

# *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church*

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# He shall be peace.

-Micah 5:4a

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2012

### PASTORAL STAFF

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

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

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

**In Residence:** Rev. Michael Holzmann

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

**Pastoral Associate for Administration:** Deacon Donald A. Stamm

**Director of Religious Education:** Thomas J. Acemoglu

**Music Director:** James R. Kendall

**High School Youth Minister:** Brittany Evans

**Middle School Youth Minister:** Peggy Harnisch

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:** 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

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

**Sunday Masses**

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.,  
5:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. (Mass in Polish).

*Masses for Holy Days are as announced and published.*

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst*

**Monday- Friday:** 9 am - 5 pm

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

**Sunday Nights:** Will resume after Christmas season.

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

# CHRISTMAS SEASON @ OLPH

**Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24**

5:00pm

8:00pm

**12:00 Midnight Mass**

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

**Christmas Day**

**Tuesday, December 25**

6:30am

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

12:30pm

**9:00am Mass in Polish  
in the Auditorium**

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



**Solemnity of Mary,**

**the Holy Mother of God**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Vigil of Solemnity**

**Monday, December 31**

5:00pm

7:00pm

**Tuesday, January 1, 2013**

8:00am

10:00am

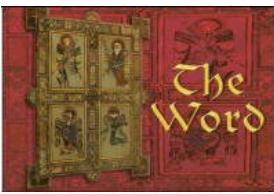
12 noon

*There is no 7:00pm Mass  
on Tuesday, Jan. 1*

## Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards 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 all our Masses on Christmas Day. Use the card and return the envelope to the rectory or in the collection in order to participate in our Christmas Spiritual Bouquet.

### THE WORD FOR CHRISTMAS



The Word, a program produced by and aired on Telecare, offers viewers a homily about the upcoming Sunday or Solemnity's readings each week.

Our Pastor, Msgr. Joe, has taped the homily for Christmas! It will air on Telecare on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, at 10:45 a.m.

So gather the family around the TV on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and let them meet our Pastor, Msgr. Joe.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING

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



### TONIGHT!!!

7:30 P.M.—9:00 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@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org) or call—631.226.7725.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## The Last Days of Advent

This is it...we are in the final hours of our Advent season for this year. As I have reflected with you about in past weeks, keeping an Advent spirituality is something that is very difficult; not celebrating Christmas until it is really Christmas is something that is very much counter-cultural, something that seems to be really out of step with the rest of society — and in many ways it is! Yet, in a way, that's also the point: the daily and practical practice of Catholic spirituality, and allowing the spirituality of the liturgy to permeate every aspect of our life, will and should make us look different than the rest of the world. That's how we give witness, and that's how we allow our spirituality to have an effect on us.

Now at this late point in our Advent season our joy and anticipation reaches a new pitch as the great Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord draws near. Perhaps now is a good time to look back over the past days and weeks since December 2 and ask ourselves: *How well have we kept Advent — not how well have we accomplished things in preparation for Christmas, but rather how well have we not celebrated Christmas in advance, how well have we waited and longed for, hoped and dreamed of, anticipated and looked for and prayed about Christ coming into our life more completely, not just as a baby, but as the Word made flesh, as the crucified-risen Lord who lived a human life, who died a human death, and who rose from the dead so that He might share His fullness of life with us?*

I think the spiritual challenge is this: if we feel “burned out” already, and exhausted as Christmas approaches, maybe it’s because we have not kept Advent as well as we should have. Maybe that’s something to remember for next year.

Once again we have a special bulletin insert to assist you in your prayer at home and as a family in the final days of Advent.

## Christmas Time

Finally, this week, Christmas truly begins! Here again is an opportunity to **live a liturgical spirituality**. It is only starting with Christmas Eve that we begin to celebrate Christmas, so it is starting then, and in the days that follow, that are the days we should be having Christmas parties, and singing Christmas carols, and enjoying and getting wrapped up in all the trimmings of Christmas. Remember, Christmas Time continues until the Feast of the



Baptism of the Lord, which this (upcoming) year (2013) is on January 13. There are so many rich liturgical celebrations during Christmas Time: Saint Stephen (Dec. 26) and Saint John (Dec. 27); the Feast of the Holy Innocents (Dec. 28); the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Sunday, December 30; the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1 (a Holy Day of Obligation!); the Epiphany of the Lord (Jan. 6) and, as mentioned, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

To the world, Christmas is a day. For the Church, and therefore for us as Catholics, Christmas is an entire period of liturgical time, an entire season of celebrating and exploring the meaning of the Word made flesh. (The song *The Twelve Days of Christmas* is a song about the period of time from December 25 until January 6.) Now is the time to begin to think about this question: ***How will you and your family keep Christmas Time as an entire season of spirituality and rejoicing?*** To help you get started in living a Christmas Time spirituality at home, we have included in this week’s bulletin rituals for blessing your Christmas tree and your manger/nativity scene at home. We hope they are helpful to you and that they enrich your prayer in the days ahead.

## Father Lawrence Onyegu



Next weekend we are welcoming a special guest to OLPH. **Father Lawrence Onyegu**, who was just ordained a priest this past June 9, will be coming here to OLPH **next Sunday, December 30, to preside at the 9:30 a.m. Mass**. Fr. Lawrence is originally from Nigeria in Africa, but he decided to pursue his vocation to the priesthood here in the United States, and so he was accepted by our diocese and studied at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, and was ordained a priest for our diocese. Fr. Lawrence is a former student of mine, and in addition to being one of his professors in the seminary, I was also his formation advisor, a kind of mentoring relationship to advise and guide a seminarian throughout his journey to priesthood. Fr. Lawrence is currently working in his first assignment as an associate pastor in Maria Regina Church in Seaford (with my classmate and good friend Fr. Frank Nelson as his pastor!).

As you may know, among the many charitable works that are done by the Knights of Columbus is the work of financially supporting seminarians during their years of seminary formation. Since during their time as seminarians the men have very little opportunity to work in paying jobs due to the demands of the program (academics, pastoral work in parishes and diocesan institutions, and responsibilities for the communal life of the seminary), they often find themselves in need of financial support, and the Knights of Columbus have a long history of supporting seminarians in that way. That support is especially needed for seminarians who come from other countries, as Fr. Lawrence did. As it turns out, our council supported Fr. Lawrence during his studies, and so we have arranged for him to come to OLPH to celebrate Mass as a thank you to the Knights of Columbus and to the parish for supporting him during his years in the seminary.

Fr. Lawrence is a very dedicated and joy-filled young priest, and I am thrilled to welcome him here to celebrate Mass next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The Knights will be hosting a small hospitality for Fr. Lawrence at the K of C Hall after the Mass, and parishioners are invited. This will be an opportunity for the Knights and their families, and for anyone who wishes, to meet Fr. Lawrence, and for him to personally thank everyone.

I am grateful to Grand Knight John Reynolds for his kindness and openness in arranging this. I think it's a great way to affirm and support a newly-ordained priest.

## **Ministry of Consolation**

Last reminder: the final Ministry of Consolation training meeting will be this Thursday, December 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pastor's Meeting Room in the Rectory. Final plans for putting the ministry in place will be discussed at this meeting.

## **Christmas Masses: Hospitality and Belonging More Deeply**

During Advent, we have been focusing on the need for everyone to be evangelizers, and we have explored ways for active parishioners to invite back to Church people they know who have been away from the life of the Church.

With the Christmas Masses we again have the opportunity to be evangelizers, through our friendliness, our greeting of one another, and our hospitality. Yes, Christmas Masses will be very crowded, and we will see people who only come once or twice a year. Nonetheless, it is up to us to be welcoming and hospitable, rather than grumbling about any inconveniences the large number of people may pose to us. Treat these people with love and compassion, even if they don't appear to know what is going on. Treat these people with warmth and respect, even

though they may be sitting in your seat. Treat these people with patience, even though the parking situation may be even crazier than usual. We never know how we might affect someone's faith in a positive way by being kind to them, or in a negative way by being unkind. If someone who hasn't been to Mass in a long time receives a friendly and warm greeting and has a sense that they are welcome, then they are more likely to return. Our place is not to judge others, but to embrace them and welcome them.

Speaking of Christmas Masses, I remind you again that we will be looking at Midnight Mass as a solemn "principal" Mass for Christmas, so that Mass might be a good one for you to attend with someone who has been away from the Church for a long time, or with someone who only comes a few times a year.

## **Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards**

This weekend is your last opportunity to submit your Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards for inclusion in the intentions of all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Use the card and return the envelope to the rectory or in the collection in order to participate in our Christmas Spiritual Bouquet.

## **No 12:00 Noon Mass on Christmas Eve Day**

Take note: there will be no 12:00 Noon Mass on Christmas Eve Day, Monday, December 24. It is necessary to cancel the Noon Mass that day because of the added number of Masses on Christmas Eve and other preparations that are taking place. Thank you for your understanding.

## **The Last Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass**

This Saturday, December 29, will be the last Saturday we will have a 9:00 a.m. weekday Mass. Starting with the first Saturday of the new year, there will be only one regular weekday Mass on Saturday mornings, at 8:00 a.m.

## **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,



# 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 lighted. 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.*



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*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 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.

*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

# FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

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.*



# STORM RELIEF @ OLPH

## OLPHelp Grant Update

Many thanks to all who contributed donations during the past month and a half. One of our major concerns, and the desire of many donors, was that money received by the parish would go directly into the hands of parishioners in need. Therefore, we developed the **OLPHelp** Grant which allowed parishioners in flood impacted areas to apply for financial assistance. A board was established comprised of Msgr. Joe, Fr. John, a few parishioners involved in storm relief efforts as well as two individuals not connected with OLPH to determine the best way to administer the many funds received.

**As of this past Monday, we have disbursed over \$80,000 in small grants to over 170 parishioners.**

**A tremendous thanks goes to all who donated and to the many parishioners who reached out and submitted a grant application for a fellow parishioner!**



## DO YOU NEED FURNITURE!?!?

As you rebuild, a number of parishioners have come forward to offer gently used furniture. For more information, contact Tricia Buckley so she can help to match you up!

If you have furniture in good condition that you would like to donate to a family in need, please contact Mrs. Tricia Buckley at 631.561.5790 or e-mail to buckleyt@optonline.net. Our hope is to connect families who have available furniture with families in need. **DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, bring furniture to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.**



### St. Vincent de Paul Parish Outreach

Parishioners and community members in need are invited to our St. Vincent de Paul Office (the grey house) at 272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY.

**In addition to our regular hours, St. Vincent DePaul will be open on Tuesday afternoons from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. to assist you.** You are most welcome here, most especially in times of need.



### Catholic Charities DISASTER RELIEF

You might recall that Bishop Murphy asked all parishes in the Diocese to take up a special second collection immediately after the storm. These monies provided for initial needs in local parishes now make up a Disaster Relief Fund for individuals and families in need.

Individuals and families impacted by Superstorm Sandy may be eligible for these funds. For more information, please contact our St. Vincent de Paul Office at 631.225.5531.



### Counseling Support

We would like to put together a listing of licensed mental health counselors, social workers and psychologists willing to provide support for individuals and families in need. If you are willing to have your name listed, please contact Fr. John by e-mailing ([jsureau@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org)) or faxing (631.225.9597) a copy of your license and contact information. We have some resources already available but would like to provide additional contacts in the weeks ahead.

## YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

For High School Students....

### YOUTH FAITH IN ACTION (YFIA)

YFIA is OLPH's newest outreach to high school youth in our parish.

Have you been involved before?

**Come back!**

Did you think Youth Ministry wasn't for you? **Think again!**

**TONIGHT — December 23rd**

Meeting at 6:15 P.M. for a free Pre-Christmas Dinner and making Christmas Cards for our military service women and men. Then, we'll help to decorate our Church for Christmas at 7:30 P.M.

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS  
ARE WELCOME AND NEEDED!**

**Friday, December 28—**

### YFIA in NYC

Join our youth adult and teen leaders on a post-Christmas TRIP to New York City, including: Mass at St. Patrick's, Dinner in Manhattan, a visit to the Rockefeller Center and more! For more information contact Brittany Marie Evans at [olph.yfia@gmail.com](mailto:olph.yfia@gmail.com).

Present and new youth group members are welcome on this trip. This is a great way to find out more about our youth community.

### The Saint Bernard League

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

### We REALLY 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 or e-mail to [jsureau@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org) This is a great way to help those in need (do some tremendous community service!) **WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS IN NEED!!!!**

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 or e-mail to [jsureau@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org) so we can begin to match people up now.

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Family Life invites all families who had a baby baptized in 2012 for a special blessing. In honor of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, this blessing will take place on

**January 13, 2013  
9:30 a.m. Mass**

Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass there will be a reception in the school cafeteria.

*If you plan to attend the reception please contact Lorraine at 226-2195 or Emily 226-0480 or email [olphfamilylife@aol.com](mailto:olphfamilylife@aol.com)*

**And...save the date!**



### MARDI GRAS

**Tuesday,  
February 12th**

*Watch the bulletin for upcoming details!*

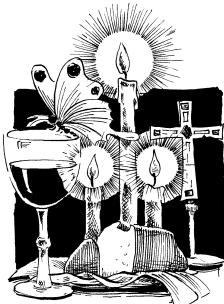


# LIVING LITURGY

## MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Final Training Session

**Thursday,  
December 27th  
1:30—3:30 P.M.**



The final training session for the *Ministry of Consolation*, which had to be postponed due to the effects of Super Storm Sandy, will be held on **Thursday, December 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m.**, in the Pastor's Meeting Room in the Rectory basement. All who have been attending the Ministry of Consolation classes are asked to make a special effort to attend this final meeting. We will begin to work through the details of signing up for actual ministries, discussing the logistics of putting the ministry in place in our parish, and actually getting started. If you are still interested in the ministry but cannot attend this meeting, please leave word accordingly for Msgr. Joe at the rectory.



## WEDNESDAY EXPOSITION CHANGE

On **December 26th** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the **Convent Chapel** from 12:30 to 4:30 P.M. This will allow work to continue on the confessionals without interruption. **This will only be a temporary placement.** Once our confessionals are completed, Exposition will return to the Church. Please consult the bulletin for updates.

## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for People  
with  
Special Needs*

**Saturday,  
January 5th**

4:00 P.M.  
Auditorium

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

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

### MARCH FOR LIFE

**Friday, January 25, 2013**

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

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

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

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Let us love God my brothers, let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow.

-St. Vincent de Paul

## Food Pantry Shopping List

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

**Canned Tuna**

**Canned Meats**

**Shelf Stable Milk**

**Pasta Sauce**

**Instant Potatoes**

**Canned Fruit**

**Hot Cereals**

**Cake and Muffin Mixes**

**Pancake Mix**

**Pancake Syrup**

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

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY  
631.225.5531

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**9 am—12 noon**

**Tuesdays - 4 P.M.—7 P.M.**

**Saturday, January 5th —9 am –12 noon**

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting and deep joy is that the Light shines there. That is why we can say to each other, "Merry Christmas!"

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## NEXT SUNDAY...

December 30, 2012—

After 9:30 AM Mass

**Free Breakfast**

at the Knights of Columbus Hall  
400 South Broadway immediately  
following Mass

Fr. Lawrence Onyegu was sponsored by the  
OLPH Knights of Columbus as a seminarian.

**FREE BREAKFAST**

Fr. Lawrence and Msgr. Joe will  
both speak at the breakfast.

All are welcome –  
there is no charge!



## NEXT MONDAY...

December 31, 2012—

*New Year's Eve Dance*

Knights of Columbus Hall

Cocktail Hour—7:30 P.M.

Sit Down Dinner

Open Bar until 1:30 A.M.

Tickets \$75.00

Call 631.226.3240 for reservations!

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING UPDATE

December 15-16, 2012

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>\$2,957.00</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>335</b>
<b>6:30 A.M.</b>	<b>1,238.00</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	<b>2,121.00</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	<b>2,125.00</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>309</b>
<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>3,048.00</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>447</b>
<b>12:30 P.M.</b>	<b>1,883.00</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>292</b>
<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>1,678.00</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>213</b>
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

A number of apps, including *Ibreviary*, also contain the daily readings.

### Monday, December 24, 2012:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 + Luke 1:67-79  
(Vigil of Christmas) Isaiah 62:1-5 + Acts 13:16-17, 22-25  
+ Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
(Midnight) Isaiah 9:1-6/Timothy 2:11-14 +  
Luke 2:1-14

### Tuesday, December 25, 2012:

(Day) Isaiah 52:7-10 + Hebrew 1:1-6 +  
John 1:1-18 or John 1:1-5, 9-14

### Wednesday, December 26, 2012:

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

### Thursday, December 27, 2012:

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

### Friday, December 28, 2012:

1 John 1:5-2:2

### Saturday, December 29, 2012:

1 John 2:3-11

### Sunday, December 30, 2012:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 +  
Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 + Luke 2:41-52

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

1. The Gospel tells us that even the holy family had some rough spots. Separation is part of these, but also part of life. Talk about the lesson for you in all the various kinds of families you are a part.

2. Imagine Mary's and Joseph's unease when they were looking for Jesus for three whole days. And imagine the long-term anxiety his answer gave them: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" How do you think Mary reacted? Have you ever had problems of this nature? How did you handle them?



# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

**Joseph Slaninka**

**Louise Miller**

**Leo Caulfield**

**Dorothy Cioffi**

**Helen Balz**

**Marie Steinbrecher**

## **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...**

**Elizabeth Taroni**

**Helen Bartley**

**Bob Little**

**Connie Perrotta**

**Eileen C. Quinn**

**John Huff**

**Erika Kroll**

**Catherine Tamburino**

**Richard Brosan**

**Mary Doran**

**William Pugh**

**Janet Pugh**

**Andrew Pellicane**

**Joseph Gerbino**

**Anthony Cito**

**Luca Mazzili**

**Peggy Pannullo**

**Margaret Stangello**

**Charles Muller**

**Betty Cunningham**

**Nettie Deasy**

**Frank Lent**

**Meghan Sullivan Garrity**

**Kevin Curran**

**Charles Muller**

**Claire Cannon**

**Robert Gron**

**Mazie Michie**

## **MASS CHANGE**

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

## **Altar Bread & Wine**

The Altar Bread & Wine used during the Masses for the week of

**December 23-29 is**

**In Memory of**

**Salvatore, Dorothy  
& Edward Milazzo**

**Requested by**

**The McLellan Family**

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



If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail cbecker@oloph.org.

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.

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, December 24 -Late Advent Weekday

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 8:00a     | Joaao Marques                               |
| 5:00p     | Grace Russo                                 |
| 8:00p     | Mass for the People of the Parish           |
| Mid-night | Christmas Mass for the People of the Parish |

### TUESDAY, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord

- |       |                                  |
|-------|----------------------------------|
| 6:30  | Christmas Spiritual Bouquet      |
| 8:00  | Christmas Spiritual Bouquet      |
| 9:00  | Mass in Polish in the Auditorium |
| 9:30  | Christmas Spiritual Bouquet      |
| 11:00 | Christmas Spiritual Bouquet      |
| 12:30 | Christmas Spiritual Bouquet      |
| 5:00  | <b>NO 5PM MASS</b>               |

### WEDNESDAY, December 26 - Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

- |       |                             |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| 8:00  | Christmas Spiritual Bouquet |
| 12:00 | Neil Bottari                |
| 7:00  | Eugene Cardell              |

### THURSDAY, December 27 - Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist

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|-------|--|
| 8:00  | Frances Kelly  |
| 12:00 | Christmas Spiritual Bouquet  |
| 7:00  | Enthronement Jesus Christ the King in Poland & all over the world. |

### FRIDAY, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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|-------|-----------------------------|
| 8:00  | Mary Barone                 |
| 12:00 | Vito Salentino              |
| 7:00  | Christmas Spiritual Bouquet |

### SATURDAY, December 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 8:00  | Joseph Strigaro             |
| 9:00  | Christmas Spiritual Bouquet |
| <b>Vigil Mass - for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> |                             |
| 5:00  | Frank Stancati              |

### SUNDAY, December 30—

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| <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> |  |
| 6:30   | Mass for the People of the Parish                    |
| 8:00   | Book of the Faithful Departed                        |
| 9:30   | Living & Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus 794 |
| 11:00  | William D. Cutter                                    |
| 12:30  | Christmas Spiritual Bouquet                          |
| 5:00   | Mercedes Barbosa                                     |
| 6:30   | Mass in Polish                                       |

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

Los dias 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.



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# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Annual Winter Coat Drive.** Please bring new or gently used coats to the **Knights of Columbus**, 400 S. Broadway, Lindenhurst, or call Sal 516.410.1205 to arrange for a drop-off.
- **Cleary School for the Deaf** is offering evening *Adult Education classes in American Sign Language*, Levels 1,2,3 & Intermediate/Advances. **January 30th—May 1st, 2013** (ages 12 & up). Call Carolyn Kelly 631-588-0530 or email ClearyASL@hotmail.com for more information.
- The **Sisters of the Cenacle** are planning a number of events for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please take note of the following:

**Dec. 31, 2012-Jan 1, 2013.** 4pm to 9:30am overnight. Commuters welcome. New Year's Eve Overnite in Prayer. Fr. Jack Reppogle, S.J. A festive meal opens the evening, presentation, time for personal reflection, celebration of Eucharist, to welcome in the New Year and pray for peace. Overnight, breakfast and departure.

**Jan. 11-13, 2013 Weekend.** Healing Life's Hurts with Contemplation – Silent Retreat. Ignatian contemplation on the life of Jesus to heal fear, anger, guilt, shame in our lives. Fr. Matt Linn, S.J.

**Jan. 12, Saturday, 10am-4pm at Maude Adams,** includes lunch. Life is Goodbye, Life is Hello Workshop. From perspectives of several faith traditions, we will explore varied ways in which cultures experience universal grief. Death ends life, not a relationship. Ann Amideo, M.A. Theology.

**NEW!!! Jan. 13 Sunday, 2:30-5pm.** Hurricane Sandy: Act of Nature or Act of God? Come to share your experience of Hurricane Sandy. How has it been a crisis with both danger and opportunity? The afternoon will include a healing prayer process to bring new life wherever the crisis has challenged your life. Fr. Matthew Linn, SJ.

- **Our Lady of Lourdes School** in West Islip is now registering for the 2013-2014 school year. Private tours are available. Call 631-587-7200 x 100 for a visit. **Open House** Sun., Jan. 27 10:30am –12noon.
- Join **Fr. Jim Stachacz and St. Ignatius Loyola Parish** for a 4 day-night tour of Washington D.C. from **April 5 -8, 2013**. Trip includes visits to the major monuments and full day guided tours. For more information or reservations contact Joan Chwalisa at 516.938.4261 or Anne Murphy at 516.931.9784.

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## *Winter Musical Concert*

Saturday, December 15th



## *Youth Faith in Action Winter Gala*

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