

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 29, 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

# CHRISTMAS IN ACTION

Thanks to all who so generously supported our parish's outreach efforts to those most in need in our parish and local communities. This year, we literally doubled the amount of tags and assisted a total of four additional agencies in addition to families in our own parish community.



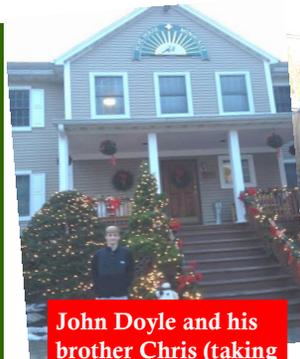
Our work began after Thanksgiving as Mr. Tapinis' eighth grade religion class prepared all of the tags, decorated the tree, and made sure everything was ready for the first Sunday of Advent.



Our middle school youth group and members of Youth Service Corps helped to organize, prepare, wrap and set up our gift deliveries.



Members of our parish delivered gifts in the week before Christmas. Deliveries were made to the Office of Prison Ministry, Catholic Charities Immigration Services, the LI Life Center and Hope House Ministries.



John Doyle and his brother Chris (taking the picture) at Hope House Ministries.



Parishioners get their cars packed up for the Long Island Life Center.



The Palladino's get everything ready for Catholic Charities Immigration Services.

We received two e-mails late last Friday from two of the agencies we supported....



We are overwhelmed with the generosity of your parishioners. They are making so many children and families very happy. I am sharing this photo with you, that the father gave me permission to share with you (left). These children, who arrived two weeks ago, are just enrolling in school. So many of your gifts were just perfect.

*Carmen Maquilon*  
Director of Immigration Services  
Catholic Charities

Good Morning,  
I just want to say how surprised I was when I walked into my office this morning and I saw the bags and bags of toys from Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioners. What a wonderful donation and not what I expected when you originally said you would try to collect "a few toys." I will be loading up my car shortly to bring the bags out to Yaphank and Riverhead. Please accept our sincere gratitude....just know we are grateful!

Peace,  
*Sue Jones*  
DRVC, Office of Prison Ministry

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Beautiful Christmas Liturgies

Merry Christmas to all! I must take this opportunity to thank everyone who in any way offered themselves to make our celebration of Christmas at OLPH such a beautiful and meaningful spiritual experience. To all those liturgical ministers and others associated with the work of liturgy in our parish who worked so hard to make our liturgies such magnificent experiences of prayer; to all those who worked so hard to decorate our church and our campus, both inside and outside; to all those who worked behind the scenes to make sure everything went so smoothly; to all those who offered so much time and energy to serving the needy through our Advent giving trees, either by buying gifts, or sorting them, or distributing them; to those who work to keep our church and campus clean and in good working order; to all who went out of their way to support us financially this Christmas: to these and to all, I offer a heart-felt and deep **THANK YOU** for en-fleshing Christ this Christmas in your life through your offering of yourself.

My gratitude includes the beautiful celebration of Lessons and Carols that took place on the Third Sunday of Advent. Our parish musicians and readers provided us with a beautiful evening of prayer and song (and it was indeed both prayer and song). I received many, many positive comments about the evening. People were impressed by the beauty of it all and were moved by the sense of spirituality. They were amazed at both the breadth and depth of talent in this parish and were captivated by the diversity of our music groups coming together so beautifully to be coordinated into a magnificent whole. A great spirit of cooperation and service was in evidence.

Truly YOU, all of the great parishioners of OLPH, are the reason that this is such a wonderful, wonderful parish. I am so pleased and privileged to be your Pastor!

### Christmas Time

We are now in the days of Christmas Time, a liturgical time that continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 12, 2014; it is not until Monday, January 13 that we return to Ordinary Time. Don't be so quick to take down your Christmas tree and decorations; enjoy the length of the season, which is now, and lasts until January 13. These are the days for us to ponder the incomprehensible meaning of Emmanuel, "God-with-us," the Word made flesh.



Indeed, our understanding of Christmas must bring us beyond sentimental images of the baby Jesus and instead lead us to contemplate the fullness of the mystery of God becoming human. There are three options for the Preface (the first part of the Eucharistic Prayer, after the Introductory Dialogue and before the Holy, Holy) that can be used during Christmas Time, and each one reveals a different facet of the fuller meaning of what we are entering into as we celebrate the mystery: one Preface focuses on Christ as the Light of the World and as the visible image of the invisible God; another highlights the mystery of the Incarnation and speaks of the "awe-filled mystery" of the One who was "begotten before all ages," so that all that was cast down is raised up; another emphasizes the "holy exchange that restores our life" as human nature is assumed by the Word. Listen for these themes at Mass, and let them inform and inspire your prayer and reflection throughout all of Christmas Time.

### Holy Day of Obligation January 1

This Wednesday, January 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation: as the Octave (8<sup>th</sup> Day) of the Nativity of the Lord, it's the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. As a Holy Day of Obligation, Catholics are required to attend Mass, as with Sundays. Please see our schedule of Masses for Tuesday night, December 31, and Wednesday, January 1, as printed elsewhere in the bulletin. We look forward to seeing you at one of those Masses.

### Epiphany Proclamation

Next Sunday, January 5, is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This Solemnity celebrates the manifestation ("epiphany") of the Lord to the nations, as noted by the Magi who followed the star to find the newborn King.

There is an ancient practice of the Church that on the Epiphany of the Lord, after the Gospel at Mass, the dates of the moveable feasts of the current year are announced. We are going to follow that custom here at OLPH, so at all the Masses next weekend this Proclamation will be chanted by the Cantor after the Gospel, before the homily.

We hope this practice will bring to the forefront the importance that the rhythm of the liturgical year, with its various feasts and seasons and cycles, should hold in every Catholic's life. Just as the Epiphany is all about the manifestation of the coming

of God in the flesh, so too do we acknowledge, with this Epiphany Proclamation, how the Paschal Mystery is manifested in the various feasts and times throughout the entire year. Listen for this Proclamation next weekend at Mass!

### Epiphany Blessing of the Home

Another wonderful tradition associated with Epiphany is the blessing of homes. It is customary to mark the doors of the home following in the steps of the Magi who, according to tradition, are named Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. Inscribed in chalk over one or more doors are the numbers of the new year, along with the initials of the Magi: 20+C+M+B+14.

Next week we will have available special cards which can be used for this Epiphany blessing of your home, a card that gives not only a prayer of blessing, but also the numbers and initials, such that, if desired, this card can be affixed as a placard above a doorway to serve as the blessing of the house.

I urge every family to take one of these blessings and use it at home as a moment of family prayer and Christmas Time devotion.

### Sale of 272 South Wellwood Avenue ("Gray House")

I wish to announce to you that a short time ago I closed on the sale of the house at 272 S. Wellwood Avenue, the "gray house," that was most recently the location of our St. Vincent de Paul offices. The Village of Lindenhurst has bought that house and that location will be the new site of the Village Museum, which is moving across the street in order to make room for the expansion of the Fire House. The revenue realized from this sale will be a help to us not only in terms of giving us a cushion for cash-flow problems, but also

for continuing to pay off our debt and for beginning to prepare for future large expenses such as expected boiler repair, and the diocesan Non-School Assessment to support Catholic education, which we will have to begin paying next year.

Of course, as helpful as this money is, it is a one-time sum, and we will eventually go through it. Thus, the crucial factor still looming on the horizon is getting the Convent rented so we can realize regular monthly rental income. We are working hard on this, but while there has been much interest from potential lessees, nothing has materialized yet.

So, you'll soon begin to see changes at 272 S. Wellwood Avenue, changes made by the Village; the property is no longer ours.



### Happy New Year!

I take this opportunity to wish one and all a happy and healthy New Year. Be safe on New Year's Eve! May 2014 bring you an abundance of graces and blessings. May we, as a parish, continue to face the challenges which lie ahead with grace, wisdom, compassion, understanding and, perhaps most importantly, a sense of humor. May we continue to go forward in our discipleship as we follow the One who came among us to bring us life. May we continue to grow together as the one Body of Christ in the year ahead.

### 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,

## HOLY DAY MASSES

### 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, January 1, 2014.*



# 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

### OFFERING

To help offset the cost of materials, maintenance, etc., we are requesting a \$20.00 offering per course per individual.  
(This totals \$4.00 a class for most courses!)

If there is a financial issue for you, please let the course instructor know.

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 \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

**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)

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Soon we will be beginning classes in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are an adult who is baptized and has received first Holy Community but has not been confirmed, please let us know.

Classes will begin in the next few weeks!

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



# 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**

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we contemplate the hardships and fears they faced as they journeyed to Egypt.

In the month of December, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor and suffering to face their hardships and fears, by assisting families, providing food, gifts and help them be better prepared for the coming year. Thank you for your support!

## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

### The January

*Mass for People with  
Special Needs*

**NEXT SATURDAY**

**January 4, 2014**

4:00 P.M.

Auditorium

*“Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him to bring him to Jesus; but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus.”*

- Luke 5:18-19

*Coming soon ....*

## OLPH SENIOR MOMENTS

**Beginning in  
February/March 2014!**



Aging is not "lost youth," but a new stage of opportunity and strength.

Avail yourself of the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and with our parish community. Each time this group meets there will be times for formation, spiritual growth, friendship and community building.

Follow the bulletin for more information about Senior Moments at OLPH!

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Thank you from the Life Center!



## Life Center of Long Island

*servicing Long Island since 1986*

1767 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729 | 631.243.2373

35 East Willow Street, Massapequa, NY 11758 | 516.798.9100

507 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550 | 516.408.6300

Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
210 So. Wellwood Ave.  
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Dear Msgr. DeGrocco,

Once again, you and your parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help have come through for the Life Center of Long Island. **Your parish raised \$9,471 in the 2013 Baby Bottle Campaign!** Through the years Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been very generous in helping expectant parents and their pre-born children. There was a prayer of 'Spiritual Adoption' attached to each baby bottle. Each person who says this prayer in an act of love helps our counselors and consultants to say just the right words. By the grace of God, these words have entered into the hearts of those in the midst of an unexpected pregnancy and they have chosen life for the most vulnerable among us.

This prayerful and financial support is not only a source of encouragement for us in our life-affirming work, it also enables us to expand our efforts, reaching and assisting more people than ever before. Here are just a few ways we've expanded our ministry:

- ✓ We now have **AAA Pregnancy Options** centers in Deer Park, Massapequa and Hempstead. The number of people who make healthy, life-giving decisions continues to increase. **In the past twelve months alone 3,000 families received pregnancy care assistance and 238 expectant mothers had a change of heart and gave their babies the gift of life.**
- ✓ The Life Center facilitates **Rachel's Vineyard** weekend retreats, offering post-abortive men and women an opportunity to experience God's love, mercy, and forgiveness. This Bible-based healing program is guided by the Priests for Life and has grown from three to six retreats a year, three in English and three in Spanish. So far, **936 pre born lives have been memorialized and 457 women and men have started on a journey of hope, healing, and renewed life through Christ.**

Louise Perrotta coordinated and organized the campaign. Her efforts and dedication to this project not only made the campaign possible, but also made it a success.

Monsignor DeGrocco your partnership in life means so much to us. With gratitude, you and the beautiful parish family at Our Lady of Perpetual Help remain in the hearts and prayers of all at the Life Center. May God bless you and all you do for Him and His little ones.

For all God's children,

*Gloria Schreiber*

Gloria Schreiber  
Executive Director



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## 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.

## Spiritual Adoption

40 Weeks - End of Month 9  
"Here I am!"

It's my birthday!

Thank you so much for all your prayers! Because you prayed for me, I got the best of all gifts-

Life!



Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month. She is truly a miracle. She began as a 46-Chromosome Cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we can now see and hold in our arms. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby.

Thank you for your participation in the Spiritual Adoption program! The time and energy you put into supporting babies and parents in our community by your prayers is greatly appreciated!

<http://www.archball.org/family-life/respect-life/spiritual-adoption/> Information on the developing baby was taken from: Abortion: Questions and Answers, Dr. and Mrs. John C. Wilke, © 1985, Hayes Publishing Company, Inc., Cincinnati, OH. Illustrations(c)L. Brenegan 2001 – may not be reprinted without express permission of the artist.

## A Victory for Religious Freedom

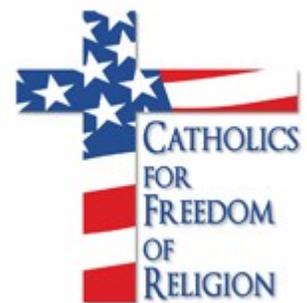
Last week, our Church's work to prevent the crippling fines on religious institution took a good step forward as we received a favorable decision regarding a lawsuit filed by the Diocese of Rockville Centre and others. Please take a moment to read Bishop Murphy's comments. The full text of the bishop's statement can be found at [www.licatholic.org](http://www.licatholic.org).

"We in this Diocese are pleased and thankful to God that Judge Brian Cogan of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York has found that the HHS Mandate violates the law as it applies to non-exempt religious organizations including Catholic Health Services of Long Island (CHS). We applaud a decision acknowledging the substantial burden the HHS Mandate and its regulatory scheme places on the free exercise rights of religious organizations – and that there is indeed no compelling governmental interest here that trumps this Constitutionally guaranteed right to free exercise...

...So critical to the importance of this decision is that the court has correctly cut through the artificial construct which essentially made faith-based organizations other than churches and other houses of worship second-class citizens with second-class First Amendment protections. This decision affirms that our God-given and constitutionally protected freedom of religion must extend beyond merely being free to choose how we worship and must include, as we have said, how we act, in public and in all of our ministries, in accord with our religious beliefs.



Judge Cogan's decision is also significant because, at least for the time being, it pushes back the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from further encroaching upon religious freedom. While it is a wise decision, what should never be lost is that the fight for religious freedom is far from over...The Church will, along with its faithful laity, remain vigilant and continue to stand up for and defend religious liberty."



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### Readings for the Week

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

**Monday, December 30, 2013:**

1 John 2:12-17 + Luke 2:36-40

**Tuesday, December 31, 2013:**

1 John 2:18-21 + John 1:1-18

**Wednesday, January 1, 2014:**

Numbers 6:22-27 + Galatians 4:4-7 + Luke 2:16-21

**Thursday, January 2, 2014:**

1 John 2:22-28 + John 1:19-28

**Friday, January 3, 2014:**

1 John 2:29– 3:6 + John 1:29-34

**Saturday, January 4, 2014:**

1 John 3:7-10 + John 1:35-42

**Sunday, January 5, 2014:**

Isaiah 60:1-6 + Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
+ Matthew 2:1-12

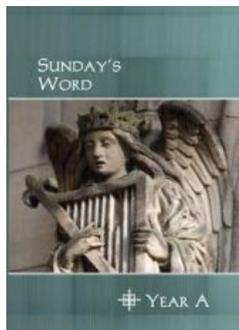
*After reading this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12), take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.*

1. God sent the Magi a message and they rode their camels across half the known world. What would cause you to put forth effort like that? What made the search worth it for them? For you?

2. Compare Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Compare Jerusalem's Herod and the Magi. What does this say about places and people God chooses?

### 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 began 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.



### 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, **January 3rd** 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, **January 4th** 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, JANUARY 4th  
8 P.M. to 11 P.M.**

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

### FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS **Sunday, January 5, 2014**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place next Sunday at 7:00 P.M. in the Church.

Please consider taking some time each **first Sunday evening** to pray with us.

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## WE REMEMBER

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

*Accursio (Gus) Sclafani*

*Helen Baciuska*

*Colleen Stagg*

*Concetta Cerbini*

## Staying Connected...



One way to pray for and support one another is through communication. Thanks to our Social Media Committee, OLPH will soon have a new website that will allow for more information sharing and communication.

We have started a Parish Facebook page....so "LIKE"

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,  
Lindenhurst.**

Youth Ministry and Music Ministry at OLPH also have Facebook pages.



## 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, on these days:

**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**

## 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  
 Dorothy Dechent  
 Joan Weremeichek  
 Ann Marie Nuss  
 Dorothy Vogt  
 Mary Armbruster  
 William Delena  
 John Manning  
 Liam Michael Snow

Deacon Joseph Bartolotto  
 Peggy & Kevin Curran  
 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.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY, December 30—</b> <b>Sixth Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	
6:30	Mercedes Barbosa
12:15	Francesco Stancati
<b>TUESDAY, December 31</b> <b>Seventh Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b> <i>St. Sylvester I, Pope, optional</i>	
6:30	Frank and Frances Peluso
12:15	Alice Langan
<b>Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>	
5:00	Kristofer P. Capobianco
<b>WEDNESDAY, January 1, 2014</b> <b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>	
6:30	The People of the Parish
10:00	Richard Anderson
12:15	Anthony Genato
<b>THURSDAY, January 2</b> <b>St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</b>	
6:30	Fr. Anthony M. Trapani
12:15	Cheryl Wygal
<b>FRIDAY, January 3—</b> <b>Christmas Weekday</b> <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus, optional</i>	
6:30	Rita Brown
12:15	In Thanksgiving for the Garrido Family
<b>SATURDAY, January 4</b> <b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</b>	
8:00	Gregory Campo
<b>Vigil Mass for THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	
4:00	Thomas "TJ" Sciara
5:00	The People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY, January 5</b> <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	
6:30	Helen Halon
8:00	Sanctity of Life
9:30	Steven White
11:00	Louise Donnis
12:30	Catherine Ciraci
5:00	Dominick Yadice

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

<b>Tuesday, December 31, 2013</b>		
7:45 P.M.	Ministry of Praise	Room 14
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Wednesday, January 1, 2014</b>		
<b>New Year's Day—</b> <b>All Offices Closed</b>		
<b>Thursday, January 2, 2014</b>		
4:00 P.M.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 14
5:30 P.M.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 P.M.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous NA	Room 24
8:00 P.M.	Mothers Prayer Group	Room 16
<b>Saturday, January 4, 2014</b>		
8:30 A.M.	First Saturday Breakfast	Cafeteria
8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.	Religious Education— Grades 2—6	School
10:00 A.M.	Special Education	Cafeteria
4:00 P.M.	Special Needs Mass	Auditorium
8:00 P.M.	Nocturnal Adoration	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Sunday, January 5, 2013</b>		
11:00 A.M.	RCIA	Church
1:00 P.M.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria



Due to early bulletin deadlines,

- Collection and attendance counts for December 21/22, 2013 will be reported in next week's bulletin.
- Collection and attendance counts for Christmas will be reported later in January 2014 when final amounts are tallied.

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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**Parish Office:** 631.226.7725

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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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## 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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Last Friday, nearly 100 young people and their families led our parish Children's Christmas Pageant. It was a wonderful night for all! Special thanks to all our parish's children and young people who helped to plan, carry out and celebrate the night!



## Serving Those in Need

The "busy"ness of this time of the year did not stop our parish's youth from serving those in need. From helping with gift sorting and wrapping as part of the Advent Giving Tree project, to making Advent wreaths for families we are providing for through St. Vincent de Paul, to preparing sandwiches for the homeless, our middle and high school youth continue to put faith in action (and have a little fun too!). See next week's bulletin for upcoming 2014 events.



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