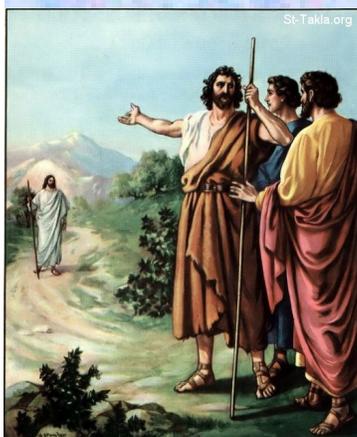


Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

John 1:29

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2017

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Mr. Martin Kenny

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

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 (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

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.

2017 ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES START

Spirituality: Fulfilling Our Deepest Desires: Growing Closer to God

In this world, every person is on a journey. As Christians, we believe we are either journeying toward the beatific vision or we are on a path that is separation from God. Through the centuries, those who have traversed the path to holiness successfully have offered wisdom and counsel to others through their public and private writing. In this survey course, we will review the writings of four Doctors of the Church: St. Theresa of Avila, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. John of the Cross and St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

Content of the course will be drawn from Ralph Martin's *The Fulfillment of All Desire*, available from Emmaus Road Publishing. (You do not need to buy the book in order to take the course.)



Thursdays: January 19, 26, February 2, 9 & 16

Instructor: Deacon Robert Becker

7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. Room 18

To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 X 200, e-mail to rabecker@optonline.net or return the form.

Yes, please, sign me up!

Spirituality: Fulfilling Our Deepest Desires: Growing Closer to God

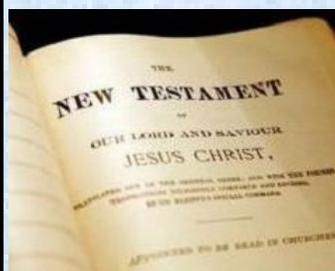
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Phone # _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

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

NEXT ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Basic Course: New Testament



To introduce participants to the structure, content and themes of the major books of the New Testament, the participants will become acquainted with the variety of writings which comprise the Christian Scriptures and experience the Scriptures as the living Word of God in which we encounter the risen Christ. The participants will understand the origin, development and purpose of the Gospels as well as the message of Saint Paul's writings.

Instructor: April Kleinlaut

Coordinator of Faith Formation

Thursdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

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 AKleinlaut@oloph.org or return the form below.

Yes, please, sign me up!

The Basic Course on New Testament

Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Ordinary Time

So, the Christmas and New Year's holidays are behind us, and we are settling down back into our normal routines (whatever "normal" is!). The rhythm of the liturgical year settles down in a sense, too, as we return to Ordinary Time. By "ordinary" we do not mean banal or trivial, but rather "ordinary" in the sense of "ordinal" or "numbered." On the Sundays of Ordinary Time, the Church honors the Paschal Mystery of Christ in its fullness, rather than through some particular aspect of the mystery in a season with its own distinctive character.

This wintertime block of Ordinary Time will continue until the beginning of Lent on March 1, Ash Wednesday. In the weeks ahead the Sunday Gospels will challenge us with the call to discipleship and the demands of Christian living that are constitutive of following Christ. We will be invited to follow Christ; we will hear the Beatitudes; we will be told to love our enemies; and we will be reminded not to worry about tomorrow, but rather to have trust that God will provide what we need.

There is much we can learn about discipleship in these weeks before Lent, and our Sunday worship is a key moment in our deepening discipleship. Sunday after Sunday, we have the opportunity to enter into the mystery of the Lord's dying and rising and His presence among us as He comes to us in Word and in Sacrament. It is up to us to offer ourselves to the Father, through, with and in Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, week after week so that more and more our lives might be more conformed to Christ's.

"Monthly is the new weekly"

I was recently reading a book by a noted liturgical scholar, and he offered an observation that just as we have the cultural phenomenon "sixty is the new forty" in terms of changes in lifestyle and emerging new perceptions of aging and activity, so too do we seem to have a new phenomenon concerning Sunday Mass attendance that might be phrased as "weekly is the new monthly." In other words, there is the perception among people of today that attending Mass on an intermittent basis, perhaps once or twice a month, is a valid and legitimate practice. Actually, nothing could be further from the truth.

The law of the Church is clear: we are required to attend Mass **each and every Sunday and holy day of obligation**. We are excused only for serious reason, for example, illness or the care of family members who cannot be left alone, or when weather (snow and ice for the elderly, for example) makes it unsafe or impossible to get out of the house. Please note that sports schedules, social obligations and things of that nature are not legitimate reasons; we must make the time to attend Mass even if it might be inconvenient to do so or if it might require rearranging our schedules. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear about the seriousness of this obligation: "Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin." (#2181)

I realize it's not fashionable to say such a thing these days, but it is nonetheless true: missing Mass without a valid objective reason is a sin (and it is something that should be confessed in Confession). Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to His Church. It is the "summit and source" of the Christian life. Because of this, we are required to attend Mass each and every Sunday and holy day of obligation. Now, let's be clear: it is NOT a sin to miss Mass if you are sick, or if you have to take care of someone who cannot be left alone, or if severe weather makes it dangerous or impossible to get there (so, if you are 85 years old and use a walker and could not get to Mass last weekend because of the snow and ice, you did NOT commit a sin—do not come to Confession for that reason!). Lacking some serious valid objective reason, though, we are obligated to attend — period.

As a community of faith, we need to recommit ourselves to weekly Mass attendance. I know that in many ways I am "preaching to the choir," as the cliché goes, in that if you are reading this, you are probably a weekly Mass-goer and this does not apply to you—although maybe it does. Maybe I need to run these same thoughts in the bulletin for a month's time, figuring that at least they'll be seen by everyone over four weeks' time. (I just may do that...!)

Monthly must not become the new weekly if we are to maintain our identity as Catholic

Christians. I make a special appeal to parents to fulfill the obligation they willingly undertook at their child's baptism to raise the children in the practice of the faith to make weekly attendance at Sunday Mass a non-negotiable aspect of their family life.

Cremation—what is permitted and not permitted by the Church

Every so often a parishioner will ask about the Church's policies concerning cremation — what the Catholic Church allows and does not allow. It might be helpful to review a few points.

People choose the option of cremation for a variety of reasons, including economic ones and sometimes just for personal reasons. The Church has a clear preference for the practice of burying the body of the deceased, but cremation is not prohibited as long as it is not chosen as a way of denying the Christian doctrine of the bodily resurrection of the dead on the last day (which is virtually never the reason it is chosen).

When cremation is chosen as an option, the Church also has a clear preference that the body be cremated after the Funeral Mass, so that the body can be present at the Mass. However, if cremation takes place before the Mass, it is permissible to have the cremated remains present at the Mass.

A key point that is often overlooked is that the cremated remains of the deceased must be treated in exactly the same way and accorded the same dignity and respect as would the body. Thus, the cremated remains must be buried in a grave or entombed in a niche or mausoleum at a cemetery. It is not permitted to scatter the ashes at sea or on the ground or into the wind. It is also not permitted to keep the cremated remains at home. Additionally, the ashes may not be divided up among various family members, for example, in jewelry, which is an option available through the funeral industry. Please note again the practices that are not permissible: we are not allowed to scatter the ashes, keep them at home or put them in jewelry or other objects or mementos. In the same way as we would do with a body, ashes must be either buried or placed in a niche or mausoleum.

It's important for Catholics to be aware of what the Church does or does not permit concerning the final disposition of cremated remains.

If you have any questions, feel free to talk things over with one of the priests.

Telecare Telethon

This weekend is the annual Telecare Telethon. As you know, Telecare is the television station of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and this annual telethon is the main fund raiser for Telecare. I'll be appearing on the telethon intermittently Sunday night starting at around 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. or so, until the end of the telethon at 10:00 p.m. My television show *Insight*, which I co-host with Bishops Brennan and Perez, will be spotlighted from 8:00-8:30 p.m. Tune in and, if you are able, make a pledge to support Telecare. If you do so, be sure to mention OLPH and *Insight* in the dedication for your pledge!

Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

This Monday our nation celebrates the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. It's a time for us to recall and celebrate the accomplishments of that great civil rights leader and his vision for peace and justice. It is perhaps especially appropriate for us to recapture the spirit of non-violence and Gospel-based justice which was at the heart of Rev. Dr. King's movement. In our own times of such deep political division and rancor, we would do well to join together in a spirit of patriotism and unity, acknowledging the need for all of us to promote the common good for our country.

As Monday will be a day off from school and work for many people (the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 16, too), may we all enjoy a day of rest and relaxation.

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer 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.

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*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 always
over us all. AMEN
Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)*

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.



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 16—

Cancelled due to

Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Monday, January 23—7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 30—7:00 p.m.

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

"The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself 'continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.'"

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Congratulations!

Our warmest wishes of love and joy to all those students who received First Penance this month. We have listed their names below.

Jayden Alejandria	Isabella Favara	Jack Mador	Kailyn Schultz
Emalee Alford	Pasquale Ferrarelli	Natalie Mangiaracina	Megan Shotter
Ryan Andreone	Dominic Fiocco	Olivia Martin	Lilly Sibilla
Grace Artale	Emma Fitzgerald	Marabelle McCormack	Christopher Slee
Brendan Barrett	Sierra Francis	Gianna Mercedes	Kaitlyn Smedley
Devyn Baumann	Ervin Galo	John Meyers	Zachary Smith
Teia Belford	Angelina Gambino	Jake Miceli	Isabella Soyack
Shane Bowen	Cosette Garcia	Zachary Miceli	Liam St. John
Noelle Bracero	Alexandra Gervasio	Dorian Mieszczak	Giavanna Streffacio
Kilee Brazier	Holly Gregorek	Aidan O'Malley	Victor Tineo
Dyson Brown	Aidan Griffiths	Conor O'Malley	Noah Torres
Gabriella Brown	William Heller	Keira O'Malley	Joseph Truncali
Hunter Burke	Daniel Hock	Julius Olweck	Dylan Vetack
Riley Calandra	Nicholas Innamorato	Daniel Onderdonk	Gabriel Villa
Joseph Carl	Juliana Isoldi	Margaret Papp	Krystian Villatoro
Dominick Carlton	Sofia Jendruczyk	Ava Patscot	Travis Vogel
Mia Castellano	Noah Johanson	Giana Payne	Kaya Wagner
Joanna Castelli	Matthew Johnson	Dominique Petrillo	Aiden Weed
Gabriella Chiarenza	Natalie Kalinowski	Delaney Phelan	Nicholas White
Izabela Chojnacki	Izabella Kazimierczyk	Anthony Posillico	Jason Whitman
Sean Cima	Jackson Keane	Vanessa Probst	Susanna Wozniak
Joseph Collins	Dominik Klama	Daniel Ptak	Isabella Zelaya
Keith Connor	Sofiya Kowalczyk	Stephanie Rekas	William Zimmerman
Zachary Cook	Eric Kujawski	Alexa Reybok	Eva Zirpoli
Kian Corticchia	Jennifer Kulagowski	Miabella Riceputo	Emil Zysko
Rosalia D'Atena	Arianna LaVecchia	Ryan Riordan	
Vincent Danese	Sienna Lebron	Shane Rock	
Sabrina Disla	Noah Liautaud-Iadiciccio	Bladimir Rodriguez	
Bethany Edele	James Loesch	Elizabeth Saccente	
Kieran Erickson	Gianni Lombardo	Anthony Santini	
Shane Farrell	Max Lombardo	Hailey Scaturro	



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



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cffr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@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: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

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CANNED CHICKEN
CAKE MIX
CANNED FRUIT
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*Please bring your donations to the St. VdP office:
 Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon
 or 1st & 3rd Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. or drop off
 on the sanctuary steps in the church.*

**Thank you for your continued generosity.
 Cut out this list and take it to the store!**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School
 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.—12:00 Noon
1st & 3rd Saturdays: 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's enduring love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

† **A LIVING MEMORIAL**

THANK YOU!!!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program.

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M—W—F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for further information.

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 items:

Wash cloths

Men's underwear - L, XL

hoodies - M, L, XL

sweat tops - M, L, XL

sweat pants - M, L, XL

sneakers - 10, 11, 12, 13

socks

Toiletries:

Lotion not more than 1 oz.

Soaps – travel size - not larger than 3 oz.

Shampoo – travel size – not larger than 3 oz.

Toothpaste – small – not larger than 3 oz.

Toothbrushes

Small packs of **tissues**

Granola bars

Cup-of-soup

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.

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?

Our next gathering is

Tuesday, January 17

7:00 p.m. in Room 24

Finalize Super Bowl Party details for the Veterans in Yaphank. Football party dishes of all kinds are needed and greatly appreciated. Food will be collected after the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, February 5th.

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

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SAT. 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Donations gratefully accepted whenever the shop is open. Please no toys, stuffed animals, books or electric items.

Coming soon...

OLPH



1st Friday

of odd months

Want to help choose movie?

Join our committee.

call Louise 631-412-3831

MARCH FOR LIFE



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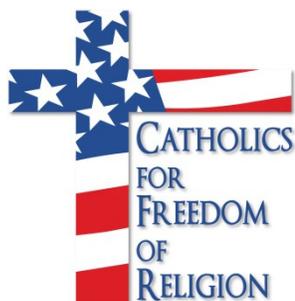
Friday, January 27, 2017

This year we have a MUCH BETTER chance to save those innocent little lives...

Once again, we are blessed that Msgr. Joe has allowed us to hire a bus to take us to the March. There will be Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 5:00 a.m. and the bus will leave immediately after.

A "free will" offering is requested to offset the cost of the bus. If interested, please call Kathy of the Respect Life Committee at 631-225-9864.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



www.cffor.org

"... proclaim liberty throughout the land"
(Leviticus 25:10) as inscribed on the Liberty Bell

Happy Religious Freedom Sunday!

Let's celebrate America's First Freedom on Jan. 16th, when the President calls upon Americans to "observe this day through appropriate events and activities in homes, schools and places of worship."

This day is the anniversary of the passage, on Jan. 16, 1786, of the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, drafted by Thomas Jefferson and considered one of his greatest achievements. It stopped the practice of taxing people to pay for the support of the local clergy and it protected the civil rights of people to express their religious beliefs without suffering persecution.

A Sampling of the Annual Proclamations by Presidents of the United States:

President Clinton, Jan. 15, 1998: "Among the early settlers who came to our shores, many were seeking escape from religious compulsion and persecution. William Penn, Roger Williams and others strove to make their settlements havens for freedom of conscience, laying the foundation for the great tradition of religious liberty that would ultimately be the First Amendment to the Constitution."

President Bush, Jan. 15, 2003: "Our Founding Fathers recognized that religious freedom is a right we must protect with great vigilance ... and we must be resolved to countering any means that infringe on religious freedom."

President Obama, Jan. 15, 2016: "I call on all Americans to commemorate this day with events and activities that teach us about our Nation's liberty, and show us how we can protect it for future generations."
(nationaldaycalendar.com; gtbe.org; presidency.ucsb.edu; religiousfreedomday.com)

"[May] you defend these rights, especially your religious freedom, for it has been given to you by God himself."
Pope Francis; Independence Hall, Philadelphia; September 26, 2015

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

NEW CATHOLICS WANTED and NEEDED!

What about you?

Do you want to be baptized?

Are you already baptized in another Christian church and want to become Catholic?

What are you waiting for?

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



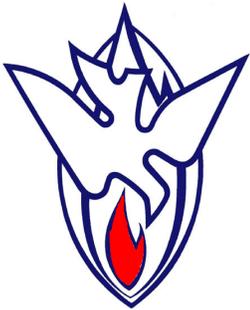
We offer a beautiful and life-giving process to join the Catholic Church and would love for you to be a part of it! You will join with other women and men interested in becoming part of the Catholic faith. Together, led by members of our parish community, you will discover God's call for you!

We are hoping to form a new group of those interested in joining the Catholic Church. **We need you to reach out and invite someone you know who might be considering this and have them contact us here at OLPH!**

Would you like to share your faith with those discerning God's call in their own hearts? To accompany another in this process not only aids those in this process of formation but transforms you as well. For more information about adult process, contact Alice White at 631-805-2133 or e-mail to: Alicem9@icloud.com. For information about becoming part of our children's process, contact Jo-Ann Domanico at 631-884-5245 or email to lax1618@yahoo.com.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION



Are you an adult 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 religiously@oloph.org.

A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

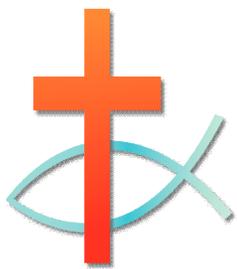
As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

- **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.

DRVC OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



The Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Faith Formation
is offering
Liturgy I

Fundamentals and Basic Principles of Liturgy

(Pre-Requisite: Basic Course in Liturgy)

Location: **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**

210 S. Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Presenters: **Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, D.Min.**

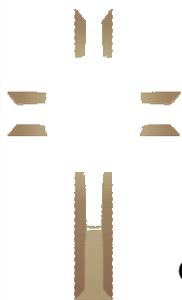
Dates: **February 2, 7, 9, 16, 21, 2017 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Cost: **\$40.00 per person**

Learn more & Register Online

www.drvc-faith.org

If you have any questions contact Marie Ventimiglia at 516-678-5800 ext. 505



TRAINING OF VOLUNTEERS IN THE MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Location: **Our Lady of Lourdes Church Parish Center**

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY

Presenters: **James Spencer**, Senior VP for Mission and Ministry CHSLI

Caterina Mako, System Director of Pastoral Care and Education

Dates: **Saturdays, January 21st, February 4th & 11th, 2017**

Each session 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: **\$40.00 per person**

Learn more & Register Online www.drvc-faith.org

If you have any questions contact the Office of Faith Formation 516-678-5800 ext. 204

St. Joseph's Seminary

Offers the following graduate degrees –

MASTER of ARTS in THEOLOGY

MASTER OF ARTS IN

CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES

SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS Sat. January 14th

Courses in Old Testament, Moral Theology, Eastern Christianity, Johannine Literature, Archeology and the Life of Jesus, Divine Action and Sacramental Theology.

Courses are open to those interested in pursuing a degree and those not necessarily seeking a Master Degree but looking to enrich their understanding of their faith.

For further information, contact:

Academic Office

440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

(631) 423-0483 x 147

Or visit St. Joseph's Website dunwoodie.edu

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OLPH NURSING MINISTRY BLOOD DRIVE



OLPH BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 29, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In School Building—High Street Entrance

Your donation will help to **save up to THREE lives.**

Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!

**ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE A COUPON
FOR A FREE LARGE SANDWICH OR SALAD AT MCDONALDS**

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring your Blood Donor Card or ID with signature or photo
- Minimum weight 110 lbs. or more
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months
- Age 16 – 75 (*16 & 17 year olds must have parental permission*).

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900

www.nybc.org.

For more information please contact Regina Muir (631) 223-5327



WE NEED MORE SAINT BERNARDS

We need your help for the Saint Bernard League

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

The Saint Bernard program was initiated to keep seniors and the disabled safe from falls on snow or ice during the winter. The program also keeps pathways clear for the neighborhood and allows emergency vehicles to reach those in need. When you sign up to be Saint Bernard, you are strengthening our community, improving someone else's life and transforming your own life through service.

How do I become a Snow Buddy?

Offerers simply call the Parish Office at **631.226.7725** or email **stbernardleague@oloph.org**. Once the match is made, the organizers of this program will send out reminder emails and ask you to reach out to your recipient and confirm they are in need of service, then you bring a smile, and a shovel to that person's house and make their day brighter.



2017 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

Our diocese is blessed to have wonderful Catholic schools. One of the best ways to learn about a particular school is to visit their Open House. Take note of the following dates and times for the Catholic schools in our Diocese and feel free to visit during these times.

Maria Regina School, Seaford	-	Thursday, January 26 (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.) Sunday, January 29 (12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.)
Our Lady of Mercy School, Hicksville	-	Sunday, January 29 (11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
SS. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park	-	Sunday, January 29 (10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)
Saint Martin of Tours, Amityville	-	Sunday, January 29 (10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)



For more information on Catholic Elementary School Open Houses contact the individual school or:

Diocese of Rockville Centre - Department of Education

128 Cherry Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801 Phone 516-678-5800 | Fax 516-280-2963

CHANGE IN THE PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS

Our parish website address has changed.
It is now olphlindhurst.com
(it is no longer .org).

All e-mail addresses remain unchanged;
it is only the website address that is new.

Telecare Telethon Time!

The *Telecare Telethon* is the weekend of **Saturday, January 14th** from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and **Sunday, January 15th** from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please tune in on Cablevision channel 29/137, Time Warner Channel 471 or Verizon FiOS channel 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest “stars” including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of our Diocese and beyond. Additionally, visits from some celebrity chefs, musical groups and New York sports teams will help fuel the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun for the 24th annual Telecare Telethon and consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at www.TelecareTV.org.



Have you returned
your new census form
and updated your parish
Registration information?

Are you watching... The new season of INSIGHT?

Msgr. Joe's television show INSIGHT, which he co-hosts with Bishop Robert Brennan and Bishop Nelson Pérez, can be seen airing weekly on Telecare, channel 29 on Cablevision, on:



Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m.
Wednesdays at 11:00 p.m.
Fridays at 7:30 p.m.
Saturdays at 10:00 p.m.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 PM en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes

Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico saitjoseph98@gmail.com

Reflexiones de Lecturas del domingo 22 de Enero del 2017

Que Cristo, la verdadera luz del mundo, inspire y alegre las vidas de ustedes. Y de los suyos

Que nuestros rostros reflejen su calor y su amor, y que este siempre vivo en sus corazones.

Primera Lectura (Isaías 8, 23b. 9,3): Las Promesas de Dios Son Luz para su Pueblo

En los días oscuros de opresión y deportación, Dios promete a su pueblo la luz de la alegría y la salvación.

Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 1,10-13.17): ¡Estén Unidos en Cristo!

Los cristianos de Corinto están divididos en facciones, cada uno dando culto a la personalidad de los que les predicaban el evangelio. Pablo les dice: ¡No dividan a Cristo; vivan unidos en él!

Evangelio (Mateo 4,12-23): Cristo, Luz para Todos los Que Viven en Oscuridad

Jesús cumple la profecía de Isaías: Él es la luz prometida, porque nos trae la Buena Noticia de Salvación. Estamos convencidos de que la venida de Jesús supuso un cambio radical para el mundo. Con él la luz de Dios comenzó a brillar en un mundo sumergido en las tinieblas. -- Hoy ¿se ha disipado acaso la oscuridad de nuestro mundo? ¿Incluso la de su Iglesia y de las Iglesias? ¿Es Jesús todavía hoy nuestra luz? Nuestras vidas habrían de reflejar la luz de Dios a todos los pueblos, cercanos y lejanos. Aclamamos a Jesús, que está aquí entre nosotros como luz de nuestra vida.

Ha hecho resolución de año nuevo? Si no, todavía hay tiempo y Papa Francisco tiene algunas ideas para usted. Estas son las diez cosas que él llamado a los empleados del Vaticano para hacer:

1. "cuidar su vida espiritual, tu relación con Dios, porque esta es la columna vertebral de todo lo que hacemos y todo lo que somos."

2. "cuidar de su vida familiar, dando a sus hijos y seres queridos no sólo dinero, pero la mayoría de su tiempo, atención y amor."

3. "cuidar de tus relaciones con los demás, transformando su fe en la vida y sus palabras en buenas obras, especialmente en nombre de los necesitados".

4. "tenga cuidado de cómo hablas, purificar la lengua de palabras ofensivas, la vulgaridad y la decadencia mundana."

5. "curar las heridas del corazón con el aceite del perdón, perdonando a quienes nos lastimaron y medicar las heridas que hemos causado a otros."

6. "cuida tu trabajo, hacerlo con humildad, competencia, entusiasmo, pasión y con un espíritu que sabe cómo dar las gracias al Señor".

7. "ten cuidado de envidia, lujuria, odio y sentimientos negativos que devoran nuestra paz interior y nos transforman en personas destruidas y destructivas".

8. "cuidado con la ira que puede conducir a la venganza; con la pereza que conduce a la eutanasia existencial; no señalar con el dedo a otros, que conduce al orgullo; ni quejarse continuamente, que conduce a la desesperación."

9. "tenga cuidado de hermanos y hermanas que son más débiles... los ancianos, los enfermos, los hambrientos, los desamparados y extraños, porque seremos juzgados de esto."

10. "asegurándose de que la Navidad es acerca de Jesús y no acerca de las compras".

Es una buena lista: claramente tiene sus raíces en las enseñanzas católicas, pero presentados de una manera que no católicos puedan entenderlo y practicarlo.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.



-Rite of Baptism

Michael Joseph Scanlon

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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| <i>Ryan Deleana</i> | <i>Tara Hayes</i> |
| <i>John Gallagher</i> | <i>Robert Fitzgerald</i> |
| <i>Bunnie Rieger</i> | <i>Frances Ricci</i> |
| <i>Reinhard Beresowski</i> | <i>Alberta Zero</i> |
| <i>Mary Doran</i> | <i>Alan Gaffen</i> |
| <i>Peter Masak</i> | <i>Giugliano Salmi</i> |
| <i>Herb Otten</i> | <i>Ron Higgins</i> |
| <i>Bernadette Sinnott</i> | <i>Fran Higgins</i> |
| <i>Marie Foster</i> | <i>Theresa Paolo</i> |
| <i>Laurel Kurnides</i> | <i>Rosemary Curr</i> |
| <i>Geraldine Martin</i> | <i>Mary Elizabeth Setti</i> |
| <i>Eileen McCauley</i> | |
| <i>Richard Kleczkowski</i> | |

WE REMEMBER

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

Thomas C. Colombo

“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.”

AN ‘AFTER-BEREAVEMENT’ GROUP



CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER

**39 North Carll Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702
631-669-0068**

“Moving On” Group

**An ‘After- Bereavement’ Group for
Widows and Widowers Presents:**

“Where Are We Going? Let’s Plan Together”

Friday, January 20 @ 7:30 p.m.

**For further information please call
Geri Olson at 631-661-8994**

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. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.**

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.

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Community will then visit each week.

We pray for the sick and the homebound of our parish at each and every Mass.



MINISTRY OF PRAISE

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” (Isaiah 9:1-3)

Isaiah is a favorite of mine. Aside from the prose being beautiful he’s just so old school. His prophecies are just so filled with awe at the majesty of God that you can’t help but be humbled by them.

This particular prophecy is referenced this month in the Gospel of Matthew (4:12-23) when Jesus withdrew to Galilee after John the Baptist had been arrested. He then began His ministry by calling upon Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him and become fishers of men. Matthew quotes the prophet here, calling Jesus the Light and thereby proclaiming that God had begun His saving work here on earth.

I love the image of Light that we find throughout all of scripture. Like many women I pay a lot of attention to the light in my home. Candles, dimmer switches, twinkle lights around the windows, all directed toward highlighting what is lovely to look at in my home and leaving what is not so nice (I have seven kids and an unruly dog, there is plenty of ugly here) in shadow. God, knowing how we are geared toward beauty, gives us His Son, the light, who will dispel darkness, shadow, and that which is ugly. We’re taking about sin here.

Think of the great joy of those four men who were called, and exercising their own wills, who followed and shared in God’s goodness in such a profound and intimate way. There were trials and suffering to come, but in those early days to sit at the feet of Christ and listen to Him, to assist him, to eat and drink with him. What joy! If only we could have that now.

We can. Not only can we, we should. Jesus, with us so beautifully and perfectly in the Eucharist, here to sustain and strengthen us in our own mission to bring light to the world. He is there all day everyday calling out for us to follow Him, to sit at his feet and be part of His mission to dispel the darkness.

The world is pretty dark right now. I think we have a tendency to think our times are the worst times, and I’m pretty sure for most of us they aren’t. We have homes, food and people who love us, but there are those who don’t have these things or those who suffer in less obvious ways. Can we, strengthen by Our Lord and Savior within us go forth and be the Light of Christ for them? We can, we should.

“Follow me” He said, and immediately they left the boat and their father and they followed (Matthew 4:22). And now, here in 2017 He’s still calling us, each of us, from His Word and from the tabernacle. Will you go?

Blessings,
Mary Ellen
Mary Ellen Barrett

VIRTUS TRAINING



VIRTUS TRAINING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00 p.m. 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 to the Virtus training schedule.
Find the date and OLPH to register.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 16—

Weekday

6:30 Kyleigh Hope Delfino

12:15 George Walters

TUESDAY, January 17—

Saint Anthony, Abbot

6:30 Linda Yearsley

12:15 James Richard Moran

WEDNESDAY, January 18—

Weekday

6:30 Brian Abbondandolo

12:15 Lillian Rocco

THURSDAY, January 19—

Weekday

6:30 Guy Ballirano

12:15 The Fry/Hall Families

FRIDAY, January 20—

Weekday

(Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Saint Sabastian, Martyr)

6:30 Pauline Micovsky

12:15 Anthony Brigandi

SATURDAY, January 21—

Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 William J. Biscardi, Jr.
& Mollie Cordiello

Vigil for

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 Joann Vitti

Sunday, January 22

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Elaine Johnson

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 George Walters

5:00 Michael Greganti, Jr.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 16, 2016

**ALL RECTORY OFFICES ARE CLOSED
AND ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED DUE
TO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY.**

Tuesday, January 17, 2016

4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
5:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting	St. Lucy
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, January 18, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary Business	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Class & Parent Meeting	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School
8:30 p.m.	Christian Mothers Meeting	Cafeteria

Thursday, January 19, 2016

1– 5 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.	Adult Faith Formation: Spirituality	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, January 20, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
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Saturday, January 21, 2016

8:30, 10:00 & 11:30a.m.	Levels 1-5 Classes & Level 4 Parent Meeting/Open House	School
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Meeting	Cafeteria

Sunday, January 22, 2017

10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Meeting	Cafeteria

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
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Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
Martin Kenny, Business Manager	204	mkenny@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.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 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 Alice White at 631-805-2133 or e-mail at Alicem9@icloud.com 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 Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net 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
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Marie Foster
Greg Guido
Sonia Hansen
John Keller
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Christina Taparata
James Totino
Pete Triolo

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Ed Cirella
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Martin Kenny
Bob Meade
John Reynolds
Sandra Tandoi

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Deacon Robert Becker
Lynn Bergin
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
MaryAnn Haas
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Rosaleen Walters
Mike Williams

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.

OFFERING UPDATE January 7/8, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	88	29	\$1,249.00
8:00 a.m.	120	53	1,257.00
10:00 a.m.	350	112	3,049.00
12:00 pm.	465	131	3,244.00
5:00 p.m.	245	49	1,501.50
Total coin:			9.90
Mail-ins:			2,832.00
Children's Env.		7	5.82
Special Needs	26	5	250.00
Faith Direct			2,054.50
TOTAL	1,294	386	\$15,452.72
2016 total	1,987	611	\$17,319.65
Candles			\$396.15
Poor Box			\$480.55
1st Saturday			\$87.00

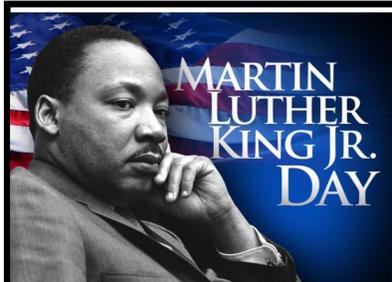
2016 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2016 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*. Thank you for your cooperation.

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. All material must be submitted no later than the dates listed below and as a word document to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.
Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

January 22—passed
January 29—January 20
February 5—January 27
Thank you for your cooperation.



The Rectory and all parish offices will be closed

MONDAY, January 16

due to the Federal holiday for
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Devotions will NOT take place on
Monday evening.
The Rectory office will
re-open 9:00 a.m. Tuesday.



The IRA Charitable Rollover is back and is now permanent!

What's called a rollover is actually a "qualified charitable distribution" that can be made to our Parish.

If...

- You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift.
- Your IRA is a traditional or Roth.
- You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions.
- You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

Example: Mrs. Connors, age 76, has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to her Parish in 2016. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, she directs the custodian of her IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2016 directly to the Parish as a 2016 gift. She will not be subject to income tax on her \$5,000 qualified charitable distribution.

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

PREPARING FOR**Sunday, January 22, 2017—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Jesus said to Simon and Andrew,
“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
At once they left their nets and followed him.*

Matthew 4:19-20

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The opening of today's reading from the prophet Isaiah refers to the time in the early eighth century B.C. when the powerful and ruthless Assyrian empire had overrun the northern parts of Israel and threatened the rest. Amidst this time of uncertainty and fear, Isaiah prophesies hope for the future in beautiful poetic images of light and joy. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light,” he proclaims. He goes on to describe a future king of Israel, a true son of David, who will rely solely on the Lord God for protection. When such a king appears, darkness will give way to divine light and the gloom of foreign oppression will give way to the joy of freedom that only God can bring. We know that king to be Jesus who brings just such joy into our lives.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Paul established the church in the Greek city of Corinth about 51 A.D. but several years later he received reports of divisions within the church. That is the problem he addresses in today's selection from his letter to them. He insists that Christians belong to no one but Christ. Teachers such as Cephas (Peter), Apollos, and even Paul himself proclaim the Gospel, but Christ himself *is* the Good News. Church members of that time, and ours, should “be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.” All who belong to Christ are called to imitate him, united in the same kind of self-giving to and for one another.

Matthew 4:12-23

With today's Gospel reading, Matthew opens the curtain on Jesus' public ministry in Galilee. By quoting from our first reading from Isaiah, Matthew emphasizes that Jesus himself has “fulfilled” these words and embodies the authentic interpretation of Sacred Scripture. But he brings them to fulfillment in a way that was astonishing for the Jews of the time: he not only includes Gentiles (non-Jews) in God's kingdom, he proclaims to them before approaching his fellow Jews. When he does approach them, we hear how he calls the first disciples, two sets of fisherman brothers: Simon who is called Peter and Andrew, and James and John. “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately, they drop what they are doing and follow him. Do we respond the same today to his call?

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. As soon as Jesus heard that John was arrested he immediately moved into Herod's territory and began an intense program teaching, healing and preaching repentance. What would cause him to make such a dangerous move? Are you able to stand up and get involved for what is right when you see that you will suffer pain or loss when you do? What do you think of Jesus when he acts like this?

2. Do you think Jesus also needed friends? “At once they left their nets and followed him.” How long did it take Peter and Andrew to respond to his invitation to a personal encounter? What do you think was going on in their heads and hearts? Could they have been excited by the mission of communicating life to others?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 16, 2017:

Hebrews 5:1-10 + Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 17, 2017:

Hebrews 6:10-20 + Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 18, 2017:

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17 + Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 19, 2017:

Hebrews 7:25—8:6 + Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 20, 2017:

Hebrews 8:6-13 + Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 21, 2017:

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14 + Mark 3:20-21

Sunday, January 22, 2017:

Isaiah 8:23—9:3
+ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
+ Matthew 4:12-23



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