

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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'This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.'

Mt. 3:13-17

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2014

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

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COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5 P.M. Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

Wednesday: 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

JUSTICE AND LIFE ISSUES

OLPH is well known for its active commitment to social justice in the life of the Diocese and the Church. The front and back inside covers of today's bulletin demonstrate two ways all in our parish can reach out to the most poor and vulnerable among us.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Wednesday, January 22, 2014



Our parish is attending the Annual March for Life on **Wednesday, January 22, 2014**. 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 17, 2014.

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.

If you are unable to join in the March for Life, please consider gathering with our pilgrims at the 5:00 A.M. Mass, praying for them at one of our Masses and/or joining in time of prayer and adoration during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday afternoon.

“Every unborn child, though unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of the Lord, who even fore his birth, and then as soon as he was born, experienced the rejection of the world...And every old person, even if infirm and at the end of his days, carries with him the face of Christ. They must not be thrown away!”

-Pope Francis

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast marks the end of Christmas Time, as tomorrow we return to seven and a half weeks of Ordinary Time (a rather long period this year; Ash Wednesday, Lent, Easter, *etc.*, all fall late this year). The shining days of Christmas have given us the chance to enter into the mysteries of the Word made flesh, of the Light revealed to the nations, and the manifestation of God in our midst. The mystery of our salvation in Christ has been revealed, and when Christ appeared in our mortal nature, we were made new by the glory of his immortal nature. Christmas Time should help us to realize how we have been lifted up in Christ because Christ became man.

On the Baptism of the Lord, we celebrate how Jesus was revealed to be the Christ, the Chosen One and the Beloved Son, at His baptism. However, we cannot recall that without also recalling the immense responsibility of our own baptism: as we have been baptized into Christ, we are chosen and beloved, and we are given the mission and responsibility to “announce the Gospel of the Lord,” and “glorify the Lord by our life,” as two of the dismissals at Mass tell us.

This Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we as a parish welcome(d) families who celebrated a baptism at OLPH in 2013, offering a special blessing at the Mass and joining in hospitality afterwards. We hope this event enhances our sense of belonging to one parish family in the Body of Christ; baptism is both baptism into Christ and into Christ's Body, the Church.

Your Vocation as the Baptized

I recently heard something somewhat disturbing. It was mentioned to me that at the school concert in December at the Daniel Street Elementary School, the words of *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* were changed to *We Wish You a Happy Holiday*.

This is very, very unfortunate and is yet another example of how our misguided society is trying to obliterate any religious reference to the true meaning of Christmas. I'm sure you all heard about how the Kings Park school district changed the words of *Silent Night* to eliminate any reference to the Christ child or the Virgin Mary. Apparently, the same type of thing happened right here in Lindenhurst.

I would suggest to you that here is a perfect example of how the laity should be exercising their vocation in the world: to my mind, every Catholic parent in Lindenhurst should have flooded the school switchboard with phone calls to object to this elimination of the word “Christmas.” (By the way, it's not too late for you to do so.) It is in the protection of religious mean-

ing and values that lay people have an important role to play in giving witness to their faith and standing up for religious values against a secular culture that is looking to completely remove any trace of religion in the public sphere. Priests can't do this; only lay people, in the places they go every day — at work, school, the marketplace, *etc.* — can bring the light of faith to a world that so desperately needs it. It your vocation and responsibility as the **baptized**; with baptism comes the role of participation in the mission of the Church **in the world**, bringing Christ to every corner of society.

Consider using the school parking lot

As you know, traffic on High Street can at times become pretty congested on Sunday mornings. Many people choose to park on High Street itself. However, I ask you to consider using the school parking lot which is on the corner of Gates and High; there is usually plenty of space there. With more people parking in the lot instead of on High Street, some of the congestion on High Street could be eliminated — and perhaps you would be saving yourself some aggravation in dealing with traffic! Think about it.

5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday

The 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday needs some care and attention, specifically in terms of liturgical ministers. Unfortunately, that Mass is perceived as being kind of a “Mass unto itself,” but this is not the case; **there is no such thing as a Mass that “belongs” to any one group or is “for” or “by” any one group in the parish.** All Masses are **parish celebrations** and “belong to” and are “for” EVERYONE.

We are in desperate need of people who will commit as liturgical ministers to the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday: ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, readers, and altar servers (we seem to be OK with musicians right now). Therefore, I am asking two things:

- Those who are already liturgical ministers: please serve in this Mass as part of a rotation. This would be a wonderful and generous offering of yourself for the greater good of the parish; we are especially in need of ushers at the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. Liturgical ministers may contact the ministry head to work out the details of scheduling.
- Those who are not already liturgical ministers: we will be inviting parishioners to become new liturgical ministers in about a month or so; I ask those who are not already ministers to become a liturgical minister, and to consider having the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass as part of your rotation of Masses you are available for.

I thank everyone for their continued generosity of offering of self as we are all committed to the overall common good of the worship life of our parish as a whole.

Winter Health

Please note a separate announcement elsewhere in the bulletin about some good practices at Mass concerning staying healthy during the winter time, when colds and the flu are often on the rise. As with most of life, not overreacting and using both common sense and good judgment are the best ways to deal with this situation.

Evening Prayer

I remind you that Evening Prayer takes place every Saturday and Sunday night immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Masses on those nights. I encourage everyone to participate in the Liturgy of the Hours by sticking around for a few minutes after Mass and praying Evening Prayer; it only takes 10-15 minutes. Communal praying of the Liturgy of the Hours is a responsibility given to the Church, and all the baptized should exercise their priestly ministry by offering this prayer of praise and petition.

Coming Soon:

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This past week the committee putting together the Children's Liturgy of the Word had another meeting and we are that much closer to starting this liturgical outreach to children at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

We want to do it right, and so we are being careful with all the steps along the way, of which there are many. Rest assured, though, that we will be starting the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 a.m. Mass sooner rather than later...keep watching!

Coming Soon:

Meeting for Parish Leaders

Sometime within the next few months we will be having a special meeting for all those who are leaders, heads and coordinators of the ministries, societies and organizations that make up the life of OLPH. This will be an important meeting that will facilitate our working together as one parish and will help us to move further away from a notion that we all have our own "turfs" or separate entities, and instead move us into a more unified vision of being one parish TOGETHER. Leaders of ministries, societies and organizations will be contacted about their participation in this endeavor, which will be important for our continued growth as a parish.

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,



Cleaning Up from Christmas....

As the Church returns to Ordinary Time this Monday, we have to clean up from Christmas!

Help Needed TODAY January 12, 2014

OUTSIDE at 12 Noon

Just come and find us out on the front lawns of the Church or the Rectory.

INSIDE at 3:00 P.M.

Come on in to the Church and help to clean up poinsettias, Christmas wreaths, trees, lights, etc.



**SUPER
72
RAFFLE**

**Final
Notice!**
*Drawing
to be held
week of Jan. 20*

LAST CHANCE!

\$40 EACH

BUY 2 TICKETS - \$80

GET ONE FREE!

Prayer and Worship

Stewards of the Tradition - Fifty Years after Sacrosanctum Concilium

The Committee on Divine Worship, a standing committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, marked the 50th Anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* with the publication of Stewards of the Tradition. In the upcoming weeks, we will publish parts of this document in the bulletin.

As the Church marks the fiftieth anniversary of the promulgation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*) at the Second Vatican Council, we members of the bishops' Committee on Divine Worship of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops wish to address particularly all who are involved in liturgical ministry and liturgical leadership in the United States. Without your continued cooperation and self-sacrificing ministry, the implementation of the reformed liturgical rites after Vatican II, which have proven to be such a grace for the Church, could never have been undertaken. We note in particular your ongoing work in the preparation and celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. We also recognize the expanded roles of professional and volunteer leadership to coordinate the process of adult initiation, sacramental preparation, and the day in, day out celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. We acknowledge all of your efforts with respect and deep gratitude.

In addition, we want to recognize all those who comprise the gathered liturgical assemblies in the variety of liturgical contexts that make up the local Churches in the United States. It is our hope and prayer that you continue to find in the reformed Liturgy what the Constitution called the very "summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed" and "the fount from which all the Church's power flows" (no. 10). Is it any wonder that the same Constitution asserts that "no other action of the Church can equal its effectiveness" (no. 7)?

The Sacred Liturgy is of utmost importance in the life of Catholics because in and through it we make present and participate in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, and in so doing we are incorporated into this "Mystery of Faith" for our redemption and the continued building up of the Church as "one body, one spirit in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer III).

In two places in the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul refers to the important words "hand on" and "receive." In the first instance, he refers to handing on what he received concerning the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23–26) beginning with the words: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." In the second instance, he speaks of the Gospel and of the Death and Resurrection of Christ. He states that this is what he "handed on" to them and what they "received" (1 Cor. 15: 1–3), calling this of "first importance."

We use the words of St. Paul—to *receive* and to *hand on*—to characterize what we do as liturgical ministers, namely, to help the gathered assembly participate in Christ's Paschal Mystery in every liturgical celebration. We are privileged *stewards* (1 Cor. 4:1) insofar as our ministry is from the Lord "for our good and the good of all his holy Church" (Order of Mass, no. 29).

Grateful for the catechetical work the Church in the English speaking world has successfully undertaken for the implementation of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, we also wish to offer words of encouragement for the ongoing work of implementation and liturgical catechesis that lies ahead, especially as the Church calls for the reverent and proper celebration of the Sacred Liturgy as an intrinsic part of the New Evangelization.

Liturgy of the Hours

EVENING PRAYER

At Evening Prayer, we give thanks for the day just past and make an evening sacrifice of praise to God (see Psalm 141:1). Join our parish for the celebration of Evening Prayer on **Saturday and Sunday evenings** at approximately **6:15 P.M.** (after the 5 P.M. Evening Mass).

All are welcome!!!!

MUSIC NOTES



Have You Unpacked All Your Gifts????

Perhaps one of your gifts has not yet been opened - not a Christmas gift but one of the gifts (or talents) God has given you. If your gift is music, maybe God is calling you to be a part of our Music Ministry here at OLPH. If so, pray about it and then give a call.

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at the 11:00am Mass on Sundays. They rehearse on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30pm in the Church. Members are high school aged and older.

For more information, contact: Chris Ferraro at 631.226.7725, ext. 210 or email him at cferraro@oloph.org



Youth Choir

The Youth Choir assists with leading music at the 9:30am Mass three times a month. They rehearse on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30pm in the school. Singers are in grades 3 through 12.

For more information, contact Mrs. Amy Keller, mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com.



YOUTH BAND!

Members of the Youth Band lead the music at the Sunday 5:00pm Mass twice a month. The Teen Music Ministry needs young musicians: piano, flute, cello preferred. If you'd like to try out or want some more information, Contact: Dan Volpe @ 917-468-9584.



"More than the preacher's word, it is the musician's touch that brings the young to God again. Heart speaks to heart in mysterious ways, and it is the artist that holds the key to the mystery."
- Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

As we continue through the winter days of cold and flu season and long for the warmer days of Spring to arrive, 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 as we gather each week for Mass.

Holy Communion: Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be 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 they come 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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

“We should make a great effort to learn the following lesson, also taught by Christ: Learn from me because I am gentle and humble of heart.”

— St. Vincent de Paul

Food Pantry Shopping List

Shelf Stable Milk
Canned Fruit
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Pasta Sauce
Small Packages of Rice
Canned Meats
Pork Beans/Baked Beans
Cereal
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Soaps and Shampoos

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

Located in the “New” School Building
Use Parking Lot on corner of Gates and High Streets

Our NEW phone # 631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9 A.M. —12 Noon**

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.

Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism more fully?

LISTENING DEVICES AT MASS

Did you hear?



For some in our parish community, hearing can be difficult at Mass.

We also know there are some of us who struggle to hear in every day life. We now offer listening devices for those who are need of hearing assistance.

Here's how it works...

1. Come to the sacristy before Mass and ask the Sacristan for a listening device.
2. Leave a license, car keys or some form of ID.
(We want to make sure they all get returned!)
3. Enjoy hearing while you pray the Mass.
4. Return the listening device at the end of Mass.

Parking Spaces

This week, parking spots on the north and south sides of the Church have been repainted and, in some cases, transformed into parking spaces for those who are physically handicapped. These spots are close to the doors of the north and south side of the Church. Soon, the curbs will be cut to make it easier for those with wheelchairs and walkers to enter the Church.



A note for all about parking....

Many of us choose to park on High Street for Mass each week. Usually, our school parking lot on High Street is empty. **Please consider using the school parking lot on High Street.**

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry: Brittany Marie Evans (olph.yfia@gmail.com)

Youth Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau (jsureau@oloph.org)

Catholic Youth Organization: Mr. Phil Amico (olphcyophil@aol.com)

Boy Scouts: Mr. Tom Duffy (dduff2@msn.com)

K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia (happynicosias@yahoo.com)

K of C Squirettes: Ann Marie Perullo (amp1761@hotmail.com)

For High School Students....

YOUTH FAITH IN ACTION (YFIA)

Youth Faith in Action is our primary youth group for high school youth. Led by committed young adults and high school students, YFIA seeks to involve young people in every part of parish life and to create a safe and welcoming place for all high school students.

**January is Social Justice Month for
High School Youth Ministry!**

Today, Sunday, January 12th

All 8th -12th graders are invited to join us at 2:45pm as we kick off our month on Social Justice with a showing of *The Human Experience!*

Friday, January 17th

It's the return of Dodgeball/Holy Hour! All 8th - 12th graders are invited to join us as we head to Hicksville for a night of adoration, games, open mic, and DODGEBALL! This is a free event, but if you would like to reserve a seat in the van please contact Brittany now. Permission forms are required.

Sunday, January 19th

All 8th - 12th graders are welcomed to join us in the cafeteria for **Charity vs. Justice** our second afternoon on Social Justice. 3:15 in the cafeteria!

Sunday, January 26th

Our final high school social justice night: Filling the Gap, the Church's concern and our awareness. Get ready for zombie tag! 3:15 in the cafeteria!

**Present and new youth group members
are always welcome.
Come and bring a friend!**

For Middle School Students...

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Come down to the Church for some fun and exciting activities for our parish's 6th, 7th and 8th graders!

Friday, January 24, 2014

Join us in the gym for My Brother's Keeper, a night where we will learn how being active members in our community can help promote good everywhere!

7:30 P.M. + Auditorium/Gym

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

Middle school night! Join us in the gym at 7:30 for Sticks and Stones, a night on bullying and the dignity of the human person.

7:30—8:45 P.M.

Auditorium

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Staying Connected...



One way to pray for and support one another is through communication. Thanks to our Social Media Committee, OLPH will soon have a new website that will allow for more information sharing and communication.

We have started a Parish Facebook page...so "LIKE"

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,
Lindenhurst.**

Youth Ministry and Music Ministry at OLPH also have Facebook pages.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Te invita a alabar y glorificar a Dios todos los Jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería Comenzando con el Santo Rosario, únete a nosotros en oración por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

También todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino at (631) 885-3673.

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Lectura (Is 42,1-4,6-7): He aquí mi siervo querido; mi Espíritu mora en él.

El profeta Isaías anuncia que el Espíritu de Dios guiará a su siervo fiel a traer al mundo justicia y amor compasivo y respetuoso. Esta profecía se cumple en Jesús. Su misión es también nuestra misión.

Segunda Lectura (Hch 10, 34-38): La Buena Noticia de Salvación es para todos
El apóstol Pedro nos dice que el Espíritu de Dios moraba en el Señor Jesús, y que su Buena Noticia de Salvación se destina a todos.

Evangelio (Mt 3,13-17):

Éste Es Mi Hijo Predilecto
El bautismo de Jesús en el río Jordán es la ocasión para darse a conocer como el Salvador prometido: el Padre le llama su Hijo querido; el Espíritu Santo le guiará

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Soon we will be beginning classes in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are an adult who is baptized and has received first Holy Communion but has not been confirmed, please let us know.

Classes will begin in the next few weeks!

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



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BE BAPTIZED?

DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED? Interested?

Want more information?

For more info, please contact Fr. John (jsureau@oloph.org or 631.226.7725) or Deacon Doug (631.226.7725)

Coming soon

OLPH SENIOR MOMENTS

Beginning in February/March 2014!

Aging is not "lost youth," but a new stage of opportunity and strength.

Avail yourself of the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and with our parish community. Each time this group meets there will be times for formation, spiritual growth, friendship and community building.



Follow the bulletin for more information about Senior Moments at OLPH!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, January 13, 2014:

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

Tuesday, January 14, 2014:

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

Wednesday, January 15, 2014:

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

Thursday, January 16, 2014:

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

Friday, January 17, 2014:

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

Saturday, January 18, 2014:

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

Sunday, January 19, 2014:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 + 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
+ John 1:29-34

After reading next Sunday's Gospel (John 1:29-34), take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.

1. "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." After John pointed Jesus out to the crowds, they wanted to know where he lived and more about him. They developed personal relationships with him. Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus?

2. Why was John so certain about Jesus when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God"? Was John watching for the Spirit? Do you watch for the Spirit in your life? Can you find and trust the Spirit of God?



PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN



**VIRTUS
TRAINING
HERE**

**TUES., JANUARY 21
7 PM IN ROOM 1**

**TRAINING IS REQUIRED
FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS
IN ALL MINISTRIES.**

*Registration **MUST** be done online.*

Simply go to drvc.org,
then Protecting God's Children
and to Virtus training schedule.

*Cake bakers and drink makers
NEEDED!*

OLPH is looking to form a new

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

- Are you someone who wants to use your gifts and talents, but can't make a commitment to a monthly meeting?
- Are you great at throwing together a little reception (with a little help)?
- Can you bake a dessert? Help with coffee? Shop at Costco?

One of the ways we unite as parish is to come together for times of fellowship and hospitality. We are looking to form a ministry that will help to coordinate and organize these events. This will be a great ministry for those who are not involved in the life of our parish and it can easily work around your schedule. This might also be good for some who are already involved. It's yet another way to share your gifts!

The time commitment is up to you! You will be able to help as much or as little as you'd like.

For more information, contact Father John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org.

Sign up today!!!!

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 631.226.7725

Religious Education: 631.226.2384

St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Outreach) :

631.226.7725 X 234

Parish Website:

www.olphlindhurst.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 or Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Doug or Fr. John at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork
Tricia Buckley (Chair)
Lori Byron
Marie Foster
Greg Guido
Sonia Hansen
John Keller
Kimberly McPhail
Kevin Sabella
Christina Taparata
James Totino
Pete Triolo
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, January 13—****Weekday in 1st Week in Ordinary Time**
(Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

6:30 Catherine Araujo

12:15 Joan Airoidi

TUESDAY, January 14—**Weekday**

6:30 Emanuel Palazzolo

12:15 Theresa Puleo

WEDNESDAY, January 15—**Weekday**

6:30 Gaspare & Bina Bonventre

12:15 Claudelle Michel

THURSDAY, January 16—**Weekday**

6:30 John Bertone

12:15 Philip Santoli

FRIDAY, January 17—**Saint Anthony, Abbot**

6:30 Rita Brozon

12:15 Carmela Pinto

SATURDAY, January 18—**Weekday**8:00 William John Biscardi Jr. & Mollie
Cordiello**Vigil Mass for****SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 Joseph Collins

January 19**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

6:30 Anthony Torricelli

8:00 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Barbara Ann Woods

11:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Christian Mothers

12:30 Cissi Irace

5:00 Evelyn & Alan Martell

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK**Monday, January 13, 2014**

| | | |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2:30PM | St. Vincent de Paul – meeting | Room 14 |
| 6:45PM | Rel. Ed. Grade 8 | Auditorium School rms. |
| 7:00 PM | Novena | Church |
| 7:30 PM | Baptismal Prep Class | Room 14 |
| 8:00 PM | Family Life Meeting | Sci. Room |

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

| | | |
|--------|----------------------|------------|
| 5:30PM | CYO Cheerleading | Auditorium |
| 7:00PM | Community of Praise | Room 14 |
| 7:45PM | Youth Ministry | Auditorium |
| 8:00PM | Alcoholics Anonymous | Cafeteria |

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1:00PM | Legion of Mary | Room 24 |
| 4:00PM 6:45PM | Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 7 | Auditorium & School |
| 8:00PM | Christian Mothers | Cafeteria |

Thursday, January 16, 2014

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 4:00 PM | Youth Choir Rehearsal | Room 14 |
| 5:30 PM | CYO Cheerleading | Auditorium |
| 7:00PM | Spanish Prayer Group | Cafeteria |
| 7:30 PM | Adult Choir Rehearsal | Church |
| 7:30 PM | Narcotics Anonymous NA | Room 24 |
| 7:30 PM | Adult Faith Formation— Christology | Room 14 |
| 8:00 PM | Mothers Prayer Group | Room 16 |

Saturday, January 18, 2014

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8:30 AM 10:00 & 11:30AM | Rel. Ed. Grades 2-6 | School Rooms as usual |
| 1:00PM | CYO Basketball | Auditorium |
| 8:00 PM | Alcoholics Anonymous | Cafeteria |

Sunday, January 19, 2014

| | | |
|---------|----------------------|------------|
| 1:00PM | CYO Basketball | Auditorium |
| 2:00 PM | Youth Ministry | Cafeteria |
| 8:00 PM | Alcoholics Anonymous | Cafeteria |

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of

Jan. 12-18:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Anna Rosenberg

Requested by

Liz & Agostino Pecoraro

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Third Time:

Vincent Fricia & Michele Mordocco (Both OLPH)

*Robert Rollins & Tammy Lynn Torino
(Both OLPH)*

WE REMEMBER

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

*Susan Rose Gervasio Dennis McHugh
Kathleen Ann Doyle-Nigro*

Edwin Brody Philip T. Grande

Sabene O'Donoghue Jane Lemoine

"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."

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.

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...

Joan Weremeichek
Ann Marie Nuss
Dorothy Vogt
Mary Armbruster
William Delena
John Manning
Joan Woelfel
George Walters
Baby Liam Michael Snow
Vincent Malito
Salvatore Cicala
Herb Otten
Bernard Celestine
Patricia O'Shea
Richard Brosan
Gloria Licameli
Baby Alexandra Anne Digiamo

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.

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.



OFFERING UPDATE

JAN. 1, 2014

| Mass Time | Weekly Collection | # of Envelopes | Attendance |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 5:00 P.M. | \$2,190.00 | 141 | 372 |
| 6:30 A.M. | 447.00 | 32 | 61 |
| 10:00 A.M. | 1,586.00 | 94 | 230 |
| 12:15 P.M. | 2,390.00 | 145 | 417 |
| Children's env. | 11.00 | 8 | |
| Faith Direct | 465.00 | | |
| TOTAL | \$7,089.00 | 412 | 1,080 |

JAN. 4/5, 2014

| Mass Time | Weekly Collection | # of Envelopes | Attendance |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 5:00 P.M. | \$2,097.00 | 102 | 372 |
| 6:30 A.M. | 938.00 | 32 | 61 |
| 8:00 A.M. | 1,924.00 | 78 | 230 |
| 9:30 A.M. | 2,401.10 | 70 | 417 |
| 11:00 A.M. | 2,213.00 | 117 | 403 |
| 12:30 P.M. | 3,176.00 | 125 | 385 |
| 5:00 P.M. | 1,245.00 | 30 | 205 |
| Total coin: | 24.98 | | |
| Mail-ins: | 589.00 | | |
| Children's env. | 103.45 | 24 | |
| Special Needs | \$307.00 | 12 | 82 |
| Faith Direct | 2,267.50 | | |
| TOTAL | \$16,979.03 | 578 | 2,155 |
| 2013 Totals | \$18,813.00 | | 2269 |
| 1st Saturday | \$75.00 | | |
| Candles | \$938.03 | | |
| Poor Box | \$309.28 | | |

Upcoming Events...

Save the date!

**Tuesday,
March 4, 2014**



*Watch the bulletin for
upcoming details!*

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Children's Bulletins are available at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass. These special Children's Bulletins are handed out by children and families at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass, along with the regular bulletins handed out by the ushers.

We are in need of families to assist with distributing these bulletins. Can your family help? If so, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or send an e-mail to: olphfamilylife@aol.com.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ **Bereavement Support Group:** The Parish of St. Mary, East Islip, is offering an 8-week bereavement support group to help cope with the death of a loved one. The group will begin on Weds., **Jan. 15** from 1-3PM. Registration is required. Please call 631-581- 4200 X 100. *(In order to participate in this group the death must have occurred prior to Oct. 15)*
- ◆ **Our Lady of Lourdes School** in West Islip is now registering for the 2014-2015 school year. We will have an Open House on Sunday, **January 26** from 10:45 AM—1:00PM and also Monday through Friday **Jan. 27-31** from 9-11 AM. See our web site at www.ollschool.org or call 631-587-7200 X 100.
- ◆ **You Can Help Heal Your Marriage.** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? *Retrouvaille* helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the *Retrouvaille* program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, **February 7th**, 2014 at the Montfort retreat house in Bay Shore, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro *Retrouvaille* who can help.
- ◆ Good Samaritan Hospital will host a free community event **“Open Your Heart to Health”** on Saturday, **February 8** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at **Westfield, South Shore Mall** by the Lord & Taylor court. Event will feature a mega-inflatable walk thru heart, giveaways, expert discussions, information, raffles and more.
- ◆ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**—Married Couples! Are you looking for the perfect Valentine’s Gift? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend just might be what you are looking for. The next weekend on Long Island is scheduled for **February 14-16** at the **Montfort Spiritual Center** in Bay Shore, NY. Space is limited. For more information about the weekends or to apply, call 1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at <http://www.wwme.org>.

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Marriage

Saturday, February 1, 2014

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NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK 2014

OUT OF THE DARKNESS

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“God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5)

God is light and we Christians are called to reflect that light in the world. This entails our inviting others into communion with the Church, speaking out against injustice, and striving to exemplify in our life Christ's example. Turning to the Gospel message we are warned against hoarding the goods of the earth for our own pleasure, and told to sell all we have, give alms (Lk:12:33), feed the poor, visit the imprisoned, give drink to the thirsty, and welcome the stranger (Mt 25). The stranger can come in different forms, but one way in particular that she comes into our midst is in the form of the migrant.

Far away from home and dwelling in a new land, often poor with few possessions of their own, migrants can be an especially vulnerable group of people and open to exploitation and abuse. For this reason we should pay special attention to their needs, both religious and material, and advocate on their behalf with the hope of ensuring their protection and well-being.

Particularly in need of our support are the most vulnerable of migrants: children, the undocumented, refugees, and victims of slavery:

- Migrant Children, often alone and afraid and without the protection of a parent or guardian are particularly vulnerable to exploitation and abuse. Special protections should be given to them to ensure their safety and well-being.
- Undocumented immigrants are often referred to as “living in the shadows.” Their marginal status has led advocates for reform to call for a legalization process that will bring them out of the shadows and provide them with the opportunity to contribute to society and live out their lives in dignity.
- All too many Refugees who are left mired in refugee camps around the world never have the opportunity to realize the full potential of their God-given skills and talents. Long term solutions need to be implemented so that refugees are not forced to remain in camps but can reintegrate into society and become contributing members of it.
- Enslaved and treated like objects for profit rather than as human beings, victims of human trafficking require liberation from their bondage and support to help them start anew. Those who enslaved them need to be brought to justice and punished accordingly so that they will not have the opportunity to hurt anyone else in the future.

What can you do to help?

- To help a migrant child in need of help, please consider becoming a foster parent. To learn more, please call 202-541-3347.
- To assist the bishops' efforts in support of immigrants, learn more about the bishops' Justice for Immigrants Campaign at www.JusticeforImmigrants.org
- To assist the bishops' efforts on behalf of refugees, please contact your local Catholic Charities to see how you can help their resettlement program or to urge them to start a program if they do not have one.
- To learn how the bishops' are engaging in the fight against slavery, please visit the following webpage: <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/>
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