;  
rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,*

### Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel was a prophet during the captivity of Israel. He preached to a people who found comfort in attributing their current problems to the sins of the former generations. In this text, the words of the prophet reject this idea that punishment is transferred from one generation to the next, emphasizing individual responsibility and accountability and encouraging every person to repentance and obedience.

### Philippians 2:1-11

Paul's admonition to like-mindedness and unity is based on the believers' threefold experience with Christ, God's love, and the Spirit. The appeal to humility and to obedience is rooted in Christ's own humbling of self and obedience to the point of death. To serve one another in humility is to both serve and to imitate Christ.

### Matthew 21:28-32

As Jesus' enters the city of Jerusalem, the people hail Him as the promised Messiah. As both the Savior and Judge of Israel, Jesus enters the Temple to drive out the money changers while welcoming and healing the blind and the lame. Jesus' parable of the two sons depicts on one hand the outward but feigned obedience of the religious leaders, contrasted with the people held as religious outcasts who had faithfully followed John the Baptist's call to repentance.

## Readings for the Week

*Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.  
You can access the readings through our parish website.*

### Monday, September 22, 2014:

Proverbs 3:27-34 + Luke 8:16-18

### Tuesday, September 23, 2014:

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 + Luke 8:19-21

### Wednesday, September 24, 2014:

Proverbs 30:5-9 + Luke 9:1-6

### Thursday, September 25, 2014:

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 + Luke 9:7-9

### Friday, September 26, 2014:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 + Luke 9:18-22

### Saturday, September 27, 2014:

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8  
+ Luke 9:43b-45

### Sunday, September 28, 2014:

Ezekiel 18:25-28  
+ Philippians 2:1-11  
+ Matthew 21:28-32

## Gospel Reflection Questions....

*After reading next Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 21:28-32) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

1. Using the idea of "conversion" from above, discuss the two sons from this reading. Which one needed to change and turn toward his father? Are you presently in need of conversion in any area of your life? What counts in building community—saying some good words, or actually doing some good deeds? At which one are you better, words or deeds?

2. Jesus told the chief priests and the elders, "When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him." Why didn't they believe John the Baptist? Was it hard for them to change their minds and think in new ways? Is it hard for you?



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Last Sunday, members of the Holy Name Society and Boy Scouts gathered together to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. After Mass, members of the community gathered on the front lawn of the Rectory for a special prayer service that included the retiring of the colors. Following this, all joined together for a light breakfast in the Cafeteria.



## PRAYING FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Join our entire Diocese as we gather for a time of prayer and action for peace in the Middle East!

Next weekend, **September 27-28**, parishes throughout the Diocese, including OLPH, will take up a special collection for the work of the Church in the Middle East.

On **Saturday, October 4th**, all Catholics are invited to participate in a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in the Middle East.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will be hosting an afternoon of prayer—including Day-time Prayer, the Rosary, Evening Prayer and Eucharistic Exposition. It will take place at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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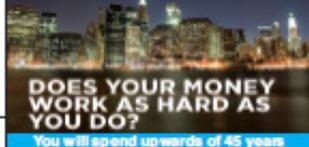
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