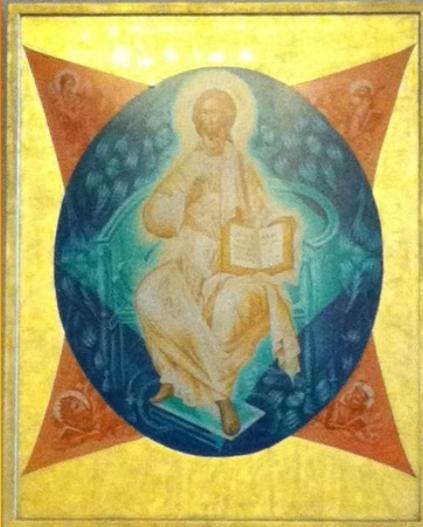


# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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

Luke 25:42

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 24, 2013**

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

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

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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

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

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** April Carbaugh    **Music Director:** Christopher Ferraro

## **COME IN AND PRAY...**

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

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

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:** 8:00 a.m.

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

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

## **HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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

## **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

Beginning next weekend (November 30/December 1) we will pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5 P.M. Mass.

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

## **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.

# THANKSGIVING DAY

## Thursday, November 28, 2013

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

# Thanksgiving Mass 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
- 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.)**

## THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Throughout the month of November, students in our religious education classes have been collecting food for our parish's outreach efforts this Thanksgiving. Last Saturday, one of our religious education classes took a tour of the food pantry, learned about St. Vincent de Paul from Joan Woelfel and helped to sort baskets of food!



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thanksgiving Day is upon us this week, and I invite all parishioners to participate in our special Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. this Thursday. Note that this will be the only Mass that day, as it is appropriate for us to gather at only one celebration of the Eucharist as one community of faith.

Everyone always comments that Mass on Thanksgiving Day is one of those occasions that seems particularly special, meaningful and uplifting. It might be because although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation on the liturgical calendar, it is a kind of “natural Holy Day,” so to speak. Thanksgiving is embedded in our national identity as Americans, and what the day celebrates makes it a natural occasion to gather to celebrate the Eucharist, as we acknowledge God as the source of every grace and blessing for which we should be thankful. In addition, it is important for us as a parish to continue to build up our life together by celebrating these special liturgical events.

Please make every effort to begin your Thanksgiving Day by joining us at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If you have family or friends staying with you for the holiday, be sure to bring them along!

### Advent

Next weekend begins a new liturgical year as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent on December 1. Beginning next weekend we will be publishing special inserts in the bulletin to help you enter into this beautiful season of expectation, anticipation and preparation. Also, we have provided throughout the church, for your taking, copies of a *Little Blue Book* that contains reflections to think and pray about throughout all of Advent and Christmas Time. I don't know if any of the books are left, but if any remain and you do not yet have one, please take one.

Each year I become more and more cognizant of how difficult and counter-cultural it is to keep and celebrate Advent properly. Unfortunately, we are inundated with a secular approach to Christmas which overwhelms us with the pressure to begin celebrating the holiday earlier and earlier. We must do everything in our power to resist this. This approach is based on consumerism — making the

most money you can by celebrating earlier and earlier — and a misguided notion of what Christmas is all about. We Catholics celebrate Christmas starting on the evening of December 24, and Christmas Time comes in the days after Christmas up to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We must be brave enough and counter-cultural enough to let Advent be Advent. Just as we would not celebrate Easter during Lent, so must we not celebrate Christmas during Advent.



Admittedly, this is hard — but it's worth it. We all need to examine our habits and practices and

do the hard work of letting the Church's liturgical rhythms be the rhythm of our own life, taking seriously why the Church liturgical calendar gives us different seasons of the year. It seems that every year we complain about being exhausted and overwhelmed during and after “the holidays,” and I am convinced that if we feel that way it is because we buy into the secular, consumerist approach to Christmas and do not properly enter into the spirituality of Advent. In what ways do you start to celebrate Christmas too soon? In what ways can you better keep Advent?

There are some practical things we can do, both at the personal level at home and at the parish level. At the parish level, for example, last year I asked our rectory staff to not put up Christmas decorations until late into Advent, *i.e.*, after December 17, the traditional beginning of the “late Advent period” with the arrival of the “O Antiphons,” and I will do so again this year. This year we are holding our Staff Christmas Gathering during actual Christmas Time — it will be in January, before the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Next year I will ask all parish organizations to consider not having Christmas parties during Advent and to doing their part to giving witness to our Catholic spirituality. This year our St. Nicholas evening for children is more intently focused on the themes and decorations and spirituality of Advent, rather than being an early celebration of Christmas.

There are times when “the rubber hits the road,” as the cliché says, and when our faith will really cost us something in terms of our practices and behaviors. I think giving proper witness to Advent,

and living an Advent spirituality, is one of those occasions. I am convinced, though, that if we make the effort to keep Advent properly, then our celebration of Christmas, when it properly comes, will be greatly, greatly enriched. Why not give yourself the special spiritual gift of not giving in to the secular trend of celebrating Christmas too soon and instead really keeping Advent this year?

### **Liturgy of the Hours: Evening Prayer**

I am thrilled that starting next weekend we will begin praying Evening Prayer, from the Liturgy of the Hours, as a community. I thank Ms. Alice Vozzo for offering to put this endeavor together and for being responsible for it. As you know, the Liturgy of the Hours is the daily prayer of the Church, the liturgical prayer that sanctifies the day and helps us to fulfill the command to pray unceasingly.

The parish's praying of Evening Prayer will take place in a simple way. Each Saturday and Sunday night, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on those days, anyone who wishes to pray Evening Prayer will simply remain in the church and gather together; Alice will coordinate this. Worship aids will be provided, so you will have all the texts you need. All will be explained, and the same format will be followed each time, so it will be easy to learn. Like all liturgical prayer, Evening Prayer follows the same structure each time it is prayed. Evening Prayer will be prayed whether there are only a couple of people, or whether it is a large group — there will be no maximum or minimum number. It won't take long, maybe only 15 or 20 minutes or so, if that.

Remember, the reforms of the Second Vatican Council promoted the communal praying of the Liturgy of the Hours in parishes by everyone, clergy and laity alike. Although the Liturgy of the Hours is often associated with priests and deacons because they have the canonical obligation to pray it, it is intended for all the baptized because it is the prayer of the CHURCH, not only the prayer of clerics. Please consider making this parish celebration of Evening Prayer a regular part of your prayer life as much as you can.

### **"Super 72" Raffle**

Our new "Super 72" Raffle" tickets have been mailed out, so if you haven't received your tickets

in the mail, you should be receiving them shortly. Tickets are also available in the church, at the rectory, and, for your convenience if you're at the northern end of Lindenhurst, at Johnstons' Wellwood Funeral Home.

This Raffle will be a major fundraising effort for our parish, and so I am asking everyone to participate as much as possible, and I also encourage you to spread the word to elicit participation from among your non-parishioner family and friends. We have increased the number of chances to win from the former "\$1,000 Club." This Raffle has the potential to make a very, very good profit for the parish, which would be a much-needed boost in putting us back on a firm financial footing. I thank you for your support of this Raffle.

### **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,



## **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**



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

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

# ADVENT ADULT FAITH FORMATION

*Come, learn and share about the Advent Scriptures!!!*



## ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY AND REFLECTION

Mondays of Advent  
Starting  
**THIS MONDAY!!!**

**Monday, November 25, 2013**

**Preparing for the 1st Sunday of Advent**

**This Monday after the 6:30 A.M. Mass**

**Room 14**

*(Facilitated by Fr. John)*

OR

**Mondays after the 12:15 P.M. Mass**

**Room 14**

*(Facilitated by Joan Woelfel)*

We'll provide the coffee and drinks—you provide the snacks!

*“O house of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord!”*

**-Isaiah 2:5, First Reading, 1st Sunday of Advent—Year A**

### **LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

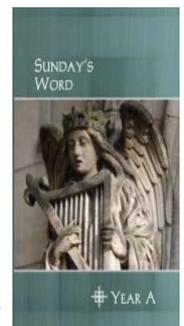
Please take home a *Little Blue Book* which contains daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons. This book will provide the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Advent and Christmas Time. Let God speak to you during those special times of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the



*Little Blue Book.*

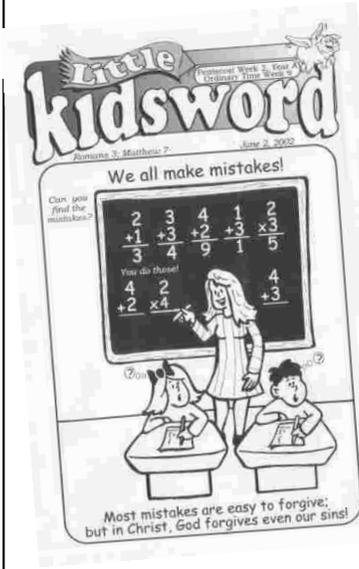
### **New Sunday's Word for the New Liturgical Year- Year A**

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



# OLPH LOVES OUR KIDS!

## **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING NEXT WEEKEND**



Starting next weekend we will have Children's Bulletins available at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass. These special Children's Bulletins will be handed out by children and families at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass, along with the regular bulletins handed out by the ushers. There will be two bulletins for children, corresponding to two different age groups. Each week, the bulletin on yellow paper will be for younger children, aged 3-6, and the bulletin on ivory paper will be for older children, aged 7-12. The idea is to take the bulletin home to reinforce the message of the Gospel. Ideally, after the child completes the bulletin, the family can talk about it together, as a way of bringing home the Gospel message and connecting our liturgical celebration in church with your family's faith life at home.

Be sure to look for these bulletins which will be handed out at the **9:30 a.m. Mass each week starting next Sunday, December 1.**

## **CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES**

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

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

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

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

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



# MUSIC NOTES

## Join the Choir for Christmas

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



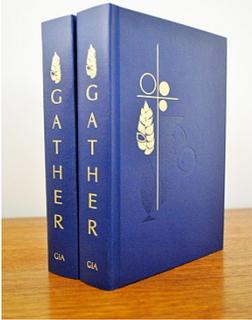
## Are You Coming to Advent Lessons and Carols?

On Sunday, December 15 at 7:30pm, OLPH will offer a prayer service called Advent Lessons and Carols. In the evening, in the peak of winter darkness, we will gather in the quiet church, with candles lit from the Peace Light originating from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, to hear readings from Scripture and hear and sing the great music of the Advent season led by our Music Ministry. You won't want to miss this!

## Pianist/Keyboard Player Needed

The Hispanic Prayer Group is in need of a pianist or keyboard player for their Thursday evening prayer meetings. For more information, contact Irma Gonzalez at 620-2401 or [lanegra628@yahoo.com](mailto:lanegra628@yahoo.com).

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



## GATHER HYMNAL MEMORIALS

*"Those who sing pray twice."  
St. Augustine*

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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

For a Deceased Person: In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

For a Living Person: In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

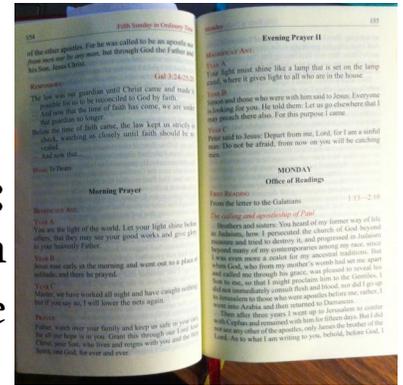
Simple Donation: Gift of \_\_\_\_\_

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

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## Praying the Liturgy of the Hours Together

### Evening Prayer: The Structure of the Celebration and the Order of Service



In our celebration of Evening Prayer, as in all liturgy, everything we do and say, even our body posture, has meaning and purpose in the act of worshipping God. As a rule, we stand to pray, and with the exception of our hearing of the Gospel, in honor of Jesus, the One Whom God raised up from the dead (cf. Acts 2:24), we sit when listening to the Word. As always in every liturgy, there is a leader of prayer, who, in the case of the Liturgy of the Hours, may either be a member of the clergy or a lay person. Regardless, the role is always the same: to set and maintain the focus, tone and rhythm of the service. Throughout the order of service as proscribed, prayer is initiated by the leader, with the congregation in turn responding.

As in all our prayer, we begin Evening Prayer by standing and making the sign of the Cross; for this liturgy, the leader petitions the Lord with the words: "O God, come to my assistance," to which the congregation replies, "O Lord, make haste to help me." Then, while all bow in reverence, we praise and worship our Triune God with the words of the Doxology. Again, the leader initiates this prayer, pronouncing the first part, "Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit," with the congregation responding, "As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen." (Note that this Doxology differs slightly in wording from the one pronounced in other forms of prayer, such as the Rosary.) An "Alleluia" follows the "Amen" except during Lent. The entire assembly then sings a hymn of praise together, after which all are seated to begin praying the evening's Psalms.

For Evening Prayer, we recite two Psalms, each preceded by a short verse known as an Antiphon. As a rule, the Antiphon makes a strong statement of faith and serves to sum up the theme of the Psalm that follows, sometimes being drawn from the text of that Psalm itself. Before each Psalm, the leader recites the Antiphon, with the assembly then repeating it in response. At the end of each Psalm, the same Antiphon is then repeated, this time by both leader and assembly together.

For the recitation of the Psalms themselves, the assembly is divided into two groups or choirs, with each group taking turns in reciting each section of the Psalm until the end (this is called antiphonal praying). The prayer thus becomes not only an act of corporate worship of God, but one of evangelization to one's neighbor, as though conversing with each other or reminding one another-- and ourselves-- about the wonderful works and attributes of God. Following the second Psalm, there is a short reading from the New Testament, known as a Canticle, which is also preceded and followed by an Antiphon and recited in the same manner as the Psalms.

A second short reading from the New Testament is then proclaimed by a single reader, followed by a short Responsory, which is an exchange between the leader and assembly, and which culminates in another reverent recitation of the Doxology.

Just as the Liturgy of the Word at Mass culminates in the reading of the Gospel, so too does the Liturgy of the Hours' Evening Prayer culminate in the reading of the Gospel Canticle—Mary's *Magnificat*—for which all stand, and, rather than listening, all recite antiphonally as with the Psalms. As in the hearing of the Gospel at Mass, when we mark our foreheads, lips and heart with the sign of the Cross, leader and assembly alike all make the sign of the Cross at the opening words, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..." While Evening Prayer's Gospel Canticle remains constant throughout the year, the Antiphon recited before and after it changes according to the character of the day, season, or feast.

During the remainder of Evening Prayer, for a short series of Intercessions, a communal recitation of the Lord's Prayer, the Concluding Prayer and finally the Dismissal, the congregation remains standing.

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

### *Liturgy of the Hours*

## **EVENING PRAYER**

Beginning next Saturday and Sunday  
November 30, 2013/December 1, 2013  
Each Saturday and Sunday evening  
at approximately 6:15 P.M.  
(after the 5 P.M. Evening Mass)

## **SUNDAY NIGHT ADORATION**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place next **Sunday, December 1, 2013**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. Exposition on Sundays takes place only on the **FIRST** Sunday of each month.

*Let us ask ourselves... adoring the Christ truly present in the Eucharist: do I let myself be transformed by Him? Do I let the Lord who gives Himself to me, guide me to come out more and more from my little fence, to get out and be not afraid to give, to share, to love Him and others?*

**-Pope Francis**

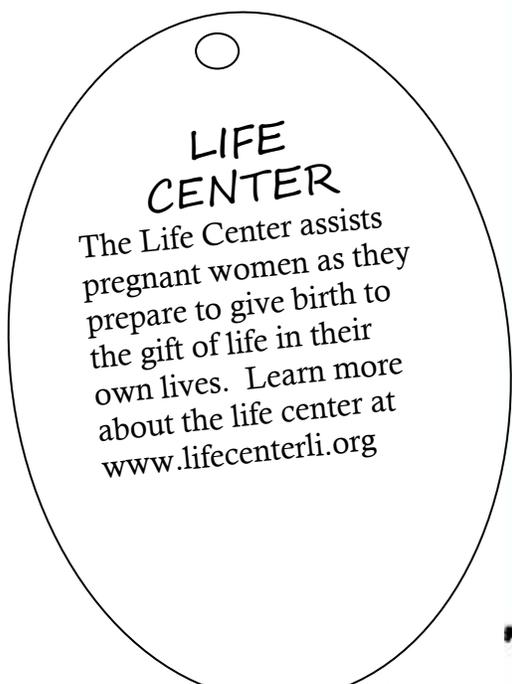


# OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE

*“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*

Our parish giving tree is growing this year! Our St. Vincent de Paul Society and Respect Life Committee are working together to support life at all stages. This year, there are tags on our Giving Tree to help the hungry, the unborn, the sick, the immigrant and those in prison. Next Saturday, Mr. Tapinis’ 8th grade religion class will set up and “decorate” our Advent Giving Tree! Then, you need to empty the tree of the tags and return them no later than **Saturday/Sunday, December 14/15, 2013**. Below are description of some of the agencies we will be supporting this year.

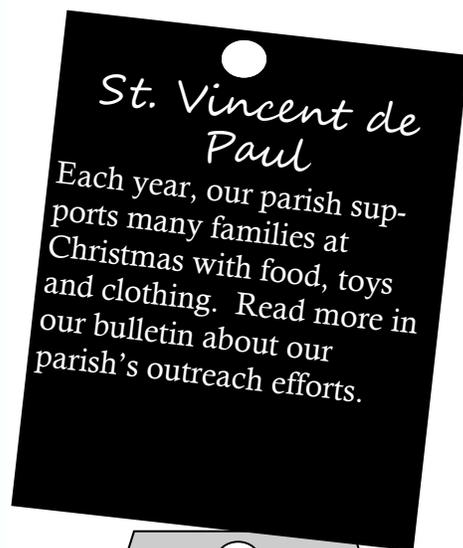


### LIFE CENTER

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](http://www.lifecenterli.org)



## The Giving Tree



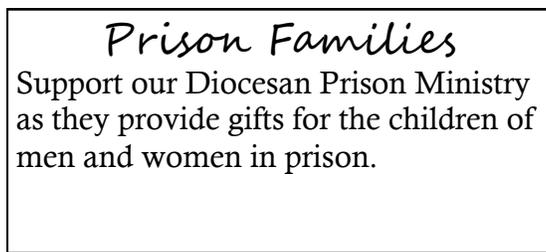
### St. Vincent de Paul

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.



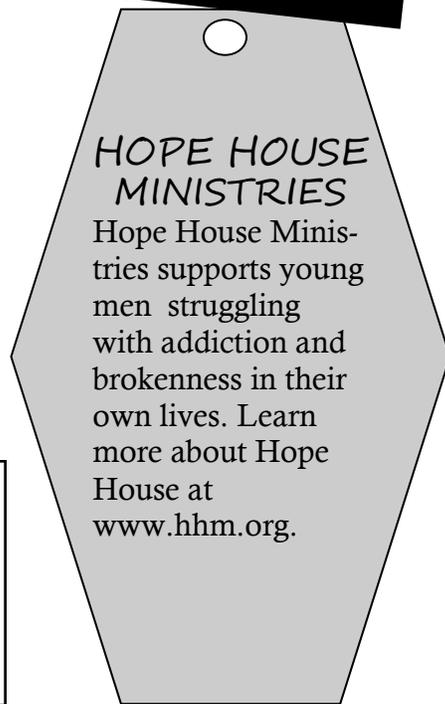
### CATHOLIC CHARITIES Immigration Services

Support our brothers and sisters and their families who are just coming to our country. Read more at [www.catholiccharities.cc](http://www.catholiccharities.cc)



### 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](http://www.hhm.org).

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM ANDREW GARNETT

Around this time of year at the Pontifical North American, the seminarians begin to feel settled in beautiful Rome and at the seminary. For those who have completed a few years in Rome, the first few months back are a time of renewal, of getting back to business. For the New Men, it is a time of transition where everything is new and different from what they are accustomed to. As Thanksgiving rolls in, we know the year is truly in full swing. For the New Men and Old Men alike, it is the first major holiday of the year celebrated far from home. It is obviously a unique experience. We are Americans, close to 300 priests and seminarians, living in Italy and celebrating Thanksgiving.

On days like Thanksgiving, this Roman seminary experience may be viewed as one of sacrifice and that alone, but I don't see it that way entirely. While I would love to be in Staten Island at my Aunt's house, eating the wonderful meal and listening to my Uncle's profound grace before the meal, and enjoying the company of my family, I look at these years away from my family's table as a time to truly give thanks for all that I have been blessed with throughout my life. I have been incredibly blessed. I look back on just the last few years with a sense a profound gratitude to all who have made this possible. So many people in our world go without many of the things that I have been given. We are reminded often around the holidays here that while the Pontifical North American College is not home, it is much.

Leading up to this Day of Thanks 2013, I have been reflecting on those things that I am most thankful for. There is of course my family and friends. They are ever full of support and encouragement, especially at the moments where it is not so easy to be an ocean away. Countless Skype calls, emails, and letters make being away not as challenging as it could be. My nephew, Charlie, whom some of you met at summer evening prayer, has even learned to point at the computer when I am on Skype and say, "Rome!" I give thanks to God for the wonderful people that I have been blessed to call my family and friends.

In addition to my usual blessings to give thanks to God for, this year, I have an added blessing, the wonderful parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. As I con-

tinue in formation, I am able to look back and to reflect on my time with all of you. Whether it was a conversation with a volunteer or client at the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach, gathering with the Ministry of Consolation, enjoying an ice at the Summer Evening Prayer Meeting or just a kind word from a parishioner after Mass, each of those moments had a real impact on me. I give thanks to God for all of those moments and all of you.

He truly blessed me greatly by allowing me to have such a wonderful summer.

As this Year of Faith wraps up, I would be remiss if I did not also mention the great gift we have been given in the Catholic faith and how thankful I am for it. Often, we take our Church's beauty and truth for granted. It is truly unique in world that has in so many ways lost a sense of these gifts. We need to be proud

of our Faith and to spread it. In the document *Porta Fidei*, published at the beginning of the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict offers some advice that is very encouraging and challenging for all of us. He writes, "Having reached the end of his life, Saint Paul asks his disciple Timothy to "aim at faith" (2 Tim 2:22) with the same constancy as when he was a boy (cf. 2 Tim 3:15). We hear this invitation directed to each of us, that none of us grow lazy in the faith. It is the lifelong companion that makes it possible to perceive, ever anew, the marvels that God works for us. Intent on gathering the signs of the times in the present of history, faith commits

every one of us to become a living sign of the presence of the Risen Lord in the world. What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord, and capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life, life without end." Let us listen and respond to our Pope Emeritus' advice for us to be living signs of the presence of God by being credible witnesses and in so doing, we will change the world.

May God continue to bless you and your families especially in this time of Thanksgiving.

Know of my prayers for all of you and please continue to pray for me during my journey to priesthood.

**-Andrew Garnett**



**"If families can say these three things, they will be fine: 'sorry,' 'excuse me,' and 'thank you.' How often do we say 'thank you' in our families? How often do we say 'thank you' to those who help us, those close to us, those at our side throughout life? All too often we take everything for granted."**

*- Pope Francis*

# FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

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



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

There's something for all ages....

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

**Grades 4 through 6**—Three Kings and the Royal Servants

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

*If you can help with our pageant, please fill out the form below or e-mail to [olphfamilylife@aol.com](mailto:olphfamilylife@aol.com).*

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

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

### Pageant Practices

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

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

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

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP!

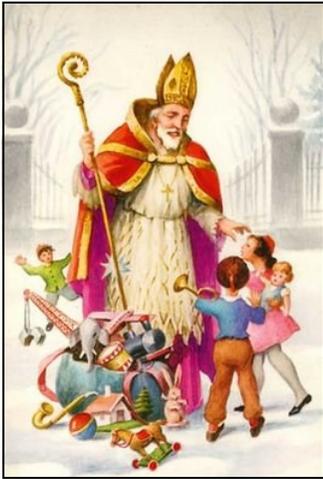
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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

*OLPH Family Life Ministry presents....*



# *Saint Nicholas Advent Bedtime Stories*

**Friday, December 6th  
6:30 - 9 pm in the School Auditorium  
Open to all children!**

*(Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.)*

**Enjoy a St. Nicholas story, skit,  
games, craft and  
cookies, hot chocolate & hot apple cider**

**Children, come in your pajamas!**

*(please bring a blanket or pillow to sit on)*

Please call Chris at 631.957.2321 or Jane at 631.662.8881 or e-mail to [olph-familylife@aol.com](mailto:olph-familylife@aol.com) by **Tuesday, December 3, 2013** with your name, phone # and ages of children attending.

Any donation of cookies, cupcakes, brownies and juice will be gladly accepted.

Although this event is free, the donation of a **non-perishable food item** or **unwrapped toy** to be shared with those less advantaged in our community would be appreciated.



*Registration is necessary during to the limited space in the room.*

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

— Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski

## Food Pantry Shopping List

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

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot on corner of Gates and High Streets

**Our NEW phone # 631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**9 A.M. — 12 Noon**

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 November, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help build the kingdom of God by assisting families, providing needed food and resources. Thank You!**

## DRIVING MINISTRY...Start your engines!

- Do you have 1 or 2 hours a month to help your fellow parishioners?
- Would you be willing to bring a fellow parishioner to Mass?
- Can you help a parishioner who might need a lift to a doctor or medical appointment?



We are trying to start a driving ministry at OLPH. We need a commitment from a number of drivers with a good license and insurance and, of course, some time to donate to others. The service will be medical appointments and participation at Sunday Mass.

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

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

**ALL DRIVERS MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED.**

See page 20 for more information.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Re-Introducing the...

## Saint Bernard League

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



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

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

## We also need Saint Bernards!

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

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

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

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



## LET THERE BE LIGHT!

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

### Do you want to help?

We are in need of offerers to help with this on

**Friday, December 6, 2013—9:00 A.M.**

**Saturday, December 7, 2013—9:00 A.M.**

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



And save the date...we'll be taking DOWN the lights on

**Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 12 Noon**

Many hands needed on that day as well!

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

## RESPECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*"Freedom is not only a gift, but a summons to personal responsibility... It is a challenge held out to each generation, and it must be constantly won over for the cause of good."*

*Pope Benedict XVI,  
2008 Pastoral visit to the United States*



### PLEASE CONTACT:

**Senator Kirsten Gillibrand**

**Senator Charles Schumer**

U.S. Senate,

Washington, D.C. 20510

[www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

**Congressman Peter King**

US House of Representatives

[www.house.gov/writerep](http://www.house.gov/writerep)

### *Sample Message:*

S1204/H.R.940—The Health Care Conscience Protection Act has had no action since June/March respectively. You are urged to sponsor and to vote for fundamental conscience rights for all who provide health care services.

*"If lay people don't love their Catholic Faith enough to struggle for it in the public square, nothing the Bishops do will finally matter."*

**Archbishop Chaput, Philadelphia**

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

### **LAS LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** (2 Sam.5, 1-3):

**Un Rey según el corazón**

Mismo de DIOS El pueblo quería que David fuera su Rey y pastor. El es "de su misma carne y sangre" y un hombre cercano también a DIOS en esto David es una pálida imagen de Jesús.

**Segundo lectura** (Col 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 del día** (Lucas 23:25-43):

**Un Rey Crucificado**

Por su muerte en la Cruz. Jesús llegó a hacer no solo el Rey de los judíos, sino de todos los que le aceptan como su señor, pero las personas tienen que tomar una opción, a favor o en contra de él.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicios pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía,

Contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 email- [jsureau@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org) En español Irma González 631 620-2401 correo electrónico— [lanegra628@yahoo.com](mailto:lanegra628@yahoo.com)

## YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TODAY! Sunday, November 24, 2013—3:15—4:45 P.M.**

### SERVICE PROJECT

Meet in the Cafeteria. Enter by the Youth Ministry office on Wellwood Avenue. We are going to help our St. Vincent de Paul by preparing Thanksgiving cards and a decoration for each family we provide Thanksgiving dinner for this year. This is open to all middle and high school students!

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Upcoming High School Events - All 8th - 12th graders are welcome to attend any of these events!

**Thursday, November 28th  
9 A.M. Mass**

*All are asked to pray with our entire parish at the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 A.M.*

**Saturday, December 7th-  
Catholic Underground**

Join our group as we head to NYC for fellowship and faith along with great entertainment and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Van leaves at 4:45. Contact Brittany for a permission slip.  
Open to all High Schoolers and 8th graders.

**Sunday, December 8th  
3:15—4:45 P.M./Cafeteria**

**Advent**—*Getting Ready for What?*  
What difference does it make?  
Who really needs Christmas?  
More info in next week's bulletin!

### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our next middle school night is

**THIS Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>  
7:30—8:45 P.M.**

*Gratitude and Good Times*

What are you grateful for...how can you show thanks? We'll talk about that and then share some "good times" together.

Please bring a non-perishable food item or an "un-food" item (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.) to each Middle School Youth Group Meeting.

Meet by the Youth Office at 7:30, entering through the front doors on Wellwood Avenue.

**Thursday, November 28th  
9 A.M. Mass**

*All are asked to pray with our entire parish at the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 A.M.*

### Upcoming Middle School Youth Ministry Dates

**Thursday, December 12th- 7:30—8:45 P.M.**

**Friday, December 13th—See next page.**

**Tuesday, December 19th- Times TBA**

# YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH



OLPH Youth Ministry invites youth throughout Long Island to

## ADVENT EVENING PRAYER & COMMUNITY OUTREACH NIGHT

*Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord....Isaiah 2:5*

**FRIDAY, December 13, 2013 +  
8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.**

More info in next week's bulletin!

## WORKING TOGETHER

**OLPH Youth Ministry involves  
many hands and hearts!**

Did you know that the leaders of the various youth ministries meet throughout the year to talk about the best ways to serve the youth of our parish? We met this past Tuesday to talk about challenges, new projects, and ways to help one another. Representatives from High School and Middle School Youth Groups, CYO, Squires, Squirettes, CYO, Scouts, Service Corps and Altar Servers are all part of this planning!

There are many ways for young people to be involved in youth ministry—you just need to find the right “fit” for you (or your child or grandchild!)

## HELP NEEDED!

**OLPH Youth Ministry NEEDS EVEN  
MORE hands and hearts!**

Our Middle School Youth Group is growing and growing and growing! Between 30 and 50 middle school student have come to our middle school events. This is a wonderful thing!

### **BUT....**

We need some help! Can you assist us by serving as a hall monitor and/or with supervision at our middle school nights?

For more information about ways to help with the youth of our parish, contact Brittany Marie Evans or Fr. John Sureau. Thank you!

There are many ways for young people to be involved in youth ministry—you just need to find the right “fit” for you (or your child or grandchild!)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Members of parish attending  
Kellenberg Memorial High School have earned the following honors:

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

**2012-2013**

Thomas Brennan      Haley Gustavson  
Grace Mascio        Fiona McCabe

### **National Honor Society**

Colleen Hehir        Elizabeth McAlvin

### **National Junior Honor Society**

Marykate Bayley    Haley Gustavson  
Grace Mascio        Fiona McCabe



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

**Monday, November 25, 2013:**

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 + Luke 21:1-4

**Tuesday, November 26, 2013:**

Daniel 2:31-45 + Luke 21:5-11

**Wednesday, November 27, 2013:**

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17,23-28 + Luke 21:12-19

**Thursday, November 28, 2013:**

**Thanksgiving Day**

Sirach 50:22-24 + 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

+ Luke 17:11-19

**Friday, November 29, 2013:**

Daniel 7:2-14 + Luke 21:29-33

**Saturday, November 30, 2013:**

Romans 10:9-18 + Matthew 4:18-22

**Sunday, December 1, 2013:**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2:1-5 + Romans 13:11-14

+ Matthew 24:37-44

*After reading next Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 24:37-44), take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.*

1. Advent is about God coming to us. What can you do during this season to make him welcome? How can you become more aware of the ways Christ comes to you everyday?

2. Regarding social justice issues, does the Church need to be roused from sleep? Discuss this quote from Bishop Robert W. McElroy: "Pope Francis' teachings on the rights of the poor have enormous implications for the culture and politics of the United States and for the church in this country. These teachings demand a transformation of the existing Catholic political conversation."



## NEW MOTHERS' MEAL MINISTRY

### *New Mothers' Meal Ministry*

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

## SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!

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

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

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

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

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

### There is still time to participate!

#### IRA Charitable Rollover expires December 31<sup>st</sup>

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

Here's how to do it:

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, contact the Planned Giving Office:

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

## PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

### VIRTUS TRAINING AVAILABLE

TUES., DEC. 3 AT 7 PM

TRAINING IS REQUIRED

FOR ALL

PARISH OFFERERS

AND MINISTERS.

*Registration MUST be done online.*

Simply go to [drvc.org](http://drvc.org),  
then Protecting God's Children  
and to Virtus training schedule.



### CLEANLINESS.... NEXT TO GODLINESS!

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

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Parish Office:** 631.226.7725

**Religious Education:** 631.226.2384

**St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Outreach) :**

631.226.7725 X 234

**Parish Website:**

[www.olphlindhurst.org](http://www.olphlindhurst.org)

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork

Tricia Buckley (Chair)

Lori Byron

Marie Foster

Greg Guido

Sonia Hansen

John Keller

Kimberly McPhail

Kevin Sabella

Christina Taparata

James Totino

Pete Triolo

Msgr. Joe DeGrococo

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres

John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett

Deacon Tom Bast

Gerry Chille (Chair)

Ed Cirella

Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®

Bob Dobres

Bob Meade

John Reynolds

Deacon Don Stamm

Msgr. Joe DeGrococo

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

## Your Parish Liturgy Committee

Robert Becker

Mark Costantino

Debbie McDonough

Barbara McPhail

Rosaleen Walters

Mike Williams

Msgr. Joe DeGrococo

Chris Ferraro

Deacon Doug Smith

Fr. John Sureau

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

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, November 25—****Weekday in the 34th week in Ordinary Time**  
*(Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr)*

6:30	Vincent DiMartino
12:15	Katherine Salvage Marko & Joshua

**TUESDAY, November 26—****Weekday in the 34th Week in Ordinary Time**

6:30	Catherine Whelan
12:15	Vito & Rosa Mastrorocco

**WEDNESDAY, November 27—****Weekday in the 34th Week in Ordinary Time**

6:30	Daniel Kissane
12:15	The Baffa Family

**THURSDAY, November 28—****Thanksgiving Day**

9:00	John Slavin
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**FRIDAY, November 29—****Weekday in the 34th Week in Ordinary Time**

6:30	Vincent DiMartino
12:15	Dwight Evans

**SATURDAY, November 30—****Saint Andrew, Apostle**

8:00	Annie Kay Hopkins
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**Vigil Mass for**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:00	Mildred Sredniawski
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**December 1**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

6:30	Hedwig M. John E. Yuliano
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Steven Calder
11:00	Dennis Sheehan
12:30	Sanctity of Life
5:00	James Kelly

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK****Monday, November 25, 2013**

7:00 A.M.	Advent Scripture Sharing	Room 14
12:45 P.M.	Advent Scripture Sharing	Room 14
7:15 P.M.	Rel. Ed.—Grade 8 Class	School
7:30 P.M.	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.	Room 14

**Tuesday, November 26, 2013**

6:00 P.M.	CYO—Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:45 P.M.	Community of Praise	Room 14
7:30 PM	Youth Ministry	Library
7:30 PM	Music Ministry Rehearsal	Church
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Wednesday, November 27, 2013**

<b>12:45 PM - 2:00 Only</b>	Exposition	Church
1:00 P.M.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
7:30 P.M.	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria

**Thursday, November 28, 2013****Rectory & Offices**  
**CLOSED****Saturday, November 30, 2013**

8:00 A.M.	Rel. Ed.—	Cafeteria
8:30 / 10:00 / 11:30 A.M.	Religious Education (Gr. 2 – 6; Special Ed)	School / Cafeteria
1:00 P.M.	CYO—Basketball	Auditorium
6:15 P.M.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, December 1, 2013**

1:00 PM	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
6:15 P.M.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 P.M.	Holy Hour/Adoration	Church
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**WEDNESDAY EXPOSITION**

As noted above, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude at 2 P.M. THIS WEDNESDAY only. A wedding has been scheduled for 3 P.M. and this will give us enough time to prepare for the liturgy.

Thank you for your understanding!

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **Third Time:**

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

### **Second Time:**

*John Rigney & Vincenzia Rigney (OLPH)*

## **MASS MEMORIALS**

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!  
Memorials used during the Masses for week of  
Nov. 24-30:

*Altar Bread & Wine  
In Memory of*

*Reginald T. Sowinski*

*Requested by  
The Sowinski Family*

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

## **WE BELIEVE**

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

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

Lucas Sarmyinto	Karl Kercelius
Marine Mike Marchetti	Anthony Kercelius
Adrianna Seda	Nanette Ringle
Marion Morgan	William Klein
Melissa Hrubsa	Megan David
Frances Larsen	Sister Janet Schreiner
Mary Doran	Eileen Quinn
Franca Carcone	Heather Calamia
Bob Horan	Joan Heuthe
Rachel Dressler	Joan Cox
Christopher Gouedy	Anthony Botticello
Vincent Graff	Hugo Martin
Joan Byrne	Lambert Fuechtmann
Harold Molinari	Denise Kaminsky
Segundo Cedeno	Carmela Campanelli
Claire McLean	Ann Marie Nuss
Pat Hilly	Grace Wolf
Pina Mascio	Sean Kelly
Steven Ciolino	Rev. Terrance Hoppenjans
Nancy Sirico	Andrew Donovan
Deacon Joseph Bartolotto	Nadia Viola
Peggy & Kevin Curran	Nina Soriano
Mary Schmidt King	Roberta Caristo
Philip Hosey	Richard Brosan
Louise Perrotta	Vera Henriques
Bernard Lang	Reynold Ruiz
Steven Kozlowski	Dominick Pane

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

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

## **PRAYING FOR THE SICK AT MASS**

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

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

*Rosa Pinto*

*Roy Volpe*

*“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.”*

**OFFERING UPDATE****Nov. 16/17, 2013**

Mass Time	Weekly	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$3,023.00	156	391
6:30 A.M.	1,106.00	57	111
8:00 A.M.	2,342.00	108	245
9:30 A.M.	1,943.00	104	310
11:00 A.M.	3,607.00	115	412
12:30 P.M.	2,315.00	93	315
5:00 P.M.	1,457.00	34	222
<b>Total coin:</b>	21.16		
<b>Mail-ins:</b>	142.25		
<b>Faith Direct</b>	\$2,009.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$17,965.41	667	2006
<b>2012 Totals</b>	\$17,598		2039
<b>Philippines</b>	\$7,292.19		

**All parish offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28.**

**The Parish Office will re-open on Friday, November 29th.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Here at OLPH we are now passing the basket only once at Mass. Therefore, envelopes for second collections should be put in the basket at the same time as the regular weekly collection envelope. This change has been made after much discussion by the parish Liturgy Committee. Let's remember that making our offering of money is a ritual action that is part of concretizing the offering of ourselves at Mass. We are not really making separate donations as much as we are making one offering to the Lord in thanksgiving for the generosity the Lord has shown us. In addition, there are some practical and liturgical considerations which have prompted these decisions. We are concerned that the collection takes too long and creates an imbalance in the Mass. Although it is an important action, the collection should not take on undue prominence, nor should it create an interruption in the flow of the ritual.

Therefore, on the weekends there is a second envelope for a second collection, please place BOTH envelopes in the first (and only) passing of the basket. Thank you for your cooperation.

**REMINDER**

**ALL 2013 pledges for the *Catholic Ministry Appeal* must be paid by December 31st, 2013 to ensure that OLPH receives the benefit of the rebate.**  
**Thank you for your cooperation.**

**Thank You!**

*The Holy Name Society* wishes to thank all who made our annual Turkey Raffle an outstanding success. Congratulations to all the winners: **C. Gaddis, M. Rao, the Santino Family, C. Ferraro, the Gianpiccolo Family, A. Storz, S. Strigaro, the Wright Family, the Scotto Family, and SVdP.** Thank you to those who donated their turkey to St. Vincent de Paul, and everyone else who by their participation in this event helps the Holy Name Society continue its good work within the parish.



# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ **Catholic Charities' CSFP** (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) is seeking volunteers to assist in food distribution and general warehouse work at our Wyandanch location. The center is open Monday—Friday, 8am—4pm. Times are flexible. If you are interested and available please contact: Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer Coordinator 516-733-7044.
- ◆ **Christmas Craft Fair and Flea Market** Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, Court Queen of Angels 869, Saturday, **November 30**, 9:00am to 4:00pm St. Ignatius Loyola Parish/Msgr Tarrant Hall East Nicholai Street Hicksville, For information or vendor application, please call [516-942-5070](tel:516-942-5070) or email us at [CatholicDaughtersCraftFair@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicDaughtersCraftFair@gmail.com)
- ◆ Attend a dinner sponsored by *Magnificat*, a ministry to Catholic women, Thursday, **December 5th** at **Cure of Ars Parish** starting at 6 pm. Our speaker is **Lorraine Gariboldi** who started *The Life Center*. Lorraine will share her inspiring testimony. The cost is \$40 per person and reservations are required. For more information call Angela Rizzo at (516) 763-1739. The evening will include a time of Praise and Worship, so come and join us as we enter into Advent and await the birth of Jesus!
- ◆ **Hope House Ministries** is proud to present Andy Cooney's "*Classic Irish Christmas Show*" on **December 7**, at 2:00 P.M. at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and may be purchased through Hope House Ministries at 631.928.2377, x. 22.
- ◆ The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington will host "*Art on the Vine*" on **Sunday, December 8**, from 2 to 6 pm. \$50 per ticket. Advance purchase preferred, but tickets will be sold at the door. Afternoon will include musical performance, lecture on the history of the Crucifixion image in art, tours of the Seminary, wine tasting, refreshments, and Christmas Boutique. For tickets and information, Seminary Development Office, 631.423.0483 x 102, or [bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu).
- ◆ **St. Anthony of Padua Relics** Visit New York Dec. 12-14! On Thursday, **Dec. 12** at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 110-06 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, Mass begins at 12:05PM; and Saturday, **Dec. 14** St. Catherine of Sienna, 33 New Hyde Park Rd., Franklin Square, Vigil Mass at 5 & 8PM with Veneration before and after each Mass.
- ◆ **Christmas Cookie Trail & Holiday Sale**—Choose from a variety of homemade cookies!) Grace Methodist Church, 515 S. Wellwood Ave., Friday, **December 13** from 3-8PM. Roast pork dinner & salad bar (eat in or take out) 5:30-7:30PM. Adults \$13—children (under 12) \$6. For more info call 631-226-8690.
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- ◆ **Camp Fatima** for boys and **Camp Bernadette** for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2014 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children ages 6-15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. For a brochure and DVD, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or email [mdrumm@campfatimabernadette.org](mailto:mdrumm@campfatimabernadette.org) or visit us at [www.campfatimabernadette.org](http://www.campfatimabernadette.org). Sessions fill quickly!

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