

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

*-Isaiah 60:1*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 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.

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION



## Living the Christian Life: INTRODUCTION TO MORALITY

*Here we'll look into the Church's teaching on major moral issues, the history of morality, how we make decisions as Catholics and more!*

**Instructor: April Kleinlaut**  
*Coordinator of Faith Formation*

**5 Thursday Evenings —**  
**January 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4 & 11**  
**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 [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) or return the form below.*

Yes, please, Sign me up!

### Living the Christian Life: INTRODUCTION TO MORALITY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:religious@oloph.org).

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*

Merry Christmas and Happy Epiphany! We continue to celebrate the joyous and grace-filled days of Christmas Time until next Sunday's celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. I hope your Christmas lights and decorations remain up and lit until then. This week our Pastoral Staff and Support Staff (all the priests, deacons and employees of the parish) will have our annual Christmas party, which is always such a great evening of fun, fellowship and Christmas cheer.

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Remember that "epiphany" means "manifestation," "or shining forth." With this Solemnity we continue to enter into the mystery of Christmas as we celebrate that the child born in the darkness of night is revealed as the manifestation of God. Christ is revealed in many ways: as Lord, as King, as the one in whom God is present and acts. All of these manifestations are "lights" that shine on Christ, revealing for us the deep truth of who He is. Traditionally, at this time of year, three events are remembered as manifestations or revelations of the presence of God in Christ: the visit of the Magi (today's Gospel), the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River (the Gospel for next Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord), and the wedding feast of Cana (the Gospel for the following Sunday, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time).

The richness of what we celebrate on this Solemnity is summed in the Preface (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer) that we pray at Epiphany Masses: "For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature." Reflect on those words today and all this week as we continue to bask in the joyful meaning of Christmas.

### *Blessing of your home on Epiphany*

It is traditional for families to bless their home on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, and I hope your family will take part in this beautiful

expression of family faith life. We have printed in this bulletin an insert with a simple prayer service that can be used, and we have provided cards this weekend that can be used at home. (The blessing can also be done without the card if for any reason you do not have one.) What a great Christmas tradition this is to have in your home! For families with children, what a great way this is to continue to impress upon them the central place God should have in family home life!

### *New Mass schedule debuts this weekend*

So, this is the first weekend of our new Mass schedule. Although I'm obviously writing this before this weekend, I'm making the prediction that all has gone relatively smoothly. Remember, new things always take time to adjust to, so let's give ourselves the time to get used to the new schedule and some new patterns of Mass-going, and let's do so with patience and a good sense of humor. Who knows? You might wind up making new friends because of this!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word now moves to the 10:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday, which is also the Mass the youth choir will sing at each week. The adult choir will, for the most part, be at the 12:00 Noon Mass each week.

### *Thank you to Bob Dobres*

Many of you probably know who Bob Dobres is; if you don't know him personally, I'm sure you would recognize him by sight. Bob has been active in OLPH for many, many years, offering service in many different capacities long before I arrived on the scene. Bob is active in the Knights of Columbus and is a Past Grand Knight, among other duties and responsibilities in the Council. Here in the parish, just in the time I have been here, Bob has served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, as a Trustee of the parish, as a valued member of the parish Finance Committee, and as Chairman of the parish's Catholic Ministries Appeal. Keep in mind, though, that this involvement is just the tip of the iceberg of the service and dedication Bob has given to the parish for many, many years.

Bob recently informed me that it was his desire to step down from being a Trustee of the parish and from serving on the Finance Committee. In addition, he asked that this year, 2016, be his last as Chair of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. While I am always sad to have dedicated, capable and experienced offerers step down, I certainly understand that after many years of service someone may feel the need to retire from their service and to take things a little slower, as Bob is requesting to do.

I wish to express to Bob, in the name of the entire parish, a deep, deep gratitude for all he has done for OLPH in his service as a Trustee and as a member of the Finance Committee. Bob has not only served the parish well, but he has been a great support and wise advisor to me as Pastor, and I am greatly appreciative of that. As an aside, let me share with you an amusing point of trivia: Bob is actually the very, very first parishioner I met after being appointed Pastor at OLPH. It was the springtime of 2012 and I happened to be in a restaurant with a friend, where Bob was also dining with his family. Bob recognized me and came over and introduced himself. The parish certainly had a fine gentleman to create a great first impression of OLPH in me! I thank Bob for his great service in the parish and am glad that, although he is stepping down from the specific roles which I mentioned above, he will nonetheless continue to serve as an EM and be active in the parish with his presence, prayers and support.

### ***First Penance***

This coming Saturday, January 9, and next Saturday, January 16, we will be celebrating First Penance (First Reconciliation, First Confession...whatever name you want to give it) with the children of our parish. Please keep them and your families in your prayers. We will have special prayer services to prepare for their celebration of the sacrament, and I have met with all the parents in special meetings for them. In all this I have tried to emphasize the beauty of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and its important place in the life of all Catholics. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers this week and next as they celebrate this

beautiful and grace-filled sacrament for the first time.

During this Year of Mercy, we all have the opportunity to reflect on how important we consider the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation to be in our own life, and to renew our commitment to regular celebration of it.

### ***Support the Vocational School renting space in our convent***

We are running an ad in our bulletin announcing registration for the vocational school that is renting space in our convent. This school trains people for jobs in the medical field such as phlebotomist (drawing blood), EKG/ECH technicians, home health aides, and other positions. This is a great resource to have right here in Lindenhurst, and the mission of the school to train people for these job opportunities dovetails nicely with the parish's social ministry. We are fortunate to have the school here, as the rent they pay for use of the convent is a big help to the parish. Because of that, we have a large stake in the success of the school and we should do all we can to support it. Please take note of the ad and spread the word, and encourage anyone you know who might be interested to pursue this great opportunity. The job market may be tough, but there will always be opportunities in the medical field, and the school also provides job placement assistance. It's a great resource to have right here in our own backyard; let's make the most of it!

### ***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,



## BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON THE EPIPHANY

*Use this ritual to bless your home on the Feast of Epiphany, January 3, 2016*

*The household gathers at the manger scene, or at some other suitable place. The parish card with the inscription to be placed above the doorway (if available) is used at the end of the ritual. (Instructions on how to make the inscription if the card is not available are given at the end of the ritual.) All make the sign of the cross, and the Leader begins:*

***Leader:*** Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

***All respond:*** Blessed be God forever.

***Leader:*** During these days of Christmas Time, we keep this feast of Epiphany. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

*Then someone proclaims the Scripture reading:*

***Reader:*** Listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Matthew.

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of King Herod, astrologers from the east arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." At this news King Herod became greatly disturbed, and with him all Jerusalem. Summoning all of the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem of Judea," they informed him. "Here is what the prophet has written: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the princes of Judah, since from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them: "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report it to me so that I may go and offer him homage too."

After their audience with the king, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, found the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They received a message in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

***All respond:*** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*The intercessions are then said:*

***Leader:*** The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him. Our response will be, Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray: *R/*.

Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray: *R/*.

Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray: *R/*.

*After the intercessions, all pray the Lord's Prayer: Our Father...*

***Leader:*** Let us pray. Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:*

***Leader:*** May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

***All respond:*** Amen.

*Now the custom of making an inscription above the main door of the house, on the inside, is done. Use the card provided by the parish. If the card is not available, then you can make your own inscription. Written in chalk, or in some other way, the inscription should read:*

**20 + C + M + B + 16**

*The letters represent the Magi, traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar; the "20" and "16" represent the year, signifying the timeless God; each cross marks a point of the compass, or "all the nations."*

## MUSIC NOTES

### Have you unpacked all your gifts?

Perhaps God is calling you this Christmas season 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](mailto: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.

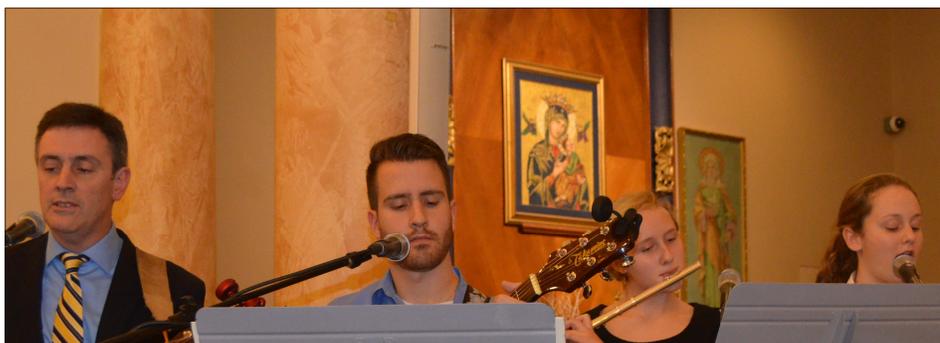
Contact:  
Amy Keller  
[mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com](mailto:mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com)



### 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



## 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 seventh paragraph of the document in this week’s edition of the bulletin.

7. “For his mercy endures forever.” This is the refrain that repeats after each verse in Psalm 136 as it narrates the history of God’s revelation. By virtue of mercy, all the events of the Old Testament are replete with profound salvific import. Mercy renders God’s history with Israel a history of salvation. To repeat continually “for his mercy endures forever,” as the psalm does, seems to break through the dimensions of space and time, inserting everything into the eternal mystery of love. It is as if to say that not only in history, but for all eternity man will always be under the merciful gaze of the Father. It is no accident that the people of Israel wanted to include this psalm – the “Great *Hallel*,” as it is called – in its most important liturgical feast days.

Before his Passion, Jesus prayed with this psalm of mercy. Matthew attests to this in his Gospel when he says that, “when they had sung a hymn” (26:30), Jesus and his disciples went out to the Mount of Olives. While he was instituting the Eucharist as an everlasting memorial of himself and his paschal sacrifice, he symbolically placed this supreme act of revelation in the light of his mercy. Within the very same context of mercy, Jesus entered upon his passion and death, conscious of the great mystery of love that he would consummate on the Cross. Knowing that Jesus himself prayed this psalm makes it even more important for us as Christians, challenging us to take up the refrain in our daily lives by praying these words of praise: “for his mercy endures forever.”

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](http://www.im.va).



### *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 4** —7:00 p.m.

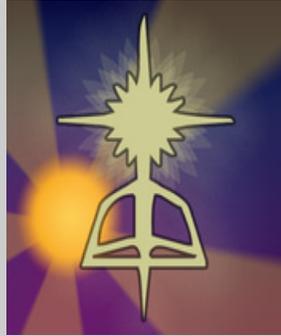
**Monday, January 11** —7:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 18** —Cancelled due to national holiday

## 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)*



# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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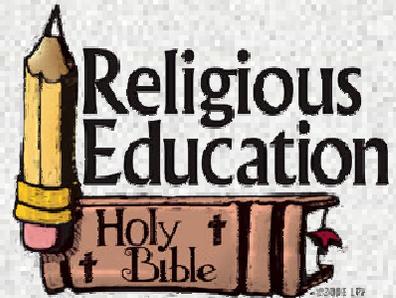
MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM  
TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM  
WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM  
THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM  
SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM



Wishing all our OLPH family a wonderful 2016!  
May this new year be filled with faith  
and many blessings.

## *Welcome Back!*

Classes resume  
Monday, January 4th.  
We look forward to seeing you!



## *Upcoming Dates:*

### Level 2: First Penance Rehearsal and Service

**Group A (Session I):** Penance rehearsal on Monday, 1/4 at 4:30 p.m.

First Penance on Saturday, 1/9 at 11:00 a.m.

**Group B (Sessions II & III):** Penance rehearsal Monday, 1/11 at 4:30 p.m.

First Penance on Saturday, 1/16 at 11:00 a.m.

### Level 6:

There will be a parent meeting on January 13th. The topic will be chastity.  
ALL level 6 parents must attend this meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

### Level 8:

There will be NO CLASS on January 18th due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

To see more photos and to keep up on other ministries check out the Religious Ed website and the OLPH Facebook page.



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.567.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cfr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † 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
- † 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: Caroline Grogan—(631)225-7688—straightclaw@optonline.net
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494

## NEW Food Pantry List!

**MAC & CHEESE**

**CANNED FRUIT**

**CAKE MIX**

**PIE CRUST**

**CORN MUFFIN MIX**

**HOT CHOCOLATE**

**COFFEE**

**PUDDING**

**PEANUT BUTTER**

**PAPER TOWELS**

**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.**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.**

**THE**  
*bluedoor*  
**BOUTIQUE**

### Hours of Operation:

Monday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Saturday: 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

*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.*

The Blue Door Thrift Boutique is another of our parish's efforts to serve the poor and vulnerable in our parish community—and a great way to get a deal for our parishioners! We have ministered to many who are supported by our Homeless Ministry and Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Take note of our hours and visit the Blue Door. It is a wonderful place that has many wonderful items—from clothing to cook ware, from religious items to rare finds—you might find helpful. Meet the wonderful offerers who make it such a place of welcome. When you shop at The Blue Door, you not only get a great deal but help support our parish's ongoing work and ministry.

*Want to get involved in the Blue Door?*

*E-mail to [thebluedoor@oloph.org](mailto:thebluedoor@oloph.org) for more information!*

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

### HOMELESS MINISTRY

#### FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to [rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com). You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

#### DONATIONS

As we are moving into the winter months, we are in need of the following:

- washcloths
- briefs - Small, Medium and Large (NO XL; must be new and in package)
- undershirts - Small, Large and Extra-Large
- blankets
- sweat pants

*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.*

*With Gratitude*

*The members of the Homeless Outreach Ministry would like to thank all of the parishioners who have supported us during our first year. Whether you came out on a run with us, provided food, supplies or offered financial support, we are extremely grateful. Without that support we could not minister to those in need. We ask that you remember us and most importantly the homeless in your prayers.*

### 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?*

No meeting on Wednesday, January 6

Wednesday, January 20: Outreach van lunches preparation and Veterans' Super Bowl Party planning. For information call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto: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, January 12 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 24

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 pews, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Monday, Wednesday & Friday) or at the Rectory.

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



## MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday,  
January 22, 2016

Our parish is attending the *Annual March for Life* on Friday, January 22, 2016. We will gather at OLPH at 5:00 a.m. for Mass in the Church and depart immediately after.

To RSVP to this event, contact Kathy Feldman of our Respect Life Committee at 631.225.9864.

# Saint Bernard League

## We need Saint Bernards!



Can you and/or your family shovel, snow blow or clear out another family or two in need within our parish community? A number of our "St. Bernard's" from last year have moved on to college and we are in need of some new hands and hearts (and shovels!)

At this time, we are in need of St. Bernard's for the following areas:

We have families in need on the following streets (with area of house #).

S. 13<sup>th</sup> (200s and 300s)

S. 8th St. (300s)

N. Wellwood Ave. (800s)

Pecan St. (500s)

S. 3<sup>rd</sup> (400s)

S. 4th St. (700s)

S. 5th St. (300s)

Dominick Ct. (teens)

30 Bedell Pl.

290 Walnut St

237 Houston St.

400's Leonard Ct.

*We have already assigned close to 50 families.....so we would like to get the ones above assigned ASAP!*

If you can help, please e-mail to [stbernardleague@oloph.org](mailto:stbernardleague@oloph.org). We'd love to have all families matched up before the first snow of the season.

If you can help with this, call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 and leave a message or e-mail to [stbernardleague@oloph.org](mailto:stbernardleague@oloph.org). This is a great way to help those in need (do some tremendous community service!)

## COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

In April, OLPH started a Community Meal Ministry. Each month, we host meals for those in need in our community. Each month, approximately 50 guests and over 25 members of the parish offer their time and talent to make the afternoon a wonderful time for food, fellowship and a welcome break from the cold weather.

**Are you or your family or group of friends or a ministry you are part of interested in preparing part of our next community meal?** If so, contact Gigi Gracey at 631-443-0095 or at [gigigracey1962@gmail.com](mailto:gigigracey1962@gmail.com).

**Are you interested in helping at the next Community Meal?** Please contact Debbie McDonald at 516-662-2529 or e-mail to [dnk875@aol.com](mailto:dnk875@aol.com).



## 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.

# 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](mailto: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.

## NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS



### New Sunday Mass Schedule

**Effective January 2-3, 2016**

*Saturday: 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday: 8:00 a.m.,*

*10:00 a.m.,*

*12:00 Noon,*

*and 5:00 p.m.*

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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### 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.

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

# 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.*

**Third Time:**

*Donald Lospinuso & Joan Virzera*

## **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**



*Catalina Grace Cavero  
Tegan Grace Figueredo  
Amanda Viala Thermido*

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

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***None this week***

*“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.”*

## **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.**

## **WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

*Catherine Tamburino  
CarolAnn Alma  
Julia Fredereck  
Bernadette Sinnott  
Rosalie Grottola  
Mario Lotito  
Salvatore Rizzolo  
Tony Gallo  
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Evelyn Sondey  
Ed  
Catherine Mullin  
Margaret Nuss  
Theresa Lisio  
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Rosemary DeMartino*

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.

## **PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

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

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

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, January 4—  
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

6:30 The Savastano Family

12:15 Victor Tirrito

4:00 Rehearsal for First Penance

7:00 Devotions

**TUESDAY, January 5—  
Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

6:30 Andrea Wolf

12:15 Harold Hartley

**WEDNESDAY, January 6—  
Christmas Weekday  
(Saint André Bessette, Religious)**

6:30 Margaret Curran

12:15 In Honor of the Holy Spirit

12:45-  
2:00 Exposition

7:00 Level 7 Class Mass

**THURSDAY, January 7—  
Christmas Weekday  
(Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest)**

6:30 Pauline Brennan

12:15 Leonard Vicciardo

**FRIDAY, January 8—  
Christmas Weekday**

6:30 Robert P. Barry, Sr.

12:15 Agnes Dal Col

**SATURDAY, January 9—  
Christmas Weekday**

8:00 Pasquale DiPietrantonio

11:00 First Penance

4:00 –  
4:45 Confessions**Vigil for  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

5:00 Kathy Worth

**Sunday, January 10—  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

12:00 Dominic Di Vito

5:00 Karen Ann Bruning

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK****Monday, January 4, 2016**

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

4:00 p.m. First Penance Rehearsal Church

7:00 p.m. Devotions Church

7:15 p.m. Level 8 Classes School

**Tuesday, January 5, 2016**

4:00 p.m. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

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

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

**Wednesday, January 6, 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. Middle Ages Room 10

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 7, 2016**

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. Parent Baptismal Prep Class Room 16

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Respect Life Meeting Room 21

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible Camp Room 10

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

**Friday, January 8, 2016**

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

7:00 p.m. Holy Name Society Auditorium

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

**Saturday, January 9, 2016**

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

11:00 a.m. First Penance Church

1:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Auditorium

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

**Sunday, January 10, 2016**

8:00 a.m. RCIA Church

12:00 p.m. Christmas Lights Removal Outside

1:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Auditorium

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

2:00 p.m. Baptisms Church

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  
Dec. 19/20, 2015**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	342	149	\$3,382.00
6:30 a.m.	95	38	1,155.00
8:00 a.m.	250	98	2,566.00
9:30 a.m.	370	113	2,395.00
11:00 a.m.	430	118	2,954.00
12:30 p.m.	366	98	2,446.00
5:00 p.m.	202	38	1,339.50
<b>Total coin:</b>			23.86
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			232.00
Children's Envelopes		28	79.17
<b>Faith Direct</b>			1,979.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,055	680	\$18,551.78
<b>2014 TOTAL</b>	2,250	717	\$20,466.53
<b>Candles</b>			\$1,152.74
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$281.94

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INSIGHT?**

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



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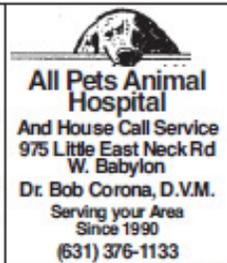
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## Preparing for January 10, 2016

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one with whom I am pleased...”

*Isaiah 42:1*

#### **Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (alternate reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)**

The promises made by God about His servant and his ministry are so wonderful, it seems necessary to state the credentials of the One making the promise. First look *up*, because He created the heavens and stretched them out. Then look *down*, because He spread forth the earth and its produce. Finally, look *all around* and see the evidence of God’s spirit in everything that lives and moves and has its being (*cf* Acts 17:28). The God who has done such great things can surely then fulfill all of these promises. Yet the greatest display of God’s power and might is seen in His tender and unfailing love for us—for it His love that will finally save us.

#### **Acts 10:34-38 (alternate reading Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7)**

Peter explains to the Gentiles that God’s choice of Israel as His people does not mean He has withheld His favor from the other nations. The obedience of faith in God’s revelation is all that is necessary for anyone to please Him. It is just as the letter to Titus explains: it is out of sheer love and mercy that God sent His Son to grant us the salvation we could never earn.

#### **Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

In the union of three events—the baptism of the Lord, His prayer, and the opening of the heavens—the identity and mission of Jesus are revealed to be one in the same: as the Son comes to earth, Jesus is pleasing to the Father; because He is the Son, He lives only to do His Father’s will.

#### **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. In reflecting upon the first reading, it is clear that we have been called, as Isaiah writes, to be a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind and to set prisoners free. Whose hand do you need to grasp this week so they may see light and be set free?

2. Peter speaks freely about God’s lack of partiality. God did not send his Son for some, but for all. Where do you see signs of this partiality in the world, the Church, our local community, and/or our family? What can you do to restore a sense of openness towards the conversion of others?

3. Re-read the end of this Gospel (Luke 3:21-22). The passage concludes with “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Take some time with the Lord this week. Listen to him say that to you, “N., you are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.”

### *Readings for the Week*

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

#### **Monday, January 4, 2016:**

1 John 3:22—4:6  
+ Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

#### **Tuesday, January 5, 2016:**

1 John 4:7-10 + Mark 6:34-44

#### **Wednesday, January 6, 2016:**

1 John 4:11-18  
+ Mark 6:45-52

#### **Thursday, January 7, 2016:**

1 John 4:19—5:4  
+ Luke 4:14-22a

#### **Friday, January 8, 2016:**

1 John 5:5-13  
+ Luke 5:12-16

#### **Saturday, January 9, 2016:**

1 John 5:14-21 + John 3:22-30

#### **Sunday, January 10, 2016:**

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
+ Acts 10:34-38  
+ Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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