

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our
God, the LORD alone!
Therefore, you shall love the
LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.
Take to heart these words which I
enjoin on you today*

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 2012

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 6:30p.m. (Mass in Polish).

Masses for Holy Days are as announced and published.

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.*

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocchio

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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Rev. Moise Aime + Rev. Ignace Lolecke +

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DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL AWARDS

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

On Tuesday, October 23, 2012, some of our longest serving catechetical leaders were honored at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. Awarded for 10 years of catechetical service were: Jillian Capodiferro, Nora Dorso, Carmine Infante, Linda Matera and Ann Marie Wagner. Frances Fischer was recognized for 35 years of catechetical service. Congratulations to these tremendous parish "offerers".

Pictured from left to right: Msgr. Joe, Carmine Infante, Ann Marie Wagner, Thomas Acemoglu, Director of Religious Education, Linda Matera and Nora Dorso.



THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY

Thursday, November 22, 2012

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.

All who attend will receive blessed bread for your family's Thanksgiving table.

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hurricane Sandy

By the time you read this, Hurricane Sandy will be a thing of the past, but right now I am writing this as the storm is just starting to really vent its fury, trying to get my column done in time for Fr. John before we lose electricity! All of our parishioners have been in my prayers today and have been in my intention at Mass (and will continue to be throughout the upcoming week), as I hope that everyone is safe and that the worst we have to face is some temporary inconvenience. I pray that you and all your family members will fare well/have fared well through the storm.

Events like this certainly remind us that no matter how much we human beings achieve in terms of technology or other forms of human accomplishment, we are still nonetheless subject to forces beyond our control. We are limited, we are dependent, and we are not divine. It's good for us to dwell on that from time to time.

Elections

Well, it's finally here; this Tuesday is Election Day. I hope you have taken the time to become informed about the Catholic perspective on all the various issues that are important in this election. We are providing that information in this week's bulletin, so please take the time to read it. It is essential that you vote, and that you cast your vote from the perspective of an informed Catholic conscience. Further information can also be found at the website <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf> or elsewhere throughout the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org).



Month of Remembrance

We are underway with our Month of Remembrance, as we continue to remember and pray for our beloved dead in a very special way. I hope you were able to participate in the beautiful All Souls Solemn Mass of Remembrance that we celebrated

this past Friday, All Souls Day.

As we are in this month of remembrance for our deceased loved ones, allow me to discuss a topic which often comes up and about which there is some confusion and misinformation: it is the topic of the Catholic perspective concerning cremation.

Cremation is permitted by the Catholic Church. Many people choose to be cremated nowadays because of personal preference, or because it is less expensive, or for other personal or family reasons. These are all acceptable reasons, and the only reason cremation would not be permissible for a Catholic would be if it were being done as a way of making a public statement about not believing in the resurrection of the body, which is one of the tenets of our faith.

However, although cremation is permitted, the Church does have the clear preference that, whenever possible, cremation take place after the Funeral Mass, so that the body of the deceased can be at the Mass. This is important because a human being is a body-soul unity, and therefore the body is an integral part of our personhood. It is the physical body that encounters grace through the physical signs of the sacraments: the body that was washed in Baptism, anointed in Confirmation, and nourished in the Eucharist should be present for the Funeral Mass. Nevertheless, if for some reason cremation does occur before the Funeral Mass, it is permissible to bring the cremated remains into church and have them at the Mass.

Notice the term that is used: "cremated remains." The Church asks that we use this term instead of the term "cremains," as the Church feels that "cremated remains" is more dignified as a reference to the mortal remains of the Christian body.

An aspect of cremation that is often misunderstood is that **the final disposition of the cremated remains must be exactly the same as for a body.** Cremated remains must be buried in the ground in a cemetery, be entombed in a niche in a mausoleum or some other appropriate structure in a cemetery, or be buried at sea. It is not permissible for Catholics to keep the cremated remains at home, nor is it permissible to sprinkle the ashes (in the ocean or over a field, for example), nor may the ashes be divided up and placed into jewelry (I'm not kidding about that...it's actually an option in the funeral industry). **The Catholic Church teaches that the same rever-**

ence and dignity that is given to a dead body must also be given to the cremated remains. Thus, just as one would not keep a body at home, nor divide up a body into pieces, so too with the cremated remains in an urn — there must be a proper final disposition for those remains.

Please keep this teaching of the Church in mind if you are considering cremation for yourself or for loved ones, and please feel free to contact one of the priests if you have further questions about it.

Religious Education Parent Meetings

This past weekend, on Saturday, I participated in the first of several parent meetings which are held with the parents of children in Religious Education. The topic for this meeting was the Sacrament of Penance, and the meeting was for parents of children who are preparing for their first Penance. I place an extremely high priority on being present to the families in Religious Education, and it is important that I get to know the parents and the children, and that they get to know me. We had good discussions, and I very much enjoyed spending time with them.

These parent meetings are an essential component of the Religious Education program and will take place for parents of children on all grade levels concerning a wide variety of topics. Since parents are the primary religious formators of their children, and since what takes place in the classroom during Religious Ed. sessions is minimal compared to what takes place at home, it is necessary to make sure that the parents are continually being formed in the faith. I thank our Director of Religious Education, Tom Acemoglu, for working so diligently to make these parent meetings for all grade levels such a central part of the program.

Meetings with Liturgical Ministers

This past Thursday I had a meeting with all the lectors, and this completed my first round of meetings with all the liturgical ministers. As you know, for me, our attentiveness to our liturgical celebrations is the cornerstone of my pastorate, because worship is the most important thing we do as Catholics. These have been good meetings, and I am impressed by the level of commitment and the depth of spirituality of all the lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and altar servers. We reviewed some basic procedures, and I spoke to them of the direction in which we are headed in the liturgical life of the parish. We are still reviewing and as-

sessing, and in the months ahead changes will be made which will enhance our worship and bring us into even greater conformity with the norms of the Church and the spirit of the liturgy since the Second Vatican Council. Keep watching the bulletin, because all changes will be explained as we go along.

Spiritual and Financial Report to the Parish

Next weekend, November 10-11, I will be speaking at homily time at all Masses. The purpose of this is for me to inaugurate what will be an annual custom of mine, that of presenting to you in person an annual spiritual and financial report of the parish.

This is important to me because I feel it is my responsibility as Pastor to always be forthright and transparent with you concerning where we stand as a community of faith. The report will contain spiritual information related to our sacramental and ministerial life, and it will contain financial information detailing where we are and where we need to go. We are in this together, and we all have a stake in our parish. There is no information that should be hidden from you; you have the right to expect this from me, as I am accountable to you. At the same time, it is my hope that the information in the report will inspire you to see if you can participate more deeply in the life of the parish either through the offering of your time and talent, or through increased monetary contributions, or perhaps both. That is what each parishioner has the right to expect from every other parishioner: full participation in the life of the parish by supporting and building up our common life together in various ways. That is the way we are all accountable to one another. I thank you in advance for your openness and attentiveness as I speak to all of you next weekend.

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,



NOVEMBER—The Month of Remembrance

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

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

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



Prayer for the Dead
*Grant perpetual mercy to
 your departed servants,
 we pray, O Lord,
 that the hope and faith
 they had in you
 may benefit them for eternity.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 your Son, who lives and reigns
 with you in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit,
 one God for ever and ever.
 AMEN.*

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN...

For those who have lost a loved one in the past year, the holidays can be a difficult time. Workshops are being offered in the upcoming weeks in our local area:

Good Samaritan Hospital,
 in conjunction with Good Shepherd Hospice,
 will host free seminars:

Coping with the Holidays for Grieving Children

Thursday, November 8th—7:00 –8:30 P.M.

*Lectures for caregivers on how to support children who
 have experienced a loss. Arts and crafts workshop for
 grieving children and teens, ages 5– 17 years.*

Coping with the Holidays for Adults

Tuesday, November 13th—7:00—8:30 P.M.

*Strategies to cope with the loss of a loved one eat
 Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holidays.*

St. Mary's R.C. Church, East Islip is offering

HOLIDAY HELP FOR THE BEREAVED

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

7:30—9:00 P.M

Sacred Heart Hall

Presenter: Elaine Stillwell, M.A., M.S.
 Founder and charter member of Compassion-
 ate Friends of Rockville Centre, author and col-
 umnist.

To RSVP, contact St. Mary's R.C Church at
 631.581.4266 by November 12, 2012

OLPH BELONGS MORE DEEPLY

Bishop Murphy's recent pastoral letter, *You, Too, Go Into the Vineyard*, gives each of us much to think and pray about. Bishop Murphy writes:



That is the challenge before us if we are to be the new evangelizers the recent popes have called us to be. Having been formed into a deeper and deeper union with one another at the Sunday Eucharist, we now are ready to respond to the challenge. Trusting in God and all He has given us, we must seek to do our best to help others re-discover Christ and His Church through us. Like shepherds rejoicing in the birth of Jesus and His life we share at Sunday Mass we become evangelizers to bring that joy of knowing Christ and celebrating the Eucharist out to the world. We can do this with great confidence because we know Him and we are nourished weekly by His Word and His sacrament. With great respect and the love that mirrors Christ's love for us we can offer to show those wise men and women who are searching that He is the answer to their longings because He is

the answer to the yearnings of every human heart.

Think of the person you are praying for....

What is one step you can take this week to help the person you are praying for to "re-discover Christ and His Church"?

Is Christ the "answer to the yearnings" of your human heart? If so, why? If not, why not?

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?

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!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance. -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**

Saturday, November 10: 9—12 noon

In today's Gospel we see how Jesus challenges us to not let possessions divide our hearts. Too often possessions possess us; we must let go so only God can possess us.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have so little possessions.

HELP FAMILIES WITHIN OUR OWN PARISH IN NEED!

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Each year, we ask members of our parish family to adopt families in need. Traditionally, we provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for over 100 families. We expect an increase in requests for help this year. If you can help, please fill out the form below or contact our St. Vincent de Paul Office at 631.226-7725 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
___ THANKSGIVING ___ 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.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Our newly formed Special Needs Ministry has been meeting in these weeks talking and developing ways for our parish to reach out to those in need in our community.

NEXT MEETING

**THIS TUESDAY,
November 6, 2012
7:30 P.M.**

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

*This Tuesday night, we welcome
Mrs. Linda Leone, Director of Parish Social
Ministry at St. Anne's R.C. Church in Gar-
den City. She'll share about her experiences
of working with people with special needs
and the ministries available to them.*

**Rectory Meeting Room
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Mass for People
with
Special Needs
Saturday,
December 1st
4:00 P.M.
Auditorium*

*Look for more info in upcoming
editions of the bulletin!*

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Faithful Citizenship

*As we prepare for this Tuesday's election,
we conclude our excerpts from Forming
Consciences for Faithful Citizenship from
the United States Conference of Catholic
Bishops.*



We hope Catholics will ask candidates how they intend to help our nation pursue these important goals: (continued from last week)

- Help families and children overcome poverty: ensuring access to and choice in education, as well as decent work at fair, living wages and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world, especially in the areas of development assistance, debt relief, and international trade.
- Provide health care for the growing number of people without it, while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system.
- Continue to oppose policies that reflect prejudice, hostility toward immigrants, religious bigotry, and other forms of discrimination.
- Encourage families, community groups, economic structures, and government to work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation, with full respect for religious groups and their right to address social needs in accord with their basic moral convictions.
- Establish and comply with moral limits on the use of military force—examining for what purposes it may be used, under what authority, and at what human cost—and work for a “responsible transition” to end the war in Iraq.
- Join with others around the world to pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty, and advance economic justice and care for creation.

EXAMINING THE ISSUES

The following pages provide an overview of the positions of the major candidates for President. This document was published by the Pennsylvania Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please read through these pages carefully and follow up on each candidate's and each party's website for more information.

Know the Positions of the Presidential Candidates

In keeping with its mission, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The information listed here has been compiled from policies, public statements, official and campaign websites and other resources to help voters inform their consciences before heading to the voting booth. The issues appear here in alphabetical order for informational purposes only and do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The PCC neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office. The underlined text below indicates a hyperlink to the source. Go to www.pacatholic.org to view these links.



DEMOCRAT

President

BARACK OBAMA



REPUBLICAN

Former Governor

MITT ROMNEY



ABORTION

On the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* in 2012, Obama said, "I remain committed to protecting a woman's right to choose and this fundamental constitutional right."

At a 2011 debate, Romney said he is "firmly pro-life...and I believe in the sanctity of life from the very beginning until the very end."

DEATH PENALTY

In his 2006 book *Audacity of Hope* (pgs. 57-58), Obama wrote, "While the evidence tells me that the death penalty does little to deter crime, I believe there are some crimes – mass murder, the rape and murder of a child – so heinous ... that the community is justified in expressing the full measure of its outrage by meting out the ultimate punishment. On the other hand, the way capital cases were tried in Illinois at the time was so rife with error, questionable police tactics, racial bias, and shoddy lawyering, that 13 death row inmates had been exonerated."

While governor, Romney filed legislation to reinstate capital punishment in Massachusetts and "make the death penalty available for the most heinous of crimes." In his April 28, 2005, letter to the legislature, he stated the proposed death penalty statute would be "as narrow and as foolproof as humanly possible" and provide "protections to the accused while at the same time offering an appropriate punishment for the most atrocious murders."

EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

A 2011 statement from the Executive Office of the President stated, "Private school vouchers are not an effective way to improve student achievement." The Obama administration "strongly opposes expanding the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program and opening it to new students."

Romney's proposal, entitled "A Chance for Every Child," states, "A Romney administration will expand the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, offering more students a chance to attend a better school and providing a model of parental choice for the nation."

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

Obama's 2009 Executive Order revoked previous presidential directives that limited federally funded experimentation on human embryonic stem cells. His order expands eligible federally funded research to all stem cell lines, including those derived from human embryos created for research purposes.

As governor, Romney vetoed a bill to fund human embryonic stem cell research. Regarding research on unimplanted embryos created for reproductive purposes, Romney stated in a 2007 debate, "It's fine for that to be allowed, to be legal. I won't use our government funds for that." His campaign website states, "Stem cell research is a great scientific frontier, and it must be pursued with respect and care... Quite simply, America cannot condone or participate in the creation of human life when the sole purpose of its creation is its sure destruction."

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

In Jan. 2012, the Obama administration's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a mandate that all employers – except for a limited group of religious employers – must provide health insurance coverage for contraception, sterilization and abortion causing drugs. Many religious institutions, including Catholic hospitals, K-12 schools, universities, and charities, are not exempt.

In a Feb. 2012 op-ed, Romney wrote regarding the HHS mandate of his "strenuous objection to this liberty- and conscience-stifling regulation." He stated, "On day one ... I will eliminate the Obama administration rule that compels religious institutions to violate the tenets of their own faith."

In the recently decided U.S. Supreme Court *Hosanna-Tabor* case, the Obama administration's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission argued against a Lutheran school's right to a ministerial exemption from the *Americans with Disabilities Act*. The exemption recognizes religious institutions' constitutional right to choose who is hired or retained to do religious work. The Supreme Court rejected the administration's argument 9-0.

Of the Supreme Court's *Hosanna-Tabor* decision, Romney said, "Fortunately that was struck down by the court 9-0. We are very fortunate [to have people] who are willing to stand up for religious tolerance and religious liberty and the First Amendment of this Constitution in this country."

These comments, policies and statements are snapshots from each candidate's public career and campaigns. The research was conducted using www.whitehouse.gov, www.barackobama.com and www.mittromney.com, as well as other websites. The platforms of the political parties can be viewed at www.democrats.org and www.gop.com. The underlined text indicates a hyperlink to the source. Go to www.pacatholic.org to view these links.

PRESIDENT OBAMA**FORMER GOVERNOR ROMNEY****HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR UNINSURED**

Part of Obama's *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* seeks to increase access to health care for the previously uninsured and states that "no American can be discriminated against due to a pre-existing condition." The federal health care reform plan requires nearly everyone to purchase health insurance and imposes a tax for failure to comply.

As governor, Romney signed a state law creating health care coverage for all Massachusetts citizens. As president, Romney said he would issue "waivers to all fifty states" for the *Affordable Care Act* and then "work with Congress to repeal the full legislation as quickly as possible." He proposes to "pursue policies that give each state the power to craft a health care reform plan that is best for its own citizens." According to Romney's website, he believes this free market can "prevent discrimination against individuals with pre-existing conditions who maintain continuous coverage."

IMMIGRATION

The White House website states Obama's commitment to an immigration policy that includes: "responsibility by the federal government to secure our borders; accountability for businesses that break the law by undermining American workers and exploiting undocumented workers; strengthening our economic competitiveness by creating a legal immigration system that reflects our values and diverse needs; and responsibility from people who are living in the United States illegally."

The Obama administration's Department of Homeland Security issued a policy of deferred action for "certain young people who were brought to the United States as young children, do not present a risk to national security or public safety, and meet several key criteria."

According to Romney's campaign website, his plan to address immigration includes: "attract more highly skilled immigrants; make the temporary worker visa system functional; secure our borders, discourage illegal immigration and enforce the law; cut red tape that is keeping immediate families apart." His plan would also give "young illegal immigrants who were brought to the United States as children ... the chance to become permanent residents, and eventually citizens, by serving honorably in the United States military" and would "address the 11 million illegal immigrants in America in a civil and resolute manner that respects the rule of law."

In response to the Obama administration's policy of deferred action, Romney said, "With regards to these kids who were brought in by their parents through no fault of their own, there needs to be a long-term solution so they know what their status is."

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

According to his White House website, Obama has "built a broad coalition to pressure Iran to abandon its nuclear program, including unprecedented sanctions by Congress, the UN Security Council, and a host of other nations and regional bodies." In April 2012, Obama said, "... the best way to resolve this issue is diplomatically, and [it is] my belief that we still have a window in which to resolve this conflict diplomatically. That window is closing, and Iran needs to take advantage of it. But it is absolutely the right thing to do for the U.S. government, working in concert with ... the rest of the world community, to pursue this path."

According to his campaign website, Romney's strategy "will be to end Iran's pursuit of a nuclear weapon, eliminate the threat of Iranian nuclear terrorism against the United States and our allies, and prevent nuclear proliferation across the Middle East." According to the website, his strategy includes four parts: a credible military option, a fifth round of tougher sanctions, support for the Iranian opposition, and a commitment to the on-time completion of a fully capable missile defense system.

MARRIAGE

In May 2012, Obama said, "I believe that same-sex couples should be allowed to marry." He said that marriage should be decided at the state level, where people are "arriving at different conclusions at different times." The *Defense of Marriage Act* (DOMA) is a law adopted by Congress that states that, for federal government purposes, only one man and one woman may be parties to a lawful marriage. In Feb. 2011, Obama said that his administration will no longer defend the DOMA in court.

In May 2012, Romney said, "I do not favor marriage between people of the same gender, and I do not favor civil unions if they are identical to marriage other than by name. My view is the domestic partnership benefits, hospital visitation rights, and the like are appropriate but that the others are not." According to his website, as president he would "not only appoint an attorney general who will defend the *Defense of Marriage Act* – a bipartisan law passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton – but he will also champion a Federal Marriage Amendment to the Constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman."

POVERTY ASSISTANCE

A 2011 report from the Obama administration entitled "Creating Pathways to Opportunity" said of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), commonly known as food stamps, "President Obama also enhanced and expanded the [program] to ensure that the 45 million individuals that participate each month continued to have the means to put food on the table. The Recovery Act investments in the SNAP program kept an additional 3.9 million people, including 1.7 million children, above the poverty line in 2010."

In a Jan. 2012 debate, Romney said of food stamps, "These programs, all these federal programs that are bundled to help people and make sure we have a safety net, need to be brought together and sent back to the states and let states that are closest to the needs of their own people craft the programs that are able to deal with their – the needs of those folks." He said food stamps were "certainly on the list" of programs. "Let's get the money back to the states the way the Constitution intended and let states care for their own people in the way they feel best."



Conozca el punto de vista de los candidatos presidenciales

En concordancia con su misión, la Conferencia Católica de Pennsylvania (*Pennsylvania Catholic Conference* – PCC por sus siglas en inglés) tiene por propósito educar e informar a los católicos acerca de una amplia variedad de temas. La información que se incluye aquí ha sido recopilada a partir de normas, declaraciones públicas, sitios web oficiales y de campaña y otros recursos, para ayudar a los votantes a informarse antes de ingresar a la cabina electoral. Los temas incluidos, que aparecen según su orden alfabético en inglés, son para propósitos de información solamente y no representan un listado completo de temas que pueden ser importantes para los católicos. La PCC no respalda y tampoco se opone a cualquier candidato a un cargo público. El texto subrayado a continuación indica la presencia de un hipervínculo a la fuente de donde se extrajo la información. Visite a www.pacatholic.org para ver estos enlaces.



DEMÓCRATA

Presidente

BARACK OBAMA



REPUBLICANO

Ex Gobernador

MITT ROMNEY



ABORTO

En el aniversario de *Roe v. Wade* en el año 2012, Obama declaró: “Continúo comprometido con la protección del derecho de la mujer a elegir y con este derecho constitucional fundamental”.

En un debate del año 2011, Romney manifestó que tiene “una firme postura a favor de la vida... y creo en el carácter sagrado de la vida desde el primer momento y hasta el instante final”.

PENA DE MUERTE

En su libro del año 2006 *La Audacia de la Esperanza* (pág. 62), Obama escribió: “Aunque los hechos afirman claramente que la pena de muerte no contribuye a disminuir la delincuencia, creo que hay algunos crímenes –asesinatos en masa, violación y asesinato de un menor– tan atroces... que la comunidad tiene derecho a expresar su ultraje imponiendo la pena capital. Por otra parte, en aquellos tiempos los juicios con pena de muerte en Illinois estaban tan llenos de errores, de tácticas policiales cuestionables, de prejuicios raciales y de trucos sucios de los abogados, que trece presos condenados a muerte habían sido exonerados”.

Cuando fue gobernador, Romney presentó un proyecto de ley para restablecer la pena de muerte en Massachusetts y “disponer de la pena de muerte para los crímenes más atroces”. En su carta del 28 de abril del año 2005 a la legislatura, manifestó que el estatuto sobre pena de muerte propuesto sería “tan restringido e inflexible como fuera humanamente posible” y brindaría “protecciones al acusado a la vez que proporcionaría un castigo apropiado para los asesinatos más atroces”.

OPCIÓN EN MATERIA DE EDUCACIÓN

Una declaración del año 2011 de la oficina ejecutiva del presidente indicaba que “los cupones para las escuelas privadas no son una manera eficaz de mejorar los logros de los alumnos”. La Administración Obama “se opone rotundamente a expandir el Programa de Becas de Oportunidad del Distrito de Columbia y abrirlo a nuevos alumnos”.

La propuesta de Romney, denominada “Una Oportunidad para Cada Niño”, indica que “una Administración Romney expandirá el Programa de Becas de Oportunidad del Distrito de Columbia, lo que ofrecerá a una mayor cantidad de alumnos la posibilidad de asistir a una escuela mejor y proporcionará un modelo de opción de los padres para toda la nación”.

INVESTIGACIÓN SOBRE CÉLULAS MADRE EMBRIONARIAS

El decreto ejecutivo de Obama del año 2009 revocó directivas presidenciales anteriores que limitaban la experimentación con células madre embrionarias humanas financiada con fondos federales. Su decreto expande la investigación elegible con financiamiento federal a todas las líneas de células madre, incluyendo aquellas que se derivan de embriones humanos creados para fines de experimentación.

Como gobernador, Romney vetó un proyecto de ley para financiar la investigación con células madre embrionarias humanas. En relación con la investigación con embriones no implantados creados con fines reproductivos, Romney declaró en un debate en el año 2007, “Está bien que se lo permita, que sea legal. Yo no utilizaré los fondos de nuestro gobierno para eso”. El sitio web de su campaña señala que “la investigación de las células madre es una gran frontera científica, y se debe seguir con respeto y cuidado... Sencillamente, los EE.UU. no pueden justificar o participar en la creación de vida humana cuando el solo propósito de su creación es su destrucción segura”.

LIBERTAD RELIGIOSA

En enero del año 2012, el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos (HHS) de la Administración Obama emitió un mandato que dispone que todos los empleadores, salvo un grupo limitado de empleadores religiosos, deben brindar cobertura de seguro médico para la anticoncepción, la esterilización y los medicamentos para inducir el aborto. Muchas instituciones religiosas, entre ellas muchas católicas, no están exentas, como por ejemplo, hospitales, escuelas desde jardín a grado 12, universidades y organizaciones de beneficencia.

En un artículo de opinión editorial de febrero del año 2012, Romney escribió acerca del mandato del HHS, manifestando su “enérgica objeción a esta disposición que oprime la libertad y la conciencia”. Agregó que “el primer día de mi mandato... eliminaré la norma de la Administración Obama que obliga a las instituciones religiosas a infringir los principios de su propia fe”.

En el caso *Hosanna-Tabor* en el que la Corte Suprema de los EE.UU. recientemente tomó una decisión, la Comisión para la Igualdad de Oportunidades en el Empleo de la Administración Obama abogó contra el derecho de una escuela luterana a obtener una exención ministerial proveniente de la *Ley sobre Estadounidenses con Discapacidades*. La exención reconoce el derecho constitucional de las instituciones religiosas a elegir a quién se contrata o se retiene para llevar a cabo trabajo religioso. La Corte Suprema rechazó los argumentos de la Administración 9 a 0.

Acerca de la decisión tomada por la Corte Suprema en el caso *Hosanna-Tabor*, Romney dijo: “Afortunadamente, el tribunal rechazó los argumentos 9 a 0. Nos enorgullece contar con personas que están dispuestas a defender la tolerancia religiosa y la libertad religiosa, además de la Primera Enmienda de la Constitución de este país”.

Los comentarios, las normas y las declaraciones expresados aquí dentro son una breve reseña de la carrera pública y la campaña de ambos candidatos. La investigación se llevó a cabo utilizando información extraída de www.whitehouse.gov, www.barackobama.com y www.mittromney.com, entre otros sitios web. Las plataformas de los partidos políticos pueden verse en www.democrats.org y www.gop.com. El texto subrayado indica que hay un hipervínculo hacia la fuente de donde proviene la información. Visite www.pacatholic.org para ver estos enlaces.

PRESIDENTE OBAMA

EX GOBERNADOR ROMNEY

ACCESO AL CUIDADO DE SALUD PARA PERSONAS SIN SEGURO MÉDICO

Parte de la *Ley de Protección al Paciente y Cuidado de Salud Asequible* de Obama busca mejorar el acceso al cuidado de salud para las personas que anteriormente no contaban con seguro médico, y declara que “no se permite la discriminación de cualquier estadounidense debido a una condición preexistente”. El plan de reforma federal del sistema de salud requiere que casi todas las personas compren un seguro médico y grava con un impuesto por no cumplir con este requisito.

Como gobernador, Romney firmó una ley estatal que creaba la cobertura de cuidado de salud para todos los ciudadanos de Massachusetts. Como presidente, Romney dijo que emitiría “dispensas... a los cincuenta estados” respecto de la *Ley de Cuidado de Salud Asequible* y luego “trabaja con el Congreso para revocar la legislación en su totalidad lo más rápidamente posible”. Romney propone buscar “políticas que le den a cada estado el poder de crear una reforma del cuidado de la salud que sea la mejor para sus propios ciudadanos”. De conformidad con el sitio web de Romney, él cree que este libre mercado puede “prohibir la discriminación contra individuos con condiciones ya existentes que mantienen cobertura continua”.

INMIGRACIÓN

El sitio web de la Casa Blanca manifiesta el compromiso de Obama de una política de inmigración que incluya lo siguiente: “responsabilidad de parte del gobierno federal para asegurar nuestras fronteras; responsabilidad de parte de las empresas que infringen la ley al menoscabar a los trabajadores estadounidenses y explotar a los trabajadores indocumentados; fortalecimiento de nuestra competitividad económica al crear un sistema de inmigración legal que refleje nuestros valores y nuestras diversas necesidades; y responsabilidad de parte de las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos de manera ilegal”.

Según el sitio web de la campaña de Romney, su plan respecto de la inmigración incluye: “atraer a nuevo talento; hacer que el sistema de visas para trabajadores temporales funcione; asegurar la frontera, desalentar la inmigración ilegal y hacer cumplir la ley; eliminar los trámites burocráticos que están manteniendo a las familias inmediatas separadas”. Su plan también daría a “los jóvenes inmigrantes ilegales que fueron traídos a los Estados Unidos de niños... la oportunidad de hacerse residentes permanentes y eventualmente ciudadanos, sirviendo honorablemente a las fuerzas armadas de los Estados Unidos” y comprende “resolver [la situación de] los 11 millones de inmigrantes ilegales en los Estados Unidos en una manera civil y resoluta que respete el estado de derecho”.

El Departamento de Seguridad Nacional de los EE.UU. de la Administración Obama emitió una norma de acción diferida respecto de “determinados jóvenes que llegaron a los Estados Unidos cuando eran niños, que no presentan un riesgo respecto de la seguridad nacional o la seguridad pública, y reúnen varios criterios clave”.

En respuesta a la norma de acción diferida de la Administración Obama, Romney manifestó: “En lo que respecta a estos niños que fueron traídos por sus padres sin tener ellos la culpa, debe existir una solución a largo plazo de modo que sepan cuál es su estatus”.

SEGURIDAD INTERNACIONAL

Según su sitio web de la Casa Blanca, Obama ha “armado una amplia coalición para presionar a Irán con el propósito de que abandone su programa nuclear, que incluye sanciones sin precedentes de parte del Congreso, del Consejo de Seguridad de las Naciones Unidas, y una cantidad de otras naciones y otros organismos regionales”. En abril de 2012, Obama afirmó “...la mejor manera de resolver esta cuestión es por medios diplomáticos, y creo que todavía tenemos una ‘ventana’ a través de la cual podemos resolver este conflicto por medio de la diplomacia. Esa ventana se está cerrando, e Irán necesita aprovechar eso. Sin duda, esto es lo correcto para los EE.UU., trabajar junto... al resto de la comunidad mundial para alcanzar este camino”.

Según el sitio web de su campaña, la estrategia de Romney “será poner fin a la búsqueda de un arma nuclear por parte de Irán, eliminar la amenaza del terrorismo nuclear iraní en contra de los Estados Unidos y nuestros aliados y prevenir la proliferación nuclear a lo largo y ancho del Medio Oriente”. Según el sitio web, su estrategia consta de cuatro partes: una opción militar creíble, una quinta ronda de sanciones más fuertes, respaldo a la oposición iraní y un compromiso respecto de la finalización a tiempo de un sistema de defensa de misil capaz.

MATRIMONIO

En mayo del 2012, Obama manifestó: “Creo que las parejas del mismo sexo deberían poder casarse”. Afirmó que el matrimonio se debería decidir a nivel estatal, en donde las personas “arriban a diferentes conclusiones en diferentes momentos”. La *Ley de Defensa del Matrimonio* (DOMA) es una ley adoptada por el Congreso que estipula que, para los propósitos del gobierno federal, sólo un hombre y una mujer pueden ser las partes de un matrimonio legal. En febrero de 2011, Obama declaró que su gobierno ya no defendería la DOMA ante los tribunales.

En mayo del año 2012, Romney dijo: “No estoy a favor del matrimonio entre personas del mismo sexo y tampoco de las uniones civiles si son idénticas al matrimonio a excepción del nombre. Mi opinión es que los beneficios de una pareja doméstica, los derechos a las visitas en el hospital y otros similares son apropiados, pero los demás no”. Según su sitio web, como presidente él “no solo nombrará a un Fiscal General que defenderá la *Ley de Defensa del Matrimonio*—una ley bipartidista aprobada por el Congreso y promulgada por el Presidente Clinton— él también impulsará una Enmienda Federal sobre el Matrimonio a la Constitución definiendo el matrimonio como la unión entre un hombre y una mujer”.

AYUDA A LOS POBRES

Un informe de la Administración Obama del año 2011, denominado “Creando Caminos Hacia la Oportunidad” manifestó lo siguiente acerca del Programa Complementario de Ayuda a la Nutrición (SNAP), comúnmente conocido como el programa de cupones para alimentos: “El presidente Obama también mejoró y expandió el programa para garantizar que los 45 millones de personas que participan cada mes continúen teniendo una manera de llevar comida a su mesa. Las inversiones de la Ley de Recuperación en el programa SNAP mantuvieron a 3.9 millones de personas adicionales, incluidos 1.7 millones de niños, por encima de la línea de pobreza en el año 2010”.

En un debate en enero del año 2012, Romney dijo lo siguiente acerca de los cupones para alimentos: “Estos programas, todos estos programas federales juntados para ayudar a las personas y asegurarse de que tengamos una red de protección social, se deben reunir y enviar de regreso a los estados, a fin de permitir que los estados, que están más cerca de las necesidades de su gente, diseñen los programas que puedan atender las necesidades de esa gente”. Agregó que los cupones para alimentos sin duda se encontraban “en la lista” de programas. “Dejemos que el dinero regrese a los estados de la manera en que pretende la Constitución y dejemos que los estados cuiden a su gente de la manera que sientan que es mejor”.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

November 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I sit here looking at the leaves changing colors and look forward to seeing more tomorrow as we drive up to Cape Cod in Massachusetts. It just warms my heart to see such beautiful colors. God paints with magnificent strokes. If I just look and take a little down time I can see how much I have to be thankful for.

As soon as November starts I begin to think of Thanksgiving. It's exciting realizing my family will gather to celebrate together. Jesus often took the disciples aside to teach them and spend time with just them. It was important to share with them and help them understand why he had come and teach them to be able to spread the good news.

Reading scripture helps me to understand what and how I'm meant to live my life, but I need more. So I read things like *God's Word Today*, *Living Faith* and *Living with Christ* that gives me a meditation to go with the scriptures. That was very enlightening the other day.

In Luke 12:49-53, Jesus says two things that struck me. One was "I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish....." and the other was "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division...". That sure sounds harsh and not encouraging. I went to the meditation reading and got a new understanding of this scripture. We want peace and harmony in our lives and especially in our families. The truth is we sometimes fall short from achieving our desires. Can we accept the imperfect relationships we have rather than bemoaning and agonizing over the perfect relationships we don't have? After all a misunderstanding or even a quarrel only last a short time and we are back to loving each other again and having a good time. We don't always agree with each other, so then it is good to say "let's agree to disagree."

Jesus even says he had great anguish, so he can understand our anguish over rough bumps in our relationships. I need to remember that and give my anguish over those rough bumps to Him.

Like a said in the beginning, I have a lot to be thankful for. I have a great husband and wonderful children and grandchildren and even a wonderful great granddaughter. I am truly blessed and need to remember that and thank God for all His blessings

Take some down time this month and count your blessings. Pray for our parish and all the new and exciting things happening. Pray that all of us parishioners respond positively to being more deeply involved in parish life and in encouraging others to join us.

COMMUNITY OF PRAISE
The OLPH Community of Praise Prayer Group meets Tuesday evenings at 7:45pm in the Convent Meeting Room. Please enter through the front Convent door.

**All are
welcome!!!**



Your sister in Christ,

Barbara
Barbara Odin

OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE!

Youth Ministry returns...

JOIN THE GANG...

The Peanut Butter

and Jelly Gang

SUNDAY,

November 18, 2012

6:00 P.M.

Our first youth ministry event of year involves helping those in need among us.

All are invited to join members of youth ministry and help us to help those most in need. We'll be making Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches to be donated to local homeless shelters.

WE NEED TONS OF PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, BREAD, PLASTIC BAGGIES AND PLASTIC GLOVES.

All ages and families welcome!

For more information and to find out ways you can help, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or our Youth Ministry Office at 631.226.6239.



Help spread the word...and the peanut butter and jelly!

Middle School Youth Ministry
THIS THURSDAY—
November 8, 2012
Mary and the Saints

*Who are the saints?
Why do we pray to the saints?
How can the saints help us
in the times of need?*

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders needed and wanted!!!

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.

Check the bulletin for more information about our upcoming EDGE events!

Over 50 young people have signed for the...

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.

-Rite of Baptism

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

Isabella M. Brazier

Gianni Michael Papa

Anthony Joseph Kenny

Anthony Salvatore Messina, Jr.

Francesca Fiorella

WE REMEMBER



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

Thomas Quinn

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Time:

*James DeNunzio (St. James, Seaford)
& Jessica Holmes (OLPH)*

*Bryan Bragman
& Kristen Sticco (Both of OLPH)*

First Time:

*Michael Ierardi
& Doreen Carrube (Both of OLPH)*

*Kevin G. Clarke
& Victoria Ann Clarke (Both of OLPH)*

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...

Helen Bartley

Bob Little

Connie Perrotta

Jerry Cunningham

Luke Moriales

Linda McLellan

Virginia Romeo

Bradley Hirst

Margaret Strangelo

Lucia Mazzili

Tara Rubino

Raymond Bickhardt

Dolores Otten

Lisa Calise

Mary Doran

Brittany Evans

Joseph Colascione

Constance Panessa

Lisa Marie Huslen

Marie Steinbecher

Justin Marino

Kevin Curran

Charles Muller

James Coffin

Al Wickenheiser

Madeline Olejniczak

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 cbecker@oloph.org.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK AT MASS

Beginning this weekend, we will begin to pray for the sick by name during the Universal Prayer at Mass.

Beginning next weekend, November 10/11, any name requested to be listed in the bulletin will be announced for the first week only at Mass. The name 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

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.

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.

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, November 5—

Weekday in the 31st Week in Ordinary time

8:00 All Souls Novena

12:00 Rafael F. Rajo

7:00 Victoria Giordano

TUESDAY, November 6—

Weekday in the 31st week in Ordinary time

8:00 Steven D. Calder

12:00 All Souls Novena

7:00 Maryann Mathes

WEDNESDAY, November 7—

Weekday in the 30th Week in Ordinary time

8:00 Savaria Nanfria

12:00 Dominick Ferraro

7:00 All Souls Novena

THURSDAY, November 8—

Weekday in the 30th Week in Ordinary time

8:00 All Souls Novena

12:00 Joseph Piazza

7:00 AnnMarie LeekMoshier

FRIDAY, November 9—

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 Esther Guardino

12:00 All Souls Novena

7:00 Kristy Schwartz

SATURDAY, November 10—

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00 Gaspare & Maria Piazza

9:00 All Souls Novena

VIGIL MASS –

5:00 Jozef Wiszowaty

SUNDAY, November 11—

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish

8:00 Living & Deceased members of the Holy Name Society

9:30 All Souls Novena

11:00 Book of the Faithful Departed

12:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

5:00 Anna Cuoro

6:30 Polish Mass

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 5, 2012:

Philippians 2:1-4 + Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 6, 2012:

Philippians 2:5-11 + Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 7, 2012:

Philippians 2:12-18 + Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 8, 2012:

Philippians 3:3-8a + Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 9, 2012:

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 + 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 + John 2:13-22

Saturday, November 10, 2012:

Philippians 4:10-19 + Luke 16:9-15

Sunday, November 11, 2012

32th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:10-16 + Hebrews 9:24-28 +
Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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

1. Why does Jesus direct the disciples' attention to this widow giving her last pennies? Is reward mentioned in this reading? Do you think she will get any reward?
2. Why would the widow give her last coins away? Does Jesus' comment explain why? Can you do what she did? How close can you come?



EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

¡Bienvenidos a la parroquia!

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 Unción 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.

LEGION OF MARY

WEDNESDAYS

1:30 P.M.—3:00 P.M.

Convent Conference Room

The Legion of Mary sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish. Every Legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic **work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary.**

Here at OLPH, the **Legion of Mary** meets *every Wednesday* at 1:30PM (until 3PM). We pray the Rosary & other prayers, and report on the spiritual works we accomplished for the week.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **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.

A Day at the Races

Sunday, November 18, 2012

3 P.M.—7 P.M.

K of C Hall

Broadway Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

Contact Ron Higgins at 631.226.1224 or Steve Strigaro and Lenny Scicutella at 631.226.3240

Edward Abbott

Memorial Senior Dance

Sponsored by the Columbian Squires

Sunday November 25, 2012

3pm – 7pm

Knights of Columbus Hall

\$18.00pp Includes:

Full Buffet Dinner + Unlimited Beer +
Wine & Soda + Coffee & Dessert +
DJ Entertainment +Dancing & Fun!

Cash Bar Available

For Tickets & Reservations:
Lindenhurst Rainbow Center:
(631) 957-7526
Sal Calamia: (516) 410-1205

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Go, Announce the Gospel in Song: A Day of Prayer and Study for Music and Liturgical Leaders – Tuesday, November 6, 2012** (Election Day), Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743. Advance Registration Fee—\$30; Late (after November 1 or later)/On Site Registration Fee—\$40.00. Mail payment to the Office of Worship, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023 or e-mail to npmrvc@gmail.com.
- **Hope House Ministries** is sponsoring a “**Classic Irish Christmas Show**” on Sunday, **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).
- **DONATE YOUR OLD CAR!** Cars for Help is using old vehicle donations to support Christian charitable organizations in an effort to help people who do not have access to basic needs (food, water, basic health and infant care and more). If you would like to donate any vehicle, even those severely broken, visit www.carsforhelp.com or call 630.595.9272. With mention of this ad, 25% of your vehicle donation proceeds will go directly to OLPH.
- Soda can flip tabs will be collected in a container at the back of the Church to benefit the Veterans at Stony Brook Veterans hospital and Kids with Cancer. Please help Kathryn Byron with her worthwhile Confirmation service project. Flip tabs can be left in the container by the Main Entrance of the Church.

Ads

THE 1000 CLUB

Join the
2012/2013
1000 Club



1st drawing is
Nov. 14
Are you in?



- 1st Prize: \$1000
- 2nd Prize: \$250
- 3rd Prize: \$150
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**OLPH invites you to join
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