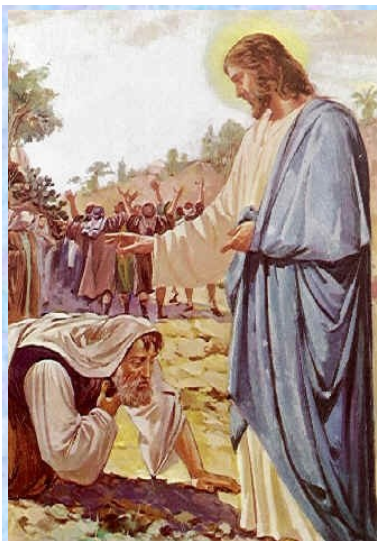


# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*“Jesus said to him,  
‘Stand up and go;  
your faith has saved you.’”*

*Luke 17:19*

## THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 9, 2016

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

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

**Business Manager:** Mr. Martin Kenny

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

**Pastor Emeritus:** Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

### COME IN AND PRAY...

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

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

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

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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.

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## SACRAMENTS OF MERCY AND HEALING

The Sacrament of Penance (or Reconciliation, or “Going to Confession”) and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick are two beautiful sacraments, but they are often misunderstood and sometimes even feared. However, these sacraments are all about Christ’s healing and mercy. This course will examine the sacramental, liturgical and pastoral aspects of these sacraments in order to discover the beautiful ways the Church continues Christ’s work of mercy and healing through weeks of the Year of Mercy.

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**Instructor: Msgr. Joe**

**Thursday Nights**

October 13, 20, 27,  
November 3 and 10

**Time: 7:30—9:30 P.M.**

**Place: Room 18, OLPH School**

Sign me up for **SACRAMENTS OF MERCY AND HEALING**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please RSVP by using this form or by emailing to [jvagalatos@oloph.org](mailto:jvagalatos@oloph.org) or calling the Parish Office at 631.226.7725.*

### FREE WILL OFFERING

A \$20.00 Free Will Offering is requested for all who participate in an Adult Faith Formation Class at OLPH.

*Save the Dates...*

## **2017 Adult Faith Formation Courses so far...**

### January 2017

**Spirituality: Fulfilling Our Deepest Desires:  
Growing Closer to God**

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

Instructor: Deacon Robert Becker  
Details to follow.



## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Columbus Day*

Happy Columbus Day weekend to all, as with the Monday holiday we commemorate Christopher Columbus' landing in the new world on October 12, 1492. Additional good wishes to all who take this occasion to celebrate their Italian-American heritage on this holiday, as I do. For those who are off from work on Monday, it's nice to have a three-day weekend, right? I hope the day provides you with an opportunity to take some extra leisure time as a way of resting and renewing yourself in the midst of all the busyness and craziness that make up life in our world today.

### *Msgr. Hamilton*

I have some updated and final information concerning Msgr. Hamilton which I can now share with you. As many of you may know, since last May when Msgr. Hamilton was discharged from a stay in the hospital, he has been living at St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests at Dominican Village in Amityville. Over the past several months, Monsignor has found that he is very satisfied with the care and style of living there. He is receiving much-needed attention and personal assistance, which is the very reason for this residence for retired priests. In my visits to Monsignor he reports that he is happy with the facility and he enjoys living with the other retired priests and the camaraderie they share.

Therefore, Msgr. Hamilton requested that Bishop Murphy officially transfer his living assignment from being in residence at OLPH to being a resident of the St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests, and that request has been granted by Bishop Murphy, with the accompanying official letter of transfer received. As a result, Msgr. Hamilton's residence is now officially the residence for retired priests at Dominican Village in Amityville. Allow me to share with you Bishop Murphy's words to Msgr. Hamilton: "This Diocese and all the fine priests and people who help make it what it is owe you a debt of gratitude for your many years of service — as an associate and a pastor, as a professor at St. Pius X [High School Seminary] and editor of *The Long Island Catholic* and a wise advisor on a Diocesan level. I hope you can truly relax and enjoy the years at Pius X."

I hope you will join with me in echoing Bishop Murphy's words of admiration and gratitude to Msgr. Hamilton as we keep him in our prayers for many years of grace, happiness and peace in his retirement.

### *Scouting at OLPH*

As you can see from our advertising, Boy Scout Troop 54 is returning to OLPH! I am thrilled that this initiative is underway, and I consider Scouting to be an important component of our Youth Ministry here at OLPH. We are so lucky to have Fr. Frank, who is the Diocesan Scouting Chaplain, to spearhead this for us.

Of course, Scouting provides the opportunities for the fun outdoor activities you would normally associate with Scouting — camping, hiking, fishing, canoeing, *etc.* Beyond that, though, Scouting can be an opportunity to learn basic first aid skills, wilderness survival skills, and general leadership skills that serve one well throughout all of life. More so, our Scouting program is a Catholic Scouting program, so it is imbued with Catholic values and takes place in the context of our Catholic faith and parish. Scouts at OLPH become more immersed in the life of OLPH! Through it all, Scouts make lifetime friends, serve others and have a great time.

Information tables will be available outside the Masses next weekend. Why not stop by and check it out? You can also contact Fr. Frank directly if you would like more information. Perhaps, if you are a parishioner here but have joined a Scout Troop in another parish or in your school, you would like to change over and join your home parish Troop 54...that would be great! A group of Scouts could do it together.

### *Parish Leadership Meeting*

Next weekend we will be having one of our periodic Parish Leadership Meetings, which will gather together all the heads and leaders of our ministries, organizations and societies. The impetus for this is the desire to deepen the way our ministries work together for the good of the parish and to build up a greater sense of unity and engagement in the life of OLPH. Our previous meetings have been very energizing and renewing and have helped set directions for the future.

I am very grateful to all the parish leaders who will be giving up an entire Saturday afternoon for this meeting; this shows their commitment to the life of the parish. We'll spend time together reviewing where we are as a parish, and where we want to go; we'll see how our ongoing Strengths Finder process can be a tool for deepening engagement in the life of the parish; and we'll spend time together building a common vision for the parish, all in the context of spirituality and discipleship. Please offer a prayer on this coming Saturday for the success of this important gathering of parish leaders.

### ***Pastor's Annual Report***

Next weekend I will be speaking at all the Masses giving my Pastor's Annual Report to the parish (or, as it is sometimes jokingly called, the "State of the Union" address!). This annual report is an important expression of my transparency and accountability to you as your Pastor, where I can present some "large view" aspects of our parish life concerning finances and concerning our mission and ministry as disciples. It's one way of giving everyone a share in the management of the parish. I thank you in advance for this opportunity to present this information to you. Although it is a little different than the normal homily that is presented, each year I receive positive feedback concerning the value of doing this. I hope you will again listen with a sense of openness and acceptance as a sign of your

commitment to the overall good of the parish.

### ***Adult Education Course: Sacraments of Mercy and Healing***

This week is the last week to sign up for my adult education course on Sacraments of Healing and Mercy — the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It promises to be an interesting course as we look at the rituals for those sacraments (both the historical development of the rituals and the way they are celebrated today). Classes start this Thursday; I hope to see you there!

### ***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,



## **IMPORTANT PARISH NOTICES**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING WELLWOOD AVENUE ENTRANCE**

As of this writing, we have a tentative starting date of MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 to begin the renovation of the Wellwood Avenue entrance plaza, as discussed last year. **As of that date, the main Wellwood Avenue entrance will not be accessible to enter the church for several weeks.** You are asked to use one of the side entrances starting on October 17. More complete information will be in next week's bulletin and announced at Masses. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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.

## PARISH LEADERSHIP MEETING

All heads and leaders of parish ministries, organizations and societies should have received their invitation letter to our next **PARISH LEADERSHIP MEETING** to be held **Saturday, October 15, 2016, 1:00-3:30 p.m. in the Auditorium**. These meetings are held on a regular basis to facilitate the unity and collaboration among all our many different ministries and organizations, in addition to providing a forum to continue to move forward in living the mission entrusted to us as a parish. All leaders are asked to attend and, if you are unable to do so, to appoint a "second-in-command" to attend in your place and to report back to you. If you are sending someone in your place, you must notify Msgr. Joe so that proper materials may be prepared. Thank you to all our leaders and ministry heads for all they do and for their participation in these meetings!

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### The Diocese of Rockville Centre *Golden Wedding Celebration*

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

**Sunday, November 6,**

Christ the King, Commack

Liturgy begins at 2:30 pm.

*You must register for Mass.*

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.



## PRE-CANA NEEDS YOU!

*Are you are a couple validly married five or more years in the Catholic Church, and are you discouraged by the high divorce rate?*

Why not join a ministry where you can actually do something to help? Our *In-parish Pre-Cana Ministry* is looking for a few good couples to share their wisdom and experience with engaged couples in our marriage preparation program.

A perfect marriage is not required, just a willingness to share your joys, struggles, and problem-solving strategies with engaged couples who are hungry for some good role models!

If you call this week, you may be able to begin training this fall!

For more information call Chris Volpe (516) 238-2717



## 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.

**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.**

*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.*

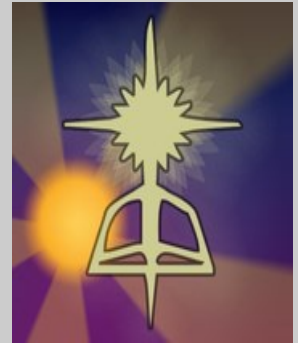
*May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always  
over us all. AMEN*

*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 10—No Devotions  
due to Columbus Day holiday  
Monday, October 17—7:00 p.m.  
Monday, October 24—7:00 p.m.**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children celebrate those sacraments at OLPH. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.
- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with us, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.
- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## 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?

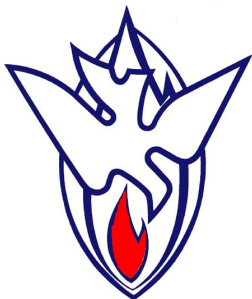


We offer a beautiful and life-giving process to join the Catholic Church and would love for you to be a part of it! You will join with other women and men interested in becoming part of the Catholic faith. Together, led by members of our parish community, you will discover God's call for you!

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](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net) For teenagers and their families who desire more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631.226.7725, x.251 or e-mail to [religiously@oloph.org](mailto:religiously@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, I will be 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.





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

# Annual Sweethearts Dance!

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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!



## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes

Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico [saitjoseph98@gmail.com](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com)



# K Of C 794 Blood Drive

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

3:00pm - 9:00pm

80 Herbert Avenue, Lindenhurst

Thank you from all of us.



Your donation will help to save up to **THREE** lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!

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

## THANK YOU FOR CARING!

### Eligibility Criteria:

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

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900 [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org).

For more information please contact Andrew Martorano (516)933-0510

# 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*

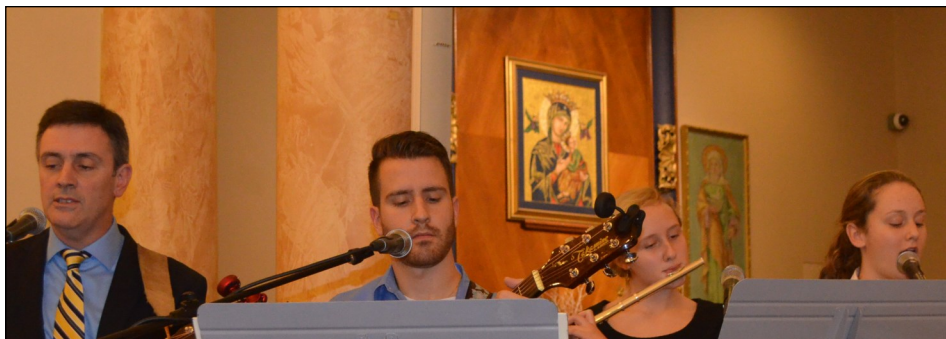
The Youth Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. Mass three times a month (September to June) and at other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the school building. Members are in grades 3 through 12.

*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*



# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

## OFFICE HOURS:

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

### FIRST DAY OF CLASS!



All our students enjoyed warm welcomes from teachers on their first day!

Here are a few snapshots of Level 1 students on their first day of class!



### UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS:

October 15th (Saturday)  
Parent/Child Workshop for Level 1 (All sessions)

October 22nd (Saturday)  
Level 5 Parent Meeting and Open House

October 24th (Monday)  
Level 8 Parent Meeting on Morality

October 26th (Wednesday)  
Level 6 Parent Meeting on Scripture

### IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR LEVEL 6:

**\*\*Level 6 Commitment Masses\*\***  
**Begin October 22nd at 5 p.m. (see workbook!)**

### HALL MONITORS AND ASSISTANT CATECHISTS: WE WANT YOU!

We are currently in need of a few assistant catechists for our Special Education program. Consider sharing your time and talents with our students, who have so much love to give!

Training and materials provided. Please call us ASAP if interested.

**We also need hall monitors, especially for our Saturday classes.** Contact us with any questions!

### SAINT OF THE WEEK



**October 15th:**

**St. Teresa of Avila**

One of the Church's most famous mystics, St. Teresa experienced many beautiful visions

of God and enjoyed special closeness with Him her entire life.

*Let nothing disturb you.*

*Let nothing make you afraid.*

*All things are passing.*

*God alone never changes.*

*Patience gains all things.*

*If you have God you will want for nothing.*

*God alone suffices.*

—St. Teresa of Avila

### REMINDER: UPCOMING DATES

Due to school holidays and in observance of Columbus Day, there will be **no class** on the following dates:

Monday, October 10th (Level 8)

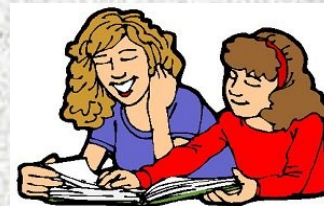
Wednesday, October 12th (Levels 6, 7, and Teens)

### ATTENTION MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Looking to get your Christian service hours completed in a fun, rewarding way? Interested in working with kids, building your resume, and sharing your faith? Join us on Saturdays (you choose which session!) as a **student teacher!**

Stop by our office or call for more information.

**Confirmation students (Levels 6, 7, and 8) are especially encouraged to student teach to fulfill workbook requirements.**



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

## **NEW Food Pantry List!**

- HOT & COLD CEREAL**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- PANCAKE MIX**
- PASTA SAUCE**
- CANNED MEATS/CHICKEN**
- RICE, JELLY, SNACKS**
- PAPER TOWELS**

*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!**

## **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  
Saturdays: 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**

In today’s Gospel we hear that only one of those healed returned to glorify God and to give thanks to God. It is true, that when we have a grateful heart we know that everything is a gift from God.

**To give thanks for all that God has given to you,  
have you considered answering the call to help serve the  
poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

## **NEW SEASON BEGINS OCTOBER 9**

### **Are you watching... 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.**

**Fridays at 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturdays at 10:00 p.m.**

**Thursdays at 11:00 p.m.**



## 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](mailto: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**

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.*

### COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

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



OLPH's **Community Meal Ministry** has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

of each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

*Our next Community Meal will be Sunday, October 16*

*Come and pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass & join us for "Sunday dinner" at 1:00 p.m.*

### 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 provided).  
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held in Room 24 of the "new" school (use large parking lot).

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net)

### SENIOR MOMENTS

*Avail yourself, men and women, 55 years +, of the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and with our parish community. Each time this group meets there will be times for formation, spiritual growth, friendship and community building. Senior Moments is looking for new men and women to join our spirit-filled group! All are welcome!*

**Tuesday, October 11**  
**9:00 a.m. - Room 24**  
(Park in the Gates Street Parking Lot)

### OLPH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

"like" the OLPH Facebook page in order to keep up with **all the happenings in the parish.**

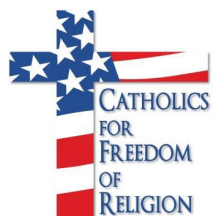
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## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

### CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



*Christians must beware of a "polite persecution" that is cloaked in a disguise of culture, modernity and progress.* "Pope Francis

**Unjust California Bill Threatening Religious Freedom Revised:** Thanks to the prayers of many and the support of Los Angeles Catholic Archbishop Gomez, Bishop Blake of the Church of God in Christ, nearly 150 Christian, Jewish and Muslim faith leaders, and many activist organizations, legislation that would have jeopardized the religious freedom of faith-based higher education, has been amended and no longer threatens access to state

funding. The legislature was flooded with letters and messages saying the original bill violated religious freedom. The so-called "Equality in Higher Education Act" would have forced religious schools that receive state funds, or whose students receive state aid, to adopt practices that conflict with their beliefs and teachings. It would mean faith-based institutions would no longer be able to determine for themselves the scope of their religious convictions as applied in student conduct policies, housing and restroom/locker facilities, and other matters of religious expression and campus life. Religious schools would be vulnerable to anti-discrimination lawsuits and unprecedented government policing.

"This is a huge win for progress and diversity in higher education," said the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. (lifepacific.edu, 8/31/16; latimes.com, 9/1/16; opposesb1146.com)

**Pray, Learn and Act to preserve religious liberty. Visit [www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)**

**Event:**

Mon., October 10, 2016, 8PM, Dr. John Hassett, MD, will present "The Affordable Care Act and the Complete Lives System", Our Lady of Mercy RC Church, lower church meeting room, 500 S Oyster Bay Rd, Hicksville, NY 11801

## BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE SALE

Come celebrate

THE  
BlueDoor  
BOUTIQUE'S

1<sup>st</sup>

YEAR ANNIVERSARY



**Sale-avration**  
Seasonal Bag Sale &  
Christmas Store Extravaganza\*

**Sunday, October 30**

**9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**THANK YOU!** Your donations and purchases have enabled OLP's BlueDoor Boutique to serve the poor and needy in the Lindenhurst and surrounding communities by providing clothing, shoes, linens and household items at little to no cost. The BlueDoor Boutique has also supported other ministries including OLP's Club Community Meal, OLP's Church Van Ministry, Birthright, The INN, The Life Center, AmVets, and local libraries.

**Regular Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10AM-1PM and Saturday 1:30PM - 3:00PM**

**\*Sale includes all clothing at \$5.00 per filled bag • Christmas items at 50% off and many "Red" tagged items at 50% off**

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***Marion Butler  
Kathleen Louise Stephenson***

*“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.”*

## **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**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Ryan Bernard</i>      | <i>Alice Kurila</i>         |
| <i>John Santiago</i>     | <i>Gene Gorman</i>          |
| <i>RoseMarie Collins</i> | <i>Heleene Horodnicki</i>   |
| <i>Matthew Allocca</i>   | <i>Mary Fontana</i>         |
| <i>Virginia Evers</i>    | <i>Fran Giarratano</i>      |
| <i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i>   | <i>George Gleixner</i>      |
| <i>Vance Vivrito</i>     | <i>Annie McGuinniss</i>     |
| <i>Pauline Lechner</i>   | <i>Alexander Sherbitsky</i> |
| <i>Patricia Grasso</i>   | <i>Ms. Irma</i>             |
| <i>Mary Doran</i>        | <i>Kevin Reid</i>           |
| <i>Alisha Gervasio</i>   | <i>Jean Wilutis</i>         |
| <i>Virginia Evers</i>    | <i>Phyllis Parson</i>       |
| <i>Matthew Alloca</i>    | <i>John Ferguson</i>        |
| <i>Dominick Esposito</i> | <i>Caroline Vindigni</i>    |
| <i>Victoria Flynn</i>    | <i>Stacey</i>               |
| <i>Carmine</i>           | <i>Cathy Walker</i>         |
| <i>Sheila</i>            | <i>Peter Pellegrino</i>     |
| <i>Erin Stanton</i>      | <i>Agnes Storz</i>          |
| <i>Thomas J. Martin</i>  | <i>Rose Formisano</i>       |

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

## **MASS MEMORIALS**

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!  
Memorials used during the Masses for week of  
**October 9-15:**

***Altar Wine  
Charles Whittaker  
Requested by  
Eileen Whittaker***



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



## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, October 10—**  
Weekday

6:30 Luis Tirado

12:15 Ronald Richards

**TUESDAY, October 11—**  
Weekday  
*(St. John XXIII, Pope)*

6:30 Cynthia Bubinski

12:15 Joseph & Louise Danko

**WEDNESDAY, October 12—**  
Weekday

6:30 Christina Varecka

12:15 Giuseppe Lentini

**THURSDAY, October 13—**  
Weekday

6:30 Frank M. Falco

12:15 Florence Northorn

**FRIDAY, October 14—**  
Weekday  
*(Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr)*

6:30 Michla Messina

12:15 Salvina Massari

**SATURDAY, October 15—**  
Saint Teresa of Jesus,  
Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00 Francesco Vitale

**Vigil for**  
**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 Theresa Napoleon

**Sunday, October 16**  
**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 Domenick Verdone

10:00 Perpetual Help Mass (Intentions on p. 16)

12:00 Living & Deceased Members of the  
Christian Mothers & Guild

5:00 For the People of the Parish

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, October 10, 2016**

**ALL RECTORY OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND  
ACTIVITIES CANCELLED DUE TO COLUMBUS DAY**

7:00 p.m. NO Devotions Church

**Tuesday, October 11, 2016**

9:00 a.m. Senior Moments Room 24

6:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Board Meeting Room 18

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

**Wednesday, October 12, 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

7:00 p.m. Pre-Cana Church

7:30 p.m. RCIA Team Meeting Room 15

**Thursday, October 13, 2016**

1– 5 p.m. Church closed for cleaning Church

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

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Room 18

7:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation:  
Sacraments of Mercy & Healing Room 18

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

**Friday, October 14, 2016**

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

2:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Room 24

7:00 p.m. Holy Name Society Meeting Room 10

**Saturday, October 15, 2016**

8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. Levels 1-5 Classes Church

1:00 p.m. Leadership Meeting Auditorium

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

4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

5:00 p.m. Boy Scout Recruitment Outside

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

**Sunday, October 16, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Boy Scout Recruitment Outside

10:00 a.m. Pre-Cana Couple Blessing Church

11:00 p.m. Fall Session Pre-Cana Meeting Room 10

1:00 p.m. Community Meal Cafeteria

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

2:00 p.m. CYO Volleyball Auditorium

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                       |
|--|-----|-----------------------------|
| Carmel Becker, Bulletin  | 246 | cbecker@oloph.org           |
| Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary                                 | 212 | pchavis@oloph.org           |
| Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant                       | 214 | lcoppola@oloph.org          |
| Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor                                  | 206 | msgjrjoe@oloph.org          |
| Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor                           | 226 | fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com |
| Faith Formation Office   | 253 | 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,<br>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

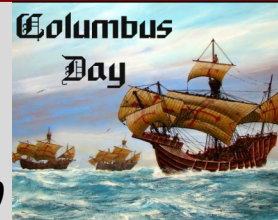
Deacon Robert Becker  
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Mark Costantino  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Chris Ferraro  
MaryAnn Haas  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Rosaleen Walters  
Mike Williams

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

## OFFERING UPDATE October 1/2, 2016

| Mass Time          | Attendance   | # of Envelopes | Weekly Collection  |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 5:00 p.m.          | 354          | 138            | \$3,614.00         |
| 8:00 a.m.          | 271          | 114            | \$2,913.00         |
| 10:00 a.m.         | 434          | 123            | \$3,455.00         |
| 12:00 pm.          | 380          | 109            | \$2,818.00         |
| 5:00 p.m.          | 186          | 32             | \$1,132.50         |
| <b>Total coin:</b> |              |                | <b>\$19.23</b>     |
| <b>Mail-ins:</b>   |              |                | <b>\$793.00</b>    |
| Children's Env.    |              | 17             | \$35.01            |
| Faith Direct       |              |                | \$1,934.50         |
| Special Needs      | 65           | 15             | \$538.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>1,690</b> | <b>548</b>     | <b>\$17,252.24</b> |
| <b>2015 total</b>  | <b>1,887</b> | <b>628</b>     | <b>17,720.18</b>   |
| <b>Candles</b>     |              |                | <b>\$1,138.64</b>  |
| <b>Poor Box</b>    |              |                | <b>\$244.82</b>    |

All parish offices are closed and all activities are cancelled on



**Monday, October 10**

due to the *Columbus Day holiday*. No evening devotions will be held on Monday night. Weekday Masses (6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.) will be celebrated as usual.

Offices re-open Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

### 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.**



### TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS *September*

- Ms. Josephine Saveriano & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Jose Martinez & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Russo & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Spicer*
- Ms. Mileyra TorreJon & Family*
- Ms. Francine Meyers & Family*
- Ms. Jennifer Muratore & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Peewee Medina & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Jose Zulueta & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Lech Chrzanowski & Family*
- Ms. Dorothy Pfeiffer & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Varano*
- Mr. Joseph Macejko, Sr.*
- Ms. Toni Firenze & Mr. Ryan Castro & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Jason Butler & Family*
- Mr. & Mrs. Keith Connor & Family*
- Sarah Santaniello & Family*
- Ms. Tanya Mangiaracina & Family*

### 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](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org).  
*Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

- October 23—by Oct. 13**
- October 30—by Oct. 20**
- November 6 —by Oct. 27**

## PREPARING FOR

Sunday, October 16, 2016—The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“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

### Exodus 17:8-13

Moses intercedes for his people using the staff he previously used when God parted the Red Sea to allow the Israelites to escape from Egypt. This time he uses it as Joshua leads them in battle with the Amalekites who are trying to deny them entry into the land God promised them. Noticing that Israel has the better of the battle whenever Moses has his hands raised, Aaron and Hur help him keep his arms up during the long hours of the battle. What we see here is the importance of persistence in prayer. Moses, the nation’s leader, not on his own but with the help of assistants, asks for God’s help and mercy for the people who give their lives to protect the Promised Land. God hears his persistent prayer by giving Israel the victory.

### 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Paul speaks to his protégé Timothy lovingly and wisely about the role God’s Word can (and should) play in his life. His words are just as powerful today to anyone who remains open to his Word and desires that it become the fuel that drives their heart. Paul writes from prison anticipating death on account of preaching the Word so he is speaking of what he knows. He speaks of the power and awesomeness of the Word. “All Scripture is inspired by God,” he says, and then goes on to list the many ways it is useful and can enrich our lives. Knowing it intimately equips us for every good work so that we can make a difference in our world by patiently sharing it with others.

### Luke 18:1-8

Jesus speaks in a parable today about the necessity to pray always without becoming weary. An unjust judge feared neither God nor man but he gave a widow justice because she was persistent in her prayer. At an even deeper level, Jesus is asking us to be persistent in faith, not simply in saying prayers. We must return to God again and again, not with long discourses, but with simple faith that in humility of heart and in plain language places our needs before him with confidence in his merciful love. Our all-merciful God will indeed respond to the faith of earnest and humble believers.

## Readings for the Week

### Monday, October 10, 2016:

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1  
+ Luke 11:29-32

### Tuesday, October 11, 2016:

Galatians 5:1-6 + Luke 11:37-41

### Wednesday, October 12, 2016:

Galatians 5:18-25 + Luke 11:42-46

### Thursday, October 13, 2016:

Ephesians 1:1-10 + Luke 11:47-54

### Friday, October 14, 2016:

Ephesians 1:11-14 + Luke 12:1-7

### Saturday, October 15, 2016:

Ephesians 1:11-14 + Luke 12:11-7

### Sunday, October 16, 2016:

Exodus 17:8-13  
+ 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2  
+ Luke 18:1-8

### 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. What does Jesus’ injunction, “Pray always ...” mean to you? Do you think Jesus means only prayers of petition? What does Jesus want to make clear to you about petitioning God? Discuss this statement: “When you pray for rain, take an umbrella.”

2. In his address for the “Angelus,” Pope Francis asks, “Why does God want us ‘to cry out day and night’ to the Lord? Doesn’t God already know our needs?”

And this is a good question, that leads us to deepen a very important aspect of the Faith: God invites us to pray with insistence, not because he doesn’t know what we need, or because he doesn’t listen to us. On the contrary, he always hears and knows all of us, with love. In our daily journey, especially in difficulties, in the fight against evil outside of ourselves and within us, the Lord is not far away, he is at our side; we fight with him beside us, and our weapon is prayer, which makes us feel his presence alongside of us, his mercy, even his help.

—[Pope Francis, October 20, 2013](#)

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

- **REGIS HIGH SCHOOL**, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, will host an *Open House* for students and their parents on Monday, **October 10**, 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY. Contact Eric Di Michele, Dir. of Admissions 212-288-1100 X 2057 or email [edmichele@regis.org](mailto:edmichele@regis.org).
- **LIVING MERCY CONFERENCE - A FAITH ENRICHING EXPERIENCE** You are invited to a Conference Celebrating the Year of Mercy at Kellenberg Memorial High School on Saturday, **October 22**. Keynote Speakers include: Dr. Larry Feingold and Dr. Benedict Nguyen, as well as Dr. Tim Herrman and Prof. Douglas Bushman. \$25 registration fee includes a light breakfast at 9:00 a.m. as well as lunch at 12:00 p.m. \$15 registration fee includes morning *OR* afternoon session only (lunch not included) We will close the Conference with a Mass at 4:00 p.m. with Bishop Robert Brennan. Register at [www.kellenberg.org](http://www.kellenberg.org) or call Alex Basile at (516) 292-0200 x 342.

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

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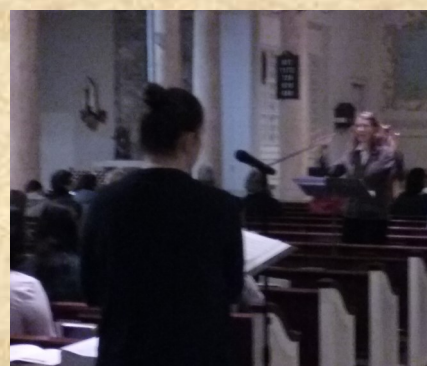
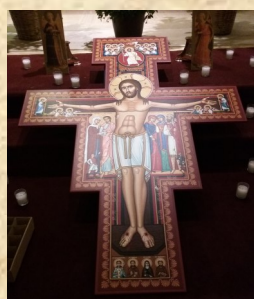
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