

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.”

Luke 18:7-8a

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 16, 2016

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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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.

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

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

(unless otherwise announced)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On the Feast of St Francis, Tuesday October 4th, OLPH parishioners and their beloved pets gathered for a prayer service and traditional blessing of the animals. Please enjoy these photos of the joyful afternoon!



PASTOR'S PAGE

Election, Voting and Faithful Citizenship

As Election Day draws near, it is imperative that we Catholics become informed about the positions of each candidate and assess those positions in light of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Our consciences must be well formed so that we each cast our vote for the candidate we truthfully feel will be the best choice to enact policies in line with the values of the Church and her mission. Issues such as the respect and protection of life at all stages, the protection of religious freedom, the common good of all in society and not just of special interest groups, and outreach to the poor and needy are some examples of the major issues for Catholic voters. There is no perfect candidate; there is no 100% clear choice. That's where our vote must be informed by a thorough study of the candidates and issues, and a good amount of prayer. Please do not cop out and avoid voting; I personally do not believe that is a good solution.

To assist you in your discernment, we are publishing in the bulletin this week and next some information from the United States Bishops on the topic of "Faithful Citizenship." Please become informed, pray about your choice, and exercise your right to vote, a right that we must never take for granted.

Ministries Working Together

I want to highlight an aspect of our parish life which we have continually (and, I think, successfully) tried to improve upon, and that is the way that all our ministries and organizations work together for the good of the entire parish. Many times parishes fall into the trap of having individual "kingdoms," with groups and ministries seeing themselves as independent units, not understanding their relationship to the whole. I am pleased and proud to say that over the past four years we have worked hard at making sure this does not happen at OLPH, and we have encouraged ministries to work together.

If you belong to a ministry or organization, and especially if you are the head of one, please think about and discuss how you can invite members from other ministries to assist you and join in your activities. Inviting others to your events and pitching in to work together on parish projects are ways that our unity is built up; all it takes is a little awareness and foresight. Let's all continue to work together to build up our common life in Christ!

Front Entrance Plaza

I am thrilled to announce that our renovation of the Wellwood Avenue entrance will commence this week. This is the project that I brought to the parish over a year ago, at a "town hall" meeting, to introduce to the

parish-at-large and to gauge your willingness and support of it; I had already consulted with the Pastoral Staff, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and the Liturgy Committee for their input and consensus. Among those who attended the parish meeting, there was unanimous support for the project, and some there offered to join a committee to steer the next steps. Over the intervening months, the committee met several times to offer guidance and input, and the project moved forward by seeking and obtaining the necessary permits from the Village of Lindenhurst. We are at the point now where we are ready to begin! Alleluia!

Remember that the purpose of this project is two-fold: accessibility and aesthetics. The two steps leading into the church at the Wellwood Avenue present a challenge to those with walkers, canes and wheelchairs. Therefore, we will "smooth out" the distance from our front door down to the sidewalk, which we can do at an ever-so-slight incline, because of the large distance, thus making that entrance handicapped accessible, and thus creating a more hospitable and welcoming environment. As a side benefit, this will also make bringing caskets into the church for funerals much easier. Second, we will create a more aesthetically-pleasing plaza-like effect which will enhance the overall beauty of our church right on Wellwood Avenue. A rendering of the new plaza is provided following this Pastor's Column.

In addition, I am beyond thrilled to announce that an extremely generous donation has been made to us specifically for this project, which, except for a few incidentals, completely pays for the project. Words cannot express how grateful I am to our generous benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous. **Thus, this is costing the parish essentially nothing.**

I know that, as with all renovation projects, there will be a fair amount of inconvenience. The Wellwood Avenue entrance will be unusable for a period of four to five weeks, and we appreciate your patience and understanding during that time.

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.

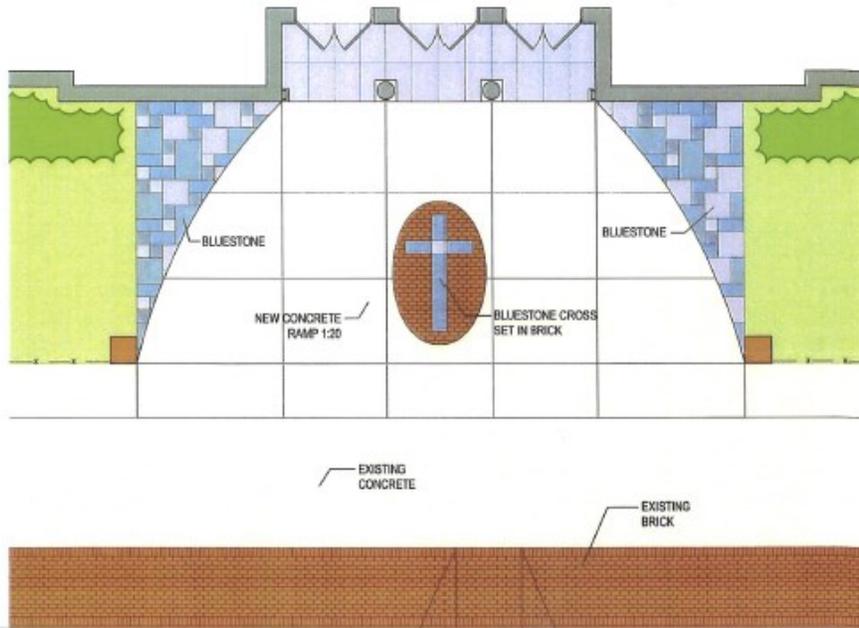
Sincerely,



WELLWOOD AVENUE ENTRANCE RENOVATION

Please see below the plans for renovation of the front entrance plaza. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we make our Church more beautiful and more handicap-accessible. **As a reminder, starting October 17th for a period of approximately four to six weeks you will need to use the side doors to enter the Church.** We apologize in advance for any inconvenience and believe this renovation will continue to make OLPH “the place to be!”

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP Proposal for Entry Plaza



Entry Plaza – Plan



Entry Plaza – Perspective

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died.

This year, we will again be preparing a special Altar of Remembrance in the Divine Mercy Chapel. **Beginning November 1st, you are invited to place a picture on the altar so that we may remember your loved ones and pray for each other.** Please limit the size of your photo (perhaps no larger than 4 x 6) so that there is room for everyone who wishes to participate. You may place the picture in a small frame. Please remember to write your name and phone number on the back of the picture.

Pictures may be dropped off at the rectory or at the sacristy. We ask that you pick up your picture no later than Wednesday, November 23, as our Altar of Remembrance will be ending shortly after that.

Special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance

7:30 Mass

Wednesday, November 2

We will celebrate a special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance on **All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m.** At this Mass we will pray by name for all who have died in our parish community over the past year. All families who have celebrated a funeral Mass at OLPH in the past year are being specially invited, and all parishioners, whether or not they have experienced a loss, are invited to come and join in prayer. Following the Mass, all are welcome for hospitality. Please consider participating in this Mass to join together in prayerful solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have lost a loved one in the past year.

All Souls Day Novena

All Souls Day Novena envelopes are now available throughout the Church. These envelopes are a meaningful way for you to have your deceased loved ones prayed for in the Novena of Masses for All Souls Day. Take an envelope, fill out the name of the deceased, and return the envelope with your donation. Envelopes may be returned either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Special Masses will be offered for nine (9) days for these intentions for the deceased.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD



Beginning November 1st, a special book will be placed in the Divine Mercy Chapel for members of our parish community to write down the names of loved ones who have died. The names in this book will be remembered at our Masses throughout the month of November.

(PLEASE NOTE: This is not the Book of Intentions and only the names of the deceased, without any intention, should be written in this book when it is placed in the Chapel.)

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MEETING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are reminded to attend ONE (1) of the meetings to be held on Monday, October 24, at 3:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. in the church. The meeting will include the opportunity for prayer and a discussion of important business items. All E.M.'s are expected to attend. Thank you.

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)



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

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 Labouré. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, October 17—7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 24—7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 31—7:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

All Saints Day

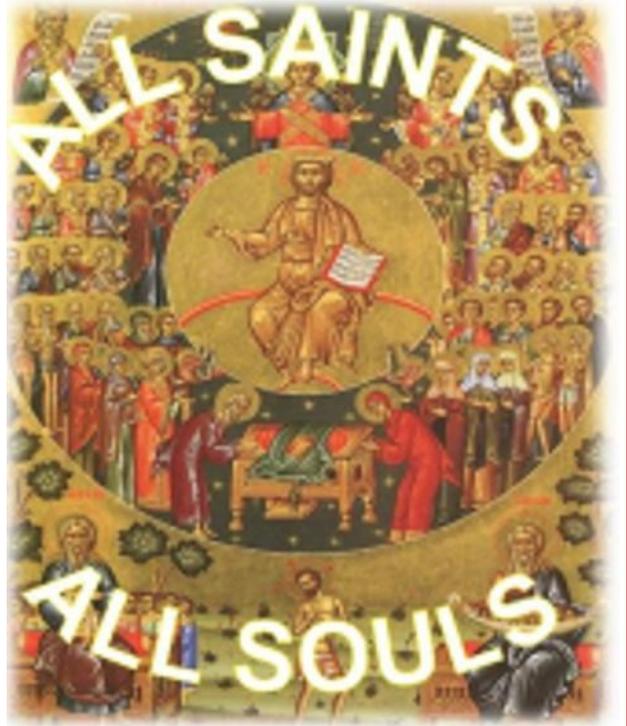
Tuesday, November 1
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass schedule:
6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

All Soul's Day

Wednesday, November 2

Mass schedule:
6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. &
7:30 p.m. (OLPH Mass of
Remembrance)



The Diocese of Rockville Centre

Golden Wedding Celebration



*Couples celebrating
50 years or more
will be honored at Mass.*

Sunday, November 6,
Christ the King, Commack
at 2:30 pm.

Registration forms are available at the rectory
and must be returned to the Office of Worship
by **October 21** for the November 6 liturgy.
For more info call: 516-678-5800 X 207.

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.



The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.



"If indeed 'the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,' the Church 'cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.'"¹ So writes Pope Francis, quoting Pope Benedict XVI.

Our nation faces many political challenges that demand well-informed moral choices:

- The ongoing destruction of a million innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The redefinition of marriage
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, harming the environment as well as the poor
- Deadly attacks on Christians and other religious minorities throughout the world
- Efforts to narrow the definition and exercise of religious freedom
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the needs of poor people, at home and abroad
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis
- Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.²

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who In the Church Should Participate In Political Life?

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to

human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?

In the words of Pope Francis, "progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as 'primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.'"³ The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a "consistent ethic of life" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 22).

Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God's creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.⁴

The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Every human being "must always be understood in his unrepeatable and inviolable uniqueness . . . This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person" (no. 131). The *Compendium* continues, "It is necessary to 'consider every neighbor without exception

as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity' (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 27). Every political, economic, social, scientific and cultural program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society.¹⁵

Subsidiarity

It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities—in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth.⁶ The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.⁷

The Common Good

The common good is comprised of “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.”⁸

Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if **human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met**. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by **respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers**. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all.

We have a duty to **care for God's creation**, which Pope Francis refers to in *Laudato Si'* as “our common home.”⁹ We all are called to be careful stewards of God's creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an “ecological debt” (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an “ecological conversion” (no. 219), by which “the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us].”¹⁰ Indeed, this concern with “natural ecology” is an indispensable part of

the broader “human ecology,” which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

Solidarity

Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are *all* really responsible *for all*.” It is found in “a commitment to the good of one's neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to ‘lose oneself’ for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to ‘serve him’ instead of oppressing him for one's own advantage.”¹¹

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the **preferential option for the poor and vulnerable**. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

Notes

- 1 *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 183.
- 2 This specific list of issues is taken from the Introductory Note to *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2015. For a fuller consideration, see the second document in this series, “The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship; Part II: Making Moral Choices and Applying Our Principles” (2016), and the full statement of the bishops’ *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2015.
- 3 *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 221.
- 4 These principles are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005), no. 160. For more information on these principles, see *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2016, nos. 40ff.
- 5 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 132. This summary represents only a few highlights from the fuller treatment of the human person in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. For the fuller treatment, see especially nos. 124-159 where many other important aspects of human dignity are treated.
- 6 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 185.
- 7 *Cicero*, no. 48; *Dignitatis Humanae*, nos. 4-6.
- 8 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 164.
- 9 *Laudato Si'*, no. 77.
- 10 *Laudato Si'*, nos. 219 and 217.
- 11 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27)

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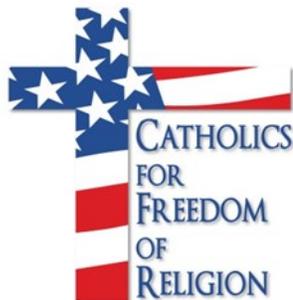
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CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



"The struggles that we face as a nation and as a global community cannot be addressed solely by choosing the 'best candidate' for political office. ...we must fast and pray."

USCCB (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: The USCCB offers important guidelines for Catholics in developing informed consciences in order that we, as Pope Francis has exhorted us, offer the best of ourselves so that our leaders can govern. The guidelines do not rely on the opinions of mass media in order to discern the truth. The Church teaches that there are, INDEED, absolute truths that stand in opposition to many of the relativisms so prevalent in today's mass culture, which question the very notion of finding the truth.

We are called to recognize that there is intrinsic evil and there is intrinsic good. There is intrinsic evil in abortion, euthanasia, human cloning, and misuse of human embryos. There is intrinsic good in marriage as the union of one man and one woman, in protecting human life from conception to natural death, in caring for the poor, the vulnerable and marginalized, and all that such care entails. In the process of forming conscience for the exercise of **faithful citizenship**, the guidelines remind us that we are making moral choices, and that we are bound to consider intrinsic evils, intrinsic goods and the prospects for correcting morally defective laws by seeking to restore justice.

In the summary of the United States bishops' reflection entitled, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, we are reminded of the following: **"Difficult political decisions require the exercise of a well-formed conscience aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection. Those who formulate law therefore have an obligation in conscience to work toward correcting morally defective laws, lest they be guilty of cooperating in evil and in sinning against the common good"** (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; Catholic Answers/Catholic.com)

In this time so critical to religious freedom and conscience rights, let us humble ourselves as we seek His face and pray: Almighty God, we pray for your mercy. Inform our consciences and enlighten our judgement, that we may choose those who will mercifully uphold life and work to restore justice to protect the least among us. Amen

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SQUIRES



*Knights of Columbus Knute
Rockne Circle 82 Presents
our...*

Annual Sweethearts Dance!

Friday, November 4th, 2016

American Legion Post 1120

80 Herbert Ave, Lindenhurst

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Tickets:

Adult: \$30

Child/Students (13 and under): \$15

Please contact Chief Counselor Tom Romano for Tickets:
(631) 561-7052

DJ, a buffet appealing to children & adults alike, lotto board,
Chinese auction, and refreshments will be present!

Please join us not only for a great time with friends, but for a good cause! The Sweethearts dance was designed to help a family with an ill child with financial relief. This particular event was a blast at our old event, and we are sure we will have just as much fun at our new home!

This year's dance will be for 5 yr. old Luke Carusillo with a Brain Tumor. Luke has a presence at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School as football Coach Carusillo's son. We know this child is worthy of the world and we as Squires are honored to host our 2016 dance for him!



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OFFICE HOURS:

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Level 5: Parent Meeting and Open House

Saturday, October 22nd (all Sessions)

Parents, please proceed to the auditorium. Students, please report to your classrooms.



Level 8: Parent Meeting on Morality

Monday, October 24th, 7:15 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Level 6: Parent Meeting on Scripture

Wednesday, October 26th, 5:30 — 6:30 p.m.



Please refer to our Parent/Catechist Handbooks for all calendars, or check our website at olphlindenhurst.org. Religious Education is also on Facebook!

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 Rita Pugh at 631.991.7680 or e-mail to: ritapugh351@yahoo.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.

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 religioused@oloph.org.



OLPH YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

There is such a great need for service in the life of our parish and often a huge number of young people who want to help those in need. The Service Corps is one way to make this connection.

Last year, over 100 middle and high school teens and college young adults assisted on projects ranging from the Community Meal to Vacation Bible Camp to the St. Bernard League, and assisting parishioners in need and more!

Here's how it works:

ANY middle school, high school and college aged students send their contact information please email service@oloph.org or call April Kleinlaut at 226-7725 X 257.

1. You do not need to already belong to any OLPH existing Youth Ministry groups.
2. As requests for help come from or come into our parish, you'll be contacted to see if you can help.
3. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. You'll be contacted for the next one!

This is also a great way to meet high school and middle school service requirements as you are reaching out to those within our own local and parish community. By serving through the OLPH Youth Service Corps, you are also connecting and building relationships within our own OLPH community.

SIGN UP TODAY

Complete the form or e-mail service@oloph.org or call April Kleinlaut at 226-7725 X 257.

YES!!! Sign me up for the Youth Service Corps at OLPH!

Name _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

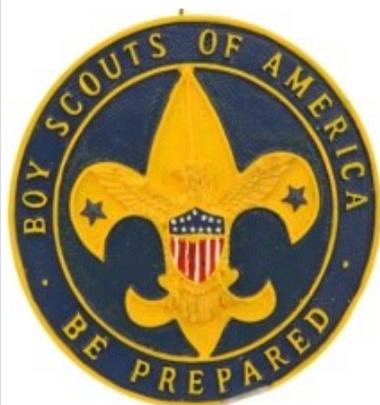
E-mail _____@_____

In September 2016, I am in (check one)

____ Middle School (Grade ____)

____ High School (Grade ____) ____ College

BOY SCOUT TROOP 54 IS RETURNING TO OLPH!



We are currently looking for youth interested in fun activities (boys ages 10 to 18) and adult leaders willing to guide them on their adventures.

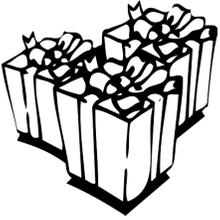
Through programs that stress family, teamwork, spiritual growth, sportsmanship, citizenship, and personal achievement, Scouting helps our community's young people become tomorrow's leaders.

Interested in joining? We will have the details on how you can become a part of **Troop 54** on **Sunday, October 16th**. Look for us after Mass, and we will tell you how you can join the fun!

For more information contact:

Elaine Gray at 631-924-7000, ext. 127 or Fr. Frank Zero at 631-226-7725, ext. 203.

MUSIC NOTES



Can you share your musical gifts?

Perhaps God is calling you to become a part of the music ministry at OLPH. If so, read below to see which ensemble might suit your gifts. Pray about it and then give a call. We need you!



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 the ability to carry a tune. Please call in advance if you 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*



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
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—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!

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*Please bring your donations to the St. VdP office:
 Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon
 or Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.*

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

In today's Gospel we hear that only one of those **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
 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples to pray always without becoming weary; indeed our prayer must always be an expression of our love for God, our family, our world, and especially for the suffering poor.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.



SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The OLPH Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce that **Memorial Cards** are now available. These Memorial Cards are a wonderful way to honor the dearly departed while benefitting the less fortunate in our community. A beautiful "Living Memorial" Card will be sent acknowledging your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Donation forms are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Monday, Wednesday & Friday; Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. For further information, please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234.

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 warmer weather 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

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 and small packs of tissues

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, October 18 –
Veterans' Christmas Wreath Project
(materials will be provided).

The meetings will be held in Room 24 of the "new" school (use large parking lot) from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net for more information.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, November 1: Christmas Wreaths
- Tuesday, November 15: Food Baskets/Ornaments
- Tuesday, December 6: Food Baskets for St. Vincent
- Tuesday, December 20: Wrap Presents for Veterans

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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

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



Are you watching... the new season of **INSIGHT?**

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



- Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m. (weekly premier)**
- Wednesdays at 11:00 p.m.**
- Thursdays at 11:00 p.m.**
- Fridays at 7:30 p.m.**
- Saturdays at 10:00 p.m.**

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

First Announcement:

Alexander Sornchai & Kristina Elise Filippi

WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism

Karalyn Marie Heaton

Lia Mae Scarlata

Avary Erin Mc Entee



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

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

10:00 A.M. MASS

Angelo Famigletti	Requested by Kathy Ferrari
Dennis Rued	Requested by The Santoro Family
Charles Nielson	Requested by Mary Maus
Joseph Cusumano	Requested by Margaret Bialek
Merrill Elliott	Requested by Lorraine
Martain Matheson	Requested by Diana & John MacLean
William "Bud" Sullivan	Requested by Lorraine Sullivan
Daris France	Requested by Juliet Gonzales
Dennis Gilroy	Requested by Susan Gilroy
Patricia Pelle	Requested by Mary Ann Molaro
Teresa Virginia Garcia Acosta	Requested by Mery Sarmiento
Ramon Reyes	Requested by Wioletta & Andrzej Zieba

WE BELIEVE

<i>Carmine</i>	<i>Caroline Vindigni</i>
<i>Sheila</i>	<i>Stacey</i>
<i>Erin Stanton</i>	<i>Cathy Walker</i>
<i>Thomas J. Martin</i>	<i>Peter Pellegrino</i>
<i>Alice Kurila</i>	<i>Agnes Storz</i>
<i>Gene Gorman</i>	<i>Rose Formisano</i>
<i>Heleene Horodnicki</i>	<i>Marie D'Angelo</i>
<i>Mary Fontana</i>	<i>Arthur Nuss</i>
<i>Fran Giarratano</i>	<i>AnnMarie Nuss</i>
<i>George Gleixner</i>	<i>Heather Flores</i>
<i>Annie McGuinniss</i>	<i>Bernadette Sinnot</i>
<i>Alexander Sherbitsky</i>	<i>Mary Pellergrino</i>
<i>Ms. Irma</i>	<i>Rosalie Grotola</i>
<i>Kevin Reid</i>	<i>Mario Lotito</i>
<i>Jean Wilutis</i>	<i>Maureen Russo</i>
<i>Phyllis Parson</i>	<i>Carolyn Crisci</i>
<i>John Ferguson</i>	<i>Haley Kerwin</i>

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

WE REMEMBER

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

Thomas Martin

Evelyn App

John James Aluska

Victoria Flynn

"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."

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 17— Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

6:30	Thank You to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
12:15	Megan Colligan

TUESDAY, October 18— Saint Luke, Evangelist

6:30	Barbara A. Combs
12:15	Mary Pugh

WEDNESDAY, October 19— Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs

6:30	Vincent Accardi
12:15	Eleanor Williams

THURSDAY, October 20— Weekday (Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest)

6:30	Vincent Accardi
12:15	Victoria Tamone

FRIDAY, October 21— Weekday

6:30	Norine Reiter
12:15	Eleanor Williams

SATURDAY, October 22— Weekday (Saint John Paul II, Pope)

8:00	Kevin Smith
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Vigil for THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00	For the People of the Parish
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Sunday, October 23 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00	Ron Le Blanc
10:00	Tony & Ann Baffa
12:00	Charles Morgan
5:00	Concetta Troiano

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, October 17, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Rm
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Rm
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group Board Meeting	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary Business Meeting	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School
8:30 p.m.	Christian Mothers Meeting	Cafeteria

Thursday, October 20, 2016

1–5 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
6:00 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 10
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Sacraments of Mercy & Healing	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	Room 12
8:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Friday, October 21, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
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Saturday, October 22, 2016

8:30, 10, & 11 a.m.	Levels 1–5 classes	School
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	CYO Volleyball	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	Level 6 Commitment Mass	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, October 23, 2016

8, 10, 12 & 5:00 p.m.	Level 6 Commitment at all Mass	Church
8:00 a.m.	Blue Door Sale	Outside
1:30 a.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	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

Name	Ext	Email
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Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
Martin Kenny, Business Manager	204	mkenny@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Ed Cirella
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Martin Kenny
Bob Meade
John Reynolds
Sandra Tandoi

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Deacon Robert Becker
Lynn Bergin
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
MaryAnn Haas
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Rosaleen Walters
Mike Williams

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

OFFERING UPDATE October 8/9, 2016

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	351	130	\$3,125.00
8:00 a.m.	235	108	\$2,582.00
10:00 a.m.	372	126	\$3,106.00
12:00 pm.	388	115	\$3,141.00
5:00 p.m.	177	38	\$1,096.50
Total coin:			\$19.63
Mail-ins:			\$277.00
Children's Env.		10	\$16.22
Faith Direct			\$1,934.50
TOTAL	1,523	527	\$15,297.85
2015 total	1,834	445	\$16,933.01
Candles			\$924.31
Poor Box			\$257.18

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURTESY

When exiting the church, please be sure to use the handles instead of pushing against the glass with your hands. Let's try to keep the glass doors free from smudges and fingerprints as much as possible. Those who have to clean the church will appreciate your thoughtfulness! Thank you.



THANK YOU FOR NOT BLOCKING THE PRIEST GARAGES!

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 23, 2016 is World Mission Sunday. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, calls every Catholic to celebrate at the Eucharist our vocation to be missionaries and to help the Missions. As Catholics around the world, here at home, and in the Missions gather at the Eucharistic table, let us pray for the Church's worldwide mission and offer financial help through the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Thank you for your generosity.

Please Note: For this collection, please make checks payable to *The Propagation of the Faith*.



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.

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. All material must be submitted no later than the dates listed below and as a word document to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.
Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

October 23—passed
October 30—by Oct. 20
November 6 —by Oct. 27

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Diocese of Rockville Centre Day of Prayer and Healing for Women after Abortion

This day of prayer and healing for women after they have had an abortion is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

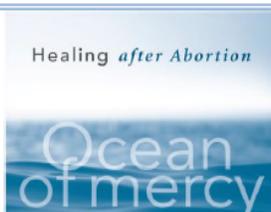
Date: Saturday, December 10, 2016, on Long Island

For more information visit: respectlife.drvc.org

To register contact: Project Rachel

1-888-456-4673 | projectrachel@drvc.org

All reservations and information are confidential.



Teens and Faith: A View from the Classroom"

Join Anthony Marinelli for this talk in the library at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday afternoon, **Oct. 23rd**, at 2 pm. Tony is a popular teacher at Holy Trinity High School, a youth minister, and the author of five books. No registration is required and refreshments will be served. Library at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception (on the fourth floor) 440 West Neck Road, Huntington NY, 11743 (3 miles North of Main Street) Call or email for more information: 631-423-0483 ext. 141 or libraryweb@icseminary.edu

2016 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES!

Our diocese is blessed to have wonderful Catholic students in high school. One of the best ways to learn about a particular school is to visit their Open House. Take note of the following dates and times for the high schools in our diocese and feel free to visit during these times.

St. John the Baptist DHS, West Islip - Sunday, October 16 - 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. Mary's High School, Manhasset - Sunday, October 16 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

To register for the Catholic High School Entrance Examination, visit <http://www.cathhsli.org/index.htm>.

FAMILY LIFE PUMPKIN PATCH



ANNUAL Pumpkin Patch

All Are Asked To Bring A HALLOWEEN Baked Treat Or Snack For Our Sharing Table. Please, Also Bring A Food Item For The St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry.

RSVP by October 24th

The # of People And
What You Are Bringing
Call Jenine at 631-226-0317
email: FamilyLife@oloph.org
Text Eileen at 631-682-4853

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, October 23, 2016—The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus said, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

Luke 18:14

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Continuing last week's focus on prayer, we shift from stressing the need for persistence to looking at the inner state of our hearts that best attunes us to God and allows our prayers to rise to him. Sirach teaches that God, who is so merciful and just, is seeking these very qualities in his people. It is not favoritism toward the "weak" that causes God to be attentive to their prayers, but his passion for justice and concern for his children's deepest needs. His attention is fixed in a special way on both those who suffer injustice and those who do justice. It is the one "who serves God willingly" whose prayer is heard, whatever their circumstances in life. We all share in the impartial love of our merciful God and in his expectations for humility and just behavior.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul is anticipating death. He is writing from prison where he was put for preaching the good news about Jesus to his younger protégé Timothy whom he encourages to persevere by giving the example of his own life and struggles. Imagine a beloved older person you know sitting down to write you a final letter of encouragement and instruction. That's what Paul is doing and that's what gives the tender, personal quality to this reading. Even while he recounts the many trials he's been put through he boasts of the strength he has received and his confident hope that he will be rescued, not from physical death, but for eternal life.

Luke 18:9-14

Both Paul in the second reading and the Pharisee in this Gospel reading list their accomplishments in this life. What's the difference? Paul is grateful for all God has done for him, realizing that he can do nothing apart from God, while the Pharisee feels superior for the ways he outshines his neighbors, especially the tax collector. He doesn't realize that his condition results from God's love and mercy; instead he believes it comes from his own accomplishments. He mistakes God's role as that of a passive listener who hears performances and assigns gold stars. The tragedy is that since it was done without love, all the Pharisee has done has been in vain. On the other hand, the tax collector realizes all he has is from God. All he can do is ask for mercy and be grateful. He realizes that God will justify us in a way we could never merit on our own.

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. Is the Pharisee saying the prayer to God or to himself? If you were in God's place, which kind of prayer would you answer first? Of the two praying, which one has a sincere heart?

2. According to Pope Francis, God has a weakness for the humble ones, and their prayers open God's heart wide. Which heart can God fill with his mercy, the humble empty one, or the one that keeps track of all his/her good deeds and his/her neighbors' misdeeds?

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now turn to the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector ([Gospel](#)). Jesus contrasts the arrogance and self-righteousness of the Pharisee's prayer with the tax collector's humble recognition of his sinfulness and need for the Lord's mercy. True prayer is born of a heart which repents of its faults and failings, yet pleads for the grace to live the great commandment of love of God and neighbor. Indeed, the proud disdain of the Pharisee for the sinner at his side prevents him from being righteous in God's sight. To pray well, then, we need to look into our own hearts and there, in humble silence, let the Lord speak to us. The honesty and humility which God asks of us is the necessary condition for our receiving his mercy.

[General Audience, June 1, 2016](#)

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, October 17, 2016:

Ephesians 2:1-10 + Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 18, 2016:

2 Timothy 4:10-17b + Luke 10:1-9

Wednesday, October 19, 2016:

Ephesians 3:2-19 + Luke 19:39-48

Thursday, October 20, 2016:

Ephesians 3:14-21 + Luke 12:49-53

Friday, October 21, 2016:

Ephesians 4:1-6 + Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 22, 2016:

Ephesians 4:7-16 + Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, October 23, 2016:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
+ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
+ Luke 18:9-14

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