

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*“Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased...”*

Isaiah 42:1

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 10, 2016

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Rev. John Sureau, Rev. Fidelis Ezeani

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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

Business Manager: Deacon Thomas J. Bast

Coordinator of Faith Formation: April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Christopher Ferraro

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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 decisions as Catholics and more!

Instructor: April Kleinlaut
Coordinator of Faith Formation

5 Thursday Evenings —
January 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4 & 11
Time: 7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.
Place: Room 18

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

Yes, please, Sign me up!

Living the Christian Life: INTRODUCTION TO MORALITY

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____ @ _____

A fee of \$20 per person will be collected to cover the costs of materials.

CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION

Are you interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?



If you are a baptized Catholic, but have not been fully initiated, we offer a process for those who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

For adults who desire more information, contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net.

For teenagers and their families who desire more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631.226.7725, x.251 or e-mail to religious@oloph.org.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The liturgical season of Christmas Time comes to a close with today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast proclaims to us what is known as a "theophany," *i.e.*, a revelation or manifestation of God in our midst. In this particular case, what is revealed is the divine Sonship of Jesus as, after His baptism, according to Luke's Gospel, heaven is opened and the Holy Spirit descends upon Him "in bodily form like a dove." As the voice from heaven proclaims, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," Jesus is anointed and appointed to His Messianic office, and His public ministry commences.

However, we as baptized Christians cannot help but remember that our baptism elevates us to the status of sons and daughters of God and gives us a share in Christ's mission, that of bringing the good news to the poor.

On this feast, we should all take a few moments to ponder the richness and depth of what it means to be baptized. Reflect on these statements which come from the General Introduction concerning Christian Initiation:

- "Baptism incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God's people. This first sacrament pardons all our sins, rescues us from the power of darkness, and brings us to the dignity of adopted children, a new creation through water and the Holy Spirit. Hence we are called and are indeed the children of God." (2)

- "Baptism is the sacrament by which its recipients are incorporated into the Church and are built up together in the Spirit into a house where God lives, into a holy nation and a royal priesthood. Baptism is a sacramental bond of unity linking all who have been signed by it." (4)

- "Those who are baptized are united to Christ in a death like his; buried with him in death, they are given life again with him, and with him they rise again. For baptism recalls and makes present the paschal mystery itself, because in baptism we pass from the death of sin into life." (6)

Powerful words indeed! That is why we have highlighted baptism on this feast by beginning all the Masses with the Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water, except at the 10:00 Mass, at which we actually celebrated a baptism during Mass. We take this opportunity to congratulate Theodore Benjamin Tennant, baptized at the 10:00

Mass, and his parents Patrick and Megan Tennant. What a beautiful celebration of faith, to celebrate baptism within the celebration of the Eucharist!

After today, the Church returns to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, when the entire paschal mystery in general occupies our attention, instead of a particular lens or focus for that mystery. This section of Ordinary Time will continue until February 10, Ash Wednesday. (Yes, Lent, and therefore Easter, come early in 2016!)

THANK YOU to all who made Christmas so wonderful at OLPH!

At this close of Christmas Time, it is appropriate for me to offer words of sincere **THANKS AND GRATITUDE** to all — to so, so many people — who came together in various ways to make our celebration of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and all the days of Christmas Time, so reverent, so holy, so inspiring and so uplifting. Thanks go to those who worked in obvious roles, and thanks go to those who worked behind the scenes. To those who decorated the church (and who will help in taking down the decorations, which is just as important!); to those who served in liturgical ministries of readers, EMs, servers, ushers, sacristans; to our liturgical music ministers who always help us to pray so well through their talent and their gifts; to our maintenance crew who helped decorate, who kept things clean and orderly, and kept mechanical things running smoothly; to all who came to pray and worship and offer the gift of their presence; to all who were so generous with their financial offerings; and, with my apologies, to anyone I may be neglecting to mention in particular: I offer a very deep and heartfelt **THANK YOU** for making OLPH "the place to be" this Christmas Time. Christmas reminds us that when we see Christ, we are caught up in love of the God we cannot see; we must also remember it's also true that when we see gifts and offerings and love made manifest in one another, we are also getting caught up in visible expressions of God's love for us.

"Form B" of the Penitential Act starting next weekend

I'm very excited to announce that we will be starting something new at Mass next week here at OLPH. Of course, this is not anything new concerning the liturgy *per se*, but it is new for us. It concerns the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass.

There are actually three forms of the Penitential Act, but, for whatever reason, it is almost universally true in parishes that only two forms are familiar because basically only these two forms are the ones used: the form where the *Confiteor* is said (the recitation of “I confess to almighty God...”), which is a first option; and the form where three invocations are announced (by a deacon, if a deacon is present), and the assembly responds with “Lord, have mercy/Christ, have mercy/Lord, have mercy,” which is a third option.

There is, however, another option, a second one printed in the Missal (the ritual book with all the prayers and texts for the Mass), which, as I said, is hardly ever used; for our purposes, we’ll refer to it as “Form B.” It takes the form of a dialogue between the priest and the people. After the introduction and a pause for silence, the priest says, “Have mercy on us, Lord,” and the people respond, “For we have sinned against you.” Then the priest says, “Show us, O Lord, your mercy,” and the people respond, “And grant us your salvation.” That’s it — it’s four lines, and it’s simple. It’s printed on the tri-fold worship aid card that is in the pew rack, under the heading “Penitential Act (B).”

Notice how, actually, the people’s responses are not really responses *per se* as much as they are completions of the priest’s statements, so that, together, the priest and the people make a confession of the Lord’s mercy. It is a statement not so much about our sinfulness, but rather about the way Christ deals with sinners and brings about forgiveness — by showing mercy and bringing forgiveness. As with everything in the Mass, the emphasis is on the exalted Lord rather than on us.

It was suggested by the Liturgy Committee that we adopt this form of the Penitential Act for the Sundays of Ordinary Time during the Year of Mercy. It is hoped that the newness of this form will help highlight the theme of mercy during this special Jubilee Year called for by Pope Francis. Besides, this “Form B” is one of the texts of the Mass, and therefore it’s just plain and simply a good thing for us to be familiar with it! So, starting next week, we’ll be using this form for the Penitential Act on all the Sundays of Ordinary Time during the Year of Mercy, *i.e.*, until November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, when the Year of Mercy closes. (We’ll use a different, sung Penitential Act during Lent, and the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water during Easter Time, as has become

our custom at OLPH, but this “Form B” will be the form for the Sundays of Ordinary Time, and, at the priest’s discretion, also at weekday Masses, during 2016.)

We’ll remind you of this before Mass begins next week, but be prepared to use this option as a way for us to highlight the Year of Mercy.

First Penance

We had a great celebration of First Penance this past Saturday, January 9, and we look forward to another fine celebration this coming Saturday, January 16. Please remember to keep in your prayers this week all of the children who are going to Confession for the first time this year. In addition, I would like to offer my thanks to all the catechists, for all they do week in and week out to prepare the students for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, and, of course, First Holy Communion later in the year.

New handrail at south entrance of the church

You may have noticed that we have installed a handrail at the south entrance of the church (near the rectory), where we have the cut-out in the curb for those with mobility problems. I noticed that often those who use this as a handicap entrance were often reaching to balance themselves against the side of the building, so I thought a handrail would be helpful to those who need it. I hope this is yet another little item that helps make coming to OLPH a little easier for those with mobility issues.

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,



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Save the date for our

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION



Come join us for a family evening of prayer and fun including the burning of palms as we begin our Lenten journey by strengthening our relationship with God!

Tuesday, February 9th

5:45 p.m. in the Church

Cost: \$20.00 per family or \$5.00 pp

Please bring a covered dish to be shared with your family and a few others! You may drop off your dish as you enter the church.

Music, games, 50/50 & raffles!

Any questions or ticket information contact:

Deirdre Strigaro 631-225-0928 or familylife@oloph.org



PARISH LIFE & MINISTRY

Nursing Ministry

Parish nurses work with parishioners to provide spiritual support, consultation, assistance with medical forms, resources and referrals and encouragement.

In addition, nurses assist at parish events and perhaps provide spiritual and health programs for parishioners.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry and want to find out more information, please contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com.

The next event sponsored by the Nursing Ministry is...

The OLPH Blood Drive
Sunday, January 31, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Room 15 in the School

**Help
 save
 lives**



Prescheduled appointments are preferred, but walk ins welcome. Contact Regina Muir 226-2709 or Rmuir11@aol.com to sign up.

WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN!

Thanks to those in our parish who helped prepare our parish Christmas lights. But now we need to take them all down.

Want to be involved?

Come help us

TODAY,

**January 10 at 12 Noon
 & After the 5:00 p.m. Mass**



MUSIC NOTES

Have you unpacked all your gifts?

Perhaps God is calling you to become a part of the music ministry at OLPH. If so, read below to see which ensemble might suit your gifts. Perhaps one of your spiritual gifts has not yet been opened. Pray about it and then give a call.

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at the 12:00 p.m. Mass most Sundays (September to June) and for other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the church. Members are high school aged or older. Reading music is not a requirement, just a desire to praise God in song and the ability to carry a tune. Please call in advance if you are interested in joining or would like more information.

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



Youth Choir

The Youth Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. Mass three times a month (September to June) and at other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the school building. Members are in grades 3 through 12.

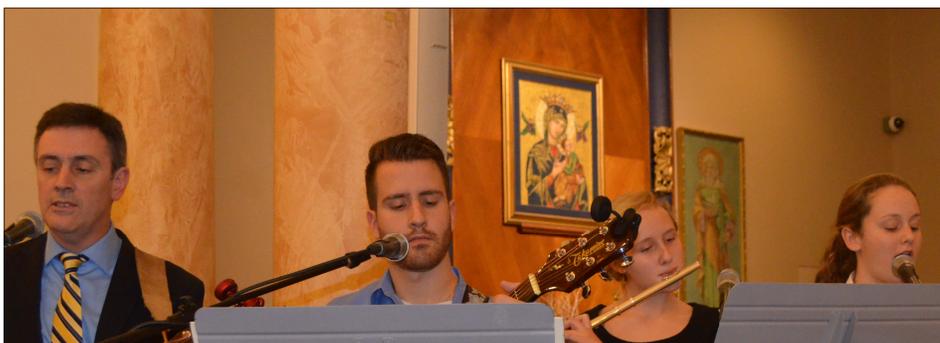
Contact:
Amy Keller
mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com



Youth Band!

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

Contact:
Dan Volpe
(917) 468-9584



YEAR OF MERCY

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Jubilee of Mercy began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Jubilee of Mercy is an opportunity for the Church and its members—each one of us—to rediscover God’s gift of mercy so we may become “missionaries of mercy.”

Pope Francis called for this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in April with the publication of the Papal Bull *Misericordiae Vultus*. Throughout the year ahead, we will publish excerpts of this document as well as other resources about this special time of mercy. We continue with the eighth paragraph of the document in this week’s edition of the bulletin.

8. With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. “God is love” (1 John 4:8,16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus’ entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in favour of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.

You can read the entire document by going to the new OLPH website or by visiting the Jubilee of Mercy website at www.im.va.



A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it’s a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

- **Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).
- **Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.
- **Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.
- **Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

Mass Attendance: MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS!

There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length.

So come and pray...

**Saturdays and Sundays
After the 5:00 p.m. Mass**



IF YOU SIT IN ONE OF THE MAIN CENTER SECTIONS...

If you sit in one of the main center sections of the church, we ask the following favor when you come forward to receive Holy Communion: we ask that you be sure to use the **main center aisle** to come forward for Holy Communion, not the side aisle, even if you are sitting near one of the side aisles, and even if you are towards the back. This is important in helping us to maintain an orderly and reverent flow to the Communion Procession. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Monday night Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been a longstanding OLPH tradition. 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. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, January 11 —7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 18 —Cancelled
due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

Monday, January 25—7:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

In response to Bishop Murphy's call for parishes to urgently pray for peace because of all the unrest in the world, please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

Prayer for Peace

Following Bishop Murphy's request, we are asked to pray this prayer privately, and we are encouraged to use this prayer as a part of all meetings and gatherings held here at OLPH.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,
Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!*

*Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice
and brotherly love.*

*Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.*

*Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and
defend the great gift of peace.*

*May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.*

*May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign al-
ways over us all. AMEN*

Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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 Coordinator: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM
 TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM
 WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM
 THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM
 SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM

“Where God is Born, Peace is Born.”

—Pope Francis, Christmas Day 2015



Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

Level 8:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

A reminder that there will be NO CLASS on **January 18th** due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This applies to Level 8 only.



Midterm Information

Levels 3-8 will have midterms to assess their progress and understanding. Levels 1 and 2 do NOT have midterms.

Level 6-7 Midterms: 1/20

Level 3-5 Midterms: 1/23

Level 8 Midterms: 2/1

All families will be sent an email/letter reminding that midterms are coming up. Text messages and Facebook posts will also be sent for those who have those.

Please Note:

Some parents have asked us to clarify “Student Only Sessions.” There are times when all the students in a grade level (or divided into groups, as is the case for the older levels) meet for a special presentation or activity. Parents do not attend. When divided into “A” and “B,” the group *not* having a presentation attends class as usual.

Level 6: Parent Meeting on Chastity

This Wednesday, January 13th, we will have a Level 6 parent meeting on chastity. *ALL Level 6 parents must attend this meeting at 5:30.*

Students in the 7:30 class should attend class as usual, *but parents should attend the meeting at 5:30.*



To see more photos and to keep up on other ministries check out the Religious Ed website and the OLPH Facebook page.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.567.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cffer@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Caroline Grogan—(631)225-7688—straightclaw@optonline.net
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494

NEW Food Pantry List!

- MAC & CHEESE**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- CAKE MIX**
- PIE CRUST**
- CORN MUFFIN MIX**
- HOT CHOCOLATE**
- COFFEE**
- PUDDING**
- PEANUT BUTTER**
- PAPER TOWELS**

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
Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words “you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased.”

Advent Giving Tree

Thanks, again, to everyone who participated in the Advent Giving Tree project last month.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

HOMELESS MINISTRY

FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com. You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

DONATIONS

We are in need of the following:

- washcloths
- Men's briefs - Small, Medium and Large (NO XL; must be new and in package)
- Women's underwear - sizes: 6, 7, 8 & 9
- undershirts - Small, Large and Extra-Large
- Rain Poncho's
- sweat pants

If it is easier, we can always use Kmart gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

Prayer for the Homeless

Jesus you are the poor among us. You identify yourself with the hungry, the homeless and all those in need of help. Their cry for justice is your cry for justice.

You suffered and died on the cross so that we might be reconciled to God in caring for all people. Please comfort, strengthen and take care of the poor, the homeless and all those in need of your grace and mercy. Amen



SENIOR MOMENTS GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, January 12 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 24
Fr. Ethel will be speaking to the group about community outreach



MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 22, 2016

Our parish is attending the *Annual March for Life* on **Friday, January 22, 2016**. 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.



CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION
PRESERVING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY FOR ALL

“Our Founding Fathers believed in God. In fact, 51 of these 55 men who shaped the political foundations of our nation were Christians. When they spoke of our inalienable Rights being endowed by a Creator, they *de facto* set us in the direction of bringing religious and spiritual truths into public life. They knew that the new nation would quickly collapse without the recognition of God.

The Christmas story is all about God entering into the whole of our human life. Nativity scenes are not sentimental memories of a past event. They are the reminder that, in the details of human life, in families struggling to find a place in this world, God is present. Because of the birth of Christ, all that touches us now touches God who in his freedom loves us and calls us to share his life... Christmas is about the freedom of religion to cast the light of truth on life, on all life, as valued and loved by God.” ~ *Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Paterson Diocese, “Christmas and Freedom of Religion”*

Saint Bernard League

We 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? A number of our “St. Bernard’s” from last year have moved on to college and we are in need of some new hands and hearts (and shovels!)

At this time, we are in need of St. Bernard’s for the following *updated* areas:

S. 8th St. (300s)	S. 5th St. (300s)	400’s Leonard Ct.
Pecan St. (500s)	30 Bedell Pl., Amityville	200’s N. Delaware Ave.
S. 3 rd (400s)	290 Walnut St	100’s N. Jefferson Ave.
S. 4th St. (700s)	237 Houston St.	

We have already assigned close to 50 families.....so we would like to get the ones above assigned ASAP! We’d love to have all families matched up before the first snow of the season. If you can help, please e-mail to stbernardleague@oloph.org.

If you can help with this, call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 and leave a message or e-mail to stbernardleague@oloph.org. This is a great way to help those in need (do some tremendous community service!)

THE *bluedoor* BOUTIQUE

Hours of Operation:

- Monday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- Thursday: Closed
- Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

The entrance to the Thrift Boutique is on the south side of the parish campus, next to the St. Vincent de Paul bins. Park using the Gates Street/High Street Parking Lot.

The Blue Door Thrift Boutique is another of our parish’s efforts to serve the poor and vulnerable in our parish community—and a great way to get a deal for our parishioners! We have ministered to many who are supported by our Homeless Ministry and Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Take note of our hours and visit the Blue Door. It is a wonderful place that has many wonderful items—from clothing to cook ware, from religious items to rare finds—you might find helpful. Meet the wonderful offerers who make it such a place of welcome. When you shop at The Blue Door, you not only get a great deal but help support our parish’s ongoing work and ministry.

*Want to get involved in the Blue Door?
E-mail to thebluedoor@oloph.org for more information!
We need greeters, sorters and floor workers!*

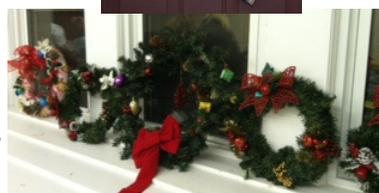
MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?
Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality,
socializing and social action?*

Wednesday, January 20: Outreach van lunches preparation and Veterans’ Super Bowl Party planning.
Meetings start at **7pm in Room 12** (across from the kitchen in the basement of the old school)
For information call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net.



Some of the wreaths made for the Veterans at the Veterans Place in Yaphank.



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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

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.

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 Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

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 Fr. John at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE REMEMBER

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

- Marie Yannone**
- Albert Kirby**
- Theresa Rose Sauer**
- Charles Morgan**
- Catherine Lee Sanna**

“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...

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| <i>Catherine Tamburino</i> | <i>Jordan Manning</i> |
| <i>CarolAnn Alma</i> | <i>Maureen Nalewajk</i> |
| <i>Julia Fredereck</i> | <i>Evelyn Sondey</i> |
| <i>Bernadette Sinnott</i> | <i>Ed (no last name given)</i> |
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REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 631-226-7725 x. 200. Names remain in the bulletin for three weeks.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS



Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac

Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

AT 12:15 P.m. MASS

Evelyn & Alan Martell	Requested by Phyllis Hollman
Ann Reese	Requested by Anthony Trocchio

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida". Te invita a alabar y glorificar a DIOS todos los jueves a las 7:00 p.m. en la cafetería. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Lleva la bendición a tu casa. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

El sacramento del bautizo. Las ceremonias bautismales se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes. Los padres que necesiten bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a la sección de charlas, estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales. Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, Contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 o email: jsureau@oloph.org o en español, Irma González 631-620-2401 o correo electrónico: lanegra628@yahoo.com.

Lecturas del domingo 17 de Enero de 2016

Comenzamos ya la segunda semana del tiempo litúrgico ordinario, pero seguimos percibiendo los ecos de las pasadas fiestas navideñas y, concretamente, los de su culminación en la Epifanía. De hecho, tradicionalmente la liturgia ha visto la manifestación de Jesús en los tres momentos que se han sucedido desde el 6 de enero hasta este domingo segundo: la adoración de los Magos de Oriente, el Bautismo de Jesús y la Boda en Caná de Galilea.

Toda la tierra debe postrarse y ante Dios y glorificar el nombre del señor

Primera lectura Isaías 62:1-5 reconstruida y desposada la nueva Jerusalén de arriba. Verán tu justicia: verán que has alcanzado el nombre que merecía.

Segunda lectura Corintios 12: 4-11 Dones Espirituales. Dios da los dones a los fieles simples para edificar su Iglesia sin tomar mucho en cuenta las opiniones y los proyectos de las jerarquías.

El Santo Evangelio según San Juan 2: 1-11 El Evangelio de Juan sitúa la aparición pública de Jesús en el contexto de una boda, a la que estaba invitado Él con sus discípulos, y, al parecer de manera independiente, su madre, María. De este modo, Juan retoma una imagen central del Antiguo Testamento para expresar la relación de Dios con su pueblo Israel: la del amor de esposos. El amor entre el marido y su esposa expresa el máximo grado de unión, intimidad y compromiso entre dos seres humanos.

Si la revelación no ha encontrado mejor modo de expresar el amor de Dios por su pueblo que el del amor esposos, quiere decirse que este género de amor, por su propia naturaleza, no puede reducirse a un capricho subjetivo, a un mero contrato de conveniencia que puede hacerse a la ligera y disolverse del mismo modo, con consenso de las partes o sin él. Existe en esta relación una exigencia de responsabilidad en su punto de partida; y una semilla de eternidad, incondicionalidad y fidelidad en su realización en el día a día.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, January 11—**

Weekday
(First Week in Ordinary Time)

6:30	In Memory of Christina Rose Renna
12:15	Perpetual Help Mass (Names listed on p. 14)
7:00	Devotions

TUESDAY, January 12—

Weekday

6:30	Rocco Versace
12:15	Philip Iannuccilli

WEDNESDAY, January 13—

Weekday
(Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

6:30	Rinehold Peterson
12:15	Louise Perrotta (Living)
12:45-2:00	Exposition
7:30	Level 7 Class Mass

THURSDAY, January 14—

Weekday

6:30	Madeline Foster
12:15	Katherine O'Brien

FRIDAY, January 15—

Weekday

6:30	Lucy Gioia
12:15	Agnes Dal Col

SATURDAY, January 16—

Weekday

8:00	William John Biscardi, Jr. & Mollie Cordiello
11:00	First Penance
4:00 – 4:45	Confessions

Vigil for
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00	Pasquale Grottola
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Sunday, January 17—

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00	Lillian Alcantara
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
5:00	Richard Reddington

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK**Monday, January 11, 2016**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
4:30 p.m.	First Penance Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Planning	Room 15
7:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council	St. Lucy
7:30 p.m.	Strengths Leadership Training	Room 24
7:45 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 13
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria

Thursday, January 14, 2016

2-6:00 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	St. Mark
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Introduction to Morality	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, January 15, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Young People	Room 24

Saturday, January 16, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Level 1- 5 Classes	School
11:00 a.m.	First Penance	Church
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, January 17, 2016

10:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
12:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:30 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Prayers for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE Dec. 26/27, 2015			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	284	127	\$2,969.00
6:30 a.m.	88	42	1,219.00
8:00 a.m.	230	83	2,101.00
9:30 a.m.	267	125	1,933.00
11:00 a.m.	406	110	2,762.00
12:30 p.m.	322	106	2,432.00
5:00 p.m.	220	59	1,629.50
Total coin:			25.59
Mail-ins:			293.00
Children's Envelopes		31	38.45
Faith Direct			2,067.64
TOTAL	1,817	683	\$17,470.18
2014 TOTAL	1,920	596	\$17,004.25
Candles			\$1,786.65
Poor Box			\$471.63

January 2/3, 2016			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	347	124	\$2,740.00
8:00 a.m.	315	121	3,514.00
10:00 a.m.	517	161	4,085.00
12:00 p.m.	620	147	3,733.00
5:00 p.m.	231	46	1,814.50
Total coin:			18.12
Children's Envelopes		24	44.54
Special Needs		12	241.80
Faith Direct			2,067.64
Mail-ins			750.00
TOTAL	2,030	635	\$19,008.60
2015 total	2,051	756	\$20,247.00
1st Saturday			\$67.00
Candles			\$1,242.34
Poor Box			\$437.52

Final Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary collection totals will be published at a later date.

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Preparing for January 17, 2015 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Psalm 96

Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah likens Israel's future relationship with the Lord to a marriage. Rather than being called Deserted or Desolate – names that accurately describe the city in the depths of judgment – the people of this nation will be named Hephzibah (“My Delight is in Her”) and Beulah (“Married One”). Traditionally, when a bride marries, she receives a new name. Even though Israel is already in covenant with the Lord, He will give her new names that describe her ultimate spiritual renewal and depict the Lord's profound and everlasting joy in her.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

As Paul explains to the Corinthians, there are some features common to all charisms or “gifts of the Spirit,” despite their diversity: all are gifts (charismata), that is, of grace from outside ourselves; all are forms of service (diakoniai), with an intended purpose and effect; and all are workings (energēmata), in which God is at work through us towards accomplishing His purposes.

John 2:1-11

In the Gospel of John, a “sign” (sēmeion) is his symbolic term for Jesus' wondrous deeds. The Old Testament source of this term derives from what the Lord accomplished in the Exodus story, with such signs now worked by Jesus as clear indications that He is the Lord's Messiah. John is interested primarily in what the sēmeia signify: God's intervention in human history in a new way through His Son.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. Surprisingly, when his own mother said, “They have no wine,” Jesus replied, “How does your concern affect me?” Wasn't this a rude answer? Why did he say it? In spite of his response, Mary trusted that he would solve the problem. If this trust rates a 10, where would you put your trust when you go to God with your concerns?

2. Mary has great concern for the newlyweds' wine shortage problem. According to Pope Francis, what is one thing Mary teaches us when she tells the servers to “Do whatever he tell you.”

Mary approaches Jesus with confidence. She prays. She does not go to the steward, she immediately tells her Son of the newlyweds' problem. The response she receives seems disheartening: “What does it have to do with you and me? My hour has not yet come” (v. 4). But she nonetheless places the problem in God's hands. Her concern to meet the needs of others hastens Jesus' hour. Mary was a part of that hour, from the cradle to the cross. She was able “to turn a stable into a home for Jesus, with poor swaddling clothes and an abundance of love” (Evangelii Gaudium, 286). She accepted us as her sons and daughters when the sword pierced her heart. She teaches us to put our families in God's hands, to pray, to kindle the hope which shows us that our concerns are also God's concerns.

Pope Francis to Families: The Finest Wine
Is Yet to Come July 7, 2015
Ecuador

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 11, 2016:

1 Samuel 1:1-8 + Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12, 2016:

1 Samuel 1:9-20
+ Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13, 2016:

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20
+ Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14, 2016:

1 Samuel 4:1-11
+ Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 15, 2016:

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a
+ Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16, 2016:

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17:19; 10:1a
+ Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 17, 2016:

Isaiah 62:1-5
+ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
+ John 2:1-11

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