

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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October 7, 2012 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

Our parish Church is here for you physically and pastorally. Our Church building is open every day from 7:30 AM until approximately 8 PM on most evenings. Come for Mass or some quiet time whenever you can. You are most welcome here.

If you are new to our parish, please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 so we can welcome you and help you to join our community.

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Moise Aime + Rev. Ignace Lolecke +

Rev. John Sureau

In Residence: Rev. Michael Holzmann

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Frank A. Odin

Rev. Mr. William Crosby (Baptismal Preparation)

Rev. Mr. Douglas G. Smith

(RCIA/Adult Faith Formation)

Pastoral Associate for Administration

Deacon Donald A. Stamm

Director of Religious Education

Thomas J. Acemoglu

Music Director

James R. Kendall

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

Monday- Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

EVENING OFFICE HOURS, AT THIS TIME,
ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.,
5:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. (Mass in Polish).

Masses for Holy Days are as announced and published.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

Sunday Nights: 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the Reparation of Souls (Beginning this Sunday, October 7th)

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

MINISTRIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Vincent de Paul 225-5531

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

President: Joseph Illuminato

Religious Education 226-2384

260 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

Youth Ministry 226-6239**High School Coordinator**

Brittany Marie Evans

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Peggy Harnisch

Catholic Youth Organization

Program Coordinator:

Phil Amico

516-732-8520/olphcyophil@optonline.net

Altar Bread & Wine

One way to remember a loved one is to provide an offering for the bread and wine used at Masses for a particular week.

What a beautiful way to remember and celebrate the life of one you love.

To memorialize the altar bread and wine for a particular week, please contact the Parish Office.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, October 8—****Weekday in the 27th Week of Ordinary Time**

8:00 Dominick Ciuffini

12:00 Melchior Cucchiara

7:00 Sophie & Leo Esnes

TUESDAY, October 9— St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

8:00 Adeline T. McKevitt

12:00 Eugene Schan

7:00 Raymond Fasino

WEDNESDAY, October 10—**Weekday in the 27th Week of Ordinary Time**

8:00 Ada Madde

12:00 Edith Merle Zimms

7:00 Marguerite Hosey

THURSDAY, October 11—**Weekday in the 27th Week of Ordinary Time**

8:00 John O'Connor

12:00 Marie Lourdes Colas (Living)

7:00 Louise Rosenberg

FRIDAY, October 12—**Weekday in the 27th Week of Ordinary Time**

8:00 Frank Pecere, Jr. (Living)

12:00 James M. Shea

7:00 Gabe Salvi

SATURDAY, October 13—**Weekday in the 27th Week of Ordinary Time**

8:00 Michela Messina

9:00 Margaret O'Neill

VIGIL MASS –

5:00 Matthew Savino

SUNDAY, October 14—**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish

8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

9:30 Jean Magnano

11:00 Book of the Faithful Departed

12:30 Theresa Skopek

5:00 Anita Prezioso

6:30 Mass in Polish

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Year of Faith and Belong More Deeply

The universal Church is beginning a **YEAR OF FAITH!** With his Apostolic Letter entitled *Porta Fidei* ("The Door of Faith") of October 11, 2011, Pope Benedict declared that a "Year of Faith" will begin on **October 11, 2012** and will conclude on **November 24, 2013**. The date of October 11, 2012 is extremely significant: it is the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council (*how many of us remember that?*). It is also, by the way, the 20th anniversary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (*how many of us have ever read it?*)



The **YEAR OF FAITH** is a real opportunity for grace for all of us. The Holy Father Pope Benedict has described the year as "a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world" (*Porta Fidei* 6). The **YEAR OF FAITH** is thus an opportunity for all Catholics to experience a conversion and to enter into deeper relationship with Jesus. The "door to faith" was opened for us at Baptism, but we are all called to, in essence, open and walk through that door again and again to rediscover the depth and richness of what it means to believe in Jesus and to belong to His Church. One very obvious way is for all of us to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the *Catechism* so that we can deepen our knowledge of the faith.

The beginning of the **YEAR OF FAITH** coincides with a particular effort in our diocese which is called **BELONG MORE DEEPLY**. We can think of **BELONG MORE DEEPLY** as the way the Diocese of Rockville Centre is enacting, on a diocesan level, the call and challenge issued by the Holy Father with the **YEAR OF FAITH**. The **BELONG MORE DEEPLY** initiative actually began over a year ago with Phase One, which was the introduction and implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal (the new translation of the Mass). Our appropriation of the new Mass texts helps all of us to "belong more deeply" to our faith through a renewed focus on liturgical participation and the spirituality that makes up our celebration of the Eucharist.

Now we are ready for Phase Two. Now is the time for all of us — so-called "practicing Catholics" and so-called "inactive Catholics" — to challenge ourselves to

be open to conversion and to take concrete steps to **BELONG MORE DEEPLY**. "Belonging more deeply" is something that applies to ALL of us, since we are all in need of constant conversion. However, this phase will also include a special effort of **EVANGELIZATION**, to try to include and welcome back those who have been away from participation at Mass and the life of the parish. **YOU** — each and every **BAPTIZED CATHOLIC** — have the responsibility for evangelization, since it is part-and-parcel of living the Christian life. We ALL have the responsibility to share the good news of our faith and to let others know how wonderful it is to **BELONG MORE DEEPLY**.

At our last Pastoral Staff Meeting we discussed the diocesan program of **BELONG MORE DEEPLY**. Staff members attended workshops last week to gather more information and insights about implementing this diocesan effort in our parish. In the coming weeks and months you will be hearing and reading more and more about both the **YEAR OF FAITH** and our diocesan **BELONG MORE DEEPLY** program, both here in the bulletin and in *The Long Island Catholic*. Also in the coming weeks and months we as a parish will be starting our own efforts to participate in **BELONG MORE DEEPLY**. Be prepared!

Keep all of this in mind this Thursday, October 11 — the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, and the beginning of the **YEAR OF FAITH**.



Liturgy Notes

Remember how as a child we would take the center tube of an empty roll of paper towels and look through it, pretending it was a telescope? Think about what happens when you look through a tube like that: you see a small circle in your field of vision, but everything else wider than that small circle is not seen.

I think sometimes that's the way we approach our understanding of celebrating the Eucharist. Sometimes our theology of the Eucharist is too narrow, focused on only one aspect or element. If that's the case, then we are depriving ourselves of the richness that we are supposed to experience when we gather together to celebrate that liturgical action of together offering the Sacrifice of the Mass.

We know that transubstantiation occurs at the Mass

— the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. This is indeed a miracle and a great gift from God, that His Son feeds us with His own Risen Body and Blood. We as Catholics must always uphold and pass on our tradition of and belief in the Real Presence of the Lord in the consecrated Eucharistic bread and wine.

However, sometimes we have suffered from narrowing our field of vision, so to speak (like when we look through a tube), by thinking that the Mass is **ONLY** about consecrating bread and wine. If we reduce it to that, then our Eucharistic theology is too narrow and people's participation at Mass can be perceived as being too passive, as though people are at Mass simply to watch the priest consecrate bread and wine, and they are there simply to receive it. This misses the true meaning of Mass which is about **offering: we join the offering of ourselves to the offering of Christ which is made real and present.**

Once we understand the Mass in terms of that wider meaning (the bigger picture), we can appreciate the Real Presence of the Lord in a whole new way. We can see and appreciate what the entire Mass is about from beginning to end. We can understand that all of the ritual actions are meant to communicate to us the presence of the Lord as He is present to us in the assembly, in the person of the priest, in the Word and, most especially *par excellence*, in the Eucharistic species. We can understand how the entire Mass is like an epiphany, a manifestation, of the Lord Jesus because it is His prayer to the Father.

To understand the Mass in terms of offering is to see that **the Paschal Mystery** is at the core of the liturgy; by Paschal Mystery we mean the death and resurrection of Christ. That Paschal Mystery — the offering of Himself to the Father in His death, and His rising from the dead to new, glorified life — is the mystery actually made present at Mass, the mystery that we are called to unite ourselves to. The Paschal Mystery is recalled in a particular way in the entire Eucharistic Prayer, which is a prayer addressed to the Father in which the great deeds of salvation, especially the Paschal Mystery, are recalled. As that Paschal Mystery is recalled, the Church repeats the words of Jesus at the Last Supper and bread and wine are consecrated, becoming His Body and Blood.

Remember, though, that Jesus is present in the Eucharist not simply to be there, but *to give Himself to us*. As He gives Himself to us, however, we cannot simply “receive” Him; rather, *we must give ourselves to Him*. **We must offer ourselves to Him — that's why it's called “Communion!”** Then, in that Communion, we are to be **transformed into that of which we have partaken**. We “die” with Christ — *i.e.*, offer ourselves to

Him, lose ourselves in Him — so that we might become Him and, thus transformed, live the life He asks us to live. Holy Communion, therefore, becomes the culminating moment, the sacramentalization, of what has been taking place in all the ritual actions leading up to it: that of recognizing the Lord's presence, offering ourselves through Him, with Him, and in Him, and being so united with Him that we are transformed to then go out and glorify the Lord with our life, going out to announce the Gospel of the Lord.

That's why, as I have written before, Eucharist is a verb, not a noun; it is an action, not a thing. It is an action that the entire body, the assembly, enters into so that all present can offer themselves and be transformed to go out and live the life in Christ we are called to live.

The action cannot be appreciated only in the head, however; the physical body has to engage in the action. All our senses and our physicality should be engaged because that's how we get drawn into the mystery that is present to us. Liturgy is enacted theology.

I have mentioned to you that over the course of upcoming months we will be making some changes in our liturgical celebration, tweaking some of the ways we enact the ritual. There is one basic reason for this: to “open up” the celebration (like looking at something wider than just looking through a narrow tube) so that in every way the richness of all the symbols and all the actions of the Mass sweep us up in the meaning of what we are doing and reveal to us the presence of the mystery. *The way we enact liturgy matters because liturgy, like language, communicates meaning to us, and we want the fullness of the meaning to be expressed.*

When it's done correctly, Mass should take effort. We should feel like we have done something significant that has affected us; we should not just feel like we have “attended” something. Are you ready to accept the challenge of what full, conscious and active participation — internally and externally, bodily and spiritually — really means? When it comes to our worship, we want to set high standards and expectations, and not settle for “the easy way out.”

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,



INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW PASTOR

*You are cordially invited to the
Installation of
Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco
as Pastor of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church*



*Saturday, October 20, 2012
5:00 p.m.*

Celebration of the Eucharist



*Most Reverend William Murphy
Bishop of Rockville Centre
Presiding*



*A light reception will follow in
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Auditorium*

**Would you like to help with the
Reception for Msgr. Joe's installation?**

We need help setting up, serving and cleaning up. If you'd like to help, contact Patti Chavis at 631.226.7725 or e-mail Fr. John at jsureau@drvc.org.

OLPH BELONGS MORE DEEPLY



Last Advent, Bishop Murphy issued his Pastoral Letter, *Belong More Deeply*, calling on each one of us—those who already participate in the life of the Church – to renew our own commitment to the life of the community, to belong more deeply.

The second phase of this movement begins in the upcoming weeks. Now, we who have sought to grow closer to the Church in the past year, are to go forward to and invite others to do the same.

Heavenly Father,
Pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words from Holy Scripture.
Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News.

Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others.

Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions.

In moments of hesitation, remind me:

If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel?

If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?

If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim?

God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen my faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

In the week ahead, reflect on the following:

- ✠ Is there someone you know who has fallen away from the Church?
- ✠ Is there a family member or friend who is struggling in their relationship with the Lord?
- ✠ Is there someone you care for who you want to return to the life of the Church?

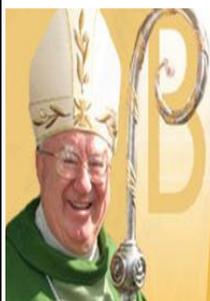
NEXT WEEKEND....

Prayer and Commitment Weekend

Everyone at OLPH will be asked to complete a prayer and commitment card for someone you know who is away from the Church.

On this card, you'll be asked to write down the name (or a pseudonym) of someone you want to belong more deeply. We will not contact this person in any way—this is only a commitment of prayer. The prayer cards will be displayed in our Divine Mercy Chapel and we'll include these names in the Universal Prayer throughout the next few weeks.

We'll ask you to provide us your name, address and e-mail address so that as the weeks progress together we can invite others to belong more deeply to the life of the Church.



Bishop Murphy's new Pastoral Letter
You Too Go Into the Vineyard
is available this weekend. All parishioners are asked to take a copy or view it online at www.drvc.org.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH @ OLPH!!!



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Our Baby Bottle Campaign for the Life Center is underway! Extra baby bottles are available by the Main Entrance of the Church. Filled baby bottles can be returned during the weekend of October 27/28, 2012.

Thank you for your support (and thanks to our Respect Life Committee for all their work in organizing this event!)

Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat and a beautiful healing opportunity for any man or woman who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat focuses on God's love and forgiveness in a nonjudgmental environment.

While based in Catholicism, individuals of all denominations are welcome.

The next *Rachel's Vineyard* retreat will be held at the retreat center at Huntington from October 26 – 28.

For more information, contact: Frank Gariboldi: 516.523.0586, fgariboldi@optonline.net, Life Center of LI 516.798.9100, Website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

BE WELL READ

...about life!

You'll notice some new brochures and pamphlets about many respect life issues including: abortion, marriage, immigration, social justice, human trafficking and more. These have been published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and provide the basic teachings of the Church about many important issues.

Check the racks for new brochures in the weeks ahead.

THE LI COALITION FOR LIFE
PRESENTS THE 15TH ANNUAL

STAND UP FOR LIFE

THIS SUNDAY
October 7, 2012

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (*rain or shine*)

Two locations:

- Rtes. 110 & 25, Huntington
- LIE, Exit 70S, Cty. Rd., 111, Manorville

Join members of our Respect Life Committee and many others as together we stand up for life.

ROSARY AND
ADORATION FOR
LIFE

Wednesday, October 24, 2012
12:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

During this Respect Life Month and this month of the Rosary, join with other members of our parish community and members of our Respect Life Committee as we pray for the gift of life, from womb to tomb.

Exposition will begin immediately at the end of the 12:00 Noon Mass and continue until 4:00 P.M. The Rosary will be led at 2:00 P.M. and various readings from Scripture and the teachings of the Church will be read throughout the afternoon.

All are welcome!!!

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



The Living Rosary

NEXT Sunday October 14, 2012

following the 9:30 Mass

Children are invited to hold a bead on our Living Rosary and all parishioners and parish organizations are invited to join us in reciting the Rosary.

Children are needed to read and help carry the Rosary. If you have any questions or your child wants to read a Mystery or would like to help with this event, please contact Debbie McDonough @ 957-0765



Annual Pumpkin Patch



Saturday October 27, 2012 @ 12:45 pm

Rectory Front Lawn –Rain or Shine



All children 11 years old and younger are invited to pick a pumpkin and decorate it. There will be games to play and snacks to eat—

Want to help with this great event!?
Contact Rose Anne or Jenine and we'll get you involved!

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!



If you would like to participate and to ensure enough pumpkins you must contact Jenine Jimenez @ 226-0317 or RoseAnne Rowe @ 957-5324 by October 23rd!

Please bring a non-perishable food item for St. Vincent DePaul Pantry.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Are you seeking Baptism?

Do you want to be confirmed or receive Eucharist?

Have you been baptized in another Christian faith and now desire to become Catholic?

If your answer is YES to any of these questions, we want to hear from you.

The Church gives us a beautiful process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who seek to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. We are in the process of putting together plans for this process at OLPH to begin in the upcoming weeks. If you're interested and would like additional information, please contact Deacon Doug Smith at 631.226.7725 or Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org.

OFFERERS NEEDED

We are in need of men and women from our parish to become part of our RCIA team!

If you would like to help with this wonderful ministry by helping with group faith sharing, assisting with catechesis, preparing meals or in any other way, we would love to have you be part of it all!

Contact Fr. John if you're interested or for more information!

Register Now for OLPH's....

MOMS AND TOTS

An opportunity for moms and their young children to come

Meeting days: Thursday OR Friday

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Place: Moms and Tots room

In the basement of the Convent, south entrance



Moms & Tots

Cost: \$40 for the year

Please email Terry at:

Olphmomsandtots@aol.com or call 631-225-9462

MUSIC MINISTRY

*Do you like to sing? Can you carry a tune? Can you tune a fish?
Two out of three qualifies you for an...*

OLPH CHOIR

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir assists with leading music at the 11:00 A.M. Mass on most Sundays.

The Adult Choir practices on Thursday nights in the Church.

For more information, contact James Kendall at 631.226.7725, x. 210

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir assists with leading music at the 9:30 A.M. Mass every other Sunday. The Choir practices on Thursday afternoons in the school building.

For more information, contact Mrs. Amy Keller at mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com



TEEN MUSIC MINISTRY

Come and help lead music at the Sunday night, 5:00 P.M. Mass. The Teen Music Ministry needs young musicians: piano, flute, cello preferred.

If you'd like to try out or want some more information, contact Dan Volpe @ 917-468-9584.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, October 9, 2012

7:30 P.M.

(immediately following the 7:00 P.M. Mass)

**Rectory Meeting Room
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Mass for People with
Special Needs
COMING SOON!**

Look for more info in upcoming editions

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is offering an important workshop for all who are interested in learning more about this vital work and ministry in the Church.

That All May Belong More Deeply
A Workshop on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Parish Life and Ministry

Next Saturday
October 13, 2012
9:00 A.M.

Holy Cross R.C. Church, Nesconset, NY

Cost: \$10.00

To register, contact Mary Anne Russo at 516.678.5800, x. 540

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Who will excuse us before God for the loss of such a great number of people, who could be saved by the slight assistance we could give them?
 - St. Vincent dePaul

Food Pantry Shopping List

When you are out at the store, can you pick up a few things for our food pantry?

- CANNED TUNA
- CANNED MEAT(CHICKEN)
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY
- COFFEE/TEA
- HOT COCOA
- CANNED MEALS
- SOUPS WITH MEAT
- PORK & BEANS
- CANNED PEAS/CARROTS
- TOMATO SAUCE
- CANNED FRUIT
- PANCAKE MIX
- SYRUP
- CAKE MIXES
- SHELF STABLE MILK
- DESSERTS
- ANY PERSONAL CARE

ITEMS:

- SHAVERS
- TOOTHPASTE
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- SHAMPOO
- SOAP
- TOILET TISSUE
- PAPER TOWELS

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY
 631.225.5531

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 am—12 noon

Saturday, October 13 + 9am—12 Noon

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, *"Let the children come to me ...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold.

HELP IS NEEDED!!!!

St. Vincent DePaul is ALWAYS in need of volunteers to assist the most vulnerable in our community. Do you have a desire to live out the Gospel by caring for those most in need in our local community?

Recognizing this great need, we are also looking to provide additional times of service for those in our parish, including night time hours and additional weekend hours. **WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP!**

For more information, contact our St. Vincent DePaul office or Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x.224/e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org

FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

BEFORE YOU VOTE IN NOVEMBER, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS: TWO RADICALLY DIFFERENT CHOICES FACE VOTERS IN THE 2012 NATIONAL ELECTIONS:

The FIRST CHOICE endorses a “right” to the killing of innocent pre-born human beings – ABORTION. And down the line, this “right” will likely be extended to the killing of persons, usually of advanced age or incurably ill, judged useless or a burden, financial or otherwise, to society and therefore who should be eased out – EUTHANASIA – and to the assisted killing of adult persons who because of their incurable illness or serious disability want to die and want a physician to help them die - ASSISTED SUICIDE.

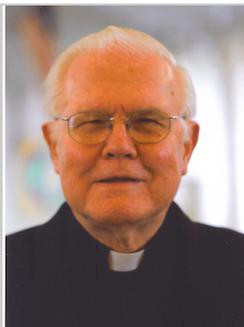
This choice also embraces the already approved medical destruction of human embryos; the manufacture of human beings, the forced provision of insurance for contraception, sterilization procedures and potentially abortifacient drugs - the HHS mandate affecting most religious health, higher educational and social units. The latter calls upon us to RENOUNCE OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

Finally, this choice gives strong support to the legal and social sanction nation-wide of HOMOSEXUAL, SAME-SEX “MARRIAGE.” Citizens are being asked to trash the 1995 Defense of Marriage Act, overwhelmingly passed in the Congress and signed by the president. Can one identify greater basic human values founded in the natural moral law that we would be trashing by making such a choice?

PRIORITY ISSUES

Virtually all these goals, objectives, policies, and procedures gravely violate natural moral law, the precepts of which our human reason reveals to us when we reflect on our own experience and our relationships with others. What is intrinsically evil can never rightly be chosen. No circumstances can make such actions right; they are always wrong.

To vote for persons who have supported or, if



A Reflection by
Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
Pastor Emeritus

elected, their records show, will support, authorize and promote such evils is a grave misjudgment of our duties as faithful citizens. Consciously choosing to support such actions by voting for such candidates would be seriously wrong. Faced with such evils and, perhaps, additional ones down the road, we have no choice but to reject their supporters.

THE SECOND CHOICE, the right choice, is to vote for candidates who, in the main, firmly uphold the inviolability and dignity of

innocent human life, human dignity in all its stages, from fertilization to natural death, the givenness of marriage and family life in the natural order and the precious gift of religious liberty and respect for conscience.

To act otherwise would be positively to endorse what does already or will in the future injure the common good by terminating innocent human life, violating human dignity, the authentic meaning of marriage and family life and the precious values of religious liberty and the right of conscience.

OTHER ISSUES

But some will object. This is true, but in an election there are other important issues in addition to these basic ones. Yes, party platforms identify scores of major issues to which government should give attention. But these other issues are of a different category. They are issues or problems, the solution to which depends on constantly changing facts or data and call for different judgments at different times in response to different circumstances.

Issues, for example, like foreign affairs, our involvement with foreign wars and conflicts; nuclear armaments; aid to developing nations, the creation of jobs, affordable housing, health services, educational facilities, immigration, reducing the huge national debt – on all these issues well-intentioned and informed citizens can and do differ as to the best solutions and policies to follow. Ordinary citizens and government officials make prudential, not

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necessarily inerrant decisions on what is the best course of action to follow. These decisions may have to be altered as circumstances change.

Natural moral law respects these diverse judgments of citizens and government officials on the issues just mentioned and does not seek to identify one solution as the only one. In such cases natural moral law can set forth only principles that ought to govern solutions. It is up to government officials and citizens to identify concrete solutions to such problems. But when genuine evils, even if only permissive, become entrenched in the civil law, it is very difficult to uproot them. For example, once permissive abortion, the killing of the pre-born

child, was sanctioned by law, it has proved difficult, almost impossible to remove it.

CONCLUSION

Please reflect on this radical difference between the choices in this coming election; and on the basic moral issues, vote only for those candidates whose platform and record are in accord with the natural moral law. Other issues, which also have important moral dimensions, but are more affected by changing data and by personal judgment on a variety of factors, cannot take priority over basic issues of the natural moral law.

PROTECTING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

As elections approach, show those in your community you are serious about the protection of religious liberty by displaying simple lawn signs for all to see. (Sample above.)



One sided-signs are \$10 and two sided signs are \$18.00. If you're interested, please contact Louise at 631.412.3831.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE????

The first important task in this effort to offer a voice informed by Catholic social principles is to urge every Catholic and every American citizen to vote.

-Bishop William Murphy

Voter Registration forms are available by the main entrance of the Church. **They must be filled out and filed no later than October 13, 2012.** If you are in need of assistance completing these forms, contact Fr. John in the Parish Office.



Faithful Citizenship

As we prepare for upcoming elections, we will publish excerpts from Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Right to Life and the Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our society, human life is especially under direct attack from abortion. Other direct threats to the sanctity of human life include euthanasia, human cloning, and the destruction of human embryos for research.

Catholic teaching about the dignity of life calls us to oppose torture, unjust war, and the use of the death penalty; to prevent genocide and attacks against noncombatants; to oppose racism; and to overcome poverty and suffering. Nations are called to protect the right to life by seeking effective ways to combat evil and terror without resorting to armed conflicts except as a last resort, always seeking first to resolve disputes by peaceful means. We revere the lives of children in the womb, the lives of persons dying in war and from starvation, and indeed the lives of all human beings as children of God.

-Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 44, 45

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

This week, the readings speak to us about the importance of marriage. Take some time to read the writings of our bishops about the importance of Matrimony and married love.

EXCERPTS FROM

Married Love and the Gift of Life



This bulletin insert is excerpted from *Married Love and the Gift of Life*, a statement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that was approved at its November 2006 General Meeting.

Men and women considering marriage yearn for certain things. They want to be accepted unconditionally by each other. They want their marriage to be filled with love and happiness. They want a family. In short, they want their marriage to be a source of joy and fulfillment their whole life long.

God's plan for marriage, from the time he first created human beings as male and female, has always included all this and more.

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH TEACH ABOUT MARRIED LOVE?

Marriage is more than a civil contract; it is a lifelong covenant of love between a man and a woman. It is an intimate partnership in which husbands and wives learn to give and receive love unselfishly, and then teach their children to do so as well. Christian marriage in particular is a "great mystery," a sign of the love between Christ and his Church (Eph 5:32).

Married love is powerfully embodied in the spouses' sexual relationship, when they most fully express what it means to become "one body" (Gn 2:24) or "one flesh" (Mk 10:8, Mt 19:6). The Church teaches that the sexual union of husband and wife is meant to express the full meaning of love, its power to bind a couple together and its openness to new life.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH CONTRACEPTION?

A husband and wife express their committed love not only with words, but with the language of their bodies.

Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. Part of God's gift to husband and wife is this ability in and through their love to cooperate with God's creative power. Therefore, the mutual gift of fertility is an integral part of the bonding power of marital intercourse. That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.

Suppressing fertility by using contraception denies part of the inherent meaning of married sexuality and does harm to the couple's unity. The total giving of oneself, body and soul, to one's beloved is no time to say: "I give you everything I am—except. . . ." The Church's teaching is not only about observing a rule, but about preserving that total, mutual gift of two persons in its integrity.

ARE COUPLES EXPECTED TO LEAVE THEIR FAMILY SIZE ENTIRELY TO CHANCE?

Certainly not. The Church teaches that a couple may generously decide to have a large family, or may for serious reasons choose not

to have more children for the time being or even for an indefinite period (*Humanae Vitae*, no. 10).

WHAT SHOULD A COUPLE DO IF THEY HAVE A GOOD REASON TO AVOID HAVING A CHILD?

A married couple can engage in marital intimacy during the naturally infertile times in a woman's cycle, or after child-bearing years, without violating the meaning of marital intercourse in any way.

This is the principle behind natural family planning (NFP). Natural methods of family planning involve fertility education that enables couples to cooperate with the body as God designed it.

WHAT IS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING?

Natural family planning is a general name for the methods of family planning that are based on a woman's menstrual cycle. A man is fertile throughout his life, while a woman is fertile for only a few days each cycle during the child-bearing years. Some believe that NFP involves using a calendar to predict the fertile time. That is not what NFP is today. A woman experiences clear, observable signs indicating when she is fertile and when she is infertile. Learning to observe and understand these signs is at the heart of education in natural family planning.

When a couple decides to postpone pregnancy, NFP can be very effective. NFP can also be very helpful for couples who desire to have a child because it identifies the time of ovulation. It is used by many fertility specialists for this purpose. Thus a couple can have marital relations at a time when they know that conception is most likely to take place.

IS THERE REALLY A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN USING CONTRACEPTION AND PRACTICING NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING?

On the surface, there may seem to be little difference. But the end result is not the only thing that matters, and the way we get to that result may make an enormous moral difference. Some ways respect God's gifts to us while others do not. Couples who have practiced natural family planning after using contraception have experienced a profound difference in the meaning of their sexual intimacy.

When couples use contraception, either physical or chemical, they suppress their fertility, asserting that they alone have ultimate control over this power to create a new human life. With NFP, spouses respect God's design for life and love. They may choose to refrain from sexual union during the woman's fertile time, doing nothing to destroy the love-giving or life-giving meaning that is present. This is the difference between choosing to falsify the full marital language of the body and choosing at certain times not to speak that language.

IS IT TRUE, AS SOME CLAIM, THAT SOME METHODS OF BIRTH CONTROL CAN CAUSE AN ABORTION?

Some methods of birth control are aimed at preventing the union of sperm and egg and therefore act only as contraceptives. These would include barriers such as condoms and diaphragms.

By contrast, hormonal methods such as the Pill may work in several ways. They can suppress ovulation or alter cervical mucus to prevent fertilization, and thus act contraceptively. But they may at times have other effects, such as changes to the lining of the uterus. If the contraceptive action fails and fertilization takes place, these hormonal methods may make it impossible for a newly conceived life to implant and survive. That would be a very early abortion. Medical opinions differ on whether or how often this may occur. Currently there is no way to know precisely how these drugs work at any given time in an individual woman.

Concern about the risk of causing an early abortion is stronger in the case of pills taken after intercourse to prevent pregnancy ("emergency contraception" or "morning-after pills"). In some cases these pills are taken when sperm and egg have already joined to create a new life, in which case the drug could not have any effect except to cause an early abortion.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE IMPACT OF CONTRACEPTION ON SOCIETY? ON MARRIED COUPLES?

Many would likely be surprised at how long all Christian churches agreed on this teaching against contraception. It was only in 1930 that some Protestant denominations began to reject this long-held position. Those opposed to this trend predicted an increase in premarital sex, adultery, acceptance of divorce, and abortion. Later, in 1968, Pope Paul VI warned that the use of contraception would allow one spouse to treat the other more like an object than a person, and that in time governments would be tempted to impose laws limiting family size. Pope John Paul II called attention to the close association between contraception and abortion, noting that "the negative values inherent in the 'contraceptive mentality' . . . are such that they in fact strengthen this temptation [to abortion] when an unwanted life is conceived" (*Evangelium Vitae*, no. 13).

These predictions have come true. Today we see a pandemic of sexually transmitted diseases, an enormous rise in cohabitation, one in three children born outside of marriage, and abortion used by many when contraception fails. A failure to respect married love's power to help create new life has eroded respect for life and for the sanctity of marriage.

CONCLUSION

By using contraception, couples may think that they are avoiding problems or easing tensions, that they are exerting control over their lives. But the gift of being able to help create another person, a new

human being with his or her own life, involves profound relationships. It affects our relationship with God, who created us complete with this powerful gift. It involves whether spouses will truly love and accept each other as they are, including their gift of fertility. Finally, it involves the way spouses will spontaneously accept their child as a gift from God and the fruit of their mutual love. Like all important relationships with other persons, it is not subject solely to our individual control. In the end, this gift is far richer and more rewarding than that.

The Church's teaching on marital sexuality is an invitation for men and women—an invitation to let God be God, to receive the gift of God's love and care, and to let this gift inform and transform us, so we may share that love with each other and with the world.

Where to Learn More

WEB SITE

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp/index.shtml. (Offers information on Church teachings on conjugal love and responsible parenthood, methods of natural family planning [NFP], where to find local classes, and which NFP organizations offer home study programs.)

CHURCH DOCUMENTS

Pope John Paul II. Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (*On the Value and Inviolability of Human Life*). Washington, DC: USCCB, 1995.

Pope Paul IV. Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (*On the Regulation of Birth*). Washington, DC: USCCB, 1968.

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Msgr. David J. Malloy, STD
General Secretary, USCCB

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IS YOUR MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE?

You Can Help Heal Your Marriage!

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming week-end that begins on Friday, Nov 30th at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.



OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY

Do you want to help others in need in our local community? Would you be up for helping with projects right here in our own parish? If so—

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

is for you!

When a need for help comes in, we'll contact everyone who has signed up for the Service Corps. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. We'll contact you next time.

If you'd like to join, fill out the form below or contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org.

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

Name _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

In September, I will be in (check one)

___ Middle School

___ High School

___ College

Middle School Youth Ministry

Last Sunday, our EDGE Opening Mass and Ice Cream Sundae allowed some new members to join our group.

Our next meeting is

THIS THURSDAY

October 11, 2012

7:30—8:45 P.M.

**All 6th, 7th and 8th graders
needed and wanted!!!**

Look for the blue door on the south side of the Convent (closest to the grey house). We meet from 7:30 til 8:45 pm. It's a great place to come, hang out, play great games and learn about our faith.

Come for a night food, fun, formation and friends. What else could you ask for?

Catholic Youth Organization

Basketball +
Cheerleading

**FINAL
IN-PERSON**

Registration

Oct 13, 2012

1:30-3:30 PM

**The OLPH School Cafeteria
Enter on High Street.**

*For more information visit our website at
[http://www.leaguelineup.com/
welcome.asp?url=olphcyo](http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=olphcyo)*

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

There are so many unsung heroes in our lives. Overlooked people who help form us into who we become. In the life of Jesus, he had a clear understanding that his father in heaven gave him a lifetime of love and comfort here on Earth in the person of his mother, Mary.

If you journey into Mary's life there is a recurring theme of *'Trusting in God'*. As a young girl she was shown and taught the ways of the Jewish faith. She came to understand that a Savior was promised to them. Since the time of Abraham, and throughout the history of the prophets, a Savior was promised to the people of Israel to free them from all oppression.

So imagine, at a relatively young age, when the angel Gabriel appeared asking her to be that Savior's mother, the flood of emotions that must have ran through her mind. Perhaps emotions from exhilaration to true fear, but yet her response was one of, ***"YOUR WILL BE DONE" or "LORD, I TRUST YOU"***.

The story is just starting. Now she has to fear being stoned to death, because in her day, pregnancy before marriage was unacceptable. All the time hoping, Joseph her future husband is as in tune with God's plan. *God's angels must have been very busy.*

Mary has to believe that God knows what he's doing and she finds herself having her baby born in a stable. Not in the comfort of her home or town with a mid-wife and her family, but in a barn with hay and animals is her baby born. Yet, in her heart, already feeling the lifetime of rejection that she and her son would feel, she experienced ***"THERE'S NO ROOM IN THE INN"***. At the same time Mary must have experienced the excitement and splendor of three wise men showing up to adore her child Jesus.

Instead of living comfortably in her home in Galilee with her kin folk and new family, all the people who she loved, she found herself fleeing to Egypt to keep her son safe from people that wanted to kill him. Despite the fear and fast changing events, she went to a strange land that did not share her beliefs, she still ***"TRUSTED IN GOD"***. She spent many years feeding, clothing, bathing, teaching, singing, playing, and loving her son. Suddenly she finds him lost on a trip and when he is found he tells her, I'm doing my "FATHERS" work. She then realizes his mission, once again ***"TRUSTING IN GOD"***. Years pass and her time with her son Jesus must have been the joy of her life.

So out of her arms he goes into a world that may not be so receptive to his message. As the door of their home shut and he left on his journey all the emotions came up again. Will he be alright? All the time a sword was piercing her heart as Simeon had told all those years ago in the temple. Her only solace was ***"TRUSTING IN***

GOD".

As the three years of Jesus' ministry continued, she was the silent force that prayed and loved him through all these days of preaching, healing and miracles. The worst sword of all was yet to come. She had to witness the trial, the ridicule, his persecution, his carrying of the cross and his cruel crucifixion. Standing there at the foot of his cross with her heart pieced with a sword of pain, as any person would understand, they laid the beaten, bleeding body of her baby boy into her arms. Her emotions must have been overwhelming. All the while in her silent and loving manner, she ***"TRUSTED IN GOD"*** As he was buried, many may have thought that all was lost, yet she, in her heart, knew even in this great despair to ***"TRUST IN GOD"***.

So it is no surprise, that after Jesus' resurrection, when he conquered sin and death, he raised his mother up to heaven to be with him. Mary was an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life of faith. Mary is our support and our mother, who loves and nurtures us unconditionally. She gives of her whole self to help us be a part of God's plan for us. How? By her example, she was always ***"TRUSTING IN GOD"***. Mary's teaching us to do the same. Mary, as our heavenly mother, is truly one of God's greatest blessings. Just ask Jesus.

Please pray this month that all of us in our parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help trust God by giving more of our time and talent by our involvement in the many exciting ministries and happenings taking place under the Pastorate of Msgr. Joe.

Readings for Reflection:

Luke 1:26-38 Luke 11:28 John 19 :25-27
Matthew 2 :9-13 Luke 2:25-35

Your sister in Christ, Donna Salina

**Our Ministry of Praise
meets every Tuesday at
7:45 P.M. in the Convent.**

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!!!!**

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE REMEMBER

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

**Kenneth R. Muller
Pasquale DiPietrantonio**

WE BELIEVE

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

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

Frank Lent	Steven Brion Meisels
John Bertone	Charles Muller
Laura Fischer	George Walters
James Coffin	Helen Bartley
Walter Keicher	Bob Little
Mary Doran	Connie Perrotta
Joseph Ayers	Jerry Cunningham
Kevin Curran	Luke Moriales
Steven Presinzano	Linda McLellan
Linda Labriola	Aidan Quinn

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail cbecker@oloph.org.

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

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

**Kornelia Kleczkowski
Adrian Kulikowski
Juliana Grabowski**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Time

*Joseph Lombardo
& Tanya Albinkowski
(Both of OLPH)*

*Gary Valence (OLPH)
& Deborah Delano
(Our Lady of Grace, WB)*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church. When we do this we are more closely united to the Church and better prepared to participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist. Actual texts—audio and visual—can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm>. A number of apps, including Ibreviary, also contain the daily readings.

Monday, October 8, 2012:

Galatians 1:6-12 + Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 9, 2012:

Galatians 1:13-24 + Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 10, 2012:

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 + Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 11, 2012:

Galatians 3:1-5 + Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 12, 2012:

Galatians 3:7-14 + Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 13, 2012:

Galatians 3:22-29 + Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 14, 2012 +

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11 + Hebrews 4: 12-13
+ Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE
AND OFFERING UPDATE**

Week of September 21/22, 2012

Mass Time	Collection	Second Collection	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$ 2315.19	\$ 871.44	355
6:30 A.M.	1317.86	408.20	130
8:00 A.M.	2534.76	797.95	259
9:30 A.M.	1816.60	809.30	415
11:00 A.M.	2422.83	1197.90	380
12:30 P.M.	2511.10	559.00	229
5:00 P.M.	694.12	277.05	198
6:30 P.M.	455.00	166.00	163
Faith Direct	1758.00		
Mail In	1071.00		
Total	\$16,896.46	\$ 5,086.84	2129
2011 Totals	\$15,971		2209

VIRTUS TRAINING

THIS Tuesday, October 9, 2012

1:30 P.M.—Auditorium

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

7:30 P.M. - Convent

VIRTUS Training will be offered here at OLPH for all who need to complete this training. THIS TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS AND MINISTERS.

For those who need to attend a Virtus training session for volunteer compliance, a training session will also take place on October 9th and October 24th here at OLPH. Registration MUST be done online. Go to drvc.org, then Protecting Children and then Virtus training. You may complete this training at another parish site. Simply register the same way as noted above.

**EL MINISTERIO
HISPANO**

¡Bienvenidos a la parroquia!



Las copias de *Fe Fuerza Vida*, nuestro periódico diocesano en español, estará disponible en el vestíbulo de la entrada principal. Por favor, tenga una copia gratuita y considerar la compra de su propia suscripción por sólo \$ 20 al año.

El grupo de Oración- “Jesús Es El Camino La Verdad y Vida” se reúne todos los días Jueves a las 7:00 P.M. en la cafetería. Para información, llamar a Irma Gonzalez a 631.241.5606.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos de el Bautizo y el Matrimonio y Servicio de Pastoral Unción de los Enfermos y la Eucaristía, contacto Padre Juan Sureau – 631.226.7725, x. 224 - jsureau@drvc.org

Para ofrendas de pan y vino en el altar, favor llamar a la oficina parroquial al 631.226.7725.

Los días martes de cada semana llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares a 7:30 P.M. Para información, llamar Virginia Constantinou a 631.957.1149.

EL MES RESPETEMOS LA VIDA

Por nuestra defensa inquebrantable de la vida humana y la libertad religiosa, por nuestro testimonio de la naturaleza trascendente de la persona humana, y por nuestro servicio compasivo a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados, que suscitamos una renovación de amor y compromiso al verdadero bien de nuestro prójimo. Solamente un amor que busca servir a los más necesitados, sin importar nuestro costo personal, es lo suficientemente fuerte para vencer la cultura de la muerte y construir una civilización digna de seres humanos creados a imagen de Dios.

Cardenal Daniel N. DiNardo
Presidente, Comité para las Actividades Pro-Vida
Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Halloween Party

Sponsored by the Squirettes of Mary

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 27, 2012

Time: 6pm - 10pm

Place: K of C Hall - 400 S. Broadway, Lindenhurst



\$10 Per Person

\$30.00 Immediate Family

Children ages 4 and under are Free

Live DJ, Food, Snacks, Soda and Dessert
Games, Prizes for Best Costume & Raffles

Fun For The Whole Family!!

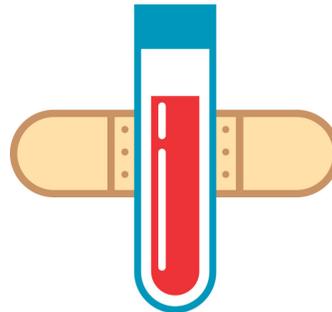
For Tickets Please Call:

Ann Marie Perullo - (631) 225-1165

K of C Hall (631) 226-3240

Tickets **WILL NOT** be sold at door

Please make checks payable to "The Squirettes of Mary"



**Knights of Columbus
Council 724
Community
Blood Drive**

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, **October 8th**
at the KofC Hall, 400
S. Broadway from
3:00-9:00pm.

A delicious roast beef dinner will be served to all who are brave enough to donate! For information call Doreen at (516) 478-5031.

- **October 8** will be the start of the Squires **Annual Winter Coat Drive**.



Please bring new or used coats to the **Knights of Columbus**, 400 S. Broadway, Lindenhurst, or call Sal 516—410— 1205 to arrange for a drop-off.

- **SAVE THE DATE! Nov. 23 Edward Abbott Memorial Senior Dance.** For tickets call Lindenhurst Rainbow Center 631-957-7526 or Sal 516 -410 -1205.

- **Vendors Wanted!** For the **K of C Annual Holiday Gift & Vendor Fair**, Sat. **Dec. 1**. Tables starting at \$40. Email: kofccraftfair@yahoo.com or call Sal 516 410-1205.

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 area.

Regis High School, NYC	Monday, October 8— (1 pm—4 pm)
Chaminade High School, Mineola	Saturday, October 13 - (2 p.m. - 4 p.m.)
Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale	Saturday, October 13 - (10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)
St. John the Baptist DHS, West Islip	Sunday, October 21 - (10:30 a.m-2 p.m.)

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- **PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE**—Lindenhurst Village Square—Saturday, October 13, 2012—10 A.M. to 12 P.M. America is at an historic crossroad. Secularists are trying to push God from the public square. They reject His beneficial action upon society. But without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we face? For more information, contact George Walters at 631.226.3595.
- **Our Lady of Consolation** is in need of transporters to assist residents. Transporters bring residents to the Mass, the Rosary, Choir Rehearsal, Small Christian Community Prayer Groups and many other social events. Days and times can be chosen by the volunteer. Any parishioner—age 14 and older—can volunteer. For more information contact the Pastoral Care Department at 631.587.1600, x. 8297.
- **Healing Mass**, continuing the work of Fr. Dennis Kelleher, CSsR, on **Tuesday, October 9, 2012** at The Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston, NY. Rosary, Mass and Healing Service begins at 7:00 P.M. For more information, contact the Immaculate Conception Center at 718.229.8001.
- **Supporting Survivors of Suicide Loss**—American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), dedicated to understanding and preventing suicide through research, education, support and advocacy by reaching out to people with mental disorders and those impacted by suicide, will hold a Suicide Seminar at **St. Matthew's R. C. Church**, Dix Hills. FREE—**Oct. 17th**, 7:30—9:30 P.M. Call Sister Anthony Therese, 631-499-8520 X 120 to register. Deadline Oct. 15.
- **Tools for Caregivers**—a 6-week program designed to better enable you to take care of yourself. Wednesdays, **Oct. 17 – Nov. 21**, 6-8:30 P.M. at *Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center*, Patio café, \$25 suggested donation to help defray cost of the Caregiver Handbook (but not required to take class). For info call the Pastoral Care Department at 631-376-4444.
- **A Vocation as a Deacon** - A Morning of Discernment will be conducted at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Center in Huntington on **Saturday, October 20, 2012** from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. for men and their spouses, who believe God might be calling them to the diaconate. For more information or to sign up, please contact the Office of Deacon Formation at 631.424.8360 or e-mail to deacons@drvc.org.
- **A Day of Reflection and Renewal in Faith**—Enthronement of the Holy Face of Jesus. A special day of recollection and renewal will be held at Holy Spirit R.C. Church in New Hyde Park on **Saturday, October 20, 2012** from 10:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. For more information, contact Holy Spirit R.C. Church at 516.354.0359.
- The **Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception** invite you to the 5th Annual Friends Communion Breakfast on **Sunday, October 21, 2012**. Mass is at 11:00 A.M., followed by breakfast in the Refectory. The celebrant and speaker this year is **Msgr. James C. Vlaun**, President and CEO of Telecare. For reservations and information, contact the Seminary Development Office at 631.423.0483, x. 102 or e-mail to bmalone@icseminary.edu.
- **Homecoming Organic Farm**, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Dominic, is honoring Sr. Virginia Maguire, O.P. on **Sunday, October 28, 2012** from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Music, dancing and great prizes. Tickets are \$40.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children—\$350.00 for a table of ten. For further information contact Elizabeth at sophiagarden@aol.com.