

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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

Isaiah 2:5

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2013

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

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

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5 P.M. Mass.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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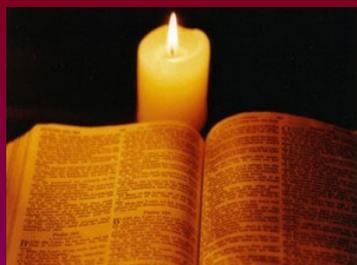
Monday- Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ADVENT 2013

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



ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY AND REFLECTION Mondays of Advent

Monday, December 2, 2013

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

Room 24

(Facilitated by Fr. John)

OR

This Monday after the 12:15 P.M. Mass

Room 24

(Facilitated by Christopher Ferraro)

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Advent season is a wonderful time to receive God's loving forgiveness in this beautiful sacrament. We have provided a number of opportunities for you throughout the Advent season.



Parish Penance Service

(with individual confessions)

Monday, December 9, 2013

7:30 P.M. + Church

(Please note: OLPH Novena Devotions will take place at 6:30 P.M. on this night.)

Individual Confessions

Saturdays— 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Friday, December 13th &
Wednesday, December 18th
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 21
3:00-4:30 P.M.

Monday through Friday
Following the 12:15 P.M. Mass

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Visitation Next Weekend

As you know, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, comprised of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, is divided into three geographic Vicariates, each with a Vicar appointed by Bishop Murphy to be his liaison and representative for the parishes within the Vicariate. This structure assists Bishop Murphy in his pastoral leadership and in his shepherding the people of the diocese. For 25 years, Bishop John Dunne, Auxiliary Bishop, was the Vicar for the Central Vicariate of which OLPH is a part. With Bishop Dunne's recent retirement, Bishop Murphy appointed Monsignor James McNamara as Vicar for the Central Vicariate.

Periodically, the Vicar makes a Parish Visitation to the parishes in his Vicariate, in order to get a sense of the life and direction of the parish, and to create a report which is then given to Bishop Murphy to update him on the state of the parish. Next weekend, December 7-8, Msgr. McNamara will be conducting his Parish Visitation here at OLPH.

It will be a busy weekend for him and for the parish. Msgr. McNamara will be preaching at all the Masses, in addition to presiding at one Mass. Starting Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and continuing through Sunday afternoon, he will meet with representatives from various parish ministries, societies and organizations, including the Pastoral Staff and all the Priests. Leaders and others from various groups in the parish have been contacted and have been asked to make their presence at these meetings a priority.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to reflect on and give thanks for the wonderful and vibrant parish OLPH is, and to share that with our Vicar. I know that everyone will give Msgr. McNamara a warm OLPH welcome as he meets and greets so many of you next weekend.

Advent

So, it's finally here — Advent! It's a new liturgical year! I know, I know...I've been hearing from everyone, and I've been saying it too: *Where has the year gone?* Time indeed does seem to pass by more quickly nowadays. Perhaps that makes it all the more important for each and every one of us to make the time for Advent quiet, for Advent reflection, for Advent longing and anticipation and ex-

pectation; we need Advent joy to come into our life! Don't give in to the pressure to celebrate Christmas now; keep Advent, and I promise you your Christmas will be all the better!

Our *Little Blue Books* for Advent have all been taken. I'm glad they were popular, and I'm sorry that some people were not able to get them. Whether it's by using the *Little Blue Book*, or by participating in one or more of the many events we are offering for Advent, please, please, please take advantage of something to make Advent the special time of year that the Church wants it to be for you. It's only when we connect the rhythms and meaning of the Church's liturgical year with our own personal rhythms and spirituality that the mystery of Christ's presence in our daily life will really come to full fruition and its greatest realization.

Liturgy of the Hours: Evening Prayer

Communal celebration of Evening Prayer begins this weekend! What a grace and privilege it is for us to have this opportunity. Remember how it works — it's simple: each weekend (and not just during Advent, but ongoing) after the 5:00 p.m. Mass every Saturday and the 5:00 p.m. Mass every Sunday, those who wish to pray Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours will simply remain in the church and gather with the others who will be praying it. Booklets with the texts will be handed out. The prayer itself should take no longer than about 15 minutes or so.

The *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours* speaks of the importance of this prayer in the life of parishes: "Wherever possible, other groups of the faithful [i.e., in addition to the clergy] should celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours communally in church. This especially applies to parishes—the cells of the diocese, established under their pastors, taking the place of the Bishop; they 'represent in some degree the visible Church established throughout the world.' Hence, when the people are invited to the Liturgy of the Hours and come together in unity of heart and voice, they show forth the Church in its celebration of the mystery of Christ." (21-22)

I do hope that you will participate in this beautiful prayer of the Church as much as you can.

Lessons and Carols: Save the Date!

There is possibly no more beautiful way to celebrate Advent than to participate in Lessons and Carols. You have seen the “save the date” blurb in the bulletin — Sunday evening, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. If you have attended a service of Lessons and Carols in the past, you know how spiritual and moving it is, and how it helps to mark Advent time so that we are properly prepared to celebrate Christmas. If you have never attended a Lessons and Carols, then you are in for a treat. Please make every effort to attend our parish’s celebration of Lessons and Carols.

Parish Penance Service: Save the Date!

Another “save the date” that I would like to call to your attention is Monday evening, December 9. On that evening we will be holding a Parish Penance Service. Without a doubt, in order to properly “prepare the way of the Lord,” we must prepare our hearts and our spiritual life by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). While times for individual Confession are offered, we really should be emphasizing our communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. After all, our sins affect not only our relationship with God, but also our relationship with our brothers and sisters in the Church. In addition, there is a great spiritual strength and comfort to be found in participating in a communal celebration of the Word and then celebrating individual Confession: it deepens our experience of the Sacrament and our encounter with God’s grace, since the setting is ecclesial (within the church community gathered together). The prayers, hymns and readings help us to make a better Confession and help us to enter into the mystery of God’s love and forgiveness more deeply.

I strongly encourage everyone to attend our Parish Penance Service on Monday evening, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. and to celebrate the Sacrament that night.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated each year on December 8. This year, however, December 8 falls on a Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent. In accordance with the

norms given in *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, the observance of this Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9, since the Sunday of Advent takes precedence. However, because the obligation to attend Mass is connected only to the actual day itself and does not transfer with the liturgical observance, Monday December 9 is not a Holy Day of Obligation. I know it seems confusing, but what it boils down to is that the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9, but this year only there is no obligation to attend Mass. Of course, just because there is no obligation, it does not mean that you CANNOT (or should not!) attend Mass that day. Because the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is such an important day in our Catholic tradition, and because it is a wonderful Advent celebration, and because our parish is dedicated to Our Lady, I encourage everyone to make the extra effort to attend Mass that day if at all possible.

Consultation for the Synod of Bishops

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has called for an Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in October 2014 on the theme “The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization.” As is customary in the synod process, the General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops invites consultation on this topic to help with its preparation. This is an exciting opportunity for the “church-at-large,” so to speak, to offer input and insights that might be helpful for the Bishops to keep in mind during their deliberations at the Synod. Bishop Murphy is welcoming responses from all the faithful of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Full information about the Synod document, the reflection questions, and how to submit your answers are found elsewhere in this bulletin. I apologize for the limited time frame; we received the information too late to include in last week’s bulletin, but we did announce it at all the Masses and had the information available on the pew ledges in church. This weekend we are publishing the information in the bulletin. If you would like to participate, please feel free to do so.

Allow me to clarify one thing, though: this is not to be interpreted as a survey in the sense of a poll or a political debate. **It is not the case whereby we are creating the expectation that Church teaching will be changing based on popular opin-**

ion, majority voting, prominent secular trends, or anything of the kind. That's not the way the Church works. Church teaching is based on divinely-revealed Truth and Sacred Tradition, as handed down to us from the Apostles, and as the legitimate development of the Tradition has occurred under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the successors to the Apostles, the Bishops. What this consultation process does give us, however, is the opportunity for the Bishops to hear from a wide audience about the contemporary concerns regarding how Church teaching is being received in our day and age, and how we might make that teaching more effective and connected to life today. The Church constantly seeks to present the Gospel message and the Truth of Christ in ever new and fresh ways so that the Gospel might be effectively preached in every age. Pope Francis has given us a wonderful mechanism by which we can assist the Bishops as our Pastors and Teachers in making the truths of the Catholic faith alive and relevant to today.

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

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



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

FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

All are invited to come and pray with our parish community for First Friday and First Saturday devotions. If you have not come before, consider attending in the week ahead.

First Friday Devotions— in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - will be conducted Friday, **December 6th** after the 6:30 A.M. and 12:15 P.M. Masses.

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

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration will be held

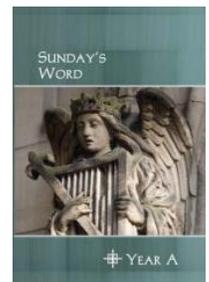
**SATURDAY, December 7th
8 P.M. to 11 P.M.**

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



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

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



OLPH Family Life Ministry presents....



Saint Nicholas Advent Bedtime Stories

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

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

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

Children, come in your pajamas!

(please bring a blanket or pillow to sit on)

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

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

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



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

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

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



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

There's something for all ages....

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

Grades 4 through 6—Three Kings and the Royal Servants

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

If you can help with our pageant, please fill out the form below or e-mail to olphfamilylife@aol.com.

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

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

Pageant Practices

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

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

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

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____@_____

Grade _____

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 15, 2013
7:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
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In the evening, in the peak of winter darkness, we gather in the quiet church, with candles lit from the Peace Light originating from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, to hear the Scriptures and great music of Advent. Based on the traditional service from Kings College, Cambridge, OLPH parish will add its own touch, with readers of all ages and music led by the adult choir, youth band, youth choir, cantors, and instrumentalists. The assembly is as much a part of this service as the choirs and joins in singing the great hymns of Advent. Join us as we prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts and pray for peace throughout our troubled world.

OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE

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

-Matthew 25

Our parish giving tree is growing this year! Our St. Vincent de Paul Society and Respect Life Committee are working together to support life at all stages. This year, there are tags on our Giving Tree to help the hungry, the unborn, the sick, the immigrant and those in prison. Empty the tree of the tags and return the wrapped gifts with the tags no later than **Saturday/Sunday, December 14/15, 2013**. Below are description of some of the agencies we will be supporting this year.

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

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



The Giving Tree

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

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

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

OLPH LOVES OUR KIDS!

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND

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

Be sure to look for these bulletins which will be handed out at the **9:30 a.m. Mass each week starting today!**



CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES

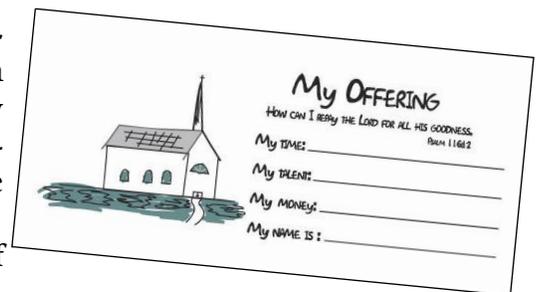
One of our ongoing goals at OLPH is to bring children as fully as possible into the worship life and apostolic life of our parish. Through our many programs of outreach to children, we try to give them a sense of ownership and real participation in what we as parishioners do in response to Jesus' call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

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

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

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

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



FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

About the Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the winter solstice—that time in the year when the sun reaches its southern-most point in the heavens and the days are the darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens in their celebration halls.

There they awaited the return of their sun-god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought. Celebrations culminated in the “nativity” of the sun—the turning point of the year.



As Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: the nativity of the Savior. We add one light on the wreath for each Sunday in Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam's sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin help us prepare for His saving birth.

Thoughts to Ponder during Advent....

Advent is much more than the beginning of a new liturgical year; it is a time of waiting, hoping and expectations, of dreaming, pregnancy, dissatisfaction, longing, echoing, listening, growing, and building up. This season speaks the restless urging of a soul longing and searching for God. Advent is John the Baptist, Gabriel, Mary and Joseph, each with a role to play and each with a message to give.

“Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.” (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar)

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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. (Collect of the Mass for the First Sunday of Advent)

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen. (Another prayer for the First Sunday of Advent)

Advent is the time for rousing. We are shaken to the very depths, so that we may wake up to the truth of ourselves. The primary condition for a fruitful and rewarding Advent is renunciation, surrender. We must let go of all our mistaken dreams, our conceited poses and arrogant gestures, all the pretenses with which we hope to deceive ourselves and others. If we fail to do this, stark reality may take hold of us and rouse us forcibly in a way that will entail both anxiety and suffering. —Alfred Delp

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Blessing Your Home Advent Wreath

Use this blessing to bless your family's Advent wreath at home.

All make the sign of the cross as the Leader says:

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All respond: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: In the short days and long nights of Advent, we realize how we are always waiting for deliverance, always needing salvation by our God. Around this wreath, we shall remember God's promise.

A family member now lights one purple candle. Then the Scripture is read (Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6):

Reader: Listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing. As they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever.

The word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

The Leader continues: Let us now pray for God's blessing upon us and upon this wreath.

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Leader concludes by saying: Let us bless the Lord.

All make the sign of the cross and respond: Thanks be to God.

Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week

Each day during the first week of Advent, at the evening meal, one purple candle is lighted. The following prayers accompany the lighting of the candle.

All make the sign of the cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Someone at table reads the Scripture assigned to the liturgy of the day (one or both of the readings may be used. See the list of daily readings printed elsewhere in this bulletin.) Then the Leader continues: Lift up your hearts.

All respond: We lift them up to the Lord.

The Leader prays: God, the Father of mercies, you willed your Son to take flesh, in order to give life back to us. Bless these your gifts with which we are about to nourish our bodies, so that, receiving new strength, we may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After the meal, the Leader says: Let us live soberly, justly, and devoutly in this world as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All respond: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC NOTES

Join the Choir for Christmas

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



Are You Coming to Advent Lessons and Carols?

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

Pianist/Keyboard Player Needed

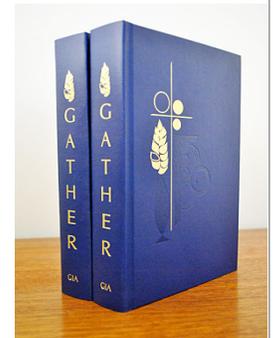
The Hispanic Prayer Group is in need of a pianist or keyboard player for their Thursday evening prayer meetings. For more information, contact Irma Gonzalez at 620-2401 or lanegra628@yahoo.com.

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

GATHER HYMNAL MEMORIALS

"Those who sing pray twice."

St. Augustine



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

Name (s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

For a Deceased Person: In Memory of _____

For a Living Person: In Honor of _____

Simple Donation: Gift from _____

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

“We should make a great effort to learn the following lesson, also taught by Christ: Learn from me because I am gentle and humble of heart.”

— St. Vincent de Paul

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building
Use Parking Lot on corner of Gates and High Streets

Our NEW phone # 631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 A.M. —12 Noon

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of learning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves, for we long for the coming of the Lord.

As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.

DRIVING MINISTRY...Start your engines!

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

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

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

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

ALL DRIVERS MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

CALLING ALL NURSES!

Nursing Ministry

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul."

3 John 2

Thank you to all who have offered their time and talent for our Parish Nursing Ministry.

Our first meeting will be

**TUESDAY,
December 10, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

Rectory Meeting Room

If you are interested in being a part of this new ministry and want to find out more information, please contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY The December

*Mass for People with
Special Needs*

NEXT SATURDAY

December 7, 2013

4:00 P.M.

Auditorium

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

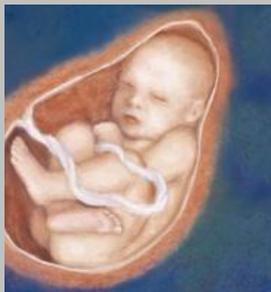
7:00 P.M.

St. Lucy Meeting Room

Spiritual Adoption

In March, members of our parish spiritually adopted a baby as reminder of the dignity of all human life, particularly the unborn.

November: Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size (please keep her in your prayers, too!). Your prayers have helped give your spiritually adopted baby's mother the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.



NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Sunday,

December 8, 2013

8 P.M. to 11 P.M.



Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego.

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9th) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and prays through Her intercession for the establishment of a Culture of Life, protection for the Church from persecution and asks Our Lord to RE-VIVE OUR LAND. All are invited to participate!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Re-Introducing the...

Saint Bernard League

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



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

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

We also need Saint Bernards!

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

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

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

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



PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, **in prison and you visited me.**"*

Matthew 25:35-36

Prison Families Anonymous, a project of FEGS Health and Human Services System, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system.

At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 PM.

Babylon Town Hall Annex
Phelps Lane
North Babylon, NY



For additional information contact: 516-496-7550 FEGS + 631-943-0441 Barbara + 631-806-3903 Sue

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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

Saturday, December 7th-

Catholic Underground

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

Open to all High Schoolers and 8th graders.

Sunday, December 8th

3:15—4:45 P.M./Cafeteria

Advent—Getting Ready for What?

What difference does it make?

Who really needs Christmas?

More info in next week's bulletin!

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our next middle school night is

Thursday, December 12th

7:30—8:45 P.M.

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

Upcoming Middle School Youth Ministry Dates

Friday, December 13th—

See inside back cover of the bulletin

Tuesday, December 19th- Times TBA

CONGRATULATIONS

Members of the parish attending **Saint John the Baptist High School** who earned the following honors:
Honor Roll for the First Quarter



Summa Cum Laude

Dominick Rich

Emily Zeltmann

Christina Chille

Jude Rich

Ronald Abbazio, Jr.

Kimberly Fregni

Magna Cum Laude

Nicholas Abbazio

Nicholas Blonder

Taylor Bedell

Elizabeth Byron

Richard Pointing

Edger Vivar

Colleen Werner

Bridget Wisnewski

Michael Duffy

Victoria Graham

Tomasz Janczak

Justin Katz

Cum Laude

Nicholas Collette

Aidan Danaher

Julia Bregy

Jessica Veroline

Thomas Chille

Luke DeBardelaben

Anthony Ferlito

Lauren Fremgen

Francesca LaRocca

Jenna Melita

Stephanie Naranjo

Nicholas Strigaro

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH



CONGRATULATIONS

Members of the parish attending
Saint Anthony's High School who have earned the following honor:
Honor Roll for the First Quarter

Angelina Buffolino
Michelle Collins
Christian Cuciniello
Sean Cunningham
Frederick Dunau
Gino Fornaro
Gabriella Giordano

James Jacobson
Jacob Manzoor
Shean Reid
Jessica Spina
Jillian Theal
Bridget Triessl
Charlotte Vine



CONGRATULATIONS

Members of the parish attending
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School who have earned the following honor:
Honor Roll B for the First Quarter
Anthony Sindone

HELP NEEDED!

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

We need some help! Can you assist us by serving as a hall monitor and/or with supervision at our middle school nights? For more information about ways to help with the youth of our parish, contact Brittany Marie Evans or Fr. John Sureau. Thank you!

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

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

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

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 email- jsureau@drvc.org
 En español Irma González 631 620-2401 correo electrónico lanegra628@yahoo.com.

LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura (Is 2,1-5): En un tiempo de guerra y de pruebas, el profeta da al pueblo de Dios una visión de esperanza en la paz y en la justicia final de Dios. Nosotros tenemos que preparar ese futuro.

(Romj 13,11-14): Segunda Lectura San Pablo nos recalca la urgencia de despertarnos y de vivir la vida de Cristo. ¡Ahora es el tiempo! Somos peregrinos hacia la luz de Cristo.

Evangelio (Mt 24,37- 44): La vida cristiana es un esperar activo a la venida continua de Cristo. Los discípulos de Cristo deben estar siempre dispuestos a reconocer la venida del Señor, siendo fieles a la misión que el mismo Cristo les ha confiado en la vida.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 2, 2013:

Isaiah 4:2-6 + Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3, 2013:

Isaiah 11:1-10 + Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4, 2013:

Isaiah 25:6-10a + Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5, 2013:

Isaiah 26:1-6 + Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6, 2013:

Isaiah 29:17-24 + Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7, 2013:

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 + Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 8, 2013:

The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10 + Romans 15:4-9 +

Matthew 3:1-12

After reading next Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 3:1-12), take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.

1. Judging by John's appearance would you guess his cry was lukewarm, or a cry from his heart that calls for life-altering change? How would you respond to him? Compare John's baptism of repentance with Jesus' baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire. What is that fire?

2. Discuss John Shea's statement: "John the Baptist knows that the way to the garden of human flourishing is through the desert of self-confrontation, and this insight is the energy of his passionate preaching." Is the fire within you a conflagration or does it look more like the pilot light? What can you do during Advent to gather some kindling for your fire?



NEW MOTHERS' MEAL MINISTRY

New Mothers' Meal Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Lost and Found Policy



Items left in the church will be kept in the "Lost and Found" in the sacristy for no longer than three (3) weekends. Items not claimed after three weekends will be discarded. Please note this includes items left over from weddings such as wedding candles and programs. Thank you for your attention to this.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

There is still time to participate!

IRA Charitable Rollover expires December 31st

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

Here's how to do it:

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, contact the Planned Giving Office:

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

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

VIRTUS TRAINING AVAILABLE

TUES., DEC. 3 AT 7 PM

TRAINING IS REQUIRED

FOR ALL

PARISH OFFERERS

AND MINISTERS.

Registration MUST be done online.

Simply go to drvc.org,
then Protecting God's Children
and to Virtus training schedule.



CLEANLINESS.... NEXT TO GODLINESS!

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

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 631.226.7725

Religious Education: 631.226.2384

St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Outreach) :

631.226.7725 X 234

Parish Website:

www.olphlindhurst.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Deacon Tom Bast
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Ed Cirella
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Bob Dobres
Bob Meade
John Reynolds
Deacon Don Stamm
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

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

Your Parish Liturgy Committee

Robert Becker
Mark Costantino
Debbie McDonough
Barbara McPhail
Rosaleen Walters
Mike Williams
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
Deacon Doug Smith
Fr. John Sureau

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, December 2— Advent Weekday	
6:30	Laura & Denis Foley
12:15	Jean Strumpfler
TUESDAY, December 3— Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	
6:30	Rita Brown
12:15	Patrick & Mary Sullivan & Family
WEDNESDAY, December 4— Advent Weekday (Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church)	
6:30	Dorine Robles
12:15	Eddie Aliano
THURSDAY, December 5— Advent Weekday	
6:30	James Conlon
12:15	Catherine Lisa Loguidice
FRIDAY, December 6— Advent Weekday (Saint Nicholas, Bishop)	
6:30	Anthony Dell'era
12:15	Alex Polanco
SATURDAY, December 7— Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	
8:00	James M. Shea
4:00	Special Needs—Auditorium
Vigil Mass for THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
5:00	Steven D. Calder
December 8 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
6:30	Enthronement of Jesus Christ, King of Poland & All Nations
8:00	Giuseppe Lentini
9:30	For the People of the Parish
11:00	Vincent Corrigan
12:30	Gerry DeMartino
5:00	Joel Berkowitz

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 2, 2013		
4:00 P.M.	Rel. Ed. Penance Rehearsal	Church
7:15 P.M.	Rel. Ed.—Grade 8	School
7:30 PM	Baptismal Prep Class	Room 14
8:00 PM	Family Life Ministry Meet	Science Lab
Tuesday, December 3, 2013		
5:30 PM	CYO—Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:30 P.M.	Youth Ministry	Library
7:30 P.M.	EMHC Make Up Meeting	Church
7:45 P.M.	Community of Praise	Room 14
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Wednesday, December 4, 2013		
1:30 PM.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
4:30 PM	Rel. Ed.—Grade 1	Room 13
6:30 PM	Grade 1	Room 13
7:15 PM	Rel. Ed.—Grade 7	School
7:30 PM.	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:45 PM	Respect Life Meeting	Room 24
Thursday, December 5, 2013		
4:00 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 14
7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:30 PM	New Mothers Ministry	Room 13
7:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous NA	Room 24
8:00 PM	Mothers Prayer Group	Room 16
Friday, December 6, 2013		
6:30 P.M.	St. Nick Advent Story Time	Auditorium
Saturday, December 7, 2013		
8:30	Rel. Ed.—Grades 2 –6	School
10:00		
11:30		
9:00 AM	First Saturday Breakfast	Cafeteria
10:00 A.M.	Special Ed	Room 10
3:00 P.M.	Special Needs Meeting	Auditorium
4:00 P.M.	Special Needs Mass	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Nocturnal Adoration	Church
Sunday, December 8, 2013		
3:15 P.M.	Youth Ministry	Cafeteria

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:

John Rigney & Vincenzia Rigney (OLPH)

Our last wedding for 2013!

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of
Dec.1—7:

<i>Altar Wine</i>	<i>Altar Bread</i>
<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
<i>Dennis Sheehan</i>	<i>James Conlon</i>
<i>Requested by</i>	<i>Requested by</i>
<i>Mildred Giglio</i>	<i>The Barrett Family</i>

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

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



John George Manscalco
Avary Quinn Rossetti
Sophia Brielle Lanzilotta
Emma Maria Kreutzberg
Oscar Matthew Pogozelski
Christopher Joseph Hansen

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

WE REMEMBER

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

Stella M. Greguski
Carmela Garbarino
Theresa A. Bryant

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

WE BELIEVE

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

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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

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

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

PRAYING FOR THE SICK AT MASS

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

OFFERING UPDATE**Nov. 23/24, 2013**

Mass Time	Weekly	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$3,893.00	191	442
6:30 A.M.	1,056.00	36	105
8:00 A.M.	2,081.00	94	247
9:30 A.M.	2,046.00	95	307
11:00 A.M.	2,912.00	138	433
12:30 P.M.	2,101.00	91	365
5:00 P.M.	1,680.50	36	255
Total coin:	24.94		
Mail-ins:	995.00		
Faith Direct	\$2,009.00		
TOTAL	\$18,798.44	681	2,154
2012 Totals	\$17,731.00	638	2,152
Human Development	\$2,513.50		

REMINDER

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

*The Long Island Catholic
has a great E-newsletter!*

We encourage you to sign up for the free, daily *Long Island Catholic* E-newsletter. Each day the latest news from the Diocese and the Church Universal will be delivered right to your E-mail inbox. Just visit www.licatholic.org and scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your email address. That's all there is to it.

**ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING
SECOND COLLECTIONS**

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

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

**SUPPORT OUR
BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!**

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

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

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

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

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ Attend a dinner sponsored by *Magnificat*, a ministry to Catholic women, Thursday, **December 5th** at **Cure of Ars Parish** starting at 6 pm. Our speaker is **Lorraine Gariboldi** who started *The Life Center*. Lorraine will share her inspiring testimony. The cost is \$40 per person and reservations are required. For more information call Angela Rizzo at (516) 763-1739. The evening will include a time of Praise and Worship, so come and join us as we enter into Advent and await the birth of Jesus!
- ◆ **Hope House Ministries** is proud to present Andy Cooney's "*Classic Irish Christmas Show*" on **December 7**, at 2:00 P.M. at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and may be purchased through Hope House Ministries at 631.928.2377, x. 22.
- ◆ The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington will host "*Art on the Vine*" on **Sunday, December 8**, from 2 to 6 pm. \$50 per ticket. Advance purchase preferred, but tickets will be sold at the door. Afternoon will include musical performance, lecture on the history of the Crucifixion image in art, tours of the Seminary, wine tasting, refreshments, and Christmas Boutique. For tickets and information, Seminary Development Office, 631.423.0483 x 102, or bmalone@icseminary.edu.
- ◆ **Healing Mass at the Immaculate Conception Center**, Douglaston Pkwy, Douglaston. Tuesday, **Dec. 10** at 7pm. Rosary, Mass & Healing Service celebrated by Fr. Augustine Fernando. For more info call: 718-229-8001.
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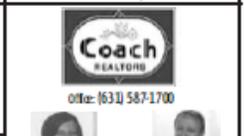
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