

# *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church*

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# Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

-Psalm 91



## 1st Sunday of Lent

February 17, 2013

### PASTORAL STAFF

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

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### 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:** 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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

# PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Celebrating  
50 years of Vatican II

## Monday Nights

February 25, March 4,  
March 11 and March 18

**7:45 P.M. + Church**

Each night we'll gather for Evening Prayer and look at one of the Constitutions of the Council and how we can carry out the work of the Church in our own lives. Come and bring a friend!



**Sr. Mary Alice Piil**  
*Lumen Gentium*  
Dogmatic  
Constitution on the  
Church



**Msgr. Joe Acemoglu**  
*Sacrosanctum Concilium*  
Constitution on the  
Sacred Liturgy



**Tom Acemoglu**  
*Dei Verbum*  
Dogmatic  
Constitution on  
Divine Revelation



**Msgr. Jim Vlaun**  
*Gaudium et Spes*  
Pastoral Constitution  
on the Church in the  
Modern World

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## What are you doing for Lent?

So, this is it...we are underway! We have begun our solemn season of Lent. I have recovered from our Mardi Gras celebration, which really was a festive and joyous occasion. I thank Debbie McDonough and everyone on the Family Life Committee for all their hard work and planning to make it such a great success. As I said last week, it's important to take some time out to go a little crazy with revelry so that we can then settle down to the serious business of Lent.

Please take a few moments to read our special insert with liturgical and catechetical information concerning the season of Lent. It is absolutely essential for each and every one of us to take Lent seriously and to engage in the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Allow me to remind you again that copies of the booklet *What Am I Doing for Lent?* are still available in the church. Consider taking one and using it to assist you in your spiritual journey through Lent.

## Pope Benedict's Lenten Message

The world was stunned to hear of the resignation of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict. As of this writing (Monday morning, Feb. 11), we have very little information, so there is not much I can comment on. We will, of course, continue to pray for the universal Church in the weeks and months of transition ahead.

Several weeks ago Pope Benedict issued his special message for Lent, something which I have been planning on sharing with you. This year's message has the theme "Believing in charity calls forth charity." It is a very beautiful reflection on the meaning of Lent within the context of the Year of Faith, making the connection between faith and charity. The Holy Father makes the point that the entire Christian life is a response to God's love. To believe in God means to be drawn to him and to be transformed by him so that we might love others the way God loves all people. In the words of Pope Benedict: "When we make room for the love of God, then we become like him, sharing in his own charity. If we open ourselves to his love, we allow him to live in us and to bring us to love with him, in him and like him..." That's a good way to think of the goal or purpose of doing penance during Lent — not just for

the sake of doing something or giving something up, but so that doing that penance might increase love in us, and make us more charitable toward others.

If you would like to read the Holy Father's Lenten message, it can be found on the Vatican website, [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va). Click on "The Holy See" in English, then scroll down a little and click on "Latest," and then scroll down again until you come to "Message for Lent 2013" dated Feb. 1, 2013. (Once on the Vatican website you may find it interesting to click on other parts of the website and become familiar with what's there.)

## Lenten Mission Speaker Series

One traditional Lenten practice with which all Catholics are familiar is that of the **Lenten Mission** (if you recall, I was here in Advent of 2009 with three classmates, including Fr. Michael Holzmann, our resident, to give the Parish Advent Mission... *little did I know then....*). This year our Lenten Mission will take the form of a special **Speaker Series** celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. Further information about the series is available elsewhere in the bulletin, and I strongly urge you to take note of the information and to plan on attending as many of the four Monday nights as you can. The talks promise to be enriching and engaging, and it will be an opportunity for us to pray Evening Prayer together during Lent on those nights.

## Stabat Mater and "No Greater Love"

The Lenten Mission is not the only special event we are doing, however. There are two special musical presentations, the *Stabat Mater* and "No Greater Love," which are being hosted by OLPH. Information about these two events can also be found elsewhere in the bulletin, and I thank our Director of Music, Jim Kendall, for arranging for these events. They promise to be yet another avenue by which we enter into the meaning and the spirituality of the liturgical season.

Remember our *Belong More Deeply* initiative where we as a parish focused on inviting someone back to Mass during Advent? Well, actually, the desire for all of us to "Belong More Deeply" is something that is ongoing, for ever and ever. Why not invite someone who has been away from the Church to one of our special Lenten events, either the Mission

Speaker Series, the *Stabat Mater* or the “No Greater Love” musical drama, and accompany them to it? That could be a great way to once again reconnect someone to the life of our parish.

## **Great job, maintenance staff!**

As I write this column we are all still surrounded by mounds and mounds of snow outside; that really was some accumulation we saw as we all endured the Blizzard of 2013! I pray that our parishioners who are still putting their homes and their lives back together after the ravages of Superstorm Sandy have not been too adversely affected by the blizzard, and that the snowfall is not too much of a hindrance in continuing to renovate and rebuild.

I must at this time give a shout-out to our wonderful maintenance men, headed by Vito Cudia, who did such a great job of shoveling and snow-blowing all around our property. As you can imagine, and as you probably know from digging out your own home, it's not an easy thing when it is such a monster of a snowstorm. The guys were out there for quite a few hours doing hard work in order to get our grounds passable for weekend Masses. ***Thank you, men, for a job well done under adverse conditions!***

## **Fundraising**

On Thursday, February 7 we held another meeting of our parish Finance Committee. It was a very productive meeting and the members of the committee, under the able leadership of Mr. Gerry Chille, continued to address the financial situation of the parish and continued to work toward restoring us to solid financial health in the future. There are signs that we are starting to make progress, as we are noting a slight increase in weekly collections (***thank you—please do whatever you can to keep it up!***) and as some indications from our year-to-date reports give us cause for cautious hope. Ms. Ellen Caravella, our regional representative from the diocesan Finance Office, was present at the meeting to review our status with us, and she left the meeting impressed both with the expertise of the Finance Committee and with the direction we are setting for the future.

I am absolutely thrilled to announce that a fundraising committee has been established, made up of Phil Renna Sr., Phil Renna Jr. and Peter Triollo, with John Reynolds as liaison between that committee and the Finance Committee. In the coming weeks and months you will be hearing and reading more about parish events run by the fundraising

committee, and the ultimate goal is to see if we can restore the Parish Feast. As your Pastor I am committed to seeing if we can do this, and I really hope we can.

I am extremely grateful to Phil, Phil and Peter for offering to take the leadership reins on this important undertaking. Their work will be important not only to try to raise funds for the parish but also (and just as importantly) for the community-building and sense of belonging it will create among parishioners. There is much more on this to come; watch for it!

## **Stay for the Closing Song at the end of Mass!**

This next item was mentioned to me recently by a parishioner, and I thought it was a good thing to address. The parishioner felt it was very rude of people to leave Mass while the Cantor was still leading the Recessional Hymn (the Closing Song). I'm sure that people who do this are not doing it to be deliberately rude, but maybe it's something we should all think about.

As an aside, just like every other parish, we have the problem of people leaving Mass early, right after receiving Communion. This, of course, is blatantly wrong and shows disrespect for one's brothers and sisters in the assembly. To think that it is OK to leave Mass as soon as one has received Communion is to completely misunderstand what it means to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist. Unless one has an emergency of some kind, there really is no excuse for leaving right after Communion.

The issue of leaving while the Recessional Hymn is still being sung (but after the priest and ministers have departed) is a different issue, however, and one that is more nuanced. When all is said and done, I do think it is better to stay for the hymn until the singing ends, for several reasons: it does indeed show respect for the ministry of the musicians; it expresses our unity as one Body of Christ in the assembly as we all continue to sing together; it provides a fitting and dignified ending to our worship, avoiding the creation of a distracting environment where some people are singing and others are straggling out.

I therefore encourage all parishioners to stay in the pew and not begin to leave until the singing for the Recessional Hymn has ended. Why be in such a rush to get out of church — is it really such a terrible place to be? It's the little things that make a big difference, and giving just this extra minute or two could have great benefit in terms of the way you think about your participation at Mass. Try it; it can

change the impression we give, one from Mass being consumer oriented, where we come to get what we want and then once we have it we leave, to being focused on our praying together and respecting one another as an assembly who together make up the Body of Christ. You know that we are trying to bring a real liturgical focus to the life of our parish, and we can highlight the centrality and importance of worship by paying attention to little details.

### No letter next week

Next week's bulletin will not contain a Pastor's Letter (*try to keep your cheering down to a minimum!*) as I am away at St. Paul's Parish in Cranston, Rhode Island all this coming week, giving their parish Lenten Mission. I was asked to do this by the Pastor there after he read my book *Take and Eat: Living Eucharistically*, which is an expansion of the mission talk I give as part of the mission I do with my classmates. This time, however, I am giving the whole mission by myself, based on my book, so please pray for its success—and pray for those poor people who will be subjected to me for the entire time! I will return to OLPH next weekend.

By the way, several of you have asked about the next time my classmates and I will be giving the parish mission we gave here several years ago; our next booking is at St. Bernard's Parish in Levittown, March 3-6.

### 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,



### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF YOUR DONATION TO OLPH

If you are in need of a financial statement of your total contribution to OLPH for the 2012 calendar year, for income tax or other purposes, please contact Patti at the rectory, either by phone at extension 206, or by e-mail at [pchavis@olph.org](mailto:pchavis@olph.org) or by letter. We can send you a letter that verifies the monetary contributions you made by envelope and/or by loose checks. This letter would not include money you gave to the Capital Campaign, which is sent under separate cover.

## LENT @ OLPH

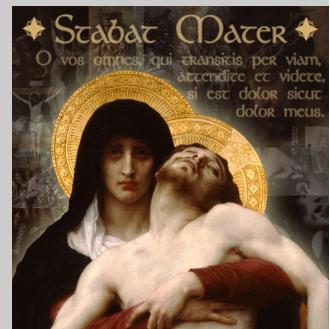


### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS OF  
LENT  
**7:30 P.M.**

**Pergolesi's  
*Stabat Mater*  
Sunday,  
February 24th  
8:00 P.M.**

Originating from the Middle Ages, many composers have set this text to music. The Italian composer Giovanni Battista Pergolesi wrote his brilliant setting only days before his death on March 17, 1736, at the age of 26. The text centers on the suffering and death of Jesus as experienced by His mother, and is sung by our esteemed cantors Linda Garrity and Kara Vertucci.



Narratives and meditations will be offered and keyboard accompaniment will be provided by James Kendall, OLPH Music Director.

# LENT

## ITS MEANING, STRUCTURE, AND OUR CHURCH ENVIRONMENT



### THE MEANING OF LENT

We're going on retreat! True, we may not physically be traveling to a far-off place, but we are nonetheless going on retreat. The solemn season of Lent may be seen as a time of retreat for the entire Church, as we prepare to celebrate Easter and the new life which comes to us through Jesus' death and resurrection. In fact, three focal points can form the basis for our Lenten spiritual journey:

- focusing on the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection;
- final preparation of those in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
- rediscovery of and recommitment to Baptism by those already baptized, through their penance, spiritual renewal, and ongoing conversion.

The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* of Vatican II explains:

*The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent — the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance — should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer. More use is to be made of the baptismal features which are proper to the Lenten liturgy.... The same may be said of the penitential elements. But catechesis, as well as pointing out the social consequences of sin, must impress on the minds of the faithful the distinctive character of penance as a detestation of sin because it is an offense against God. The role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be passed over, and the need to pray for sinners should be emphasized. During Lent, penance should be not only internal and individual but also external and social.*

### THE STRUCTURE OF LENT

Most people know that Lent is 40 days long, but they think that the 40 days are the six weeks plus the four days of the week of Ash Wednesday (which totals 46 days) minus six Sundays, which equals 40 days. But Lent does not end on Holy Saturday; it ends on Holy Thursday evening. The Triduum, or Three Days, beginning with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concluding with evening vespers on Easter Sunday, is a three-day season unto itself, and not merely the final three days of Lent. The span of days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday is 44 days, but the ancient fathers of the Church calculated 40 days by beginning the count with the First Sunday of Lent, and continuing until Holy Thursday. This practice has been kept to the present time, hence the 40 days of Lent.

At least four phases of the season can be discerned:

1. *Ash Wednesday and the next three days:* These four days form a solemn preview of the season; the Scriptures and Mass prayers announce the major aspects of the observance and call us to enter into the season. The First Sunday of Lent begins the period of 40 days, with the Rite of Election for the catechumens being one expression of this.

2. *The 28 days from the First Sunday until the Saturday of the Fourth Week:* Scripture readings and penitential rites provide the structure for these days. Penance services, the Penitential Rite for candidates for reception into the full communion of the Church celebrated on the Second Sunday, and the first two scrutinies for the elect on the Third and Fourth Sundays, are all a part of this time. Only two feasts, the Chair of Peter, Apostle (February 22) and the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary (March 19), break this violet period in 2013. The Fourth or "Laetare" Sunday brings its own nuances, and rose-colored vestments may be worn that day.

3. *From the Fifth Sunday and following:* Attention becomes focused on the passion of Christ.

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*4. The last days, called Holy Week:* These days are given the highest liturgical precedence so the Church will not be distracted from final preparations for the Triduum. Focus on the passion of Christ becomes intensified.

Remembering that Lent is primarily about baptismal preparation and conversion, let us be aware of the structure and movement of this season as we journey toward Easter.

## **CHURCH ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER RITUAL ELEMENTS DURING LENT**

Our church environment will look different during the Lenten season. The environment in which we worship helps us to enter into a Lenten spirituality — what we see (and don't see) and smell and hear is all a part of the way we pray. Here are some things you will notice during Lent:

**THE ASHES USED ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE ON DISPLAY ALL DURING LENT, in our “baptistery” area.** This will be an ongoing reminder of the spiritual journey of Lent, a journey of dying and rising, a journey of changing our lives to be closer to Christ. The ashes come from burned palms saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

**THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH.** The Roman Rite is specific about flowers for this penitential season: they are not allowed! The only exceptions this year are the Solemnities mentioned above.

**THE EASTER (PASCHAL) CANDLE WILL BE REMOVED.** The removal of the Easter candle in its stand contributes to the somber, penitential tone of Lent. The joy associated with sacramental initiation which is celebrated during the fifty days of Easter is out of place during these forty days of preparation, penance, and conversion. This is why adult confirmations and first communions are deferred until Easter Time.

**WE WILL SING THE PENITENTIAL ACT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES DURING LENT.** Singing the Penitential Act will highlight for us the penitential nature of the season and help us to more intently “acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.”

**WE WILL USE THE APOSTLES' CREED INSTEAD OF THE NICENE CREED.** The Roman Missal tells us, “Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used.” So, to highlight the sacredness of the season, we will use the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed, the one we usually use, for all of Lent and Easter Time. This will highlight for us the baptismal character of both the Lenten and Easter seasons.

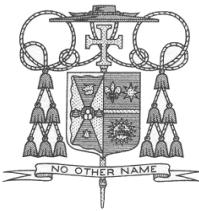
**THERE WILL BE NO SINGING OR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS DURING LENT.** This will help create a mood of prayerful quiet and reflection appropriate to the season. The Priest may continue to pray the preparation prayers silently, or he may recite them out loud, giving the people the opportunity to respond, “Blessed be God forever.”

There are other ritual aspects that go into the celebration of Lent:

- the omission of the *Glory to God in the highest* at the beginning of all Masses;
- the omission of the Alleluia before the Gospel, replaced by another Gospel acclamation;
- traditional Lenten practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;
- Lenten devotions such as Stations of the Cross and our Parish Mission (look for details elsewhere in the bulletin).

As we journey through the days of Lenten springtime together, let us enter into its spirit by anticipating the new life which comes to us through Jesus' resurrection at Easter.

# FROM OUR BISHOP



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the Church will enter once again into the forty days of Lent. From Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will follow the ancient and more recent customs of our Church, journeying with Christ toward Easter. In this Year of Faith, this Lent has an added urgency because the faith that sets us free is often ignored, ridiculed, denied and even attacked. Our response must always be to pray to God to give us the strength "to increase our faith" and so become ever more faithful witnesses to God's love and His presence in a world that is becoming ever more indifferent to Him and His Son's message of salvation.

The Bishops of the United States this past November issued an Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, *God's Gift of Forgiveness*, which can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) as well as on our diocesan website, [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org). It is brief and comes from our hearts. I make that message mine to you at the beginning of this Lent.

When the Risen Christ greets the apostles in the upper room saying *Peace be with You*, He gives them the extraordinary command: *Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them*. As He did for them, He tells us bishops and priests to do for you in His name. And that is exactly what is offered to each and every one of us in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. *The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go to Confession at least once a year*. It is important for us to hear this again today when too many have let the practice of Confession fall out of their lives. In this Year of Faith and in this time, when Pope Benedict calls us to participate in a New Evangelization of our lives, our Church and our society, he also tells us that *The New Evangelization...begins in the confessional*.

In our Diocese we have long had the grace-filled practice of dedicating the Monday of Holy Week to making priests available in the confessional of every parish from 3:00PM to 9:00PM. Our neighbors in Brooklyn and New York now join us in this. Some years ago I wrote a letter to all of you on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. I urged our priests to offer the sacrament more often than Saturdays before the Vigil Mass and as frequently as the priest could so that the sacrament would be more available for us all. I repeat that now with an urgent prayer to God that all of us, the faithful of this Diocese, experience the healing and freeing merciful life of God through this supreme sacrament of forgiveness and renewal of life.

Pope Benedict reminds us that faith and the Christian life is not a theory or a lofty idea, it is an encounter with a person *Who gives life a new horizon and a decisive dimension*. This Lent I pray that, whatever our Lenten works of prayer and fasting and works of charity are, they might be purified and made ever more beautiful from hearts cleansed by the grace of God's merciful love in the sacrament of forgiveness, His saving love poured forth into the world through the death and resurrection of His Son.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Murphy".

Bishop of Rockville Centre

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*Proclaiming God's Word...*

## READERS

Readers prepare and proclaim the Scriptures and the Intercessions at Sunday and daily liturgy. Women and men—from middle school to older adult—are welcome to be involved in this ministry.

For more information, contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [rabecker9550@verizon.net](mailto:rabecker9550@verizon.net).

*In considering the Church as “the home of the word”, attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond. Every liturgical action is by its very nature steeped in sacred Scripture.*

—Benedict XVI,  
*Verbum Domini*, 52



*Serving the Body of Christ...*

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Now, what about you?

Soon the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be sponsoring training and formation days for women and men interested in being Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

#### What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

- Participation in Sunday Eucharist
- Commitment to serve two or three times a month
- Attendance at a Diocesan Training and parish training
- Openness to bring Communion to the Sick

If you have other questions or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Barbara McPhail at 631.226-1354 or e-mail to [gospa101@aol.com](mailto:gospa101@aol.com) and send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to [msgrjoe@olph.org](mailto:msgrjoe@olph.org).

## USHERS

Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! They assist with taking up the collection, guiding people for the reception of Communion and welcoming those who visit our Church.

**New ushers are welcome! If you are interested in becoming an usher, come to the meeting and we will get you started! Men, women, teenagers and families are all welcome!** For more information, please contact Mike Williams at 631.884.2717 or e-mail to [mwilly52@optonline.net](mailto:mwilly52@optonline.net).



## FAMILY LIFE

### HAVE YOU SEEN THE DEAD TREE IN CHURCH?

Family Life invites all children to help bring our dead tree back to life on Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time to do something that will help you to grow closer to God. You may pray more, be more helpful to others, or do chores without complaining.

During each Sunday of Lent pick a leaf from the basket. Follow the task written on the leaf. The following Sunday bring the leaf back to church and place a dogwood flower on the tree as a symbol of the good deed you did during the week.

As Lent progresses, the tree will blossom as a reminder of the life Jesus gave us by dying on the cross and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

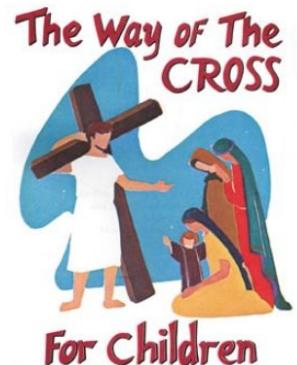
### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

for Families and Children

**March 1st—4:15 P.M.**

**March 22nd—4:15 P.M.**

*Family Life invites all children and their parents to participate in the Stations of the Cross. Come join us as we walk the footsteps of Jesus to each Station and remember the things that happened to Jesus on Good Friday because of His love for us. All parishioners are welcome to participate.*



If your child would like to be a reader and for further information contact:

Debbie McDonough @957-0765 or  
Chris Ferris @ 957-2321  
or email [olphfamilylife@aol.com](mailto:olphfamilylife@aol.com)

## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

### Our Special Needs community celebrates Lent!

#### SPECIAL NEEDS CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 2, 2013 + beginning at 3:15 P.M.—Auditorium

#### SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

Saturday, March 2, 2013 + 4 P.M.—Auditorium

All Are Welcome!

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS at OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

Registration for public-school students who will participate in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Religious Education Program for the 2013-2014 academic year will be held on:

<b>Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.</b>

The Religious Education Office is located at 260 South Wellwood Avenue

Parents with a child now in Kindergarten who will be in the first grade in September 2013 should register the child for religious instruction at this time.

All students entering first grade in any of the Lindenhurst Public Schools and residing within the parish boundaries who wish to make First Communion at the regular time in the second grade must be registered on one of the dates mentioned above and must regularly attend both the first and second grade of the Religious Education Program. Students entering grades 2-8 who did not attend the OLPH program in the past academic year (2012-2013) must also register on the above dates.

Parents registering their children for the first time must bring the original copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate as a requirement for registration, unless the child was baptized in OLPH Church.

For further information,  
please call the OLPH Religious Education Office  
631-226-2384 or e-mail to [religious@olph.org](mailto:religious@olph.org).

Religious Education Office  
260 Wellwood Avenue (Convent Building)  
Monday and Thursday, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.;  
Wednesdays 4:30 to 8:30 P.M.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Over the next few months, our parish will be offering a number of Adult Faith Formation courses helping parishioners to learn about the major beliefs of our Church. Courses will be offered in Liturgy, Old Testament, New Testament and more. Our first course is

### **Living the Christian Life: INTRODUCTION TO MORALITY**

*Here we'll look into the Church's teaching on major moral issues, the history of morality, how we make decision as Catholics and more!*

**Instructor: Fr. John Sureau**

**Dates:** Thursday, February 28th + Tuesday, March 5th + Thursday, March 14th  
Thursday, March 21st + Tuesday, March 26th

**Time:** 7:45—9:45 P.M.

**Place:** TBA

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

Sign me up for **Introduction to Morality!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

## *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

Last week, members of our parish community gathered together to begin the RCIA process at OLPH!

In the weeks ahead, you'll meet and read about these committed young men and women who desire to be fully initiated and received into the life of the Catholic Church.

We gather each Monday night at 7 P.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome to come, pray and learn with our parish's candidates.

Follow the bulletin each week for more details about their journey.

*And what about you or someone you love?*

**Do you want to be baptized and become  
a member of the Catholic Church?**

Now is the time to find out more information about the RCIA process.

Contact Fr. John ([jsureau@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org)/631.226.7725) or Deacon Doug (631.226.7725) for more info.



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

The poor have much to teach you. You have much to learn from them.

-St. Vincent de Paul

## Food Pantry Shopping List

**Shelf Stable Milk**

**Evaporated Milk**

**Powdered Milk**

**Pancake Mix**

**Pancake Syrup**

**Jelly**

**Canned Fruits**

**Jello & Pudding**

**Canned Tuna**

**Canned Meats**

**Pasta Sauce**

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 A.M. —12 noon**

**Tuesdays - 6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, March 2—10 A.M.—12 noon**

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying "Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap..."

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts and into our lives.

## STORM RELIEF @ OLPH

### 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.

**DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, bring furniture to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.**

**WE ALSO NEED MOVERS!** Are you able to help by delivering furniture on Saturday or Sunday mornings? If so, contact Fr. John at jsureau@drvc.org or call 631.226.7725.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT

Catholic Charities continues to offer case management services to those impacted by Superstorm Sandy. Meeting with a case manager can help you to navigate the various systems you need to interact with and provide important networking resources and referrals.

For more information, contact Catholic Charities at 631.608.8882 or 8883 on weekdays between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. or e-mail to [disastercasemanagement@catholiccharities.cc](mailto:disastercasemanagement@catholiccharities.cc) or visit Catholic Charities offices at 147 Schleigel Blvd. in Amityville, NY.

# YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

For High School Students....

## YOUTH FAITH IN ACTION (YFIA)

**Have you been involved in the past?**

Come back to something new and exciting!

**Have you ever thought about getting  
involved in the past?**

NOW IS THE TIME!

**Sunday, February 17, 2013**

-Take the night off!

**Sunday, February 24, 2013**

-Peanut Butter  
and Jelly Gang

**SUNDAY,  
February 24, 2013  
6:00 P.M.**

All are invited to join members of youth ministry and help us to help those most in need. We'll be making Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches to be donated to local homeless shelters.

**WE NEED TONS OF  
PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, BREAD,  
PLASTIC BAGGIES AND  
PLASTIC GLOVES.**

All ages and families welcome!

For more information and to find out ways you can help, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725.

*Help spread the word...and  
the peanut butter and jelly*

Middle School  
Youth Ministry

## Open Gym

THIS FRIDAY

February 22nd

7:30—9 P.M.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday,  
February 28, 2013

**OLPH HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

Needs you  
(and your blood!)

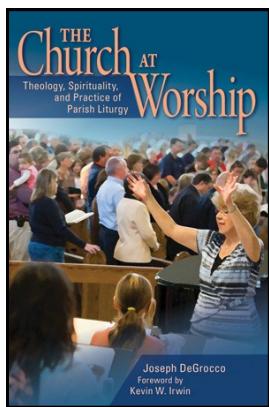
## BLOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY,  
March 16, 2013  
9—2:00 P.M.

School Auditorium



# PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY



## OLPH BOOK CLUB

OLPH is in the process of forming a Parish Book Club where parishioners can gather to share and discuss a particular work.

We hope to begin soon and our first book will be Msgr. Joe's new book, *The Church at Worship*. Msgr. Joe will lead the discussion for each week of the club.

**Before we begin, we need to know who is interested.** To sign up and learn more contact Ann Messina at the Parish Office or e-mail to [messina\\_ann@yahoo.com](mailto:messina_ann@yahoo.com)

*We are in the process of forming a...  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
COMMITTEE  
and can use your help!*

We are looking for many people to be involved in the transformation of [www.olphlindenhurst.org](http://www.olphlindenhurst.org), working to establish a Facebook page, Twitter account and more! If you have some experience in web design, websites, web news, web whatever... we can use your help! Also, if you like to write, take pictures and video, etc. we can use your help too!

If you're interested or want to find out more information, contact Laura Fischer at [itslauraf623@aol.com](mailto:itslauraf623@aol.com) or Father John at 631.226.7725/[jsureau@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org).

## NEW MINISTRY!!!!

### New Mothers' Meal Ministry

## Attention New Mothers!

Bringing home a new baby is an exciting and wonderful experience, but it may also be overwhelming. With all that a new mother has to deal with, the New Mothers' Meal Ministry would like to alleviate some of this anxiety by providing a meal, on a pre-agreed date sometime during the first few weeks when your baby is brought home. If you would like to have a meal delivered by one of our volunteers, please contact Carol Stysiack at [carolstys@verizon.net](mailto:carolstys@verizon.net), with New Mothers' Meal Ministry in the subject line, or call 255 3506 and leave a message. The only requirement is that the new mother be a Catholic residing within the OLPH Parish boundary in Lindenhurst.



# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

### Third Time:

Ryan Fischer & Colleen Tumulty (OLPH)

## WE REMEMBER

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



*Esther Serravillo  
Marjorie Dreher  
Ismael Carbo*

## WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.

### -Rite of Baptism

*Ethan Joseph Fischer  
Matteo Carlos Iorio  
Lillian Lynn McDonald  
Emma Rose Disla  
Shea Madison Meyers  
Holly Dianne Sei*



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

## MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!  
Memorials used during the Masses for week of

**Feb. 18-23:**

*Altar Bread & Wine  
In Memory of  
Mary Ann Oliveri  
Requested by  
Liz Agostino-Pecoraro*

## 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...

John Huff	Denise Kaminsky
Catherine Tamburino	Joseph DiCecilia
Mary Doran	Thomas O'Brien
William Pugh	Bob Little, Jr.
Janet Pugh	Eileen Quinn
Andrew Pellicane	Calvin Nostrom
Joseph Gerbino	Kevin Carenza
Anthony Cito	Regina Khezri
Luca Mazzili	Krystyna Wegrzynowska
Margaret Stangello	Richard Brosan
Charles Muller	Mildred Ippolito
Nettie Deasy	Frances Tozzi
Meghan Sullivan Garrity	Dolores Otten
Kevin Curran	Tony Minni
Charles Muller	Myrna Cuevas
Claire Cannon	Celeste Consigli
Robert Gron	MaryAnn Catena
Bradley Hirst	Carrie McDonald
Roman Reichert	Joseph Ingino
Sarah Pellerito	Richard Valela
Donna Borish	Anthony Kercelius
Mary Marotta	Rosemary McTernan
Fred Nuss	

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.

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Parish Office:** 631.226.7725

**Religious Education:** 631.226.2384

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

631.225.5531

**Youth Ministry:** 631.226.6239

**Parish Website:**

[www.olphlindenhurst.org](http://www.olphlindenhurst.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 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, February 18—

Lenten Weekday

8:00 James Lynn

12:00 Lisa Calise

7:00 *NO EVENING MASS OR DEVOTIONS*

### TUESDAY, February 19—

Lenten Weekday

8:00 Clelia Rotella

12:00 Maria Francavilla

7:00 Carol S. Lodigkert-Masching

### WEDNESDAY, February 20—

Lenten Weekday

8:00 Arlington & Kathryn Walters

12:00 Salvatore Sciametta

7:00 Gaetano Carone

### THURSDAY, February 21—

Lenten Weekday

8:00 Ester Serravillo

12:00 Terence Kennedy

7:00 Elisabeth Schneider

### FRIDAY, February 22—

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:00 Kenneth Galluccio

12:00 George Wagner

7:00 Margaret Stango

### SATURDAY, February 23—

Lenten Weekday

8:00 Bertha Delgado

## Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 Dominick DeGirolamo

### SUNDAY, February 24—

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

6:30 Marian Cody

8:00 Mass for the People of the Parish

9:30 In Thanksgiving of the Infant Prague

11:00 Joseph Cincotta

12:30 Mario Canobbio

5:00 Linda Dunn

6:30 Mass in Polish

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

**Monday, February 18, 2013:**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 + Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday, February 19, 2013:**

Isaiah 55:10-11 + Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday, February 20 2013:**

Jonah 3:1-10 + Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday, February 21, 2013:**

Ester C:12, 14-16, 23-25 + Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday, February 22, 2013:**

1 Peter 5:1-4 + Matthew 16:13-19

**Saturday, February 23, 2013:**

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 + Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday, February 24, 2013:**

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 +

Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 +  
Luke 9:28b-36

1. It took a blinding light for Peter, James and John to begin to see or understand who Jesus was. Think of some times that you have seen the divine in the ordinary. Share your experiences with others. Think of some areas in your country, Church or life that need to be reconfigured before you would be able to see much of the divine in them. Explain.

2. Why do you think Elijah and Moses were part of this scene?



## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING UPDATE

### February 9/10, 2013

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	\$1717.00	58	158
<b>6:30 A.M.</b>	1083.00	30	82
<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	1093.50	52	121
<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	1312.00	63	182
<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	2794.00	111	324
<b>12:30 P.M.</b>	2613.00	100	332
<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	1144.00	35	153
<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	376.00	10	149
<b>Total coin:</b>	13.92		
<b>Faith Direct</b>	1,905.00		
<b>Mail In</b>	731.50		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$14,782.92	459	1501
<b>2012 Totals</b>	\$14,576.00		2200

## 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 Unción 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 los hogares a 7:30 P.M. Para información, llamar Virginia Constantinou a 631.957.1149.

# God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

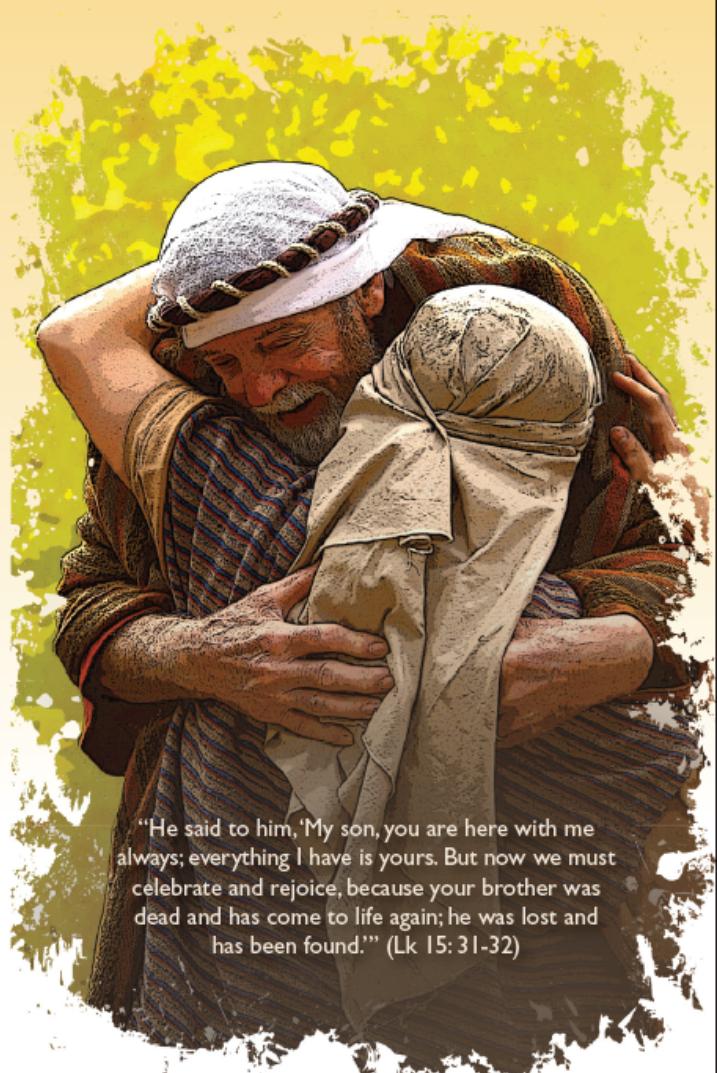
"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.<sup>1</sup> The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns

of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"<sup>2</sup>

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to



"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" (Lk 15: 31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

<sup>1</sup> *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

<sup>2</sup> Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, [www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_spe\\_20120309\\_penitenzieria-apostolica\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html).

# How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all  
the saints,  
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,  
heal your sins,  
help you grow in holiness,  
and reward you with eternal life.  
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy.

(*Rite of Penance*, no. 45)

- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”

- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).

- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/confession](http://www.usccb.org/confession).)



## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Monday—Friday: Immediately after the 8:00 A.M. Mass

Saturdays: 4:00—5:00 P.M.

Reconciliation is always available by contacting the Parish Office (631.226.7725).

*Additional times for the sacrament will be offered during Holy Week.  
Check the bulletin and website for more information.*

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & GUILD will meet Wednesday, **February 20th** at 8pm in the school cafeteria. Deacon Frank Odin will be the guest speaker! Refreshments will be served—All Women Welcome!
- The **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception** is offering two workshops to students and non-students alike and themed for the year of faith:
  - 1) **The Feminine Genius** (Tues mornings Feb.19, 26, March 5, 12, 19)
  - 2) **The Virtuous Man: The Theology of Catholic Masculinity** (Wed evenings Feb. 20, 27, March 6,13)
 For more information or to schedule a celebration, please contact the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at 631.423.0483 or visit Seminary's website at [www.icseminary.edu](http://www.icseminary.edu)
- In Honor of the **Hope House Ministries** Endowment Fund, Fr. Francis Pizzarelli, SMM, invites you to the **Eleventh Annual Endowment Fund Event** Thursday, **March 14** from 6:30 –9:30PM at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook, honoring Mr. Richard LoNigro of Port Jefferson Sporting Goods. For ticket, journal & sponsor info call Anne Hudlow at 540-241-3577.
- **Volunteers needed** for the **Annual Handicapped Encounter Christ Retreat** to be held Thursday, April 25—Sunday, April 28 at Camp Alvernia in Centerport. HEC retreat is for persons 18 years and older with special needs. We are in need of team members, kitchen help, setting up and taking down the camp, as well as drivers for our candidates. Planning meetings will take place on Feb. 18, March 18 & April 15at 7pm (in the lower Church) at St. Kilian Parish, 485 Conklin St., Farmingdale. Call Deacon Frank & Michelle Barone 516-420-1207 or email [Mrbarone@verizon.net](mailto:Mrbarone@verizon.net) for information.
- **FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY:** Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the diocese for the past 39 years for the convenience of parishioners. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at 631.243.2503 or by visiting <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.
- **THE LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC HAS A GREAT WEBSITE!** Now that the *Long Island Catholic Magazine* is underway, we are happy to announce the development of the *Long Island Catholic* website: [www.licatholic.org](http://www.licatholic.org) Bishop Murphy has a blog on this website and he welcomes interaction with you. Rick Hinshaw, George Weigel, Father Bob Lauder, and Msgr. Jim McNamara are regular columnists. There is news not only about current events in our Diocese but also news about Pope Benedict XVI and the Vatican. All it takes is a click of a button at [www.licatholic.org](http://www.licatholic.org) Why not add it to your favorites?

## 2013 Catholic Men's Conference—**RICH IN FAITH**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** at **Holy Trinity High School** in Hicksville. In response to Pope Benedict's proclamation of the YEAR OF FAITH, the Long Island Catholic Men's Ministry has chosen the theme of this year's conference to be "**Rich In Faith**". Experience a powerful, prayerful day featuring speakers like **Kevin Wells, Fr. Michael Duffy**, New York State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus **Sal Restivo** and **our keynote speaker from Catholic Answers, Tim Staples**. There will be all day opportunities for Adoration, Confession and fellowship. Bishop William Murphy will be celebrating a morning Mass.

**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-4:00pm**

Doors open at 7:30am for registration. Breakfast and Lunch available for purchase.  
Call 516-817-0246 for details. Questions or to purchase of online tickets, please go to:

[www.catholicmensministry.net](http://www.catholicmensministry.net)

**February 17, 2013**

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