

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2014

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Ethel Anarado + Rev. John Sureau

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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

Facilities Manager: Deacon Donald A. Stamm **Business Manager:** Deacon Thomas J. Bast

Coordinator of Faith Formation: April Carbaugh **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: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday
after the 5 P.M. Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

Wednesday: 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.

First Sunday: 7:00 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.

The Proclamation of the Date of Easter

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is a traditional time to announce the major feasts and celebrations of the Church for the upcoming year. Before the advent of online calendars, iPhones, perpetual calendars, and handheld organizers, the formal announcement at Epiphany was the usual way the Church made known the date of Easter and all the celebrations that are dependent upon its date.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the date of Easter moves each year because it is affected by the lunar and solar cycles. The Council of Nicaea (325 AD) determined that Easter would be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox, or first day of spring (in the northern hemisphere). (The Orthodox Churches use a different calendar system, and so their date for Easter is different.)

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.



The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

Know, dear brothers and sisters,
that, as we have rejoiced
at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also
the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.

On the fifth day of March
will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast
of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the twentieth day of April
you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-ninth day of May
will be the Ascension of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the eighth day of June,
the feast of Pentecost.

On the twenty-second day of June,
the feast of the
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the thirtieth day of November
the First Sunday of the Advent
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to who is honor and glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Our liturgical celebration of Christmas Time continues as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord this weekend. Today is rich in so many themes that continue to unpack for us the great mystery and wonder of the Nativity of the Lord: the wise men being guided through darkness by the light of the star; the star itself as a miraculous sign leading to Jesus; the meaning of today as the “epiphany” or “manifestation” or “revelation” of God not just to Jews, but to Gentiles — to the whole world — showing us that Jesus came to save all people; and finally, the mystery that God is revealing himself in human flesh.

Keep in mind that a beautiful devotion associated with Epiphany is the blessing of homes. It is customary to mark the doors of the home following in the steps of the Magi who, according to tradition, are named Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. Inscribed in chalk over one or more doors are the numbers of the new year, along with the initials of the Magi: 20+C+M+B+14.

This week, on the pew ledges throughout the church, we have provided for you a special card which can be used for this Epiphany blessing of your home, a card that gives not only a prayer of blessing, but also the numbers and initials, such that, if desired, this card can be affixed as a placard above a doorway to serve as the blessing of the house in place of writing in chalk.

I urge every family to take time for this special prayer together.

Liturgical Celebration as Epiphany

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the liturgist in me cannot help but reflect on how every celebration of liturgy is an epiphany. By that I mean that in every liturgical celebration, especially the Mass, the Risen Lord Jesus makes Himself known to us. Christ is already there, present in liturgical celebration, and through the ritual actions He reveals Himself and we are swept up into the salvation He brings to us through His Paschal Mystery. Each and every liturgical celebration is a profound encounter with the crucified-risen Jesus as He is present to us sacramentally, and thus present to us in a way that is not true of other times and other places. That's why, for us as Catholics, sacraments are so vital to the life of faith and to our spirituality.

“Why do I have to go to Mass? Can't I pray on my own? Won't God listen to me?” is a refrain we often hear from people. The fact is that we do need personal prayer and private prayer, and not only is it OK for us to talk to God on our own, but we should — and He

does hear us! But for us as Catholics, that's not enough; there is more to it than that. We are a sacramental people. There is an encounter with Christ, as we enter into His Paschal Mystery (His dying and rising) which is made real and present and effective at Mass, the likes of which do not occur elsewhere. We need to be at this particular celebration of His presence each and every week — the weekly Sunday Epiphany, so to speak — in order to nurture and grow in the fullness of the relationship that we are called to. It's kind of a “bottom line” answer: praying to God on our own is absolutely necessary, but for us as Catholics it is not enough; weekly attendance at Mass is not just something nice that we should do when we can, but rather it is an absolutely essential and irreplaceable component of our relationship with Jesus and our immersion into His life, a component centered on our weekly participation in celebrating the Eucharist and receiving Holy Communion.

Thank You for Christmas Gifts and Goodies

Over the Christmas holiday many people send gifts, especially baked treats and other goodies, to the rectory for the priests to enjoy. Allow me to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the priests, to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who sent along gifts for all of us. We appreciate your taking care of us and thinking about us, and your expressions of love and good wishes helped to make our celebration of this season very joyous and meaningful. Know that all our parishioners are regularly in our prayers.

Special Religious Education

I have to take a moment to acknowledge and say **THANK YOU** to all who work in our Special Religious Education program. On Saturday mornings we are so privileged to have a program of religious education for children who have special needs, and it is an extraordinary program which has a long and proud history here at OLPH. Week after week the teachers and offerers give of themselves so lovingly to these special children who are so close to our hearts. They do a remarkable job!

I was particularly impressed by a special program performed by the children on the Saturday before Christmas. They enacted the Christmas story using a very clever motif of several “stations” something like a “living museum.” The children were so proud to make their presentations to all of us visitors and it was obvious that their teachers were very proud of them as they worked with the children. My heart left there very full

of joy that day at the great things that are being done with these special children.

We want to always be there to assist families with children with special needs. These children are a vital part of our parish family and they and their families are always welcome at everything that goes on at OLPH. As you know, we have started the Special Needs Mass once a month, and we have this long-running Special Religious Education Program, and also a Special Needs Committee meets regularly. OLPH truly is a beacon of hospitality for these special children and their families. **THANK YOU** to everyone who offers himself or herself on our Special Needs Committee. Also, I would be remiss if I did not give an extra-special **THANK YOU** to Jane DeGirolamo who coordinates our Special Religious Education so lovingly, so expertly and so faithfully. Jane is doing an amazing job, and I, along with the entire parish, am extremely grateful for the offering of her time, gifts and talents in this way.

Census Coordinator

Some weeks ago I asked if anyone would be interested in coordinating the massive undertaking of the Parish Census that we will have to be doing in the near future. I was pleased to receive several responses from people all of whom were extremely qualified and generous. I am happy to report to you that Colleen Ullmer has graciously agreed to be our Census Coordinator, or, our "Census Czar," as I like to humorously refer to the job. Thank you, Colleen, for offering yourself in this undertaking. This will be a tremendous asset to this parish as a new and updated census will help us to minister to the people of OLPH in a more effective way. Colleen and I will begin meeting this month to discuss getting the project started; you will be hearing more about our OLPH Census over the course of this year.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Next Sunday we conclude the liturgical season of Christmas Time with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We will mark this special Feast in two ways. All Masses next weekend will begin with the Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water, as a way of remembering our own Baptism. Also, we have invited all families who have celebrated a Baptism at OLPH during 2013 to attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass so we can offer them a special blessing at that Mass; hospitality and refreshments for everyone will follow the Mass.

This event at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is one of several events throughout the year that are run by our Family Life Committee, under the direction of Debbie McDonough. Debbie and the committee members work very hard to cre-

ate many different events with a family focus that welcome both current and new parishioners and build up the communal life of the parish. I personally am very grateful for all they do. This occasion on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a perfect example of their ministry as OLPH is reaching out to keep contact with families of recently-baptized babies so that we might continue to support them in their important vocation as parents and keep them connected as much as possible to the life of the parish.

Happy New Year!

On this first weekend of the new calendar year, allow me to take this opportunity to wish everyone many, many graces and blessings in the year ahead. As I look back on the blessings I have been given over the past year, I certainly count being able to serve as your Pastor as among the top blessings for which I am extremely grateful. I promise to continue to serve you as best as I can, and to continue to work with the Pastoral Staff, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and all the heads and leaders of our many ministries, societies and organizations so that TOGETHER we will continue to build this new and revitalized spirit and energy we find at OLPH. There are many initiatives we have on the drawing board to begin in the year ahead: our parish census, mentioned above; following up on the Membership Engagement Survey we took in October; we need to continue to enhance our liturgical celebrations, particularly with weddings and baptisms on the agenda; and, most of all, we want to continue to build up our UNITY AS ONE PARISH, not as isolated or individual ministries or endeavors, so that TOGETHER we are giving witness to Christ as members of His one Body.

Happy New Year!

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

"We should make a great effort to learn the following lesson, also taught by Christ: Learn from me because I am gentle and humble of heart."

— St. Vincent de Paul

Food Pantry Shopping List

- Shelf Stable Milk
- Canned Fruit
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Pasta Sauce
- Small Packages of Rice
- Canned Meats
- Pork Beans/Baked Beans
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Soaps and Shampoos

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

Coming soon

OLPH SENIOR MOMENTS

Beginning in
February/March 2014!



Aging is not "lost youth," but a new stage of opportunity and strength.

Avail yourself of the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and with our parish community. Each time this group meets there will be times for formation, spiritual growth, friendship and community building.

Follow the bulletin for more information about Senior Moments at OLPH!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the "New" School Building

Use Parking Lot on corner of Gates and High Streets

Our NEW phone # 631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 A.M. —12 Noon

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.

Saint Bernard League

(Saint Bernards are known for bringing people to safety in hazardous weather conditions!)

We need Saint Ber- nards!

Can you and/or your family shovel, snow blow or clear out another family or two in need within our parish community? We have two requests—one on Linton Avenue and one on 49th Street—that need to be filled.



If you can help with this, please contact the Consi Family, our program administrators, by leaving a message at the Parish Office (631.226.7725) or with Fr. John (jsureau@olph.org).

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry: Brittany Marie Evans (olph.yfia@gmail.com)

Youth Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau (jsureau@oloph.org)

Catholic Youth Organization: Mr. Phil Amico (olphcyophil@aol.com)

Boy Scouts: Mr. Tom Duffy (dduff2@msn.com)

K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia (happynicosias@yahoo.com)

K of C Squires: Ann Marie Perullo (amp1761@hotmail.com)

For High School Students....

YOUTH FAITH IN ACTION (YFIA)

Youth Faith in Action is our primary youth group for high school youth. Led by committed young adults and high school students, YFIA seeks to involve young people in every part of parish life and to create a safe and welcoming place for all high school students.

We generally gather on Sunday afternoons. Our next meeting is next Sunday, January 12th at 3:15 P.M.

**Present and new youth group members
are always welcome.
Come and bring a friend!**

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Thanks to all who have helped to plan and organize the lighting of our parish for Christmas. OLPH truly shines this Christmas! But what goes up, must come down!



Do you want to help?

We are in need of offerers to help with this on
Next Sunday,

January 12, 2014 -12 Noon

If you are able to help, please call
Jean Gustavson at 613.225.1273 or
e-mail to jmgustav@gmail.com.

For Middle School Students...

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Come down to the Church for some fun and exciting activities for our parish's 6th, 7th and 8th graders!

January Meetings
Thursday, January 9, 2014
Tuesday, January 28, 2014
7:30—8:45 P.M.
Auditorium
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

**VIRTUS
TRAINING
HERE**
TUES., JANUARY 21
7 PM IN ROOM 1
TRAINING IS REQUIRED
FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS
IN ALL MINISTRIES.

Registration MUST be done online.

Simply go to drvc.org,
then Protecting God's Children
and to Virtus training schedule.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Te invita a alabar y glorificar a Dios todos los Jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería Comenzando con el Santo Rosario, únete a nosotros en oración por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

También todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino at (631) 885-3673.

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 email jsureau@drvc.org; en español Irma González 631 620-2401 or correo electrónico: lane-gra628@yahoo.com.

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Libro de Eclesiástico 24,1-2.8-12.

La primera lectura nos habla de la sabiduría Todo conocimiento y toda sabiduría viene de DIOS.

Carta de San Pablo a los Efesios 1,3-6.15-18.

Fuimos creados por Amor antes de todas las cosas y en Cristo hemos sido bendecidos con toda clase de vienes

Evangelio según San Juan 1,1-18.

Cristo era el verbo o la palabra Cristo era DIOS. Todo el evangelio de Juan trata de demostrar que Jesús es el Cristo prometido por las escrituras como el hijo de DIOS.

Staying Connected...

One way to pray for and support one another is through communication. Thanks to our Social Media Committee, OLPH will soon have a new website that will allow for more information sharing and communication.

We have started a Parish Facebook page....so "LIKE"

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,
Lindenhurst.

FAMILY LIFE

Upcoming Events...

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Family Life invites all families who had a baby baptized in 2013 for a special blessing. In honor of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, this blessing will take place

NEXT SUNDAY

January 12, 2014

9:30 a.m. Mass

Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass there will be a reception in the school cafeteria.

If you plan to attend the reception please contact us at olphfamilylife@aol.com or call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725

And...save the date!

MARDI GRAS



Tuesday,

March 4, 2014

Watch the bulletin for upcoming details!

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Children's Bulletins are available at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass. These special Children's Bulletins are handed out by children and families at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass, along with the regular bulletins handed out by the ushers.

We are in need of families to assist with distributing these bulletins. Can your family help? If so, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail olph-familylife@aol.com.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our next Adult Faith Formation Course begins soon...



CHRISTOLOGY

Who is Jesus Christ?

What do we know?

What does the Church teach us about Jesus?

How does this impact my prayer and my faith life?

Instructor

Fr. Ethel Anarado
Associate Pastor, OLPH

Classes to be held

THURSDAYS

January 9 + January 16

January 23 + January 30

February 6

Room 14 + OLPH School
7:30pm—9:30pm

To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org or complete the form

CHRISTOLOGY Sign Up

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____ @ _____

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Over the past two months, members of our parish community have come together to pray, learn about our Catholic faith and share life with each other. Led by the members of our RCIA team they are journeying closer and closer to the fullness of faith. Please continue to pray for them.

SPONSORS WANTED AND NEEDED!

We are looking for parishioners to serve as sponsors for our candidates and catechumens in the RCIA.

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* tells us, “A sponsor accompanies any candidate seeking admission as a catechumen. Sponsors are persons who have known and assisted the candidates and stand as witnesses to the candidates’ moral character, faith and intention.” (10).

A sponsor joins the RCIA process to assist a candidate or catechumen on his journey towards baptism or reception into the Catholic Church.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Soon we will be beginning classes in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are an adult who is baptized and has received first Holy Communion but has not been confirmed, please let us know.

Classes will begin in the next few weeks!

For more information, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, January 6, 2014:

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

Tuesday, January 7, 2014:

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

Wednesday, January 8, 2014:

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

Thursday, January 9, 2014:

1 John 4:19-5:4 + Luke 4:14-22a

Friday, January 10, 2014:

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

Saturday, January 11, 2014:

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

Sunday, January 12, 2014:

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 + Acts 10:34-38

+ Matthew 3:13-17

After reading next Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 3:13-17), take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.

1. Compare the baptism of Jesus with the visitation of the Magi. How are they both epiphanies? "This is my beloved son." Who were the recipients of this message? What did it mean to Jesus? What did it mean to the people who heard it? What does it mean to you?

2. Was the Trinity present at the baptism of Jesus? Do you think the Father and Holy Spirit were with Jesus throughout his entire earthly life even when he was on the cross?

How does that thought make you feel about God the Father and the Holy Spirit? Do you think they are with you even when you feel as though they are absolutely not?



MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin a new year the sound of the words "Merry Christmas" still invokes such smiles and excitement in us. There is something about a new born baby that brings feelings of warmth and hope. No wonder Jesus came as a baby. He wanted to get our attention and still does. Each year we once again are invited to look and see the baby in the manger. We need to let our hearts be touched and rejoice. A baby is non-threatening and if we let it, it can touch our hearts. Jesus wants to touch our hearts. He wants to heal our hurts and strengthen us. He wants to give us hope and a direction for our lives. Most of all Jesus wants to give us peace, that peace that surpasses all understanding.

I believe we all want that and at times we feel it, not as often as we would like. We get caught up in the everyday problems that surround us and forget Jesus is there with us. I have a hard time seeing Jesus in the problems and activities of my life. I need to trust Him more and remember all the times He has been there to help and guide me. It takes time and effort to see how Jesus has touched my life. I tended to think I did it all by myself. I forget the times He helped me avoid an accident or helped me find a lost item. Those are the small things, but what about the big ones, like the Holy Spirit guiding the doctors in the healing our son's infected hip and now fixing it with a replacement so he could win the family golf tournament.

A little story might help us open our hearts to the joy of Christmas. Take some time to read about the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple in the gospel of Luke, 2:21-24.

Isn't it true that it all depends on the way you look at things? If you have love, friends, health, good humor and a positive attitude towards life – you've got everything! You can't buy any of these things. You can have all the material possessions you can imagine, provisions for the future, etc., but if you are not poor of spirit, you have nothing.

Your sister in Christ,
Barbara Odin

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 631.226.7725

Religious Education: 631.226.2384

St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Outreach) :

631.226.7725 X 234

Parish Website:

www.olphlindenhurst.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 Mondays 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.

RITE OF 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 Deacon Doug or Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Doug or 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

Marie Foster

Greg Guido

Sonia Hansen

John Keller

Kimberly McPhail

Kevin Sabella

Christina Tatarata

James Totino

Pete Triolo

Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres

John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett

Deacon Tom Bast

Gerry Chille (Chair)

Ed Cirella

Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®

Bob Dobres

Bob Meade

John Reynolds

Deacon Don Stamm

Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker

Mark Costantino

Debbie McDonough

Barbara McPhail

Rosaleen Walters

Mike Williams

Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

Chris Ferraro

Deacon Doug Smith

Fr. John Sureau

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, January 6—

Christmas Weekday

(*Saint André Bessette, Religious*)

6:30	Rev. Anthony Trapani
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12:15	Adoracio Bolanos
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TUESDAY, January 7—

Christmas Weekday

(*Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest*)

6:30	Catherine A. Araujo
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12:15	Rev. Anthony Trapani
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WEDNESDAY, January 8—

Christmas Weekday

6:30	Joseph Fusco
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12:15	Mario Coiro
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THURSDAY, January 9—

Christmas Weekday

6:30	Mary Vezina
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12:15	Millie Eckert
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FRIDAY, January 10—

Christmas Weekday

6:30	Mary Vezina
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12:15	Ruth Brown
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SATURDAY, January 11—

Christmas Weekday

8:00	Gail Widro
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**Vigil Mass for
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

5:00	Christina Rose Renna
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**January 12
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

6:30	For the People of the Parish
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8:00	Holy Name Society
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9:30	Roco Versace
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11:00	P. Bray, M. Tucker & A. Paniccia
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12:30	Saverio John Delfino
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5:00	Dominic Capodiferro
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MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 6, 2014

7:00 P.M.	Novena	Church
7:15 P.M.	Religious Ed—Grade 7	School
7:30 P.M.	Baptismal Prep Class	Room 14
8:00 P.M.	Family Life Meeting	Sci. Room

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

5:30 P.M.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 P.M.	Community of Praise	Room 14
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

1:00 P.M.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
4:30 P.M.	Religious Ed— Grade 1	Auditorium & School
6:30 P.M.		
7:15 P.M.	Religious Ed—Grade 7	
7:30 P.M.	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:30 P.M.	Holy Name Society	Library

Thursday, January 9, 2014

4:00 P.M.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 14
5:30 P.M.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 P.M.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 P.M.	Middle School Youth Group	Auditorium
7:30 P.M.	Adult Faith Formation	Room 14
7:30 P.M.	CLW Homilists	St. Lucy Meeting Room
8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous NA	Room 24
8:00 P.M.	Mothers Prayer Group	Room 16

Saturday, January 11, 2014

8:30 A.M.	Rel. Ed. Grades 2-6	School Rooms as usual
10:00 A.M.		
11:30 A.M.		
10:00 A.M.	Special Ed	School
1:00 P.M.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, January 12, 2014

9:00 A.M.	Holy Name Society's Little Christmas Breakfast	Cafeteria
9:30 A.M.	Baptism Mass and Reception	Church/ Auditorium
12:00 P.M.	Christmas Lights Clean-up	Outside
12:30 P.M.	RCIA	Church
1:00 P.M.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
2:00 P.M.	Baptisms	Church
3:15 P.M.	Youth Ministry	Cafeteria
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

MASS MEMORIALS

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BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Time:

Vincent Fricia & Michele Mordocco (Both OLPH)

Robert Rollins
& Tammy Lynn Torino (Both OLPH)

WE REMEMBER

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

Frank Riccio
Julia Weckerle
Grace Ippolito

"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."

Liturgy of the Hours

EVENING PRAYER

At Evening Prayer, we give thanks for the day just past and make an evening sacrifice of praise to God (see Psalm 141:1). Join our parish for the celebration of Evening Prayer on **Saturday and Sunday evenings** at approximately **6:15 P.M.** (after the 5 P.M. Evening Mass).

WE BELIEVE

*The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? - Psalm 27*

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Joan Weremeichek
Ann Marie Nuss
Dorothy Vogt
Mary Armbruster
William Delena
John Manning
Joan Woelfel
George Walters
Baby Liam Michael Snow
Vincent Malito
Salvatore Cicala
Herb Otten
Bernard Celestine
Patricia O'Shea
Dennis McHugh

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.

As has been our practice, after the fourth week, the name will be removed from the sick list in the bulletin. If you wish to have your name or the name of a loved one to remain in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office to let us know.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK AT MASS

We pray for the sick by name during the Universal Prayer at Mass. Any name requested to be listed in the bulletin will be announced for the first week only at Mass and will remain in the bulletin for the following three weeks.



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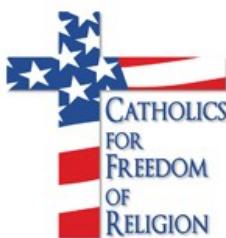
December 21/22, 2013

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$3,368.00	170	452
6:30 A.M.	1,138.00	34	111
8:00 A.M.	2,535.00	108	251
9:30 A.M.	2,204.00	103	353
11:00 A.M.	2,649.00	117	414
12:30 P.M.	2,609.00	199	363
5:00 P.M.	1,614.00	41	270
Total coin:	29.76		
Mail-ins:	137.00		
Children's env.	137.50	27	
Faith Direct	2,267.50		
TOTAL	\$18,688.76	799	2,214
2012 Totals	\$18,328.00	683	2,308

December 28/29, 2013

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	3,156.00	135	418
6:30 A.M.	972.00	32	90
8:00 A.M.	2,157.00	97	206
9:30 A.M.	1,818.50	94	274
11:00 A.M.	2,814.00	134	367
12:30 P.M.	2,217.00	74	358
5:00 P.M.	1,480.00	30	207
Total coin:	21.13		
Mail-ins:	25.00		
Children's Env.	76.12	23	
Faith Direct	2,267.50		
TOTAL	\$17,004.25	596	1920
2012 Totals	\$16,232.50	472	2308

Catholics for the Freedom of Religion



An important victory was won recently today for religious freedom. In a well-reasoned decision, Judge Brian Cogan of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York issued a permanent injunction barring the enforcement of the HHS Mandate against Catholic agencies in the Archdiocese.

This is not the final stroke of victory against this iniquitous and repressive mandate, as we might hope. But as Winston Churchill once said, "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

The key element in Judge Cogan's finding was his specific rejection of the Administration's minimalistic approach to religious liberty. The Administration continues to operate on the view that religion is a private matter. It apparently believes that any time a person or organization steps into the public square in any way, they leave their religious freedom behind, and can be compelled to conform their every action to secularist rules of behavior and thought.

Judge Cogan rejected that view. He rightly found that the HHS Mandate improperly requires church agencies to perform acts that are directly contrary to our Catholic faith — by forcing them to affirmatively endorse and facilitate access to abortion, contraception and sterilization, under penalty of ruinous fines.

This is a very important point, and one that should be axiomatic to anyone who believes in ordered liberty. If religious freedom means anything, it means that the government can't force people to do things that they believe God has forbidden. For people of faith, there is a hierarchy of authority, and it is unjust for the government to try to arrogate to itself the ultimate authority over people's consciences. Coercion on matters of conscience are a gross violation of human rights.

Pope Francis has made this point forcefully in [Evangelii Gaudium](#), saying

“A healthy pluralism, one which genuinely respects differences and values them as such, does not entail privatizing religions in an attempt to reduce them to the quiet obscurity of the individual’s conscience or to relegate them to the enclosed precincts of churches, synagogues or mosques. This would represent, in effect, a new form of discrimination and authoritarianism.” (255)

This fundamental principle underlies Judge Cogan's well-reasoned decision. At some point, one hopes that the Administration will awaken, and recall that there are necessary limits on state power, if a nation, and its people, are to be truly free.

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- ◆ **Have you suffered a loss of a baby** through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or infancy? We invite you to join us for a time of sharing and mutual support with others of similar losses. The **Parish of Saint Mary**, East Islip, **Bereavement Ministry** will begin an open support group every second Monday of the month, starting Monday, **January 13, 2014** from 7:30—9PM. For information/registration please call 631-581-4200 X 100. Grandparents welcome!
- ◆ **Bereavement Support Group:** The Parish of St. Mary, East Islip, is offering an 8-week bereavement support group to help cope with the death of a loved one. The group will begin on Weds., **Jan. 15** from 1-3PM. Registration is required. Please call 631-581-4200 X 100. *(In order to participate in this group the death must have occurred prior to Oct. 15)*
- ◆ **Our Lady of Lourdes School** in West Islip is now registering for the 2014-2015 school year. We will have an Open House on Sunday, January 26 from 10:45 AM—1:00PM and also Monday through Friday Jan. 27-31 from 9-11 AM. See our web site at www.ollschoo.org or call 631-587-7200 X 100.
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