

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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See what love the Father  
has bestowed on us  
that we may be called  
the children of God.  
And so we are.  
-1 John 3:1

## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 30, 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.

**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

## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

### A 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*



## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

On Saturday, December 22, 2012, students in our Special Education classes led their family members and guests in a special Christmas Pageant. They did a wonderful job!



Mass for People  
with  
Special Needs  
...and those who  
love them

**NEXT**

**Saturday,  
January 5th**

4:00 P.M.

Auditorium

ALL ARE WELCOME!

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## Thank You!

I need to begin this week's letter to all of you with a very deep, sincere and heart-felt *THANK YOU* to everyone who contributed in any way to our beautiful celebration of Christmas this year. So many people gave of themselves so generously throughout the whole season of Advent, our time of joyful preparation and expectation, and especially in the last days of Advent immediately before Christmas, in order to get us ready for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. So many people gave of themselves on Christmas Day itself and worked to make our liturgies so prayerful and reverent. To all who contributed in any way during Advent and on Christmas — through liturgical ministry, through social ministry and outreach, through offering your service to communal activities of various events in the parish — we as a parish owe you a debt of gratitude. Our Christmas liturgies were celebrated magnificently, and I thank all those who offered themselves so prayerfully and faithfully to make our worship such a beautiful expression of our praise of God and our participation in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ.

There truly is something extraordinarily wonderful and spiritual about OLPH in general and about the parishioners here in particular. As someone who is still somewhat-new to the parish, I see it and feel it; I am sure you do too.

## Thank You Again!

Words of gratitude must also be expressed to all of you who were kind enough to send cards, goodies and other very thoughtful gifts to the priests of the parish. We appreciate your kind-heartedness in remembering us and in sharing your good wishes and words of affirmation. We are most appreciative of your prayers, and please know that you are constantly in our prayers, both at Mass and in our private prayer time.

## Christmas Time

We continue to celebrate Christmas Time! Remember that for Catholics, Christmas Time, like Advent, is a liturgical season spread over a period of time. So, for us, it's still Christmas, and it will continue to be up to and including the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on

January 13, 2013! (It's only on Monday, January 14 that we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time.) If we want to really make a connection between what we celebrate in the liturgy, and the rhythm of the liturgical year that we celebrate at Mass, and our everyday life, then we should, at home, be maintaining as much as possible a spirit of Christmas festivity. We should try to connect and apply the meaning of Christmas and the various feasts that occur during Christmas Time to our families and our homes. The bright lights and the decorations we continue to see inside and outside church evoke in us a sense of the glory of God we celebrate. The whole of Christmas Time gives us the opportunity to reflect on how Christ manifests himself as God and King, to shepherds, to the Magi, at his baptism, to Simeon and to Anna.

For example, today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph reminds us that Jesus' birth occurred within the context of a human family. It can be a great occasion for families to talk about the place of Jesus in their home and family life and how they share faith together.

These days are often days of relaxation, with children off from school and parents sometimes taking some time off from work. Make the most of this "down time," but don't forget that a great thing to do together as a family is to pray. Perhaps you could read one of the stories of the birth of Christ from the Bible (after all, it is still Christmas). Maybe your family could take the time to read and talk about the daily Mass readings; we always print the citations for those readings in this bulletin.

As much as possible, figure out a way to make Christmas not just a day, but an entire liturgical time when Christ comes into your heart and into your home in a new and powerful way.

## Holy Day of Obligation, January 1

Within this season of Christmas Time we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, on January 1. January 1 is also the Octave, or eighth day of the Nativity of the Lord. Easter and the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), as our two principal feasts, are so important that the liturgical day itself (Christmas Day and Easter Sunday) is marked liturgically for eight



days, *i.e.*, the first eight days are all ranked as Solemnities. Thus, January 1 is the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord.

**This day is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics**, and so we are obligated to attend Mass either at a Vigil Mass on December 31 or on January 1 itself; see the schedule of Masses listed elsewhere in this bulletin. It is truly important for us to celebrate this day both as a Christmas Solemnity and to honor Mary as the Holy Mother of God, as this is the day dedicated to her under that title. Of course, any Marian feast day is especially important to us in our parish, as Mary is our patroness under the title of “Our Lady of Perpetual Help.” In addition, although it is not a liturgical day in and of itself, there is also a certain fittingness in marking the end of one year and the beginning of another in a spiritual context by participating in Mass. New Year’s Day in and of itself is not a Holy Day or a liturgical day, but it is appropriate for us to begin a new year by keeping Christ’s Paschal Mystery at the center and as the focal point for all that we will do in the upcoming year.

### **Father Lawrence Onyegu**

As I explained last week, Fr. Lawrence Onyegu is with us as a guest this weekend to preside at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Fr. Lawrence, who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Rockville Centre only this past June (he’s still a “baby priest”!) comes to OLPH to express his thanks to our Knights of Columbus Council, and to OLPH in general, for supporting him during his years as a seminarian. The K of C are hosting a hospitality at their council hall after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, to which all are invited, so feel free to stop by to greet Fr. Lawrence, and to give him the opportunity to express his gratitude.

### **No Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass**

Remember that there is now no longer a 9:00 a.m. weekday Mass on Saturdays; the 8:00 a.m. is the only weekday Mass for Saturday.

### **Wells Fargo**

You may have noticed that although Wells Fargo has packed up their little “tent city” there is still one large bus and a small tent that remains in one small section of our parking lot. After their initial period of time, Wells Fargo asked if they could maintain the bus and small tent for a number of weeks, as they still needed some space to continue to conduct their business. Insofar as they were willing to continue to make a rather significant donation for the use of that space, and the space they need is minimal and represents a negligible

loss of space for our use, I gave permission for them to continue to lease that space from us. Their donations are a help to our financial situation, and they are good tenants. Current plans call for them to remain until the beginning of February.

### **Looking on the Year Past: A Personal Expression of Grace and Gratitude**

Since this is my last Pastor’s Bulletin Letter for 2012, I thought it *apropos* to take a moment to look back on the past year, which, at least for me personally, was a year of great change. The last six months, since I arrived as your Pastor on June 27, have certainly been anything but boring, and have been a big, big change from my former assignment as a seminary professor. They have been an extremely rewarding and spiritually-enriching six months, and it has been a genuine pleasure for me to begin to get to know all of you and to transition into the parish.

Change is never easy for anyone, and so I’m sure there have been times when it has been as difficult for you to get used to a new pastor as it has been for me to transition into my new role. Together, though, I think we have accomplished a great deal over these six months, and there is great hope for the future of OLPH. We have had our difficult moments, most especially dealing with Super Storm Sandy and its aftermath, but even that, as I have written to you on several occasions, was an event of great grace and an opportunity for an outpouring of Christ’s love from and through each other.

Thus, I personally end this year and begin a new one with a theme to which I constantly refer and which I continually use, since it sums things up so well; it’s a theme that just happens to be the title of one of my favorite songs from my favorite Australian female singer — it’s the theme of **grace and gratitude**. I feel very **graced and blessed** to have come to OLPH, and, in the face of what I consider to be such an undeserved great gift, all I can do is simply yet sincerely express my **gratitude to God and to all of you**.

**MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND HOLY NEW YEAR!**

### **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,



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Charity is the paradise of Communities and the soul of the virtues . . .

-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**

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We also celebrate that we all belong to the family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours! Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the coming year so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are suffering.

## 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Our Religious Education Program is in desperate need of

### HALL MONITORS

for the 7th & 8th Grade  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
7:00—8:30pm

Hall monitors assist with keeping our Religious Education classes safe and secure. No teaching, no classroom preparation required.

If you are able to help, please contact the Religious Education Office at 631.226.7725, x. 253

## 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!*

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de Oración- "Jesús Es El Camino La Verdad y Vida" se reúne todos los días Jueves a las 7:00 P.M. en la cafetería. Para información, llamar a Irma Gonzalez a 631.241.5606.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos de el Bautizo y el Matrimonio y Servicio de Pastoral Unión de los Enfermos y la Eucaristía, contacto Padre Juan Sureau – 631.226.7725, x. 224 - [jsureau@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org)

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

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

# 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.

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND  
OFFERING UPDATE**  
December 22-23, 2012

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$3337.00	121	453
6:30 A.M.	1417.00	54	130
8:00 A.M.	2271.00	103	240
9:30 A.M.	2505.00	145	353
11:00 A.M.	2807.00	119	417
12:30 P.M.	2580.00	94	328
5:00 P.M.	1147.00	37	202
6:30 P.M.	376.00	10	185
<b>Faith Direct</b>	\$1774.00		
<b>Mail In</b>	114.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$18,328.00		2308
<b>2011 Totals</b>	\$16,716.00		2135



As we get ready for a new year, now is a great time to enroll in our automatic electronic offertory program with *Faith Direct*. In the same way we may pay some of our bills or make other online donations, eGiving is simply the easiest and most convenient way for you to make, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help to receive, your weekly offering. With *Faith Direct*, you can save time while also helping Our Lady of Perpetual Help reduce our expenses.

Take some time in the weeks ahead to learn more about Faith Direct by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). When you sign up, please remember that our parish code is **NY286**.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### THIS 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!**



## 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.

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **First Time**

**Eric Kreuder (OLA)  
& Katherine Willox (OLPH)**

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

**William J. Belz  
Philomena Melita  
Elsa Hegarty  
Daniel Marcello  
Paul Nantista**



## **Altar Bread & Wine**

The Altar Bread & Wine used during the Masses for the week of **December 30—January 5** is



**In Memory of  
*Russ Vita***

**Requested by  
*Loving wife, Marie,  
Karen Marie, Fran & Families***

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

## **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...**

<b>Elizabeth Taroni</b>	<b>Luca Mazzili</b>
<b>Helen Bartley</b>	<b>Peggy Pannullo</b>
<b>Bob Little</b>	<b>Margaret Stangelo</b>
<b>Connie Perrotta</b>	<b>Charles Muller</b>
<b>Eileen C. Quinn</b>	<b>Betty Cunningham</b>
<b>John Huff</b>	<b>Nettie Deasy</b>
<b>Erika Kroll</b>	<b>Meghan Sullivan Garrity</b>
<b>Catherine Tamburino</b>	<b>Kevin Curran</b>
<b>Richard Brosan</b>	<b>Charles Muller</b>
<b>Mary Doran</b>	<b>Claire Cannon</b>
<b>William Pugh</b>	<b>Robert Gron</b>
<b>Janet Pugh</b>	<b>Mazie Michie</b>
<b>Andrew Pellicane</b>	<b>Bradley Hirst</b>
<b>Joseph Gerbino</b>	
<b>Anthony Cito</b>	

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](mailto: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 31 - The Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 Theresa & Anthony Taliercio

12:00 Irene Brennan

5:00p Jean & Sal Pisciotta

7:00p John W. Stoker

**TUESDAY, January 1— The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

8:00 Hedwig M. & John E. Yuliano

10:00 Vincent Corrigan

12:00 Mass for the People of the Parish

7:00 **NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, January 2- Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church**

8:00 Edwin Lucie

12:00 Ralph Tasso

7:00 Pasquale DiPietrantonio

**THURSDAY, January 3 - Christmas Weekday The Most Holy Name of Jesus, optional**

8:00 Pasquale DiPietrantonio

12:00 Ralph Tasso

7:00 Maryann Schafer

**FRIDAY, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:00 Trent Melara

12:00 Barbara Carr

7:00 Claudelle Michel (Mass of Thanksgiving)

**SATURDAY, January 5—**

**St. John Neumann, Bishop**

8:00 Paul Caserta

4:00 SPECIAL NEEDS MASS (Auditorium)

**Vigil Mass -**

5:00 Ramona—Torres Guillermo

**SUNDAY, January 6—**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish

8:00 Charles Coyne (Living Remembrance)

9:30 Gloria Del Vecchio

11:00 Victor Castonguay

12:30 Joseph Lucas

5:00 All Priests (Living)

6:30 Mass in Polish

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Sisters of St. Joseph Renewal Center Programs: (631-273-1187 X123)**
  - \* Wednesday, **Jan. 2**—1-2:30 “Living with Alzheimers and Dementia” 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood. Free will offering. **631-273-1187 X123.**
  - \* **Jan. 2**—Deepening your Spiritual Practice through the use of focusing” 7:30—9:30pm or Jan. 16 10am—12noon. \$15 per session.
  - \***Jan. 8** - Women’s Spiritual Gathering, 10 am—12 noon. \$15 offering.
  
- The **Sisters of the Cenacle** are planning a number of events for the Advent and Christmas seasons. For information /registration call the Cenacle, 310 Cenacle Road in Ronkonkoma at 631-588-8366 or email: [retreat@cenaclesisters.org](mailto:retreat@cenaclesisters.org). Please take note of the following:
  - 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.**



**The Rectory office will be closed as of 3pm  
Monday, Dec. 31 and will reopen on  
Wednesday, January 2, 2013.**

## Telecare Telethon Time!



*The Best in Catholic Television!*

The Telecare Telethon is the weekend of Saturday, **January 19<sup>th</sup> from 2PM - 10PM** and Sunday, **January 20<sup>th</sup> from 12PM to**

**10PM.** Please tune in on Cablevision channel 29/137 or Verizon FiOS channel 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest “stars” including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of our Diocese. Additionally, visits from some celebrity chefs, musical groups and New York sports teams will help fuel the enjoyment. Join **Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Msgr. Joe DeGrocco and Fr. Frank Nelson** for the 21<sup>st</sup> annual **Telecare Telethon** celebrating the Year of Faith and consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at [www.TelecareTV.org](http://www.TelecareTV.org).

## SEMINARY of the

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*offers the following graduate degrees –*

**MASTER of ARTS in THEOLOGY**

**MASTER of ARTS in PASTORAL STUDIES**

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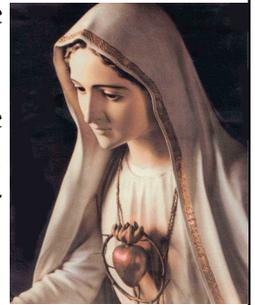
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**First Friday Devotions**— in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—will be conducted Friday, **January 4** at 7:45am and after the 12 noon Mass.

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Our next gathering is **NEXT SATURDAY, January 5, 2013 at 8:00 P.M.** in the Church.

## 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 31, 2012:**

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

**Tuesday, January 1, 2012:**

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

**Wednesday, January 2, 2012:**

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

**Thursday, January 3, 2012:**

1 John 2:29-3:6—4:6 +  
John 1:29-34

**Friday, January 4, 2012:**

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

**Saturday, January 5, 2012:**

1 John 3:11-21 + John 1:43-51

**Sunday, January 6, 2012: The Epiphany of the Lord**

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

*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?



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