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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**FEBRUARY 19– 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish
- 8:00 Book of the Faithful Departed
- 9:30 Louis Marrero
- 11:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers Guild
- 12:30 Marie Francavilla
- 5:00 Michael (Mickey) Beltrami
- 6:30 Polish Mass

**MONDAY: Feb. 20— Weekday**

- 8:00 John Sanzone
- 12:00 Helen Congero
- 7:00 Nancy Peterson
- 7:30 Devotions (Novena)

**TUESDAY: Feb. 21– St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

- 8:00 Amanda Hartley
- 12:00 Helen Prendimano
- 7:00 Joseph Vertucci

**WEDNESDAY: Feb. 22—Ash Wednesday (Fast & Abstinence)**

- 8:00 Kenneth Galluccio
- 12:00 George Wagner
- 4:00 Distribution of Ashes Service**
- 7:00 Theresa Sorrentino

**THURSDAY: Feb. 23– St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr**

- 8:00 Frances Kelly
- 12:00 Victor & Bruno Alinovi
- 7:00 Patty Coiro

**FRIDAY: Feb. 24—Weekday**

- 8:00 Arlington Jr. & Kathryn Walters
- 12:00 Vito Salentino
- 7:00 Jadwiga & Antoni Jablonski (50th Wedding Ann.)
- 7:30 **Stations of the Cross** (Traditional)

**SATURDAY: Feb. 25– Weekday**

- 8:00 Jonathan Schmidt
- 9:00 Francesco Vitale

**VIGIL MASS –**

- 5:00 Beth Mehm & Tommy Fountain



The Church is open:  
Daily from 7 am – 8 pm  
except 1:30—6 pm on Thursdays  
when it is closed for cleaning.

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*



*Mission Statement*

“Trusting in God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and, motivated by Christ’s Life, Death and Resurrection, we, the people of God, under the protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, accept as our mission, the evangelization of our parishioners both active and inactive. We accept the call to bring all to a personal, Covenant relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior, to live the Paschal Mystery and to promote the spiritual health and growth of everyone in our parish community.”

*- The OLPH Pastoral Council*



### From the Pastor's Desk:

**The Season of Lent is upon us!** This Wednesday Churches throughout the world will welcome parishioners, visitors and strangers as together we begin the journey of faith exploring Christ's tremendous love for us as He journeys to Calvary to win for all eternal salvation, as He lays down His life for the sins of all mankind and as He conquers death through the resurrection of His body. His words to Martha at the tomb of Lazarus come true... "I am the Resurrection and the Life...." Pope Benedict XVI has issued his message for Lent 2012 and I would like to share it with you and reflect on it over the next few weeks.

The Holy Father writes, "Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Lenten season offers us once again an opportunity to reflect upon the very heart of Christian life: charity. **This is a favourable time to renew our journey of faith, both as individuals and as a community, with the help of the word of God and the sacraments.** This journey is one **marked by prayer and sharing, silence and fasting, in anticipation of the joy of Easter.**

This year I would like to propose a few thoughts in the light of a brief biblical passage drawn from the Letter to the **Hebrews: [Chapter 10, Verses 22 - 25]** **"Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works"**. These words are part of a passage in which the sacred author exhorts us to trust in Jesus Christ as the High Priest who has won us forgiveness and opened up a pathway to God. Embracing Christ bears fruit in a life structured by the three theological virtues: it means approaching the Lord "sincere in heart and filled with **faith**" (v. 22), keeping firm "in the **hope** we profess" (v. 23) and ever mindful of living a life of "**love and good works**" (v. 24) together with our brothers and sisters. The author states that **to sustain this life shaped by the Gospel** it is important to **participate in the liturgy and community prayer**, mindful of the **eschatological [relating to or dealing with or regarding the ultimate destiny of mankind and the world] goal of full communion in God (v. 25)**. Here I would like to reflect on verse 24, which offers a succinct, valuable and ever timely teaching on the three aspects of Christian life: concern for others, reciprocity and personal holiness." [We will continue to reflect on "verse 24" over the next couple of weeks].

As an introduction to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent here at OLPH let's look at the Holy Father's introductory remarks. He is approaching Lent asking us "to reflect upon the very heart of Christian life: charity". Charity is a word that has fallen out of use in the Church although it is still written and seen. Even the new translation of the Roman Missal uses the word "Charity" and not just Love. Some would simply use the word "Love", but Charity is a combination of love and good words. Charity is an action word, and Christ wants action not just love. Love is incomplete without action. I can say "I love you" all I want, but it means nothing without the action of showing that love. For example, "Catholic Charities" cannot just say, "we love the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed". There must be action. Catholic Charities must "feed and care for the poor in mind, body and spirit... they must provide comfort for the lonely, shelter for the homeless and healing for the sick and oppressed." This is the result of living the Gospel of Christ. It is how we enter onto the pathway to God. "And now there remain faith, hope, and charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity." (1 Corinthians 13:13). Many translations use the word love, and that is fine, but it is important, especially in the world we presently live in, to clarify and understand the word charity. Charity is not a "hand out" to the poor; it is an action of love and good works.

Lent is about to begin. You will come with many others to have "ashes" imposed on your forehead in the sign of the cross. The ashes are simply an expression of the sacrifices you intend make through prayer, fasting and good works. Like Charity, ashes mean nothing unless during the 40 days of Lent you Pray = personal prayer time, attend Mass during the week as often as possible, pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday evening following the 7pm Mass; Observe the fast from food and abstain from meat, to sensitize your awareness of the need to sacrifice for yourself and others; Perform works of charity in which, out of love, you reach out to the needs of the hungry poor, the lonely of heart and the sick and dying. The sacrifice of Christ which we reflect on during Lent is meant to motivate us to, in a real way, "sacrifice" by dying to our selfish nature and living the selfless nature of Christ as we reach out and save others. This is Christ's life in action, in us.

*CHECK THE BULLETIN FOR DAILY MASS TIMES AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LOOK FOR WAYS AROUND YOU TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS.*

May God +bless you and yours, today and forever.

*Fr. Trapani*

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

***First Time:***

*Thomas McDonald (OLPH) &  
Tiffany O'Connor (Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon, NY)*



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

***John Bertone  
Elaine Tejera  
Barbara McPhail  
Josephine Carpenter  
Vito Rago Sr.***

Dear God,



*We place our worries in Your hands and ask that You restore Your servant to health again.*

**Baptisms**

***Jorden Alexander James Bailey  
Dante Stephen Calvaruso  
Adrianna Nicole Chavez  
Mikayla Marie Ross  
Aaron Joseph Ross***

*We Welcome you, with love, to our parish family! We have had Baptisms this year.*



**PRAY FOR THE DEAD**

***Walter Zapasek***

*We ask you, O God, to be our quiet strength and consolation.*

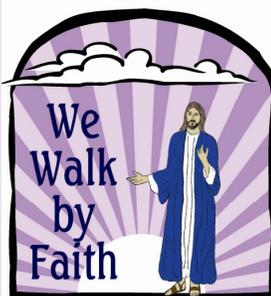


**As Christian Stewards in Today's World, We "Walk by Faith."**

**February 19, 2012 —7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?**

***We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who share their gift of forgiveness with others by seeking (and receiving) special graces through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is almost here!***



**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

Your Parish Finance Council has suggested that this simple bar graph be added to our weekly bulletin to illustrate the gap between the Sunday collection and the amount needed to achieve a balanced parish budget. Since the beginning of our fiscal year, September 1, 2011, we have experienced a weekly shortfall in collections. It is urgent that we begin to reverse this trend.

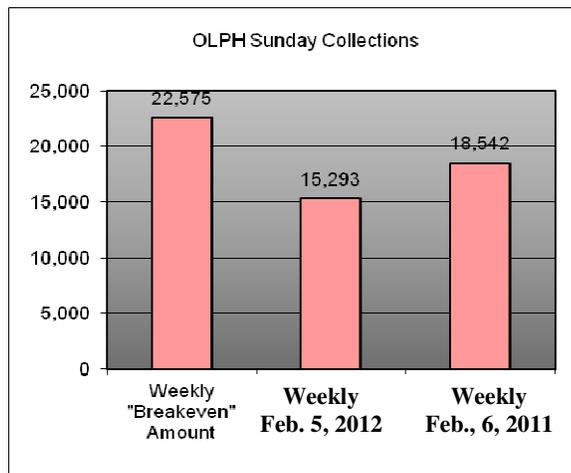
**OUR PARISH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH  
DEPENDS ON YOUR GENEROSITY**

***HELP CLOSE THE GAP!***

***All envelopes must have your account number and offering amount indicated in order for your account to be credited for weekly and special donations.***

***The account number, after the #267, is located under the date. Remember you must be registered (filled out an information card) in the parish in order to receive envelopes. Thank you.***

***We now have 82 parishioners/families enrolled in Faith Direct!  
Church in Need, so far: \$3,623.44***



### PARISH NEWS

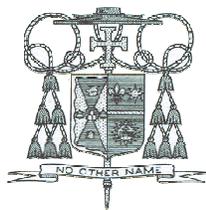
- **The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, Feb. 20 for Presidents Day and will reopen Tues. Feb. 21 at 1pm.**
- As stated in Fr. Trapani's page last week the Episcopal Vicar, Bishop John Dunne, the area dean, Msgr. Christopher Heller and the Vicar for Clergy Personnel, Msgr. Brian McNamara will host an "Open Town House Meeting" to hear the concerns and vision of the larger parish community on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 at 7:30pm in the School Auditorium**. The purpose of this "Open Town House Meeting" meeting is to focus on the future of the parish.
- A bill titled the **Respect for the Rights of Conscience Act** or **H.R. 1179**, in the Senate called **S. 1467**, would prohibit the federal government from requiring a provider to provide, participate in, or refer for a specific health care service contrary to the provider's religious beliefs or moral convictions. The **Reproductive Health Act** seeks to have abortion declared a 'fundamental right' in New York State, prohibiting even basic and widely supported protections, such as parental consent and limits on government funding of abortion. The law would allow any "health care practitioner" to perform an abortion, jeopardize any agency that does not refer for abortion and seriously threaten conscience protections for hospitals and medical professionals. On **Feb. 18 & 19** members of the Respect Life Committee will again **collect signatures** on **both** petitions: one **against** the "**Reproductive Health Act**" AND one **for** the "**Respect for the Rights of Conscience Act**" to send to Albany.  
**Please stand up for your Catholic beliefs! Come sign the petitions.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Lindenhurst School District 2012 Budget Workshop Dates:** Wed., **Feb. 29**, Community input night; **March 6**, Bldg & Grounds, Sp. Ed., Trans; **March 14**, Building Budget, Transportation; **March 19**, Personnel; **March 27**, 2012-13 Budget; **April 4**, B of Ed Business Meeting. All workshops will be 7pm at Administration Bldg, 350 Daniel St.
- **Healing Mass at St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset**, across from Christopher Morley Park (621-8300) 6:30 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Healing Mass Schedule: Tuesday, **March 6**, Tuesday, **April 17**, Tuesday, **May 15**, Tuesday, **June 5**.
- **The Dominican Sisters of Amityville** will host their **Annual Irish Night Dance** Sat, **March 3** at St. Bridget's School, Westbury. Starting with a Mass for "Peace for the World" at 7pm followed by the Irish Step Dancers, Bagpipers and "Celtic Connection Band" at 8pm. Complete with traditional Irish Dinner—\$40pp—call 631-842-600 X 238 or S. Patricia Koehler, OP; pkoehler@aol.com.
- **Bereavement Support Group: St. Mary's Parish**, East Islip, 8 week support group for adults struggling with the deaths of loved ones which occurred prior to Dec. 7, 2011. Registration is required. Wed, **March 7**, 7-9pm. Refreshments will be served. For info and registration call 631-581-4266 X 100.
- **Church of St. Mary's**, East Islip, is hosting "**Compassion Fatigue**" Sat. **March 10**, 9:15—11am presented by Barbara Redmond, R.N., BSN, RTS, for caregivers, parents, professionals and anyone who interacts with others. Come be enlightened and renewed. RSVP to St. Mary's Rectory 631-581-4266 X 100. NO FEE! Refreshments.
- **Dominican Village St. Patrick's Day Celebration—March 16**, 6:30-11pm Helen Butler O.P. Hall, 565 Albany Ave. Amityville. Open Bar, Irish Cuisine, Irish Story teller, Step Dancers! \$2500 Raffle Prize. \$60pp 631-842-6618.
- **7th Annual Divine Mercy Conference—** will take place **March 24** 9am-5pm at Cardinal Spellman H.S. Bronx, NY. Guest speakers include: Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, Abby Johnson & Scott Hahn. **Registration a must:** \$55 per person; \$9 pre-selected lunch (or bring your own) online registration: [www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx); 1-800-462-7426 or by mail. Informational/registration brochures available on the pew ledges.
- **Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy—**provided by NYS licensed therapists available to our parish and 102 other parishes. Services provided by Catholic Counseling Center. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments: call Dr. Giuliani 631-243-2503 or go to our website [thecatholiccounselingcenter.com](http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com).

**The 2011 tax statements are being mailed to those households whose donations total \$200 or more. All others will be forwarded upon request.**

**Faith Direct members should use the statement mailed to each member on Jan. 31 in addition to the statement received from the parish.**



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The season of Lent is an extraordinary moment of grace the Church is called to live every year in preparation for the Sacred Triduum. These Lenten weeks of prayer and fasting and works of charity are all pointed to the solemn holy days of the Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Friday of His Passion and Death on the Cross and then the exultant moments of proclaiming His Resurrection at the Easter Vigil and Easter Day.

What we will celebrate on those days shapes and informs what we seek to become by conversion, prayer and penance in the Lenten season. At the heart of the Cross of Jesus Christ is forgiveness and reconciliation. In fact the message of the Cross is the message that love, God's love for us, the Son's love in human form, that love is poured forth as the greatest act of forgiveness the world can ever know. God forgives us through His Son's death, a death that brings about the reconciliation of all humankind to God. Praised be Jesus Christ! Hail, O Cross, our only hope!

As we enter into the season of Lent with our eyes fixed on Jesus, I would like us all to pray for forgiveness of our own sins and pray for the conversion of the hearts and lives of us all so that we may belong more deeply to Christ, to His Church and to one another. As we examine our consciences and as we see ourselves in the light that shines forth from the Cross, I pray we may all receive the forgiveness that only a merciful Father can give us through His Son and through the Church. I pray that we all will seek the healing of our hearts and reconciliation with God that the Church offers through the great sacrament of merciful love, the sacrament of penance and reconciliation.

And I pray that, as we are forgiven by God, we may also forgive one another and be reconciled with one another so that, as the one Body of His Church, we may celebrate the Easter sacraments worthily and with great joy. Sister Mary Hughes, OP, Prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville, wisely shared these thoughts with consecrated women: "Forgiveness never pretends that all was well...Neither does forgiving mean that one does not speak. Make no mistake. It is wrong to have so many fractured relationships in the Church and in our world". She is right! Forgiveness and reconciliation are sorely needed in our Church and in our world. If God forgives us, we too must forgive one another. You know those whom you must forgive. You know those with whom you must be reconciled. Are they in your family? In the Church? In your neighborhood? Near or far away? Now is the time for forgiveness, now is the time for salvation.

On the Cross Jesus cried out to the Father, "Forgive them". That cry was for each and every one of us. This Lent He will whisper that same cry to each one of us: "Forgive them". As He healed a fractured world and a torn humanity making us one with God and one another, I pray we too might help heal any and every fracture in our lives by imitating Him, forgiving one another from a sincere heart, and reconciling ourselves with one another so that His cross might be not only our hope but the hope for all humankind.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

## LENTEN OBSERVANCES

*Ash Wednesday: Feb. 22*

*4pm Distribution of Ashes Service*

### *Traditional Stations of the Cross*

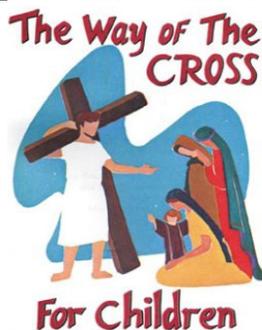
*will be conducted at 7:30 pm*

*Fridays: Feb. 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30*

*and after the 12 noon service*

*on Good Friday, April 6.*

*All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.*



**Family Life** invites

all children and their parents to participate in the

**Stations of the Cross**

Friday, March 9th & 30th

at 4 p.m. in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Come join us as we walk the footsteps of Jesus to each Station and remember what 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



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul : "WE HELP PEOPLE"**

PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY & JAM, TUNA FISH, CANNED MEATS, CANNED & PKG. POTATOES, SHELF-STABLE POWERED & EVAPORATED MILK, PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP, PORK & BEANS, CAKE MIX, JELLO & PUDDING, CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE.

**PLEASE - NO PASTA AT THIS TIME!**

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is located at 272 South Wellwood Ave.

The office is open ONLY on *Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 am—12 noon.* Call 631-225-5531.





**2012 Family Life  
MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION**

**From Happy Hour to Holy Hour!  
Come join us for a family evening of fun  
followed by a Prayer Service**

**As we begin our Lenten journey  
strengthening our relationship with God**

**Date:** Tuesday, **February 21**, 2012  
**Time:** **6:30 to 9:30 p. m.** (doors open at 6 p.m.)

**Location:** **OLPH Parish/School auditorium**

**Cost:** **\$20.00 per family or \$5.00 per person**

Please bring a covered dish to be shared :

Lemonade, ice tea, & water will be provided

**music, games, 50/50, raffles & prizes**

**Mardi Gras King & Queen will be crowned**

**Tear Off: Please return to OLPH Rectory ASAP**

**Attn: Family Life**

210 South Wellwood Ave, Lindenhurst  
**(no tickets will be sold at the door).**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_

# of children & ages \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: cash \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable: **OLPH**)

**\*if possible please bring a covered dish for your family and  
a little extra to be shared\***

**Covered dish** \_\_\_\_\_

All donations will be accepted

Any questions and/or ticket information contact:

**Deirdre Strigaro 225-0928 or**

**Debbie McDonough 957-0765**



**Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus**

**Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum**

**7pm, Wednesday, March 21st**

**\$12 per ticket**



To order tickets, return the form, by **Feb. 18th** to:



**Stephen Strigaro (631) 225-0928**

**131 North 7th Street**

**Lindenhurst, NY 11757-3739**

Checks payable to: **OLPH Knights of Columbus #794**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 each Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**February 19, 2012 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25**

**Ps 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14;**

**2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12**



God forgives sins, and today's readings highlight this glorious truth.

In the Old Testament reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah, we hear the Lord say, "See, I am doing something new. ... You burdened me with your sins, and wearied me with your crimes.

It is I, I who wipe out, for my sake, your offenses; your sins, I remember no more."

Then, in the Gospel from St. Mark, we hear Jesus forgive the sins of the paralytic, healing him spiritually before He heals him physically. The paralytic's friends brought him to Jesus, knowing that Christ is the all-powerful healer, and, St. Mark tells us, "When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven."

It is a fitting theme as we draw near to the season of Lent, preparing to celebrate the greatest miracle of all – Jesus' passion, death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. Truly, though, it is a fitting theme throughout the year as we strive to follow Christ. He came to Earth in order to forgive sins, to take our sins upon Himself and suffer their consequences, offering us, in return, everlasting life.

What a merciful God we serve.

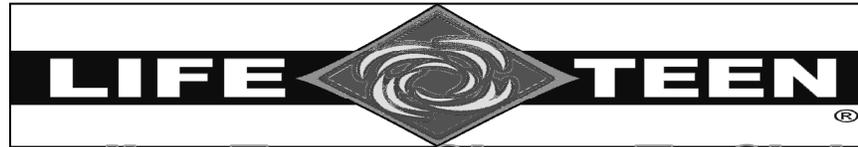
He is here for us. He wants us to come to Him and lay ourselves at His feet, just like the paralyzed man, humbly recognizing our sinfulness and our need for His love and mercy. He pours out His mercy upon us and gives us new life.

The paralytic in today's Gospel is a wonderful example for the rest of us. He shows us the mighty power of God, the loving mercy of God, and the new life that we receive through the Lord, if we are open to His grace. He humbly lies before the Lord, recognizing Jesus' healing power, and he makes himself available to The Lord's work in Him. But he doesn't do it alone. The paralytic needed the help of his friends.

God is here for us today. He pours His grace upon us unceasingly, particularly through the sacraments. He offers us forgiveness of sins in a special way through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And when we yield to the grace of the Sacraments, we are given a new life in Christ. We are given strength to live a faith-filled life on Earth.

Yet, much like the paralytic, we do not live this life alone. We live in community, and we rely on our friends and family for support. What's more, we too, are called to be support to others, to bring others to Christ, to show others Christ by the way we live.

That's what it means to live as a disciple, as a Christian steward – to yield to the grace of God and, strengthened by grace to live a life of faith drawing ever nearer to Christ and helping others to do the same. It is an extraordinary calling. It is an exciting calling, and, as the paralytic in today's gospel shows us, when we do so, we receive new life in Christ, a life that is richly rewarding, spiritually and otherwise.



## Leading Teens Closer To Christ

### LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT: 6pm Life Night: Chain Reaction

- Come see what we are all about! 8th grade through high school welcome :)

#### Bible Study

-Join us Sunday before mass each week for a bible study 4pm in the Life Teen room.

#### Girl's Night!! Feb 24th

-Jess & Britt are planning a good one! All girls welcome!!! Need more details? Email us here

[olphlifeteen1@gmail.com](mailto:olphlifeteen1@gmail.com)

#### Women of Faith

-A new group started by Carol Miranda and Brittany Evans will meet twice a month, this is for all women who have graduated high school and are interested in forming friendships centered around their faith and prayer. Our next meeting will be Tuesday Feb 21st at 7pm in the Life Teen office. Please contact us here for more information [olphlifeteen1@gmail.com](mailto:olphlifeteen1@gmail.com)

#### RETREAT!!

Our retreat is SO SOON!! We still need more teens to make it successful!! Join us for the weekend, spend your time centered around prayer, fun, and amazing people! March 16th, 17th, and 18th at Camp Alvernia contact the Life Teen office for permission slips, non refundable deposits of \$50 are due 2/26.

#### Parents-

Anyone interested in donating food please see Brittany after mass or contact the Life Teen office

[olphlifeten1@gmail.com](mailto:olphlifeten1@gmail.com) or [631-226-6239](tel:631-226-6239)

Lastly please check our website for more details about all the events listed above [www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com](http://www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com)

The Edge is for all middle school age kids – no matter where you go to school—this is the place for you! We meet in the basement of the Convent. Look for the blue door on the south side of the Convent. We meet from 7:30 til 8:45 pm. It's a great place to come, hang out, play great games and learn about our faith.

Just come on down, no need to sign up!



Edge Feb.28th

Check out the EDGE website @ [www.olphym.com](http://www.olphym.com) or call **226-6239** and leave a message for Peggy

### Readings for the Week—Feb. 19-25 2012:

**Sunday, February 19:** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:

*Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12*

**Monday, Feb. 20:** *Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29*

**Tuesday, Feb. 21:** *Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:9-30-37*

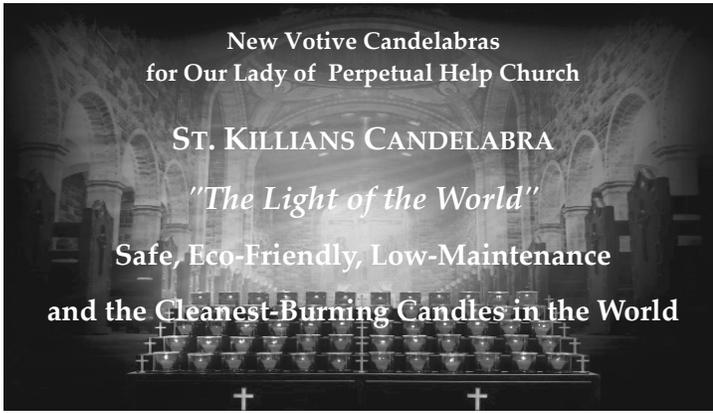
**Wednesday, Feb. 22:** *Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18*

**Thursday, Feb. 23:** *Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25*

**Friday, Feb. 24:** *Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15*

**Saturday, Feb. 25:** *Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32*





This Lenten season our parish will begin replacing the old electric votive racks with new wax-candle racks manufactured by St. Killians Candle Company of Tipperary, Republic of Ireland.

The St. Killians Candelabra provide natural candle light in a safe, clean, eco-friendly environment that is easy to use and maintain. This patented candle rack system is an innovative yet traditional alternative to conventional systems used in cathedrals, churches and shrines. There are many advantages of using this product over traditional and electronic votive racks. These new candles are safe and virtually smoke-free. Maintenance is minimal and simple. Devotion is enhanced with the beauty and warmth of natural candle light.

This new system has been introduced successfully at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York as well as several parishes in our own diocese. These new votive candelabra may be memorialized by one or more families at a donation of \$2500 for each votive rack. More information will be available in the rectory office.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION ✠ DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

PARISH STAFF MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS PLEASE JOIN US!  
*All who work with families come to share ideas, discuss challenges, and learn about exciting family programs happening throughout our diocese*

STRENGTHENING & SUPPORTING THE FAMILY

**FAMILY MINISTRY NETWORK MEETINGS**

AN INTIMATE COMMUNITY OF LIFE & LOVE

SHARING, SHAPING AND SHARPENING OUR MINISTRY TO FAMILIES

*Preparing Our Hearts for the Risen Lord*

An interactive and hands-on presentation of Lenten activities leading us from Mardi Gras to Easter morning

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 • 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757-4989  
Convent Meeting Room

Presenter  
Debbie McDonough • Parish Coordinator • Family Ministry

RSVP by Friday, March 2, 2012  
*There is no fee to attend this meeting. All are welcome to attend!*

Please e-mail Debbie Coyne at [dcoyne@drvc.org](mailto:dcoyne@drvc.org) if you are planning to attend.

[www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org) ✠ (516) 678-5800 ✠ P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571

*"Blessed Are You"*

**Bereavement Conference**

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012

KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, UNIONDALE, NY • 8:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

*For the Bereaved and Those Ministering to Them*

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Specific Loss · Spirituality & Support for All Losses · General Loss ·  
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Online Registration Discount: <http://holyroodcemetery.org/Bereavement.html>

Sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries and the Office of Faith Formation in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

*"...Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted." MT 5:4*

Sunday March 25, 2012  
Seminary Auditorium  
3:00pm

**N.T. WRIGHT**  
Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity,  
University of St. Andrews  
*"How God Became King:  
Why We've All Misunderstood the Gospels"*

For further information, contact:  
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14th Annual Celebrate Life Fund Raising  
Pasta Dinner

Benefit for

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"Special Guest Speaker"

Date: Sunday, March 25, 2012 from 1-5 PM

Place OLPH

Knights of Columbus Hall

400 South Broadway

Lindenhurst, NY 11757



Tickets are: \$13.00 per person, or \$25 per couple  
Includes Dinner, Beer, Wine & Soda

For tickets, send a check made payable to:

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Mail to:

Michael Hearney, PGK, DD

210 East John Street

Lindenhurst, NY 11757

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## **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 2012-2013 academic year will be held on:

<b>Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 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 2012 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 (2011-2012) 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**;

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.;  
Wednesdays 4:30 to 8:30 P.M.; at 631-226-2384.

Congratulation and God Bless  
our newly installed Altar Servers:

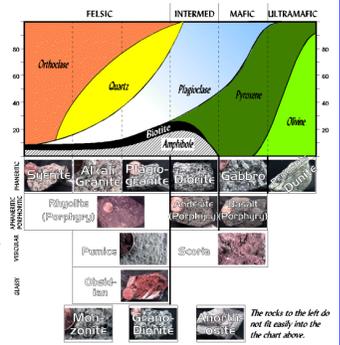
Declan Buckley, Sean Cunningham, Gabriella Krasnodebski,  
Emilia Pawelski, Samatha Provenzano, Jacqueline & Amada Rattigan.

Pictures are from the installation on February 12th.



SCHOOL NEWS

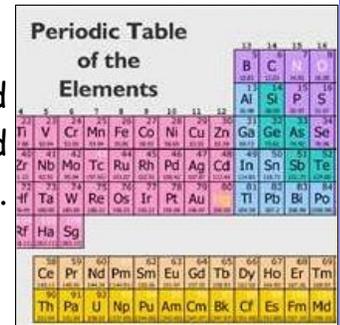
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science** - Students are learning about rocks and minerals. The students during Lab class sifted through sand to find minerals and rocks. They checked a chart to identify each one. They had fun being, *Petrologist* a person who classifies rocks according to the way they are formed.



**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science** - Students are learning about *Heredity and Genetics*. Why do we have blue eyes? Is dimples dominate over no dimples? The students are finding out about their different traits and how it happens through probability and DNA.



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science** - Students are finishing up the *Periodic Table of Elements*, metals, nonmetals, metalloids and gases. The students have learned that some elements when mixed with another element are safe and other elements are unstable. Some are malleable and others are ductile.



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Religion** - the students are learning about God's love for us is unconditional.

He wants us to always be close with Him and do our best!



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Health** - students are learning about how to deal with *anxiety and stress*. How some stress is even good for us. The students are learning that sometimes we need to do relaxing exercise to get through some situations.



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