

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me."

John 14:1

Fifth Sunday of Easter **May 18, 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

Facilities Manager: Deacon Donald A. Stamm **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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all who have received their First Holy Communion at OLPH during this Easter season. Let us continue to pray for each one of them and their families—listed here and on page 23 of the bulletin.



Sean Alcus
Bryanna Alejandria
Isabella Aleszczyk
Zachary Alford
Ashton Arellano
Thomas Bamundo
Olivia Barabash
Bridget Barrett
Sean Barrett
Cameron Belesi
Madilyn Bissoon
Isabella Booker
Mary Booker
Emilie Brazier
Nicholas Calderaro
Christian Campay
Alex Campbell
Steven Castiglione
Donatella Cerini
Joseph Chille
Nicholas Chimirri

Arthur Chranowski
Abigail Cibuls
Jake Clausi
Jacqueline Coffey
Dillon Cooney
Carissa Covais
Robert Covais
Cristian Crispino
Matthew Curto
Michael D'Amato
Michaela Daly
Alison Daniels
Bernadette Dela Cruz
Olivia DePoto
Jordan DeStefano
Gabriella Diaz
Jennifer Dieck
Michael DiGiuseppe
Sarah Dolan
Nicolas Drago
Sophia Drago
Damiano Drucker

Mathew Dynarski
Melanie Fernandez
Anthony Ficalora
Jessica Finamore
Michael Fiocco
Dominique Floran
Madison Gaeding
Joseph Gambino
Ashley Genovese
Alana Gervasio
Sean Gianninoto
Rebecca Glover
John Gorczynski
Megan Graff
Vincent Graff
Josephine Grande
Sarah Griemsmann
Matthew Haubenreich
Timothy Hewitt
Alex Hofer
Ryan Honohan
Lily Horan

Keira Howe
Aaliyah Johanson
Julia Kapusta
Weronika Klama
Margaret Kleiber
Jillian Knapp
Jessica Krzal
Leanna Kwarta
Alexandra Lallier
Mark Lauletta
Nicholas Licci
Gia Lohse
Matthew Lotti
Brianna Loverde
Natalia Low
Julianna Lubrico
Sofia Lupo
Julie Mackey
Grace Magnuson



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Easter Time continues!

Even though it's the Fifth Sunday of Easter, don't forget we are still in the throes of the Great Fifty Days of Easter Time! Our "Alleluias" should continue to ring out with no less intensity than they did on Easter Sunday. Our Scripture readings continue to reveal to us the growth of the early Church and the spread of the faith, and the Gospels in particular invite us to continually explore the depths of what it means to have new life through Christ's Resurrection. The words of the Entrance Antiphon for the Fifth Sunday of Easter sum it up well: *O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

Parish Social Ministry

On Thursday, April 24, leaders of the various ministries that make up the umbrella of ministries we call "Parish Social Ministry" met together for the first time. This was an important step for us as a parish. As you know, and as I have written and spoken about on many occasions, we need to continue to make the building up of unity and working together a priority at OLPH. Our constant mantra must be "It is not 'MY' ministry" as we all take to heart the truth that all service and all ministry are offered in the name of the CHURCH, as we live our common life together at OLPH. In particular, since the ministries that make up Parish Social Ministry are entrusted with bringing the message of the Gospel to those in need in our parish, it is absolutely crucial for all those ministries to interact with each other and work together for the common good of the parish.

The April 24 meeting provided the leaders of the many different social ministries the opportunity to talk about the work of each group and how that group could support and encourage the other groups. In addition, some ideas for the future were surfaced. Already, the members of these groups have committed to preparing a Mass and reception for our parishioners who are homebound. We are planning for that Mass and reception to take place this June; look for more information in future issues of this bulletin.

I am extremely grateful for all those who work in the many ministries that make up our Parish Social Ministry. In their pastoral statement *Communities of Salt and Light*, our United States Bishops wrote, "One of the most encouraging signs of the gospel at work in our midst is the vitality and quality of social justice ministries in our parish." **THANK YOU** to the leaders of our parish's social ministries for carrying out this vital work of the Gospel TOGETHER. To see all the ministries that make up our Parish Social Minis-

try, take a look at the banner in this bulletin that is titled "Parish Social Ministry." Pray for the continued success and growth of these vital ministries at OLPH!

Senior Moments

One of the ministries under the umbrella of Parish Social Ministry is our Senior Moments group. Don't let the name fool you — the group is for those starting at age 55. (*Hmmm...I'm only a couple of years away....*)

The group was formed as one way for us to minister to the spiritual needs of parishioners starting at age 55. They have been meeting since March and have had some wonderful mornings (*including a special guest presenter whom we all know and love...!*).

Our Senior Moments leaders Fran Grasso and Dee Webel have been working hard to make sure that this is not your typical "Seniors Group." Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for mature adults starting at age 55 to journey together on a spiritual path. These men and women come together in one of the rooms of the school building for prayer and faith sharing (and of course, some coffee and cake, too!).

This group is off to a great start, and I would like to encourage anyone who is 55 or older to join this group. It offers something great to those who participate. Their next meeting is **next Tuesday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m. in Room 14 of the school.** Why not consider attending? Also, **be alert to a possible name change!** Because the name "Senior Moments" might give the wrong connotation, it's possible that the name of this group might change.

This group, in addition to our Golden Age Society, as well as all of the opportunities for social ministry in our parish, offers a clear statement that at OLPH we want to make the most of the wisdom and presence of somewhat-older and more mature adults.

Catholic Ministries Appeal—THANK YOU!

I take this opportunity to offer a gigantic **THANK YOU** to all of you wonderful and generous parishioners who have participated in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thanks to you we have gone **over goal** for the **second year in a row!** CONGRATULATIONS to all of YOU for making this such a success. Our goal this year was \$108,800, and, as of this writing, \$135,552 has been pledged; that's 124.6% of our goal! Fantastic!!!

You know what a tremendous assist this is in our ongoing journey of returning to financial health. The fact that we have exceeded our goal means that we will receive 20% of all monies collected of the goal of

\$108,000, and 80% of all the monies collected over the goal. That's why it is extremely important that you be sure to fulfill your pledge and make all your payments. You are supporting OLPH at the same time you are supporting the work of the Church throughout Long Island.

If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late. Please consider doing so; it will really help us out. Once again, allow me to say **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

Supporting Birthright—THANK YOU!

While we're on the subject of acknowledging your generosity, I would like to join the OLPH Respect Life Committee in thanking you for your support of life and of Birthright during our Mother's Day Carnation sale last weekend. We had 1,650 flowers to sell at \$1 each, but, due to your generosity, we netted \$2,053.20. OLPH parishioners really are the best!

Vacation Bible Camp

You've noticed our advertising for Vacation Bible Camp, and I want to encourage you to sign up early if you are going to participate this year. It helps us in the planning and preparation to know as soon as possible what the registration will be. This is such a fun week that brings the Good News of the Bible to our younger parishioners — and the older ones who offer their time and their witness in this program get a lot out of it too! I love having the Summer Bible Camp in the parish and I hope you will consider signing up your little one, and/or offering your time and service in one way or another. It's a great way to celebrate the summer!

Super 72 Raffle

We are gearing up for the next six-month phase of our **SUPER 72 RAFFLE**. The **SUPER 72 RAFFLE** is a major fundraiser here at OLPH. We depend on the monies raised in this raffle to meet our budget projections and to continue down the road toward financial stability. We have made great progress over the past year or so, but we need your continued help so that we may keep moving forward.

With the **SUPER 72 RAFFLE** you have many chances to win, and it's easy and fun! Tickets are purchased for a six (6) month period, and each month during those six months there are six (6) drawings: a first prize of \$1,000, a second prize of \$250, and four (*yes, that's right, FOUR!*) additional prizes of \$100 each. That's six chances to win each month!

Tickets are \$40 each, but the amazing part is that if you buy two tickets for \$80, you get one ticket free! That's three tickets for the price of two, with 18 chances to win each month! Each ticket is good for six months, and this next segment will run from July

to December, 2014. Look for the **SUPER 72 RAFFLE** tickets and support the parish by playing.

At this time I would like to acknowledge and offer a tremendous word of **THANKS** to **JOHNSTONS' WELLWOOD FUNERAL HOME** for their extremely generous donation of printing the raffle tickets. Johnstons' Wellwood continues to be a great supporter of the parish and all our endeavors, and I am extremely grateful to them. Thanks to all at Johnston's Wellwood!

Meeting for Readers

All readers are reminded that a mandatory meeting for all Readers is being held this Tuesday, May 20 in the Church at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will afford the opportunity for spiritual formation for all Readers, and business items will also be discussed. We look forward to seeing you there. Please be sure to contact Robert Becker if you cannot attend to let him know the reason you cannot be there. Thank you.

Bishop Robert Brennan Visiting Next Weekend at 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday

We will be happy to welcome Bishop Robert Brennan, Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, to celebrate the 5:00 p.m. Mass here this coming Saturday, May 24. As you know, Bishop Brennan grew up in Lindenhurst and attended OLPH school, and he will be coming here as a simple visit to celebrate Mass in his home parish. It will be great to have you here, Bishop Bob!

Apologies for the Omission!

I confess a "sin of omission" that I committed in last week's bulletin. In thanking all those who work in the Religious Education Office, I inadvertently omitted Jessica Becker, who works there and makes an invaluable contribution to the smooth running of that office and all its activities. Sorry for omission, Jess!

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,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SPECIAL EVENING PRAYER DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

As you know, we pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday night immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. For the month of May, we will meet right after Mass in the Church as usual, and then walk together outside (weather permitting) and assemble around the statue of Mary. By praying Evening Prayer outside in Mary's garden, we can highlight "Mary praying with the Church" during the *Great Fifty Days of Easter Time* in the month of May. Please join us each week after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

SUMMER EVENING PRAYER

We are getting ready for
Summer Evening Prayer 2014...
and we need you!

Our first meeting will be

**TUESDAY,
June 5, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

in the St. Lucy Meeting Room.

If you're interested, please contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725. x 203 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org or just come to the meeting!

All are welcome!

LITURGICAL MINISTER MEETINGS

Readers

All parish Readers — those who serve at weekend Masses and/or weekday Masses — are reminded to attend the upcoming meeting for all parish Readers on **Tuesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Church. This *mandatory meeting* will focus on both spiritual formation and business items.

All Readers are required to attend.

Thank you.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

We will pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit beginning on the Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter (Friday, May 30th) until Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter (Saturday, June 7th).

Look for more information and novena resources in the next week's bulletin.



NOVENA TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT

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.
- ✠ 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: Joe Illiumato—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!

CANNED VEGETABLES—CORN

CANNED FRUIT

PORK AND BEANS

PEANUT BUTTER

JELLY OR JAM

CAKE MIXES

DESSERTS

COFFEE

TOILET PAPER

PAPER TOWELS

SHELF STABLE MILK

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 on corner of Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 A.M. —12 Noon

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work - far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ's love and compassion to the poor.

CLOTHING BINS



Our St. Vincent de Paul clothing bins are now located in the Gates Street/High Street Parking Lot **BETWEEN the Convent and the School buildings.** They are not initially visible if you enter from High Street.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CLOTHES OR OTHER ITEMS IN ANY OTHER PLACES ON THE OLPH CAMPUS.

Thank you for your generosity!

Craft Sale for Justice

HandCrafting Justice (HCJ) will be coming to share its mission with the parishioners of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** on **Saturday, May 31st & Sunday, June 1st, 2014.** This fair trade economic justice project of the *Sisters of the Good Shepherd* will be selling fair trade handcrafts made by women in 20 countries throughout the developing world. Your support of HCJ's partners makes a tremendous difference in their lives, supporting their efforts to live a dignified life and provide food, education and shelter to their families. Please join us in promoting fair trade at this sale, following all masses.

HandCrafting Justice Inc. is a fair trade project partnering with women in 20 developing countries. The mission of HandCrafting Justice is to market women's handcrafts and raise awareness about the root causes of poverty, gender inequality, and social issues. To learn more and to shop online, please visit www.handcraftingjustice.org.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Catholics for the Freedom of Religion

JOIN US IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The OLPH Catholics for Freedom of Religion group will be joining our vets and neighbors for our *Village of Lindenhurst Memorial Day Parade* on Monday, May 26th. Take this opportunity to thank all our vets – past and present – for their contribution in protecting our freedoms and to raise awareness to important issues of religious freedom. Our group will meet at 8:30 A.M. at Breslau Cemetery.

Upcoming Event:

America's Religious Freedom is Gone

Thomas Renker, Esq, General Counsel for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, will speak about the ongoing religious discrimination and censorship in our schools, churches, workplace, military and public square.

Thursday, May 22, 2014 + Time: 7-9PM

Place: Infant Jesus RC Church
Montfort Hall - Parish Center
110 Myrtle Ave., Port Jefferson, NY 11777

Golden Age Society

A place for seniors to socialize and spend time with one another!

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

Senior Moments

A place of prayer, spirituality and fellowship for men and women 55+.

Next Meeting—Tuesday,
May 27th—9:00 A.M.—Room 14

Widowers and Widowers

Wednesday, May 21st, 2014
7-9 P.M. in the Room 18.

This is a social gatherings for men and women who have lost a loved one, so come on down and have cake and coffee and few laughs with people who you can relate with and understand.

Any questions please contact Rita Gardell (631) 252-5494 or Denise Segreto (631) 220-0888.

The Middle Ages!...50+

Would you like to help plan a new 50+ activities group here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish?

This would be a group for those who are not yet seniors but are interested in coming together with others in the parish community. We need your input about the kinds of charitable projects, spiritual growth seminars, outings, parties, dinners that would be of interest to you. We are looking for men and women (50+) who want to enrich their lives by enjoying new experiences and a new-found community spirit.

For more information and to get involved, please contact Gail Tonnessen, 631-957-1449 or gtonness@optonline.net. We will be having a planning meeting on Tuesday, May 20th—we'd love for you to join us!

PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35-36

Prison Families Anonymous, a project of FECS Health and Human Services System, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system.

At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 PM at the Babylon Town Hall Annex, Phelps Lane, North Babylon, NY.

For additional information contact:

516-496-7550 FECS + 631-943-0441 Barbara
+ 631-806-3903 Sue

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

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

- The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112

The *Friends of Music* is a new initiative to help support the music ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. With the generosity of our *Friends*, we will be able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. Please consider supporting the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for the 2014 season.

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

Cherubim (up to \$24)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Cecilia (\$200 and above)

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

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

OLPH Friends of Music
210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

If your contribution will be in memory of someone or in honor of an occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, etc., please make note of the event and/or person(s) name(s).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Ferraro at cferraro@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210.

With Deep Gratitude to Our 2014 Friends of Music

St. Cecilia

- Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, *In memory of Marcy & Bill DeGrocco*
- Christopher and Cathy Ferraro
- Knights of Columbus OLPH Council
- Knights of Columbus OLPH Auxiliary
- Sheila Lanza
- Stephen Strigaro
- Antoinette Walsh, *In honor of Msgr. Joe DeGrocco*

St. Gregory the Great

- Anonymous
- Jennifer and Frank Farrugia
- The Keller Family

St. Augustine

- Anonymous
- August Garofalo, *In Memory of P.F.C. Vito Garofalo U.S.M.C killed in action, WWII, 6/4/45*
- Ester Kearney
- Richard and Mary Ann Haas, *In loving memory of Frank and Margaret Trotta*
- Diane Moskover
- Valerie and Dick Singh
- Janine Soroka, *In memory of John Soroka*

St. Ambrose

- Patricia Dow, *In memory of Rita and Michael Francesco*
- Patricia Ralston, *In memory of John Gennardo*

Cherubim

- Martin Gibbs
- Rose Mourdoukoutas
- Angela Zoccoli

Join the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and be a part of our music history!

ROME GREETINGS....from Andrew Garnett

Happy Easter to all of you!

It has been a busy few months for me and I'm sure the same is true for many of you. Father John keeps me apprised of all the great things happening in your parish and I'm grateful for that. I am so happy about the wonderful things that continue to happen at OLPH.

On my journey to priesthood, I've received some wonderful news. I will be ordained a deacon this summer at St. Dominic Parish in Oyster Bay on July 6th. It is great news that I am very happy to share with all of you. It will be wonderful to be with my family and friends for this great day. I hope that many of you from OLPH can make the trek up to St. Dom's for the big day. (See box below.)

As you can imagine, between schoolwork, seminary formation and now the addition of diaconate ordination planning, things have gotten a bit busy. With this in mind, I decided to write a short reflection on stress and how that plays out in our relationship with God.



Andrew and other seminarians try to greet Pope Francis!

Often in our lives, we can find with a lot of things on our plate. As Jesus tells Martha, we can find ourselves "concerned with many things." We can find ourselves concerned with very difficult circumstances in our lives and rightfully so. How do we as Christians cope with our busy and often stressful lives and as Jesus says, being "concerned with many things"?

As Jesus tells us in gospel story of Martha and Mary, we need only to be concerned with one thing.

This may seem like Jesus is radicalizing our lives and telling us to forget the mortgage and the tuition payments and hop on the bandwagon, but this could not be further from the truth! Jesus is reminding us to keep perspective. We as Christians know deep down that one thing grounds us and gives the faith, hope and love to continue on this journey of life. This grounding factor is our relationship to Christ and his Church.

When stressful times come, as they always will, I like to turn to one of my favorites, Psalm 62. In this Psalm, we are reminded that only in God are our souls at rest and that God is truly our stronghold. When the world around us seems to be spinning, let us place ourselves in the midst of that stronghold and be reminded of God abiding care for us.

As the poster in my room reminds me daily –
KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON!

The Ordination of
*Andrew Michael
Garnett*
to the Order of Deacon
Sunday, July 6, 2014
11:30 P.M.
St. Dominic's R.C. Church

If you plan to attend, please call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org as soon as possible so we can possibly car pool or arrange transportation. There is a reception after the Mass and seats will be reserved so we need to let them know we're coming!!

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Our parish's newly formed Hospitality Ministry is up and running. So far, nearly 30 parishioners have come forward and offered their gifts and talents for this ministry of welcome and evangelization.

So far, members of the ministry have cleaned out and re-organized our parish kitchen (next to the Cafeteria), set up a Hospitality Cart for the new building in the school, communicated with other ministries to explain some ways we are going to work together, and much more! **(MINISTRY LEADERS: Make sure you have reviewed your letter and packet!)**

The Hospitality Ministry has worked together with other ministries to coordinate our receptions for Holy Communion catechists and helpers, the St. Bernard League reception and the Wedding Anniversaries' Reception this past Friday.

Thank you to all who have offered their time and energy to this new ministry.

What about you????

- 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?

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!

For more information, contact Peggy McCloud or Chris Ferris at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to mom031@verizon.net or slwwh152@optonline.net.

Sign up today!!!!

SOMETHING NEW @ OLPH

Tender Garden II Early Childhood Learning Program

September 2014
Pre-School Classes

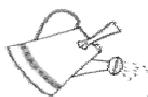
Pre-Nursery (2 years old)
T & TH 9-11 am or 11:30-1:30 pm
Nursery – (3 years old)
MWF 9-11:30 am or 12:15-2:45 pm
Pre-K – (4 years old)
MWF 8:45-11:30 am or 12-2:45 pm

We are excited to help our little seeds grow and blossom by offering enrichment programs as an extension to our preschool classes.

2 year olds – add on Mondays
3 & 4 year olds- add on Tuesday & Thursdays
9-11:30 am
Science, Math, Nutrition, Social Studies & Creative arts

Physical Fitness classes will be offered at 11:00 am by
The Fun Bus
Soccer Shots

**Certified
Teachers
Small Teacher/
Student Ratio**



Located at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School
Please call our Levittown School for further information &
(516) 731-4322
Website - tendergarden.net

**Gymnasium
Fenced
Playground**

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation Course

The Joy of the Gospel

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation calls us to live the Gospel with great joy and happiness. Francis' writings have received tremendous attention over the past year. What change, if any, is Pope Francis calling the Church to? Is there anything different here? How does this letter show us to be more joy-filled?

Find out these answers and much more!

Wednesdays

June 4, 11, 18, 25 and July 2

7:30—9:30 P.M. + Room 24, OLPH School

Instructors: Fr. Alfred and Fr. John

Advanced credit is available for those who attend at least 8 out of the 10 hours (4 out of the 5 sessions).

To register, contact Fr. John at jsureau@oloph.org or call 631.226.7725 or fill out the form below. A \$20 Offering is requested to cover administrative and other related costs.



The Joy of the Gospel

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____@_____

Return this form in the collection basket or to the Parish Office.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Do you know someone who wants to be baptized?
Do you want to be baptized?

Do you want to become part of the Catholic Church?

**Interested?
Want more
information?**

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

IS GOD CALLING YOU?



Offerers are needed on all levels to teach, assistant teach, and assist with many aspects of the Religious Education

program.

How about you?

If you are interested, please contact the Faith Formation Office at (631)226-2384 or email: ReligiousEd@oloph.org

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry:
 Brittany Marie Evans (olph.yfia@gmail.com)
 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. Tom Duffy (baggage25@hotmail.com)
 K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia (happynicosias@yahoo.com)

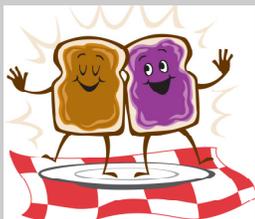
High School Youth Ministry — Youth Faith in Action

Our Lady of Perpetual Help High School Youth Ministry welcomes all 8th-12th graders to participate at our events. We meet, generally, on Sundays in the OLPH school auditorium from 3:15-4:45. Join us for open gym afternoons, sometimes for learning and sharing, service projects, and other events to help the community here at OLPH while having fun! **(NOTE: Always, always, always, always, check the Facebook page—OLPH Youth Ministry- and the bulletin as times and locations may change!)**

Today, May 18th—

Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang!

Serve the homeless community! Come to the cafeteria and make sandwiches for the shelter! *We need donations of bread, sandwich bags, and rubber gloves!* This event is open to middle schoolers and families as well!



Middle School Youth Ministry

Our middle school youth group welcomes all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders the 2nd Thursday and 4th Tuesday 7:30pm until 8:45pm in the auditorium. Games, open gym nights, and fun is had by all! Come check us out!! **(NOTE: Always, always, always, check the Facebook page (OLPH Youth Ministry) and the bulletin as times and locations may change!)**

May 18th-

Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang!

See the ad under High School Youth Ministry in column at left!



Tuesday, May 27th-

A night about PERCEPTION. Come see what it's all about! Snacks will be served and there will be plenty of time to hang out with your friends! Be sure to bring them!

OLPH YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

There is such a great need for service in the life of our parish and often a huge number of young people who want to help those in need. The Service Corps is one way to make this connection—**ESPECIALLY IN THE SUMMER MONTHS!!!**

Last year, over 100 middle and high school teens and college young adults assisted on projects ranging from Storm Relief, Parish Gardening, helping parishioners in need at their homes, assisting parishioners in need and more!

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

Name _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

In September 2014, I will be in (check one)
 Middle School (Grade ___) High School (Grade ___)
 College

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

OLPH Vacation Bible Camp

An Epic Adventure Awaits You!!!!

New friends + Amazing experiments

+ Wild games + Lip-smacking snacks + Surprising adventures

Monday, July 21 – Friday, July 25,

9 A.M. to 12 Noon

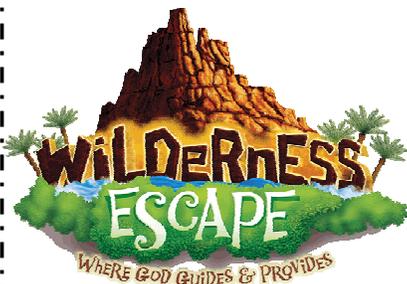
CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM

(Camp is for Nursery age -approximately age 4 - through Grade 5)

Return form to Parish Office with a check for \$65 per child.

Please make checks payable to OLPH.

(Two children: only \$120; Three children: \$165)



Child's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade Level (in September 2013) _____

Full Names of Parents/Guardians _____

Family Address (Street, Town, Zip): _____

Home E-mail _____ @ _____

Phone # _____

Cell # _____

Parish (if not OLPH) _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Emergency Contact Person

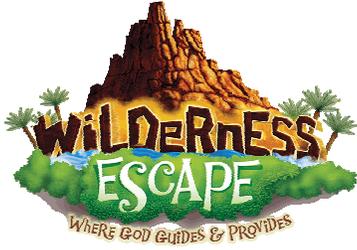
Name _____ Phone # _____

Please indicate any health problems, food allergies and special situations that might be helpful for the camp staff to know about your child in a separate note attached to this form. You will receive a letter with more specific information on or about July 14, 2014.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 15, 2014

(Less than a month away!!!)

VACATION BIBLE CAMP



OLPH Vacation Bible Camp OFFERER SIGN UP FORM

We need offerers of all ages – from middle school to high school to young adult to adult!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____ @ _____

For Youth Offerers:

Grade in school _____

Name of school _____

T-shirt size

Adult Youth

S M L XL

Offerers must attend each day of camp (July 21-26).

*There is a **\$15 fee** for all youth offerers/camp counselors to cover the cost of supplies!*

For Adult Offerers:

Are you VIRTUS TRAINED?

___ YES ___ NO

(If no, please sign up today!!!)

T-shirt size: S M L XL

What areas can you specifically help us in?

___ Arts and Crafts

___ Fun and Games

___ Hospitality

___ Set Up/ Decorating (Would take place prior to camp beginning)

___ First Aid

___ I'll do whatever is needed.

DONATIONS AND OFFERERS NEEDED!!!

✝ We are in need of donations for this year's Bible Camp. Check the bulletin for more information. Right now, we are in need of **Lowe's and Home Depot gift cards**...no amount too small. You can leave them in the Parish Office for VBC! Thanks to those who have already made donations.

✝ Offerers are needed for this year's Vacation Bible Camp. Check this space in the bulletin regularly. All adult volunteers (including any above high school age) need to VIRTUS trained. Get a head start and get VIRTUS trained if you have not already!

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.

Second Time:

*Matthew DeMattia (St. Sylvester, Medford)
& Jaclyn Rose Nauronis (OLPH)*

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of
May 18-24:

Altar Bread	Altar Wine
In Memory of	In Memory of
<i>Giovanni A. Riceputo</i>	<i>Vincent A. Aiello</i>
Requested by	Requested by
<i>Joseph & Dilcia Riceputo</i>	<i>Barbara Aiello</i>

Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 for other options for memorials.

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

*Liam Scott Kosiorek
Peter David Ebbets*



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:

*Silvio Leonti
Anthony Serra
Mary Valenza*

“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

*The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? - Psalm 27*

We pray for the sick of our parish...

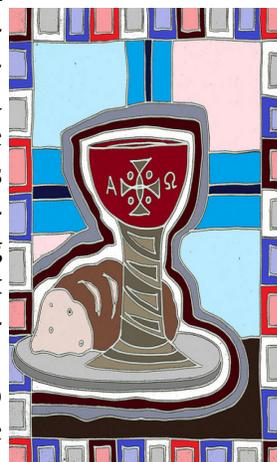
Peggy & Kevin Curran
Richard Brosan
Lisa Eberhardt
Vincent Malito
Catherine Tamburino
William Sullivan
Dominick Barone
Rocco Meiners
Reynold Ruiz
Agostino Pecoraro
Linda Martin
Anthony Kercelius
Charles Gomes
Angelica Francavilla
Carol Gilroy
James Mahaney
Salvatore Ferraro

Regina Khezri
Constance Panessa
Margaret Gargenti
Jane Aaron
Robert Little
Al Wikenhauser
Caroline Bonanno
Regina Khezri
Karen Warnetski
David Casper
Marisol Rodriguez
Ronald Demuth
Vanessa Bauman
Patricia Berke

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the parish office at 631.226.7725, x. 200.

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

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



PREPARING FOR

Sunday, May 25, 2014: Sixth Sunday of Easter

“Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. -John 14

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip the evangelist (not the Apostle) was one of seven men (including Stephen) chosen by the Apostles to oversee the distribution of food to widows in Jerusalem (Acts 6:1-3). Stephen's martyrdom and the ensuing persecution of the Jerusalem Church drove Philip to Samaria, where he preached, did miraculous works, cast out evil spirits, and healed the sick. Many people of Samaria, who had only recently been fascinated by the works of a magician, came to believe in Christ through Philip's preaching and works, and were baptized. Here and in Acts 10:44-48 and Acts 19:1-6, Luke distinguishes between baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus and the reception of the Holy Spirit. In each case, the Spirit is conferred through members of the Twelve (Peter and John) or their representative (Paul) by the laying on of hands.

1 Peter 3:15-18

The suffering and death of Christ, as both the source of salvation and an example of hope for the persecuted Church, is a recurrent theme in this letter (1 Pt 1:19; 2:21-25; 3:18). What Christians are in Christ, as a people who have received mercy and are to proclaim and live according to God's call (1 Pt 2:9-10), is repeatedly spelled out for all sorts of situations in society (1 Pt 2:11-17), work (even as slaves, 1 Pt 2:18-20), the home (1 Pt 3:1-7), and general conduct (1 Pt 3:8-12; 4:1-11). But over all hangs the possibility of suffering as a Christian (1 Pt 3:13-17).

John 14:15-21

While Jesus spoke these words to the Apostles during the Last Supper, reading them now, as we approach our celebration of the Lord's Ascension, reminds us that the Lord's promises are actually His foretelling of what will come to pass. For our part, as He told His disciples, in order to personally receive the promised Holy Spirit, He must find in us a receptive home: we must keep our part of the covenant; we must keep the Lord's commandments.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday's Gospel (John 14:15-21) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.

1. “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” If simply studying or reading or discussing are your main approaches to God, what else is needed, according to this reading? How does love impact knowledge and understanding in any friendship?
2. “And he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.” Discuss Pope Francis' statement regarding this statement.

To believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in everyone means realizing that he seeks to penetrate every human situation and all social bonds: “The Holy Spirit can be said to possess an infinite creativity, proper to the divine mind, which knows how to loosen the knots of human affairs, even the most complex and inscrutable” (St. John Paul II 178).



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, May 19, 2014:

Acts 14:5-18 + John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 20, 2014:

Acts 14:19-28 + John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 21, 2014:

Acts 15:1-6 + John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 22, 2014:

Acts 15:7-21 + John 15:9-11

Friday, May 23, 2014:

Acts 15:22-31 + John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 24, 2014

Acts 16:1-10 + John 15:18-21

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, May 19— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Mother's Day Novena
12:15	Denise Vaminsky
7:00	Novena
TUESDAY, May 20— Easter Weekday <i>(St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest)</i>	
6:30	In Memory of Msgr. Savastano
12:15	William G. Nagle
WEDNESDAY, May 21 — Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, Companion & Martyr)</i>	
6:30	Joseph Sredniawski
12:15	Living & Deceased Members of the Potuzak Family
12:45-2:00	Exposition
THURSDAY, May 22— Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious)</i>	
6:30	Sherman Glass
12:15	Rose Cappiello
FRIDAY, May 23— Easter Weekday	
6:30	Gaspare & Maria Piazza
12:15	John Henry Foley
SATURDAY, May 24— Easter Weekday	
8:00	Peppe Petrillo
Vigil for SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
5:00	Lawrence Lanza
May 25 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
6:30	Faye Walsh
8:00	Eugene Gardall
9:30	Michael & Jaiephine Sansolone (Living)
11:00	Mainini Family (Living)
12:30	For the People of the Parish
5:00	Lynn Family

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 19, 2014		
4:15 P.M.	Altar Server Training	Church
6:30 P.M.	Adult Confirmation Class	Rectory Meeting Room
7:30 P.M.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Rm
7:30 P.M.	Baptismal Prep Class-Parents	Room 14
Tuesday, May 20, 2014		
7:30 P.M.	Meeting of ALL Readers	Church
7:45 P.M.	Community of Praise Prayer Group	Room 14
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Wednesday, May 21, 2014		
2:30 P.M.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:30 PM	RCIA—Catechesis Class	St. Lucy
7:00 P.M.	Confirmation Rehearsal	Church
7:00 P.M.	Widows & Widowers Meet	Room 18
7:30 P.M.	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
Thursday, May 22, 2014		
4:15 P.M.	Altar Server Training	Church
4:30 P.M.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Rm. 14
7:00 P.M.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 P.M.	Music Ministry—Adult Choir	Church
8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous NA	Room 24
8:00 P.M.	Mothers Prayer Group	Room 13
Saturday, May 24, 2014		
2:00 PM	CYO—Volleyball	Auditorium
6:15 P.M.	Evening Prayer	Church/Front Lawn
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Sunday, May 25, 2014		
12:15 PM	107 th Anniversary Luncheon Christian Mothers	Sci. Rm.
2:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
3:15 PM	High School Youth Group	Cafeteria
6:15 P.M.	Evening Prayer	Church/Front Lawn
8:00 P.M.	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

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
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

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Deacon Tom Bast
Gerry Chille (Chair)
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Bob Meade
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Deacon Don Stamm
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

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Debbie McDonough
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

May 10/11, 2014

Mass Time	Weekly	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$3,393.00	116	353
6:30 A.M.	1,101.00	45	147
8:00 A.M.	2,546.00	116	289
9:30 A.M.	2,511.00	135	370
11:00 A.M.	2,693.00	129	514
12:30 P.M.	1,852.00	83	367
5:00 P.M.	694.00	27	154
Total coin:	17.72		
Mail-ins:	528.00		
Children's env.	33.00	13	
Faith Direct	1,835.00		
TOTAL	\$17,203.72	664	2,194
2013 Total	\$18,405.54	704	2,094
Candles	\$982.21		
Poor Box	\$303.33		

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 works.

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

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 18 de Mayo

Primer Lectura (Hch 6,1-7): Un Misterio de Servicio

Cuando en la Iglesia primitiva creció la comunidad cristiana, resolvió las dificultades de organización creando nuevos ministerios de servicio para asistir a los apóstoles y a los presbíteros.

Segunda Lectura (1 Pe 2,4-9): Un Pueblo Sacerdotal

Cristo, nuestro Sumo Sacerdote, nos ha hecho un pueblo santo de sacerdotes; nuestra tarea es continuar la misión de Cristo, dando a conocer a Dios a los hermanos y alabando a Dios en nombre de todos.

Evangelio (Jn 14,1-12): Cristo, Nuestro Camino, Verdad y Vida

Los que creen en Cristo pueden hacer lo que Cristo hizo, e ir a donde él les conduzca, ya que Cristo es para nosotros el Camino, la verdad y la vida.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

This month, the Ministry of Praise is reprinting a column originally published in May 2006 from Fr. Robert Kline, a former associate pastor here at OLPH.

Now, more than 1/3 of the way through Spring, we are reminded of new life and growth by the budding flowers, plants and trees. Our very recent celebration of Easter also reminds us of the gift of eternal life we have received and the call to grow in the Spirit of Christ. Although beautiful, the flowers, plants and trees do not have free will. They bloom and grow according to the natural law. We however, with our intellects and wills, can nourish our spiritual growth by praying, receiving the sacraments, and doing good works.

In our prayers this Easter season let us pay particular attention to praising the Lord and thanking Him for the gift of eternal life. Because of Jesus' Resurrection, we live in hope of eternal happiness beyond the grave. Indeed, each and every one of us was created to give glory to God by reflecting His goodness and being living monuments of His love both in this world and in the next. Our spiritual growth also brings with it peace and joy in the depths of our souls.

Praising God fulfills the highest calling of our human nature. The focus of Praise is totally on God to whom we belong in the deepest and most profound way. To get some idea of this, think of something you own that is totally and truly yours in the best sense of the word. It may be your home which you worked hard to pay for and which you modified through great personal effort. It may be an organization or a business that you built honestly and with great personal sacrifice and that provides a welcome service or product to the people whom you serve. As much as you truly own these things you

do not own them as much as God owns you!

The home that we own may give us legitimate satisfaction but that is so tiny compared to the glory that we give Almighty God when we live according to Gospel values! We reflect His own glory and love back to Him who is so infinitely deserving of all our efforts and good behavior. Praising God truly fulfills our own destiny. By praising God we are satisfying the deepest call of our own human nature.

Brothers and Sisters, Praise is a mighty locomotive that pulls our whole self into the supporting arms of God's love. And let us not forget during the month of May that Jesus' mother Mary will be our great exemplar: "And Mary said: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." (Luke 1:46-47)

Praising the Lord takes the focus off ourselves and puts it on God who desires so much to be our constant companion and goal for all eternity. Brothers and Sisters, let us be generous with our Praise of the Lord for that is the way we give our hearts and souls away to the one who matters most in both this life and the next. May God bless you all.

COMMUNITY OF PRAISE

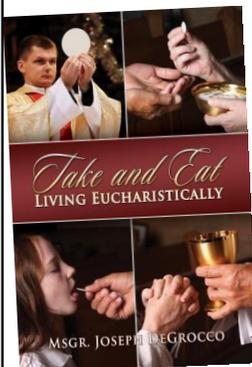
The OLPH Community of Praise Prayer Group meets 7:45 P.M. Tuesday evenings in Room 14 of the school.

All are



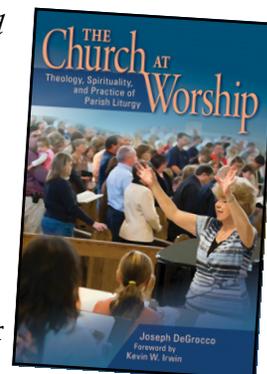
MSGR. JOE'S BOOKS FOR SALE AT THE RECTORY

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!

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ *The American Polish Council of Long Island* offers an annual **scholarship of \$1,000** to a graduating high school senior who meets the following requirements: (1) has been accepted to an accredited college for undergraduate work leading to a B.A. or B.S. degree; (2) resides on Long Island; (3) is of Polish descent (at least one grandparent); (4) demonstrates an interest or involvement in the Polish American community by active membership in at least one Polish American organization; (5) must fill out an application he/she can obtain by downloading it from apcli.org; and (6) must provide a short essay describing interests, goals, hobbies and awards. Send application and essay with high school transcript and SAT scores (copies are acceptable) to: American Polish Council of L.I. Scholarship Contest, Dr. Peter A. Witkowski, 31 Oakland Street, Huntington, NY 11743. *All applications must be received by June 20, 2014.* Scholarship will be awarded at Polish Night, June 27, 2014 at Eisenhower Park, East Meadow.
- ◆ *The Tomorrows Hope Foundation* will host its *Ninth Annual Scholarship Gala* on Thursday, **May 22nd**, 2014 at the RXR Plaza in Uniondale from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p. m. THF's mission is to ensure the excellence, as well as the continuance of Catholic schools on Long Island, by increasing awareness and by providing scholarships and program funding for the needs of students and schools. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Kahn at 516-745-7632 or visit the THF Gala website at www.TomorrowsHopeGala.org.
- ◆ Please consider donating the gift of life on **Thursday, May 29, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm**. Registration will be held the day of the event in Good Samaritan Hospital's Patio Cafe, located at 1000 Montauk Highway, West Islip. In addition, New York Blood Center mobile unit will be available in the main, front parking lot for the convenience of donors. Each time you save lives by making a blood, platelet or plasma donation you earn Advantage points redeemable for a wide variety of gifts, gift cards or New York Blood Center branded merchandise. You can even donate your points to selected charitable organizations. For more information visit www.mydonoradvantage.com or call 1-800-933-2566.
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For more information: Ann Cook 631-754-9141, or contact Margie at the Life Center margie@lifecenterli.org.

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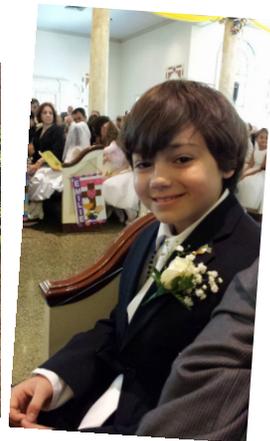


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