

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
in the days of King Herod, behold,
magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?”*

Matthew 2:1-2a

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8, 2017

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Mr. Martin Kenny

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

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

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

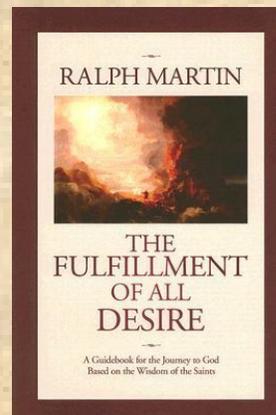
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2017 ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES START

Spirituality: Fulfilling Our Deepest Desires: Growing Closer to God

In this world, every person is on a journey. As Christians, we believe we are either journeying toward the beatific vision or we are on a path that is separation from God. Through the centuries, those who have traversed the path to holiness successfully have offered wisdom and counsel to others through their public and private writing. In this survey course, we will review the writings of four Doctors of the Church: St. Theresa of Avila, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. John of the Cross and St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

Content of the course will be drawn from Ralph Martin's *The Fulfillment of All Desire*, available from Emmaus Road Publishing. (You do not need to buy the book in order to take the course.)



Thursdays: January 19, 26, February 2, 9 & 16

Instructor: Deacon Robert Becker

Time: 7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Place: Room 18

To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 X 200, e-mail to rabecker@optonline.net or return the form.

Yes, please, sign me up!

Spirituality: Fulfilling Our Deepest Desires: Growing Closer to God

Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

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

MARCH FOR LIFE



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Friday,

January 27, 2017

This year we have a MUCH BETTER chance to save those innocent little lives...

Once again, we are blessed that Msgr. Joe has allowed us to hire a bus to take us to the March.

There will be Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual

Help at 5:00 a.m. and the bus will leave immediately after.

A "free will" offering is requested to offset the cost of the bus. If interested, please call Kathy of the Respect Life Committee at 631-225-9864.



PASTOR'S PAGE

Solemnity of the Epiphany

With today's Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate that the child born in the darkness of night in a lowly manger is revealed as the manifestation ("epiphany") of God. Christ is revealed in many different ways, among them as Lord, as King, and as the One in whom God is present and acting. All of these manifestations are "lights" that shine on Christ, revealing a deeper understanding of who He is. All the readings for the Mass of this day reveal, in a way, a different manifestation of who Christ is for all who believe. Traditionally, the visit of the Magi takes center stage in the Gospel reading assigned for this day.

The meaning of this Solemnity is summed up well in the Preface assigned for Mass for the Epiphany (the Preface is the beginning section of the Eucharistic Prayer, which comes after the Introductory Dialogue, but before the Holy, Holy): *"For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature."* Those words capture for us the meaning of Christmas, and of all the liturgical celebrations, including the Epiphany, that occur during Christmas Time: that because God became human, because the Word became flesh, human nature — you and I — have been made new because we have been made sharers in the divine! What a powerful, yet challenging, spiritual reflection that is for us to ponder!

The ancient Epiphany Proclamation which is chanted at all the Masses this weekend reminds us of how the mystery of the Lord's Paschal Mystery is manifested for us in time throughout the upcoming liturgical year. What a beautiful ancient custom this is! Epiphany is traditionally the occasion for families to bless their home, so I hope you will take advantage of the resources we have made available for you this weekend: we have special cards for you to take home and post in your house, which are available throughout the church, and we have a special prayer service for blessing your home for you to use with your family. Please be sure to mark this day as a day of blessing in your domestic church.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

This Monday, January 9, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It's one of the oddities of the liturgical calendar that occurs every so often that this year the feast falls on a Monday instead of a Sunday. Yet, the feast day is no less important in our liturgical life as a day that is vitally so much a part of the liturgical season of Christmas Time. It is with the Feast of the

Baptism of the Lord that the liturgical season of Christmas Time comes to a close.

The feast proclaims to us what is known as a "theophany," *i.e.*, a revelation or manifestation of God in our midst. In this particular case, what is revealed is the divine Sonship of Jesus as, after His baptism, according to Matthew's Gospel, heaven is opened and the Holy Spirit descends upon Him "like a dove." As the voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," Jesus is anointed and appointed to His Messianic office, and His public ministry commences.

As baptized Christians, we should always remember that our baptism elevates us to the status of sons and daughters of God and gives us a share in Christ's mission, that of bringing the Good News to the poor. So, on the feast day on Monday, we should all take a few moments to ponder the richness and depth of what it means to be baptized; take an extra moment to recall your baptism the next time you sign yourself with holy water "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Return to Ordinary Time

As of this Tuesday, January 10, the Church returns to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, when the entire Paschal Mystery in general occupies our attention, instead of celebrating that mystery through a particular lens or focus. This section of Ordinary Time will encompass seven Sundays and will go until March 1, which is the date of Ash Wednesday this year.

These winter weeks of Ordinary Time can be a great opportunity for us to deepen our response to the Lord's invitation to follow Him. Discipleship must center on our willingness to journey with Jesus, the Messiah who heals, who casts out demons, who feeds the hungry and who eats with tax collectors, sinners and outcasts. Do we manifest that we are indeed His followers by the ways we bring healing to those who are hurt, build up goodness instead of evil, feed the hungry and welcome those who are on the margins? Those are the activities of Christian life that we are called to put into concrete practice as disciples.

Taking down the Christmas decorations

Since we are returning to Ordinary Time, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations on this Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00 p.m. Why not come down to help us? We had a fantastic turnout to help us put the decorations up, and everything went quickly and smoothly; we'd love to have the same thing happen for taking them down! Please come by and

offer some time with us; it would be greatly appreciated.

“Thank You” for our great Christmas liturgies!

As Christmas Time draws to a close, I must offer words of sincere **THANKS AND GRATITUDE** to all — to so, so many people — who came together in various ways to make our celebration of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and all the days of Christmas Time so reverent, so holy, so inspiring and so uplifting. Thanks go to those who worked in obvious roles, and thanks go to those who worked behind the scenes. To those who decorated the church (and who will help in taking down the decorations) and who maintained our Christmas flowers; to those who served in liturgical ministries as readers, EMs, servers, ushers, sacristans; to our liturgical music ministers who always help us to pray so well through their talent and their gifts; to our maintenance crew who helped decorate, who kept things clean and orderly, and kept mechanical things running smoothly; to all who came to pray and worship and offer the gift of their presence; to all who were so generous with their financial offerings; and, with my apologies, to anyone I may be neglecting to mention in particular: I offer a very deep and heartfelt **THANK YOU** for making OLPH “the place to be” this Christmas Time. Christmas reminds us that when we see Christ, we are caught up in love of the God we cannot see; we must also remember it’s also true that when we see gifts and offerings and love made manifest in one another, we are also getting caught up in visible expressions of God’s love for us.

“Thank You” for the Christmas gifts and goodies!

In addition, Fr. Fidelis, Fr. Frank and I offer our thanks and gratitude to all of you who sent gifts to the rectory for us—goodies, libations and spirits, and other gifts for us personally and for the rectory. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness and you make us feel very loved and appreciated. While we cannot thank everyone individually, please know of our gratitude and prayers for you.

I personally have one favor to ask: next year, if you are going to send goodies, please also remember to send along the magic secret to eating them without gaining weight. I don’t seem to have conquered that particular challenge yet, so I would appreciate someone instructing me on how to accomplish that!

“Thank You” for your Christmas generosity to the poor!

I must also take a moment to acknowledge your abundant generosity in helping the poor and needy this past Christmas season, especially through our Advent Giving Tree. We published an acknowledgement in the bulletin a few weeks ago, but I think

another mention of it is in order since the response was so impressive. Please know that many of the poor and homeless in our area were and will continue to be served and taken care of throughout the winter, through St. Vincent de Paul, through our Van Ministry to the Homeless, and through our Community Meal, because of your generosity, to say nothing of the other charities and organizations we supported this year. Your generosity is yet another reason why OLPH is “the place to be!”

Brick Memorialization, and “Thank You” to Joe Artusa

Since it is an important fund raiser for us, I ask you to keep in mind our ongoing memorialization of the bricks along the walkway to the Blessed Mother on the rectory front lawn. If you have not already done so, please memorialize a brick; if you have already done so, why not consider memorializing another one? There’s no reason why you cannot have more than one! The first set has been installed, and we will offer a blessing of all the bricks in a few months, during the springtime, after this second set has been installed.

At this time I want to offer a word of deep thanks and appreciation to Joe Artusa, who so generously donated the installation of the first set of bricks. Joe is always extremely generous to the parish with his time and talent for masonry work, and the first set of engraved bricks was just the most recent example of this. I hope you have seen the bricks and what a great job Joe did. Thank you, Joe, for this tremendous offering to OLPH, which is a big help to us, and for all you do for the parish and your fellow parishioners!

Second celebration of First Penance next weekend

On a final note, we celebrated First Penance with the first group of children this weekend, and this coming Saturday, January 14, will be the second celebration for the remainder of the children. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers this week as our parish celebrates First Penance.

In conclusion...

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

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

Sincerely,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer 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.

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*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 always
over us all. AMEN*

Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!

(Pope Saint John XXIII)

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

Monday, January 9—7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 16—

Cancelled due to the

Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Monday, January 23—7:00 p.m.

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

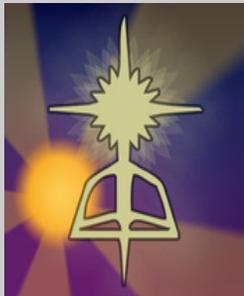


If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

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

COMMUNITY OF PRAISE

The Community of Praise is a welcoming group of parishioners committed to living in the Holy Spirit. We meet each week to praise God in song, pray with each other, study Scriptures, and support each other on our journey of faith. We support the parish by our prayers, by joining with other parish groups for special projects, and by offering the Life in the Spirit Seminar. All are welcome to come and pray and praise with us, just once every week. We meet in Room 16 of the school every Tuesday night from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.



PERPETUAL HELP MASS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017
12:00 P.M. MASS**

Leonard Vicciardo	Requested by Mary Vicciardo
Rose Formisano	Requested by Robert Suschinsky
Marion Corona	Requested by Carmine & Ania Corebello
John Sureau, Sr.	Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Afanasewicz
John Sureau, Sr.	Requested by Anthony Trocchio
Guirline Ducheine (Living)	Requested by Guirline Ducheine
William Herson	Requested by Lee & Debbie Bliss
Edward Conte	Requested by Mildred Murano & Judy Williams
Norberto Hernandez	Requested by Sonia Cruz

SPECIAL CARDS FOR THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF YOUR HOME

It is traditional for families to bless their home on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, today, **Sunday, January 8, 2017**. On page 8 we have special information about blessing your home on Epiphany and have available special cards which may be used in the blessing and placed above your doorway, to remain there for the entire upcoming year. Please look for these special cards throughout the church.



The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

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.



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

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

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

On the fourth day of June the feast of Pentecost.

On the eighteenth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

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

BLESSING OF THE HOME

Blessing of the Home and Household on the Epiphany

Use this ritual to bless your home on the Feast of Epiphany, January 8, 2017

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

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

All respond: Blessed be God forever.

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

Then someone proclaims the Scripture reading:

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The intercessions are then said:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All respond: Amen.

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

20 + C + M + B + 17

The letters represent the Magi, traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar; the "20" and "17" represent the year, signifying the timeless God; each cross marks a point of the compass, or "all the nations."

MUSIC NOTES



Have you unpacked all your gifts?

Perhaps God is calling you this Christmas season to become a part of the music ministry at OLPH. If so, read below to see which ensemble might suit your gifts. Perhaps one of your spiritual gifts has not yet been opened. Pray about it and then give a call.

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at the 12:00 p.m. Mass most Sundays (September to June) and for other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the church. Members are high school aged or older. Reading music is not a requirement, just a desire to praise God in song and the ability to carry a tune. Please call in advance if you are interested in joining or would like more information.

Contact:
Chris Ferraro
(631) 226-7725, ext. 210
cferraro@oloph.org



Youth Choir

The Youth Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. Mass three times a month (September to June) and at other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the school building. Members are in grades 3 through 12.

Contact:
Amy Keller
mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com



Youth Band!

Members of the Youth Band lead the music at the Sunday night 5:00 p.m. Mass twice a month. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings. The band needs young musicians: piano, flute, cello preferred. Try-outs are required.

Contact:
Dan Volpe
(917) 468-9584



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

NEW CATHOLICS WANTED and NEEDED!

What about you?

Do you want to be baptized?

Are you already baptized in another Christian church and want to become Catholic?

What are you waiting for?

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



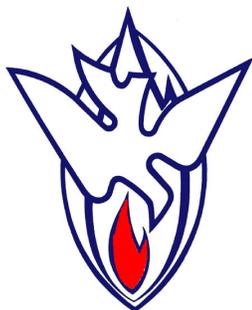
We offer a beautiful and life-giving process to join the Catholic Church and would love for you to be a part of it! You will join with other women and men interested in becoming part of the Catholic faith. Together, led by members of our parish community, you will discover God's call for you!

We are hoping to form a new group of those interested in joining the Catholic Church. **We need you to reach out and invite someone you know who might be considering this and have them contact us here at OLPH!**

Would you like to share your faith with those discerning God's call in their own hearts? To accompany another in this process not only aids those in this process of formation but transforms you as well. For more information about adult process, contact Alice White at 631-805-2133 or e-mail to: Alicem9@icloud.com. For information about becoming part of our children's process, contact Jo-Ann Domanico at 631-884-5245 or email to lax1618@yahoo.com.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION



Are you an adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?

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

For adults who desire more information, contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net For teenagers and their families who desire more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631.226.7725, x.251 or e-mail to religiously@oloph.org.

DRVC OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



The Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Faith Formation
is offering
Liturgy I

Fundamentals and Basic Principles of Liturgy

(Pre-Requisite: Basic Course in Liturgy)

Location: **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**

210 S. Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Presenters: **Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, D.Min.**

Dates: **February 2, 7, 9, 16, 21, 2017 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Cost: **\$40.00 per person**

Learn more & Register Online

www.drvc-faith.org

If you have any questions contact Marie Ventimiglia at 516-678-5800 ext. 505

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
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 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Today the Church celebrates the coming of the Magi, wise men who paid homage to Christ.

Penance Rehearsal & Ceremony: Sessions I & III

Please note that Level 2, Group B (Sessions I and III) has penance rehearsal on Monday, January 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the church. First Penance will take place on January 14th at 11:00 a.m. (instead of class).

Level 6 Parents: Chastity Parent Meeting Wednesday, January 18th at 5:30 p.m.

At least one parent per child should attend this important meeting. More information was sent in an email. Please feel free to contact us with questions!

Midterm Information

Level 6-7 Midterms: 1/11

Level 3-5 Midterms: 1/14

Level 8 Midterms: 1/23 (A) & 1/30 (B)

All families will be sent an email/letter reminding that midterms are coming up.

Text messages and Facebook posts will also be sent.

New Student Registration

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

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

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

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

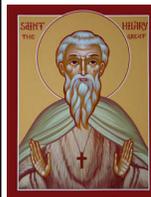
Thursday, Feb. 16th: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17th: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

St. Hilary was exiled for speaking out against heresy (promoting false teachings of the Church). He devoted his life to learning and writing as much as he could about the faith and telling everyone the truth, especially about the Trinity. He used his own hymns to spread the true teachings of the Church.

St. Hilary, pray for us!

Level 8: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

A reminder that there will be NO CLASS on January 16th due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This applies to Level 8 only.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cfr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

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

*Please bring your donations to the St. VdP office:
Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon
or 1st & 3rd Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. or drop off
on the sanctuary steps in the church.*

**Thank you for your continued generosity.
Cut out this list and take it to the store!**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

**Use Parking Lot located
on corner of Gates & High Streets**

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

1st & 3rd Saturdays: 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

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.

† **A LIVING MEMORIAL**

THANK YOU!!!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program.

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M—W—F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for further information.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *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

We are in need of the following items:

Wash cloths

Men's underwear – L, XL

hoodies - M, L, XL

sweat tops - M, L, XL

sweat pants - M, L, XL

sneakers - 10, 11, 12, 13

socks

Toiletries:

Lotion not more than 1 oz.

Soaps – travel size - not larger than 3 oz.

Shampoo – travel size – not larger than 3 oz.

Toothpaste – small – not larger than 3 oz.

Toothbrushes

Small packs of tissues

Granola bars

Cup-of-soup

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

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

MIDDLE AGES

Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?

Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?

**Our next gathering is Tuesday, January 17
7:00 p.m. in Room 24**

Finalize Super Bowl Party details for the Veterans in Yaphank. Football party dishes of all kinds are needed and greatly appreciated. Food will be collected after the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, February 5th.



Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449
or gtonness@optonline.net

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting will be on

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 a.m. in Room 24

BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE

BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!



Leather jackets, wool coats, vests, fleeces, scarves, hats and more! Everything you need to stay warm this winter, available at **CRAZY** low prices at The Blue Door Boutique.

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*blue*door
BOUTIQUE

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

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

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



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

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

*Our next Community Meal is Sunday, January 15
Come and pray with us at the 12:00 p.m. Mass then join us for "Sunday Dinner" in the school cafeteria at 1:00 p.m.*

OLPH NURSING MINISTRY BLOOD DRIVE



OLPH BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 29, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In School Building—High Street Entrance

Your donation will help to **save up to THREE lives.**

Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!

ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE A COUPON
FOR A FREE LARGE SANDWICH OR SALAD AT MCDONALDS

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring your Blood Donor Card or ID with signature or photo
- Minimum weight 110 lbs. or more
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months
- Age 16 – 75 (16 & 17 year olds must have parental permission).

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900
www.nybc.org.

For more information please contact Regina Muir (631) 223-5327



WE NEED MORE SAINT BERNARDS

Saint Bernard League

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

If you are someone in need of help when it snows, members of our parish community will come to your home and shovel you out! If you think you can use the help, please contact us as soon as possible by leaving a message in the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or by e-mailing to stbernardleague@oloph.org. It is important you do not wait until the first snow storm to contact us!

We need Saint Bernards!

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

We'd love to have all families matched up before the first snow of the season. If you can help with this, call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 and leave a message or e-mail to stbernardleague@oloph.org. This is a great way to help those in need (do some tremendous community service!) **The parish's Confirmation prep students can use this for service hours needed as well.**



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRIES

PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Prison Families Anonymous, a project of FECS Health and Human Services System, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system.

At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.



Prison Families Anonymous (PFA)

Life becomes more difficult and stressful for family and friends when a loved one becomes incarcerated. Relationships and responsibilities can become strained and the dynamics within the family often change dramatically.

The PFA Support Group provides a safe, non-judgmental place where those in similar situations can connect with each other. It provides compassion, support and information to family members during their very difficult times.

<p>The Prison Families Anonymous Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church 1843 Deer Park Avenue Deer Park, NY 11729 Northeast corner of Deer Park Avenue and Lake Ave Parking lot entrance on Lake Ave - Use rear door closest to parking lot</p>	<p>1st Tuesday of every month starting at 7:30 PM at the St. Anthony Hall across from St. Brigid's Church 75 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590 For more information, please contact: PFA at 631-943-0441 Email: pfa.longisland@gmail.com Website: www.pfa-li.com For additional information contact: 516-496-7550 631-943-0441 Barbara + 631-806-3903 Sue</p>
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CHANGE IN THE PARISH WEBSITE ADDRESS

Our parish website address has changed. It is now olphlindenhurst.com (it is no longer .org). All e-mail addresses remain unchanged; it is only the website address that is new.



Have you returned your new census form and updated your parish Registration information?

LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER IN HEALTH CARE FIELD?

Looking for a Career in the Health Field? Gain a Skills, Receive a Certificate in:

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EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

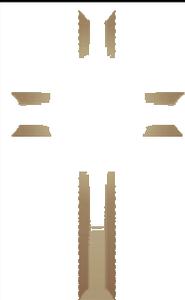
El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 PM en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico saitjoseph98@gmail.com

DRVC OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



TRAINING OF VOLUNTEERS IN THE MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Location: **Our Lady of Lourdes Church Parish Center**
455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY

Presenters: **James Spencer**, Senior VP for Mission and Ministry CHSLI

Caterina Mako, System Director of Pastoral Care and Education

Dates: **Saturdays, January 21st, February 4th & 11th, 2017**

Each session 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: **\$40.00 per person**

Learn more & Register Online www.drvc-faith.org

If you have any questions contact the Office of Faith Formation 516-678-5800 ext. 204

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For further information, contact:

Academic Office

440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE REMEMBER

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

*Frank Massa
Dorothy Shook
James F. Grant
Rosario Gerardi
Rosemarie Giglio*

“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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Ryan Deleana</i>	<i>Richard Kleczkowski</i>
<i>John Gallagher</i>	<i>Tara Hayes</i>
<i>Bunnie Rieger</i>	<i>Robert Fitzgerald</i>
<i>Reinhard Beresowski</i>	<i>Frances Ricci</i>
<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Alberta Zero</i>
<i>Peter Masak</i>	<i>Alan Gaffen</i>
<i>Herb Otten</i>	<i>Giugliano Salmi</i>
<i>Bernadette Sinnott</i>	<i>Ron Higgins</i>
<i>Marie Foster</i>	<i>Fran Higgins</i>
<i>Laurel Kurnides</i>	<i>Theresa Paolo</i>
<i>Geraldine Martin</i>	<i>Rosemary Curr</i>
<i>Eileen McCauley</i>	

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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



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

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.**

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

Did you know that the OLPH bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. **So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!**

If your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each week, nearly two thousand people attend Mass at OLPH, most of whom live and shop in the Lindenhurst area, receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of area families with information about your business.

For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call The Church Bulletin Company at 631.249.4994.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 9— The Baptism of the Lord

6:30 Kyleigh Hope Delfino

12:15 Kathy Worth

TUESDAY, January 10— Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

6:30 Peter Kyriacou

12:15 George Walters

WEDNESDAY, January 11— Weekday

6:30 Christina Rose Renna

12:15 George Walters

THURSDAY, January 12— Weekday

6:30 Rocco Versace

12:15 Ann & Albert Fry

FRIDAY, January 13— Weekday (Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

6:30 Helen Stouten

12:15 Joan Airoidi

SATURDAY, January 14— Weekday

8:00 George Walters

Vigil for SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 Antonetta Guglielmo

Sunday, January 15 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Peter Rice, Sr.

10:00 Rocco A. Pomatico

12:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of
the Christian Mother's & Guild

5:00 For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 9, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	First Penance Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

Tuesday, January 10, 2016

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Spanish Board Meeting	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, January 11, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary Business	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School

Thursday, January 12, 2016

1– 5 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	Room 12
8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible Camp Planning	Room 10
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, January 13, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Holy Name Poster Awards	Auditorium

Saturday, January 14, 2016

8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.	Levels 1-5 Classes	School
9:00 a.m.	Christmas Lighting Removal	Outside
11:00 a.m.	First Penance	Church
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Meeting	Cafeteria

Sunday, January 15, 2017

10:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:00 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Meeting	Cafeteria

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

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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
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April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Alice White at 631-805-2133 or e-mail at Alicem9@icloud.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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 John Reynolds

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 Ed Cirella
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 Bob Meade
 John Reynolds
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Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
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 Mike Williams

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

OFFERING UPDATE
December 31, 2016/January 1, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	395	239	\$4,770.00
8:00 a.m.	187	141	2,955.00
10:00 a.m.	303	164	3,645.00
12:00 pm.	469	122	4,765.00
5:00 p.m.	200	53	1,679.00
Total coin:			21.56
Mail-ins:			360.00
Children's Env.			29.41
Faith Direct			2,054.50
TOTAL	1,554	719	\$20,279.47
Candles			\$1,150.74
Poor Box			\$240.74

HELP WANTED!



HELP TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS!

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on *Tuesday, January 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the church.* We could use as many helpers as possible to make the job go quickly and easily. Just come on down and lend a hand!



The IRA Charitable Rollover is back and is now permanent!

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

If...

- **You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift.**
- **Your IRA is a traditional or Roth.**
- **You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions.**
- **You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).**

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

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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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, January 15, 2017—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”* John 1:29

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is from the second of four poems in the Book of Isaiah about an unnamed “Servant of the Lord.” Whether the Servant is an individual or the community of Israel itself is not always clear. In the early Church and throughout Christian tradition these poems have been applied to Christ. But perhaps more important than the identity of this Servant is the description of his mission. The poem most likely dates from the end of the time when the Jews were held in captivity in Babylon and the Servant appears as God’s obedient instrument to restore his people to their homeland. If they are to be truly restored, they must live out their calling as servants themselves who wholeheartedly worship the Holy One of Israel alone. Further, the people also have a mission: to make the one true God known to all peoples, to be “a light to the nations,” so that God’s salvation “may reach to the ends of the earth.” May this also be our mission today!

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Some things in this very short reading might easily be missed as it seems just to be the opening greeting of a letter Paul wrote to the Christian community at Corinth in Greece. For example, Paul addresses his hearers (for the letter would be read aloud in the assembly) as the “church of God that is in Corinth.” Word had reached Paul that there were various factions in the Corinthian church that threatened to break the church apart. Later on in the letter, Paul will address these factions and their causes quite sternly. But from the outset Paul sets a tone that says there should be but one church, one assembly of believers who have been “sanctified in Christ Jesus” and are “called to be holy.” As such, any divisions are unworthy of such a church. His message should resonate to all churches through the ages including ours.

John 1:29-34

Last Sunday we heard how Jesus was made manifest to all the nations when the Gentile magi came to worship him. Today we hear how John the Baptist makes Jesus known to his Jewish contemporaries. John clearly states that Jesus “ranks ahead of me,” as if to tell those who thought John might be the Messiah to look to Jesus. John’s only role in baptizing Jesus is to make him known to all Israel as the Lamb of God, the new Passover bringing deliverance to God’s people. In doing so, Jesus acts in God’s Spirit, like the Servant of the first reading today, to baptize believers in God’s Spirit. Finally, John makes Jesus known as the Son of God, the divine Word made flesh. John has much to say about Jesus to the Jews of the time and to us today.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 9, 2017:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 + Matthew 3:13-17

Tuesday, January 10, 2017:

Hebrews 2:5-12 + Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 11, 2017:

Hebrews 2:14-18 + Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 12, 2017:

Hebrews 3:7-14 + Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 13, 2017:

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 + Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 14, 2017:

Hebrews 4:12-16 + Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 15, 2017:

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
+ 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
+ John 1:29-34

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday’s Gospel take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,” the Baptist says. “I did not know him.” Why did he identify an ordinary-seeming human being in this way? After this, what happened to John’s baptism with water?

2. Why was John so certain about Jesus when he said, “Behold the Lamb of God”? Was John watching for the Spirit? Do you watch for the Spirit in your life? Can you find and trust this Spirit of God?



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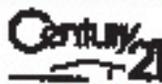
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