

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled
in your hearing.”*

Luke 4:21

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2016

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

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

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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

Business Manager: Deacon Thomas J. Bast

Coordinator of Faith Formation: April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Christopher Ferraro

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

from Holy Hour to Happy Hour to Holy Hour

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



Tuesday, February 9



5:45 p.m. — Church

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

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



Music, games, 50/50 & more!

Any questions or ticket information contact:

Deirdre Strigaro 631.225-0928 or familylife@oloph.org

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

First & Last Name: _____

_____ #of adults _____ # of children & ages _____

Telephone number: _____ Email Address: _____ @ _____

Amount enclosed: cash _____ check _____ *Make checks payable:*

OLPH

Covered dish _____

Please return to OLPH Rectory or in the collection basket

NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, February 7th.

All donations accepted.

Any questions or ticket information contact:



PASTOR'S PAGE

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we continue to celebrate these Sundays of winter Ordinary Time, the prayers of the Mass should, as always, provide us much food for spiritual reflection. Ideally, we should be carrying the words of the prayers with us throughout our week, so that we might continue to benefit from the spiritual fruits of the Mass in our daily life. Let's take a look at three of the prayers we prayed this weekend at Mass so that we might delve more deeply into their meaning and so that the spirituality of those prayers might be with us in the upcoming week.

In the Collect (Opening Prayer) we asked, *"Almighty, ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works."* The literal Latin phrase for "your good pleasure" is *beneplacito tuo*, which means "what pleases you well." What pleases God is right behavior on our part — just decisions, loving actions that are done in the name of Christ, and appropriate responses to God's call. Christ is always the model for us, and any "good works" we do are accomplished only in imitation of Him, and in the light of His self-giving and sacrificial love.

In the Prayer over the Offerings, we prayed, *"Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation."* We should understand the word "offerings" to mean so much more than only the offerings of bread and wine; "offerings" must include the offering of the totality of our life, including the mission we have received from God, the duty of living out that mission, and the gifts and talents we have been given to be able to fulfill that mission. "Accept" is another significant word, as it reminds us that God takes our offerings and supports us with His life and grace. As He takes them to Himself to sanctify, or bless, them, He turns them from merely human offerings into something which He uses for the good of our salvation. When we bring our offerings to the Lord and offer them totally to Him, they bear fruit beyond this life, fruit that will endure.

Finally, in the Prayer after Communion, we asked, *"Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift."* Notice how this prayer expresses the key spiritual activity: being open and receiving. God created us for the purpose of receiving His self-gift of love. When we are able to receive that gift, we are brought to new life. Christ came that we might have life and have it more abundantly, and, of course, within the context of the Eucharist, that new life comes to us in sacramental Holy Communion.

Thus does the action of the Mass come full circle:

the offerings (prayed about in the Prayer over the Offerings) were accepted by God, sanctified, united as one in Christ, and returned as Holy Communion. The "glory" referred to in the Prayer after Communion is that God takes what we give Him and He raises it to union with Him.

It's a great spiritual exercise to take the prayers of the Mass and to really spend time reflecting on them and seeing the beautiful inner logic and connection they have with the meaning of the Mass as a whole. Give yourself the gift of spending time with the Mass prayers on a regular basis each week.

"Form B" of the Penitential Act at Mass

So, we have launched our use of "Form B" of the Penitential Act at Mass, as our way of not only learning another prayer of the Mass, but also as a way to highlight our celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy called for by Pope Francis. Remember that we will use this form at all Sunday Masses in Ordinary Time, both now and when Ordinary Time resumes again after Easter Time, and at weekday Masses at the priest's discretion.

Pop quiz: do you have it memorized yet?

Our new website

I hope by now you have had the chance to check out our new website, about which I have previously written, and about which I have received many positive comments. Brittany Evans, our webmaster, recently shared some interesting information with me which I would like to pass on to you.

As of the middle of January, we had 2,644 unique visitors to our home page, whereas in the month that the old website was closed down it had only 680 unique visitors — so we can see that's a tremendous jump! Statistics concerning some of the specific pages are as follows: 823 hits to view the current or prior bulletins; 441 hits for the general/introductory "Parish Information" tab; 98 hits to my Pastor's Welcome; 93 hits to the "Contact Us" tab; 75 hits to the page where information and biographies are given for each of the Pastoral Staff members; 64 hits to the page that gives information about celebrating a wedding at OLPH; and 61 hits to the "Get Involved" tab.

I think it's interesting to look at things like this, and I am thrilled that people find our new website helpful and useful. I guess it's no surprise that viewing the bulletin is one of the most frequent things the website is used for, but I was happy to see some good frequency with other pages as well. I think from time to time I'll check with Brittany about our stats, and share them with you.

We consider our website to be a work-in-progress, so if you have any comments or suggestions, please pass them along to the webmaster using the link on the site, or to me. Please go to the website from time to time and just click all around it, viewing the various pages. It might give you a larger picture of the parish that you didn't have before.

Catholic Ministries Appeal Kick-Off

Allow me to provide a little "sneak preview" in mentioning that next weekend we kick off the 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal here at OLPH, and I will be speaking at all the Masses asking once again for your generous support. We rely so much on this Appeal to help us here at OLPH, so it's crucial that we once again have a successful Appeal. You have been amazing in your response in the past, and I know you will be again this year. Please begin thinking about and praying about the contribution you can make this year, and even consider raising it a little bit if possible.

The initial mailing, including a letter from Bishop Murphy, should go out some time this week, and you will most likely receive it before the weekend. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Bring palm to be burned for Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday ALREADY? Yes, it's just around the corner, coming early this year (which means an early Easter...I hope we don't wind up having a "White Easter"...with snow on the ground!). With Ash Wednesday on February 10, we're beginning to collect last year's palm, to be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday; see the full announcement elsewhere in this bulletin. You can begin starting tomorrow to bring your palm, and we'll be collecting it up to midday on Tuesday, February 9, so don't forget!

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,



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



Nursing Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

NEW CATHOLICS WANTED and NEEDED!

What about you?

Do you want to be baptized?

**Do you want to become a member of
the Catholic Church?**

What are you waiting for?



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!

If you or someone you know is not baptized or were baptized in another Christian faith, please contact Fr. John Sureau at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org to find out more about the process.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

Please continue to pray for those who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation and for reception into the Catholic Church.

Noel Andrade, Leo Ruiz and Sophia Ruiz are our parish's catechumens. They are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Sandra Best, Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets and Jamie Wittke are our parish's candidates. They are seeking reception into the Catholic Church from other Christian faiths.

Each Sunday, they gather at Mass and are sent forth to break open God's Word and reflect upon the teachings of the Catholic Church.

CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION

Are you interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?



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

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

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

YEAR OF MERCY

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

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

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

9. In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. *Luke* 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon.

From another parable, we cull an important teaching for our Christian lives. In reply to Peter’s question about how many times it is necessary to forgive, Jesus says: “I do not say seven times, but seventy times seven times” (*Matthew* 18:22). He then goes on to tell the parable of the “ruthless servant,” who, called by his master to return a huge amount, begs him on his knees for mercy. His master cancels his debt. But he then meets a fellow servant who owes him a few cents and who in turn begs on his knees for mercy, but the first servant refuses his request and throws him into jail. When the master hears of the matter, he becomes infuriated and, summoning the first servant back to him, says, “Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?” (*Matthew* 18:33). Jesus concludes, “So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart” (*Matthew* 18:35).

This parable contains a profound teaching for all of us. Jesus affirms that mercy is not only an action of the Father, it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are. In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves. At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully. Let us therefore heed the Apostle’s exhortation: “Do not let the sun go down on your anger” (*Ephesians* 4:26). Above all, let us listen to the words of Jesus who made mercy an ideal of life and a criterion for the credibility of our faith: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (*Matthew* 5:7): the beatitude to which we should particularly aspire in this Holy Year.

As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God’s action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our wellbeing and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other.

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



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

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



So come and pray...

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

"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

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

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

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

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

Prayer for Peace

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

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

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

*Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.*

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

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

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

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



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



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 25

Monday, February 1

Monday, February 8

Monday, February 15—

No Devotions (President's Day)

Monday, February 22

Monday, February 29

BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES



We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 10. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the

Lenten season. As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes brand us with the sign of the cross — a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during Easter Time. Penitential acts are undertaken as a community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection.

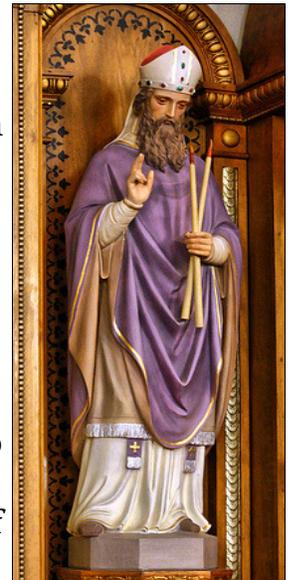
What you may not know is where the ashes come from. Very simply, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are the ashes from palms saved from Palm Sunday the previous year, which have been burned.

This year we once again invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. **We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on February 9 and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.**

Please join in this meaningful gesture of community and solidarity as together we embark on our Lenten disciplines.

Blessing of Throats on Wednesday, February 3, the Memorial of St. Blaise Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday, **February 3** is the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century, and it is believed that he was martyred in a persecution in the early fourth century. His association with the healing of throats arose from a legend that while he was in prison he cured a boy who had a fish bone stuck in this throat. The practice of blessing throats with two crossed candles seems to have arisen in the sixteenth century when devotion to St. Blaise reached its peak.



Here at OLPH, we will be *blessing throats during the two weekday Masses at 6:30 a.m. and at 12:15 p.m.*, as the conclusion to the Universal Prayer (the Prayer of the Faithful), as indicated in the *Book of Blessings*.

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



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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.

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- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
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- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
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- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Caroline Grogan—(631)225-7688—straightclaw@optonline.net
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494

NEW Food Pantry List!

Pasta Sauce with Meat

Hot & Cold Cereal

Canned Juice

Baked Beans

(No other beans at this time please!)

Paper Towels

Shave Cream

Bath Soap

Toothpaste

Shampoo

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Cut out this list and bring it with you
when you go shopping!**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”

Have you considered answering the call to “bring glad tidings to the poor” by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

The OLPH Conference of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Memorial Cards** are now available. The Memorial Cards are a wonderful way to honor the dearly departed while benefitting the less fortunate in our community. A beautiful “Living Memorial” Card will be sent acknowledging your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Donation forms are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Saturday 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory.

For further information, please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION

FREE MOVIE TIME AT OLPH

WHEN: Friday, February 5th

WHERE: OLPH School Auditorium

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

MOVIE: "The Blood & The Rose"

The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Excerpt from the back cover:

"On December 9, 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary first appeared to Juan Diego, an ordinary man of extraordinary faith. Juan Diego delivered the Lady's message, humbly embracing the call to serve as a messenger eagle. This story begins with Mary's faith-filled "yes" and illuminates the struggle of good versus evil."



This is the battle for our souls.

MIDDLE AGES

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

Wednesday, February 3
7:00 p.m. in Room 10
(room across from the kitchen
in the basement of the old school)

Guest Speaker: Father Fidelis

Sunday, February 7: Deliver and set up Super Bowl Party at The Veterans Place in Yaphank.

For information call Gail Tonnessen at
631-957-1449 or email her at
gtonness@optonline.net

SENIOR MOMENTS GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, February 9
9:00 a.m. in Room 24

ST. BERNARD LEAGUE

Thank you to all who have responded to our request for help! We are almost set for the season!

We are in need of one additional individual or family who can assist someone in need on Pecan Street (in the 500s section). If you think you might be able to help, please let us know by e-mailing to stbernard-league@olph.org.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*exists to serve those with special needs and those who care for
and love them!*

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS
Saturday, February 6th
4:00 p.m.

School Auditorium

*Want to help prepare for our monthly Mass and other
special needs events?*

Contact Caroline Grogan at 631.225.7688
or email to straightclaw@optonline.net.

All are welcome!!!

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

*Widows and Widowers provides a comfortable, social
setting for men and women who have lost a spouse to
support and encourage one another.*

Our next meeting will take place on
Tuesday, February 16
6:00 p.m. in Room 18.

For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

THE *bluedoor* BOUTIQUE

Hours of Operation:

Mon/Wed/Fri 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Third Sunday of each month -1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Closed Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

New treasures arriving every day!

Come explore *The Blue Door Boutique* and find:

- The latest Teen Trends at affordable prices—Forever 21, Hollister, A&F, and more.
- Top brands on display in Men's and Women's clothing including—Talbots, Coach, Lands End, London Fog, Vineyard Vines, and more.
- Household items including—candles, dishes, crystal, wall art, knick-knacks and collectibles from Corningware, Pyrex, Precious Moments, Lenox and more.
- Discovering a great find is half the fun! Visit The Blue Door Boutique see for yourself.

Want to get involved in the Blue Door?

E-mail to thebluedoor@oloph.org for more information!

We need greeters, sorters and floor workers!

HOMELESS MINISTRY

MINISTRY UPDATES

Last Wednesday, our Homeless Ministry met for our regular monthly meeting. In 2015, this ministry had over 500 encounters with the homeless in our local area! Thank you to those who assist in this ministry and all who have supported with donations throughout the year.

With the most recent cold snap, the Homeless Ministry goes on night "Emergency Runs" making sure that anyone outside has all they need to stay safe for the night or work with local officials to find a temporary shelter. Please pray for the homeless in these days and for those who seek to minister to them.

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

In these winter months, we are in need of the following:

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



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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

DRIVING MINISTRY

Did you know that our Driving Ministry has made over 100 pick ups since the inception of the ministry? What a beautiful way to assist and support others in need!

Our Driving Ministry assists parishioners in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment or to another serious appointment when needed. Over the past few months we have been able to help many parishioners!



PLEASE NOTE: The Driving Ministry is not an emergency service. We must be contacted at least three days before a ride is needed.

We are always looking for more drivers! Can you help out our team? If so, please contact Maureen Russo for more information. You will make a great difference in the life of some one in need!

For more information, contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182.

YOUTH MINISTRY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SQUIRES BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



Enjoy a short stack
for a tall cause.

You're invited to an
Applebee's® Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support
Knute Rockne Circle 82 Columbian Squires

January 30, 2016
8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Tickets cost: \$10.00

Applebee's
600 N. Wellwood Ave.
Lindenhurst, NY

Contact Tom Romano at 631-561-7052
or tomonli@aol.com

Meal includes:

*Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and coffee, tea or soda.
Please contact organization to purchase tickets.*



Calling All Boys & Girls

(Ages 10 through 17)

DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH?

The Junior Legion of Mary is a perfect blend of prayer and works that will lead you to a moral life, and you will have fun doing it. Some of the works we are currently involved with is the May crowning of the Blessed Mother, helping serve at the Community Meals, making rosaries, visiting nursing homes, sending cards to our military, just to name a few.

The word Legion means army. The Legion of Mary is our Blessed Mother's army. Our ammunition is the rosary and the Miraculous Medal.

There is no obligation to join. *Come to a meeting held in Room 24 of the School at 1:30 p.m. on any Sunday* and see what it is all about. There will be two members of the Senior Legion of Mary present at all meetings. Refreshments will be served.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building

Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253

Email: religoused@oloph.org

Coordinator: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

(akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM

TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM

WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM

THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM

SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM

**Congratulations!**

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

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Ethan Abrams</i> | <i>Logan Fortmeyer</i> | <i>Prescott McCarthy</i> | <i>Paige Schauder</i> |
| <i>John Aleszczyk</i> | <i>Jonathen Fraioli</i> | <i>Travis Meisner</i> | <i>Andrew Schiavone</i> |
| <i>Stephen Andersen</i> | <i>Valencia Glaze</i> | <i>Massimo Melograne</i> | <i>Samantha Sevon</i> |
| <i>Ava Bacci</i> | <i>Justin Gries</i> | <i>Sage Micle</i> | <i>Patrick Shanahan</i> |
| <i>Derek Barabash</i> | <i>Isabella Grim</i> | <i>Juliana Mikolajczyk</i> | <i>Briana Stokes</i> |
| <i>Alexa Berberich</i> | <i>Paige Harvey</i> | <i>Kayla Miller</i> | <i>Jacob Suib</i> |
| <i>Aidan Butler</i> | <i>Grace Healey</i> | <i>Robert Morse</i> | <i>Thomas Sullivan</i> |
| <i>James Callaghan</i> | <i>Kiera Hubschmitt</i> | <i>Justin Mott</i> | <i>Vito Tambasco</i> |
| <i>Sean Campbell</i> | <i>Eduardo Ibarra</i> | <i>Ryan Murgatroyd</i> | <i>Brandon Taormina</i> |
| <i>Anthony Caputo</i> | <i>Christian Januszyk</i> | <i>Madeline Murphy</i> | <i>Ethan Taveras</i> |
| <i>Jade Carvajal</i> | <i>Maya Januszyk</i> | <i>Logan Neumar</i> | <i>Joseph Tota</i> |
| <i>Felix Castillo</i> | <i>Olivia Kapusta</i> | <i>Joshua Oddo</i> | <i>Devin Trinca</i> |
| <i>Brianna Ciero</i> | <i>Olivia Karwowski</i> | <i>Victoria Ogilvie</i> | <i>Olivia Tyszk</i> |
| <i>Sarah Coffey</i> | <i>Paul Karwowski</i> | <i>Natalie Padro</i> | <i>Delvani Valdivia</i> |
| <i>Kaylee Colao</i> | <i>Amelia Keniksmann</i> | <i>Dominick Papa</i> | <i>Caroline Verrier</i> |
| <i>Anthony Crisostomo</i> | <i>Connor Keogan</i> | <i>Gabriella Pawelski</i> | <i>Griffin Vogel</i> |
| <i>Mariantonia DeLucia</i> | <i>Ella Koentje</i> | <i>Connor Paxton</i> | <i>Olivia Wanamaker</i> |
| <i>Collin Delzatto</i> | <i>Gianna Ladolcetta</i> | <i>Jayden Penate-Galdorisi</i> | <i>Tristan Wanamaker</i> |
| <i>Gabriella Diaz</i> | <i>Emma Landberg</i> | <i>Brooke Perrini</i> | <i>Angelina Waskewicz</i> |
| <i>Gianna Diaz</i> | <i>Elizabeth Lane</i> | <i>Alexander Peterson</i> | <i>Lorelei Watts</i> |
| <i>Olivia DiTomasso</i> | <i>Reese LaTorre</i> | <i>Charles Picarazzi</i> | <i>Alexander Whitman</i> |
| <i>Louis Drago</i> | <i>Margaret Lauletta</i> | <i>Steven Porretto</i> | <i>Ryan Withers</i> |
| <i>Alexandra Ehrlinger</i> | <i>Gabriella Lemieux</i> | <i>Aliya Reyes</i> | <i>Isabella Wolff</i> |
| <i>Peter Errico</i> | <i>Brett Lennihan</i> | <i>Karina Rodriguez</i> | <i>William Zaborowski</i> |
| <i>Anthony Luca Fattoruso</i> | <i>Ava Lepano</i> | <i>Lisbeth Rodriguez</i> | <i>Daniel Zappala</i> |
| <i>Violet Feal</i> | <i>Daniel Linich</i> | <i>Ryan Ronessi</i> | |
| <i>Daniel Fennell</i> | <i>Kaitlyn Lund</i> | <i>Aaron Ross</i> | |
| <i>Drew Ferrari</i> | <i>Carmine Lupinacci</i> | <i>Gabrielle Ruhnke</i> | |
| <i>Jake Feulner</i> | <i>Diana Lupo</i> | <i>Declan Ryan</i> | |
| <i>Lilly Fischer</i> | <i>Marcello Mainini</i> | <i>Stephanie Saccone</i> | |
| <i>Alaina Flint</i> | <i>Lily Malalan</i> | <i>Giovanni Sanzone</i> | |
| <i>Kevin Foley</i> | <i>Andrew Maletton</i> | <i>Juliette Saverino</i> | |
| <i>Andie Fortmeyer</i> | <i>Thomas Masotto</i> | <i>Nicholas Scarpella</i> | |



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 |
|--|-----|-----------------------------|
| Deacon Tom Bast, Business Manager | 204 | tbast@oloph.org |
| Carmel Becker, Bulletin | 246 | cbecker@oloph.org |
| Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary | 212 | pchavis@oloph.org |
| Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant | 214 | lcoppola@oloph.org |
| Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor | 206 | msgrojoe@oloph.org |
| Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor | 226 | fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com |
| Faith Formation Office | 253 | religiously@oloph.org |
| Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music | 210 | cferraro@oloph.org |
| April Kleinlaut, Coordinator of Faith Formation | 257 | acarbaugh@oloph.org |
| Rectory Reception Desk | 200 | |
| St. Vincent de Paul | 234 | stvincentdepaul@oloph.org |
| Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor | 203 | jsureau@oloph.org |
| Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor | 206 | jvagelatos@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 Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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
Deacon Tom Bast
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Ed Cirella
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Bob Meade
John Reynolds

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker
Lynn Bergin
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Amy Keller
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Fr. John Sureau
Mike Williams

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

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



Isabella Rose Renna

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Jennie Ocasio</i> | <i>Herb Otten</i> |
| <i>Mary Pellegrino</i> | <i>Dolores Otten</i> |
| <i>Kaylin Zimms</i> | <i>Marie Foster</i> |
| <i>James Dunn</i> | <i>Robert Santiago</i> |
| <i>Jordan Manning</i> | <i>Robert Schehr</i> |
| <i>Maureen Nalewajk</i> | <i>Christopher Corso</i> |
| <i>Evelyn Sondey</i> | <i>Margaret Vacca</i> |
| <i>Ed (no last name given)</i> | <i>George Regan</i> |
| <i>Catherine Mullin</i> | <i>Steve Moore</i> |
| <i>Theresa Lisio</i> | <i>Juliet Fredericks</i> |
| <i>Theresa Ferrara</i> | <i>Craig Kennedy</i> |
| <i>George Anderson</i> | <i>Carol Ann Alma</i> |
| <i>Laura Fischer</i> | <i>Kenneth Weckerle</i> |
| <i>Mary Doran</i> | <i>Christopher Corso</i> |
| <i>Aida Asaro</i> | <i>Helen McPhail</i> |

WE REMEMBER

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

Margaret Nuss
Rose Scelza
Susan Arbuthnot-Luff

“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.”

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

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.

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 Communion will then visit each week.

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

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO 31 DE ENERO DEL 2016

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

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

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

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

Lecturas del domingo 31 de Enero del 2016

Después de haber leído las lecturas mencionadas abajo y reflexionado en ellas. Lea estos comentarios. Le ayudaran a entender un poco el contenido del mensaje.

Primera lectura (Jeremías 1:4-5, 17-19)

Dios elige a Jeremías para la ingrata y perturbadora misión de ser profeta. Él tiene que ser la voz de Dios. Dios le dará fuerza y protección., Jeremías es enviado a una misión cuyo objetivo llevar el mensaje del Señor. Y llevar el duro mensaje a los habitantes de Judá.

Segunda lectura (Primera de Corintios 12: 31, 13:1-13)

Ningún don de la gracia sirve para nada a no ser que esté inspirado por un amor que se da a sí mismo. Este amor es el corazón de toda vida cristiana. Dios completará ese amor y lo perfeccionará en la gloria del cielo.

Lectura del santo evangelio según (San Lucas 4: 21-30)

Jesús explica a la gente de su pueblo, a sus paisanos de Nazaret, que tiene una misión profética y que ésta está destinada no sólo a sus privilegiados paisanos y compatriotas, sino a todos. La oposición del pueblo no puede parar a Jesús. En fin el misterio de Jesús rechazado por los suyos y acogido en otras partes anticipa su destino de rechazó y de “señal de contrariedad” que sin embargo será luz que ilumina a las gentes y muestra al mundo la gloria de Israel. El comienzo del ministerio de Jesús contiene también su fin.

PAPA: EL AÑO DE LA MISERICORDIA NOS RECUERDA QUE DIOS ES AMOR Y NOS ESPERA (RV).- Dios es amor, él nos amó primero, nos ama siempre, reiteró el Papa Francisco en su homilía, en la Misa de la mañana, que celebró en la capilla de la Casa de Santa Marta. Haciendo hincapié, en el mandamiento nuevo de Jesús, regalo de amor de Dios, y con la primera Carta de San Juan, en la exhortación de amarnos «los unos a los otros, porque el amor procede de Dios y el que ama ha nacido de Dios y conoce a Dios», el Santo Padre recordó de dónde viene el amor verdadero:

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, January 25— The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

6:30 John Lapietra

12:15 Eugene DeLutio

7:00 Devotions

TUESDAY, January 26— Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

6:30 Salvatore Lellieri

12:15 Salvatore Cicala

WEDNESDAY, January 27— Weekday (Saint Angela Merici, Virgin)

6:30 Dave Murdock

12:15 Loraine Grandinetti

12:45-
2:00 Exposition

THURSDAY, January 28— Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:30 Jose Julio Cevallos

12:15 John Chapman

FRIDAY, January 29— Weekday

6:30 Daniel Kissane

12:15 John W. Young

SATURDAY, January 30— Weekday

8:00 Stanley Cimaszewski

4:00 –
4:45 Confessions

Vigil for THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 Hafez Khezri

Sunday, January 31— THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Victoria Trachte

10:00 Knights of Columbus Council 794

12:00 Henry Ortiz

5:00 For the People of the Parish

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 25, 2016

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

10:00 a.m. Homeless Van Ministry Room 13

2:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Room 24

7:00 p.m. Devotions Church

7:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting St. Lucy

7:15 p.m. Level 8 School

7:45 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Board Room 10

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

4:00 p.m. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

7:00 p.m. Scouts Future Planning Room 15

7:30 p.m. Strengths Training Room 24

7:45 p.m. Community of Praise Room 16

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

12:45 p.m. Exposition Church

2:30 p.m. Legion of Mary Room 24

5:30 p.m. Level 6 Classes School

7:00 p.m. Homeless Van Ministry Room 13

7:30 p.m. Level 7 Classes School

7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Cafeteria

Thursday, January 28, 2016

10:00 a.m. Homeless Van Ministry Room 13

2-6:00 p.m. Church closed for cleaning Church

4:00 p.m. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal Room 16

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:30 p.m. Introduction to Morality Room 18

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

Friday, January 29, 2016

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

8:00 p.m. Alcohol Anonymous Young People Room 24

Saturday, January 30, 2016

8:00 a.m. Level 1- 5 Classes School

8:00 a.m. First Communion Retreat Auditorium

1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

5:00 p.m. RCIA Room 16

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Sunday, January 31, 2016

9:00 a.m. OLPH Blood Drive School

9:00 a.m. K of C 5th Sunday Breakfast Auditorium

1:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Cafeteria

1:30 p.m. Junior Legion of Mary Room 24

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:00 p.m. Prayers for Peace Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE January 16/17, 2016

| Mass Time | Attendance | # of Envelopes | Weekly Collection |
|----------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 5:00 p.m. | 403 | 171 | \$3,837.50 |
| 8:00 a.m. | 289 | 96 | 3,330.00 |
| 10:00 a.m. | 576 | 144 | 3,000.00 |
| 12:00 p.m. | 528 | 132 | 3,520.00 |
| 5:00 p.m. | 203 | 36 | 1,086.50 |
| Total coin: | | | 27.11 |
| Mail-ins: | | | 90.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | | 36 | 65.20 |
| Faith Direct | | | 2,067.64 |
| TOTAL | 1,999 | 615 | \$17,023.95 |
| 2015 TOTAL | 2,022 | 609 | \$17,706.11 |
| Candles | | | \$1,041.95 |
| Poor Box | | | \$273.38 |

2015 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2015 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.

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).

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

***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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**COME
AND
ADORE**



JANUARY 29, 2016

ST. AIDAN'S PARISH CHURCH
505 WILLIS AVENUE, WILLISTON PARK, NY

7:30 HOLY HOUR

CONCERT WITH
MICHAEL ZABROCKI 9:00
(MONSIGNOR KIRWIN HALL)

MOLLOY COLLEGE PRESENTS

Catholics, Capitalism, and Climate

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Cardinal Peter Turkson

President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace
Primary Contributor to the Recent Encyclical
Laudato Si
(Praise Be to You: On Care for Our Common Home)

PANEL DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW

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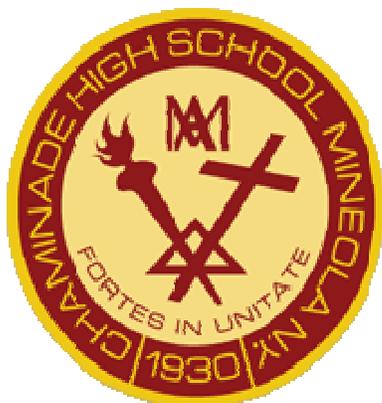


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Preparing for January 31, 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?"

Luke 4:22

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Jeremiah's call to ministry was a call to make public what he had first learned himself through an intimate relationship with his God. Having grown up in a family of priests, he knew the Law and the Prophets well. And like all the prophets before him, he knew that he was being called to deliver a message that would be unwelcome. While the reluctance he knew in his youth would continue to plague him throughout his 40 years of ministry, it was his love for God and his faith that helped him to overcome his very human fears.

1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13

This text contains Paul's great sermon on the nature of human love transformed by divine love. He also explains that every spiritual gift which God has given to us through Christ is for the sole purpose of revealing the heart of a loving Father for His children. What a great loss it is then, as Paul explains to the Corinthians, if we focus on the gifts themselves and suppose them to be reflections of our own greatness instead!

Luke 4:21-30

The Lord's words of assurance spoken to Jeremiah are words we might also imagine the Father speaking to Jesus in His heart as He undergoes unbelief, rejection and persecution at the hands of His neighbors in His hometown synagogue. But unlike all of the prophets who proclaimed the Lord's promises, Jesus is proclaiming that He Himself is the fulfillment of all of those promises. But when Jesus tells them that the salvation He brings is offered on God's terms and not on theirs, they reject both the message and the Messenger.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. Obstinate people present themselves to Jeremiah (2nd paragraph) and to Jesus this Sunday. Why do people resist a prophet's profound call to peace and justice? Do you always accept "radical messages" right away? Prophets incite people to action. Is there some injustice about which you can no longer remain silent? What would you like to rouse people to do?

2. What is the only thing you take with you when you die? Do you think you can expand your capacity for love by exercising the giving and receiving of love? Do you think that love is the prime mover in all that you do? What about what your country does?

3. Both Jeremiah and Jesus provoked people in God's name. Who are some of the prophets in your lifetime? Did they accomplish their missions? Can you be a "lesser prophet" and get small things changed in your world? (e.g. start a recycling program, address discrimination in your city, suggest a plan to help the homeless, etc.)

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 25, 2016:

Acts 22:3-16 + Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday, January 26, 2016:

2 Timothy 1:1-8
+ Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 27, 2016:

2 Samuel 7:4-17
+ Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 28, 2016:

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29
+ Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 29, 2016:

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30, 2016:

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17
+ Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, January 31, 2016:

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
+ 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13
+ Luke 4:21-30

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