

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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ASH WEDNESDAY

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Moise Aime + Rev. Ignace Lolecke + Rev. John Sureau

In Residence: Rev. Michael Holzmann

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

Pastoral Associate for Administration: Deacon Donald A. Stamm

Director of Religious Education: Thomas J. Acemoglu

Music Director: James R. Kendall

High School Youth Minister: Brittany Evans

Middle School Youth Minister: Peggy Harnisch

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 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. and 6:30 p.m. (Mass in Polish)

Masses for Holy Days are as announced and published.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

Wednesday: 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Nights: 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

Monday- Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

**EVENING OFFICE HOURS, AT THIS TIME,
ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

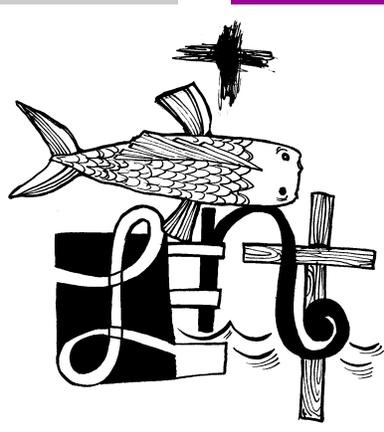
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LENT 2013



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS OF LENT
7:30 P.M.



What Am I Doing for Lent?

We are happy to provide you with this valuable resource to guide you

through the days of Lent. Copies are available at the doors of the Church.

What Am I Doing For Lent This Year?



This booklet will help you work out a plan for celebrating Lent with Easter in mind. It will invite you to fast, pray, and give alms with a purpose. This year, rouse yourself to follow Christ's way. Keep Lent. Be reborn at Easter.

For Lent of the year _____, this booklet is the work of _____ at _____ parish.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Celebrating 50 years of Vatican II

Monday Nights

February 25, March 4, March 11, and March 18th
7:45 P.M. + Church

Each night we'll gather for Evening Prayer and look at one of the Constitutions of the Council and how we can carry out the work of the Church in our own lives.

Presenters include Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ, Msgr. Joe, Tom Acemoglu, and more!



MUSIC MINISTRY

Pergolesi's Stabat Mater
Sunday February 24th
8:00 P.M.

Originating from the Middle Ages, many composers have set this text to music. The Italian composer **Giovanni Battista Pergolesi** wrote his brilliant setting only days before his death on March 17, 1736, at the age of 26. The text centers on the suffering and death of Jesus as experienced by His mother, and is sung by our esteemed cantors **Linda Garrity** and **Kara Vertucci**.

Narratives and meditations will be offered and keyboard accompaniment will be provided by **James Kendall**, OLPH Music Director.



FROM OUR PASTOR

Ash Wednesday, 2013



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

GRACE, PEACE AND BLESSINGS TO YOU ON THIS SPECIAL DAY WHICH BEGINS OUR HOLY SEASON OF LENT!

There really is *something* about Ash Wednesday, isn't there? There's something that captures our mind and imagination about being marked with ashes. There's something about acknowledging with everyone else that we need a season of penance and renewal that brings us strength. There's something about today that makes us distinctively Christian!

Maybe what captures our hearts today is that it presents to us very starkly that with God, there is *always* the possibility for newness and life and forgiveness. No matter who we are, or what we have done, or where we are in life, *God always invites us to be close to him and to return home to him.* That invitation makes up the very first words of the very first reading of the liturgy on Ash Wednesday, from the Book of the Prophet Joel: "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart."

Whether you are with us on a regular basis, or whether you have come to OLPH on Ash Wednesday after being away from the church for a long time, we wish to extend that same invitation to YOU. Please join us for the liturgies and other events described in this bulletin. Allow Lent to be for you a time of either deepening or rediscovering how much God loves you and wants you to be close to Him. Allow Lent to be for you a time of deepening or rediscovering how life-giving it is to be part of the community of the Church and our parish family. There's no time like right now to do this; as the second reading of the Ash Wednesday liturgy tells us, "Now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

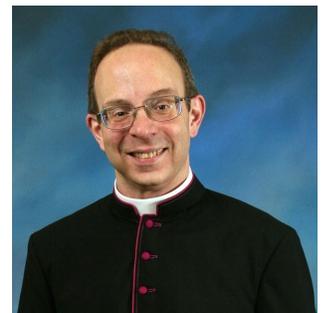
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish continues to be "on the move" as we progress forward with exciting new directions and endeavors. As your still-somewhat-new-Pastor, sharing with you our first Lent together, I want this Lent to be a spiritually-enriching experience for all of us. We have provided booklets around the church, *What Am I Doing for Lent This Year?* Feel free to take one, free of charge; you may find it helpful in your reflections.

We look forward to seeing you at Masses and Stations of the Cross; we look forward to greeting you in the Sacrament of Penance, especially if it has been a long, long time since you have gone to Confession (we love to welcome people back); we look forward to journeying through our Lenten days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving together...and, of course, it's not too early to begin to plan on joining in celebrating the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum — Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday — with us!

May your Lenten season be a blessed one!

Sincerely,

Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco



FROM OUR BISHOP



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On February 13th, the Church will enter once again into the forty days of Lent. From Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will follow the ancient and more recent customs of our Church, journeying with Christ toward Easter. In this Year of Faith, this Lent has an added urgency because the faith that sets us free is often ignored, ridiculed, denied and even attacked. Our response must always be to pray to God to give us the strength "to increase our faith" and so become ever more faithful witnesses to God's love and His presence in a world that is becoming ever more indifferent to Him and His Son's message of salvation.

The Bishops of the United States this past November issued an Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, *God's Gift of Forgiveness*, which can be found at www.usccb.org as well as on our diocesan website, www.drvc.org. It is brief and comes from our hearts. I make that message mine to you at the beginning of this Lent.

When the Risen Christ greets the apostles in the upper room saying *Peace be with You*, He gives them the extraordinary command: *Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them*. As He did for them, He tells us bishops and priests to do for you in His name. And that is exactly what is offered to each and every one of us in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. *The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go to Confession at least once a year*. It is important for us to hear this again today when too many have let the practice of Confession fall out of their lives. In this Year of Faith and in this time, when Pope Benedict calls us to participate in a New Evangelization of our lives, our Church and our society, he also tells us that *The New Evangelization...begins in the confessional*.

In our Diocese we have long had the grace-filled practice of dedicating the Monday of Holy Week to making priests available in the confessionals of every parish from 3:00PM to 9:00PM. Our neighbors in Brooklyn and New York now join us in this. Some years ago I wrote a letter to all of you on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. I urged our priests to offer the sacrament more often than Saturdays before the Vigil Mass and as frequently as the priest could so that the sacrament would be more available for us all. I repeat that now with an urgent prayer to God that all of us, the faithful of this Diocese, experience the healing and freeing merciful life of God through this supreme sacrament of forgiveness and renewal of life.

Pope Benedict reminds us that faith and the Christian life is not a theory or a lofty idea, it is an encounter with a person *Who gives life a new horizon and a decisive dimension*. This Lent I pray that, whatever our Lenten works of prayer and fasting and works of charity are, they might be purified and made ever more beautiful from hearts cleansed by the grace of God's merciful love in the sacrament of forgiveness, His saving love poured forth into the world through the death and resurrection of His Son.



Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

ASH WEDNESDAY

THE MEANING OF ASHES

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

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

COMMUNAL MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

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

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

Thus the forty-day fast was understood as the

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

In subsequent centuries, however, both the catechumenate and the order of penitents gradually disintegrated. Lent was still seen as a penitential season, but the emphasis was on individual works of self-denial and on personal identification with

the passion and cross of Christ. Lent was still a preparation for Easter, but the baptismal focus was largely lost, and the communal nature of conversion was ignored. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were held up as Lenten activities, but they became private rather than corporate. The liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican

Council called for a recovery of the ancient tradition of a communal understanding of Lent.

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

DON'T JUST "RECEIVE" ASHES

As a parish, we wish to highlight that ashes are never just *received*, but rather that being branded with ashes is a sign of a **commitment** we make. The ashes are a sign that together we are all enrolled in the "order of penitents" and that we are committing ourselves to cooperate with God in **changing our life**. Ashes should not be passively received, but **actively accepted as a challenge**.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

The poor have much to teach you. You have much to learn from them.

-St. Vincent de Paul

Food Pantry Shopping List

- Shelf Stable Milk
- Evaporated Milk
- Powdered Milk
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Jelly
- Canned Fruits
- Jello & Pudding
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Meats
- Pasta Sauce

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY
631.225.5531

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 A.M. —12 noon

Tuesdays - 6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

Saturday, February 16—

10 A.M.—12 noon

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

Sometimes when we are in need, we don't feel comfortable asking for help or seeking support. It is in these moments that our parish most wants to be here for you.

HELP IS NEEDED!!!!

St. Vincent DePaul is ALWAYS in need of volunteers to assist the most vulnerable in our community. Do you have a desire to live out the Gospel by caring for those most in need in our local community?

Recognizing this great need, we are also looking to provide additional times of service for those in our parish, including night time hours and additional weekend hours. **WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP!** For more information, contact our St. Vincent DePaul office or Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Special Needs Ministry

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

Are you someone who cares for someone with special needs? Perhaps you are a teacher, a therapist or counselor who dedicates their work to those with special needs. Perhaps you just have an “interest” in this type of work. Please take some time this week and think about being a part of this important new ministry at OLPH!

Middle school and high school students, parents, teachers, adults, seniors are all welcome. No experience or training required. All that is needed is a desire to help all in our community know the welcoming presence of Christ.

For information, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org.



SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

Saturday,
March 2, 2013

4 P.M.

Auditorium

All Are
Welcome!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

We are interested and committed to the protection of the great gift of life (from conception to natural death) which God gave us AND which he allows us to be part of — creation. We attempt to educate our fellow parishioners as to what urgent life-affecting issues may arise – legislation, proposals, etc. that affect the unborn, the poor, the elderly, the marginalized and most vulnerable among us.

All that is needed is an INTEREST and commitment to life. Just give your name in at the Rectory and we'll be in touch. Meetings are usually the first Wednesday of each month.

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

We ask all parishioners to visit the website and enroll at:

www.nyscatholic.org

so all may be kept up to date regarding important developments on respect life and social justice issues.



By enrolling in this website, you will receive the latest information about important public policy issues and specific (and easy) action steps you can take.

As disciples, we are obliged to engage in public policy issues and to bring the value and ideals of the Gospel to the public square.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Abortion + Church Teaching + Life and Death

Sexuality + Just Living + Peace + War

Over the next few months, our parish will be offering a number of Adult Faith Formation courses helping parishioners to learn about the major beliefs of our Church. Courses will be offered in Liturgy, Old Testament, New Testament and more. Our first course is

Living the Christian Life: INTRODUCTION TO MORALITY

Here we'll look into the Church's teaching on major moral issues, the history of morality, how we make decision as Catholics and more.

Instructor: Fr. John Sureau

Dates: Thursday, February 28th + Tuesday, March 5th + Thursday, March 14th
Thursday, March 21st + Tuesday, March 26th

Time: 7:45—9:45 P.M.

Place: TBA

To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org or fill out the form below...

Sign me up for **Introduction to Morality!**

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Last week, members of our parish community gathered together to begin the RCIA process at OLPH!

In the weeks ahead, you'll meet and read about these committed young men and women who desire to be fully initiated and received into the life of the Catholic Church in the life of the Church.

We gather each Monday night at 7 P.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome to come, pray and learn with our parish's candidates.

Follow the bulletin each week for more details about their journey.

And what about you or someone you love?

**Do you want to be baptized and become
a member of the Catholic Church?**



Now is the time to find out more information about the RCIA process.

Contact Fr. John (jsureau@drvc.org/631.226.7725) or Deacon Doug (631.226.7725) for more info.

STORM RELIEF @ OLPH

DO YOU NEED FURNITURE?

As you rebuild, a number of parishioners have come forward to offer gently used furniture. For more information, contact Tricia Buckley so she can help to match you up!



If you have furniture in good condition that you would like to donate to a family in need, please contact Mrs. Tricia Buckley at 631.561.5790 or e-mail to buckleyt@optonline.net.

DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, bring furniture to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

WE ALSO NEED MOVERS! Are you able to help by delivering furniture on Saturday or Sunday mornings? If so, contact Fr. John at jsureau@drvc.org or call 631.226.7725.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT



Catholic Charities continues to offer case management services to those impacted by Superstorm Sandy. Meeting with a case manager can help you to navigate the various systems you need to interact with and provide important networking resources and referrals.

For more information, contact Catholic Charities at 631.608.8882 or 8883 on weekdays between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. or e-mail to disastercasemanagement@catholiccharities.cc or visit Catholic Charities offices at 147 Schlegel Blvd. in Amityville, NY.

THANKS TO YOU!

Over the past few weeks, we've received many wonderful thank you notes from parishioners. Really, they're thanking YOU for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure! Here are a few....

We would like to thank you very much for the generous OLPH Grant awarded to our family. We used the funds to replace our refrigerator that was lost due to the storm.

We feel blessed and fortunate to have the help of our parish family, community and our place of business. Everyone has pulled together to help put our lives back together. It has been a lot of work and a slow go but we see the light at the end of the tunnel. God bless everyone!

Thanking you from our hearts...no words can express the way we all feel with the generosity given by our church...

I would like to take this time to thank you. My family and I were affected by "Sandy" and before Christmas I received a check in the mail from the OLPH grant. Words just can't explain how grateful we are. It couldn't have come at a better time. It is so nice to see that there are still caring and thoughtful people out there. Once again, thank you and thank you to all who donated.

Thank you so much for the grant for storm relief and for all you have done for us during the hurricane! We wouldn't have gotten through this without all of you!

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

For High School Students....

YOUTH FAITH IN ACTION (YFIA)

Have you been involved in the past?

Come back to something new and exciting!

Have you ever thought about getting involved in the past?

NOW IS THE TIME!

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

7:00 P.M. Mass

-Following the Mass, we'll break the Lenten Fast with a light supper in the Youth Ministry Room.

All young people are welcome.

Friday, February 15, 2013

Dodgeball/ Adoration



ASH
WEDNESDAY

Join us and young people from throughout our Diocese for a night of prayer, praise and fun! Check

our Facebook page for a permission slip.

Sunday, February 17, 2013

-Take the night off!

Sunday, February 24, 2013

*-Peanut Butter
and Jelly Gang*

All parishioners welcome!



Sundays—

March 3 and March 10, 2013

We're helping with the Eighth Grade Confirmation Retreat!

After the 5 P.M. Mass on both Sundays we'll conclude with dinner and Open Gym.

All high school teens are welcome!

GANG MEMBERS NEEDED!

The Peanut Butter
and Jelly Gang

SUNDAY,

February 24, 2013

6:00 P.M.

All are invited to join members of youth ministry and help us to help those most in need. We'll be making Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches to be donated to local homeless shelters.

**WE NEED TONS OF
PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, BREAD,
PLASTIC BAGGIES AND
PLASTIC GLOVES.**

All ages and families welcome to this event hosted by our high school Youth Ministry!

For more information and to find out ways you can help, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725.

*Help spread the
word...and
the peanut butter
and jelly!*



YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

If you're looking for something for your middle schooler to do, as part of their faith community, this is the group for you. Dates are always posted on our website (www.olphym.com) and in the bulletin. Just come on down!

Everything from games, food and parties, to service projects and talking about our faith in a fun way.



Upcoming Events...

Open Gym

Friday, February 22nd

7:30—9 P.M

OLPH Boy Scout Troop 54

Scouting is a great way for young men in our parish to get together and help their community - while also enjoying fun, outdoor activities. Meetings are held Mondays at 7:30 pm in the school cafeteria. The troop is actively involved with the community and parish. We help out with St. Vincent DePaul and also served the community during hurricane Sandy. Many of our scouts are active with the OLPH Service Corp. As a Boy Scout troop we regularly camp and hike, go on an annual ski trip to Butternut, whitewater rafting, kayaking and archery, and prepare our scouts for Eagle.



For more information about Scouting at OLPH, contact Tom Duffy at 631 956-3202.

For Middle and High School Students and Young Adults...

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

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

Here's how it works....

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

If you'd like to join, fill out the form below or contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org.

Nearly sixty young people have stepped up for the Service Corps...**what about you?** In the past two months, members of the Service Corps have helped with everything from Storm Relief to our Family Life Pumpkin Patch to helping to sort gifts for those in need and assisting at our Storm Relief Christmas party.

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

Name _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

Presently I am in (check one)

____ Middle School

____ High School

____ College

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

HAVE YOU SEEN THE DEAD TREE IN CHURCH?

Family Life invites all children to help bring our dead tree back to life on Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time to do something that will help you to grow closer to God. You may pray more, be more helpful to others, or do chores without complaining.

During each Sunday of Lent pick a leaf from the basket. Follow the task written on the leaf. The following Sunday bring the leaf back to church and place a dogwood flower on the tree as a symbol of the good deed you did during the week.

As Lent progresses, the tree will blossom as a reminder of the life Jesus gave us by dying on the cross and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

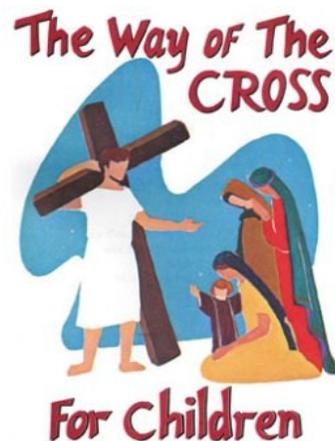
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

for Families and Children

March 1st—4:15 P.M.

**March 22nd—
4:15 P.M.**

Family Life invites all children and their parents to participate in the Stations of the Cross. Come join us as we walk the footsteps of Jesus to each Station and remember the things that happened to Jesus on Good Friday because of His love for us. All parishioners are welcome to participate.



If your child would like to be a reader and for further information contact Debbie McDonough @957-0765 or Chris Ferris @ 957-2321 or email olphfamilylife@aol.com

What is Family Life Ministry?

OLPH's Family Life Ministry seeks to bring families of all shapes and sizes together for times of fellowship, prayer and learning. We meet approximately once a month and are always looking for new members.

In the past, we have hosted and organized the events below and more....

- Christmas Pageant
 - OLPH Pumpkin Patch
 - Living Rosary
 - Monthly Hospitality Breakfasts
 - Summer Food and School Supply Drives
- ...and much more!

What about you?

Would you like to join a wonderfully active group in our parish to help with these events and many more? How? It's easy...

Contact Debbie McDonough at 957-0765 or email olphfamilylife@aol.com

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de Oración- “Jesús Es El Camino La Verdad y Vida” se reúne todos los días Jueves a las 7:00 P.M. en la cafetería. Para información, llamar a Irma Gonzalez a 631.241.5606.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos de el Bautizo y el Matrimonio y Servicio de Pastoral Unción de los Enfermos y la Eucaristía, contacto Padre Juan Sureau – 631.226.7725, x. 224 - jsureau@drvc.org

Para ofrendas de pan y vino en el altar, favor llamar a la oficina parroquial al 631.226.7725.

Los días martes de cada semana llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares a 7:30 P.M. Para información, llamar Virginia Constantinou a 631.957.1149.

El Miércoles de Ceniza

El Miércoles de Ceniza es día de ayuno y abstinencia, se realiza la imposición de la ceniza a los fieles que asisten a Misa. Da inicio a la “Cuaresma” (40 días de preparación para la Pascua), que comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza y termina el Domingo de Ramos.

Estas cenizas se elaboran a partir de la quema de los ramos del Domingo de Ramos del año anterior, y son bendecidas y colocadas sobre la cabeza o la frente de los fieles, como signo de la caducidad de la condición humana. Mientras lo hace repite las palabras “Recuerda que polvo eres y en polvo te has de convertir”. La ceniza representa la destrucción de los errores del año anterior al ser éstos quemados.



MINISTRY OF PRAISE

We come together each Tuesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Convent Meeting Room. Entrance is through the front door. (The Convent is the building to the right of the school building.)



The evening begins with songs of Praise and Worship. After this some will, if so inclined, share some Scripture reading or some Christ-centered event in their life. This is followed by prayer for individual needs. Deacon Frank then presents a pastoral teaching related to Scripture or church life. The meeting closes about 9:30 P.M. with a song and then fellowship.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

LEGION OF MARY

WEDNESDAYS

1:30 P.M.—3:00 P.M.

Convent Conference Room

The Legion of Mary sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish. Every Legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic **work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary.**

Here at OLPH, the **Legion of Mary** meets *every Wednesday* at 1:30PM (until 3PM). We pray the Rosary & other prayers, and report on the spiritual works we accomplished for the week.

We are looking to offer an evening meeting. If you're interested, please leave a message for Louise Perrotta in the Parish Office.

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

We are in the process of forming a...

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

and can use your help!



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-Psalm 25

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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 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 at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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*The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
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I shrink? - Psalm 27*

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As has been our practice, after the fourth week, the name will be removed from the sick list in the bulletin. If you wish to have your name or the name of a loved one to remain in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office to let us know.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK AT MASS

We pray for the sick by name during the Universal Prayer at Mass. Any name requested to be listed in the bulletin will be announced for the first week only at Mass and will remain in the bulletin for the following three weeks.

God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

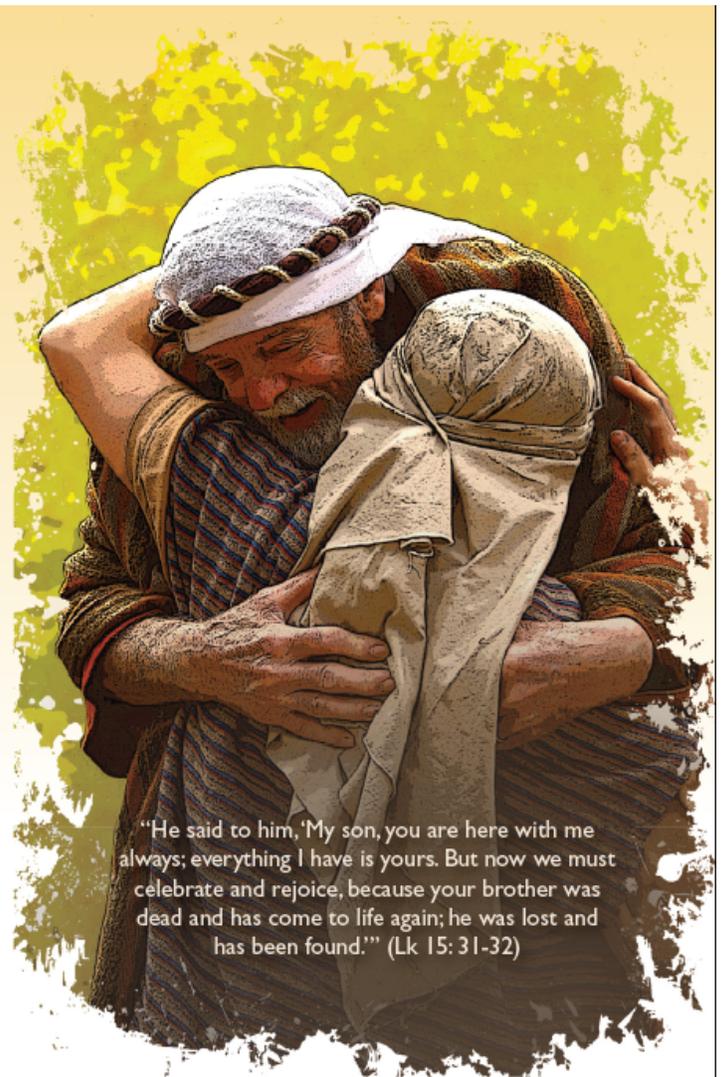
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

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

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

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.¹ The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, “The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!”²

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



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

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

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

¹ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

² Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html.

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How to Go to Confession...

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the saints,
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,
heal your sins,
help you grow in holiness,
and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
(*Rite of Penance*, no. 45)

- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

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



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