

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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May the Lord direct your hearts
to the love of God and
to the endurance of Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:510

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 10, 2013

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

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

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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

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

Coordinator of Faith Formation: April Carbaugh

Music Director: Christopher Ferraro

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

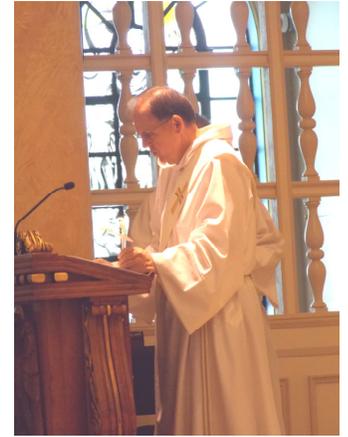
Monday- Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Last Saturday, November 2, we celebrated All Souls Day at OLPH. Families of those who have died in the past year were invited to our Mass of Remembrance. Following the Mass, members of our Christian Mothers hosted a wonderful reception in the Auditorium.



HOSPITALITY BREAKFAST



Last Sunday, our Hospitality Breakfast committee hosted a "Meet the Saints" breakfast for our parish family after the 9:30 A.M. Mass.

Special thanks to all who attended, those who baked and brought wonderful foods, and to Bagel & Deli Creations who donated the bagels.



Look for more information about opportunities for families of all ages and sizes to come together in other parts of the bulletin.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Wanted: Someone with Great Administrative and Organizational Skills!

You may recall I mentioned in my Pastor's Report to the parish several weekends ago that one of the major priorities we would have to address soon would be the question of an updated census. Our current records are out-of-date and have not been maintained as accurately or consistently as is needed; our census database is just not meeting our needs. In consultation with the Pastoral Council I have decided that the time has come to begin this massive undertaking.

It will indeed be a tremendous endeavor that will encompass a long period of time and many different people. As important as will be the step of actually taking the census (a step that is still many, many months away), the process of careful preparation and planning that has to go on beforehand, including the design of an instrument we will use to collect the data, is just as important. The time is now to start the initial phases of what will be a long undertaking.

The Pastoral Council members will take an active role in the census project, and I am very grateful for their generosity and leadership in taking on this task. However, we are still in need of an overall **Census Coordinator** ("Census Czar," if you prefer!) who will be the "point person" under my direction to coordinate all the details, keep the process moving, solve problems as they arise, work with the Pastoral Council in designing the steps along the way, and just, in general, be responsible for seeing the project through from start to finish.

What qualities should this Census Coordinator have? Obviously, it should be a highly-organized person with great administrative skills. It should be a person who is attentive to detail and who likes following up on things to make sure nothing is overlooked. This person should also be comfortable in organizing people and teams and in finding the right people to do different tasks (the skill of being able to convince others to help out and participate through some gentle and loving "strong-arming" would probably be an asset!). Obviously, too, it should be someone who would have the time to commit to this task, so someone who is not already overly involved in other things would be ideal.

I am putting out an appeal to find this person. I know you're out there in our parish, and the time is now for you to come forward and offer your gifts and your service to us! Perhaps you know someone who fits the bill — why not convince that person to step forward?

I would ask that if you are interested in this position, please send me a letter or an e-mail describing your qualifications and why you would be the perfect person to take on this responsibility! Please send it to me no later than next Monday, November 18.

I look forward to the responses I will receive and to announcing our new "Census Czar"!

Children's Envelopes

Take a look at the explanation found elsewhere in this bulletin concerning children's envelopes which will soon be available. I think this is an exciting endeavor which will be an important part of our liturgical ministry to children in the parish. It's part of a multi-faceted approach we are taking which will include the return of special bulletins for children and a ritual component within Mass called the **Children's Liturgy of the Word**.

More details will follow soon, especially as we prepare to introduce the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

"Little Blue Book" for Advent

Beginning next weekend we will have available on the pew ledges a special *Little Blue Book* for the Advent and Christmas seasons. This book will provide the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of the Advent and Christmas seasons, using reflections on the Sunday Gospels and other reflections incorporating the feast of the day or various traditions and customs. We hope that parishioners will take advantage of these books to let God speak to them through a few moments of silence and reflection. Finding such time for prayer, silence and reflection is a necessary part of our spiritual life, especially at privileged times in the liturgical year such as Advent and Christmas Time. Look for these books beginning next weekend.

Liturgy Conference

This Monday I will be attending a day of prayer and study offered by the Rockville Centre Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. The focus will be on Liturgy and the New Evangelization. One of the speakers will be Msgr. Kevin Irwin, former Dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America. Msgr. Irwin is a former professor of mine from my own graduate studies in liturgy and he wrote the foreword to one of my books, so I look forward to spending time with him again. I'm thrilled that a number of OLPH parishioners and clergy also will be attending the day, which promises to be informative and engaging.

Our parish is enriched in that our own Chris Ferraro is the local Chapter Director for NPM (National Association of Pastoral Musicians) and is on the National Council for NPM. Chris was instrumental in organizing this study day and I know it will be a great experience for all who attend.

Bishops' General Assembly

The United States Bishops will be holding their annual fall General Assembly November 11-14 in Baltimore. The proceedings will be telecast live on Telecare, our diocesan television station, and it is always interesting to watch the sessions and to be a witness to the discussions. You can go to <http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/usccb-general-assembly/index.cfm> if you wish to read more about the Bishops' General Assembly.

I will be co-hosting a "pre-show" segment on Telecare on Tuesday morning, November 21 from 8:30-9:00 a.m. before the start of that day's meeting (I will be at the Telecare studios in Uniondale, not in Baltimore!). Again, all the proceedings will be aired on Telecare, and you may find it instructive and informative to tune in and see what the all Bishops of the United States are discussing. You try to spot our own Rockville Centre Bishops, Bishop Murphy, Bishop Brennan and Bishop Pérez!

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,



PUTTING ON OUR "SUNDAY BEST"



Many times it is during the hot summer weather that parishes remind people to dress appropriately for Mass. However, it is just as true all year long! Sunday Mass is the most important thing we do, and out of respect for God and our brothers and sisters with whom we worship, we should bring the best we have to offer not only inwardly and spiritually, but also outwardly in the way we are dressed. The way we are dressed expresses the importance of what we are doing and is a statement about the attitude we bring; externals do matter! In fact, dressing properly for Mass is part of the spiritual preparation that helps us to more deeply enter into the act of worship during the liturgy itself!

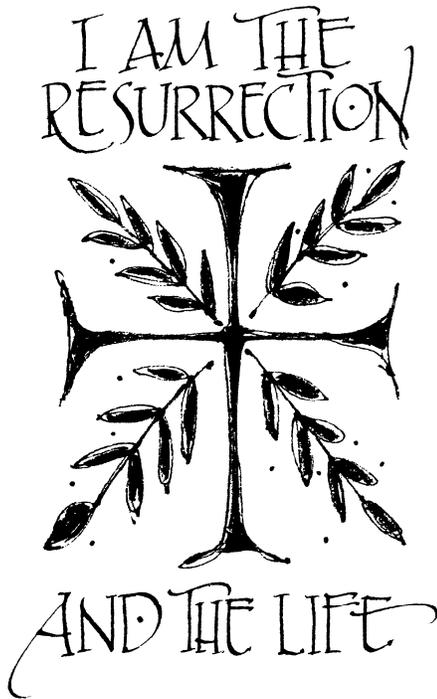
Therefore, we ask all parishioners at OLPH to help us "raise the bar" for attire at Mass all year long, even during the winter months, and to set a high standard for the importance of what we are doing. Sloppy slacks and shirts, tee-shirts, jeans with holes and rips in them and maybe even jeans in general, baggy short pants, sweat shirts, gym clothes, pajama pants, and all clothing of that nature are really inappropriate for Mass. We should be dressing "up" for such an important occasion as Mass, rather than dressing "down." This applies to kids, too – they are very capable of expressing their love for God and for their brothers and sisters by taking the extra time to dress appropriately. Parents can help instill these values in their children by having them dress appropriately and by dressing appropriately themselves as good role models.

Together let's give each other the gift of dressing "up" for Mass to show each other how important our liturgy is!

In observance of
Veterans' Day....
All parish buildings and offices will be closed.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Offer the Gift of Yourself in the Ministry of Consolation!

Would you like to help a family at a time when they need it most? Would you like to bring a warm, friendly and welcoming experience of the parish to others when they would greatly appreciate it and when it could have a great effect on them? If so, then the Ministry of Consolation is for YOU! Ministers of Consolation minister to families at the time of the Funeral Mass by helping them to prepare the Mass and by being present at the Mass as greeters and liturgical ministers. People are also needed to work behind the scenes to coordinate these various ministers, to prepare worship aids, and to bring a cake to a family during the days of the wake.

If you are interested in offering yourself in any aspect of the Ministry of Consolation or if you would like more information, please contact Msgr. Joe at msgrjoe@oloph.org or at the rectory number, ext. 206. Thank you.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

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

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



Knights of Columbus

400 S. Broadway
Lindenhurst

Annual Memorial Mass
Tuesday, November 19
8 PM

Celebrant- our Chaplain

Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Refreshments will be served after the Mass. All Members, their families and friends are invited.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING



Throughout the season of Advent, we will light our Advent wreath at the beginning of each Mass. (During the first week, the Blessing and Lighting of the Advent wreath is part of the Universal Prayer.) We would like families and individuals in our parish to be a part of this.

If you and/or your family are able to be part of this, please sign up in the binder found in the back of the Church (on the ledge) or e-mail Father John at jsureau@olph.org.

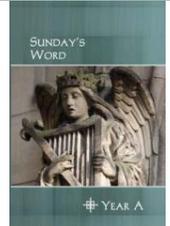
Coming Soon...

Children's Liturgy of the Word

An exciting new way for children to participate more deeply in the celebration of the Eucharist at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is coming to OLPH soon – the Children's Liturgy of the Word! What is it? How does it work? Keep watching the bulletin in the weeks ahead for more information!

New Sunday's Word for the New Liturgical Year- Year A

The new *Sunday's Word* book, with the Sunday readings for the new liturgical year which begins with the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, is now available at the rectory. A \$2 donation is requested to cover the cost of the book.



CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES

One of our ongoing goals at OLPH is to bring children as fully as possible into the worship life and apostolic life of our parish. Through our many programs of outreach to children, we try to give them a sense of ownership and real participation in what we as parishioners do in response to Jesus' call to follow Him.



As a part of this outreach to children, **Children's Envelopes** will now be available for children to place in the weekly collection basket at Mass. These envelopes are being used because many parents have asked for a way to help teach their children the value of being thankful for the gifts God gives us and sharing the abundance of those gifts with others.

Use of these envelopes is completely voluntary, of course, and the primary purpose is not a money-raising one. The purpose is to provide a tool for those parents who wish to reinforce in their children the idea of stewardship for their Church and responsible giving toward others. Ideally, the money — whatever amount is placed in the envelope (there is no minimum or maximum!) — comes from the children themselves, *e.g.*, out of their allowance, rather than being just handed to them from the parents. In this way, Christian attitudes are nourished in the children, and this can be yet another avenue for parents and children to discuss responsible Christian living.

How do the envelopes work? They will be available in baskets around the church. Families who wish to use them should simply take a box which contains envelopes for the entire year. Children then return one envelope each week, dropping it in the collection basket at Mass. The envelope should have the child's name and amount of the offering written on it. The design on the envelope may be colored in and decorated in other ways if desired. The amount collected in the children's envelopes will be published in the bulletin each week. As with the usual collection offerings, the money will go toward supporting the mission of and programs at OLPH.

We invite your family to think about and pray about participating in this endeavor. It can be a powerful way for children to take a sense of responsibility for their outreach to others and to instill in them a spirit of Christian generosity and stewardship.

MUSIC NOTES



Pianist/Keyboard Player Needed

In a few months we will begin having a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30am Mass on Sundays. We are in need of a person willing to offer themselves as a keyboard player to play two simple songs. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Chris Ferraro at 226-7725 ext. 210 or cferraro@oloph.org. You must be able to read music and have some proficiency in playing.

Join us for Christmas

Would you like to sing with the adult choir for the Christmas Season (or even just Midnight Mass) but can't commit to singing every Sunday? We'd love to have you. College students are especially welcome. Call Chris Ferraro at 226-7725 ext. 210 or email him at cferraro@oloph.org for more information or to discuss what the commitment might entail.

Save the Date for Advent Lessons and Carols

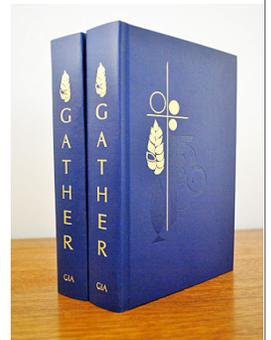
On Sunday, December 15 at 7:30pm, OLPH will offer a prayer service called Advent Lessons and Carols. In the evening, in the peak of winter darkness, we will gather in the quiet church, with candles lit from the Peace Light originating from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, to hear readings from Scripture and sing the great music of the Advent season. Based on the traditional service from Kings College, Cambridge, we will add our own touch, with readers of all ages and music led by the adult choir, youth band, youth choir, cantors and instrumentalists. You won't want to miss this!



GATHER HYMNAL MEMORIALS

"Those who sing pray twice."

St. Augustine



I/We wish to help defray the cost of our new hymnals by offering the following memorial for \$35:

Name (s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Bookplate Inscription (*choose only one per book*):

For a Deceased Person: In Memory of _____

For a Living Person: In Honor of _____

Simple Donation: Gift from _____

If you wish to memorialize more than one book, make copies of this form as needed.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Praying the Liturgy of the Hours Together:

Come to the Banquet—and please join us for dessert!

Imagine for a moment that there's someone very important living in our neighborhood. No one has actually seen him, but yet everyone knows his name, and among ourselves, we call him, "the one who has everything." One day, much to your surprise, along with family and a few close friends, you find that he's invited you to dinner, in fact, to a banquet. But why, everyone wonders? Of course you'll wash up and dress up the best you can, but the question is, should you bring anything? We certainly have nothing that would impress him or that he would need. What could we possibly offer to this "one who has everything?"

Through the grapevine, you find a friend who has already attended such a banquet. "He invites you simply because he wants to share everything he has with you," the friend tells you. "And if you really want to bring something that will make him smile, get this: his best friends are people who don't even have the basics. So whatever you'd be happy to give to help out his friends, that's all he asks!"

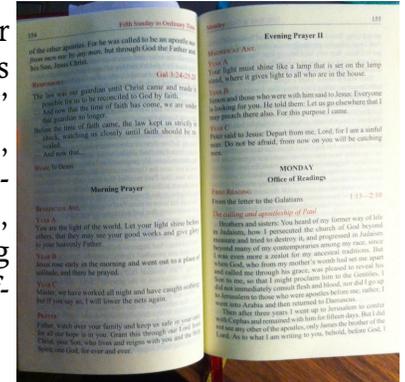
The day of the banquet arrives. With family in tow, you walk into his great hall, somewhat self-consciously. As there don't appear to be any assigned seats, you wonder where you might belong. You look among the crowd for familiar faces. Suddenly, a buddy of yours slaps his hand on your shoulder and invites you to sit with him and his family. In the midst of catching up on things with your friend, someone stands up in the front of the room and warmly welcomes all who have gathered. You are then invited to stand, and everyone begins singing in unison, perhaps, you think, to greet your mysterious esteemed host? A man clothed in a ceremonial robe processes from the room's rear entrance all the way up to the front, and turns to face everyone. He then makes a patterned gesture, which all the invited guests imitate, touching first his forehead, then the center of his chest, then his left and his right shoulder, while pronouncing these words:

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," to which all gathered in unison reply, "Amen."

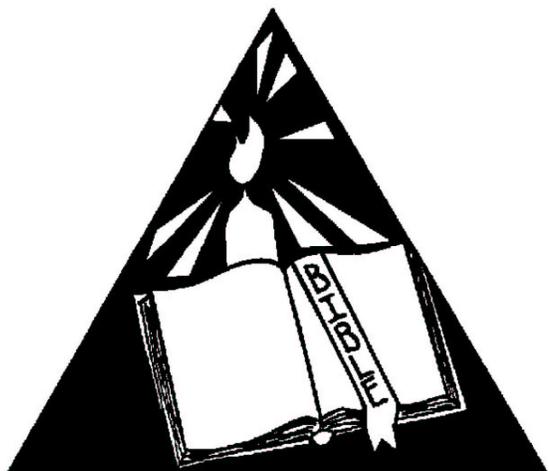
The man in ceremonial garb then opens his arms wide in a gesture of embrace and greets all with these words,

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
To which the gathered reply, "And with your spirit."

And so begins the great banquet, which of course, if you hadn't already guessed, you now know is not an imaginary one at all, but is in fact the Mass—the very banquet to which we are all invited and called to celebrate every weekend, if not every day. At Mass, by all appearances, we eat a small flat circular-shaped wafer made of wheat flour and water, and are offered to drink from a chalice filled with red wine as well. But by the power of the very same *grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, what we really consume, what we actually take into our bodies and our souls, is nothing less than the Body and Blood of the Lord—it is the Host of the Heavenly Banquet Himself. He not only shares everything He has with us, but everything that He is!*



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Yes, the Lord God, the One Who has everything, calls us to partake in a banquet where He shares His very life, His very self with us. What can we do, except to let Him have His way—to take the immensely wonderful gift He offers? And in return, to give Him our lives and our very selves. And with our hearts full of joy and thanksgiving, He then sends us out into the world to tell everyone what He has done for us.

At the end of each Mass, when the Lord through His priest or deacon commands us to go forth and share the good news, “the world” to which we are to bring the Gospel includes all those already in the Church, as well as those without any faith. As St. Paul writes:

Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another [in] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father (Eph 5:18-20).

There it is spelled out plainly. We are to give thanks ALWAYS, to celebrate the Eucharist, the gift of God in Christ in our hearts, ALWAYS, not just at Mass. For us Catholics, guess what our time of prayer and thanksgiving together outside of the Mass, the Banquet of the Lord, really is then? Why, it’s nothing short of DESSERT! Consider what we typically do during dessert at any celebration with friends. We sing the praises of our host, and recount among ourselves what a wonderful feast we all just enjoyed. We also enjoy each other’s company, conversing among ourselves about what’s going on in our lives, sharing joys as well as concerns and sorrows. This is exactly what the Church gathers to do every day, several times a day, in the common prayer we call the Liturgy of the Hours, when together we as Church join together in offering psalms and hymns of praise and thanksgiving to God, and when we pray together for our own needs and intercede for the needs of the whole world.

Beginning on Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December 1, 2013, as we embark on the joyful season of Advent, we will begin to gather in the Church after the 5:00 p.m. Mass every Saturday and Sunday night to pray the Liturgy of the Hours together. If you already pray the Liturgy of the Hours, come join us. If you’ve never participated, and even if you’ve never heard of this beautiful form of prayer before, come join us. Come join us for the “dessert” of Evening Prayer, as we savor together the goodness of our God, offering Him our praise, our thanks, our hearts.

In the upcoming weeks we will be offering you a basic introduction to the Liturgy of the Hours. There’s also a website available where you can hear and participate daily in this prayer of the Church at any time and even read general instructions, at www.divineoffice.org. Consider making this beautiful prayer of the Church part of your weekly prayer. It’s simple, it won’t take long (only 20 minutes or so), and it will enrich your participation at Mass!

Liturgy of the Hours

EVENING PRAYER

Beginning November 30, 2013
Each Saturday and Sunday evening
at approximately 6:15 P.M.
(after the 5 P.M. Evening Mass)

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Advent Project Night

Advent - A Time of Waiting for Jesus

Come, share and explore the meaning of Advent and the Advent Wreath with your family, friends and neighbors as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.



Friday, November 22, 2013

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

OLPH Parish/School cafeteria

Costs: \$2.00 per family

Parents and grandparents...

Bring your children or grandchildren for an activity that centers on Advent as a season of preparation and joy. Meet with friends and neighbors for an evening of prayer, fun, crafts, and light refreshments.

Mail or drop the form below and \$2.00 in an envelope marked "Attention Family Life" to the Rectory.

Questions?: Call Laurie@ 957-9657 or Roseanne @ 957-5324 or email to olphfamilylife@aol.com

RSVP by Thursday, November 21, 2013

DUE TO LIMITED SEATING RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Family Name: _____ Number attending: _____

E-Mail _____@_____

Phone # _____

Money amt. cash _____ check _____

Please check if you would like to bake _____ or Help _____ at this event

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Children's Christmas Pageant Friday, December 20, 2013 7:00 P.M. Church



We'd like to involve as many members of our parish community, especially all parish children!
It's easy...there are only two short practices and a dress rehearsal.

There's something for all ages....

Pre-K through Grade 3—Angels and Shepherds (We need hundreds of them!)

Grades 4 through 6—Three Kings and the Royal Servants

Grades 7 through 12—We need lots of help—musicians, singers, organizers, help with Hot Cocoa and cookies, assistant directors and more!

If you can help with our pageant, please fill out the form below or e-mail to olphfamilylife@aol.com.

College Students (especially those coming home for Christmas) and Adults: We need help with supervision of angels and shepherds, assistance with hospitality and more! If you can help, please call Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@olph.org

We especially need parishioners to be part of our **Christmas Pageant Chorus and Music Group!** We need instrumentalists, singers, etc. For more information, contact Christopher Ferraro at cferraro@olph.org

Pageant Practices

Tuesday, December 10th—4:30 P.M.—Church

Friday, December 13th—4:30 P.M.—Church

DRESS REHEARSAL: Tuesday, December 17th— 4:30 P.M.—Church

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____@_____

Grade _____

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

“Any ministry that is pro-life must be pro-poor and if you are truly pro-poor, then you will be pro-life.”

— Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building
Use Parking Lot on corner of Gates and High Streets

Our NEW phone # 631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 A.M. —12 Noon

In today’s Gospel we find that God is a God of the living, and this is indeed the core of our hope. Jesus has risen and is with us; therefore, at no time should we be without hope for the future.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

HELP FAMILIES WITHIN OUR OWN PARISH IN NEED!

CHRISTMAS

ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2013

Each year, we ask members of our parish family to adopt families in need. Traditionally, we provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for over 100 families. We expect an increase in requests for help this year.

If you can help, please fill out the form below or contact our St. Vincent de Paul Office at 631.226-7725 X 234 or complete the tear off below and return it in the Collection Basket by Friday, November 15, 2013.



Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____@_____

___ YES! We would like to provide for a family in need this CHRISTMAS

We can provide for a family of 2 3 4 5 More than 5

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OR TO THE COLLECTION BASKET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Our work of caring for those most in need continues here at OLPH! Below are two new ministries we hope to begin so to better help and support our brothers and sisters. Read below and find out more!

DRIVING MINISTRY

Do you have 1 or 2 hours a month to help your fellow parishioners?

We are trying to start a driving ministry at OLPH. We need a commitment from a number of drivers with a good license and insurance and, of course, some time to donate to others.

The service will be medical appointments and participation at Sunday Mass.



If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182 or the Rectory at 631.226.7725.

Once we have a commitment from parishioners, we will provide information for those in need of assistance.

ALL DRIVERS MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED.

Nursing Ministry

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul."
3 John 2

Our parish is exploring the possibility of forming a Nursing Ministry in our parish. Parish nurses would work with parishioners to provide spiritual support, consultation, assistance with medical forms, resources and referrals and encouragement.

In addition, nurses would assist at parish events and perhaps provide spiritual and health programs for parishioners.

If you are interested in being a part of this new ministry and want to find out more information, please contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com.

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Thanks to all who have helped to plan and organize our the lighting of our parish for Christmas. We are going to be the "light" of Wellwood Avenue for the Christmas season.

Do you want to help?

We are in need of offerers to help with this on
Friday, December 6, 2013—9:00 A.M.
Saturday, December 7, 2013—9:00 A.M.

We plan to be here most of the day. If you are able to help, please call or e-mail Jean Gustavson at 613.225.1273 or e-mail to jmgustav@gmail.com.



And save the date...we'll be taking DOWN the lights on
Sunday, January 12, 2013 at 12 Noon

Many hands needed on that day as well!

All are welcome and needed to help with this project....get involved today!!!!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Re-Introducing the...

Saint Bernard League

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



If you are in need of help when it snows, members of our parish community will come to your home and shovel you out! If you think you can use this help, call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org so we can begin to match people up now.

If you signed up last year, **YOU MUST SIGN UP AGAIN!!!!**

We also need Saint Bernards!

Can you and/or your family shovel, snow blow or clear out another family or two in need within our parish community? We'd love to have all families matched up before the first snow of the season.

If you can help with this, call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org

This is a great way to help those in need (and do some tremendous community service!)

If you were a Saint Bernard last year, there is good news.... **YOU DO NOT NEED TO SIGN UP AGAIN.**



PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35-36

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

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

Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 PM.

Babylon Town Hall Annex
Phelps Lane
North Babylon, NY



For additional information contact: 516-496-7550 FEGS + 631-943-0441 Barbara + 631-806-3903 Sue

RESPECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

First Amendment, U.S. Constitution

Catholics for the Freedom of Religion formed in response to the Health and Human Services mandate in the new Affordable Care Act. While the Church is in favor of health care that brings healing to as many as possible, we are not in favor when it forces people of religion—any religion—to violate their consciences. Our first meeting was very successful.

Join us....

THURSDAY—November 21
7:30 P.M.
School Auditorium



Founding Member, **Barbara Samuels**, will speak on Freedom of Religion and the HHS Mandate at this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

“No Provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the Rights of Conscience against the enterprises of a civil authority..”

Thomas Jefferson

The Holy Name Society



will be outside
 the Church (7am –2pm)
 weekends of **Nov. 10 & 17**
 selling chances on their **“Turkey Raffle”**

Please stop by and support
 their annual fundraiser!

SENIOR MINISTRY

OLPH *Golden Age Society*

The **OLPH Golden Age Society** meets
 every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month,
 11:30am—3:00pm
 at K of C Hall, South Broadway,
 Lindenhurst.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us.
 Any questions call President,
 Dolores Barone 631-957-3432.

Look for info soon about some exciting new
 events and ministries for our parish’s oldest and
 wisest members, including a senior spirituality
 group and an outreach to homebound seniors.

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

TIME CHANGE!!!

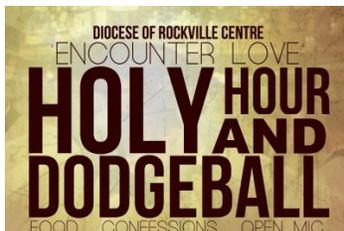
Based on some feedback we've been receiving, our Sunday night meetings will take place on Sunday AFTERNOONS for the next few weeks.

Our Youth Ministry office is open from **2:30** on Sunday. Youth Faith in Action (YFIA) meetings will take at **3:15 P.M.** Open to all 8th graders and high school students. Come and bring a friend. *(We will always end before 5 P.M. Sunday night Mass.)*

Sunday, November 10, 2013—3:15 P.M.

Youth Ministry Office clean up and set up!

We need a bunch of young people to set up the Youth Ministry Office. We need to move boxes, decorate, set up and more. Great service opportunity for you and your friends.



Friday, November 15, 2013—6:15 P.M.

Dodgeball/ Holy Hour

Meet at the van at 6:15 as we head to Hicksville with other members of our diocese for food, fun, and fellowship! Contact Brittany (olph.yfia@gmail.com) ASAP to book your spot in the van! Last time nearly 20 young people attended...this month, how about you?

Sunday, November 24, 2013—3:15 P.M.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We are going to help our St. Vincent de Paul by preparing Thanksgiving cards and a decoration for each family we provide Thanksgiving dinner for this year.

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our next middle school night is

THURSDAY, November 14th



OPEN GYM

Enter using the Wellwood Avenue
Entrance of the School Building.
Open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders!

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

THIS IS BIG NEWS!!

**We are going on a MISSION TRIP!!!
RESPONSE NEEDED BY
NOVEMBER 30, 2013!**

This summer at the end of July we will be driving our trusty van to **Boston!! July 20th - 26th.** The cost is about \$400 per person, but we are looking into some fundraising options now.

If you would like to sign up for this or would like more information please contact Brittany RIGHT AWAY. This is filling up FAST! We will need each teen to submit a deposit immediately.



young neighbors *in action* ►►

We will be taking **7 teens ONLY.** This is open to all current 8th -12th graders.

Learn more about **Young Neighbors in Action**—the program we will be using—by going online to www.youngneighbors.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, November 11, 2013:

Wisdom 1:1-7 + Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 12, 2013:

Wisdom 2:23—3:9 + Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 13, 2013:

Wisdom 6:1-11 + Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 14, 2013:

Wisdom 7:22b—8:1 + Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 15, 2013:

Wisdom 13:1-9 + Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 16, 2013:

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9 + Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, November 17, 2013:

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20a + 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
+ Luke 21:5-19

After reading next Sunday's Gospel (Luke 21:5-19), take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.

1. Do you think persecution is a rare occurrence or an ever-present reality for the Church? Why? Where are Christians being persecuted today? Do you think God uses your suffering in conjunction with Christ's to help renew the face of the earth?

2. What gifts does God give you to help you get through tough times? "Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking." How does this statement impact your trust in God?



NEW MOTHERS' MEAL MINISTRY

New Mothers' Meal Ministry

Who are we? A group of like-minded women who want to give a new Mom (and Dad) a break by cooking and delivering a delicious meal to your home. We keep the new family in our prayers.

Who is eligible? This is available for (Catholic) new mothers in the OLPH Parish.

Here's what some of the new mothers have said in their thank you notes:

"Thank you so much for cooking us dinner last week. It was delicious and a great break! Thanks again! Love, Liz..."

The meal was delicious and I was able to use the bones to make chicken soup! "- from Colleen

We wanted to send a note thanking you for preparing us such a delicious meal. My husband and I enjoyed the Chicken Picata and the Manicotta, while my son Jason, gobbled up his chicken cutlet! The carrot cake was moist and yummy....Hope to see you in church! Love, Danielle...."



If you had a baby in the last few months and could use a break, you may contact: Carol Stysiack at 631- 255 3506 or e mail carolstys@verizon.net and put Meal Ministry in the subject line.

SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!

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

If your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin.

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

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

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

There is still time to participate!

IRA Charitable Rollover expires December 31st.

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

Here's how to do it:

- If you are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift....
- If your IRA is a Traditional or Roth...
- If you don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions....

...you will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution." In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

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

Example: Mrs. Connors, age 76, has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to our Parish. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, she directs the custodian of her IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2013 directly to the Parish as a 2013 gift. She will not be subject to income tax on her \$5,000 qualified charitable distribution.

For more information, contact the Planned Giving Office:

Main Contact: Barbara Kilarjian
Phone: 516-379-5210 ext 229
E-Mail: bkilarjian@drvc.org
Website: <http://www.drvc.org/planned-giving>

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

EXTRA VIRTUS TRAINING AVAILABLE

**DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING
NECESSITY OF THIS CLASS
THE NOV. 12TH SESSION AT OLPH
HAS ADDED 25 MORE SPACES.
THREE MORE SESSIONS HAVE
BEEN ADDED AT OLPH:**

NOV. 16 AT 1PM

NOV. 21 AT 7 PM

DEC. 3 AT 7 PM

**TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL
PARISH OFFERERS AND MINISTERS.**

*Registration **MUST** be done online.*

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



CLEANLINESS.... NEXT TO GODLINESS!

Help us to keep our church looking neat. Please be sure to return your hymn books to the rack in the pew, and please place the card with the Mass responses in the rack behind the book. Thank you.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 631.226.7725

Religious Education: 631.226.2384

St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Outreach) :

631.226.7725 X 234

Parish Website:

www.olphlindhurst.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Deacon Tom Bast
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Ed Cirella
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Bob Dobres
Bob Meade
John Reynolds
Deacon Don Stamm
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

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

Your Parish Liturgy Committee

Robert Becker
Mark Costantino
Debbie McDonough
Barbara McPhail
Rosaleen Walters
Mike Williams
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
Deacon Doug Smith
Fr. John Sureau

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, November 11—

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

6:30 Carol Risi

12:15 Frank N. Franco

TUESDAY, November 12—

Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

6:30 All Souls Novena

12:15 All Priests

WEDNESDAY, November 13—

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

6:30 James A. DeNunzio

12:15 Frank Vollaro

THURSDAY, November 14—

Weekday in the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time

6:30 Eugenio DeMarco

12:15 Ester Guardino

FRIDAY, November 15—

**Weekday in the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time
(St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)**

6:30 William & Genevieve Gladd

12:15 Kaczmaret Konrad

SATURDAY, November 16—

**Weekday in the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time
(St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin)**

8:00 Lawrence L. Negretti, Jr.

Vigil Mass for

THE 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 James & Muriel Farrell

November 17

THE 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 For the People of the Parish

8:00 Sanctity of Life

9:30 Gertrude Germano

11:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Christian Mother's & Guild

12:30 John Gennardo

5:00 Giovanni Riceputo

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 11, 2013

RECTORY CLOSED

7:00 P.M. *NO NOVENA*

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

6:00 P.M. CYO—Cheerleading Auditorium

7:00 P.M. Adult Faith Formation Room 24

7:00 P.M. Community of Praise Room 14

8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

1:00 P.M. Legion of Mary Room 24

6:30 P.M. RCIA Rectory Meeting Room

6:45 P.M. Rel. Ed.—Grade 7 School

7:30 P.M. Boy Scouts Cafeteria

7:30 P.M. Lector Training Church

8:00 P.M. Youth Ministry
Leader's Meeting Rectory Meeting Room

Thursday, November 14, 2013

4:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal Room 14

6:00 P.M. Middle School Youth Group Auditorium

7:00 P.M. Finance Committee St. Lucy Rm.

7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal Church

8:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

8:00 P.M. Mother's Prayer Group Room 16

Saturday, November 16, 2013

8:00 A.M. Rel. Ed.—Gr. 6 Parent meeting—Open House Auditorium

8:30 A.M. Religious Education School/
10:00 A.M. (Gr. 2 – 6; Special Ed) Cafeteria
11:30 A.M.

1:00 P.M. CYO—Basketball Auditorium

8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Sunday November 17, 2013

6:30 A.M. Holy Name Society Cafeteria
(Turkey Raffle Members)

9:30 A.M. RCIA Rectory meeting room

1:00 PM CYO Basketball Auditorium

3:15 P.M. High School Youth Group YM Office

8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Time:

Matthew Kirschen & Julie Romeo (OLPH)

*Patrick Andrew Wilson (St. Joseph's, Babylon)
& Kristen Reynolds (OLPH)*

Second Time:

Thomas Buseck & Tomasina Minnecci (Both OLPH)

*Andrew Peragine (Notre Dame, NHP)
& Isabell Ann Vallinoto (OLPH)*

First Time:

*Philip McGovern (St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn)
& Sylvia Skowron (OLPH)*

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of

Nov. 10-16:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Monsignor Anthony J. Savastano

Requested by

Liz & Agostino Pecoraro

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

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

Giovanni Stanzione

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



WE REMEMBER

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

William F. Klein

“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.”

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...

Lucas Sarmyinto
Marine Mike Marchetti
Adrianna Seda
Marion Morgan
Melissa Hrusa
Frances Larsen
Mary Doran
Franca Carcone
Bob Horan
Rachel Dressler
Christopher Gouedy
Vincent Graff
Joan Byrne
Harold Molinari
Segundo Cedeno
Claire McLean
Pat Hilly
Pina Mascio
Steven Ciolino
Nancy Sirico
Deacon Joseph Bartolotto
Peggy & Kevin Curran
Mary Schmidt King
Philip Hosey
Louise Perrotta
Bernard Lang
Steven Kozlowski

Karl Kercelius
Anthony Kercelius
Nanette Ringle
William Klein
Megan David
Sister Janet Schreiner
Eileen Quinn
Heather Calamia
Joan Heuthe
Joan Cox
Anthony Botticello
Hugo Martin
Lambert Fuechtmann
Richard Brosan
Denise Kaminsky
Marjorie Bass
Carmela Campanelli
Ann Marie Nuss
Reynold Ruiz
Grace Wolf
Sean Kelly
Rev. Terrance Hoppenjans
Andrew Donovan
Nadia Viola
Nina Soriano
Roberta Caristo

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

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

PRAYING FOR THE SICK AT MASS

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

OFFERING UPDATE

Nov. 2/3, 2013			
Mass Time	Weekly	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$3,322.00	170	456
6:30 A.M.	1,061.00	38	114
8:00 A.M.	3,041.00	116	254
9:30 A.M.	1,878.00	96	287
11:00 A.M.	2,371.00	113	357
12:30 P.M.	2,117.00	108	316
5:00 P.M.	1,529.00	50	277
Total coin:	34.91		
Mail-ins:	600.00		
Faith Direct	\$2,009.00		
TOTAL	\$17,962.91	691	2,061
2012 Totals	\$18,893.50		2019
1st Sat	\$109.00		
All Saints Day	\$4,370.23		

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services

Today we support our family and friends who have served this nation with distinction. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the United States armed forces wherever they serve, no matter the circumstances. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to the first-ever national Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

Hoy apoyamos a nuestros familiares y amigos que han servido a esta nación con honores. La Colecta de la Arquidiócesis para los Servicios Militares llevará el Evangelio, los Sacramentos y otras formas de apoyo espiritual a los hombres y mujeres de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos, donde quiera que sirvan y sin importar las circunstancias. Por favor, con devoción consideren contribuir generosamente a la primera Colecta de la Arquidiócesis para los Servicios Militares.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Te invitamos a alabar y glorificar el nombre de DIOS todos los jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería Comenzando con el Santo Rosario, alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastoral Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, Contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 email- jsu-reau@oloph.org En español Irma González 631 620-2401 correo electrónico lanegra628@yahoo.com.



The Long Island Catholic has a great E-newsletter!

We encourage you to sign up for the free, daily *Long Island Catholic* E-newsletter. Each day the latest news from the Diocese and the Church Universal will be delivered right to your E-mail inbox. Just visit www.licatholic.org and scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your email address. That's all there is to it.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ **Catholic Charities' CSFP** (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) is seeking volunteers to assist in food distribution and general warehouse work at our Wyandanch location. The center is open Monday—Friday, 8am—4pm. Times are flexible. If you are interested and available please contact: Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer Coordinator 516-733-7044.
- ◆ **Sisters of St. Joseph Renewal Center**— Nov. 12—*A Gathering of Women*, 10am—noon, \$15 offering; Nov. 21, 10am—noon—Morning reflection for Men & Women "*Recognizing & Celebrating All Good Gifts*" \$15 offering. All programs at the Renewal Center, 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood. RSVP at 631-273-1187 X 123.
- ◆ Continuing the Marian Healing Ministry of Fr. Dennis Kelleher CSsR, there will be a *Healing Mass* at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Pkwy, Douglaston, on **Tuesday, November 12** at 7pm—Rosary, Mass & Healing Service. For info contact the IC Center at 718-229-8001.
- ◆ **Our Lady of Lourdes Church** (455 Hunter Avenue; West Islip, NY 11795) is hosting a Mystery Dinner Theater entitled the "Mark of the White Tiger" on **Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 PM in the All Purpose Room**. Tickets are \$35 per person which includes show, dinner, dessert and beverages. There will be raffles and 50/50! All this and fun trying to guess "Who Dunit!" Tickets are on sale at the Parish Office. Seating is limited. For more information, please call: 631-661-3224. Come join us for a fun-filled, tasty evening!
- ◆ The Opening Word program *Thanks-for-Giving* fundraiser, Sunday, **November 17** from 12:30—3:30pm at Mother Josepha Hall at the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse, 555 Albany Ave, Amityville.
- ◆ Good Samaritan Hospital, in conjunction with Good Shepherd Hospice will host a Bereavement Seminar: Coping with the Holiday for Adults - Strategies to cope with the loss of a loved one at Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holidays. **Wednesday, November 20** 6:30 pm-8:00 pm The seminar will take place at Good Samaritan Hospital. R.S.V.P. to 631-465-6262 or 516-465-6262 to reserve your seat and for more information.
- ◆ You are invited to attend a dinner sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, Thursday, **December 5th at Cure of Ars Parish** starting at 6 pm. Our speaker is **Lorraine Gariboldi** who started *The Life Center*. Lorraine will share her inspiring testimony. The cost is \$40 per person and reservations are required. For more information call Angela Rizzo at (516) 763-1739. The evening will include a time of Praise and Worship, so come and join us as we enter into Advent and await the birth of Jesus!
- ◆ **Hope House Ministries** is proud to present Andy Cooney's "*Classic Irish Christmas Show*" on **December 7**, at 2:00 P.M. at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and may be purchased through Hope House Ministries at 631.928.2377, x. 22.
- ◆ **St. Anthony of Padua Relics** Visit New York Dec. 12-14! On Thursday, **Dec. 12** at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 110-06 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, Mass begins at 12:05PM; and Saturday, **Dec. 14** St. Catherine of Sienna, 33 New Hyde Park Rd., Franklin Square, Vigil Mass at 5 & 8PM with Veneration before and after each Mass.
- ◆ Tune into "**RELIGION AND ROCK**" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7-8 am on **WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM** on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at **11PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117**. To listen online or receive more information regarding "**Religion and Rock**" go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at "**Religion & Rock**" on ITUNES.

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