

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*The other criminal said,
“Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.”*

Luke 23:42

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 20, 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.

BLESSING OF THE NEW CHURCH ENTRANCE

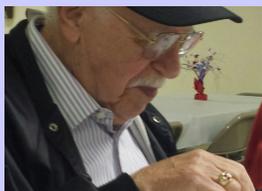


Last Sunday, November 13, after the 12:00 Noon Mass, Msgr. Joe led the congregation out through the Wellwood Avenue doors of the church where he then blessed the beautiful new front entry.



REMEMBERING TO SAY THANK YOU

On Sunday November 13th the *Family Life Ministry* hosted a pancake breakfast in honor of our nation's veterans. Members of our religious formation program volunteered to set up, serve and clean up as part of their Confirmation Christian witness. Members of the N. Amityville Kiwanis made "Stars for the Troops." They cut out the embroidered stars of de-commissioned flags and enclosed them with a beautiful message: "I am part of our American flag that has flown over the USA. I can no longer fly. The sun & winds have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder to our military that... You are not forgotten."



“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 (list on p. 11) or other items for the Homeless Ministry (from the list on p. 12)
- 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.)

WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN

The music for the 12:00pm Mass on Christmas Day will be led by the OLOPH 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

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today we mark the last Sunday of the liturgical year with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and it celebrates an aspect of the truth of who Jesus is (His identity) rather than some aspect of His life. For all intents and purposes, this solemnity turns our worldly understanding of kingship and power upside-down. Christ is a King dressed not in kingly robes on a magnificent throne, but dressed on the throne of the cross with a sign over his head meant to mock him: I.N.R.I. (*Jesus nazarenus rex Iudaeorum*—Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews).

The Gospel for this Mass this year gives us the crucifixion scene from Luke, with its irony of Christ on the cross being taunted but also being recognized as going to Paradise, the Kingdom of the Father. The jeers of the soldiers, “If you are the King of the Jews...” echo the mocking of the Tempter in the desert, “If you are the Son of God...” At both the beginning of His earthly mission and at the end, Jesus’ self-identity is challenged, but in both encounters He remains faithful to the will of the Father, completing the mission for which He was sent, a mission in which He willingly emptied Himself of all kingly glory in order to be a king who serves others and who gives His life as a ransom.

Today challenges all of us to profoundly reflect on the truth that what God means by power and kingship (service, humility, self-sacrifice, *etc.*) often has nothing to do with worldly power and prestige (control, self-interest, coercion, *etc.*). For my money, I’ll go with God’s way, which is the only way not only to happiness, but also to eternal life in the Kingdom.

End of the Year of Mercy, and a change in our Penitential Act at Mass

With this Sunday the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis draws to a close. We would do well to revisit the words Pope Francis used concerning the reason for it when he announced the Year of Mercy: “Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favorable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone, everyone, the way of forgiveness and reconciliation.”

Of course, the close of the Jubilee Year does not mean that now the Church suddenly starts being unmerciful! Just the opposite: it is hoped that the Church always has been and always will be a privileged place of mercy, where the mercy of God is easily seen and found and experienced. By setting aside this particular time to focus on mercy, however, we have, I pray, become more conscious of both God’s mercy toward us and our responsibility to en flesh that same mercy in the life of the Church and in all our relationships with each other. As the Year of Mercy draws to a close, we should all ask ourselves how well we

have done that, and how we can continually recommit ourselves to the work of God’s mercy.

Our parish adopted the custom for the Sundays of Ordinary Time during the Year of Mercy that we would use the so-called “Form B” of the Penitential Act at all Sunday Masses (“*Have mercy on us, O Lord. / For we have sinned against you*”...*etc.*) for the purpose of both learning a little-used form of a Mass text and for highlighting the Year of Mercy. After this Sunday, that custom will end and it will again be the Priest’s choice as to which form of the Penitential Act will be used at Mass (except when, as a parish, we use a standard form to highlight a particular occasion of season of the liturgical year, as we will do with Advent, for example). So, the Priest may or may not choose this “Form B,” but please keep it in mind for when it might be used from time to time.

St. Agnes Medal of Service

As you know, each year Bishop Murphy awards the St. Agnes Medal of Service to lay people from each parish in the diocese, honoring those who generously give of themselves to the life of the Church. Honorees are lay persons whose love of the Church has been shown through their devotion to the Holy Father, to our Diocese and to their parish; they exemplify our Catholic values and they build up the life of the parish through extraordinary service.

I am happy to announce to you that this year’s recipients of the St. Agnes Medal of Service for OLPH are Richard and MaryAnn Haas. Both Richard and MaryAnn exemplify what “total availability” and being of service really mean. They are long-time parishioners who have been involved in a variety of ministries over the years. Rich is a member of the Holy Name Society, is an Usher, and has worked the Catholic Ministries Appeal and the Feast, to name some of his activities; MaryAnn has been a member of St. Vincent de Paul, and has worked the Catholic Ministries Appeal and the Feast as well. Both are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and, especially appropriate as recipients in the Year of Mercy, both serve in the Ministry of Consolation. Both are founding members of that ministry, and MaryAnn is the overall coordinator of the ministry for the parish. Both MaryAnn and Rich are Companions, the role that works directly with the families in preparing the Funeral Mass. As you can see, MaryAnn and Richard are worthy recipients of this year’s award.

The St. Agnes Medal of Service will be presented to recipients by Bishop Murphy at a ceremony this Sunday, November 20, at St. Agnes Cathedral. Unfortunately, due to a family commitment, Rich and MaryAnn are unable to attend. Therefore, I’ll be presenting the award to them at a parish Mass here at OLPH sometime within the next few weeks. Congratulations to Rich and MaryAnn, and we offer them our deep gratitude for all they offer to OLPH to help make it “the place to be!”

Updating your census registration

OK, we'll be off and running: next weekend we will officially kick off our New Census Program. New Census Forms will be handed out at all the Masses, and everyone will be asked to take them home, fill them out, and return them so that we can update our records. This will be an ongoing process of updating current records, and the new Census Forms will be used for all new registrations. Please be patient with us if you are asked several times, "Have you updated your parish registration information?" We want to make sure we include everyone, and we want to make this prevalent to everyone. So, let it be proclaimed to all, and let the message go far and wide starting next weekend: "*Have you updated your parish registration information?*"

Thanksgiving Day Mass

This Thursday, November 24, is Thanksgiving Day and we will celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. (as is our custom, that will be the only Mass that day). Although in certain respects it is a national secular holiday, the occasion certainly has its origin in faith, as a day set aside to give thanks to God, and therefore it has a naturally-religious meaning. It's always a beautiful Mass and a great way to start the day. I do hope you will plan on being there.

It is our custom that at this Mas, in place of the money collection, we bring offerings for the poor, which are then brought forward in our offertory procession. You are invited to bring food items for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and/or other items for our Van Ministry to the Homeless as listed in this bulletin. Remember to hold on to your items when you come into church; don't leave them on the sanctuary steps right away! Instead, hold on to them until you are invited to bring them forward in the offertory procession.

You are also invited to bring a food item from your Thanksgiving table, to be blessed; we will bless these items at the end of Mass.

Allow me to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. May we be truly thankful for all that God has given us, and may we always express that gratitude by being generous with others!

Update on Memorial Brick Walkway to the Blessed Mother

Many of you have been asking about the status of our memorial bricks for the Blessed Mother Walkway on the rectory front lawn. As of this writing, we have been told that the bricks will be delivered on or about November 22. This phase has been out of our control as it is the phase when the bricks are being engraved by the engraver. We have stayed on top of it, keeping in frequent contact with the engraver, and we will continue to do so. Once the engraved bricks arrive, we will install them as quickly as possible, weather permitting. I am grateful to everyone for their interest and I thank you for your patience and understanding.

We expect to open up Phase II of the brick memorialization soon; please watch for it. There are many

more bricks that can be sold along the walkway, and we will open up Phase II in the coming weeks. We will follow the same procedure: we will have a period to send in your memorializations, and then we will close that phase, to have all the bricks in the next phase engraved in one group; in that way, we save money on shipping and other costs by not doing them a few bricks at a time. Thank you for your anticipated support of Phase II of our brick memorialization.

We need your support of the Super 72 Raffle!

I'll take the chance (pun intended!) to remind you one more time that our next **Super 72 Raffle**, for the December 2016 through May 2017 game, is under way, and 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!

Also under way is our raffle to win a beautiful new Nativity Set. Please be generous in supporting this fund raiser also. I am very grateful to Deacon Doug and the Christian Mothers group for their time, work and assistance in organizing and working on this fund raiser.

First Sunday of Advent next week

Next Sunday we begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. (I hope you have managed to get a copy of this year's *Little Blue Book* with its daily Advent meditations; the book is very popular each year.) We'll have more information and reflections about Advent and Advent spirituality in next week's bulletin, but for now I ask you to really think about, and take seriously, how you will keep Advent and make it distinct from Christmas. We do ourselves a disservice by being dismissive of Advent and moving on to Christmas too quickly. If the Church's liturgical life is truly the center of our spirituality, then we should not compartmentalize our lives and observe one thing when we're in church, but something different in our personal spiritual life. Instead, we should allow the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year to permeate every aspect of our life. Just as we are exhorted to "Keep Christ in Christmas," so too should we "Keep Advent in Advent."

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,

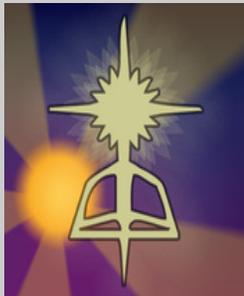


PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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**

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 and may be purchased for \$3.00 each.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

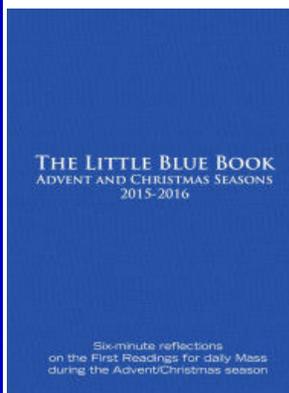
A special book has been placed in the Divine Mercy Chapel for members of our parish community to write down the names of loved ones who have died. The names in this book will be remembered at our Masses throughout the month of November.

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



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.

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

Please remember to pick up your picture from the Altar of Remembrance by Wednesday, November 23. All remaining pictures will be removed after that date.



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

**Monday, November 21—7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 28—7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 5—7:00 p.m**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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This weekend we congratulate **Leonardo Munoz** and **Nicholas Sherman** who are becoming **catechumens** as we celebrate the **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** at the 12:00 Noon Mass. This is their first official stage in the process of initiation into the Catholic Church. This **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** is an occasion of great joy for them and for us as a parish community. We offer our prayerful support and best wishes to our new catechumens Leonardo and Nicholas!

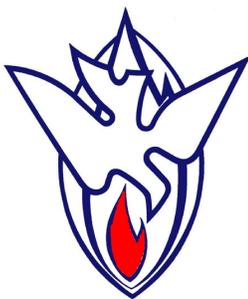
Beginning next Sunday, the catechumens will attend a parish Mass together and will be dismissed with a special prayer after the Liturgy of the Word, to continue their prayer, reflection, and formation in Catholic Christianity. This dismissal is meant to be a sign of our special care and hospitality for them as we pay special attention to them, nurturing them in the faith, since they are not yet able to share in the Eucharist. It is also meant to create a special hunger in them for receiving the Lord in the Eucharist, and their dismissal can also be for us a stark reminder of the privilege and gift of being able to share in the Eucharist.

Since Leonardo and Nicholas are older children, they will be attending the 10:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday and will participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word. They will be dismissed from the Children's Liturgy of the Word chapel in the north sacristy to continue their formation session.

Please feel free to greet and welcome these new members of our worshipping community as you see Leonardo and Nicholas at Mass, and please remember them in your prayers as they journey toward the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at a future Easter Vigil.

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 religioused@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.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent Lessons & Carols

And

International Peace Light Ceremony

Friday, December 2, 2016

7:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst



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 the Scriptures and beautiful music of Advent. Based on the traditional service from Kings College, Cambridge, OLPH parish will add its own touch, with readers of all ages and music led by the adult choir, youth band, youth choir, cantors, and instrumentalists. The assembly is as much a part of this service as the choirs and joins in singing the great hymns of Advent. Join us as we prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts and pray for peace throughout our troubled world.

Please bring your own lantern if you wish to bring the Peace Light home.

To see photos and to keep up on other ministries check out the OLPH Facebook page.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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 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.

Happy Thanksgiving from Religious Education



Give thanks unto the Lord,
 for he is good: for his mercy
 endureth forever.
 Psalm 107:1

Wishing you peace, joy, and blessings
 wherever you gather this Thursday!
 May we always be thankful to God for the
 abundant richness of our lives and our country,
 and may our spirit of gratitude continue to bring us
 closer to Him and to each other!

Thanksgiving Schedule

Please note that on Wednesday,
 November 23rd and Saturday, November
 26th there will be NO CLASS. The office
 will CLOSE Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at
 5:00 p.m. and will remain closed on
 Thanksgiving Day. The office will be
 OPEN on Saturday, November 26th.
 Classes resume Monday, November 28th.

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Catherine of Alexandria



Feast: November 25th
Patron Saint of Preachers

St. Catherine was a
 wealthy young woman
 under the reign of the
 evil Maxentius. She
 openly spoke out
 against his cruelty and
 converted many people
 to Catholicism, includ-
 ing the wicked ruler's wife. For this, she
 was put to death on a spiked wheel.
 However, the wheel miraculously broke.
 She was then beheaded and became a
 martyr. Her voice guided St. Joan of Arc
 to victory.

St. Catherine, pray for us!

URGENT NEED:

SATURDAY HALL MONITORS

FOR 10:00—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 volunteers. You can still
 enjoy your coffee break inside our building!

Urgently needed!

NEW BOXES OF CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE



The new boxes of **Children's Envelopes** for the upcoming liturgical year are now 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

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!

JAR TOMATO/PASTA SAUCE
CANNED MEATS/CHICKEN
JELLY
SNACKS
SHAMPOO
CONDITIONER
TOOTHPASTE
TOOTHBRUSHES
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 Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. or drop off
 on the sanctuary steps 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.

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

In the month of October, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help build the kingdom of God by assisting 252 people in 110 households which included 70 children, 151 adults and 29 seniors. Thank You!

† **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.

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, December 13th

7:00 p.m. in Room 24 of the new school

Wrapping Party for the Veterans Christmas Gifts. Please bring extra scissors, tissue paper and gift bags.

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at

gtonness@optonline.net

Upcoming Meeting:

Tuesday, December 27:

Annual Christmas Party at 7:00 p.m. at Villa Gaia, 101 N. Wellwood Ave, Lindenhurst

NURSING MINISTRY



**FLU SHOT
CLINIC**

**Today,
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

OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

Our next Community Meal is today

Sunday, November 20th

Come and pray with us at the

12:00 p.m. Mass

& then join us for our special

Thanksgiving Feast

at 1:00 p.m.



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 **Saturday/Sunday, 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.

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

The Giving Tree

Prison Families

Support our Diocesan Prison Ministry as they provide gifts for the children of men and women in prison.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #794 & OLPH HOLY NAME SOCIETY KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



CONTEST RULES:

1. The wording "Keep Christ in Christmas" must appear on the poster.
2. Paper: any color oak tag (recommended) or similar style construction paper. Poster must be 11" X 17"
3. Medium: There are no restrictions on colors, types of print, pastels or crayons, or number of colors. **NO THREE DIMENSIONAL work of any type. NO GLUEING of objects.** If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, please laminate or cover in clear plastic to protect the artwork.
4. Artwork: must be completely done by the STUDENT.
5. All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus & Holy Name Society.
6. On back of the poster glue or tape information at right.
7. Return your poster to your Religious Education teacher or to OLPH Rectory during regular business hours.

TAKE PART IN THE 2016 "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN
AGES 5-14

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____

Grade: _____

I certify that this poster is the original work-product of the applicant.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

For additional information, please contact Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451, or Bob Newberry at 917-613-7848

All Posters must be turned in by December 10, 2016

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.



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

Primer Domingo de adviento

Reflexiones de las lecturas del domingo 27 de noviembre del 2016

Ha llegado la hora; deben ustedes despertar: Nuestra salvación está cerca. Que el Señor esté con todos ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Isaías 2,1-5): Un Futuro de Paz y de Luz

En un tiempo de guerra y de pruebas, el profeta da al pueblo de Dios una visión de esperanza en la paz y en la justicia final de Dios. Nosotros tenemos que preparar ese futuro.

Segunda Lectura (Romanos 13,11-14): ¡Despiértense Ahora!

San Pablo nos recalca la urgencia de despertarnos y de vivir la vida de Cristo. ¡Ahora es el tiempo! Somos peregrinos hacia la luz de Cristo.

Evangelio (Mateo 24,37- 44): ¡Estén Despiertos!

La vida cristiana es un esperar activa de la venida continua de Cristo. Los discípulos de Cristo deben estar siempre dispuestos a reconocer la venida del Señor, siendo fieles a la misión que el mismo Cristo les ha confiado en la vida.

En la liturgia del primer domingo de Adviento, la Iglesia nos pone delante una parte del discurso de Jesús sobre el fin del mundo. Adviento significa Venida. Es el tiempo de la preparación para la venida del Hijo del Hombre en nuestra vida. Jesús nos exhorta a estar vigilantes. Nos pide estar atentos a los sucesos para descubrir en ellos la hora de la venida del Hijo del Hombre.

En este principio del Adviento, es importante purificar la mirada y aprender de nuevo a leer los acontecimientos a la luz de la Palabra de Dios. Y esto, para no ser sorprendidos, porque Dios puede venir sin avisar, cuando menos lo esperamos. Para ilustrar cómo deberíamos estar atentos a los acontecimientos, Jesús se apoya en el episodio del diluvio en tiempos de Noé. En el curso de la lectura del texto, prestaremos atención a las comparaciones de las que se sirve Jesús para transmitir su mensaje.

b) Una división del texto para ayudarnos en la lectura:

Mateo 24, 37-39: La venida del Hijo del Hombre será como en los días de Noé

Mateo 24, 40-41: Jesús aplica la comparación a aquellos que lo escuchan

Mateo 24, 42: La conclusión: ¡Vigilad!

Mateo 24, 43-44: La comparación para recomendar la vigilancia

Como en los días de Noé, así será la venida del Hijo del hombre. ³⁸ Porque como en los días que precedieron al diluvio, comían, bebían, tomaban mujer o marido, hasta el día en que entró Noé en el arca, ³⁹ y no se dieron cuenta hasta que vino el diluvio y los arrastró a todos, así será también la venida del Hijo del hombre. ⁴⁰ Entonces, estarán dos en el campo: uno es tomado, el otro dejado; ⁴¹ dos mujeres moliendo en el molino: una es tomada, la otra dejada.

⁴² «Velad, pues, porque no sabéis qué día vendrá vuestro Señor. ⁴³ Entendedlo bien: si el dueño de casa supiese a qué hora de la noche iba a venir el ladrón, estaría en vela y no permitiría que le horadasen su casa. ⁴⁴ Por eso, también vosotros estad preparados, porque en el momento que no pensáis, vendrá el Hijo del hombre.

Esta liturgia rememora el momento en que Santa María y San José buscaban un lugar donde alojarse pues había llegado la hora del alumbramiento. En los momentos previos a la Navidad, la dinámica del dolor-alegría se hace particularmente presente en los padres de Jesús: dolor por no hallar posada para recibir aunque sea con humano decoro al Señor de los señores, y la alegría de la hora cercana de la Natividad.

Se trata, pues, de tomar conciencia de este dinamismo presente en la espera y en el misterio de la Natividad y de vivirlo en comunión con María y con José en estos días previos al nacimiento del Señor Jesús y, de este modo, prepararnos para acoger activamente la Palabra reconciliadora.



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 Announcement:

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

Second Announcement:

William Walter & Allison Degrazia

First Announcement:

Benjamin Rosino & Aileen Barclay

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

Abigail Frances Bozymowski

Isabella Josephine Chiarenza

Brielle Love DeLucia

Anthony Stefano DeMarino

Madelyn Ann Fischer

Jesse James Martinez

Lacie Jean Mott



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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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

MASS MEMORIALS

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

November 20—26:

Altar Bread & Wine

A Birthday Remembrance

Ronald A. Richards

Requested by

Your OLPH Family

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

WE REMEMBER

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

*Donna Russo
Angelica Francavilla
Italo Graziano
Oliva Keim
Ronnie Windishman
JoAnne Kraus*

"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 21— The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30	Ann & Donald Muller
12:15	Frank Esposito

TUESDAY, November 22— Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

6:30	Frank Mehm
12:15	Minardi Domenico & Paola

WEDNESDAY, November 23— Weekday (Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot)

6:30	Kevin Ullmer
12:15	Pasquale Perrotta

THURSDAY, November 24— Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs (Thanksgiving Day)

9:00	Marie Caraccio
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FRIDAY, November 25— Weekday (Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr)

6:30	James Bilicki
12:15	Dwight Evans

SATURDAY, November 26— Weekday

8:00	Mary Kollar
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Vigil for FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00	For the People of the Parish
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Sunday, November 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00	Eleanor & Henry Zuber
10:00	For God's Blessings & Protection of Holy Mother upon Edward & Barbara on their Anniversary
12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
5:00	For the Enthronement of Jesus Christ as King of Poland & other Nations

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, November 21, 2016

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

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	Church
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir	Church
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, November 23, 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

**ALL RECTORY OFFICES ARE CLOSED AT 5:00 P.M.
AND ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED IN
PREPARATION FOR THANKSGIVING**

Thursday, November 24, 2016

**ALL PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND ALL
ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED FOR THANKSGIVING**

Friday, November 25, 2016

**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED FOR
THANKSGIVING. RECTORY RECEPTION DESK WILL
REMAIN OPEN AS A REGULAR FRIDAY UNTIL 9:00 P.M.**

Saturday, November 26, 2016

1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, November 27, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Flu Shot Clinic	Room 16
10:00 p.m.	RCIC	Room 18
11:00 a.m.	Getting Ready for Advent	Auditorium
1:00 a.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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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

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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 12/13, 2016

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	351	149	\$3,348.00
8:00 a.m.	310	135	3,344.00
10:00 a.m.	481	138	4,039.00
12:00 pm.	385	113	3,526.00
5:00 p.m.	210	45	1,681.50
Total coin:			17.73
Mail-ins:			530.00
Children's Env.		20	60.14
Faith Direct			1,851.50
TOTAL	1,737	600	\$18,397.87
2015 total	2,014	635	\$18,851.01
Candles			\$853.65
Poor Box			\$259.98

NEXT WEEK...

**NEW PARISH CENSUS FORMS!
MAKE SURE YOU TAKE
ONE AND RETURN IT
TO UPDATE YOUR
PARISH REGISTRA-
TION INFORMATION!**



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 27—passed
- 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 made earlier by the printer. Thank you for your cooperation.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The Holy Name Society would like to thank everyone who by participating in this year's Turkey Raffle made it such a resounding success. Congratulations to the winners listed below:

Henry Gaeding, the McCarthy Family, Richard Doerler, the Abbazio Family, and the balance to St. Vincent de Paul, and the Community Meal.

Thank you all again. Your generosity allows the Holy Name Society to support those organizations in our parish that help those in need.



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.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

- **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.
- **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.
 - **Part-Time Kitchen Helper:** Kitchen Helper is needed to assist the Director of Dining Services and the Cook in maintaining the cleanliness of the kitchen and dining room. Email resumes to jsgambati@cenaclesisters.org.

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

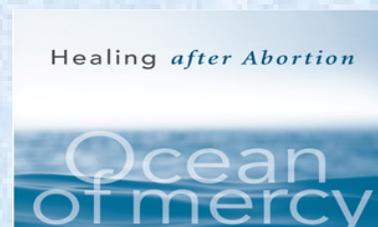
This day of prayer and healing for women after they have had an abortion is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

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.



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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, November 27, 2016—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Jesus said, "Stay awake!**For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."*

Matthew 24:42

Isaiah 2:1-5

As we begin Advent today, we hear in the readings about the future and are called to stay awake for it. In this first reading from the prophet Isaiah, who proclaimed the word of God about 700 years before Christ, the future is a glorious one with God ruling justly over his own people and all the nations. This passage envisions God enthroned in the Temple at Jerusalem and drawing together all Israelites into one righteous people. Furthermore, all the nations, including ours, will finally recognize the Lord as the one true source of life, gathering on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem to learn and practice his teaching. Then, we shall all walk in the light of the Lord where we will cease doing evil and learn to do good.

Romans 13:11-14

Paul tells us to "Wake up!" He wrote this letter to the church in Rome near the end of his life and it is his longest one, more like an essay than a letter. In it, he sums up his instructions for living as a Christian by referring to the commandment to love one's neighbor as oneself. He also gives the reason for living this way: the final fulfillment of God's salvation is near at hand. In the earliest decades of Christianity, Jesus' followers believed that he would return in their lifetimes. Paul stresses that Christians must now act in accord with the new life already begun in Christ and soon to be completed with his coming in glory. He tells the Romans, and us today, to have nothing to do with the "desires of the flesh" which are opposed to this law of love but to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells us to "Stay awake!" This passage appears in what is usually called "Matthew's apocalypse," in chapters 24-25 of his Gospel. Unlike the peaceful future foretold by Isaiah, this account envisions a period of great tribulation, part of which Jesus speaks about in this selection. But the main point of today's reading is that the time of God's coming is unknown, therefore believers must always be prepared. As the Great Flood in Noah's time caught people unaware, the coming of the Son of God will do the same. Christians must stay awake and always be ready for it.

Readings for the Week*Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.***Monday, November 21, 2016:**

Revelations 14:1-3, 4b-5
+ Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 22, 2016:

Revelation 14:14-19 + Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 23, 2016:

Revelation 15:1-4 + Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, November 24, 2016:

Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a
+ Luke 21:20-28

Friday, November 25, 2016:

Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2
+ Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, November 26, 2016:

Revelation 22:1-7 + Luke 21:34-36

Sunday, November 27, 2016:

Isaiah 2:1-5 + Romans 13:11-14
+ Matthew 24:37-44

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. Advent is about Christ coming to us. How can you become more aware of all the ways he comes to you everyday? Did you find Christ today? Do you ask yourself this every night?

2. Facing the fight against poverty is a way of "staying awake" and "being prepared," according to Pope Francis, and as Jesus suggests in the Gospel. How ready are we for this fight?

... We cannot live without facing challenges, without responding to challenges. Whoever does not face challenges, whoever does not take up challenges, is not living. Your willingness and your abilities, combined with the power of the Holy Spirit who abides in each of us from the day of Baptism, allow you to be more than mere spectators, they allow you to be protagonists in contemporary events.

Please do not watch life go by from the balcony! Mingle where the challenges are calling you to help carry life and development forward, in the struggle over human dignity, in the fight against poverty, in the battle for values and in the many battles we encounter each day.

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