

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Therefore the Lord himself will  
give you this sign: the virgin shall  
conceive, and bear a son,  
and shall name him Emmanuel.

-Isaiah 7:14

## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2013

### PASTORAL STAFF

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

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

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

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

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

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

### COME IN AND PRAY...

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

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

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

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

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

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# ADVENT 2013

As we begin the Fourth Week of Advent, it's a good time to reflect on the many ways we have prepared our hearts, minds and spirits in this beautiful season. From Advent Faith Sharing to our Giving Tree to Reconciliation to Evening Prayer and so much more, we can say with great passion, "Come Lord Jesus!" (More pictures on page 19.)

## ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT OF PRAYER

*November 22, 2013*

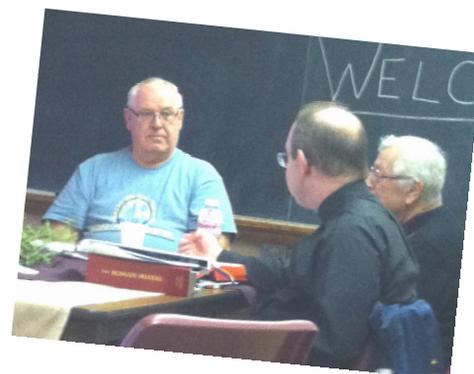
Our Family Life Committee organized a night of prayer and reflection about the real meaning of Advent.



## Advent Scripture Sharing

*Mondays of Advent*

Each Monday, members of our parish shared about the upcoming Sunday readings! We meet again this Monday after the 6:30 A.M. and 12:15 P.M. Masses.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Christmas Week!

Christmas Week is here! Our Advent season draws to a close with these late Advent weekdays. Our sense of joyful anticipation and excitement reaches a fever pitch as we have been preparing our hearts for the coming of the Lord! Since this week will begin a period of varying degrees of time off from school and work, I hope families can take the time to decompress and spend some quality time together. Many people say that the week in between Christmas and New Year's is the best time of the year, and I tend to agree: the slower pace, the catching up with family and friends, and the spirit of Christmas joy that pervades these days truly make this "the most wonderful time of the year."

You have read my writings about keeping Advent, and not letting Christmas creep in too early, but starting on the evening of December 24 is the time to go whole-hog with Christmas! Remember, the traditional "twelve days of Christmas" are the twelve days after Christmas leading up to Epiphany. As of Christmas Eve, we are full-blown into the liturgical season of Christmas Time. Let's all make the most of the holiness, solemnity, cheer and good feeling of the season!

### No 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass on December 24

Please note that, because it is Christmas Eve Day, there will be no 12:15 p.m. Mass (and also no Confessions following) on this Tuesday, December 24. Thank you for your understanding.

### Be nice to the crowds!

As you well know, Christmas is one of the days of the year when our church attendance swells as people who come to church only once or on a few occasions a year are with us. I am a firm believer that it really is not helpful for us "regulars" to make snide comments or to look askance at them; that's really not a Christian attitude. Yes, I truly believe it would be better for all those folks to be at Mass every Sunday, but we must not be judgmental. All we should do is welcome them and be glad they are with us. One thing is for sure: if they receive a rude comment or an impolite stare from us, they definitely will not be back anytime soon! We should go out of our way to be warm, welcoming, and helpful. That's what the new evangelization is all about, after all.

So, let's not be cranky over the crowds. Don't be upset if someone who comes only once or twice a year takes "your" seat. Be patient if the parking situation is a little crazier than usual. Remember what Christmas

is all about and spread the Peace of Christ to one another — especially to the folks who are not regulars. When we do that, we really are being the best we can be in Christ toward one another, and we will be taking a big step forward in bringing out the Christ in each other. Thank you for your patience and good humor with this!

### Handicap Parking Spaces

You may have noticed that we have added handicap parking spaces alongside the church building. We hope this further assists those who may need such parking, and this is part of our efforts to respond better to those with special physical needs. Work will also be done with some special seating arrangements in the church (who knows — by the time you read this it might already be done, and, if not, it will be coming soon). In addition, some work will take place in the Spring, once the cold weather passes, to make the concrete at the side entrances to the church easier to navigate for those with canes and walkers. Remember, too, we have the automatic door at the handicap entrance for those with wheelchairs.

I ask everyone to continue to be solicitous and accommodating to those with special physical and mobility needs as we welcome them into the church and as we are attentive to their needs for seating and movement.

### Silence during Mass

I hope that during these Advent days you have had some time to cultivate some silence in your life, and to create a little space of preparation where the Lord might enter more fully at Christmas. It seems that more and more we are losing the ability to be still and be silent.

As you know, the ritual of the Mass has a rhythm built into it which includes periods of silence, for private reflection. These times are: after the introduction to the Penitential Act, when we are called to "acknowledge our sins;" after the priest says, "Let us pray" before the Collect; after each of the readings; after the homily; and after the Communion Procession and singing end (we should all be singing during Communion, and then together take time for silent prayer once the Communion Procession and singing end).

The priests are conscious of trying to leave time for silence at these periods. What is your reaction to these periods of silence? They are not moments just to sit or stand idle, passively waiting for the next thing to happen; rather, they are meant to be moments of prayer and reflection, focusing on a particular aspect according to when the silence takes place.

It is important for all of us to be in tune and in touch with the rhythms of the Mass, including the times for silence, since, as you will recall, we do not pray at **Mass**, but rather we **pray the Mass**.

Ideally, there is time for silence before and after Mass as well. In reality, this gets a little tricky, especially since our parish does not have any kind of a gathering space for people to assemble outside the worship area. On the one hand, we must always keep a reverent tone and disposition in the worship space and create an environment where others can enter into prayer and reflection. On the other hand, there are legitimate needs of fostering our communal life together that make absolute silence in the church difficult. Generally speaking, I think common sense and an awareness of being in sacred space will help everyone to have the appropriate behaviors and volume of voice proper to the sacredness of the worship space.

### **Thinking Parish, and the Offering of Self**

I would like to continue a few thoughts that I began last week concerning how all of us are called to think beyond our own little corner and instead to see things in terms of the whole parish. The reason for this is, of course, centered on the Sunday Eucharist. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy reminds us: "But because it is impossible for the bishop always and everywhere to preside over the whole flock in his Church, he cannot do otherwise than establish lesser groupings of the faithful. Among these the parishes, set up locally under a pastor taking the place of the bishop, are the most important: in some manner they represent the visible Church established throughout the world. And therefore both in attitude and in practice...efforts must also be made toward a lively sense of community within the parish, above all in the shared celebration of Sunday Mass." (42)

Our belonging to the parish, then, is not merely some legalistic or paperwork formality; it is an expression of who we are as Christians belonging to the Body of Christ as part of the visible structure of the Church. All of our efforts, then, individually and collectively, should be ordered toward supporting and building up the life and mission of the parish as together we seek to evangelize and bring the Good News of Christ to the world. It is wonderful and good that we have so many different ministries, organizations, societies and clubs — they are signs of life in the parish — but we must always remember that they do not exist unto themselves. Their goal and purpose is not to build up any one society or organization, but to build up the life of the parish. Their goal and purpose is not to simply increase membership in this or that group or organization, but to increase participation in the life of the par-

ish. Their goal or purpose is not simply the mission of any one group, but the mission of the parish as all groups serve the larger mission.

This outlook should also color our understanding of what it means to participate in these ministries, groups and societies. Recall that I frequently talk about how we do not have "volunteers" in the parish, but rather **offerers**. Volunteering has the connotation of doing something at one's convenience, on one's own terms, simply because one wants to. Without in any way diminishing or denigrating volunteerism, which is a wonderful thing, I think service in the Church has to be something more. It is more about **offering** oneself in union with Christ because to do so is a response to the call we have received as baptized Catholics to give our lives away to others in union with Christ. Thus, we **offer** not at our own convenience, but because **each and every person is needed** to build up the life and mission of the parish. Deeper than one's own little corner of what one likes to do or feels like doing in a very limited view, seeing oneself as **offering oneself to the common good of the parish** becomes a profound spiritual expression of prayer and love that gets us to grow beyond ourselves and our own little world. This spirituality reaches its zenith at the celebration of Mass as we bring **the offering of our lives** and unite that offering with **Christ's offering made present**.

As parish leaders, and as a parish as a whole, we will continue to explore these themes of unity and the common good of the parish in the upcoming months.

### **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,

*Msgr. Joe*



**Are you watching...  
INSIGHT?**

Msgr. Joe's television show **INSIGHT**, which he co-hosts with Bishop Robert Brennan and Bishop Nelson Pérez, can be seen airing weekly on Telecare, channel 29 on Cablevision:

**Sundays at 10:00 pm**

**Mondays at 8:30 pm**

**Tuesdays at 10:00 am**

**Wednesdays at 11:00 pm**

**Saturdays at 7:30 pm**

# FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

## Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week

Each day during the fourth week of Advent, at the evening meal, all four candles are lit. The following prayers accompany the lighting of the candles.

*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:*

*Leader: 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.*

## Thoughts to Ponder during Advent....

*The weekdays from December 17 up to and including December 24 are ordered in a more direct way to preparing for the Nativity of the Lord.*

— Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar

## O Antiphons...

Advent is the season of hope and longing. Jesus is the One who fulfills our hopes and satisfies the longings of our hearts. As our hopes and longings intensify, even the prayer of the Church takes on a special sense of urgency. Throughout the world, Christians invoke Jesus' coming by praying the "O Antiphons." These short but powerful petitions use the ancient Messianic titles to describe who Jesus truly is and what He will do for His people.

On December 22 pray: "O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust."

On December 23 pray: "O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God."

On December 24 pray: "Today you will know the Lord is coming, and in the morning you will see his glory."

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Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

— Collect of the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Blessing of a Christmas Tree

*All make the sign of the cross to begin, and then the Leader continues with this greeting:*

*Leader: Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.*

*All respond: Amen.*

*Leader: My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.* *(continued on next page)*

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*Then someone proclaims the reading:*

*Reader:* Listen to the words of the letter of St. Paul to Titus: But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The word of the Lord.

*All respond:* Thanks be to God.

*Leader:* Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord. Our response will be: Lord, give light to our hearts.

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our home, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. R/

*Then the Leader continues:* Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The lights of the tree are now illuminated. Then the Leader concludes:*

*Leader:* May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever.

*All respond:* Amen.

*The blessing concludes with a verse from O Come, O Come, Emmanuel:*

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer

Our spirits by thine advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night

And death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

## **Blessing of a Manger/Nativity Scene**

*The manger scene is blessed each year on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. All make the sign of the cross and the Leader begins:*  
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*All respond:* Who made heaven and earth.

*Then someone proclaims the reading:*

*Reader:* Listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Luke: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Leader:* God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*Christmas songs and carols may be sung, for example, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.*



## CHRISTMAS 2013

**Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24**

**5:00pm, 8:00pm  
12:00 Midnight Mass**

*(Christmas Carols  
begin at 11:30 P.M.)*

**Christmas Day  
Wednesday, December 25**

**6:30am, 8:00am, 9:30am,  
11:00am and 12:30pm**

*There is no 5:00pm Mass  
on Christmas Day*



**Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Vigil of Solemnity  
Tuesday, December 31  
5:00pm**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2014  
6:30am,  
10:00am and 12:15pm**

*There is no evening Mass  
on Wednesday, Jan. 1*

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Help is needed to help decorate our Church for the Christmas season.

**THIS MONDAY  
December 23, 2013  
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Many helping hands are needed to assist in organizing our poinsettias, arranging Christmas trees and much more. The more help we have the more beautiful our Church will be! All ages welcome!



If you can help please e-mail Fr. John at [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) or call—631.226.7725.

## Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards



Join in the Mass intentions for the Masses of Christmas by using the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards which are now available throughout the church. These cards are a wonderful and meaningful way for you to remember your loved ones at Christmas and to have them prayed for at our Christmas Masses. Return the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory, and keep the card to send your Christmas Spiritual Bouquet.

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our next Adult Faith Formation Course begins soon...



# CHRISTOLOGY

Who is Jesus Christ?  
What do we know?  
What does the Church teach us about Jesus?  
How does this impact my prayer and my faith life?

### Instructor

Fr. Ethel Anarado  
Associate Pastor, OLPH

Classes to be held  
**THURSDAYS**

**January 9 + January 16**  
**January 23 + January 30**  
**February 6**

Room 14 + OLPH School  
7:30pm—9:30pm

To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) or complete the form below:

**CHRISTOLOGY Sign Up**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Over the past two months, members of our parish community have come together to pray, learn about our Catholic faith and share life with each other. Led by the members of our RCIA team they are journeying closer and closer to the fullness of faith. Please continue to pray for them.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BE BAPTIZED?**

**DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED?**

**Interested?**  
**Want more information?**

Please contact Fr. John  
([jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org)  
or 631.226.7725)  
or Deacon Doug (631.226.7725)  
for more info.

## SPONSORS WANTED AND NEEDED!

We are looking for parishioners to serve as sponsors for our candidates and catechumens in the RCIA.

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* tells us, "A sponsor accompanies any candidate seeking admission as a catechumen. Sponsors are persons who have known and assisted the candidates and stand as witnesses to the candidates' moral character, faith and intention." (10).

A sponsor joins the RCIA process to assist a candidate or catechumen on his journey towards baptism or reception into the Catholic Church.

For more information, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org).

# MUSIC NOTES

## Introducing the Friends of Music

The *Friends of Music* is a new initiative to help support the music ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. With the generosity of our *Friends*, we will be able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. Please consider supporting the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for the 2014 season.



Contributions will be used to support the music program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church including Advent Lessons and Carols, concerts, additional brass, woodwind and string instruments for special liturgies on Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Contributions can be given at the following levels:

### **Cherubim (up to \$24)**

- Memorialization of a new choral folder for our youth choir or adult choir

### **St. Ambrose (\$25 to \$49)**

- Memorialization of a Gather hymnal with choral parts for our cantors and choirs
- Memorialization of Responsorial Psalm or Gospel Acclamation book for our cantors

### **St. Augustine (\$50 to \$99)**

- Memorialization of an octavo (sheet music) for one of our choirs
- Memorialization of a Gather hymnal instrumental accompaniment

### **St. Gregory the Great (\$100 to \$199)**

- Instrumentalist for special occasions (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Lessons and Carols)
- Printing costs and paper for worship aids for one of our special occasions and liturgies

### **St. Cecilia (\$200 and above)**

- Co-sponsorship of one of our concerts or special programs

It will be primarily through the support of the *Friends of Music* that we will be able to expand our ability to produce high-quality music in this majestic space for the praise and glory of God. To make a contribution by mail, simply send a check made payable to OLPH to:

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church*  
*Friends of Music*  
 210 South Wellwood Avenue  
 Lindenhurst, NY 11757

If your contribution will be in memory of someone or in honor of an occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, etc., please make note of the event and/or person(s) name(s).

If you have any questions about any of the contribution levels, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Ferraro at [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org) or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210.



Join the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and be a part of our music history! God bless you in advance for your generosity. May these remaining days of the Advent Season be filled with abundant blessings and the upcoming Christmas Season find you rejoicing in the celebration of our Savior's birth.

*"The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art."*  
 - The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112

# 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!

## 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**

In today’s Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel, for indeed they came to know that “God is with us.”

## Parking Spaces

This week, parking spots on the north and south sides of the Church have been repainted and, in some cases, transformed into parking spaces for those who are physically handicapped. These spots are close to the doors of the north and south side of the Church. Soon, the curbs will be cut to make it easier for those with wheelchairs and walkers to enter the Church.



*A note for all about parking....*

Many of us choose to park on High Street for Mass each week. Usually, our school parking lot on High Street is empty. **Please consider using the school parking lot on High Street.**

## MARCH FOR LIFE

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014**

Our parish is attending the Annual March for Life on **Wednesday, January 22, 2014**. We will gather at OLPH at 5:00 A.M. for Mass in the Church and depart immediately after.

To RSVP to this event, contact Kathy Feldman of our Respect Life Committee at 631.225.9864. All responses are requested by January 17, 2014.

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

## 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!

**TODAY -December 22**  
**UGLY CHRISTMAS**  
**SWEATER**  
**SERVICE AFTERNOON**  
3:00 P.M. Cafeteria

Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater and help the homeless during these days. We'll be making Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches for local shelters.



### Squires Family and Friends Christmas Buffet



**THIS FRIDAY**  
**December 27, 2013**  
**6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

*OLPH Knights of Columbus Council +  
400 Broadway + Lindenhurst NY*

Come and join the young men who make up the Knights of Columbus Squires for a special fundraiser!

Cost is \$10 pp; \$30 (family up to 5 people)  
\$5 each (after 5th person)

## PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

All middle school students are welcome and wanted at our Middle School Youth Ministry events. In December, over 100 young people attended the middle school nights!

**January Meetings**  
**Thursday, January 9, 2014**  
**Tuesday, January 28, 2014**  
**7:30—8:45 P.M.**



## VIRTUS TRAINING

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**  
**7:00 P.M.—CLASSROOM 1**

**TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL  
PARISH OFFERERS IN ALL MINISTRIES.**

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

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Te invita a alabar y glorificar a Dios todos los Jueves a las 7:00PM en la cafetería Comenzando con el Santo Rosario, únete a nosotros en oración por ti y por tu familia en Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

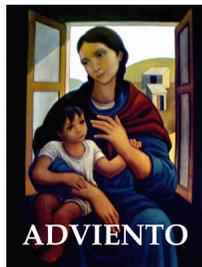
También todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino at (631) 885-3673.

### LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

**Primera Lectura (Is 7,10-14): Su nombre, Dios -con-Nosotros.** En una emergencia nacional, Dios ofrece un signo de que salvará a su pueblo: Una joven dará a luz un hijo cuyo nombre, Emanuel, significa "Dios-está-con-nosotros". Se ofrece el nacimiento de un niño como signo de esperanza.

**Segunda Lectura (Rom 1,1-7): Jesús, Hijo de Dios y Descendiente de David.** Pablo profesa su fe en Cristo Jesús. Jesús es el Salvador anunciado por los profetas; es hombre, ya que es descendiente de David; y es Hijo de Dios y Señor nuestro resucitado, a quien pertenecemos.

**Evangelio (Mt 1,18-24): Jesús Es Nuestro Dios -con-nosotros.** Mateo presenta al hijo que nacerá de María como el prometido "Emanuel - Dios-con-nosotros"- , porque es hijo de David por medio de José, su padre adoptivo, y nacido de la Virgen Madre María por obra del Espíritu Santo.



Adviento tiempo de esperanza y de conversión.

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@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org); en español Irma González 631 620-2401 correo electrónico [lanegra628@yahoo.com](mailto:lanegra628@yahoo.com).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

**Monday, December 23, 2013:**

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 + Luke 1:57-66

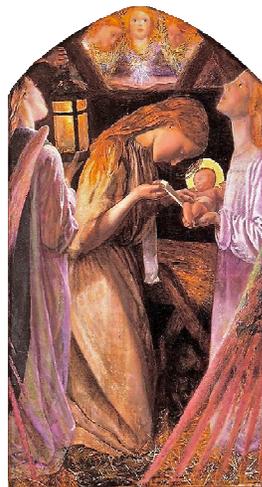
**Tuesday, December 24, 2013:**

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 + Luke 1:67-79

**Wednesday, December 25, 2013:**

Isaiah 52:7-10 + Hebrews 1:1-6 + John 1:1-18

*The reflection questions are for Christmas Day*



1. If you want to find God today where might you start looking? Do you think the shepherds were the same after their experience? Did they understand what the angels said when they went and found Mary and Joseph and the baby in the stable? What enables you to see the divine in the ordinary?

2. The Gospel of John begins in this way: "In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... He was in the world and the world came to be through him." Do you think you have seen his glory? Do you see it in the Christmas child? How can you get better at seeing it?

**Thursday, December 26, 2013:**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 + Matthew 10:17-22

**Friday, December 27, 2013:**

1 John 1:1-4 + John 20:1a, 2-8

**Saturday, December 28, 2013:**

1 John 1:5-2:2 + Matthew 2:13-18

**Sunday, December 29, 2013:**

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 + Colossians 3:12-21  
+ Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Parish Office:** 631.226.7725

**Religious Education:** 631.226.2384

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

631.226.7725 X 234

**Parish Website:**

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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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.*

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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**

<b>MONDAY, December 23— Late Advent Weekday (Saint John of Kanty, priest)</b>	
6:30	Paul Haselau
12:15	Dominick DeGiroliano
<b>TUESDAY, December 24— Late Advent Weekday</b>	
6:30	Frances Kelly
<b>Vigil Mass for CHRISTMAS</b>	
5:00	Michael A. Pentaleri
8:00	Deceased Members of the Jablonski & Roszuk Families
12:00	Midnight Mass—For the People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY, December 25— The Nativity of the Lord</b>	
6:30	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
8:00	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
9:30	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
11:00	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
12:30	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
<b>THURSDAY, December 26— Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</b>	
6:30	Barbara McPhail (living)
12:15	Patrick & Cecilia Flynn & Family
<b>FRIDAY, December 27— Saint John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>	
6:30	Vito & Rose Mastrorocco
12:15	Richard Valelo
<b>SATURDAY, December 28— The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b>	
8:00	All Priests
<b>Vigil Mass for THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
5:00	Julian Barrios
<b>December 29 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>	
6:30	For the People of the Parish
8:00	Catherine Whelan
9:30	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
11:00	Peter Giordano
12:30	Gerry DeMartino
5:00	For the Blessings of the Alayo & Lopez Families

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, December 23, 2013</b>		
7:00 A.M.	Advent Faith Sharing	Room 24
12:45 P.M.	Advent Faith Sharing	Room 24
1:00 P.M.	Church Decorating	Church
4:30 P.M.	Youth Choir Practice	Church
7:00 PM	Novena	Church
7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 14
7:30 PM	Music Ministry	Church
<b>Tuesday, December 24, 2013</b>		
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Wednesday, December 25, 2013</b>		
<b>Christmas Day— All Offices Closed</b>		
<b>Thursday, December 26, 2013</b>		
4:00 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 14
5:30 PM	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 P.M.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous NA	Room 24
8:00 P.M.	Mothers Prayer Group	Room 16
<b>Saturday, December 28, 2013</b>		
<b>No Religion Classes</b>		
1:00 P.M.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Sunday, December 29, 2013</b>		
9:30 A.M.	RCIA	Church
1:00 PM	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria



# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!  
Memorials used during the Masses for week of  
Dec. 22-28:

**Altar Bread & Wine**  
*In Memory of*  
**Barbara Jane Carr**  
*Requested by*  
**Kitty, Jesse, Stacy,**  
**Greg, Denise, Jose &**  
**Family**

**Oil & Candles**  
*In Memory of*  
**Saverio John Delfino**  
*Requested by*  
**Your loving wife,**  
**Renie & Family**

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

## GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.



## **BRINGING** **FORWARD THE** **OFFERINGS OF** **BREAD AND WINE**



If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

## 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...

Franca Carcone  
Bob Horan  
Rachel Dressler  
Christopher Gouedy  
Vincent Graff  
Joan Byrne  
Harold Molinari  
Claire McLean  
Pat Hilly  
Pina Mascio  
Steven Ciolino  
Nancy Sirico

Anthony Botticello  
Hugo Martin  
Lambert Fuechtmann  
Denise Kaminsky  
Carmela Campanelli  
Grace Wolf  
Sean Kelly  
Rev. Terrance Hoppenjans  
Andrew Donovan  
Nadia Viola  
Nina Soriano  
Roberta Caristo  
Richard Brosan  
Vera Henriques  
Reynold Ruiz  
Dominick Pane  
Natalie Boscia  
Cecelia Pastore  
Hildegard Maus  
Dominick Barone  
Carmela DeFilippo  
Jennifer Martins  
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Joan Weremeichek  
Ann Marie Nuss  
Dorothy Vogt  
Mary Armbruster  
William Delena  
John Manning

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Mary Schmidt King  
Philip Hosey  
Louise Perrotta  
Bernard Lang  
Steven Kozlowski  
Karl Kerelius  
Anthony Kerelius  
Nanette Ringle  
William Klein  
Megan David  
Sister Janet Schreiner  
Eileen Quinn  
Heather Calamia  
Joan Heuthe  
Joan Cox

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

### DEC. 14/15, 2013

Mass Time	Weekly	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$2,541.00	104	321
6:30 A.M.	975.00	31	88
8:00 A.M.	2,031.00	90	225
9:30 A.M.	2,050.00	89	326
11:00 A.M.	2,953.00	155	436
12:30 P.M.	2,206.00	85	380
5:00 P.M.	1,725.00	50	246
<b>Total coin:</b>	<b>28.03</b>		
<b>Mail-ins:</b>	<b>400.00</b>		
<b>Children's env.</b>	<b>61.60</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>Children's I.C.</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>2,267.50</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,244.13</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>2,022</b>
<b>2012 Totals</b>	<b>\$17,688.00</b>		<b>2,119</b>
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>518.00</b>		
<b>Lessons/Carols</b>	<b>317.00</b>		

### REMINDER

**ALL 2013 pledges for the Catholic Ministry Appeal**

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**December 31st, 2013**

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## 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.

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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Monday: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.  
Friday: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

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Monday: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
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# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ **Have you suffered a loss of a baby** through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or infancy? We invite you to join us for a time of sharing and mutual support with others of similar losses. The *Parish of Saint Mary*, East Islip, **Bereavement Ministry** will begin an open support group every second Monday of the month, starting Monday, **January 13, 2014** from 7:30—9PM. For information/registration please call 631-581-4200 X 100. Grandparents welcome!
- ◆ **Bereavement Support Group:** The Parish of St. Mary, East Islip, is offering an 8-week bereavement support group to help cope with the death of a loved one. The group will begin on Weds., **Jan. 15** from 1-3PM. Registration is required. Please call 631-581-4200 X 100. (*In order to participate in this group the death must have occurred prior to Oct. 15*)
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## Youth Ministry Advent Evening Prayer and Community Night

*Friday, December 13, 2013*

Last Friday, Youth Ministry at OLPH planned an evening of prayer and service. The night began with Evening Prayer, led by Msgr. Joe, and continued with the Service of Light and a live concert. Teens signed up to offer their time and talents at local service sites. Over 100 young people attended.



## Getting Ready....

Members of our parish have been busy getting our parish ready for Christmas...from setting up lights to arranging the Nativity to beginning the work of sorting all of those gifts! Thanks for all your hard work!



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