

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*I am the vine,  
you are the branches.*

John 15:5

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 28, 2024**

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

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

**Deacons:** Deacon William R. Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith,

Deacon Robert A. Becker, Deacon James Totino

**Business Manager:** Mr. Gerry Chille

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Miss Erin Barrett

## COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays until 6:30 p.m. The church closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Thursdays and Fridays, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays (except First Saturdays, when there is Nocturnal Adoration until 9:30 p.m.) and after the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sundays (or after the 2:00 p.m. Baptisms when those are celebrated). Also, the church will close after the last Mass on all holidays and holy days when parish offices are closed, regardless of the day of the week. Come in and spend some time in prayer whenever the church is open!

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday:** 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

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

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

**Special Needs Mass:**

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.  
in the auditorium (Sunday Anticipated Mass)

**Holy Days of Obligation:** Consult the bulletin

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

**First Saturdays:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer communally, in person, each Saturday in the church immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each Sunday, we pray Morning Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link on the home page of our website.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.**

*Also available by individual appointment  
with one of the priests.*

## DEVOTIONS

**OLPH Novena:** Mondays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

**Rosary:** Weekdays following 6:30 a.m. Mass  
Saturdays and Sundays following 8:00 a.m. Mass

**The Holy Face of Jesus:** Tuesdays following  
12:15 p.m. Mass

**First Fridays and First Saturdays:**

As announced in bulletin

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Friday:** 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Saturday and Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help App

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to download  
our parish app

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to download  
the Parish App!*

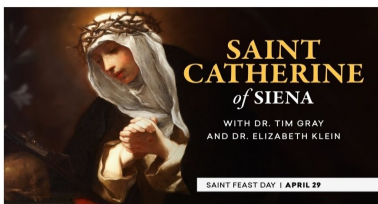
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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 29, 2024

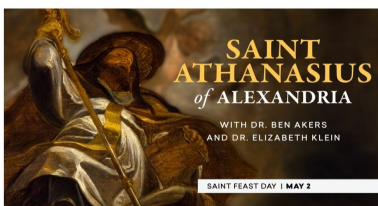
## WATCH



### Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.

## LEARN



### Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.

## LISTEN



### Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You - A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph

Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet.

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## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

We continue to celebrate these fifty days of Easter Time “overcome with paschal joy,” as the words of the Prefaces for Easter Time in the Eucharistic Prayer tell us, and, on this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the liturgical season still reverberates with the joy and enthusiasm of the sacramental initiation that occurred at the Easter Vigil, and also with the theme of our sacramental initiation in general. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for this Sunday’s Mass makes explicit reference to *“those you [God] were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism.”* The prayer goes on to ask that the baptized will *“bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.”* Notice how the meaning of Baptism continues to be center stage in the liturgical meaning of Easter Time! To further highlight the meaning of Baptism, in that prayer we also ask God to *“constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,”* so that all of us as the baptized may *“bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.”* The work of our renewal and redemption through Christ’s death and resurrection continues to be at work within us!

The saving work of the Paschal Mystery is what takes place at each and every Mass; thus, our Prayer over the Offerings acknowledges *“the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice”* that makes us *“partakers of the one supreme Godhead.”* I am always deeply struck by that word “exchange” whenever it is used in the liturgy; it is such a powerful image! We bring the offering of our life, uniting our offering with Christ’s offering, in the offering of the celebration of the Eucharist, and particularly through the concrete offerings of bread and wine. Then, God gives those offerings back to us, transformed, in the transformed bread and wine which have become the Body and Blood of Christ. As a result of this heavenly “exchange,” we have new life in Christ! Our newness of life in Christ must show itself in our living a worthy way of life — in the words of the Prayer after Communion, passing *“from former ways to newness of life.”*

Continue to reflect on the newness of life that comes to us through Christ’s death and resurrection and through the Sacrament of

Baptism, and on what it means to be baptized. The glorious fifty days of Easter Time give us a special season to unpack the meaning of the mystery of being baptized and of being sharers in Christ’s life, death and resurrection. Also reflect on the new life you have experienced this Easter Time — how the Risen Christ has given you new life and deeper joy in different ways.

### *First Communions*

We’re beginning “First Holy Communion Season”! Indeed, insofar as Easter Time is the most appropriate time to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation, how wonderful it is that First Holy Communions take place during Easter Time. (Don’t forget that Eucharist is not only one of the three Sacraments of Initiation, but is, theologically, the culmination of our initiation into the life of union with Christ.)

Our celebrations of First Holy Communion begin this coming Saturday, May 4, with a Mass at 11:00 a.m. Then, as always, we will be celebrating a large number of First Holy Communions at parish Sunday Masses. Our schedule this year is: Sunday, May 5 — 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon; Saturday, May 11 — 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, May 12 — 12:00 Noon.

There is no better way for children to celebrate First Holy Communion than within the Sunday assembly, as the Church celebrates the Eucharist on the Lord’s Day, our primary holy day! I am thrilled that over the years since we introduced this option more and more families are making this important connection and are taking advantage of this option. So many parishioners love it, too, as you comment to me how much you enjoy seeing the children, and how being a part of the celebration enriches your own faith and your appreciation of the Eucharist. I hope you are fortunate to be at a Mass at which we are celebrating First Holy Communion!

Please remember to pray for all of this year’s First Communicants and their families.

***Help carry the canopy in our Eucharistic Procession!***

This week we're starting to run the ad to ask for parishioners to come forward to offer to help carry the canopy we carry over the Blessed Sacrament during our outdoor Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, which this year will be on Sunday, June 2. Recall how beautiful this was last year! What graces and blessings will be brought to you and your family as you help us to give this public witness to the Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament! The Procession will take place as the conclusion to the 12:00 Noon Mass on that day.

We need people to carry the canopy at each of its four corners, and we are looking to use more than just four people, so that folks can take turns during the Procession. An entire family can take a turn! What a great way to get your young ones involved in Eucharistic devotion! What an amazing thing for a family of a First Communicant to do! In addition, a husband and wife, or an engaged couple, or a dating couple could sign up to take a turn together, and members of a parish group or organization could sign up.

All the information is in the ad elsewhere in this bulletin, so take a look, and then return your response. Let's continue to make this Eucharistic Procession a huge success, as we have each year in the past. Let's give an amazing public witness to all of Lindenhurst about our belief in the Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist.

***Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass***

May 7 is the deadline to respond to attend this year's Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass, so don't forget to return your response if you have not already done so. As you know, this is the occasion when we affirm the graces and blessings married couples give to the Church, and it's geared toward couples celebrating an anniversary on any five-year mark (5, 10, 15, 20, *etc.*), and couples married any year over 50 years. We ask you to limit attendance to immediate family members only, due to space limitations. Also, while we're happy to provide this free of charge, if you would like to make an extra donation to help cover the costs for the

reception following the Mass, we would gratefully accept your generous offering. See the full-page flyer in this bulletin for all the details, and for the response form.

***Calendar Alert: Holy Day of Obligation—Ascension of the Lord***

You should make note of it now and plan accordingly: next week we have a Holy Day of Obligation — the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord — coming up, so you should plan on going to Mass either Wednesday night, the 8<sup>th</sup>, or Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup>. The full schedule of Masses on the Holy Day is printed elsewhere in this bulletin.

***Calendar Alert: Spring Concert***

Here's another "Save the Date" calendar alert for next week: on Friday night, May 10, we'll be having the OLPH Spring Concert. It promises to be an uplifting and joyful evening of beautiful music and outstanding performances, and it's a great way to support our music program and our music ministers here at OLPH. I love it each year, and I plan on being there this year. I hope you will, too.

***Mother's Day Novena of Masses***

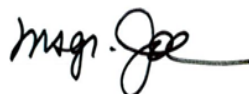
Don't miss out on the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day, a beautiful way to remember and pray for your living or deceased mother, grandmother or godmother, or for a mother-to-be. Use the Mother's Day cards and envelopes that have been placed around the church or that have been mailed to you; your intention will be remembered in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses.

***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

### FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS



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

**First Friday Devotions** will take place **May 3** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

**First Saturday Devotions**—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **May 4** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Polish, English, Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:30 p.m.



### SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for People with Special Needs and for those who care for them*

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 in a smaller setting.

**Saturday, May 4**

**4:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium**

*All are welcome.  
Come celebrate Mass with us!*

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

*Our Special Needs Mass is celebrated on the first Saturday of every month unless otherwise noted.*

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Join us next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Children 1st Grade and older can join in the Children's Liturgy of the Word every 1st and 3rd Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things that are being done in the main body of the church.



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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

Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.



**Mondays at 12:45 p.m.**

### **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.



### **FOR THOSE WITH CELIAC DISEASE**

Special hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. These hosts contain less than 0.001% gluten content and are approved for the Roman Catholic Church by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you need to receive Holy Communion using one of these hosts, please stop in the sacristy before Mass begins to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

## MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER STATUE



Join us **Tuesday, May 7** at 7:00 p.m.

on the rectory lawn in front of the Blessed Mother statue for the annual Crowning of the Blessed Mother.

This is always such a beautiful experience of prayer and devotion, and it is especially important for us to honor Our Blessed Mother.

*In case of inclement weather, the Crowning will be held indoors in the church.*



### **Mother's Day Novena of Masses**

Mother's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the church. The Mother's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your mother, grandmother, godmother, the mother-to-be you know or any mother you wish to remember in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. Simply take an envelope, write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. Thank you.

# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## Holy Day of Obligation



# Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

**Thursday, May 9**

Masses will be celebrated

**Wednesday, May 8**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 9**

**6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.**

**and 7:30 p.m.**

## JOIN IN THE NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



NOVENA TO THE  
HOLY SPIRIT

## *Novena to the Holy Spirit*

The Novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas as it was first made at the direction of Our Lord 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. Consider joining us for one or all sessions.

**Friday, May 10** following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

**Saturday, May 11** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Sunday, May 12** following all Masses

**Monday—Friday, May 13-May 17** following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

**Saturday, May 18** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

*Novena booklets are provided. Recitation of each day's prayers and reflection only takes about ten minutes.*



# SPRING CONCERT

IN LOVING MEMORY OF RYAN BARRETT

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 - 7:30PM

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

LINDENHURST, NY

Featuring the OLPH Youth Choir, Adult Choir,  
Cantors, Schola, and Instrumentalists

With Special Guest

The Hoffman Chamber Ensemble



REQUESTED OFFERING

\$10 FOR ADULTS

\$5 FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND STUDENTS

\$20 FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



# OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage by celebrating your wedding anniversary!

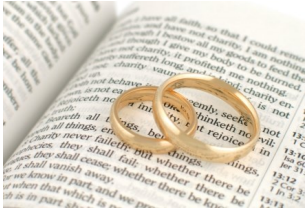
*We're celebrating Mass and throwing a party for YOU!*

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2024 that is "on a five year mark," that is, if this year you're married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 – and for couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) – are invited to a special MASS AND RECEPTION!

**FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024**

**7:30 p.m. Mass**

*with Renewal of Commitment by the Married Couples for the Anniversary of their Marriage Followed by a Reception in our School Gym*



*Invite your immediate family members! They are welcome!  
(Immediate family only, please)*

*We're happy to provide this free of charge. If, however, you would like to send a donation along with your response, to help defray costs, it would be gratefully accepted.*

**You must reply NO LATER THAN MAY 7  
WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY, USING THE FORM BELOW  
NO PHONE REPLIES CAN BE TAKEN**

*Cut-out and fill-in the form below and return to the Rectory by May 7*

## 2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

First Name of Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Years Married \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Your Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Your Wedding Song \_\_\_\_\_

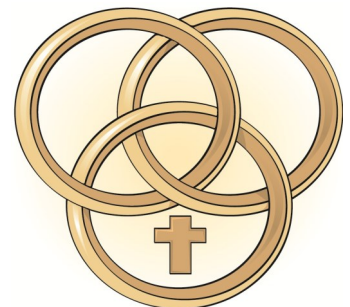
Wedding Song Artist \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending: Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_



*Please return this form as soon as possible to the Rectory,  
or drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.*

**ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 7.**

**Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.**



# VIGIL OF PENTECOST

**Saturday, May 18**

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

The Church encourages parishes to celebrate a **special Mass as a Vigil of Pentecost.**

- Entrance Procession highlighting the gifts of different ministries and the sacraments
- A special Vigil of Readings, with readings in different languages to reflect the backgrounds of our OLPH parishioners
- The Sacrament of Confirmation:

*Corinne Colasanto, Frank Klein, Joseph Kosakavich, Luis Riera and Nicole Viafore will be confirmed at this Mass. Please pray for all of these adults as we welcome them as fully initiated members of our parish community.*

Come and feel the fire of the Holy Spirit!

Come and feel the breath of the Holy Spirit!

Come and celebrate Easter Time coming to fruition!



## **MAY 18 AND 19 COME TO MASS DRESSED IN RED FOR PENTECOST**

**We invite all parishioners to come to Mass on Pentecost, May 18 and 19, wearing something red. Since red is the color of the Holy Spirit and of the Mass for Pentecost, and therefore the color of the vestments worn by the priest and deacon at Pentecost, let's all celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in a festive, fun and joyful way by making our church bright and glorious throughout the entire liturgical assembly with the red color of the fire of the Holy Spirit!**

# HELP US HONOR THE LORD’S REAL PRESENCE IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—HELP CARRY THE CANOPY!

As you know, each year, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, OLPH gives public witness to our faith in the Lord’s Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament by having an outdoor Eucharistic Procession, on the streets around the church. A canopy is carried over the Blessed Sacrament during the Procession, to give special honor to the Eucharistic Real Presence of the Lord.



We’re looking for people — individuals and families — to carry the canopy in this year’s Procession, which will take place on **Sunday, June 2, immediately following the 12:00 Noon Mass**. There are four corners to the canopy, so we need four carriers at a time, but we need lots of people, so you can take turns during the Procession, so the carrying does not become too strenuous.

What great blessings you will experience by participating in the Procession in this way! It’s a great thing to do together as a family — your family as a group can take charge of one or more corners for a period of time! You can offer to take a turn just by yourself, as an individual! What a great thing for a group to offer to do, as Knights of Columbus, or as Holy Name Society men, or as Christian Mothers, or as the Youth Service Corps, or any group! Let’s get lots of great OLPH parishioners to help carry the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament!

Return this response form to the rectory, to Msgr. Joe’s attention, as soon as possible. Further information will be forwarded to you.

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*Yes! I want to help carry the canopy in our Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday, June 2, as part of the 12:00 Noon Mass!*

Your Name or Your Family’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People in Your Group \_\_\_\_\_

Best e-mail to use to contact you \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number to use to contact you \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this to Msgr. Joe at the rectory, or e-mail the information to him at [msgsjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgsjoe@oloph.org)*



## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

### Communion Rehearsals

**5:00 p.m. in the church**

**April 29** – Rehearsal for the  
 May 4 Communion

**April 30** – Rehearsal for the  
 May 5, 11 and 12 Communions

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Early registration for returning families began March 1. There is a \$30 discount for all families that register before May 31. After June 1, the regular registration fee will be in effect for ALL registrations. For any late registrations that come in after July 31 there will be an additional \$30 late fee. We continue to encourage all families with children who will be beginning 1st grade (or older) who have not yet begun religious education to register for religious education. All new families must schedule an appointment in order to register and must come with a baptismal certificate.

### O.F.F. HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 11:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Friday: CLOSED  
 Saturday: by appointment

## REGISTRATION FOR BIBLE CAMP IS NOW OPEN!



### DATES ARE:

**JULY 8 – 12**

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

### DEADLINE:

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7**

**May 8**

**Bible Camp Meeting  
 at 6:00 p.m. in the  
 auditorium!**

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631.225.9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631.226.6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Respect Life Ministry: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta123@gmail.com
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Valerie Baxter—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

## NEW Food Pantry List!

**COFFEE, COFFEE, COFFEE**

**SHELF STABLE WHOLE**

**MILK**

**PANCAKE SYRUP**

**SMALL PACKAGES OF RICE**

**KNORR SIDES**

**TOILET TISSUE**

Thank you  
for your continued generosity.

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” Indeed, by helping the poor we can “bear much fruit” and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus, as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

## THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



*Please remember the Poor Boxes.*

*Each week the amount collected in the Poor Boxes is listed in our bulletin.*

*You may wonder where that money goes.*

*Every coin, bill or check goes directly to our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society to help serve those in need within our parish.*

*We use the funds to directly serve our neighbors who need food, rent assistance or help paying a utility bill.*

*We are grateful to those who remember the Poor Boxes weekly.*

*Thank you for helping us help others.*

## 2024 OLPH SCHOLARSHIP



**The Robert E. Dobres Memorial Scholarship:** Bob believed strongly in a commitment to **family, community** and the **Church**. He was always ready to volunteer. His dedication to others and to his community was clearly evident by the various organizations and groups he actively participated in, such as OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794, the OLPH Finance Committee, the Holy Name Society among others.

The scholarship is sponsored by OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794. The recipient will receive a one-time scholarship for \$1,000.00, which will be sent to the College or Trade School the winner is attending. To be eligible, the applicant must be child or grandchild of a member of OLPH Council 794, OLPH Ladies Auxiliary, or parishioner of OLPH Parish in Lindenhurst graduating High School this Spring and entering College in the fall.

For an application contact Mike Hearney at: [mhearney@optonline.net](mailto:mhearney@optonline.net) or 631-560-0451

## JOIN THE OLPH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!



The OLPH Knights of Columbus Council 794 is running a new member exemplification on **Friday, May 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **World War Veteran's Club at 185 N. Broadway**. If you are interested in signing up, please contact our Membership Director James Buttacavoli at (631) 741-3566. We need you!

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

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Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20<sup>th</sup> day. Her heart began to beat on the 21<sup>st</sup> day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all - the gift of life.



# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [DeaconRobert@oloph.org](mailto:DeaconRobert@oloph.org).

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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

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# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER



## TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

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## WE CELEBRATE

*Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
has freed you from sin, given you new birth by water  
and the Holy Spirit, and joined you to his  
people.—Order of Baptism of Children*



*Vincent Michael Gesuele*

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

## PERPETUAL HELP MASS

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 10:00 A.M. MASS**

<i>For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy</i>
<i>Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>	<i>Requested by the Estate of Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton</i>
<i>Frank J. Farrugia</i>	<i>Requested by Lena Farrugia</i>

## WE REMEMBER

*We remember those who have died in our parish.*

*Paul Will  
Marie A. Galante*

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

## WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Christine Ajello-Larsen</i>	<i>Eileen Quinn</i>
<i>Rev. Fr. Edward Seagriff</i>	<i>John Jordan</i>
<i>Genevieve Popiel</i>	<i>Britta Perna</i>
<i>Dilibeth Chirino</i>	<i>Mary Elizabeth Setti</i>
<i>Dolores Lombardo</i>	<i>Laurell Desner</i>
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<i>Lisa Byrne</i>	<i>Kevin Grogan</i>
<i>Tyler Qualls</i>	<i>Christopher Bovenzi</i>
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<i>Jimmy McGovern</i>	<i>Claire Soria</i>
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<i>Alex Betti</i>	<i>Virginia Beyrer</i>
<i>Stan Ryniewicz</i>	<i>Marge Sheehan</i>
<i>Anna Rooney</i>	<i>Ashlynn Santiago</i>
<i>Linda Matera</i>	<i>James Byrne</i>

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. Please call the Parish Office to have the name of the person added to the list. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for at least four weeks **and will be announced at Mass the first week only.** You don't need to make the request again until after the name is removed from the list.

**The Bereavement Ministry** assists anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one and helps the person grow through their grief.

Joining a Support Group, with the help of trained facilitators, will help the person strengthening their faith in themselves and God.

Our **Fall Bereavement session** will be held later this year. Watch for registration dates.

Please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or [Forubabe77@aol.com](mailto:Forubabe77@aol.com) for information.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY, April 29—</b> <b>Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b>	
6:30	Monica Grimsland
12:15	John & Jennifer Lucadamo & Family (Living)
<b>TUESDAY, April 30—</b> <b>Easter Weekday</b> <i>(Saint Pius V, Pope)</i>	
6:30	Mary Heaton
12:15	Joan & William McCowan
<b>WEDNESDAY, May 1—</b> <b>Easter Weekday</b> <i>(Saint Joseph the Worker)</i>	
6:30	Christopher Versace
12:15	Teresa Pirolo
<b>THURSDAY, May 2—</b> <b>Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>	
6:30	Ottmar Keller & Family
12:15	Dolores Otten
<b>FRIDAY, May 3—</b> <b>Saints Philip and James, Apostles</b>	
6:30	Carl R. Kieninger
12:15	Teresa Tirolo
<b>SATURDAY, May 4—</b> <b>Easter Weekday</b>	
8:00	Eileen McMahon
<b>Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
4:00	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton <i>Special Needs Mass—Auditorium</i>
5:00	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday, May 5 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
8:00	Louis Fernandez
10:00	Perpetual Help Mass <i>(Listing on p. 17)</i>
12:00	Michele & Lawrence Lanza

## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Monday, April 29, 2024</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
5:00 p.m.	First Communion Rehearsal	Church
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Tuesday, April 30, 2024</b>		
5:00 p.m.	First Communion Rehearsal	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:15 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Meeting	St. Mark's Room
<b>Wednesday, May 1, 2024</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (631-412-3831 for information)	Off Campus
6:30 p.m.	Level 5 Confirmation Prep	Auditorium
<b>Thursday, May 2, 2024</b>		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
<b>Friday, May 3, 2024</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 23
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Room 12
<b>Saturday, May 4, 2024</b>		
11:00 a.m.	First Communion	Church
11:00 a.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 16
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.	Exposition	Church
<b>Sunday, May 5, 2024</b>		
10:00 a.m.	First Communion	Church
10:00 a.m.	OCIA	Room 18
12:00 p.m.	First Communions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**OFFERING UPDATES  
April 20/21**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	282	109	\$2,539.00
8:00 a.m.	208	65	3,272.00
10:00 a.m.	308	75	3,335.00
12:00 p.m.	350	84	2,311.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			1.73
<b>Faith Direct</b>			3,303.60
<b>Children's Env.</b>		10	38.00
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			840.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,148	343	\$15,640.33
<b>2023</b>	1,058	324	\$14,525.56
<b>Candles</b>			\$925.86
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$190.31



**COLLECTION  
FOR CATHOLIC  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOLS**

**May 5**

The value of learning. The learning of values.

A collection taken *next weekend* will be in support of Catholic elementary schools in the diocese and of the *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation*. Tomorrow's Hope provides tuition assistance to students in need attending Catholic elementary schools and grants directly to schools to offset general expenses. The money that you give to the second collection next weekend will help to expand the academic excellence of our Catholic elementary schools and help them remain a place where our faith is taught and lived.

Sustaining Catholic elementary education is vital to the future of our society and our Church. Please be as generous as possible with your donation next weekend.



**Easter Total for 2024:  
\$70,480**

**Easter Flowers - \$6,360**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Easter Total for 2023: \$77,295



*SpringFest* comes  
to Wellwood Avenue

**Sunday, May 5**

Next Sunday, May 5, *Wellwood Avenue will be closed to all traffic from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.* for SpringFest which will allow stores, vendors with arts and crafts to have outdoor displays and food stands from John Street to West Gates Avenue. So, plan ahead—leave a little early! *They are allowed to start setting up before 10:00 a.m.* You may have to find a new route to get to Mass and to find parking next weekend.

**DEADLINES FOR  
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at [cbecker@oloph.org](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org), no later than the dates listed below.

*Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

- May 5—deadline passed
- May 12—May 3 deadline
- May 19—May 10 deadline

# PREPARING FOR

## Sunday, May 5, 2024

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Love one another as I love you.*

John 15:12

#### Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

This reading is the climax of a longer story that is very important. Cornelius is a Roman centurion, a Gentile (non-Jew), who has a vision. Peter, many miles away in another city, also has a vision. When they meet, as we hear today, it becomes clear that these two visions were meant to convert Cornelius to belief in Jesus Christ but also to convert Peter to the belief that God's love is for everyone, Jews and non-Jews alike. God pours out his Holy Spirit on Cornelius and his whole household even though they were not Jewish, a fact that initially astonished Peter. However, Peter came to see by this that "God shows no partiality." We today are the beneficiaries of that impartial love as God's Holy Spirit is available to all of us through our baptism.

#### 1 John 4:7-10

We hear today one of the most beautiful poems in the New Testament. When we hear this poem we think with our hearts not with our heads. It is a wonderful poem about the tender love that God has for us. Indeed, we hear forms of the word "love" ten times in the space of a few short lines. This is meant to draw those who hear it into an experience of a loving relationship with God who loved us so much that he sent his only Son to die for us. This is the foundation of our relationship with God and with one another.

#### John 15:9-17

Today's Gospel is a continuation of Jesus' teaching on the "vine and branches" we heard last Sunday which he gave to his disciples at the Last Supper. Before he leaves them he wants them to understand how and how much he loves them. Surely his disciples had previously noticed the loving relationship Jesus had with his Father. Now Jesus is telling them that this relationship extends to them, too. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." This shows how the disciples, and we today, are to love one another: "Love one another as I love you." That's a tall order sometimes but comes with the assurance that doing so will make our joy complete. That's good news indeed!

## Readings for the Week

*Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.*

#### Monday, April 29, 2024:

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

#### Tuesday, April 30, 2024:

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

#### Wednesday, May 1, 2024:

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

#### Thursday, May 2, 2024:

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

#### Friday, May 3, 2024:

1Corinthians 15:1-8 + John 14:6-14

#### Saturday, May 4, 2024:

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

#### Sunday, May 5, 2024:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

+ 1 John 4:7-10

+ John 15:9-17

## Gospel Reflection

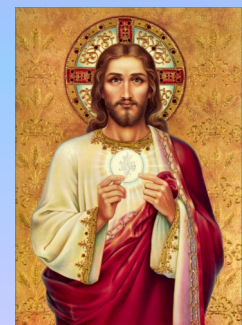
*After reading next Sunday's readings take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

1. The one thing Jesus asks of us is that we love our neighbor. How would you rate this assignment on a "difficulty" scale from 1-10? Explain. What gift (First Reading) does God give you to help with this assignment?

2. According to Pope Francis, how can we get to know and love God?

*"This is the doctrine of two Commandments: the most important is 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' To get to the first we must ascend the steps of the second: that means that through our love for our neighbor we can get to know God, who is love. Only through loving can we reach love."*

Homily at Mass at Casa Santa Marta, January 10, 2015



# SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God’s Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application.

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

**Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:**

1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God’s Children class: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)  
When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.

- a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first time registrant.
- b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization-from the drop down list select **Rockville Centre-Safe Environment**.
- c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
- d. One screen will have the **Codes of Conduct**. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
- e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
- f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.

2. Background Screening Application:

- a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
- b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. **DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION!** If you stop-you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
- c. You will need to provide your Social Security #; if you do not provide a Social Security # you will be charged a fee.
- d. After completing the application, hit the ‘Submit Button’

Congratulations! You have now:

Registered to attend a Virtus class ~ signed the Codes of Conduct ~ Completed the Background Screening.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**2024 OLPH GOAL:**  
**\$114,600**

**Total pledges: \$70,093.00**  
**# of pledges: 240**  
**Total payments: \$44,839.00 (61.16% of goal)**  
**As of 4/22/24**

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# A Day Set Apart: Sunday

**W**hat are your childhood memories of Sunday? Was it a day that began with worship? Was it a time set aside to spend with family and friends? Were there special meals or other family rituals?

Sunday, for my family, meant going to Mass first thing in the morning. Since my hometown was largely populated by Italians, Sunday was the day we ate pasta.

I can still smell the aroma of homemade tomato sauce that filled our house. In the afternoon, we would sit on the front porch, go for a ride to visit relatives, or visit the graves of our loved ones at the cemetery. Then we would stop at a fast-food restaurant or go for an ice cream. It was a special day, sacred in fact, because we did things on Sunday we didn't normally do during the rest of the week.

Whatever your childhood memories of Sunday, chances are that your current experience is different. Times have changed. Now many people use Sundays to catch up on the work that didn't get done the rest of the week. Sundays have become filled with scheduled school and sports activities, leaving little time to observe the special nature of Sunday as directed in the book of Deuteronomy:

Observe the sabbath—keep it holy, as the Lord, your God, commanded you. Six days you may labor and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God. You shall not do any work. (Deuteronomy 5:12–13)

The Sabbath is a day to praise God for God's goodness and to make the day holy as God did in creating the Sabbath. As Genesis 2:3 states, "God blessed the seventh day, and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation."



Sunday frees the faithful to fulfill the command "to love one another" in ways that may have been passed up during the week.

Scholars of the Talmud say the Sabbath was created not because God needed rest, but in order to make rest holy, to demand rest of humankind so that by regularly resting in God they could become new people. Believers are encouraged to keep the day by setting aside weekly routines, relaxing, and partaking in only those things that refresh our spirits. Work, after all, will never be complete.

Sunday does not just serve our renewal. Sunday frees us to fulfill the Lord's command to "love one another" in ways often passed up during a busy week. Our very celebration of the Sunday Eucharist calls us to this service. As Pope John Paul II notes in his apostolic letter *Dies Domini*, 69, the Sunday Eucharist commits the faithful even more "to all the works of charity, of mercy, of apostolic outreach."

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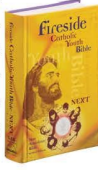
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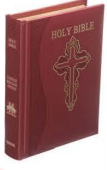


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