

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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They also asked,

“Isn't this the son of Joseph?”

Luke 4:22

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2016

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

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

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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

Business Manager: Deacon Thomas J. Bast

Coordinator of Faith Formation: April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Christopher Ferraro

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

from Holy Hour to Happy Hour to Holy Hour

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



Tuesday, February 9



5:45 p.m. — Church

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

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



Music, games, 50/50 & more!

Any questions or ticket information contact:

Deirdre Strigaro 631.225-0928 or familylife@oloph.org

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

First & Last Name: _____

_____ #of adults _____ # of children & ages _____

Telephone number: _____ Email Address: _____ @ _____

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

OLPH

Covered dish _____

Please return to OLPH Rectory or in the collection basket

NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, February 7th.

All donations accepted.

Any questions or ticket information contact:



PASTOR'S PAGE

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2016

As you know from Mass this weekend, it is time for us to launch this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. Allow me to take this opportunity to underscore here 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 11, 2016, received a total of \$57,606.52 in rebate money from the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal. That is truly amazing, and all I can say is THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! You are well aware of the financial struggles we constantly face, and so you can imagine how much this income helps us. You helped keep us afloat by creating the circumstances for the parish to receive that money.

Now I am once again asking for your help and generosity for this year's Appeal. Our goal for 2016 is \$107,000, and I really, really hope we can once again go over goal, as we have for the past three years. 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 \$107,000; then, if we go over goal, we receive back 80% of everything that is raised over that amount. We count on this income from the Catholic Ministries Appeal rebate each year, and we especially need to keep our income up as we are continuing to pay for the new boilers.

However, by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are not only assisting OLPH parish, but you are also 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. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, with the theme "Merciful Like the Father," we are called to give special effort to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy—feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, visiting the sick and the imprisoned, and burying the dead. As Pope Francis has said, "The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes

visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us." 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. If you have never given in the past, now is the time. In the upcoming months, we will continue and build upon the phone-a-thon phase for the Catholic Ministries Appeal which we began last year.

I know I recently asked you for money for the special one-time boiler collection, and you responded so incredibly generously to that (see below). Yes, I am asking for money again, for this Catholic Ministries Appeal, because I believe in it, and because it is the right thing to do to participate in it. 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 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Boiler Collection Total

As of January 19th, 2016, we have collected \$71,173.92 in our special one-time collection to help defray the cost of the new boilers. That is

absolutely astounding, and I am humbled and overwhelmed by your generosity. Remember the numbers for this: the total cost is \$415,000; we had \$200,000 in savings to put toward this (we have already used it up paying invoices); I obtained a \$200,000 Line of Credit from the Diocesan Mission Assistance Corporation, and any amount we use of this \$200,000 we must pay back at an interest rate of 85% of prime. Therefore, because of your generous response, that is \$71,173.92 less that we will have to borrow and pay interest on. I have to say in all honesty that the total is more than I expected. You have come through again! No wonder I keep saying that OLPH is “the place to be!”

In addition, I think some money will continue to trickle in. I know that some people, on their own (we did not do this as a “campaign;” we did it as a one-time donation), have chosen to pay in installments. Again, I am humbled and deeply, deeply appreciative that you would make that kind of commitment. It shows your love and dedication to your beloved OLPH parish.

For such a generous response to our boiler collection: THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

Scouting at OLPH

In years past, OLPH has had a tradition of having a very robust and active Boy Scout Troop, Troop 54. Over the past few years, those boys have been aging out, with most having become, or in the process of becoming, Eagle Scouts. I am very, very proud of these young men and have had the privilege of getting to know them through Scouting, through their Eagle Scout projects, and through their overall presence in the parish.

I am proud to say that we are now making a concerted effort to recruit for and rebuild our Catholic Scouting program here at OLPH. We’re looking to start a new pack of Cub Scouts and to continue the great foundation of Boy Scouts by keeping Troop 54 alive. This, of course, will be Catholic Scouting, and I see this as a vital component of our overall Youth Ministry “umbrella” here at OLPH. I am happy to be their moderator and I look forward to a very active Scouting program once again.

In the weeks and months ahead you will be hearing more and seeing advertising about Scouting at OLPH. Are you interested in joining? The Troop is accepting new Scouts! Look for information in the bulletin some time within the next few weeks, and make sure you join in.

Snowstorm of January 23, 2016

As I write this column, we are all returning to normal after the historic snowstorm last weekend. I hope you managed to stay safe through the storm. As you can see from our attendance chart published elsewhere in this bulletin, attendance was, expectedly, quite light, with the overall attendance coming in at approximately less than one-third of the usual count. Certainly, there is absolutely no fault, no negligence, and, consequently, no sin involved for those who were unable to make it to Mass last weekend. For those who were able to dig out and who attended, I thank you for your witness and your perseverance in coming to Mass at what I know was great inconvenience. Special kudos to all the liturgical ministers who were able to make it!

I do have one favor to ask: if you were not able to attend Mass last week, could you still send along your weekly envelope offering? It would help us tremendously if we could keep up with our weekly collection.

In addition, a tremendous “shout-out” of gratitude and appreciation goes to our wonderful maintenance crew who worked so hard under such miserable, if not wretched, conditions to do snow-blowing and shoveling in order to get the campus as clear as possible. They were out twice on Saturday during the blizzard and early on Sunday morning, all so that you could get to Mass as safely as possible. Guys: you are the best! Thank you for your hard work and your dedication to this parish. I ask everyone to offer a prayer of thankfulness for this good and hard-working group of men.

Mardi Gras

Lent is just around the corner, and that means so is our annual Mardi Gras celebration on the night before Ash Wednesday! This is always such a fun-filled evening that begins with Evening Prayer, continues with a festive celebration exploding with food and fun, includes the

burning of palm to be used as ashes on Ash Wednesday, and ends with desserts so delicious that they will carry you through the fasting of Lent!

There really is no other evening like our Mardi Gras celebration, and it is a night for all ages, young and old. Details are elsewhere in our bulletin; make plans now to be there.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent

I'm thrilled that we're continuing a custom we started last year, and that is the practice of having different groups from the parish lead the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights during Lent. I think this is a great way to highlight the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross. I'm grateful to Robert Becker for coordinating all the details for this. We'll be announcing each week which group will be leading on the upcoming Friday, but here is the entire line-up: February 12, the Liturgy Committee; February 19, the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council; February 26, Family Life Ministry and Children's Choir; March 4, Community of Praise and Children's Liturgy of the

Word; March 18, Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Respect Life.

Notice, too, how we have groups working together, which is part of who we are at OLPH, a community of people who do not have "turf" but rather who work together for the greater common good.

I ask everyone to make it a priority to set time aside to come on Friday nights during Lent and to join in praying the Stations of the Cross led by these different groups. You'll be glad you did.

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,



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.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Monday night Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been a longstanding OLPH tradition. Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, February 1

Monday, February 22

Monday, February 8

Monday, February 29

Monday, February 15—

No Devotions (President's Day)

BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES



We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is **February 10**. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season. As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes brand us with the sign of the cross — a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during the Easter season. Penitential acts are undertaken as a community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection.

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

We invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. **We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on February 9th and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 10th.**

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

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

Wednesday, February 3rd 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 FEAST COMING UP

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Tuesday, 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 Tuesday, 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.

FROM YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Hi! My name is St. Francis de Sales, and I'm the patron saint of writers. That's why your Pastoral Council has picked me as their patron and intercessor in this column which they offer to you. Here we will grow in our appreciation of the Catholic faith through questions and answers. So, I encourage all of you to send me your questions about Catholicism. All questions are welcomed and all will remain just between you and me (we won't print your name in the bulletin). Please e-mail pastoralcouncil@oloph.org and each time this column appears, a new question will be answered. So, let's get started! I'll pray for you what I pray for everyone: May the Lord grant you His peace!



“The truth is not always the same as the majority decision.” – St. Pope John Paul II

Question 13: What are the beliefs of the Catholic Church toward the use of the social communications media?

Within modern society the communications media play a major role in information, cultural promotion, and formation. This role is increasing, as a result of technological progress, the extent and diversity of the news transmitted, and the influence exercised on public opinion. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2493)

The information provided by the media is at the service of the common good. Society has a right to information based on truth, freedom, justice, and solidarity. The decree of Vatican II titled *Inter Mirifica* (The Means of Social Communication) states, “*The proper exercise of this right demands that the content of the communication be true and — within the limits set by justice and charity — complete. Further, it should be communicated honestly and properly. This means that in the gathering and in the publication of news, the moral law and the legitimate rights and dignity of man should be upheld.*” (CCC 2494)

The means of social communication (especially the mass media) can give rise to a certain passivity among users, making them less than vigilant consumers of what is said or shown. Users should practice moderation and discipline in their approach to the mass media. They will want to form enlightened and correct consciences the more easily to resist unwholesome influences. (CCC 2496)

By the very nature of their profession, journalists have an obligation to serve the truth and not offend against charity in disseminating information. They should strive to respect, with equal care, the nature of the facts and the limits of critical judgment concerning individuals. They should not stoop to defamation. (CCC 2497)

By promulgating laws and overseeing their application, public authorities should ensure that, as it says in *Inter Mirifica*, “public morality and social progress are not gravely endangered” through misuse of the media. Nothing can justify recourse to disinformation for manipulating public opinion through the media. Interventions by public authority should avoid injuring the freedom of individuals or groups. (CCC 2498)

How many times do we listen to a story in the news or read an article in a newspaper only to realize what was quoted by a person was taken out of context? How many times do we rush to judge someone based on misinformation? Are we quick to post something online based on incomplete information, only to regret it later? In today's world where access to media is almost a constant, discerning the truth in its entirety takes effort. However, a lack of effort can cause us to live our lives believing in something to be true, only to find out later it was false. As children of God, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, and we should all strive to seek the truth, since there is only one truth.

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 tenth and eleventh paragraphs of the document in this week’s edition of the bulletin.

10. Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church “has an endless desire to show mercy”. Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. The temptation, on the one hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step. But the Church needs to go beyond and strive for a higher and more important goal. On the other hand, sad to say, we must admit that the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture. In some cases the word seems to have dropped out of use. However, without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.

11. Let us not forget the great teaching offered by Saint John Paul II in his second Encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia*, which at the time came unexpectedly, its theme catching many by surprise. There are two passages in particular to which I would like to draw attention. First, Saint John Paul II highlighted the fact that we had forgotten the theme of mercy in today’s cultural milieu: “The present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and to remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy. The word and the concept of ‘mercy’ seem to cause uneasiness in man, who, thanks to the enormous development of science and technology, never before known in history, has become the master of the earth and has subdued and dominated it (cf. *Genesis* 1:28). This dominion over the earth, sometimes understood in a one-sided and superficial way, seems to have no room for mercy... And this is why, in the situation of the Church and the world today, many individuals and groups guided by a lively sense of faith are turning, I would say almost spontaneously, to the mercy of God”.

Furthermore, Saint John Paul II pushed for a more urgent proclamation and witness to mercy in the contemporary world: “It is dictated by love for man, for all that is human and which, according to the intuitions of many of our contemporaries, is threatened by an immense danger. The mystery of Christ... obliges me to proclaim mercy as God’s merciful love, revealed in that same mystery of Christ. It likewise obliges me to have recourse to that mercy and to beg for it at this difficult, critical phase of the history of the Church and of the world”. This teaching is more pertinent than ever and deserves to be taken up once again in this Holy Year. Let us listen to his words once more: “The Church lives an authentic life when she professes and proclaims mercy – the most stupendous attribute of the Creator and of the Redeemer – and when she brings people close to the sources of the Savior’s mercy, of which she is the trustee and dispenser”.

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.



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

You Are Invited ...

A Light for My Path

Praying the Psalms on the Way of the Cross

Friday, February 12 - 7:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

*My spirit is faint, my heart despairs,
I stretch out my hands to you.*

—Based on Psalm 143:4, 6a

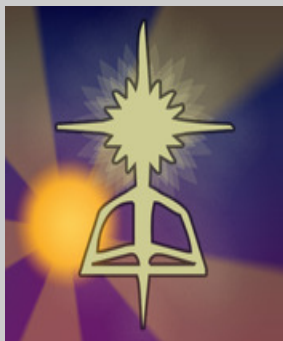
During this Lenten season, offer yourself the opportunity to meditate on the Way of the Cross in a different way. You are invited to reflect on Jesus' Way of the Cross by using the same prayers he used in his life: the Book of Psalms. The prayer service will journey through the traditional fourteen Stations of the Cross while providing time for personal reflection, an examination of conscience, and the communal singing of the psalms.



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)



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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM

TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM

WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM

THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM

SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM

Social Justice: Level 8

Level 8 had a special presentation on Catholic social justice and environmental responsibility. Check it out!



Special thanks to our guest speaker, Pattye Pece!

FAQ About New Registration

What do I need to register?

Families must be formally registered with OLPH parish. Each new child **MUST** have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate.

How much does it cost?

Tuition is \$130 for one child, \$165 for two, and \$195 for three or more. After June 30th, there will be a \$25 late fee attached. Our program is competitively priced, and we work with each family's budget.

What else can you tell me about the program?

Religious Education is an eight-level program typically beginning in 1st grade and ending in 8th. Two years' preparation is required before receiving First Penance and Holy Communion in Level 2, and three years' preparation is required before receiving Confirmation in Level 8. Classes for Levels 1-5 meet on Saturdays with times determined by elementary school. Classes for Level 6 and 7 meet Wednesdays, and classes for Level 8 meet Mondays. Our goal is to bring the love of Christ to your children so they are ready to enter a deeper relationship with Him as they grow up.

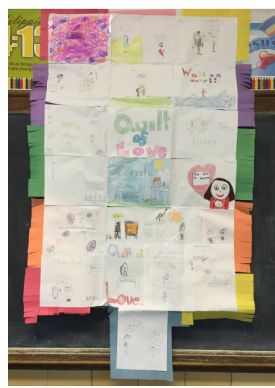
Great! How do I sign up?

New Registration week will begin the week of Saturday, February 20th according to our Office Hours. You can come to the Religious Ed building during any of our office hours to register or to ask us about the program. You may also call or email us!

**Spread the word to your friends
and neighbors!**

Quilt of Love

Mrs. Kara Tantillo's class created this beautiful paper quilt!



Texting Reminder!

With winter storms ahead, text message alerts are a fast, easy way to stay updated! Text 81010 and enter your code(s):

@olph1 @olph2 @olph3

@olph4 @olph5 @olph6

@olph7 @olph8

Other codes:

@olophcat (teachers)

@olophteen (teen confirmation)

@olophcuc (catch-up class)

@olophspc (special penance/
communion)

Upcoming Dates: Monday, Feb. 1—Level 8 Midterms • Wednesday, Feb. 3—Level 6 and 7 Student Meetings on Chastity (*students only; ALL Level 6 must come at 5:30pm*) • Saturday, Feb. 6—Parent Meeting and Open House Level 4 • **Ash Wednesday is February 10th: NO CLASSES**

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—cffr@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!

Pasta Sauce with Meat

Hot & Cold Cereal

Canned Juice

Baked Beans

(No other beans at this time please!)

Paper Towels

Shave Cream

Bath Soap

Toothpaste

Shampoo

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God’s poor is indeed living gospel values.

In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, help for utility and rent, bills, etc. Thank You!

THE
bluedoor
BOUTIQUE

Hours of Operation:

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

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

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

Closed Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

New treasures arriving every day!

Come explore *The Blue Door Boutique* and find:

The latest Teen Trends at affordable prices—Forever 21, Hollister, A&F, and more.

Top brands on display in Men’s and Women’ clothing including—Talbots, Coach, Lands End, London Fog, Vineyard Vines, and more.

Household items including—candles, dishes, crystal, wall art, knick-knacks and collectibles from Corningware, Pyrex, Precious Moments, Lenox and more.

Discovering a great find is half the fun! Visit The Blue Door Boutique see for yourself.

Want to get involved in the Blue Door?

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

We need greeters, sorters and floor workers!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

HOMELESS MINISTRY

FOOD PREPARERS

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

DONATIONS

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

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

If it is easier, we can always use Kmart gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

MIDDLE AGES

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

Wednesday, February 3

7:00 p.m. in Room 10

(room across from the kitchen in the basement of the old school)

Guest Speaker: Father Fidelis

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

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

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

ST. BERNARD LEAGUE

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!)



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. This is a great way to help those in need (and do some tremendous community service!)

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

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

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

Saturday, February 6th

4:00 p.m.

School Auditorium

Want to help prepare for our monthly Mass and other special needs events? Contact Caroline Grogan at 631.225.7688 or email to straightclaw@optonline.net.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

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

Our next meeting will take place on

Tuesday, February 16

6:00 p.m. in Room 18.

For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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 5** 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 6** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass. A continental breakfast will follow in the cafeteria.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharis-

tic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, February 6 from 8:00 p.m. 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 Sunday, **February 7** at 7:00 p.m.



CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION

FREE MOVIE TIME AT OLPH

Friday, February 5th
OLPH School Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

"The Blood & The Rose"

The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Excerpt from the back cover:

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

This is the battle for our souls.



RESPECT LIFE ISSUES

*Do you ever think of the following?
Do you have an opinion which our legislators should listen to?*

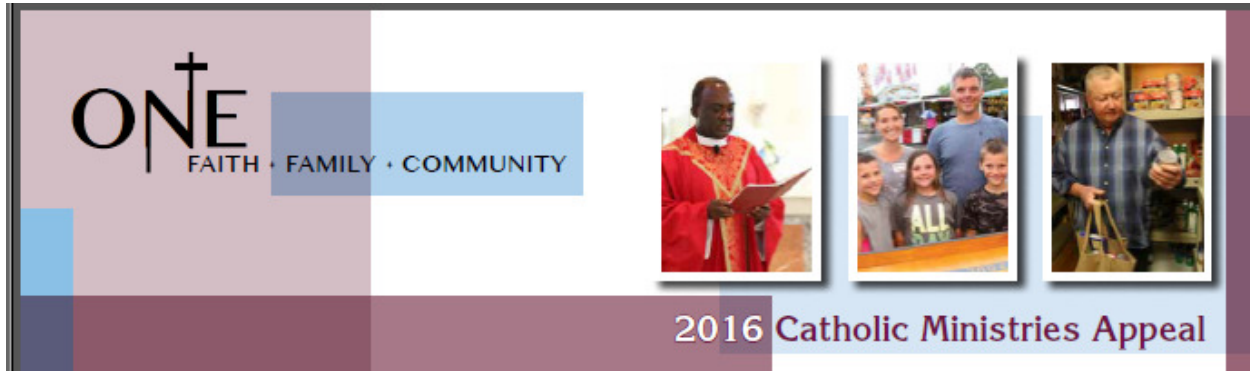
"Respect Life" involves far more than abortion. It encompasses:

- *Abortion/Healing after Abortion, Chastity*
- *Marriage & Natural Family Planning*
- *Reproductive Technologies*
- *Conscience Protection*
- *Suicide/Physician Assisted Suicide*
- *Death Penalty*
- *End of Life issues.*

Many of these may actually touch your or your loved one's lives AND our religion. Physician Assisted Suicide WILL affect us all.

We need YOU. If ANY of these issues peak your interest (even a little), PLEASE come to our meeting. **EVERY FIRST THURSDAY, 7:30 PM, ROOM 16 OF THE NEW SCHOOL** – (entry from Rectory side) There is no obligation or automatic commitment. **"Just think about it and test the waters."**

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MURPHY



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This letter brings with it my sincere hope that your Christmas and New Year's Holidays were filled with many blessings and that God continues to share his love and graces with you throughout the coming year.

We wish to thank you for your continued leadership support of your Parish and the Catholic Ministries Appeal. We are so deeply grateful for the extraordinary sacrifices that you have made to support the work of our church on Long Island. Your generosity and commitment to our faith, and community fills me with confidence that many wonderful things will continue to take place in our Diocese.

Last year because of your support we not only were able to continue to bring religious education to more than 100,000 students in public schools, but we were also able to initiate a special training program for Catechists so they can assist the ever-growing number of autistic children in our community. We were proud to ordain five priests for the Diocese of Rockville and continue to support our men in the diaconate program, all of which you help make possible.

Last year at secular college campuses across our Island more than 3,500 students a month participated in Mass and other faith-based activities. At one of the campuses students didn't have a sacred place to pray so they worked together with our Office of Campus Ministry to convert a storage closet into a chapel. These young adults are growing in their faith and you are helping them to do that.

Please know how grateful I am for your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, and in all humbleness on behalf of all who would benefit from your kindness, I am asking you to make a gift to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal and, so that together as one faith family, we can continue to meet the needs of our community.

With gratitude and prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

To learn more about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, see our video at www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org

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SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork
 Tricia Buckley (Chair)
 Lori Byron
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Marie Foster
 Greg Guido
 Sonia Hansen
 John Keller
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.
 Christina Taparata
 James Totino
 Pete Triolo

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
 John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

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

Lecturas del domingo 7 de Febrero del 2016

Por la gracia de Dios somos lo que somos.
Que su gracia no permanezca estéril en nosotros.
Lo que importa es que difundamos la Buena Nueva de Salvación.

Primera lectura (Isaías 6:1-8)

Isaías creyó en la presencia de Dios en el Templo, pero no esperaba ver una visión del Dios santo. Movid por esta experiencia, aceptó convertirse en humilde profeta de Dios.

Segunda lectura (Primera de Corintios 15: 1-11)

Pablo pensó que persiguiendo a los cristianos estaba defendiendo a Dios contra una secta peligrosa. Jesús le sorprendió y le hizo su apóstol.

Lectura del santo evangelio según (San Lucas 5: 1-11)

Pedro y sus compañeros eran pescadores expertos. Jesús los llama para ser expertos pescadores de hombres. Ellos dejaron todo para seguirle. Vayan mar adentro, y echen sus redes, Pedro es el encargado de guiar mar adentro la barca, el encargado de pescar, la misma misión es común a él y a los otros Jesús dice en plural “echen sus redes” en la pesca esta figurada la misión apostólica que comienzo entonces, en la obediencia a la palabra del señor y que llegara muy adentro hasta los confines de la tierra.

VATICANO, 19 Ene. 16/05:54 am (ACI).- En la Misa que se celebró hoy en la capilla de la Casa Santa Marta, el Papa Francisco explicó que Dios ve más allá de las apariencias y que “no existe santo sin pasado ni pecador sin futuro”. Así que no importa lo grande que sea tu pecado Cristo te llama hoy.



PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism

*Dean Vincent Pangburn
Angelina Brielle Segesto*



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:

<i>Andrew Facchiano</i>	<i>Pasquale Russo</i>
<i>Kathleen E. Farrell</i>	<i>Myrna Sangiorgi</i>
<i>Joan Gravel</i>	<i>Kenneth Weckerle</i>
<i>Rose McDermott</i>	<i>Martina Tuazon</i>
<i>Anna Russo</i>	<i>Douglas Edwards</i>

“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...

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

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.



TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

Ms. Josephine Galante & Family (December)
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lemmermann
Cesar & Andrea Cercado & Family
William Walter & Allison DeGrazia
Paul & Justina Ruggerio
Ms. Maureen McSloy
Mr. Jeremy Boron & Casie Coggins
Mr. Jared Koller & Ms. Lauren Kalb
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Misino & Family
Mr. Justin Murray & Ms. Doriane Dalery
Mr. & Mrs. Tulio Cabal & Family

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
 Memorials used during the Masses for week of
January 31– February 6:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Veronica Klenk

Requested by

Lisa, Michele, Kate & Pat

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 1— Weekday

6:30 The Savastano Family

12:15 Franciszek Wegrzynowski

7:00 Devotions

TUESDAY, February 2— The Presentation of the Lord

6:30 Joseph Pallandino

12:15 Lawrence Pimenta

WEDNESDAY, February 3— Weekday

(Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop)

6:30 Tom Jennings

12:15 Katherine O'Brien

12:45-
2:00 Exposition

THURSDAY, February 4— Weekday

6:30 Wercia Matuszewicz

12:15 Ralph Ricca

FRIDAY, February 5— Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

6:30 Salatto Family

12:15 Loretta Wess

SATURDAY, February 6— Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 Loretta & Jack Damone

4:00 –
4:45 Confessions

Vigil for THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 Special Needs Mass (Auditorium)

5:00 For the People of the Parish

8:00 -
11:00 Nocturnal Adoration

Sunday, February 7— THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 The Brady Family

10:00 Baffa Great-Grandchildren (Living)

12:00 Joseph Cristiano

5:00 Eleanor Zacher

Monday, February 1, 2016

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

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

6:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Devotions Church

7:15 p.m. Level 8 School

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

4:00 p.m. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

7:30 p.m. Community Meal Planning Room 18

8:00 p.m. Community of Praise Room 16

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 3, 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, February 4, 2016

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

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

4:00 p.m. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

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

7:00 p.m. Parent Baptismal Prep Class Room 16

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

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

7:30 p.m. Family Life Planning Meeting Room 10

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

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

Friday, February 5, 2016

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

7:00 p.m. CFFR Free Movie Night Auditorium

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

Saturday, February 6, 2016

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

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

4:00 p.m. Special Needs Mass Auditorium

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

8:00 p.m. Nocturnal Adoration Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Sunday, February 7, 2016

10:00 a.m. RCIA Rm. 16/18

1:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Auditorium

1:00 p.m. Community Meal Cafeteria

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:00 p.m. Prayers for Peace Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

**WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE
Jan. 23/24, 2016**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	17	5	\$658.00
8:00 a.m.	26	13	431.00
10:00 a.m.	88	19	807.00
12:00 p.m.	247	65	2,110.00
5:00 p.m.	298	90	2,102.50
Total coin:			3.08
Mail-ins:			678.00
Children's Envelopes		10	32.81
Faith Direct			2,067.64
TOTAL	676	202	\$8,890.03
2015 TOTAL	2,063	623	\$17,613.96
Candles			\$378.72
Poor Box			\$64.11

CHRISTMAS 2015

Year	Collection	Attendance
2015	\$74,615.19	3,544
2014	\$72,481.27	3,704
Flowers 2015	\$4,302.50	
Flowers 2014	\$4,131.00	

**2015 OLPH CONTRIBUTION
TAX LETTERS**

Tax letters for the 2015 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*. Thank you for your cooperation.

The IRA Charitable Rollover is back and is now permanent!



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

If...

- You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
- Your IRA is a traditional or Roth
- You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

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

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

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

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*Getting into one of the boats, ...
he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.*

Luke 5:3

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

When Isaiah was in the presence of the utter holiness of God, he realized just how unholy (unclean) he was. He felt unworthy. But he didn't need to be a saint to serve the Lord. God's grace was sufficient for him. And his response to that grace was joy—so much so that he wanted to go out eagerly into the world to tell everyone of God's goodness. That joy enabled him to respond, "Here I am. Send me!"

First Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul is writing because some of the Corinthians were denying the resurrection of the dead, apparently because they couldn't imagine how any kind of bodily existence could be possible after death. Maybe they considered the resurrection to be a purely spiritual experience. But Paul strongly affirms that we will have bodies after the resurrection by showing how many people saw Jesus in his new glorified body after he was resurrected.

Luke 5:1-11

This Gospel story tells us an important truth about how God works in and through us for his glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in *his* works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own. God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us.

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. Where did Peter have to go before he could catch fish in the lake? Where did he have to go in his personal life before he could "catch" people for God? Was everything up to him or did Peter receive extraordinary help? When are you yourself when you are on the shore and when you are in the deep?

2. What do you think we will find in the "deep of the contemporary world" where Pope Francis says (below) that reality forces us to cast our nets? List some of the dangers of "deep water." What is there to threaten you? So why would you go there? What virtue do you need?

We need to "go out," then, in order to experience our own anointing, its power and its redemptive efficacy: to the "outskirts" where there is suffering, bloodshed, blindness that longs for sight, and prisoners in thrall to many evil masters. ...

Those (priests) who do not go out of themselves, instead of being mediators, gradually become intermediaries, managers. ... This is precisely the reason why some priests grow dissatisfied, become sad priests, lose heart and become in some sense collectors of antiques or novelties—instead of being shepherds living with "the smell of the sheep," shepherds in the midst of their flock, fishers of men. True enough, the so-called crisis of priestly identity threatens us all and adds to the broader cultural crisis; but if we can resist its onslaught, we will be able to put out in the name of the Lord and cast our nets.

It is not a bad thing that reality itself forces us to "put out into the deep," where what we are by grace is clearly seen as pure grace, out into the deep of the contemporary world, where the only thing that counts is "unction"—not function—and the nets which overflow with fish are those cast solely in the name of the One in whom we have put our trust: Jesus.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, February 1, 2016:

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-18
+ Mark 5:1-20:15-18

Tuesday, February 2, 2016:

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

Wednesday, February 3, 2016:

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17
+ Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 4, 2016:

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 + Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 5, 2016:

Sirach 47:2-11 + Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 6, 2016:

1 Kings 3:4-13 + Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 7, 2016:

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
+ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
+ Luke 5:1-11

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