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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*Mission Statement*

“Trusting in God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and, motivated by Christ’s Life, Death and Resurrection, we, the people of God, under the protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, accept as our mission, the evangelization of our parishioners both active and inactive. We accept the call to bring all to a personal, Covenant relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior, to live the Paschal Mystery and to promote the spiritual health and growth of everyone in our parish community.”

- The OLPH Pastoral Council

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**JANUARY 22—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ECUMENICAL SUNDAY**

- 6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish
 8:00 Book of the Faithful Departed
 9:30 Dominick Cuiffini
 11:00 Carmela (Millie) Criscuolo
 12:30 Gertrude Mattes
 5:00 Lawrence J. Bilello
 6:30 Polish Mass

MONDAY: JAN. 23— U.S.A. Day of Penance

- 8:00 Joseph Micovsky
 12:00 Suzanne & Anthony Finazzo
 7:00 Carmela (Millie) Criscuolo
 7:30 Devotions (Novena)

TUESDAY: JAN. 24— St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

- 8:00 Fred Ferrara
 12:00 John Russo, Sr.
 7:00 Ellen Conlon

WEDNESDAY: JAN. 25— Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

- 8:00 Mary Pulaski
 12:00 Ellen Conlon
 7:00 Kevin Blaes

THURSDAY: JAN. 26—Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

- 8:00 Ruth Archbold
 12:00 Blanch S. Murtha
 7:00 Shantal Santisteban 21st Birthday (living)

FRIDAY: JAN. 27— Saint Angela Merici, virgin

- 8:00 Barbara McPhail & Family (Living)
 12:00 Gertrude Johnson
 7:00 Jonathan & Dominick Petti

SATURDAY: JAN. 28—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

- 8:00 John Chapman
 9:00 Daniel Kissane

VIGIL MASS – (Dt 18:15-20; Mk 1:21-28)

- 5:00 Joseph Chiaffitella





From the Pastor's Desk:

Are you satisfied with the person you are and where you are at this point in your life? What you are or where you are at this moment is not a major importance. What you can become through the intelligent development of your non-released abilities is the real issue. God has a plan for all of us and it is often a developing plan that unfolds as we grow older and as we feel called from one level or place in life to another.

There are way too many people who are not satisfied with where they are at in life. If that's the case then "change it"!!!! Start by bringing who, where and what you are to God in prayer. Share with him your heart's desires. Tell Him, "God, I wish I had" or "You know God, I always want to ...". You fill in the blanks and then open your mind and heart for God to reveal the answers as you begin to get more excited about working toward or starting a new phase or level in your life.

Some people believe that there is only one destination in life expressed by their life work. "I'll be doing this for the rest of my life. Why? Because you truly love what you do, because it is your passion in life, or, because you can't see beyond the present and when you try to bring the present smack into the future because you won't open yourself, or think you cannot open yourself up to the other possibilities that will fulfill your unfulfilled desires and dreams.

It boils down to concentration and focus. To use an example: If your prayerful thoughts (or not prayerful thoughts - although God might be inspiring those thoughts) tell you "I've always wanted to work with the sick, homeless, or wanted to be an electrician, computer technician, start concentrating on what you need to do to make it happen. Do some research, talk to people you know in the industry or to a local college and find out what the requirements are to achieve that goal and begin to set the goal.

God "inspires" everyone all the time. The problem is that people often don't want to put in the "perspiration" to get up and go and "just do it." Achieving a goal is 10% inspiration and 90% getting out there and doing the work - "the perspiration" - to achieve the goal. The golf instructor admonishes: "Keep your eye on the ball." The automobile driving school posts warning signs: "Keep your eyes on the road."

Through prayer we learn to focus and concentrate in our daily journey to achieve our goal and purpose in life. Concentration is the power of learning. It means centering all of your attention directly on the desired objective. When we come to Mass our goal is to Worship God. We cannot and will not achieve that goal by just being there. We have to concentrate on all that is said and done, that is, concentrate and focus on the Word of God, the Prayers and Responses, the Actions of the Priest and all those around us and in the Sanctuary who help bring us to Christ and, through the ministry of the Priest bring Christ to us in the reception of the Eucharist, our Holy Communion.

That concentration and focus then needs to be applied to our personal life and the accomplishment of God's Will in our life. Who God wants us to be and where He wants us to be becomes revealed as we take the focus of Mass which is the Worship of and Union with God, and open our hearts to His revelation as to what His Will is for us... the who, what and where we are at each phase of our life. If what I say is true when I say I believe in God, then I must also believe in myself. Believing in God means little when I don't also believe in myself.

God wants us to be satisfied in life with who, what and where we are at any given time. He created us and gives us the ability to be and to become all that we want to be. He comes to us in prayer if we listen in prayer. He reveals Himself to us if we pay attention to the signs from within and outside of ourselves. Listen to the Saints He sends during ordinary times to tell us about their extraordinary accomplishments. Apply daily the introductory words to the Holy, Holy... "and now with Angels, Archangels, Thrones and Dominions and all the Powers of Heaven"... apply them to your prayer life realizing that God created them as His Divine Messengers and deliverers of His Courage, Strength, Healing, Wisdom... and Divine, Holy Spirit.

My friends, it all works together for the good for those who trust in the Lord and in themselves. You CAN be where you want to be; You CAN do what you must do for your happiness. Simply add to all your prayers and reflections, the words of Samuel, "Here I am Lord, your servant is listening" and Mary's words "Thy Will be done".

May God +bless you and yours, today and forever.

Fr. Trapani

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Second Time:

Michael Fisher & Lea Pienkos (Both of OLPH)
James Scabelli & Christine Salvia (Both of OLPH)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

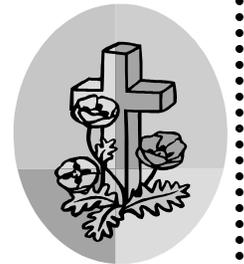
John Bertone Elaine Tejera
Rocio Brady Linda McLellan
Michele Sparacivo William Trigg
Barbara McPhail Lisa Iadecaia

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Frank Pepitone
Richard Abbate

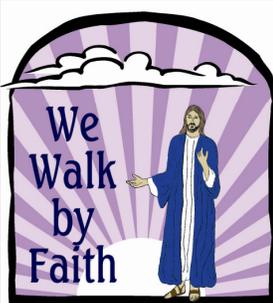


Dear God,
We place our worries in Your hands and ask
that You restore Your servant to health again.



We ask you, O God,
to be our quiet strength
and consolation.

As Christian Stewards in Today's World, We "Walk by Faith."



January 22, 2012 —Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is an urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples—Andrew and Simeon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, leaving nets, boats, father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me—at *this* moment? What will I need to abandon in order to follow him?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who work in parish-based advocacy groups to bring Gospel values and Catholic social teaching to the wider community.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Your Parish Finance Council has suggested that this simple bar graph be added to our weekly bulletin to illustrate the gap between the Sunday collection and the amount needed to achieve a balanced parish budget. Since the beginning of our fiscal year, September 1, 2011, we have experienced a weekly shortfall in collections. It is urgent that we begin to reverse this trend.

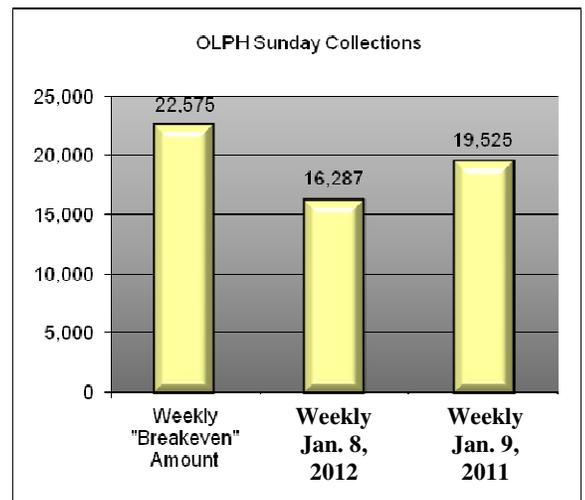
**OUR PARISH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH
DEPENDS ON YOUR GENEROSITY**

HELP CLOSE THE GAP!

All envelopes must have your account number and offering amount indicated in order for your account to be credited for weekly and special donations.

The account number, after the #267, is located under the date. Remember you must be registered in the parish in order to receive envelopes. Thank you.

We now have 82 parishioners/families enrolled in Faith Direct!



PARISH NEWS

- **“March for Life – Monday, January 23,” - “18th Annual National Memorial for the Preborn and Their Mothers and Fathers”** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is having a bus to Washington to participate in this peaceful March. We will be having a 5 AM Mass in the Church. The bus will leave PROMPTLY at 5:30 AM. We will be dropped in Washington, near the March site. Pick up will be at the same location at 5 PM SHARP. We have a short stop going down and possibly a longer one on the return. Please bring your own sandwiches etc. **please call Kathy at 631-225-9864 or Louise 631-412-3831.**
- **Feeling ill....need prayers?** - Our *Legion of Mary* (and some of our parishioners) have been making "prayer shawls and lap rugs". We pray while making these and then one of our priests bless them and they are given free of charge to anyone who is ill and would wish the comfort of prayers and a shawl. Many have found comfort from their physical warmth and the knowledge that they are being prayed for. Contact the Legion of Mary for information.
- **MOMS & TOTS CIRCLE** - A child friendly playroom and adult conversation for Mom. **Tuesdays or Fridays, 9:30—11:00am.** a program designed to bring new and young mothers together to discuss issues important to them while their children have an opportunity to meet and play with new friends. For more information, please contact Terry at Olphmomsandtots@aol.com or call **225-9462**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Catholic Health Services: Volunteer your time with others** as a **Spiritual Care Companion**—for hospitalized or living in a nursing home, homebound or adults with special needs. This **free** six-week training with basic pastoral care skills and information. Particularly for Good Samaritan Hospital and dialysis units, Our Lady of Consolation in West Islip, Good Samaritan Nursing Home and St. Catherine's Nursing Home. **Tuesday, Feb. 7, 9:30—11:30 am** at *Our Lady of Consolation*, 111 Beach Drive, WI. And training sessions: **Feb.28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3** from 9:30am—12:30pm. Call Carol Cella 631-465-6307 or Trish Luvin 631-465-6306.
- **HEALING MASS SCHEDULE at St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset** (across from Christopher Morley Park (621-8300) 6:30 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Healing Mass Schedule:
Wednesday, **February 1**, Tuesday, **March 6**, Tuesday, **April 17**, Tuesday, **May 15**, Tuesday, **June 5**
- The Board of Directors of the Life Center is seeking a candidate for the position of Assistant Executive Director. The qualifications are as follows:
 - Passion and dedication for the cause.
 - College degree, business or social work preferred
 - Strong leadership and management skills
 - Public speaking experience with good written communication skills
 - Comfortable with educating on life issues.
 - 1-5 years experience in the non-profit sector, uncompromisingly pro-life
 - Computer literate, budgeting and finance experience a plus
 Benefits and salary commensurate with experience. If you or someone you know meet these criteria, please send a resume to: *Life Center of Long Island Attn: Search Committee, 35 E. Willow Street, Massapequa, NY 11758.*
Or e-mail resume to lgariboldi@optonline.net
- **Special Open House: St. Mary's School**, East Islip, **Catholic Schools Week Open House: January 29**, 12 noon—2pm; **Jan. 31**, 8:30-10am; **Feb. 2**, 12:30-1:30pm. For information call 631-581-3423 X142.
- **Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy**—provided by NYS licensed therapists available to our parish and 102 other parishes. Services provided by Catholic Counseling Center. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments: call Dr. Giuliani 631-243-2503 or go to our website thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.
- **YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE NOW!** Upcoming *Retrouvaille weekend*, for couples who have troubles or problems in their marriage and hope to save their marriage begins Friday, **Feb. 3** at the Monfort retreat house in Bay Shore. Please call 1-800-470-2230 for confidential details.

The parishioners of the six Christian Churches of Lindenhurst:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church

Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic

St. John's Lutheran

Grace Methodist

St. Boniface Episcopal

Evangel Church of God

will join together as *one family in Christ*

for a **“Service of the Word of God and Prayer”**

at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Sunday, January 22 at 3:00 p.m.

This is an important expression of our unity in Christ Jesus and a witness, to the community-at-large, of the bond that exists between our churches. Please set this day and time aside and come pray for the unity of all Christians. Reception to follow in the school auditorium hosted by our Christian Mothers

Society of St. Vincent de Paul : “THE HUNGRY ARE ALWAYS HUNGRY”



PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY & JAM, TUNA FISH, CANNED MEATS, CANNED & PKG. POTATOES, SHELF-STABLE POWERED & EVAPORATED MILK, PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP, PORK & BEANS, CAKE MIX, JELLO & PUDDING, CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE.

PASTA IS NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME.



St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is located at 272 South Wellwood Ave.

The office is open ONLY on *Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 am—12 noon.* Call 631-225-5531.



2012 Family Life MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

From Happy Hour to Holy Hour
Come join us for a family evening of fun
followed by a Prayer Service as we begin our
Lenten journey strengthening our relationship with God

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Time: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

Location: OLPH Parish/School auditorium

Cost: \$20.00 per family *or* \$5.00 per person

Please bring a covered dish to be shared
Lemonade, ice tea, & water will be provided
music, games, 50/50, raffles & prizes



Mardi Gras King & Queen will be crowned

Tear Off: Please return **by February 15,**

(no tickets will be sold at the door; limited capacity of 160).

Name: _____ # of adults _____ # of children & ages _____

Telephone number _____

Amount enclosed: cash _____ check _____ (Make checks payable: **OLPH**)

if possible please bring a covered dish for your family and a little extra to be shared

Covered dish _____

Please return to OLPH Rectory ASAP no later than 2/15

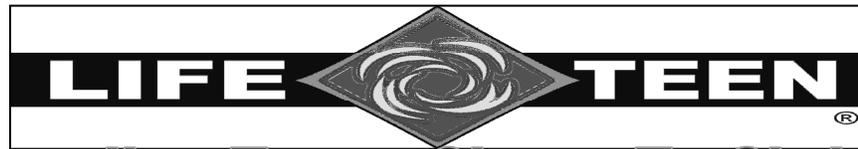
Attn: Family Life

210 South Wellwood Ave Lindenhurst

All donations will be accepted

Any questions and/or ticket information contact:

Deirdre Strigaro 225-0928 & Debbie McDonough 957-0765



Leading Teens Closer To Christ

LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT:

In Pursuit—Everyone 8th grade and up welcome!!

RETREAT IS COMING!!!! Start signing up on our facebook page.. deposits will be due soon!

Are you ready??

We are looking for donations of food! Please email Brittany at olphlifeteen1@gmail.com or leave a message at the Life Teen office [631-226-6239](tel:631-226-6239).

Life Teen would like to welcome **Benjamin Conti** to the church to live a life blessed by God and His love. Congratulations to Benjamin and the entire Conti family.



Lastly... **GO GIANTS!!!!!!**

Don't forget to check out our website for important details and events... www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com



The Edge is for all middle school age kids – no matter where you go to school—this is the place for you! We meet in the basement of the Convent. Look for the blue door on the south side of the Convent. We meet from 7:30 til 8:45 pm. It's a great place to come, hang out, play great games and learn about our faith.

Just come on down, no need to sign up!

Last Jan. Edge date **1/31/12.**

Check out the EDGE website @ www.olphym.com or call **226-6239** and leave a message for Peggy

Readings for the week—January 22-29, 2012:

Sunday, Jan. 22: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Jon 3:1-5,10/1 Cor 7:29-30; Mk 1:14-20

Monday, Jan. 23 : *2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30*

Tuesday, Jan. 24: : *2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35*

Wednesday, Jan. 25: *Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18*

Thursday, Jan. 26: *2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25*

Friday, Jan. 27: *2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34*

Saturday, Jan. 28: *2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41*



Kellenberg Memorial High School
First Trimester Honor Roll

Lisa Abramski
 Mary Astore
 Marykate Bayley
 Colleen Hehir
 Elizabeth McAlvin
 Kaitlyn McAlvin
 Jacqueline Ortiz
 Matthew Seaman



*Open House
 Dates*

<u>JANUARY 2012</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 2012</u>	<u>MARCH 2012</u>
7th 1~3pm	2nd 1~3pm	1st 1~3pm
12th 1~3pm	11th 1~3pm	8th 1~3pm
19th 1~3pm	16th 1~3pm	22nd 1~3pm
28th 1~3pm		31st 1~3pm

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE!

Retirement Community & Assisted Living Residence

Please contact us at **631-842-6091** or
info@dominicanvillage.org to schedule a tour!



January 22, 2012 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

“This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.”

This is the call on every one of our hearts as Christ beckons us to Himself. We were made to live for Him, and He invites us to be His disciples, to live to love and serve Him, and, in so doing, to call others to do the same, thereby building the Kingdom of God and experiencing true fulfillment as human beings.

“Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until they rest in thee,” St. Augustine once said. Indeed, we were made to live for God, and, as these three scripture readings remind us, He invites us to do so.

In the first reading, Jonah serves as a “type” of Christ – setting about calling people to repent and turn their lives to the Lord. What’s more, he encouraged them to turn their lives around quickly, alerting them that they did not have much time.

“Forty days more and Ninevah shall be destroyed.”

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul reiterates this urgency to turn our lives around – “For the world in it’s former presence is passing away.”

We are not made for the here and now. We are made for something beyond this, and we must fix our eyes on God’s Kingdom, living in this world but not of it, serving Christ as “fishers of men,” thereby building His Kingdom.

In the Gospel reading, Christ clearly calls the first disciples to Himself. He invites them to follow Him, and we see them immediately “abandon their nets” and follow Him. The next two disciples Christ calls do the same. They immediately leave everything behind, even their own father, and followed Christ.

Our response must be exactly the same. Christ calls every one of us to follow Him, to repent and turn our lives around and live for Him. He expects us to do just as the first disciples did, to leave everything else behind and follow Him. This does not mean that in following Christ we are necessarily called to deny our secular careers or our families, but rather, to answer Christ’s call before all else. Everything we do – with our home life, our work lives, our lives at the parish, our hobbies – should bear witness to Christ. Our actions should show forth the love we have for Christ and the fact that He is more important than anything else in this world – even our families.

In Mark’s gospel, Jesus tells the disciples, who are seen fishing by the Sea of Galilee, “Come, after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” He was calling them, fishermen by trade, to use their talents to serve Him. In much the same way, He calls each one of us to use our God-given abilities – our time, talents, and treasure – to serve Him, to proclaim His truth to a world in need and to invite others to come to know Him.

That’s what it means to be a disciple. That’s what it means to be a Christian steward: to put our lives at His service, to live, not for this world which, indeed, is passing away, but for Christ, and to proclaim Him to the world by all we say and do.

Christ calls every single one of us. May we be as ready, willing and eager to answer the call, as did the first disciples.

10TH ANNUAL
SQUIRES SWEETHEARTS
DANCE

a fundraiser for

Kenny Kodak

February 11, 2012

Knights of Columbus Hall
400 South Broadway, Lindenhurst

7pm-11pm

Buffet Dinner, DJ & Dancing
Beer, Wine & Soda ~ Coffee & Dessert
Raffles & Door Prizes

Kenny is 12 years old and is a triplet. He was diagnosed with medulloblastoma in March. He has had an operation and is currently undergoing intensive radiation and chemotherapy. He lives in West Islip, is in 7th grade and attends Beach Street Middle School. He loves lacrosse and hopes to play again someday.



Tickets: \$25 per person

If you cannot attend please consider making a donation.

For ticket & donation information contact:

Will Calamia: (631) 412-5451

Knights of Columbus Reservations: (631) 226-3240