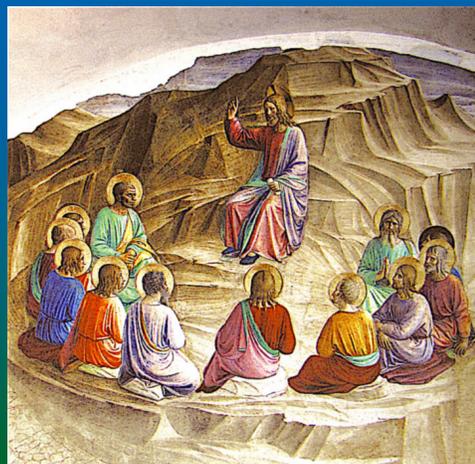


Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus began to teach them, saying,
“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

Matthew 5:2-3

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
January 29, 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.

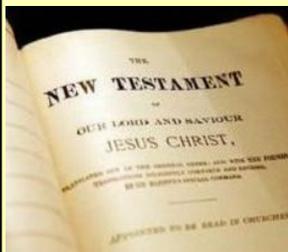
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



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 to the rectory.*

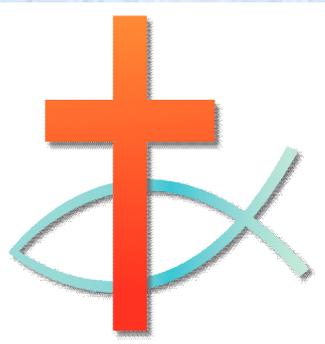
Yes, please, sign me up!
New Testament

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

Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

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. in Room 19

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2017

This weekend we are launching our participation in the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal, and, as you know, it is my custom to speak at all the Masses to get things rolling, as I am doing this weekend. Allow me to take some time here to highlight how important the Appeal is in the life of our parish.

As a result of your generosity in last year's Appeal, OLPH, as of January 13, 2017, received a total of \$63,596.68 in rebate money from the 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal. That is truly **astounding**, and all I can say is **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** You are well aware of the financial struggles we continue to face, and so you can imagine how much this income helps us. You have helped to keep us from "going under" by creating the circumstances for us to receive that money.

Now I am once again asking for your help and generosity for this year's Appeal. Our goal for 2017 is \$108,900 (up \$1,900 from the previous year), and I really, really hope we can once again go over goal, as we have done in all my years here.

I personally give to the Appeal every year, and I am asking you to do the same. You know how the formula works: when we reach our goal, we receive back 20% of that \$108,900; then, if we go over goal, we receive back 80% of everything that is raised over that amount. We need this income from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate each year, especially this year as we are paying off the Line of Credit we used to pay for our new boilers (a total cost of \$415,000) and this year, for the first time, we have to pay 100% of our Non-School Assessment to the diocese (\$127,000).

So, by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are doing a great thing to assist OLPH parish, and you are also, at the same time, of course, supporting the work and ministry of the Catholic Church in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The Catholic Ministries Appeal supports works of charity and programs that are too big for any one parish to undertake and therefore must be handled at the diocesan level. Through the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we have the opportunity to support the work of the Catholic Church on Long Island as the Church, through Catholic Charities, feeds, gives drink to, and clothes the hungry and the needy, through soup kitchens, food pantries, and outreach programs, through mental health services to the chemically-dependent, and through support services to our veterans. In addition, funds from the Catholic Ministries Appeal support the formation and training of priests, deacons and lay leaders, including religious education catechists for our children and faith formation leaders for adults throughout the diocese.

You and I are called to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal because our identity as Catholics, and our call to share in the work of the Church, is more than just our participation in parish life; we are called to share in the life and work of the diocesan Church, as well.

As your Pastor, I ask you to please join with me and so many of your fellow parishioners by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal. I ask that at a minimum you give at least what you gave last year. I also ask, however, that you prayerfully consider giving a little more, as I will do this year. If you have never given in the past, this is the year to do so; OLPH needs you more than ever.

I give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, and I ask you to do so also, because I believe in it, and because it is the right thing for us to do as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. I continue to be extremely grateful for the generosity shown by all of you, and I know you will come through once again as we participate in the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Installation of Bishop Barres

This Tuesday, January 31, our diocese will celebrate the installation of the fifth Bishop of Rockville Centre, Bishop John O. Barres. It is an important time in our diocese, and I ask everyone to spend time in prayer this week, especially on Tuesday, for Bishop Barres, as he undertakes his new role as shepherd of the Catholic Church on Long Island. We have printed information elsewhere in this bulletin about how you can connect to the event through various forms of media. At the very least, please be sure to watch all the events on Telecare, our diocesan television station.

We should take this opportunity to offer our deepest thanks to Bishop William Murphy, our retiring bishop. Bishop Murphy has done an extraordinary job of shepherding our diocese — an often thankless task — since his installation in September of 2001. I don't envy the job of any bishop nowadays! Let's remember to pray for Bishop Murphy as well, as he transitions into this new stage in his life.

As we have announced elsewhere, the 12:15 p.m. Mass, and the Confessions that normally follow the Mass, have been cancelled for this Tuesday, January 31, so that all the priests can attend the installation of our new bishop.

Updated Census information is being entered

Have you returned your updated Census information yet? If not, why not? Get to it! We need all registered parishioners to fill out a new form so we have updated information. If indeed you have already done

so, rest assured, the information is being entered into our records.

Let's not underestimate what a Herculean task this is: there is not only the sheer number of forms to deal with, but there is also the issue of carefully going through all the information. It is being done slowly, carefully and meticulously, in order to avoid error as much as possible.

As you can imagine, this takes a great deal of time and work. Special thanks must go to our Parish Secretary, Patti Chavis, and to our "Census Czar," Joan Baffa, for all the time they put into this. To Joan especially, who is doing this as an offering of time and service as a parishioner, we owe our gratitude for overseeing the process from its beginning and for continuing to ensure the project keeps moving forward.

Last weekend for Brick Memorializations

As of this coming week, February 1, Phase II of our brick memorialization campaign closes out; this timing will allow us to send out the engraving orders in a batch, thus saving on shipping costs, and to have the bricks back for installation in the spring, at which time we will bless all the bricks from Phase I and Phase II. Please be sure to get your memorialization in by this Wednesday, February 1, in order to be included in this phase. A form is printed in this bulletin, and forms are available at the rectory as well.

Diocesan Liturgy Workshops

I'm pleased to announce that we are hosting here at OLPH two five-week workshops on the topic of Liturgy, being offered by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and I will be the instructor for both of those courses. The first course starts this week, and the announcement and registration information can be found elsewhere in today's bulletin.

"Monthly is the new weekly"

This is the third of four times that this next article is running, so if you read it already, you can skip it, and, if you have not read it yet, then perhaps it applies to you.

Just as we have the cultural phenomenon that "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, or when our work schedule creates a conflict that cannot be solved. 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 your job demands that you be at work, or if severe weather makes it dangerous or impossible to get there (so, if you are 85 years old and use a walker and cannot get to Mass when it is snowy and icy, you do 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.

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.

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

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

Friday, 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*.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY *Mass for People with Special Needs*

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

**Saturday,
February 4**

4:00 p.m. School Auditorium

*All are welcome
come celebrate Mass with us!*

We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you? Contact Jessica Becker at 631.226-7725 X 252 or email to jbecker@oloph.org



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 30—7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 6—7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 13—7:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

All are invited to come and pray with our parish community.

First Friday Devotions will take place **February 3** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **February 4** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, February 4 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Polish, English, then Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, **February 5** at 7:00 p.m.



SPECIAL FEAST COMING UP

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Thursday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord pulls many favorite mementos from the Catholic cupboard: candles, blessings, Christmas, and church. The Mass of February 2 begins with a blessing of lighted candles held by the faithful, who glow with the memory of the birth of Jesus.

The origins of the feast lie in ancient Jewish custom. On the 40th day after childbirth, parents brought the infant to the Temple to present it to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary sacrificed two birds for the occasion after the birth of Jesus. Count up 40 days after Christmas and you'll come to February 2. Until the 1960s, we used to call this day "The Purification of Mary." The title changed for several reasons. We no longer believe that women who give birth need purification, and the true significance of the feast concerns Jesus coming to the Temple. He is the Promised One, whose light will shine, beaming rays of hope to all the world. Also on the old calendar, this feast closed the Christmas season. Now we end the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. So, even though the date for the Presentation still depends on Christmas, it has become a feast of Ordinary Time. Since it is a feast of the Lord, it takes precedence even when it falls on Sunday.

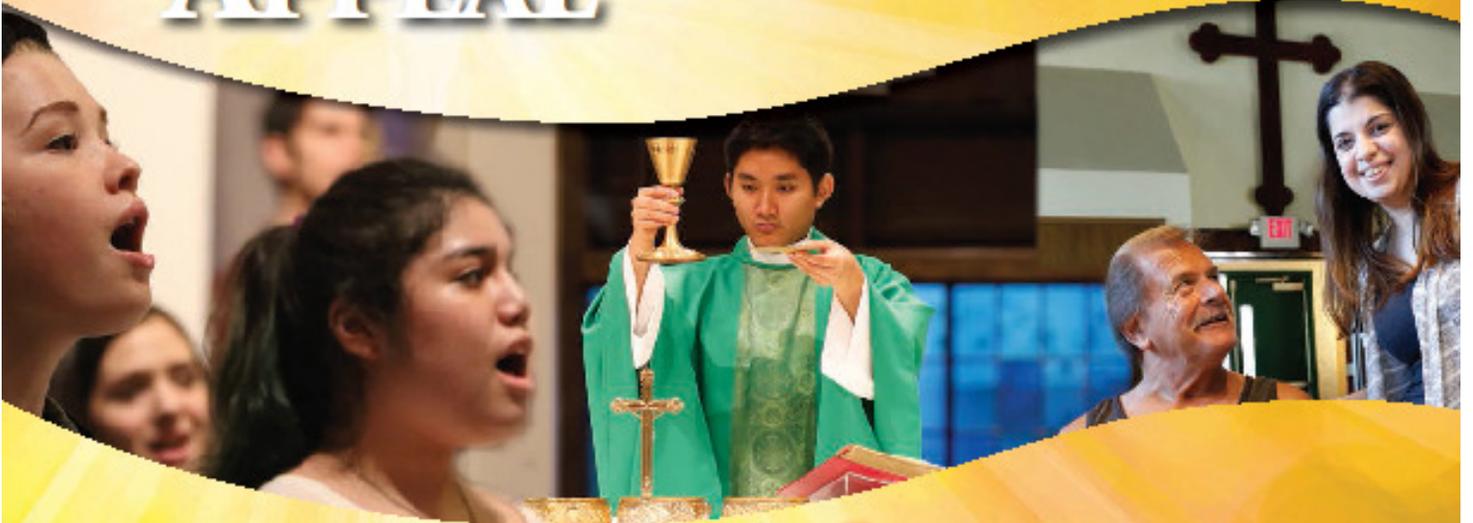
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"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." - Luke 2:29-32

During the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses on Thursday, we will bless candles which can be used in the home. The candles remind us of the words that the prophet Simeon used when he said that Jesus was a light for the nations. We invite you to take a set of candles home and use them for special occasions. They will be available after all the Masses after that in the rectory. We ask for a \$5 offering to cover the cost of the candles.

2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



**OLPH GOAL:
\$108,900**

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"We must always walk in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord..."
- Pope Francis

Please consider making a gift to the
2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal.



For more information, to watch our video
or to make a donation,
visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org
or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296



CMA LETTER FROM BISHOP MURPHY



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for the past 15 years, I have had the great honor and privilege of serving and ministering to our Catholic family on Long Island. Witnessing first hand your incredible generosity, I thank you.

Because of your commitment, our Diocese is able to support critical charitable, educational and spiritual ministries which bring the *light of the Lord* to more than 600,000 people each year, including new initiatives that truly highlight what we can only do with your support.

We are continually developing programs for our young people who are so important for the future vitality of our Church.

On College Campuses across Long Island, a new program was recently created called the Newman Connection. Its purpose is to give high school students the ability to locate a Catholic presence on their new college campuses even before leaving home for college. Working with high schools and parishes - in its first year more than 2,000 students connected through this innovative program.

Our Vocation Office works closely with pastors, high school and college chaplains, sports and youth groups, teachers and families to reach out to young men who are discerning a call to serve as Priests in our Diocese. Throughout 2016 these many efforts included a monthly Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations, which more than 600 young people regularly attended.

Our Office of Faith Formation continues to develop religious education programs and training to enhance their work with local parishes and their catechetical leaders to better serve the more than 100,000 youngsters from the first grade through the time they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

These are just some of the programs that you make possible and we are so deeply grateful for your extraordinary sacrifices to support the work of our Church. There is still so much more we can accomplish together, and I ask you to join with me in making a gift to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal, and in welcoming our new Bishop, Most Reverend John Barres to our wonderful community.

Your generosity and commitment fills me with confidence that many wonderful things will continue to take place in our Diocese as we bring the *light of the Lord* to others.

With my prayers and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Apostolic Administrator

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 29, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will join all the dioceses in our nation in celebrating National Catholic Schools Week from January 29 – February 4, 2017. The theme for this year is *Catholic Schools – Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*. This theme encompasses concepts that are at the heart of Catholic education. Our schools strive to build community, share faith, increase our students' knowledge and encourage dedication to service. Each time I am in one of our schools I encounter teachers, administrators, and parents committed to making sure that each student lives up to his or her potential to learn and to be formed in the Catholic faith.

Catholic schools have a rich history in supporting the work of on-going evangelization of the Catholic community in the United States. Our schools are built on the bedrock of the teachers and administrators who dedicate their time and talents to educating all children. We must also recognize our priests, religious and support staff for the work they do each and every day to spread the Gospel to our young people. Together we make great things happen on a daily basis in our Catholic schools. Our schools focus daily on the value of Catholic education and the contribution it makes to our Church, communities and to the world.

The Diocese has much to be proud of. Our Catholic elementary and high schools are wonderful examples of academic and spiritual excellence. Our schools are committed to always growing in faith and living the Gospel. We invite you to come and see this for yourselves during Catholic Schools Week where you will experience our Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service in action.

With my prayers and my gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Apostolic Administrator

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building
 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.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Level 8:

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETINGS

Group A (1, 2, 4, 16, Catholic/home/Sp. Ed):

February 6th at 7:15 p.m.

Group B (18, 19, 20, 21, and 22):

February 13th at 7:15 p.m.

CONFIRMATION RETREATS

Group A (1, 2, 4, 16, Catholic/home/Sp. Ed):

SUNDAY February 12th at 3:00 p.m.

Group B (18, 19, 20, 21, and 22):

SUNDAY February 26th at 3:00 p.m.

Level 3:

PARENT MEETING/OPEN HOUSE

February 11th (all sessions)

Level 7:

PARENT MEETING: SOCIAL JUSTICE

February 15th at 7:30 p.m.

New Student Registration

Letters have been mailed to families with children who will be entering 1st grade in the 2017-18 year and were baptized at OLPH regarding registration for religious education. We encourage all families with students who have not yet begun religious education, who will be beginning 1st grade (or older), to register for religious education during our New Registration Week. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to come to our office during

New Registration Week:

Monday, Feb. 13th: 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14th: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 15th: 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16th: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18th: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—**must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate. New families MUST make an appointment to register by calling or emailing us.**

Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2017/18 year, or offering in our program, please contact our office.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Bosco, 1815-1888

Feast Day: January 31st



From the time he was a little boy, John Bosco's dreams led him to understand God's call for his life. He made it his mission to minister to poor and uneducated boys, teaching these unruly children the faith even when others doubted his sanity! He often shared his dreams with others, which led them to faith. John founded the Salesian order, which teaches to this day. He is the patron saint of youth, especially boys.

St. John Bosco, pray for us!

WINTER RECESS!

There will be no classes from February 20th– 25th.

Classes resume on February 27th.

Please note that there is a **CONFIRMATION RETREAT** on the 26th.



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!

**PASTA SAUCE
PANCAKE SYRUP
TUNA FISH
PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY
SHELF-STABLE MILK
CANNED CHICKEN
CAKE MIX
CANNED FRUIT
TOILET PAPER**

*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.

In the Gospel today Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life, and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness.

Recently, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom to the poor, by assisting 105 families, including 75 seniors, 188 adults and 25 children, providing food, gifts, or sometimes by just listening.

† **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. To date, your donations have amounted to over \$4,000 which is used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish.

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

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:

thermals - tops & bottoms (Med to 3XL)
heavy sweat pants (med to 3XL)
hats (skull cap type)
heavy gloves

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
Sunday, February 5**

Super Bowl Party in Yaphank at the Vets Place

Meeting: **Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

7:00 p.m. in Room 24

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 14**

There is a
place for
you at
our table...



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

*Our next Community Meal is
Sunday, February 5th*

*Come and pray with us at the
12:00 p.m. Mass
& then join us for
"Soup & Sandwich Sunday"
at 1:00 p.m.*

BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE

It's NEW to YOU!



Our prices are the lowest around. Clothing, bags, dishes, decorative items, candles, shoes, New merchandise every week.

THE
bluedoor
BOUTIQUE

HOURS OF OPERATION
M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
SAT. 1:30-3:00 p.m.

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

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.

OLPH NURSING MINISTRY BLOOD DRIVE



OLPH BLOOD DRIVE

TODAY!

Sunday, January 29, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Room 16

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***

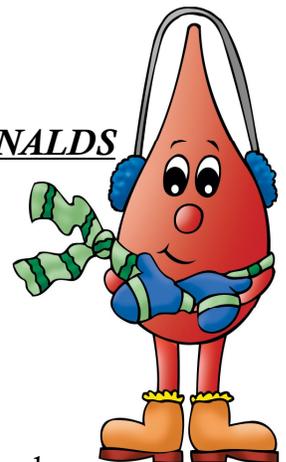
THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring you 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



EL MINISTERIO HISPANO



Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

El haber sido Obispo de la Diócesis de Rockville Centre por los últimos 15 años, me ha dado el gran honor y privilegio de servir a nuestra familia católica de Long Island. He sido testigo de primera mano de su admirable generosidad, la cual le agradezco.

Gracias a su compromiso, nuestra Diócesis apoya importantes ministerios caritativos, educativos y espirituales que cada año llevan la *luz del Señor* a más de 600,000 personas, y al mismo tiempo continuamos creando nuevas iniciativas, reafirmando que este trabajo sólo lo podemos lograr con su apoyo.

Continuamente desarrollamos programas para nuestros jóvenes ya que ellos son el futuro y la energía de nuestra Iglesia.

En los Campus Universitarios de Long Island recientemente se ha creado un nuevo programa llamado “La Conexión Newman”. El propósito de este programa es ayudar a que los estudiantes de escuela secundaria encuentren la presencia católica en la universidad a la cual van a acudir; inclusive buscarla antes de mudarse al campus. En el primer año de implementación, gracias al trabajo conjunto de las escuelas secundarias y las parroquias, más de 2,000 estudiantes se “conectaron” usando este nuevo programa.

Para alcanzar a jóvenes que están discerniendo su llamado a servir como Sacerdotes en nuestra Diócesis, nuestra Oficina de Vocaciones trabaja estrechamente con párrocos, capellanes de escuelas secundarias y universitarias, grupos deportivos y juveniles, maestros y familias. Un ejemplo de estos esfuerzos es que a lo largo del año 2016, se celebró mensualmente la Hora Santa Diocesana Por Las Vocaciones, servicio al que más 600 jóvenes asistieron de manera consistente.

Nuestra Oficina para la Formación de Fe continúa desarrollando programas tanto de educación religiosa como de capacitación, para mejorar su trabajo con las parroquias locales, y con los dirigentes catequistas. La finalidad es poder servir mejor a más de 100,00 niños y jóvenes, desde primer grado hasta que reciban el Sacramento de la Confirmación.

Estos son algunos de los programas que Ud. hace posible, y estamos profundamente agradecidos por su extraordinario sacrificio a favor del trabajo de nuestra Iglesia. Hay aún mucho más por hacer, por ello les pido que se unan a mí haciendo un donativo a la Campaña de Apoyo a los Ministerios Católicos 2017 y que además demos la bienvenida a nuestro nuevo Obispo, Muy Reverendo John Barres a nuestra maravillosa comunidad.

Su generosidad y compromiso me da la confianza de que muchas cosas maravillosas continuarán teniendo lugar en nuestra Diócesis, mientras continuamos llevando la *luz de Señor* al prójimo.

Con mis oraciones y gratitud, quedo de Ud.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Administrador Apostólico

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.

Lecturas del Domingo 5° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A

Que el Señor Jesús, luz del mundo, que nos reúne.

Haga nuestros rostros reflejen su luz

y que siempre este con vosotros.

Que tu luz ilumine a todas las gentes. Isaías 58: 7-10

El profeta nos dice hoy: Dios estará cerca de ti y tú iluminarás con su luz si estás cerca de los necesitados. Los Cristianos somos otro Cristo y solo imitando con amor lo que él nos enseñó Seremos la Luz que el trajo a este mundo.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 2:1-5

Doy testimonio de Cristo Crucificado

San Pablo reflexiona sobre su misión: no es filosofando o haciendo discursos como predico a Cristo sino dando testimonio del Señor crucificado.

Introducción al Evangelio: Mateo 5:13-16

La sal y la luz del mundo

De acuerdo con Jesús nuestra tarea en el mundo es vivir en coherencia con el Evangelio de manera que la luz de Dios ilumine al mundo.

Mateo 5,13-16: Sal de la tierra. Usando imágenes de la vida cotidiana, con palabras sencillas y directas, Jesús hace saber cuál es la misión y la razón de ser de una comunidad cristiana: ser sal. En aquel tiempo, con el calor que hacía, la gente y los animales necesitaban consumir mucha sal. La gente iba consumiendo la sal que el abastecedor dejaba en grandes bloques en la plaza pública. Al final lo que sobraba quedaba esparcido como polvo en tierra, y había perdido el gusto. "Ya no sirve para nada más que para ser tirada afuera y pisoteada por los hombres". Jesús evoca esta costumbre para aclarar a los discípulos y discípulas la misión que deben realizar.

Mateo 5,14-16: Luz del mundo. La comparación es obvia. Nadie enciende una lámpara para colocarla bajo un clemín. Una ciudad situada encima de un monte no consigue quedar escondida. La comunidad debe ser luz, debe iluminar. No debe temer que aparezca el bien que hace. No lo hace para que la vean, pero lo que hace es posible que se vea. La sal no existe para sí. La luz no existe para sí. Y así ha de ser la comunidad: no puede quedarse encerrada en sí misma. "Brille así vuestra luz delante de los hombres, para que vean vuestras obras y glorifiquen a vuestro Padre que está en los cielos."

Lo que nos sorprende del mensaje de las lecturas de hoy es cuánto confía Cristo en nosotros, incluso más que nosotros mismos. Él nos confía la misión de ser luz que ilumina el mundo, sal que preserva y da sabor al mundo con el aroma del evangelio, la misión de ser una ciudad de luz que atraiga a todos a Dios. ¡Qué responsabilidad! Hoy, pidamos a Jesús que encienda su luz en nosotros. Para ti, en tu experiencia de vida,

¿Para qué sirve la sal? Tu comunidad, ¿está siendo sal? ¿De qué manera tu comunidad está siendo luz?

• Las personas del barrio, ¿cómo ven a tu comunidad? Tu comunidad ¿tiene atracción? ¿Es señal? ¿De qué? ¿Para quién?



PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

First Announcement:

Michael Duerr & Nicole Piering

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



Giuliana Carolina Orlando

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

MASS MEMORIALS

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

January 29–February 4:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

George S. Walters

Requested by

Ann & Don Doyle

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

WE REMEMBER

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

Nives H. Lozito

Madeline LoPiccolo

Anna M. Kissinger

“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Frances Ricci

Alberta Zero

Alan Gaffen

Giugliano Salmi

Ron Higgins

Fran Higgins

Theresa Paolo

Rosemary Curr

Mary Elizabeth Setti

Mary Doran

Bunnie Rieger

Richard Rieger

John Jordan

Amelia Jean Connolly

Annmarie Levy

Lisa Ruggiero

Taylor Paige Crosby

Anthony Blasie

James Byrne Jr.

Alyssa Drenkalo

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.**

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

10:00 A.M. MASS

Sean Michael Carney

Requested by
The Ratchford Family

Margaret Sabella

Requested by
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Cilenti, Jr.

Domenico Gresia &
Family

Requested by
Elvia & Eugenio

Joan Ann Tavernese

Requested by
Denise O'Rourke

NEW REGISTRATIONS AT OLPH



**TO OUR
NEW OLPH
PARISHIONERS**

January

Mrs. Marlene Rief & Mr. Leo Janisch

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Vita

Mr. & Mrs. Randy Schwartzberg

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directory of Phone Extensions

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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 631-201-9184 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

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Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
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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
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Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 30— Weekday

6:30 Stanley Cimaszewski

12:15 Raymond Vincent

TUESDAY, January 31— Saint John Bosco, Priest

6:30 Kevin Flynn

12:15 *Mass & Confessions cancelled*

WEDNESDAY, February 1— Weekday

6:30 George S. Walters

12:15 Kate O'Brien

THURSDAY, February 2— The Presentation of the Lord

6:30 Mary Price

12:15 Mary Lagnese-Gerhardt

FRIDAY, February 3— Weekday *(Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop)*

6:30 Michael Giordano

12:15 Kelly Poulos

SATURDAY, February 4— Weekday

8:00 George Walters

Vigil for FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 Special Needs Mass—Auditorium

5:00 The Baffa Grandchildren
& Great Grandchildren

Sunday, February 5 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 Perpetual Help Mass (Listing on p. 16)

12:00 Santa & Joseph Cincotta

5:00 Salvatore Ricci

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 30, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Student Meeting (B) Level 8 Classes	Auditorium School

Tuesday, January 31, 2016

4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, February 1, 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 Meeting	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School

Thursday, February 2, 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
6:00 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting	Room 1
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Diocesan Liturgy Workshop	Room 19
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, February 3, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Catholics for Freedom of Religion	Room 18

Saturday, February 4, 2016

8:30, 10, 11:30a.m.	Levels 1-5 Classes	School
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Meeting	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Nocturnal Adoration	Church

Sunday, February 5, 2017

8:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat Ending with 5:00 p.m. Mass	Auditorium Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Meeting	Cafeteria

**OFFERING UPDATE
January 21/22, 2017**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	370	178	\$4,158.00
8:00 a.m.	245	97	2,730.00
10:00 a.m.	455	120	3,201.00
12:00 pm.	569	187	5,172.00
5:00 p.m.	180	25	1,095.50
Total coin:			16.26
Mail-ins:			170.00
Children's Env.		17	62.25
Faith Direct			2,054.50
TOTAL	1,819	624	\$18,659.51
2016 total	676	202	\$8,890.03
Candles			\$895.12
Poor Box			\$216.59

**BISHOP BARRES
INSTALLATION**

The 12:15 Mass and Confessions will be cancelled on Tuesday, January 31 in order for all the clergy to attend



the installation of Bishop John Barres as our new Bishop of Rockville Centre at St. Agnes Cathedral.

CHRISTMAS 2016

Year	Collection	Attendance
2016*	\$91,203.91	3,450
<i>*Note: In 2016, Christmas Day was a Sunday.</i>		
2015	\$74,615.19	3,544
Flowers 2016	\$3,914.50	
Flowers 2015	\$4,302.50	

**THANK YOU FOR NOT BLOCKING
THE PRIEST GARAGES!**

We ask your cooperation in not parking along the driveway outside the priest garages and in keeping cars clear of that area completely. Especially since priests may need to go out on sick calls and other emergencies, it is important to keep the large driveway area and the space in front of the garage doors completely accessible. Thank you.

**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.

February 5—passed
February 12—February 3
February 19—February 10

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).

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.

THE INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW BISHOP



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Catching Bishop Barres on Diocesan Media

Bishop John Barres will be installed January 31, 2017. The Diocese of Rockville Centre's Office of Communications will be bringing you the latest information on the installation of our new bishop. Here is how you can plug into this historic time in our Diocese.

Telecare - the television station of the Diocese of Rockville Centre will bring you complete coverage of the entire installation. For the Evening Vespers service on Monday, January 30, 2017, coverage will begin at 6:45 pm. For the Mass of Installation on January 31, 2017, coverage will begin at 1:15 pm. Telecare can be seen on *Optimum 29/137*, *Verizon FiOS 296*, and *Charter Spectrum 471*. Coverage will also be available at TelecareTV.org, and Telecare's Facebook page and Twitter pages.

Free Daily E-Newsletter - Each day leading up to the installation, you can have exclusive pictures and the latest information about the installation delivered to your inbox. To subscribe to *The Long Island Catholic* E-News, visit licatholic.org. For assistance, call 516-678-5800, ext. 221.

Facebook and Twitter - The Diocese of Rockville Centre is on Facebook and on Twitter @RVC Diocese. We will be posting updates multiple times a day. If you are on social media, check us out and like us!

The Long Island Catholic Magazine - The March edition of *The Long Island Catholic* Magazine will have complete coverage of the installation and a special commemorative edition thanking Bishop Murphy. Subscribe today! Call 1-800-443-2155 or register online at licatholic.org.

Fe Fuerza Vida - The monthly Spanish language publication of the Diocese will have complete coverage of the installation. To receive a copy, please contact *Fe Fuerza Vida* at 516-678-5800, ext. 270.

DRVC.org - The Diocese of Rockville Centre's official website will have the latest information about our bishop at drvc.org.

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, February 5, 2017—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Matthew 5:14a, 16

Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading comes from a section of the Book of Isaiah that includes prophecies to the Jews as they returned home from their long captivity in Babylon. Through the prophet, God is urging the people to be sincere in their worship, unlike in former times when they carried out various rituals of praise and repentance that were only empty gestures. Religious words and actions must go deeper. What God really wants is concrete action on behalf of the needy, poor and oppressed. Ritual words and gestures must be embodied in deeds of righteousness. Only then will the people's relationship with God be healed and the light shall rise for them in the darkness.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Today's reading is the fourth of seven that we will hear from Paul's first letter to the church he founded in the Greek city of Corinth during two and a half years of preaching. He is addressing a community that had been exposed to numerous influences circulating in this large, cosmopolitan city, influences that valued power, wealth, status, and various Greek philosophies which exalted knowledge acquired by human reason. In contrast, Paul offers divine wisdom, the "mystery of God." Paul preached the wisdom of a Redeemer who died crucified on a cross, a death that seemed to signal failure to the worldly. This is his central message: redemption in Christ results not from any human action but by the grace of God which is freely given and is more powerful than any human effort.

Matthew 5:13-16

This Gospel reading continues the Sermon on the Mount and comes right after the Beatitudes we heard last week. As in the first reading from Isaiah today, Jesus demands not just words but actions. To hear Jesus' teaching and fail to act on it is worthless, like salt that has lost its flavor. In the ancient world, salt was used both to season and to preserve food. To lose these qualities makes it worthless, good for nothing so that it could only be thrown out. Jesus' second metaphor again recalls the first reading: people who live according to the real meaning of God's word will give glory to God. To be effective, words must always be accompanied by deeds and good actions must come from right intentions. When we do good deeds for the right reasons we will exalt not ourselves but God himself. To act this way is to glorify our heavenly Father.

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. Jesus asked us to be like light and salt. What determines our degree of saltiness or brightness?
2. What does Pope Francis say is the "battery" for our light?"

What must a Christian do in order for the salt not to run out, so that the oil to light the lamp does not come to an end? The "battery" a Christian uses to generate light, ... is simply prayer. Prayer, the Pope said, is what lights up Christian life. ... Prayer must come from the heart."

As regards the salt that Christians are called to be: it becomes salt when it is given to others. This ... is another Christian attitude: to give of oneself, to give flavor to the lives of others, to give flavor to many things with the message of the Gospel. ... It's curious: both salt and light are for others, not for oneself. Salt does not give flavor to itself; light does not illuminate itself."

*Mass at Casa Santa Marta,
June 7, 2016*

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 30, 2017:

Hebrews 11:32-40 + Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 31, 2017:

Hebrews 12:1-4 + Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 1, 2017:

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 + Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 2, 2017:

Malachi 3:1-4 + Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Friday, February 3, 2017:

Hebrews 13:1-8 + Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 4, 2017:

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
+ Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 5, 2017:

Isaiah 58:7-10
+ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
+ Matthew 5:13-16



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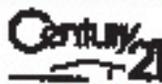
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