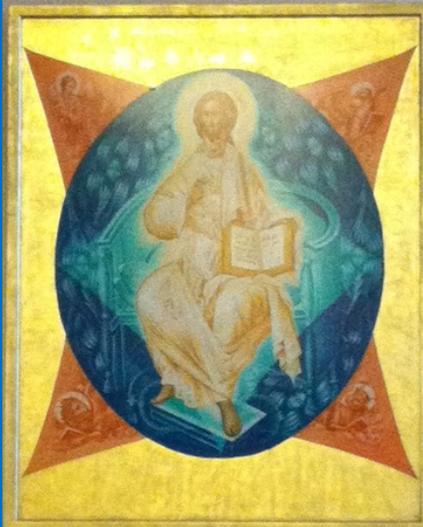


Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
For this I was born and
for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth
listens to my voice."

-John 18:37

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Moise Aime + Rev. Ignace Lolecke + Rev. John Sureau

In Residence: Rev. Michael Holzmann

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

Pastoral Associate for Administration: Deacon Donald A. Stamm

Director of Religious Education: Thomas J. Acemoglu

Music Director: James R. Kendall

High School Youth Minister: Brittany Evans

Middle School Youth Minister: Peggy Harnisch

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 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., and 6:30 p.m. (Mass in Polish).

Masses for Holy Days are as announced and published.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

Monday- Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

**EVENING OFFICE HOURS, AT THIS TIME,
ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

Sunday Nights: 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the Reparation of
Souls

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

STORM RELIEF EFFORTS @ OLPH



The door is open...come on in!



The Café staff busy at work!



Some of our volunteers getting ready for a busy day!



One of our Relief Vans in the streets in South Lindenhurst.



The Computer Center was a big help to those without power and electricity. Photo courtesy of Gregory A. Shemitz, Catholic News Service.

The past few weeks have seen many part of our campus turned in a storm relief center serving, literally, thousands, in the local community.

Each day began around 5 A.M. as members of the OLPH Café got up early to prepare coffee and breakfast for our guests each morning. They also prepared bagels, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and coffee for all of our Relief Vans. We would have been lost without them!

Then, our Relief Center opened at 9 A.M. Here members of over 950 households visited and we serviced over 2500 individuals by providing food, clothing, rebuilding supplies, school supplies, pet food and a place of welcome and hospitality (not including those we visited with our Relief Vans).

For the first week of our efforts, our Computer Café allowed those without power to file important forms, contact family members and friends and even just get some time to be distracted. Special thanks to Mr. Anthony Buonaspina of GRQ Innovations for getting our center together and to our Youth Minister, Brittany Evans, for overseeing this important part of our relief efforts.

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Volunteers sort some of the many donations received at OLPH. Photo courtesy of Gregory A. Shemitz, Catholic News Service.



Linda Keller and Ruth Huber ready to take another road trip!



Hope was not a problem in Lindenhurst during these days! Photo courtesy of Gregory A. Shemitz, Catholic News Service.



We had so many donations we needed to open up our own Home Depot and Staples!



School supplies were in abundance as many students needed to replace them due to flooding.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Storm Relief Efforts

I'm sure you have already noticed that in today's bulletin we are highlighting our storm relief efforts after Hurricane Sandy, giving you a résumé of what has been done, a description of how we are moving into the next phases of outreach, and what we are looking to do in the future. We want everyone to be brought up-to-date concerning the status of our parish's outreach efforts and to know exactly what is going on. As you can see, our work is not ending, but it is changing to meet the needs of people as those needs change and as we move forward.

I have already seen so many good fruits come out of everyone's generosity. There is a deeper closeness among all of us in the parish and there is a tangible sense of engaging in the mission of Jesus together. The spiritual benefits we have experienced have been as heartwarming and edifying as the material generosity everyone has shown. Allow me to say again that the love, compassion and service that everyone is displaying is in one sense not surprising, because *it simply reflects who all of you truly are as good, good people living your faith in the image and likeness of Jesus.*

Advent!

Under the category of "I can't believe it's almost December already...where did the year go?" we can note that next weekend begins our new liturgical cycle as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent.

I'll make a little confession to you: I already feel little twinges of "holiday crankiness" trying to creep in. Do you sometimes feel the same way as you begin to feel a little bit pressured about all the things to do in the next few weeks, and the extra stress this time of year seems to bring? To my mind, there's no doubt that much of this is created by our current society. It's absolutely ridiculous that Christmas decorations have been appearing since Halloween. Moreover, it's a disgrace that elements in our society try to eradicate the meaning of Christmas by suppressing the religious meaning and changing it to a general "holiday" celebration. It is ludicrous to think that using the phrase "Merry Christmas" might in some way be offensive. It is spiritual suicide to allow ourselves to be caught up in the commercialism and outright greed that unfortunately has crept in to become associated with this time of year.

We cannot stop those elements from appearing in our society, but we can combat them, and the battle



begins in our own hearts and our own homes. If in fact we feel overwhelmed by these days and exhausted by the time Christmas Day comes, then it is, quite frankly, our own fault, and no one else's — and I include myself in that too. The only way we will be able to maintain the proper focus is if we make a conscious effort to not go along with those currents that seek to minimize the spiritual and specifically-Christian dimensions of Christmas. Some simple suggestions to do this might be to try to avoid using the generic word "holiday" in our speech and writing and instead use the word "Christmas." Be conscious about saying "Merry Christmas" to others instead of "Happy Holidays." (A friend of mine makes it a point to wear a button that says, "It's OK to wish me a Merry Christmas." What a great public statement that is!) Most important of all, though: **set some quiet time aside each day to create a space in your heart, your soul and your mind where Advent hope, joy and longing can find a place!** This is how we connect liturgy and life, as we live a **liturgical spirituality** centered on the rhythms of the liturgical year.

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, to help all of us in maintaining a proper Advent spirituality, we are making available a special booklet, *What Am I Doing for Advent This Year?* The booklets are available around the church. I hope you will take one and make good use of it as one tool to assist you in maintaining the spirit of Advent. Let me repeat the important message the booklet gives right on its front cover, words we should all take seriously: *"Advent is a time of hope. It isn't Christmas, and it isn't 'the holiday season.' It is its own special time of preparation."*

Also, as another help to you in celebrating Advent at home, we will have special inserts in the bulletin for each of the Sundays of Advent, to give you some thoughts to pray over and reflect on, and to give you some ways of praying together as a family as you light the candles of the Advent wreath at your evening meal each night during the week.

New Translation of the Roman Missal

No, don't worry...we are not getting another new translation of the Mass! I did want to point out, however, that as of next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, we will mark the first anniversary of using the new translation of the Roman Missal; it was the First Sunday of Advent last year that the texts were used for the first time.

It is interesting to look back on that significant moment in the ongoing liturgical reform following the

Second Vatican Council. Some people who did not like the new translation were predicting all sorts of gloom and doom: the transition would be a disaster; large numbers of people would stop coming to Mass because of their disgust with the new translation; and on and on. None of that happened, though, did it? I think overall we transitioned into the new texts rather smoothly.

Personally, I like the new translation and feel that overall it does bring a greater depth to our liturgical praying. Are there some things that are difficult, and some phrases here and there that don't quite work? Of course! No one expects it to be perfect. But by and large I do think it is an improvement over many of the former texts, and I do find that it helps me to pray the Mass better and to concentrate more on the meaning of the prayers themselves. I hope the same is true for you.

Happy Anniversary, Third Edition of the Roman Missal! (Only a liturgist like me would be nerdy enough to actually say that!)

Celebrating First Penance

This week we will celebrate two of the three liturgies of First Penance for the children of our parish (the third liturgy is next Monday, December 3). What a time of joy it is for all of us as our children take this important spiritual step in their life!

At the prayer service in preparation for their children's First Penance I spoke to the parents about their role in bringing their children: how they brought the children to baptism; how they bring their child to Mass every week (it is hoped); how they bring them now to this sacrament; and how they will bring them to First Holy Communion in the Spring. We must never underestimate the crucial role of parents as the primary religious educators of their children. What we do here in the parish is but a mere fraction of what needs to be done to properly form children in our faith.

Belong More Deeply

Get ready, because we are entering the next phase of our Belong More Deeply initiative which we began several weeks ago. Recall that you submitted the name of someone you would like to see return to participation in Mass and the life of the parish, and that part one of your commitment was to pray for that person during these weeks; we have all been praying for all these people collectively at Mass each weekend.

Well, the time has come for part two of your commitment. Very soon you will be contacted by letter, detailing various events at OLPH throughout Advent to which you can invite *and accompany* (that accompaniment and companionship is very important!) the person whose name you wrote down. Remember, this *personal invitation and contact* is a key component in the

"new evangelization." Don't worry about having to have all the answers for that person's questions, and don't worry that you have to say holy and pious things to them. Just simply be yourself and let your joy about your faith and about being a part of OLPH be obvious and contagious; that's all it takes. The Holy Spirit will do the rest!

Mass for People with Special Needs

I cannot tell you how happy I am that this coming Saturday, December 1, we will hold our first Mass for people with special needs. It was one of my goals upon my arrival as Pastor to make OLPH a parish known for its outreach and hospitality to people with special needs, and to have our parish become a place where Mass is celebrated on a regular basis for those persons and their families. Our goal is to hold such a Mass on the first Saturday of every month at 4:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. This is a great outreach to people and families who are often overlooked or made to not feel welcome in various ways, sometimes, unfortunately, even by their parishes. I thank Fr. John and the committee he has pulled together to make this ministry a reality here.

Ministry of Consolation

By the way, many of you have asked about the status of our Ministry of Consolation. As with so many other things, Hurricane Sandy and the subsequent nor'easter have caused us to revise our timetable a little bit. At the time of the storms, we were just on the verge of finishing the training and preparing to take the next step of implementing the ministry; now we have to re-schedule our final meeting, and we have been delayed in taking the concrete steps to begin the ministry. Rest assured, though, we still have every intention of continuing with the ministry. We will reconvene all those who were attending the training sessions and then we will put in place the systems, procedures and materials to start the ministry just as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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,



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Mass for People with Special Needs



**NEXT SATURDAY,
December 1st**

4:00 P.M.—Auditorium
We invite all with special needs and those who love them to come and pray with us.

Hospitality follows after Mass!

**NEXT SPECIAL NEEDS
MINISTRY MEETING—
This Tuesday!
November 27th
7:30 P.M.**

(immediately following the 7:00 P.M. Mass)

Rectory Meeting Room

Come and help us to plan and organize our first Mass for People with Special Needs and talk about the future of this new ministry at OLPH! New members are always welcome.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We realize that the **Parish Annual Report** delivered by Monsignor Joe at the 11/10 and 11/11 Masses contained a great deal of information. We want to make sure we respond to and answer any questions that you may have. It is also important to all of us that the follow-up questions get answered accurately. Please send us your questions via email to FinanceCouncil@oloph.org. If you do not correspond via e-mail then please send your questions in written format to our attention at the Rectory; the address is down below. We will respond to all e-mails and letters as quickly as we possibly can. We thank you in advance for your questions, for your interest in helping us move our Parish forward, and for your assistance in passing around accurate information.

Be safe and be well.

The OLPH Finance Council
210 South Wellwood Avenue
Lindenhurst, NY 11757-4989

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Save these two exciting Advent event dates....



Feast of St. Nicholas Celebration

Friday,
December 7, 2012
7:00 P.M.
Church

We invite our parish's youngest parishioners to come and hear some of their favorite Christmas stories and learn about this special saint. There are many special parts of this night...and a visit by a very, very special guest! We will begin at the 7 P.M. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and move to the Auditorium afterwards.

For more information or to help with this event, contact Chris Ferris at 631. 957-2321.

And less than a month away...

Children's Christmas Pageant

Friday,
December 21, 2012
7:00 P.M.
Church



(PLEASE NOTE: The 7 P.M. Mass will be celebrated in the Covent Chapel on this night.)

More information in next week's bulletin!

LIVING LITURGY

ADVENT



Booklets "*What Am I Doing for Advent This Year*" are now available throughout the church. Please take one and use it to help you in your spiritual preparation for the season of Advent. The best way to not get caught up in

the busy-ness and superficiality of the so-called "holiday season" is to observe a proper liturgical spirituality of keeping Advent as a special season of preparation. This booklet can help you to think and pray about how you will keep Advent as a special season this year.

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 as 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).** We will contact you with more information. Thanks!

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread.

If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Go to the poor: you will find God. -St. Vincent de Paul

Food Pantry Shopping List

When you are out at the store, can you pick up a few things for our food pantry?

- Canned Tuna and Salmon**
- Soups with Meat**
- Canned Meats**
- Canned Meals**
- Pork and Beans**
- Macaroni and Cheese**
- Hot and Cold Cereals**
- Shelf Stable Milk**
- Canned Fruit**
- Desserts**

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY
631.225.5531

The office is open:

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9 am—12 noon**

Tuesdays - 4 P.M.—7 P.M.

beginning November 29, 2012

Today 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.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help build the kingdom of God by assisting families and providing food and clothing for the needy.

Thank you for your generosity!

HELP FAMILIES WITHIN OUR OWN PARISH IN NEED!

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Each year, we ask members of our parish family to adopt families in need. Traditionally, we provide Christmas for over 100 families and we anticipate that number rising this year. We expect an increase in requests for help this year. If you can help, please fill out the form below or contact our St. Vincent de Paul Office at 631.226-7725 or complete the tear off below and return it in the Collection Basket.



Name _____
Phone # _____ E-mail _____@_____

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

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

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



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@drvc.org so we can begin to match people up now.

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@drvc.org. This is a great way to help those in need (do some tremendous community service!)

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 25, 2013

Our parish is attending the Annual March for Life on **Friday, January 25, 2013**. We will gather at OLPH at 5:00 A.M. for Mass in the Church and depart immediately after.

After the March, we will leave Washington at 5 P.M. There will be a stop to and from Washington, DC. All are encouraged to bring sandwiches and snack for the bus as the stops will likely be brief.

To RSVP to this event, contact Kathy Feldman of our Respect Life Committee at 631.225.9864. All responses are requested by January 18, 2013.

A Free Will Offering of \$20.00 is requested, but not required, for participation. This will cover the cost of the bus and any extra monies will be donated to Regina Residence, Catholic Charities outreach to pregnant and parenting women and their children.

HOSPITAL VISITORS



This beautiful new ministry touches the lives of parishioners in Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip. Volunteers, who have been trained by the Pastoral Care staff of Good Samaritan

Hospital, take time to visit with members of our parish community. We are so grateful for those who have offered themselves to this healing ministry.

Our first meeting will be

**Wednesday, November 28, 2012
7:30 P.M.—Rectory Meeting Room**

All trained visitors are asked to attend this meeting.

Interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org

The Lord Jesus, who went about doing good works and healing sickness and infirmity of every kind, commanded his disciples to care for the sick, to pray for them, and to lay hands on them.

—Order for the Blessing of the Sick, #383

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING UPDATE

November 17-18, 2012

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance	Second Collection (CCHD)
5:00 P.M.	\$2576	133	373	
6:30 A.M.	1263	39	109	
8:00 A.M.	2398	114	235	
9:30 A.M.	1983	98	266	
11:00 A.M.	3039	130	390	
12:30 P.M.	2114	95	270	
5:00 P.M.	1180	38	201	
6:30 P.M.	463	10	195	
Faith Direct	1758			
Mail In	824			
TOTAL	\$17,598		2039	\$3267
2011 Totals	\$16,381		2251	

Altar Bread & Wine

used during the Masses for the week Nov. 25-Dec. 1 is

In Memory of
Canzoneri—Pecoraro
Family

Requested by

Liz & Agostino Pecoraro

To memorialize the altar bread and wine for a particular week, please contact the Parish Office.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

*Are you seeking Baptism?
Do you want to be confirmed or receive
Eucharist?*

*Have you been baptized in another Christian
faith and now desire to become Catholic?
Do you have a family member or friend who
would like to receive
the sacraments?*



If your answer is YES to any of these questions, we want to hear from you.

The Church gives us a beautiful process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who seek to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. We are in the process of putting together plans for this process at OLPH to begin in the upcoming weeks. If you're interested and would like additional information, please contact Deacon Doug Smith at 631.226.7725 or Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org.

OFFERERS NEEDED

We are in need of men and women from our parish to become part of our RCIA team!

If you would like to help with this wonderful ministry by helping with group faith sharing, assisting with catechesis, preparing meals or in any other way, we would love to have you be part of it all!

Contact Fr. John if you're interested or for more information!

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:

Michael Burdish

& Maria Giorgio (Both of OLPH)

Christopher Merle (St. William)

& Christina Gardell (OLPH)

First Time:

Marc Iurka (St. Louis, Sound Beach, NY)

& Nicole Altstatt

Christopher Sperber (St. Eliz. Ann Seton)

& Teresa Bonventre (OLG)

FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **December 1** beginning with the rosary at 7:40am, Mass at 8am and continued devotion. A continental breakfast will follow in the cafeteria.

First Friday Devotions— in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - will be conducted Friday, **December 7th** at 7:45am and after the 12 noon Mass.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration on

**Saturday, December 1, 2012
from 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.**

Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Polish and Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 P.M.



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...

Mary Doran	Betty Cunningham
Brittany Evans	Nettie Deasy
Joseph Colascione	Alex Taparata
Constance Panessa	Pete Doyen
Lisa Marie Hulsen	Joseph O'Shea
Marie Steinbecher	Elizabeth Taroni
Justin Marino	Helen Bartley
Kevin Curran	Bob Little
Charles Muller	Connie Perrotta
James Coffin	Eileen C. Quinn
Al Wickenheiser	John Huff
Madeline Olejniczak	Erika Kroll
Anthony Kercelius	Vincent Corrigan
Pauline Lomot	

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 at 631.226.7725 or e-mail cchecker@oloph.org.

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.

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 AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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 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 at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

MASS CHANGE -Beginning in the new year (2013) we will have only **one** Mass on Saturday mornings, the 8am. We will no longer celebrate the 9 am Mass on Saturday beginning in January 2013.

MONDAY, November 26—

Weekday in the 34th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 Fred Pomroy

12:00 Gloria DelVecchio

7:00 Gloria DelVecchio

TUESDAY, November 27—

Weekday in the 34th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 Daniel Kissane

12:00 Enthronement of Jesus Christ King in Poland & All Over the World

7:00 Ed & Barbara Cannon

WEDNESDAY, November 28—

Weekday in the 34th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 Annette Romanello

12:00 Roland Mense

7:00 Matthew McAuliffe

THURSDAY, November 29—

Weekday in the 34th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 Dwight Evans

12:00 Adelaida & Miguel Cruz

7:00 Louis Sota

FRIDAY, November 30—

St. Andrew, Apostle

8:00 Mariani Family

12:00 Katherine Abbinanti

7:00 St. Michael

SATURDAY, December 1—

Weekday in the 34th Week in Ordinary time

8:00 Hedwig M. & John E. Yuliano

9:00 Steven D. Calder

4:00 Special Needs Mass—AUDITORIUM

VIGIL MASS –

5:00 Mildred Sredniawski

SUNDAY, December 2—

First Sunday of Advent

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society

8:00 Respect Life

9:30 Margaret Trotta

11:00 Book of the Faithful Departed

12:30 Mass for the People of the Parish

5:00 Lawrence & Michaele Lanza

6:30 Mass in Polish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church. When we do this we are more closely united to the Church and better prepared to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist. Actual texts—audio and visual - can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm>. A number of apps, including Ibreviary, also contain the daily readings.

Monday, November 26, 2012:

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

Tuesday, November 27, 2012:

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

Wednesday, November 28, 2012:

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

Thursday, November 29, 2012:

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

Friday, November 30, 2012:

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

Saturday, December 1, 2012:

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

Sunday, December 2, 2012

Jeremiah 33:14-16 + 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
+ Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

After reading next Sunday's Gospel, take some time pray with these questions, before you come to Mass.



1. Advent is a process of looking back at Christ's birth and the inauguration of his kingdom on earth and looking forward to its fulfillment. What does Advent awaken in you? Does anything in your daily life interfere with your Advent spiritual preparation?

2. Could much of this Gospel have been written today (roaring sea, drowsy hearts, dying of fright, anxieties, carousing, tribulations)? Jesus tells us to pray for strength. Do you believe that if you ask for strength you will receive it? Could God send it through other people? Could you be a source of strength for others?

3. Jesus is God's Last Word to us (Christ's Incarnation). Discuss this idea.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de Oración- "Jesús Es El Camino La Verdad y Vida" se reúne todos los días Jueves a las 7:00 P.M. en la cafetería. Para información, llamar a Irma Gonzalez a 631.241.5606.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos de el Bautizo y el Matrimonio y Servicio de Pastoral Unión de los Enfermos y la Eucaristía, contacto Padre Juan Sureau – 631.226.7725, x. 224 - jsureau@drvc.org

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 a los hogares a 7:30 P.M. Para información, llamar Virginia Constantinou a 631.957.1149.

THE LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC MAGAZINE



The Long Island Catholic newspaper is becoming a monthly magazine—10 times per year. The magazine’s primary focus will shift from news to inspiration and formation through individual faith stories and new columns to help Catholics of all ages live a more faith-filled life.

By contributing a minimum of \$20 to the annual Long Island Catholic Collection next weekend December 1/2 2012 (\$10 off the regular \$30 subscription price) you will receive 10 issues of the new diocesan magazine in the mail. Don’t miss a single issue of the new Long Island Catholic Magazine. For more information on the new magazine call 516.594.1000.



PLEASE 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, 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Youth Ministry

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders needed and wanted!!!
THIS THURSDAY
November 29th
 Let’s talk about...



Look for the blue door on the south side of the Convent (closest to the grey house). We meet from 7:30 til 8:45 pm. It’s a great place to come, hang out, play great games and learn about our faith.

If you've come to Edge before - come on back for the new semester! If you haven't been to Edge before - come on down.

Over 50 young people have signed for the...

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

What about you???

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

Name _____
 Home Phone # _____
 Cell Phone # _____
 E-mail _____@_____

In September, I will be in (check one)
 Middle School
 High School
 College

THE 1000 CLUB

Join the
2012/2013
1000 Club



1st drawing
was Nov. 14
Have you
gotten your
ticket yet?



- 1st Prize: \$1000
- 2nd Prize: \$250
- 3rd Prize: \$150
- 4th Prize: \$100



EXTRA \$1500 CHRISTMAS DRAWING

**OLPH invites you to join
the 2012-2013 "1000 Club"
at the cost of \$50
for ten (10) monthly drawings.**

Make your \$50 check payable to: "OLPH 1000 Club."

YOU CAN STILL ENTER—THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF TICKETS AVAILABLE!



Congratulations to our November "1000 Club" Winners!

- \$1000 - Theresa M. King
- \$250— Catania Family
- \$150—Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Weckerle
- \$100—Louis & Annette Vita



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- The Rectory office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday and will reopen Saturday, Nov. 24 9am –3pm. Please join us for our ONLY Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9am. The regular Mass schedule will continue on Friday, Nov. 23.
- **Annual Winter Coat Drive.** Please bring new or used coats to the **Knights of Columbus**, 400 S. Broadway, Lindenhurst, or call Sal 516.410.1205 to arrange for a drop-off.
- *Vendors Wanted!* For the **K of C Annual Holiday Gift & Vendor Fair**, Sat. **Dec. 1**. Tables starting at \$40. Email: kofccraftfair@yahoo.com or call Sal 516.410.1205.
- **Holy Family Ukranian Catholic Church Fall Fundraiser!** Chinese Auction—**Saturday, December 1, 2012**. Doors open at 6:30 P.M. Holy Family is located on 225 N. 4th Street, Lindenhurst, NY.
- **St. Rose of Lima School**, 4704 Merrick Road, Massapequa, is hosting a *private Open House* on Tuesday, **Dec. 4**. *This event is by appt. only.* Please call 516-541-1546 to reserve time slot. We will have another open house during Catholic Schools' Week, January 29. No appt needed for this one.
- *Good Samaritan Hospital and Good Shepherd Hospice* are offering: **Young Adult (ages 18-30) Bereavement Group, Dec. 5—Jan. 23**, 5-6:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Annex Conference Room, Good Samaritan Hospital. Please call Michelle Graff, LMSW, at 631.465.6254 to reserve space.
- The Babylon Chorale presents “**A Holiday Celebration,**” featuring Mozart’s *Coronation Mass* along with seasonal selections. **Sat. Dec. 8** at 8pm at Our Lady of Grace Church, 666 Albin Ave., West Babylon. *Free reception following the concert!* Tickets:\$20 for adults (\$18 in advance); \$17 (\$15 in advance) for seniors and students. Call 516-798-5475 or 631-321-4460 for information.
- **Art on the Vine at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception - Sunday, December 9th from 2 pm to 6 pm.** Wine Tasting by Pindar Vineyards. Commentary by Joseph Bertuccio, Wine Expert & Author. Exhibit & Sale by Professional Artists. Tours of Seminary Art, Chapels, Library & Unique “Folk Art”. \$50 per Guest . Proceeds benefit the education and formation of our seminarians – our future priests. For tickets & Information: 631-423-0483 x 102 or bmalone@icseminary.edu
- **Hope House Ministries** is sponsoring a “**Classic Irish Christmas Show**” on Saturday, **December 15, 2012** at 2:00 P.M. at St. Joseph’s College, Patchogue, NY. The concert features Andy Cooney and his band, the Darrah Carr Dance Troup and Emcee Mike McCormack. Reserved seat admission tickets are \$35 per person and may be purchased through Hope House Ministries (631.928.2377, x. 22).
- Vendors wanted for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas #869 Annual Craft Fair and Flea Market. St. Ignatius Loyola School, 30 E Cherry St., Hicksville (LIE Exit 41S, 1 ½ miles south on Rte. 107). **Saturday, December 1, 9:00am-4:00pm**. For Vendor Information, please call Maria 516-942-5070 after 6 PM or via e mail: catholicdaughterscraftfair@gmail.com

Ads

STORM RELIEF EFFORTS @ OLPH



Many local churches and religious groups helped us out. This busload of supplies came from St. Patrick's in Smithtown.



A guest takes a look through our Home Depot section.



Mike Connolly, who oversaw our Relief Center and Van Distribution, checks his list of things to do!



These Catholic Charities volunteers came to us from New Orleans and Joplin, Mississippi.



Volunteers Linda Matera and Nancy Hurley make sure all of our food is organized and prepared!

As the weeks progressed, the heart of our work involved bringing OLPH to the local community. Our **OLPH Relief Vans** drove through the affected areas each day bringing needed food, clothing, blankets, cleaning supplies and often a much needed cup of coffee, especially on some of our colder days! What a great sight to see a van going out full only to return needing to be filled up again.

How did all of this happen? Because of the generosity of our parish community. Maybe it was the over 200 volunteers who chipped in or the spirit and energy of so many of our young people, especially our Cub, Boy and Girl Scouts and Youth Service Corps or the numerous local organizations that we shared ministry with over these weeks or the generosity of local bagel shops and businesses and the power of prayer and support offered by so many in this parish community? Or perhaps it was the generous donations from parishioners, community members, and other parishes and groups throughout our Diocese? Or perhaps it was just what Church does best—each doing what he or she can to help one in need.

As you'll read in our special storm relief insert, **there is much more work ahead of us!** Yet, we should give thanks to God for the many ways he has used the many talents and gifts in this local community to bring healing and renewal to so many!



They even made Fr. John do some work!



Another relief van getting loaded up to help those in need!



Just when we were ready to clean up and distribute donations—the Boy Scouts came to lend a hand!

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