

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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May the splendor
of your majesty,
O Lord, we pray,
shed its light
upon our hearts...



The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2013

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

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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.

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.

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: Will resume after Christmas season.

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

CHRISTMAS TIME @ OLPH!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Friday, December 21st, hundreds gathered for our Children's Christmas Pageant in the Church. What a great night for our parish!

Special thanks to all who participated in the pageant and to the members of our Family Life Committee who worked so hard to get everyone ready.

Following the pageant, all gathered for hospitality on Wellwood Avenue with some of the live animals of the Pageant. Msgr. Joe led us in Christmas Carols and a great time was had by all.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

On Sunday, December 23, many parishioners came to help prepare our Church for Christmas. With so many people to help including our parish's youth group, we were able to decorate the entire Church within an hour. Great work everyone!



BEFORE...

...DURING...

...AFTER!!!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Epiphany— Christmas Time continues!

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, a Solemnity which is still a Christmas feast — remember, we are still in Christmas Time! For the Church, Christmas continues up to and including the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, celebrated this year on January 13. Christmas is not just a day — it is an entire season of liturgical time!

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is associated with the visit of the Magi, but it also offers us the opportunity for a deeper reflection on the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word-made-flesh. Epiphany means “manifestation,” so this feast continues to highlight for us the manifestation, or revelation, of God-made-man in Jesus Christ. In fact, the liturgy has traditionally emphasized three events which should be seen as interrelated and taken together, three events that make up the full manifestation or epiphany of Christ; those events are: the visit of the Magi, proclaiming Christ as the Light of the Nations, the Savior of all peoples, both Jew and Gentile (the Solemnity celebrated today); the Baptism of the Lord (celebrated next Sunday), where Jesus is manifested as God’s Beloved Son; and the changing of water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, a sign which reveals Jesus’ identity as Son of God and Messiah (which is the Gospel used on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time in Cycle C, the cycle of readings for this year).

The liturgical point is, I think, simple: the whole of Christmas Time (and even a little beyond) unfolds for us the splendor of God becoming human. The Incarnation is a mystery so rich and profound that we can never exhaust the contemplation of it. Its meaning is and has been proclaimed to us over and over again in liturgical texts, particularly in the Prefaces of this season (the Preface is the part of the Eucharistic Prayer that comes just before the Holy, Holy): “For today you have revealed the mystery

of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature” (Preface of the Epiphany of the Lord); “For through him the holy exchange that restores our life has shone forth today in splendor: when our frailty is assumed by your Word not only does human mortality receive unending honor but by this wondrous union we, too, are made eternal” (Preface III of the Nativity of the Lord).

Blessing Your Home on Epiphany

Allow me to call your attention to the special insert we have included in today’s bulletin for blessing your home on Epiphany. This is a wonderful custom which many families enjoy, especially inscribing the special markings over the doorway. Some families write right on the woodwork or door frame in chalk; others place a little sign or card or placard. Whatever is used, it’s a fun way for a family to bless their home and to dedicate the upcoming year spirituality to welcoming Christ as a member of their household, and seeing Christ’s presence in their family life together.

As a parish, we should be encouraging and promoting these household blessings and prayers, and this is an important way of connecting liturgy and life, a way of bringing what we celebrate throughout the liturgical year in church into our homes. Talk to your friends and fellow parishioners about this Epiphany blessing; ask if they are doing it; encourage one another. In fact, how’s this for an idea: *why not have an Epiphany party, maybe even going from home to home with friends, blessing each other’s homes?* What fun that could be for the kids, and what a great way of sharing faith with one another!

Reflections about Liturgy: Participation and Singing

As 2013 continues to unfold, we will be looking more and more closely at our celebration of liturgy at OLPH. One thing that strikes me is that I think we could all be more aware of the importance of our external participation at liturgy.



The important thing to remember is that **Mass is not something that the priest comes out and “does” for the people.** Who celebrates the Mass? The ultimate answer is, of course, Jesus Christ, as He is present in His Church. The Church, of course, is all of us, ordained and lay. Therefore, it is not incorrect to say that we ALL, as members of Christ’s body, celebrate the Mass, each according to our proper role as the ordained or laity. That means, however, that everyone’s participation is as important and vital as the priest’s.

Think about it this way: every description as to how you would want the priest to enact his role also applies to YOU in YOUR ROLE AS MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY. Therefore, just as it is important for everyone to be able to hear the priest, it is important for the priest and everyone else to hear you — in your verbal responses and in your singing.

I mention this because, quite frankly, I think we could be doing much, much better in our spoken responses and in our participation in singing. Given the size of our assembly, the “joyful noise” made by the holy people of God as they lift their voices in prayer and praise does not sound very “joyful” or very “noisy.” Remember, it is called the *celebration* of the Eucharist! This is especially true of joining in the singing. Our participation in singing is still not all it should be, especially at Communion time.

Over the course of the upcoming months, we will be paying attention to increasing our sense of participation, especially in singing.

Reflections About Liturgy: Communal Prayer

When we think of praying, the first image which often comes to mind is the image of sitting or kneeling alone, in solitude, privately talking to God or quietly meditating. While private and individual prayer is an indispensable part of the spiritual life, there is a second, complementary aspect which is just as important but is often overlooked: **communal prayer**, *i.e.*, those public acts of prayer and worship that Catholic Christians engage in together. This liturgical (public, communal) prayer is not only a necessary part of our spiritual life as Catholic Christians, but it is also a rich heritage that has been handed down to us throughout our tradition, and it can be the source of much comfort and spiritual growth. In particular, we can highlight five dimensions that make public, communal prayer—especially, but not exclusively, the celebration of the Eucharist—so enriching to us. We’ll explore those five over the

course of upcoming Pastor’s Letters in the weekly bulletin; today I present to you the first.

Communal prayer defines who we are as Christians. Our identity as Christians begins with our baptism. At baptism, through our sharing in the dying and rising of Jesus, we become members of His Body, the Church. We gain a corporate identity in the Body of Christ and become members of his community. The hallmark of the members of this community is union with one another, as expressed in love for one another, a common life together, and common praise offered to God. Vatican II’s *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, article 2, puts it this way: “For it is the liturgy through which, especially in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist, ‘the work of our redemption is accomplished,’ and it is through the liturgy, especially, that the faithful are enabled to express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church.” Since the real nature of the true Church is to be the presence of Jesus’ love in the world, the coming together of the members of the church to pray communally affords the opportunity to manifest this. Communal prayer gives us the chance to publicly proclaim our brotherhood and sisterhood under God; our prayer at these celebrations enflashes the spiritual reality of our bondedness. As the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* also states, “In [the liturgy] full public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and his members.” (7) Far from being just ritual, more than just the worship we offer God (as important as that is), communal prayer is a spiritual reality which manifests our corporate identity and leads us beyond our individualism and isolationism.

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,

Mgr. Joe



CHRISTMAS TIME



Blessing of the Home and Household on the Epiphany

Use this ritual to bless your home on the Feast of Epiphany, January 6, 2013

The household gathers at the manger scene, or at some other suitable place. All make the sign of the cross, and the Leader begins:

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

All respond: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: During these days of Christmas Time, we keep this feast of Epiphany. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

Then someone proclaims the Scripture reading:

Reader: Listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Matthew.

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of King Herod, astrologers from the east arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." At this news King Herod became greatly disturbed, and with him all Jerusalem. Summoning all of the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem of Judea," they informed him. "Here is what the prophet has written: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the princes of Judah, since from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them: "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report it to me so that I may go and offer him homage too."

After their audience with the king, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, found the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They received a message in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him. Our response will be, Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray: *R/.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray: *R/.*

Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray: *R/.*

After the intercessions, all pray the Lord's Prayer: Our Father...

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Leader: Let us pray. Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

All respond: Amen.

There is a custom of making an inscription (perhaps in chalk, or written in some other way) above the main door of the house, on the inside. If the family wishes to do this, the inscription should read:

20 + C + M + B + 13

The letters represent the Magi, traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar; the "20" and "13" represent the year, signifying the timeless God; each cross marks a point of the compass, or "all the nations."

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Celebration for the Newly Baptized

**NEXT SUNDAY,
January 13, 2013
9:30 a.m. Mass**



Family Life invites all families who had a baby baptized in 2012 for a special blessing at the 9:30 A.M. Mass next Sunday.

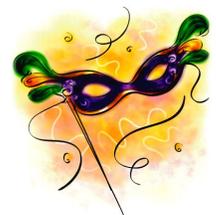
Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass there will be a reception in the school cafeteria. All are welcome!

If you plan to attend the reception please contact Lorraine at 226-2195 or Emily 226-0480 or email olphfamilylife@aol.com

And...save the date!

MARDI GRAS- Tuesday, February 12th

Watch the bulletin for upcoming details!



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 and Powered
Milk
Peanut Butter
Jelly or Jam
Coffee—Regular & Decaf
Pork and Beans
Canned Fruits
Hot and Cold Cereals
Canned Tuna
Canned Meats

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 am—12 noon

Tuesdays - 4 P.M.—7 P.M.

Saturday, January 19th —9 am –12 noon

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.**

The Saint Bernard League

(Saint Bernards are known for bringing people to safety in hazardous weather conditions!)

We REALLY NEED Saint Bernards!

Can you and/or your family shovel, snow blow or clear out another family or two in need within our parish community? We'd love to have all families matched up before the first snow of the season. If you can help with this, call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org This is a great way to help those in need (do some tremendous community service!) **WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS IN NEED!!!!**



If you are in need of help when it snows, members of our parish community will come to your home and shovel you out! If you think you can use this help, call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org so we can begin to match people up now.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 25, 2013

Our parish is attending the Annual March for Life on **Friday, January 25, 2013**. We will gather at OLPH at 5:00 A.M. for Mass in the Church and depart immediately after.

To RSVP to this event, contact Kathy Feldman of our Respect Life Committee at 631.225.9864. All responses are requested by January 18, 2013.

A Free Will Offering of \$20.00 is requested, but not required, for participation. This will cover the cost of the bus and any extra monies will be donated to Regina Residence, Catholic Charities outreach to pregnant and parenting women and their children.

THANK YOU!

This past week we received the following letter from the Life Center of Long Island expressing gratitude for our parish's efforts with the annual Baby Bottle Campaign held during Respect Life Month. Special thanks to all in our Respect Life Ministry who helped make the Baby Bottle Campaign a success!

Dear Msgr. DeGrocco:

How can we adequately thank you and the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for the outpouring of support for The Life Center's 2012 Baby Bottle campaign? The campaign raised over \$8,223! God knows the ongoing needs of The Life Center and provided through the generosity of the parishioners at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This monetary aid is critical to the continued viability and success of our efforts to minister to mothers, fathers and their pre-born children....

May God bless every sacrifice made on behalf of the preborn. We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to Louise Perotta and all who helped with the campaign. Their dedication in upholding the dignity of life is inspiring. We would not have had the successful campaign that we had without their hard work and commitment.

With gratitude, you and the beautiful parish family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help remain in the hearts and prayers of all at the Life Center.

For all God's children,



Respecting Life....



RACISM

As the country prepares to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, we should take time as disciples reflecting on the sin of racism and how that impacts the life of others. Racism is not a national issue or international issue alone. It is present in many of our every day encounters. Cardinal Francis George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago writes:

We meet God in the created, visible, tangible surroundings of the home, the neighborhood and the workplace. We encounter God in and through our spouse, children, brothers and sisters, the family next door, the shopkeeper on the corner, our teachers, the stranger on the street. In short, we meet God in and through people of every color, ethnic background, religion, class and gender. God is active in and through the people, places and circumstances that constitute our ordinary daily life....

Ethnic, cultural, and racial diversities are gifts from God to the human race. In Jesus, we are called to a radical love-to love of the stranger as our neighbor (Luke 10:25-37). Others may be different from us in every respect except one: each man, woman, or child we encounter is also a child of God, a brother or sister in the Lord, whom we should welcome as our neighbor. The stranger whom we encounter is really our neighbor in Christ. Through communion with our neighbors who are racially and culturally distinct from ourselves, we begin to live as a community the unity in diversity that is the life of the Triune God. We can learn to live, work and pray in solidarity with the stranger now recognized as our neighbor. Dwell in My Love, A Pastoral Letter on Racism

....at all stages!

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. Our hope is to connect families who have available furniture with families in need. **DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, bring furniture to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.**



St. Vincent de Paul Parish Outreach

Parishioners and community members in need are invited to our St. Vincent de Paul Office (the grey house) at 272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY.

In addition to our regular hours, St. Vincent DePaul will be open on Tuesday afternoons from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. to assist you. You are most welcome here, most especially in times of need.



Catholic Charities DISASTER RELIEF

You might recall that Bishop Murphy asked all parishes in the Diocese to take up a special second collection immediately after the storm. These monies provided for initial needs in local parishes now make up a Disaster Relief Fund for individuals and families in need.

Individuals and families impacted by Superstorm Sandy may be eligible for these funds. For more information, please contact our St. Vincent de Paul Office at 631.225.5531.

FROM OLPH TO OLPH...

Before Christmas we received the following letter from Sr. Elizabeth Herbert, SLW, Principal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Belle Chasse, Louisiana and her assistant Viki Gatti. They made a donation of nearly \$600.00 to our Storm Relief Fund. You can learn more about the parish and school here...<http://www.olphbc.org/>

I am the administrative assistant at OLPH School in Belle Chasse, Louisiana. We are a small school of 265 students in grades Pre-Ke to 8.

Geographically, we are located in the southeast corner of Louisiana. Hurricane Katrina made landfall in our parish (county, everywhere else!) in 2005. Many areas of our state are still rebuilding. Many of our school families had to relocate after the storm. This year, Hurricane Isaac hit us. Although each circumstance is different, we have walked in your shoes and we have felt your loss. Your community has been and will remain in our prayers. Hurricane Sandy will always be a date you remember, but hopefully you will also remember the kindness of strangers and your community will be strengthened by your shared experience.

This year, our teachers opted to collect money for your children rather than do a gift swap amongst ourselves. We will be sending a check to you for \$60.64.

May Mary, Our Perpetual Help, comfort you and bring you peace. We pray your community experiences great joy and new life as we celebrate the birth of Mary's Son, Jesus.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!

Did you know that the OLPH bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. **So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!**

If your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each week, nearly two thousand people attend Mass at OLPH, most of whom live and shop in the Lindenhurst area, receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of area families with information about your business.

For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call The Church Bulletin Company at 631.249.4994.



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Vigil Masses
6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.,
1:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. (Mass in Parish)
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BLESSED SACRAMENT**
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Wednesdays: 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Sundays: Nights: 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the Reparation of
Sins
Fast Sundays: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

December 29/30, 2012

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	2136.50	118	335
6:30 A.M.	1567	37	95
8:00 A.M.	1587	67	191
9:30 A.M.	2178	89	321
11:00 A.M.	3207	128	459
12:30 P.M.	1907	96	385
5:00 P.M.	1037	37	230
6:30 P.M.	596	18	197
Faith Direct	\$1774.00		
Mail In	234.00		
TOTAL	\$16,232.50		2308
2011 Totals (New Year's Day was celebrated on a Sunday in 2011/12.)	\$15,566.29		1734

Information about the Christmas collection and Christmas Mass Attendance will be published in an upcoming edition of the bulletin.

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 Unión de los Enfermos y la Eucaristía, contacto Padre Juan Sureau – 631.226.7725, x. 224 - jsu-reau@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.

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

**Eric Kreuder (OLA)
& Katherine Willox (OLPH)**

BOOK OF INTENTIONS

Our parish Book of Intentions, located in the Divine Mercy Chapel (to the left of the sanctuary), has been redesigned to make it easier to use.

Whenever you come to our Church, consider taking some time to write your own prayer intentions in our book. We pray for these intentions each Sunday at Mass. This book is a sign of our community's commitment to pray for and with one another.

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one and support our parish community is by donating an item used at Mass for the intention of a loved one.



The following may be memorialized each week:

**Altar Bread
Altar Wine
Altar Flowers
Oil and Altar Candles**

To memorialize the altar bread and wine for a particular week, please contact the Parish Office.

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...

John Huff	Nettie Deasy
Erika Kroll	Meghan Sullivan Garrity
Catherine Tamburino	Kevin Curran
Richard Brosan	Charles Muller
Mary Doran	Claire Cannon
William Pugh	Robert Gron
Janet Pugh	Mazie Michie
Andrew Pellicane	Bradley Hirst
Joseph Gerbino	Salvatore Sciametta
Anthony Cito	Roman Reichert
Luca Mazzili	Sarah Pellerito
Peggy Pannullo	Donna Borish
Margaret Stangelo	Helen Bartley
Charles Muller	Bob Little
Betty Cunningham	

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 or e-mail cbecker@oloph.org.

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.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 631.226.7725

Religious Education: 631.226.2384

St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Outreach) :

631.225.5531

Youth Ministry: 631.226.6239

Parish Website:

www.olphlindenhurst.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, January 7—Christmas Weekday
St. Raymond of Penyafort (optional)

8:00 Joan Mensching

12:00 Frank Vallaro

7:00p Barbara Carr

TUESDAY, January 8— Christmas Weekday

8:00 Antonio Cipollone

12:00 Leonard Vicciardo

7:00 Bob Cavanaugh

WEDNESDAY, January 9—
Christmas Weekday

8:00 Kathleen Worth

12:00 Pasquale Di Pietrantonio

7:00 Barbara Carr

THURSDAY, January 10—Christmas Weekday

8:00 Karen Ann Bruning

12:00 Carol Mauer

7:00 Gloria Lucchi

FRIDAY, January 11—Christmas Weekday

8:00 Katherine Connolly

12:00 Chrstina Renna

7:00 Franciszek Wegrzynowski

SATURDAY, January 12— Christmas Weekday

8:00 Rocco Versace

Vigil Mass -

5:00 Anthony and Jean Saccaro

SUNDAY, January 13—

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

6:30 Mary McNeely

8:00 Mass for the People of the Parish

9:30 Timothy McDonagh (Living)

11:00 Karl Schrodeder

12:30 Robert Lechner

5:00 Frank Luciano

6:30 Mass in Polish

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- The **Sisters of the Cenacle** are planning a number of events for the Advent and Christmas seasons. For information /registration call the Cenacle, 310 Cenacle Road in Ronkonkoma at 631-588-8366 or email: retreat@cenaclesisters.org. Please take note of the following:

Jan. 11-13, 2013 Weekend. Healing Life's Hurts with Contemplation – Silent Retreat. Ignatian contemplation on the life of Jesus to heal fear, anger, guilt, shame in our lives. Fr. Matt Linn, S.J.

Jan. 12, Saturday, 10am-4pm at Maude Adams, includes lunch. Life is Goodbye, Life is Hello Workshop. From perspectives of several faith traditions, we will explore varied ways in which cultures experience universal grief. Death ends life, not a relationship. Ann Amideo, M.A. Theology.

NEW!!! Jan. 13 Sunday, 2:30-5pm. Hurricane Sandy: Act of Nature or Act of God? Come to share your experience of Hurricane Sandy. How has it been a crisis with both danger and opportunity? The afternoon will include a healing prayer process to bring new life wherever the crisis has challenged your life. Fr. Matthew Linn, SJ.

- The **Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life** of St. Joseph's College series on Vatican II Revisited: Perspectives from Fifty Years Later continues on **Thursday, January 31st at 7:30 P.M.** in the McGann Conference Room on the Patchogue campus. Msgr. John Strykowski, S.T.D., Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of St. James, will be speaking on Vatican II: Is it Finished? No RSVP required. This talk is free and open to the public. For more information contact 631.687.2689.
- **Our Lady of Lourdes School** in West Islip is now registering for the 2013-2014 school year. Private tours are available. Call 631-587-7200 x 100 for a visit. **Open House** Sun., **Jan. 27** 10:30am –12noon.
- **FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY:** Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Guiliani, has been conducted in the diocese for the past 39 years for the convenience of parishioners. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Guiliani at 631.243.2503 or by visiting <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>

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Monday, January 7, 2013

1 John 3:22-4:6 +
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

1 John 4:7-10 + Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

1 John 4:11-18 + Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 10, 2013:

1 John 4:19-5:4 + Luke 4:14-22a

Friday, January 11, 2013:

1 John 5:5-13 + Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, January 12, 2013:

1 John 5:14-21 + John 3:22-30

Sunday, January 13, 2012:

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

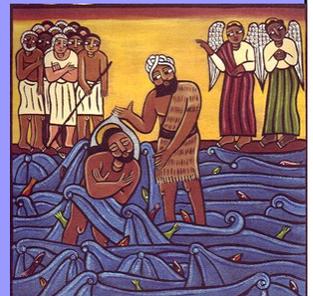
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

After reading next Sunday's Gospel, take some time pray with these questions, before you come to Mass.

1. John the Baptist was the middleman. He pointed back to Isaiah and forward to Jesus, connecting the whole plan. What or who are the "middlemen or women" who connect you with God? In what way are you a middle person?

2. Jesus stood in line with everyone else to be baptized. What does this tell you about him? Can you think of anything that God asks you to do that Jesus didn't experience in some way?



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