

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said,
“You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.
By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”*

Luke 21:17-19

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 13, 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.

"LET US GIVE THANKS"

Put that turkey in the oven and bring your family to the...

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday,

November 24th

9:00 a.m.



Our entire parish family joins together to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives. At this liturgy, we

- give thanks to God for His many blessings in our lives
- invite parishioners to bring non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry (on p.10) or other items for the Homeless Ministry (from the list on p.14)
- distribute bread for all to share at their Thanksgiving table
- seek God's blessing upon the food we will use for our Thanksgiving meals.

(Please bring something from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed.)

(Please note: This will be the *only* Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day.)

LESSONS & CAROLS

Save the Date...

*Advent Lessons and Carols
& International Peace Light Ceremony*

Friday, December 2, 2016

7:30 p.m. in the Church



Wanted: A Few Good Men

The music for the 12:00pm Mass on Christmas Day will be led by the OLPH Men's Schola. If you have experience singing in a choir as a tenor or bass and you read music, please consider offering your time and talent for this event. There will be two rehearsals (times TBA).



Contact Chris Ferraro at cferraro@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210 for more information.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Entrance Plaza is finished!

Well, as you have seen, our new Wellwood Avenue entrance plaza is completed, with the work being done in record time (thanks to a great crew and to some extremely cooperative weather!). Isn't it beautiful? I continue to receive many positive comments about it — how it adds a sense of beauty, dignity and warmth to the overall appearance; how it creates an open sense of welcome; how the prominence of the cross is so appropriate, and its noble simplicity; and, most importantly, how it creates easy access into and out of the church because the steps have been removed.

I will be blessing the new plaza after the 12:00 Noon Mass this Sunday. If you have gone to an earlier Mass but are free, come back around 1:00 p.m. for the blessing!

Blue Door Boutique Thrift Shop

Two Sundays ago, on October 30, our Blue Door Boutique Thrift Shop held its first anniversary "Sale-abration" and it was a huge success. I want to thank everyone who supported the event; it raised almost \$800. Many people came together to help with set-up and clean-up—our wonderful parish maintenance crew, Service Corps helpers, plus the usual offerers who staff the Blue Door Boutique. What a great example of why OLPH is "the place to be!"

I am very, very grateful to the offerers who staff the Blue Door Boutique on a regular basis. The store is a terrific ministry to the poor and the homeless, and many other people shop there too, just to find great bargains for all sorts of clothing and household items! The Boutique is clean, well-organized, and, in the way it is set up and managed, it can hold its own with any of the major department stores! If you haven't checked it out and taken advantage of what they have to offer, make it a point to stop down at the Blue Door Boutique sometime soon, especially with your Christmas shopping on the horizon. Kudos to all involved in this ministry! We appreciate all your good work, time and effort on behalf of the parish and in service to our brothers and sisters in need.

New Census Registration Forms

A project that has taken many, many months of behind-the-scenes work is now coming to fruition. Some time ago I spoke about our need to update our parish census records; our current records are to a large degree incomplete and inaccurate. Therefore, we will very shortly begin an ongoing process of having everyone fill out new census registration forms, which will allow us to update our records. EVERYONE will be asked to fill out a new form, whether you have been registered in the parish since time immemorial or you just registered in the last month using the old form; it's important for us to have the information from the new form. More details will follow in the weeks ahead, but for now, be aware that this is coming very soon and a new mantra will ring out throughout the parish: *"Have you updated your parish registration information?"*

Knights of Columbus Annual Memorial Mass

On Tuesday of this week I will have the privilege, as their chaplain, of presiding at the annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass, at 8:00 p.m. in the church. This is always such a beautiful celebration as we pray for deceased Knights and Ladies during this month of remembrance in the Church. I thank the Knights for their continued presence and support here at OLPH.

Rite of Christian Initiation

You can read the blurb elsewhere in the bulletin as another cohort begins the journey of moving toward sacramental initiation into the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation. This ministry is central to our life as a parish as we form and welcome new members, those who come to us unbaptized and those who come to us having been baptized in another Christian tradition but who are seeking to become Catholic. Adults and children over the traditional "age of reason" are initiated through an ongoing process of formation, marked off with liturgical rites throughout the process. You have seen people who have gone through this process in the past,

as they are dismissed from Mass each week after the homily, and as they are initiated at the Easter Vigil and during Easter Time.

Continue to watch the bulletin for updates on our latest group to be in the initiation process, and, as always, if you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, feel free to have them contact me. We love to welcome new Catholics!

We need your support of the Super 72 Raffle!

The tickets for the new **Super 72 Raffle**, for the December 2016 through May 2017 game, have been mailed out and you should have received them. I cannot emphasize enough that we need your continued support for this important fund raiser. Please buy and return your tickets, and spread the word to others. Anyone can enter; you don't have to be a parishioner of OLPH! Tickets make a great Christmas present for someone, so buy extra for your Christmas shopping! Additional tickets are available at the rectory. Please help to make our **Super 72 Raffle** a success once again, as it has been in the past.

Win a Nativity Set!

We're trying another fund raiser, too. A beautiful new Nativity Set has been donated to us for the purpose of raffling it off. Here's a chance to win a very lovely new Nativity Scene for just a few dollars! Next week, parishioners will be outside all the Masses selling raffle tickets for this. Please be generous in supporting this fund raiser. Thanks to Deacon Doug who has offered to be in charge of this project, and to the Christian Mothers who are assisting in the selling of the raffle tickets. I am very grateful for everyone's time, work and assistance.

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,



TAKE A CHANCE AND THIS CAN BE YOURS!



The OLPH
Christian Mothers
is holding a special
parish fundraiser by
raffling off this beautiful
12 piece
Nativity Set
made by Kirkland.

\$5 each or 3 chances for \$10

Tickets will be sold after all the Masses on November 19th and 20th and December 3rd and 4th. Tickets will also be on sale before the Christmas Pageant on December 16th. The winning ticket will be picked by Msgr. Joe immediately following the Pageant. Come support our parish - take a chance!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

THE NEW SUNDAY'S WORD YEAR A FOR 2017



The new *Sunday's Word* book for the new liturgical cycle, Year A (2017), which begins with the First Sunday of Advent (November 27, 2016) is now available at the rectory office and may be purchased for \$3.00 each.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

A special book has been 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



PERPETUAL HELP MASS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 12:00 p.m. MASS

Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild	Requested by D. Strigaro
Anne Louise Hogan	Requested by Mr. & Mrs. John Crispo
Marie Donach	Requested by The Ingrassia Family
Charles Nielson	Requested by Margot Huebner, Mary Maus, Hilde Maus
George Walters	Requested by Barbara Aiello
Salvatore Giganti	Requested by Vincent & Joy Bologna
Kirk Deligiannis	Requested by Rose & David Gonzalez
Michael Concannon	Requested by Jean Acton
Thomas Martin	Requested by Joseph Ryzak
Vincent Nacchio	Requested by Paula Mahurin
Baby Gubitosi	Requested by Susan Morrissey
Joseph Prunier	Requested by Dunstan Bradley

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

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

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

Write your name and phone number on the back of the picture.

We ask you to pick up your picture by Wednesday, November 23.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length.



So come and pray...

**Saturdays and Sundays
After the 5:00 p.m. Mass**

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*

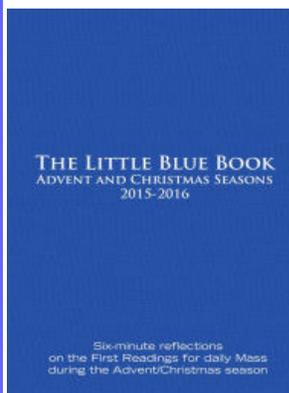
Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!

(Pope Saint John XXIII)



LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

**FOR ADVENT
ARE NOW
AVAILABLE**



Please take home a *Little Blue Book* which contains daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

This book provides the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Advent and Christmas Time. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the *Little Blue Book*. They are available on the pew ledges in the church.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

Monday, November 14—7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 21—7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 28—7:00 p.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Next Sunday, **November 20**, the participants in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process will celebrate their first stage in the process of becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. We will celebrate the **RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS AND RITE OF BECOMING A CANDIDATE FOR FULL INITIATION** at the 12:00 Noon Mass.

For weeks now these participants have been inquiring into the Catholic faith, discerning whether they really do want to go through the stages of becoming Catholic. With this Rite next Sunday, these inquirers now publicly declare their intention to the Church to become Catholic, the Church in turn accepts them as persons who intend to become its members, and the Catechumenate Stage begins.

After the Rite, those needing to be baptized are referred to as **Catechumens**, and those already baptized Catholic or in other Christian traditions are referred to as **Candidates**.

This Catechumenate stage is a lengthy one, often lasting for more than a year. During this stage, the catechumens and candidates will attend parish Masses together; please feel free to welcome them and make them feel a part of our community. Each week, they will be dismissed with a blessing at the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word (*i.e.*, at the end of the Universal Prayer). After being dismissed, they will gather to further reflect on the Word of God, and to learn about the Catholic faith. Their dismissal is a hope-filled sign of the day when they will be fully initiated and share at the Table of the Eucharist; it is also a stark reminder to us of the gift we have in being able to receive the Eucharist.

Please pray for our catechumens and candidates in the weeks and months ahead as they are formed and guided in the way of living the Catholic Christian life. All are welcome to join us at the 12:00 Noon Mass next Sunday for this special celebration.

ADULT CONFIRMATION



CONFIRMATION

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

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

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

NEW CATHOLICS ALWAYS 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?*

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

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

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

NEW BOXES OF CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE



The new boxes of **Children's Envelopes** for the upcoming liturgical year are now be available! Children should use these envelopes to make their offering in the weekly collection basket at Mass, in addition to their family's offering.

The purpose of the envelopes is not a money-raising one, but rather to provide parents a tool to reinforce in their children the idea of stewardship for their Church and responsible giving toward others. It's a great way to teach children the value of being thankful for the gifts God gives us and the importance of sharing the abundance of those gifts with 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.

New boxed sets of Children's Envelopes for the entire new liturgical year (starting with Advent 2016) are available in baskets throughout the church. Families who wish to use them should simply take a box which contains envelopes for the entire year, with the children then returning 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 is 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.

Encourage your children to use these envelopes as a way of growing in Christian stewardship and responsibility!

ADVENT 2016

Family Life Ministry Advent Morning for Families

*Get the Advent season
off to a good start!*

**Sunday November 27th
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass**



Join us for bagels, prayer and Advent activity!

We will meet in the Auditorium immediately following the 10:00 A.M. Mass. A light breakfast will be served, followed by a prayer service and Advent activity. Come take a prayerful pause to begin Advent.

An offering of \$5.00 per family is requested to cover the supplies. Donations of baked goods would greatly be appreciated. If you have any questions or can help with donations, contact Ann Marie Wagner at familylife@oloph.org or call 631-680-9477.

Name _____
 Phone # _____
 E-mail _____ @ _____
 Offering Enclosed Yes NO

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE HOURS:

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

UPCOMING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:



Saturday, November 19th

Level 4 Penance Service

All Level 4 students and at least one parent or guardian should come to the Church at 11:00 a.m., regardless of regular session time.

Upcoming Holidays

Please note that on Wednesday, November 23rd and Saturday, November 26th there will be NO CLASS. The office will CLOSE Wednesday the 23rd at 5 p.m. and will remain closed on Thanksgiving Day. The office will be OPEN on Saturday, November 26th.

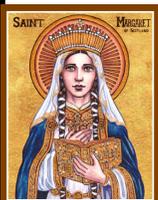


URGENT NEED:

**SATURDAY HALL MONITORS
 FOR 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
 & 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

Consider staying while your child attends class. Our Saturday mornings have been more hectic than usual due to a reduced number of offerers. You can still enjoy your coffee break inside our building!
 Urgently needed!

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Margaret of Scotland

Feast Day: November 16

The story of St. Margaret reads like a fairy tale: an English princess flees her country, only to meet a prince and fall in

love with him. Once on the throne, she had a positive influence on her husband's manners and the court. As King and Queen, they were kind and good, building new churches and spreading a love for Christ through their kingdom and in their family. According to records, she died only days after learning her husband and youngest son had died in battle. She is a beautiful example of a married saint.

St. Margaret of Scotland, pray for us!

WANT TO TEACH?

CAN'T COMMIT TO A FULL YEAR?



The Religious Education team is looking for catechists interested in acting as substitute teachers.

Perhaps you have taught in previous years or cannot make a steady commitment to weekly teaching. We are often in need of substitutes to assist when our regular catechists are unable to teach. Student teachers are also welcome and needed to assist our regular and substitute teachers.

We are also looking for a Level 3 teacher to take over a class from January to April.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested. The time is 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Saturday mornings until the first week of April.

All materials will be provided.

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 1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. or leave
them on the steps of the Sanctuary in the church.*

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

Use Parking Lot located

on corner of Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

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

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now?"

Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

† A LIVING MEMORIAL



THANK YOU!!! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program. To date, your donations have amounted to over \$4,000 which is used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish. Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVdP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your

donation is sent to the bereaved.

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

OLPH YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

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

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

Here's how it works:

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

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

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

SIGN UP TODAY

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

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

Name _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

In September 2016, I am in (check one)

____ Middle School (Grade ____)

____ High School (Grade ____) ____ College

ARE YOU A SAINT BERNARD? OR IN NEED OF ONE?

Saint Bernard League

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

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

We need Saint Bernards!

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

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



OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE

“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?” And the king will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”
 -Matthew 25

The final judgement in the Gospel of Matthew should serve as a call to action for each and every one of us. Our parish Advent Giving Tree is one way to respond! Our parish social ministries are working together to support life at all stages. There are tags on our Giving Tree to help the hungry, the unborn, the sick, the immigrant and those in prison. You need to empty the tree of the tags and return them no later than the weekend of December 10/11. Below are description of some of the agencies we will be supporting this year. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ronessi at dronessi@verizon.net or 631.225.4115. Gifts for St. Vincent de Paul (green tags) should be wrapped. All other gifts should not be wrapped.

St. Vincent de Paul
 Each year, our parish supports many families at Christmas with food, toys and clothing. Read more in our bulletin about our parish's outreach efforts.

Community Meal Ministry
 Our Community Meal Ministry needs your help to provide a “little bit of Christmas” for our guests.

OLPH HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY
 Help our parish provide basic necessities for the local homeless during this season.

LIFE CENTER
 The Life Center assists pregnant women as they prepare to give birth to the gift of life in their own lives. Learn more about the life center at www.lifecenterli.org

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS
 Support the work of our Middle Ages group in providing Christmas gifts and necessities for our local veterans.



The Giving Tree

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Immigration Services
 Support our brothers and sisters and their families who are just coming to our country. Read more at www.catholiccharities.cc

Prison Families
 Support our Diocesan Prison Ministry as they provide gifts for the chil-

HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES
 Hope House Ministries supports young men struggling with addiction and brokenness in their own lives. Learn more about Hope House at www.hhm.org.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

HOMELESS MINISTRY

FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com. You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

DONATIONS

We are in need of the following items:

Wash cloths

Men's underwear – L, XL

hoodies - M, L, XL

sweat tops - M, L, XL

sweat pants - M, L, XL

sneakers - 10, 11, 12, 13

socks

Toiletries:

Lotion not more than 1 oz.

Soaps – travel size - not larger than 3 oz.

Shampoo – travel size – not larger than 3 oz.

Toothpaste – small – not larger than 3 oz.

Toothbrushes

Small packs of **tissues**

Granola bars

Cup-of-soup

Before you throw out or recycle those plastic grocery bags please consider leaving them for us to use to distribute items to the homeless.

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

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

MIDDLE AGES

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

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

Our next gathering is

Tuesday, November 15:

Food Baskets/Ornaments

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

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, December 6: Food Baskets for St. Vincent

Tuesday, December 20: Wrap Presents for Veterans

NURSING MINISTRY



**FLU SHOT
CLINIC**

**Sunday,
November 20**

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Room 16 and 18

in the OLPH School

(Use High Street Entrance)

Adults 18 and over

No Charge

Sponsored by the OLPH Nursing Ministry

COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Please Help us prepare a

**THANKSGIVING
Feast**

**Community Meal on
November 20 at 1:00 p.m.**

We are in need of cooks willing to make an item for our annual Thanksgiving Meal for our neighbors in need.

Can you help?

Contact Debbie MacDonald at dnk875@aol.com or Regina Muir at rmuir11@aol.com

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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

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

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

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

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

Domingo 34° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C **Reflexiones de las lecturas del domingo 20 de noviembre del 2016**

El Padre nos ha otorgado un lugar
en el reino de su Hijo amado.

En él conseguimos nuestra libertad,
el perdón de los pecados.

Que Jesucristo, el Señor, esté siempre con ustedes

Primera Lectura (2 Samuel 5,1-3): Un Rey según el Corazón Mismo de Dios

El pueblo quiere que David sea su rey y pastor. Él es "de su misma carne y sangre" y, al mismo tiempo, cercano también a Dios. --- En esto David es una imagen de Jesús.

Segunda Lectura (Colosenses 1,12-20): Pertenece al Reino de Jesús.

Con San Pablo expresamos nuestra gratitud al Padre por concedernos un lugar en el Reino de Jesús, gracias a su muerte en la cruz.

Evangelio (Lucas 23,35-43): Un Rey Crucificado

amigos desde la cruz Jesús salva a toda la humanidad, pues la reconcilia con Dios, y comenzó a reinar sobre todas las cosas, llevando a plenitud aquel modelo de rey-pastor, que reúne y conduce a su rebaño, Extraña realeza la de un hombre clavado en la cruz de la ignominia. Objeto de burla y de desprecio. No es esta la imagen que tenemos de un rey. Sin embargo, en la cruz de este hijo del hombre se nos muestra la verdadera gloria de DIOS

A través de todo este año hemos contemplado con nuestros ojos el nacimiento, la vida, el mensaje, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús. La liturgia de hoy resume algunos aspectos clave de por qué él vino a vivir entre nosotros. Murió en la cruz por nosotros para mostrarnos toda la profundidad del amor de Dios, su ilimitada misericordia con los pecadores, la promesa del paraíso para el criminal crucificado, la gracia de Dios que nos acepta como hermanos y hermanas de Jesús e hijos y herederos del Reino. Con Jesús damos gracias ahora al Padre por concedernos perdón y vida.

a) Preguntas:

El pueblo observaba. ¿Por qué no tomas nunca una postura ante los acontecimientos? Todo lo que has vivido, escuchado, visto... no puedes echarlo a perder porque algo se interpone por el camino y parece oscurecerlo todo. ¡Muévete!

- «Si eres el rey de los Judíos sálvate a ti mismo». ¡Cuántos chantajes con Dios en la oración! Si eres Dios, ¿por qué no intervienes? Hay tantos inocentes que sufren... si me quieres, hazme lo que te digo y yo creo... ¿Cuándo dejarás de tratar con el Señor como si tú supieras más que Él lo que es bueno y lo que no lo es?

- Jesús, acuérdate de mí. ¿Cuándo verás en Cristo, el único HOY que te da vida?

b) Llave de Lectura:

Solemnidad de Cristo, Rey del universo. Uno se esperaría un pasaje del Evangelio de entre los más luminosos, y sin embargo nos encontramos ante un pasaje de entre los menos claros. ... El estupor de lo no esperado, es la sensación más apta para entrar en el corazón de la fiesta de hoy, el estupor de aquel que sabe que no puedes entender las infinidades del misterio del Hijo de Dios.

Cristo muere en la cruz. No está solo. Está rodeado de gente, de las personas más extrañas, personas hostiles que vierten sobre él sus responsabilidades de incomprensión, personas indiferentes que no se implican de no ser por interés personal, personas que no entienden todavía, pero que quizás están mejor dispuestas a dejarse interrogar ya que no tienen nada más que perder, como uno de los dos malhechores. Si la muerte es una caída en la nada, entonces el tiempo humano se colorea de esperanza, y el espacio de la finitud se abre camino al mañana, a la aurora nueva de la Resurrección: Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida... ¡Qué verdad está encerrada este día en estas solemnes palabras de Jesús! Son palabras que iluminan la oscuridad de la muerte. El camino no se detiene, la verdad no se apaga, la vida no muere.



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.

Second Announcement:

*Jeremy Boron & Casie Coggins
Dominic Liberante & Crystal Cruz*

First Announcement:

William Walter & Allison Degrazia

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE



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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Stacey</i>	<i>Mario Lotito</i>
<i>Cathy Walker</i>	<i>Maureen Russo</i>
<i>Peter Pellegrino</i>	<i>Carolyn Crisci</i>
<i>Agnes Storz</i>	<i>Haley Kerwin</i>
<i>Rose Formisano</i>	<i>Eileen Henry</i>
<i>Marie D'Angelo</i>	<i>Bonnie Rieger</i>
<i>Arthur Nuss</i>	<i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i>
<i>AnnMarie Nuss</i>	<i>Anthony Borelli</i>
<i>Heather Flores</i>	<i>Vance Viverito</i>
<i>Bernadette Sinnot</i>	<i>Fran Milo</i>
<i>Mary Pellegrino</i>	<i>Sheila Kump</i>
<i>Rosalie Grotola</i>	<i>Carmine Alesi</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 printed in the bulletin.**

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. All material must be submitted no later than the dates listed below and as a word document to

Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.

Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

November 20—passed

November 27—November 17

December 4—November 21

December 11—December 1

December 18—December 9

December 25—December 9

Due to the Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays printing deadlines have been moved up.

Thank you for your cooperation.

WE REMEMBER

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

Anthony Guiliano

Helen Cronin

John M. Treanor

Helen B. Mischke

“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 14— Weekday

6:30 Maria & Gaspare Piazza

12:15 Lorraine Curry

TUESDAY, November 15— Weekday (*Saint Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*)

6:30 James Bilicki

12:15 Margaret & Madeline Rigney

WEDNESDAY, November 16— Weekday (*Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin*)

6:30 Mary Jane Carroll

12:15 Ellen Conroy

THURSDAY, November 17— Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

6:30 Dorothy Jean Havelin

12:15 Douglas Edwards

FRIDAY, November 18— Weekday (*The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*)

6:30 Frank Bonventre

12:15 Walter Borowicz

SATURDAY, November 19— Weekday

8:00 Olivia Marques

Vigil for OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

5:00 Jason Eric Meade

Sunday, November 20 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8:00 Rose A. Giuffrida

10:00 Eva Sciara

12:00 Perpetual Help Intentions (list on p. 5)

5:00 For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, November 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. Devotions Church

7:00 p.m. Level 8 Classes School

7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting St. Lucy

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

4:00 p.m. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

6:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Strengths Leadership Training Room 18

7:00 p.m. Middle Ages Room 24

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

8:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Auditorium

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

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

12:45 p.m. Exposition Church

2:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Business Meeting Room 24

5:30 p.m. Level 6 Classes School

7:30 p.m. Level 7 Classes & Guest Speaker School

8:30 p.m. Christian Mothers Meeting Cafeteria

Thursday, November 17, 2016

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

4:00 p.m. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

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

7:00 p.m. Virtus Training Class Room 1

7:00 p.m. Strengths Leadership Training Room 18

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting St. Lucy

7:30 p.m. Baptismal Prep Class for Parents Room 16

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

8:00 p.m. Family Life Meeting Room 12

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

Friday, November 18, 2016

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

Saturday, November 19, 2016

8:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m. Levels 1, 2, 3, 5 Classes School

11:00 a.m. Level 4 Penance Service Church

1:00 p.m. CYO Volleyball Auditorium

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

1:30 p.m. RCIA—Acceptance Rehearsal Church

4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Sunday, November 20, 2016

10:00 a.m. Flu Shot Clinic Room 16

12:00 p.m. RCIA—Acceptance Church

1:00 p.m. Community Meal Cafeteria

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

1:00 p.m. CYO Basketball 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

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Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
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Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

OFFERING UPDATE November 5/6, 2016

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	333	110	\$2,967.00
8:00 a.m.	320	124	3,744.00
10:00 a.m.	418	137	3,998.00
12:00 pm.	358	107	3,349.00
5:00 p.m.	150	37	1,073.50
Total coin:			22.93
Mail-ins:			1,121.00
Children's Env.		14	40.83
Special Needs			503.00
Faith Direct			1,851.50
TOTAL	1,579	529	\$18,670.76
2015 total	1,933	658	\$18,295.25
Candles			\$1,395.61
Poor Box			\$296.39
1st Saturday			\$72.00
All Saints			\$4,025.82
Military			\$1,727.00



The IRA Charitable Rollover is back and is now permanent!

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

If...

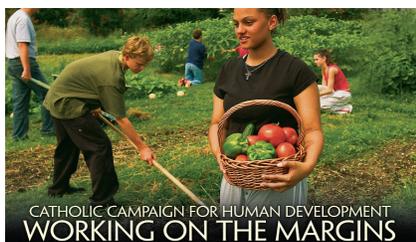
- 1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift.**
- 2. Your IRA is a traditional or Roth.**
- 3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions.**
- 4. You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of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

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

Example: Mrs. Connors, age 76, has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to her Parish in 2016. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, she directs the custodian of her IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2016 directly to the Parish as a 2016 gift. She will not be subject to income tax on her \$5,000 qualified charitable distribution.

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

Next week, *November 19/20* we will take up the Collection for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* which includes Home Missions (CCHD). CCHD was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.**



COMING SOON...

**NEW PARISH CENSUS FORMS!
UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION!
WATCH FOR DETAILS
IN THE WEEKS AHEAD!**



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Fall Open House at Molloy College**, Sunday, **November 13** at 1:00 p.m. at Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. For information call 516-323-4000.
- **Andy Cooney's "Classic Irish Christmas Show"** to benefit **Hope House Ministries**, **December 3** at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's College, Patchogue with "America's Irish Colleen" **Deirdre Reilly**, the **Darrah Carr Dance Troupe** and **Emcee Mike McCormack**. For more information and admission tickets (\$35 per person) can be purchased through Hope House Ministries event coordinator Janet Brennan at 631-928-2377 X 22.
- **Open House St. Rose of Lima School, Merrick Road, Massapequa**— Call to reserve a spot at our Private Open House **Tuesday, December 6** at **9:30 am** or **12:45 pm**. During this visit, special emphasis will be given to Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 1, although you will have the chance to see all the classes during a personal tour of the school. This special event is *by appointment only* and space is limited. Please call the school at 516-541-1546 to reserve your place for one of the two time slots. In order for you to receive the full benefit of your visit, we respectfully request that younger children not accompany you at this time.
- **Vendors Wanted** St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School Christmas Gift & Craft Fair Sunday, **December 11** 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Call or text Cathy Quinn at 516-241-1294.
- **Open Positions at the Cenacle Retreat Center – Ronkonkoma, NY**, **Part-Time Phone Representative**: 30 hours per week, Monday to Friday. Enter Prayer Enrollments from phone and mail orders into database. Must be computer literate, able to multi-task, and have excellent phone skills. Medical and dental benefits available. Email resume to jsgambati@cenaclesisters.org.
Part-Time Calligrapher/Artistic Letterer: to letter prayer cards and folders and to enter phone and mail orders into database. Flexible days. You must have neat lettering skills, be computer literate and have good phone skills. Only emailed responses with resumes and LETTERING SAMPLES will be considered. Email resume and lettering sample to jsgambati@cenalcesisters.org.

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

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

Date: Saturday, December 10, on Long Island

For more information visit: respectlife.drvc.org

To register contact: Project Rachel 1-888-456-4673 projectrachel@drvc.org

All reservations and information are confidential.

Healing *after Abortion*

Ocean
of mercy

VIRTUS TRAINING



VIRTUS TRAINING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00 p.m. in ROOM 1

TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS IN ALL MINISTRIES.

Registration MUST be done online.

Simply go to **drvc.org**, then Protecting God's Children and to the Virtus training schedule.
Find the date and OLP to register.

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, November 20, 2016—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The other criminal said,

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Luke 23:42

2 Samuel 5:1-3

This reading celebrates Christ's kingship by looking back at his ancestry and linking him with David who was Israel's greatest king and a man after God's own heart. Though he began as a shepherd boy, he became a mighty warrior who ruled a united kingdom and remained Israel's model of the ideal king throughout her history. Jesus was often called "Son of David" and as David's descendant and son he can claim the title and throne of David. When Jesus returns to take that throne, it will be forever.

Colossians 1:12-20

The main part of this reading from Paul's letter to the church at Colossae is a liturgical hymn that was in use at the time which sings of Christ as "firstborn" both of creation and our salvation. He preceded all things and all things are held together by him. Paul stresses that Jesus was there at creation since false teachers had infected the faith of the believers at Colossae by persuading them that Christ was inferior to that of the angels. He asserts that Christ brought all things "visible and invisible" into being and reigns over all the angelic powers of heaven. Jesus is more than just a good person or a wise teacher. He is the firstborn of the dead which means he is our savior, conquering death through the blood of his cross. He is the firstborn of creation which means he is the eternal Word through whom God created the world and everything in it. Jesus is Lord of everything because he is God!

Luke 23:35-43

Jesus' companions in death are two criminals: one who jeers at him to save his earthly life and one who recognizes his own guilt and its fitting punishment but focuses on the life to come and begs Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. This "good thief" is an unlikely but powerful role model. He acknowledges and confesses his own sins and then repents and asks for forgiveness. For this, he was canonized on the cross by the Lord himself. Despite his guilt, this thief called Jesus by name. We too, sinners all, can confidently approach our King, call him by name, and say, "Jesus, remember me."

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. According to Pope Francis, Jesus revealed himself as Mercy, from the beginning of his life to his last act. What does that mean to you? What does his assurance to the Good Thief confirm?

[The good thief] asks Jesus to remember him. There is so much tenderness in this expression, so much humanity! It is the need of the human being not to be forsaken; that God may be always near. ...

On the Cross, [Jesus'] last act confirms the fulfillment of his plan of salvation. From beginning to end, he revealed himself as Mercy, he revealed himself as the definitive and unrepeatably Incarnation of the Father's love. Jesus is truly the face of the Father's mercy. And the good thief called him by name: "Jesus." It is a short invocation, and we can all make it several times during the day, "Jesus." Simply, "Jesus." Let us do so throughout the day.

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2. The good thief reached out to Jesus. How is he a model for us? Is anyone reaching out to you in any way? How about at work, at home, in your parish, in the local community, in the world community? If so, how will you heal their wounds and/or warm their hearts?



Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 14, 2016:

Revelations 1:1-4; 2:1-5
+ Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 15, 2016:

Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22
+ Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 16, 2016:

Revelation 4:1-11 + Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 17, 2016:

Revelation 5:1-10 + Luke 19:41-44

Friday, November 18, 2016:

Revelation 10:8-11 + Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 19, 2016:

Revelation 11:4-12
+ Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, November 20, 2016:

2 Samuel 5:1-3
+ Colossians 1:12-20
+ Luke 23:35-43

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