

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

- Luke 2: 29-32

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2014

### PASTORAL STAFF

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

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Ethel Anarado + Rev. John Sureau

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

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

**Facilities Manager:** Deacon Donald A. Stamm    **Business Manager:** Deacon Thomas J. Bast

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** April Carbaugh    **Music Director:** Christopher Ferraro

### COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

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

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

**Sunday Masses:** 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,  
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

**Holy Day:** 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.  
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

**Wednesday:** 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.

**First Sunday:** 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

**Monday- Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# 2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal

*Serving God by Serving Others*

## ***All funds raised support the Appeal and its Ministries***

Every year, through the support and commitment of individuals and organizations, we serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island community. This support enables our children to continue to receive the gift of spiritual formation, sacramental preparation, and quality education. It allows seminarians, deacons, and lay leaders to fulfill their calling to serve their community. With your support Catholic Charities can maintain its services for the poor and disadvantaged, and we can continue to reach out to our young people and others to find the best ways to guide and pass on our faith from generation to generation.

Many wonder what benefits or services the parish receives from the Appeal. There are many, many ministries which are made possible, in whole or in part, by the Annual Appeal. These ministries connect our local parish with the entire Catholic Church community on Long Island.

### ***By sharing your gifts, you help to:***

- Feed and clothe the needy
- Comfort the sick and dying
- Protect the dignity of all life
- Teach our children about our Faith through religious education programs
- Educate seminarians on their path to becoming priests
- Support outreach programs at the Parish level
- Bring our Faith to young people through youth, young adult and campus ministry programs

**These are just some of the good works  
made possible by the  
Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

**You can make a difference in your parish and  
in the lives of those around us by making a  
gift to the 2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

**Visit the CMA Web Site at**

**[www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org)**

**for more information, or to view the video.**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*

I hope that you have enjoyed our celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord today! In some ways, as this Feast occurs forty days after Christmas, we might consider it the “final closing” to the echoes of liturgical Christmas Time in our liturgical calendar, as we settle in for a period of Ordinary Time until the serious days of Lent begin.

In the days ahead, continue to turn toward Jesus as the Light to the Nations, and rejoice in the ways you, like Simeon and Anna, see the salvation of God appearing in your own life!

### *Catholic Ministries Appeal 2014*

I thank everyone for your positive response so far to our launching of the 2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal. I hope in my presentation to you last weekend I make clear why everyone's participation in the Appeal is so important. As I mentioned, I myself contribute because I believe in the good work it does and because of the ways it benefits our own parish. I respectfully ask that all families contribute to the Appeal.

### *Liturgical Minister Training*

It's that time again, when we are recruiting new liturgical ministers. Liturgical minister training will be taking place for new Readers, new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and new Ushers; look for the information elsewhere in the bulletin. Recruitment for new altar servers will take place separately in the not-too-distant future.

We have made real progress in moving toward achieving the number of ministers we need to adequately cover all our Masses without overburdening people, but we still have a way to go in that area. Sunday Eucharist is at the heart of our life together, and it is important for everyone to be committed to helping to create the proper, reverent and engaged context for the celebration of the liturgy. Each and every member of the assembly, insofar as each person is a member of the Body of Christ participating in the offering of the Sacrifice, is an important part of the celebration. It is also true, however, that it is important to have members of the assembly who offer themselves as liturgical ministers to serve the assembly, so that all the liturgical roles needed for the full celebration of the liturgy can be fulfilled.

We **WANT YOU** and we **NEED YOU** to step forward to offer yourself as a **Reader, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or as an Usher**. Please consider doing so and respond as described in the information elsewhere in the bulletin.

### *Parish Visitation Report*

As you will recall, on the weekend of December 7-8, 2013, Msgr. James McNamara, Vicar (meaning he is Bishop Murphy's representative) for the Central Vicariate made his Pastoral Visitation to OLPH, preaching at all the weekend Masses and meeting with the Pastoral Staff, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, and with representatives from the various ministries, organizations and societies of the parish. I wanted to share with you some of the information from the report which he submitted to Bishop Murphy, which was also sent to me.

I am pleased to announce it was a very positive report that acknowledged the progress we have all made together over the past year and a half. Msgr. McNamara wrote about the sense of new life that has come into the parish and affirmed the direction we are taking. He pointed to the positive energy and all the new ways people are becoming involved in the life of the parish.

There are some areas of growth that we can work on, mentioned in recommendations that were made at the end of the report. The first recommendation focuses on something that we ourselves had begun to notice and will begin to address, and that is the fact that there are many different “bailiwicks” in the parish — in other words, that there is a certain degree of fragmentation among the many different groups and organizations, with each focused on their own little piece but none really having a sense of or strong commitment to the whole. The challenge, then, is to develop a stronger **parish** focus and vision and identity as everyone moves into the future **together**, bringing people together to see the larger picture. We want to see if we can improve the ways everyone works together for the common good of the parish instead of just for one's own group.

We will indeed act on that recommendation, and, in fact, have begun to do so. We are planning a special **Parish Leadership Meeting** for all leaders and heads of parish ministries, societies and

organizations which will take place in March. You'll be hearing more about that in the future.

A second major recommendation mentioned the need to do an updated census of the parish, which we have also begun; it is in its infancy stages and will be rolled out over the course of the upcoming year. This census will help us to serve you better as it will give us valuable current information about who our parishioners are and what the needs are. Look for our big census initiative to be announced, explained and promoted in the weeks ahead.

Other recommendations had to do with some specifics about enhancing the work of the Pastoral Staff in its collaboration and planning as a group, and these recommendations will be explored too.

The Parish Visitation Report has been reviewed and discussed by the Pastoral Council and will be reviewed and discussed at our next Pastoral Staff Meeting, as both groups will use the information in that report to guide us into the future. If you would like to read a copy of the full report, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to send it to you.

#### ***Member Engagement Survey Report***

Recall too that back in October our parish participated in the Member Engagement Survey (the ME-25). We have received the results of that survey, and that information is in the process of being reviewed and discussed with the Pastoral Council and the Pastoral Staff so that we might ascertain how to best use that information to build up the sense of engagement among all our parishioners. Because of the nature of that information, it takes more time and work to go through and digest that material. Rest assured, however, that we are in the process of following up on it. You will receive information about it and hear about how that report will help us move into the future in upcoming bulletins.

#### ***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,



## **A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH**

As we continue through the winter days of cold and flu season and long for the warmer days of Spring to arrive, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another as we gather each week for Mass.

**Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before they come into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).

**Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.

**Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.

**Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

**Mass Attendance:** **MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS!** There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

# 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. Lectors would serve approximately once or twice a month.

You must attend ONE of these training sessions:



**Saturday, March 1, 2014**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
McGann Mercy HS

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014,**

7:30 – 10:00 p.m.,  
St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

**Saturday, March 29, 2014,**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Kellenberg Memorial HS

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

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

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Kellenberg Memorial HS

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 [gospa254@gmail.com](mailto:gospa254@gmail.com). You must also send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to [msgrrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgrrjoe@oloph.org) requesting to become an EM and briefly stating why you would like to do this.

## 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.



USHERS

**New ushers are welcome! If you are interested in becoming an usher we will get you started!**  
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**Saturday, March 29, 2014** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. + Kellenberg Memorial HS

**Men, women, teenagers and families are all welcome!** For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or send an e-mail to [olphushersministry@gmail.com](mailto:olphushersministry@gmail.com).

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—Sunday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord pulls many favorite mementos from the Catholic cupboard: candles, blessings, Christmas, and church. The Mass of February 2 begins with a blessing of lighted candles held by the faithful, who glow with the memory of the birth of Jesus.

The origins of the feast lie in ancient Jewish custom. On the 40<sup>th</sup> day after childbirth, parents brought the infant to the Temple to present it to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary sacrificed two birds for the occasion after the birth of Jesus. Count up 40 days after Christmas and you'll come to February 2. Until the 1960s, we used to call this day "The Purification of Mary." The title changed for several reasons. We no longer believe that women who give birth need purification, and the true significance of the feast concerns Jesus coming to the Temple. He is the Promised One, whose light will shine, beaming rays of hope to all the world. Also on the old calendar, this feast closed the Christmas season. Now we end the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. So, even though the date for the Presentation still depends on Christmas, it has become a feast of Ordinary Time. Since it is a feast of the Lord, it takes precedence even when it falls on Sunday.



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*During all the Masses this weekend we will bless candles which can be used in the home. The candles remind us of the words that the prophet Simeon used when he said that Jesus was a light for the nations. We invite you to take a set of candles home and use them for special occasions. They are available after all the Masses at the doors of the church or after that in the rectory. We ask for a \$5 offering to cover the cost of the candles.*

### **Blessing of Throats on Monday, February 3, the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr**

Monday, February 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century, and it is believed that he was martyred in a persecution in the early fourth century. His association with the healing of throats arose from a legend that while he was in prison he cured a boy who had a fish bone stuck in this throat. The practice of blessing throats with two crossed candles seems to have arisen in the sixteenth century when devotion to St. Blaise reached its peak.

Here at OLPH, we will be blessing throats during the two weekday Masses at 6:30 a.m. and at 12:15 p.m., as the conclusion to the Universal Prayer (the Prayer of the Faithful), as indicated in the *Book of Blessings*.



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

The Committee on Divine Worship marked the 50th Anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* with the publication of *Stewards of the Tradition*. This week, we publish the next section of the document.



## STEWARDS OF THE TRADITION

Fifty Years After Sacrosanctum Concilium

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP

### 2. Liturgical Participation (no. 14–20)

One of the Constitution's most influential propositions was its statement that "the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy" (no. 14). The Liturgy always has been and always will be about our taking part, our experiencing again and again, through rites and prayers, the central events of our redemption and sanctification in Jesus Christ. At various moments in the history of the Liturgy, this participation has taken on different forms, some more visible than others. From as far back as St. Justin Martyr (mid-second century), this interior level of participation has been enacted in the Liturgy through the contribution of a variety of ministries carried on by a variety of ministers. The liturgical reform had as its aim the "full, conscious, and active participation" of the faithful at an interior level that would be manifest in outward signs and tangible expressions. We commend the great strides that have been taken to invite such engagement over the past fifty years: catechesis on the Liturgy that has shaped the role of the liturgical assembly, the service of the faithful in a great variety of liturgical ministries, and the devotion of so many to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. These are but a few of the many signs expressive of our interior renewal and participation. The great care taken in the catechetical preparation for the implementation of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, demonstrates that the faithful take their participation seriously as a means to draw closer to Jesus Christ. We encourage continued zeal in fostering such participation in the mysteries we celebrate. Just as Jesus invited the disciples to "put out into deep water" (Lk 5:4), so each of us is invited to be more "deeply imbued with the spirit of the liturgy" (no. 29).

In order to enable more readily the participation of the faithful, the Constitution also proposed the simplification of the rites when necessary. Part of the reason for this is to underscore the "noble simplicity" of the

Roman rite, which had been encumbered by what were judged to be unnecessary duplications and accretions over the centuries. Because the various signs and symbols are able to speak more clearly, the faithful are able to participate more deeply.

### 3. Proclamation of the Word (no. 51)

One of the greatest graces of the conciliar reform has been the expansion of the biblical texts in the post-conciliar Liturgy. Because the Word of God is truly inspired and, like Christ, both human and divine (cf. *Dei Verbum*, no. 13), the Church rightly understands it as the soul of theology (cf. *Dei Verbum*, no. 24). When the Sacred Scripture is proclaimed within the Liturgy, it becomes an ecclesial event of the risen Christ addressing his people. Indeed, the Liturgy "brings about the most perfect actualization of the biblical texts, for the liturgy places the proclamation in the midst of the community of believers, gathered around Christ so as to draw near to God" (Pontifical Biblical Commission, *The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church*, Section IV, C, 1). With the reform of the Liturgy, the rituals of the sacraments have been enriched by the Liturgy of the Word, which was not previously a regular part of the sacraments. This turn to the Word within the Liturgy has been a key factor in the growth of biblical literacy among Catholics in the past fifty years.

The foundational and essential character of Scripture drives us to continue "to promote that warm and living love for Scripture" called for by the Constitution (no. 24). The 2012 USCCB document *Preaching the Mystery of Faith: The Sunday Homily* is one recent effort for promoting this love, especially among the clergy. We are grateful for all the ways, great and small, that you have worked to encourage the Word, through bible studies, prayer groups, and personal *lectio divina*. To paraphrase St. Jerome, to know Scripture is to know Christ, and, therefore, to be well prepared for celebrating the Liturgy more fully and more deeply.



The Presentation at the Temple  
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

## WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Today we rejoice and celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. Over the years, many men and women have chosen to live out their Baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They do this by joining a religious congregation, or some other form of consecrated life. We pray in a special way for the religious who live and serve in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, for all those in consecrated life and we ask God to bless our Church with others who will dedicate their lives to God's service.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

“The majority of women who succumb to abortion are poor...poverty is a dehumanizing force that leads people to feel trapped and to make this horrible choice. The Gospel of Life demands that we work for economic justice in our country and in our world. In a society where the rich are getting ever richer and the poor poorer, abortion looms ever larger.”  
— Cardinal Sean O’Malley

## Food Pantry

Canned Tuna Fish  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Peanut Butter  
Mixed Canned Vegetables  
(no corn)  
Mashed Potatoes  
Canned Meats  
Canned Meals  
Bath Soap, Shampoo,  
Toothpaste  
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

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Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul gives  
the blessing of Jesus to those who are poor, hungry and  
weeping.

## PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”*

Matthew 25:35-36

*Prison Families Anonymous*, a support group, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system.

At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons. *Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.*

Located at:

Community Presbyterian Church, 1843 Deer Park Ave. (corner of Deer Park Ave. & Lake) Deer Park,  
(parking & entrance in back of the church)

For additional info: 631-943-0441; email: [pfa.longisland@gmail.com](mailto:pfa.longisland@gmail.com); website: [www.pfa-li.com](http://www.pfa-li.com)



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# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY—Seniors!

## OLPH Golden Age Society

The OLPH Golden Age Society meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 11:30am—3:00pm at K of C Hall, South Broadway, Lindenhurst.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us. Any questions call President, Dolores Barone 631-957-3432.

Look for info soon about some exciting new events and ministries for our parish's oldest and wisest members!

*Coming soon ....*

## OLPH SENIOR MOMENTS

Beginning in  
February/March 2014!

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



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

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



## DRIVING MINISTRY THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our driving ministry is already rolling as seek to support some of our parishioners in need of rides to Mass or medical appointments.

**So far nearly ten people have offered their time for this ministry!** What about you?? We can use a few more drivers with a good license and insurance and, of course, some time to donate to others.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182.

## Nursing Ministry

*Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul."*

**3 John 2**

Our parish nursing ministry is off and running. Over 10 parishioners have come forward and have been working on some projects for our parish as a whole and with individual parishioners in need.

Next Sunday, members of our nursing ministry will be at the Family Life Breakfast for free blood pressure screenings.

If you are interested in being a part of this new ministry and want to find out more information, please contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail: [rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com). Our next meeting is **THIS WEDNESDAY** at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Lucy Meeting Room.

# HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES MANDATE



Rick Hinshaw  
*L.I. Catholic*

*The January 29, 2014 editorial in The New York Times basically said what's the big deal with the Little Sisters of the Poor having to sign a form that will opt them out of the mandate. Well it is a very big deal - here is Rick Hinshaw's cogent column from licatholic.org.*

## HHS mandate supporters falsely trivialize threats to religious freedom

As federal court rulings granting at least temporary relief from the HHS contraceptive-abortifacient mandate keep piling up – culminating with Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor’s injunction protecting the *Little Sisters of the Poor* – supporters of the mandate, rather than openly defending it on its merits, are adopting a “what’s the big deal?” mantra, suggesting that the debate is much ado about nothing. All the Little Sisters and other religious opponents have to do, they say, is sign a form that will “opt them out” of the mandate’s requirements.

The claim is false on both counts. The hundreds of affected religious entities represented in more than 90 lawsuits against the mandate are not being allowed to “opt out” of the abortion-contraception requirement; and both the mandate itself and the government’s arbitrary determination to apply it to some religious entities but not others, pose landmark threats to religious freedom.

To briefly review the issue: In 2011, the federal Department of Health and Human Services declared that under the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare), employers must include in their employees’ health insurance coverage sterilization procedures and “contraceptive” drugs and devices — including some known to also act as abortion-inducing drugs, as well as counseling services regarding these products, procedures and devices.

The government decided to grant some “exemptions” for churches whose teachings are morally opposed to these “services.” Yet it pointedly excluded from the exemption many church-affiliated institutions – including Catholic hospitals and health care facilities, charitable organizations, higher education institutions and some religious elementary and secondary schools. It also allowed no exemptions for for-profit businesses whose owners might similarly be constrained by religious principles from providing insurance coverage for such procedures and drugs.

Responding to the ensuing outcry, the Obama administration declared a “compromise”: religiously affiliated nonprofits, rather than paying for such “services,” would be required only to arrange for others to do so. This is what mandate supporters claim is an “opt out” provision: that by simply filling out and signing a two page “Certification” form (EBSA Form 700), religious entities are able to, in effect, exempt themselves from the provision of such objectionable services.

But as the redoubtable Becket Fund for Religious Liberty makes clear in its January 2014 brief supporting Justice Sotomayor’s injunction in the Little Sisters case, this claim is “pure litigator-penned fiction.” Religious entities submitting the form must then provide a copy to their health insurance issuer (for insured health plans) or a third party administrator (for self-insured health plans). As such, the Becket Fund brief explains, “the Form acts as a ‘permission slip’ that authorizes and in some cases commands another organization to provide objectionable drugs to the Little Sisters’ employees within the terms of the Little Sisters’ health plan.” (emphasis mine)

But don’t just take the Becket Fund’s word for it. In granting another temporary injunction protecting a Catholic entity against this mandate – Catholic Diocese of Beaumont (Texas) v. Sebelius – a federal district court cited in the Becket Fund brief recognized that the government’s regulations provide that the certification form “will be treated as a designation of the third party administrator as plan administrator for contraceptive benefits.” Government respondents in the Little Sisters case, the Becket Fund notes, “admit that once the administrators have the forms – and only once they have the forms (emphasis mine) – they are authorized to provide the objectionable contraceptive services.” (emphasis in original) Moreover, government respondents “admit that they will reimburse administrators who have received the forms and pay them a 10% additional fee for all provided contraceptive services. Without the form, federal reimbursement is not available.”

So clearly, those who sign the forms – the religious entities who are supposedly doing so to “opt out” – are in fact authorizing insurance payments and government reimbursement for contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs. This makes perfect sense, for as the Becket Fund notes, if the government’s real purpose was to allow these religious entities to be exempted from the contraception-abortion mandate, such a form would not be necessary at all. They could have simply been included in the mandate’s original exemption for “religious employers.” So something else is at work here, and that brings us back to the question of why this issue is a very big deal, from the standpoint of religious freedom.

This mandate gives the Little Sisters of the Poor – and hundreds of other religious nonprofits – three basic choices:

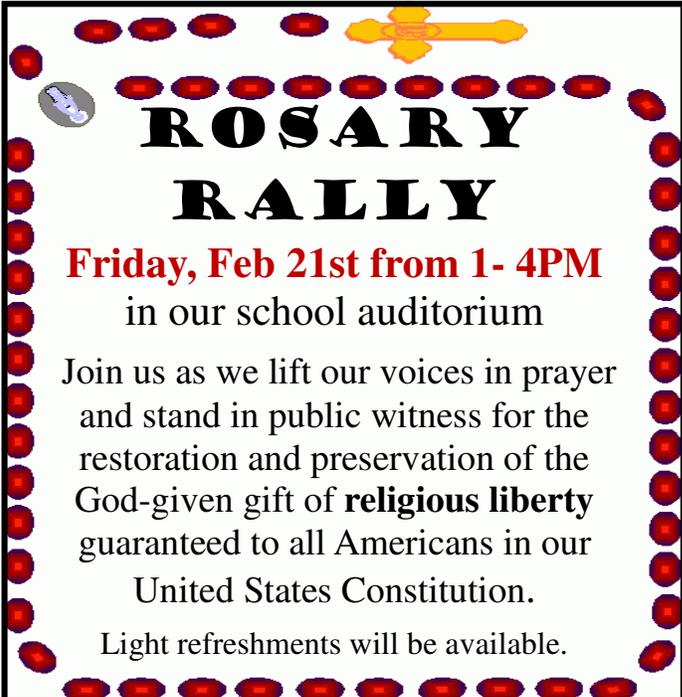
1. They can acquiesce in the government's demand that they surrender their religious freedom, sign the "certification" form, and thereby authorize the use of their employee health insurance plans to provide drugs that their faith teaches are morally objectionable. If they do this, they lend legitimacy to the government's contention that it has the right to force upon faith communities and people of faith practices that violate their religious beliefs.
2. They can refuse to sign the forms, for which they will "face ruinous fines." This could of course put some of these ministries out of existence altogether, leaving their employees with no jobs and no health insurance, and the countless numbers of people they serve – people of all social, cultural, economic and religious backgrounds – without the health care, social services, educational opportunities and other assistance these many and varied religious agencies provide, all across America.
3. They can simply stop providing health insurance to their employees, rather than be coerced into providing them with morally objectionable "services." This too, would of course incur a fine under the regulations of Obamacare; but as Thomas Aquinas College in California illustrated so powerfully in its Fall 2013 newsletter, the fines are far less for denying employees health insurance altogether, than for providing a full range of health insurance, but without abortion and contraception. This calls into question the real agenda at work: is it, as stated, to provide access to health care for all who need it? Or is it to pander to the interests of the abortion lobby? Or, could it be to use health care as a weapon to do exactly what this mandate is doing – launch an assault on religious freedom?

Whether or not that is the intent, it is clearly the effect of this mandate. For if the Little Sisters and the hundreds of others being targeted are forced to comply, they would be validating the government's creation of two classes of religious entities: those, such as dioceses and parishes, that are entitled to full conscience protection and exemption from morally offensive mandates; and those, including faith-affiliated schools, hospitals, and charities, that have no such conscience protection, and can be forced by government to facilitate morally problematic "services," or be punished severely if they refuse.

This insidious government creation of two classes of faith communities goes well beyond the contraception-abortion mandate in its consequences for religious freedom. For what the government is doing here is arrogating to itself the authority to determine – for religious institutions and individual faith adherents – what constitutes their legitimate religious mission. Forget what Jesus taught us, what the Gospels tell us, what the Church has witnessed to through the centuries – the government has decreed that our Church's religious mission is limited to worship in our churches; that it does not include service to the poor, care for the sick or any of the myriad other ways in which we are called as Catholics to take the Gospel out into the world. This is simply not for the government to decide – not in a nation whose Bill of Rights emphatically upholds religious liberty.

Those who are trying to dismiss these issues as "no big deal" need to pay attention to what is happening in our federal court system. In addition to Justice Sotomayor, 18 out of 19 lower court cases have resulted in injunctive relief for religious entities challenging the HHS mandate. While most of these, to be sure, are temporary injunctions, "this rate of unanimity among lower courts," the Becket Fund explains, "is extraordinary," and bespeaks a recognition by the federal courts that "the legal rights at issue" in these cases are "indisputably clear."

However the courts ultimately decide, in other words, they recognize that these cases – no matter how HHS-mandate supporters may try to trivialize them — raise serious Constitutional issues. We need to recognize that as well, and so give our full support to those who, in fighting the mandate, are defending not only their own religious freedom, but ultimately ours as well.



**ROSARY  
RALLY**

**Friday, Feb 21st from 1- 4PM**  
in our school auditorium

Join us as we lift our voices in prayer and stand in public witness for the restoration and preservation of the God-given gift of **religious liberty** guaranteed to all Americans in our United States Constitution.

Light refreshments will be available.

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at 9:30 a.m. MASS EACH SUNDAY**

Allowing children to participate fully in the liturgical life of the parish is an important goal which we strive to attain here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Children should have every opportunity to understand what worship is all about and to be formed by the rites of the Church, especially the celebration of the Eucharist.

In order to achieve this goal, we are happy to have the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** which will be a part of the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday **beginning March 2, 2014**.

### *Where does the idea of the Children's Liturgy of the Word come from?*

It comes out of the *Directory for Masses with Children* which tells us in paragraph 17, "Sometimes, if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own Liturgy of the Word."

### *How does the Children's Liturgy of the Word work?*

After the Collect (the Opening Prayer of the Mass), children **first-grade and older** are invited to come forward to the sanctuary to receive a special dismissal. They are then escorted to a separate chapel set up in the north sacristy of the church, where they listen to that Sunday's readings as proclaimed from the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*. These are the same readings everyone else is hearing in the church, but in a slightly different translation that is easier for children to understand. A special homily is then given to the children to help them understand the readings. This Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful, as the children pray intercessions together. Meanwhile, the Liturgy of the Word has continued as usual in the church. The children return to the church at the beginning of the collection/presentation of the gifts, and participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist as usual.

### *What is the purpose of the Children's Liturgy of the Word?*

The purpose of this is not to offer a babysitting service, nor is it to isolate the children or to make them feel unwelcome. Rather, it is actually an act of hospitality to them: they will be given the chance to listen to the Sunday readings and participate in a homily that will be on their level, and yet still be a part of the worshiping assembly, since they participate in all other parts of the Mass. It does require a certain maturity level and ability to focus, so it is intended for **first-grade children and older**, not kindergartners, pre-schoolers or toddlers.

Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things as are being done in the main body of the church.

Ideally, parents and children then talk to each other on the ride home or later in the day about what they heard in their respective homilies. In this way, God's Word continues to be alive and active in the family's faith life.

### *Suppose I want my child to stay with me in the main body of the church?*

That's fine; parents are in no way required to send their children to the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and no child is forced to participate. Children are welcome to stay in the main body of the church and to participate in the Liturgy of the Word there, where the usual readings and homily will take place. Since we think this is a great opportunity for children, though, we do hope you will encourage your child to participate.

### *Can I get a better idea of what it will look like?*

Sure! On **Sunday, February 23**, we will have a sort of "open house" after the 9:30 a.m. Mass when parents and children will be invited to come and see the chapel space which will be used. People from the Children's Liturgy of the Word Committee will be present to explain how things will work and answer any questions you might have.

# FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

## FEBRUARY HOSPITALITY BREAKFAST

Next Sunday—February 9, 2014  
After the 9:30 A.M. Mass

In the midst of these busy days, take some time to share with other members of the parish community.

A Valentine's Day Craft will be offered for the children and our members of our parish nursing ministry will be available for free blood pressure screenings! A good day for all hearts...a hearty craft...a "hearty breakfast and a "hearty" check!

Come and enjoy the breakfast and meet other parishioners!!!

## CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Children's Bulletins are available at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass. These special Children's Bulletins are handed out by children and families at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass, along with the regular bulletins handed out by the ushers.

**We are in need of families to assist with distributing these bulletins. Can your family help? If so, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail [olphfamilylife@aol.com](mailto:olphfamilylife@aol.com).**

# MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

*from Holy Hour to Happy Hour to Holy Hour*

Come join us for a family evening of prayer, fun, concluding with the burning of palms as we begin our Lenten journey by strengthening our relationship with God!



**Tuesday, March 4  
5:45 p.m. — Church**

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

Please bring a covered dish to be shared with your family and a few others!

## MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: cash \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ *Make checks payable OLPH*

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

Please return to OLPH Rectory or drop in the Collection Basket ASAP

**NO LATER THAN SUNDAY MARCH 2nd.** All donations accepted.

*Any questions or ticket information contact:*

*Deirdre Strigaro 225-0928 or Debbie McDonough 957-0765 or [olphfamilylife@aol.com](mailto:olphfamilylife@aol.com)*

## YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry:  
 Brittany Marie Evans (olph.yfia@gmail.com)  
 Youth Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau (jsureau@oloph.org)  
 Catholic Youth Organization:  
 Mr. Phil Amico (olphcyophil@optonline.net)  
 Boy Scouts: Mr. Tom Duffy (baggage25@hotmail.com)  
 K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia  
 (happynicosias@yahoo.com)  
 K of C Squirettes: Ann Marie Perullo  
 (amp1761@hotmail.com)

# TODAY!!!

## February 2

### 2nd Annual OLPH Youth *Super Bowl*

**ALL YOUTH of OLPH are welcome –  
 immediately after the 12:30 P.M. Mass**

**Lindenhurst Middle School**

**an Afternoon of fun and food**

**(including a tailgate BBQ after game)**

**YOU and any student in middle and  
 high school....no athletic ability re-  
 quired—trust us!!!!**

## HELP NEEDED!

**OLPH Youth Ministry NEEDS EVEN  
 MORE hands and hearts!**

We need some help! Can you assist us by serving as a hall monitor and/or with supervision at our middle school nights?

For more information about ways to help with the youth of our parish, contact Brittany Marie Evans (olph.yfia@gmail.com) or Fr. John Sureau (jsureau@oloph.org).

## MINISTRY OF PRAISE

**Words: “I Believe”**

What we say and how we say it can have a profound affect on us and others. Words can uplift or they can tear down. They can heal or they can hurt. They can bring comfort or despair. Our words are more powerful than you might think. They lead us into an action, one of good or one of evil. I know for myself the time I said, “I believe in God,” it was as a child. It was what I was told to say.

As an adult after reading and seeking God’s words, “I believe” took on a whole new meaning in my life and transformed me to make God the focus of my energy. Some examples: Noah’s “I believe” built the Ark; the “I believe” of Abraham and his son Isaac; of Jacob’s “I believe” to become Israel; Joseph; his son Samuel’s “I believe,” schooled by Eli, when he anointed the kings to rule the Israelites; Saul and David; and the wisest of all, Solomon’s “I believe,” which built the temple of Jerusalem for the Ark of the Covenant.

There are the prophets, the men and women who said, “I believe,” and there is most of all the “I believe” of Mary and Joseph. As I have learned, their lives were not always easy or planned. Their “I believe” changed them outwardly and inwardly. They understood the power of faith in God’s divine providence for their lives and his people, and they kept true to its message. A messiah was coming, and indeed has already come. He has come for all no matter where you are in your life. You may be at peace or in struggle or even in doubt.

So, in this New Year, find the words of “I believe.” Let them illuminate you with the Holy Spirit to enlighten, strengthen and give you persistence in your daily walk of life.

The words we say can and have shaped who we are and how we act. May the words of Christ pour forth with such grace from the mouths of his loving people. It all starts with “I believe!”

**Your sister in Christ,  
 Donna Salina**

Genesis 6:7-9:17	Exodus 1:23	1 Samuel 3:9
Genesis 12:1-7	Exodus 3:16-17	1 Samuel 10:11
Genesis 22:12	Exodus 3:14	1 Samuel 16:7
Genesis 37:3-28	Exodus 20	1 Samuel 16:13
39:1-23	Numbers 24:17	1 Kings 3:12
Deuteronomy 6:-7		1 Kings 3:7-9

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración- "Jesús es el camino, La verdad y la vida" te invita a alabar y glorificar a DIOS todos los Jueves a las 7:00 PM en la cafetería. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Unete a nosotros en oración, alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

También todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

### LECTURAS DE DOMINGO 2 DE FEBRERO DEL 2014

#### PRIMERA LECTURA (MAL 3,1-4): EL SALVADOR TE PURIFICARÁ

El Salvador vendrá a su templo, es decir, vivirá en medio de su pueblo, para purificar nuestros corazones. Entonces nuestras ofrendas agradarán a Dios.

#### SEGUNDA LECTURA (Heb 2,14-18): JESÚS SE HIZO COMO NOSOTROS PARA AYUDARNOS

Jesús se hizo humano como nosotros para comprendernos, para ser uno con nosotros en nuestras pruebas y sufrimientos, para hacernos libres para Dios y para los hermanos.

#### EVANGELIO LC (2,22-40): LA LUZ ILUMINA A LOS QUE LA ACEPTAN.

Los que esperan con fe la venida de Dios le reconocerán incluso en sus humildes apariencias. Pero seguir a Cristo es con mucha frecuencia bien exigente.

Para las ofrendas de pan y vino en el altar, favor llamar a la oficina parroquial al 631-226-7725. Adoración al santísimo Sacramento del altar, en español. El primer sábado de cada mes. Recuerda Cristo siempre te espera.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unión de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 email [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) o en español Irma González 631 620-2401 correo electrónico [lanegra628@yahoo.com](mailto:lanegra628@yahoo.com)

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

Classes will begin in the next few weeks!

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



### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BE BAPTIZED?

### DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED? Interested?

### Want more information?

For more info, please contact Fr. John ([jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) or 631.226.7725) or Deacon Doug (631.226.7725)

### *Liturgy of the Hours*

### EVENING PRAYER

At Evening Prayer, we give thanks for the day just past and make an evening sacrifice of praise to God (see Psalm 141:1). Join our parish for the celebration of Evening Prayer on **Saturday and Sunday evenings** at approximately **6:15 P.M.** (after the 5 P.M. Evening Mass).

**All are welcome!!!!**

### FACES OF THE PARISH

When you visit our parish offices you'll notice some new pictures depicting parish life here at OLPH. Now, we need your help!

Please submit a 4 x 6 picture (preferably electronically) to Tricia Buckley ([buckleyt@optonline.net](mailto:buckleyt@optonline.net)) or drop it off in the Parish Office. These photos will be hung in different places throughout the parish.

Thanks!

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

### Monday, February 3, 2014:

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 + Mark 5:1-20

### Tuesday, February 4, 2014:

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 + Mark 5:21-43

### Wednesday, February 5, 2014:

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 + Mark 6:1-6

### Thursday, February 6 2014:

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 + Mark 6:7-13

### Friday, February 7, 2014:

Sirach 47:2-11 + Mark 6:14-29

### Saturday, February 8, 2014:

1 Kings 3:4-13 + Matthew 6:30-34

### Sunday, February 9, 2014:

**The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time**

Isaiah 58:7-10 + 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

+ Matthew 5:13-16

*After reading next Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 5:13-16) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.*

1. Do salt, light, and a city set on a mountain have anything in common? Do they exist for themselves? What is Jesus saying to us with these metaphors? Did he ask us to be light and salt, or did he tell us we are light and salt? What do you think Jesus wants us to do that might be like these elements? Could they relate to social justice? Explain.
2. What determines the degree of saltiness or brightness? How would a person become more a person for others? Pope Francis says "If we live the faith in our daily life, then our work too becomes a chance to spread the joy of being a Christian." How does this relate to this Gospel?



## MINISTERING TO MOMS

### New Mothers' Meal Ministry

**Who are we?** A group of like-minded women who want to give a new Mom (and Dad) a break by cooking and delivering a delicious meal to your home. We keep the new family in our prayers.



**Who is eligible?** This is available for (Catholic) new mothers in the OLPH Parish.

If you had a baby in the last few months and could use a break, you may contact:

Carol Stysiack at 631- 255 3506 or e-mail [carolstys@verizon.net](mailto:carolstys@verizon.net) and put Meal Ministry in the subject line.



### CALLING ALL MOTHERS!

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the many decisions you have to make for your family?

Do you ever feel as if everything depends completely on you and your actions?

Join us **Thursday evenings at 8 PM in Room 16** to meet with mothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren and offer them into Jesus' care.

For information call:

Barbara Odin: 631-226-0967

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Parish Office:** 631.226.7725

**Religious Education:** 631.226.2384

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

631.226.7725 X 234

**Parish Website:**

[www.olphlindhurst.org](http://www.olphlindhurst.org)

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork

Tricia Buckley (Chair)

Lori Byron

Marie Foster

Greg Guido

Sonia Hansen

John Keller

Kevin Sabella

Christina Taparata

James Totino

Pete Triolo

Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.*

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres

John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett

Deacon Tom Bast

Gerry Chille (Chair)

Ed Cirella

Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®

Bob Dobres

Bob Meade

John Reynolds

Deacon Don Stamm

Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.*

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker

Mark Costantino

Debbie McDonough

Barbara McPhail

Rosaleen Walters

Mike Williams

Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

Chris Ferraro

Deacon Doug Smith

Fr. John Sureau

Alice Vozzo

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, February 3—**  
**Weekday in Fourth week in Ordinary Time**  
*(Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop)*

6:30 Lillian Delacey

12:15 Fred Dell'Isola

**TUESDAY, February 4—**  
**Weekday in Fourth week in Ordinary Time**

6:30 Sophie Soja

12:15 Carolyn Gaurino

**WEDNESDAY, February 5—**  
**Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

6:30 Al Frick

12:15 John Bertone

**THURSDAY, February 6—**  
**Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

6:30 Mass of Thanksgiving

12:15 Carmen Holbrook

**FRIDAY, February 7—**  
**Weekday in Fourth week in Ordinary Time**

6:30 Mass of Remembrance

12:15 Pasquale DiPietrantonio

**SATURDAY, February 8—**  
**Weekday in Fourth week in Ordinary Time**  
*(Saint Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin)*

8:00 Francesco Vitale

**Vigil Mass for**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 Walter Kaminski

**February 9**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

6:30 Patsy Irace

8:00 Holy Name Society

9:30 Steven Sipos

11:00 Anna DiVito

12:30 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Rosa Pinto

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, February 3, 2014**

6:45 P.M.	Religious Ed—Gr. 8	School
7:30 P.M.	Baptismal Prep Class	Room 14
8:00 P.M.	Family Life Meeting	Sci. Room

**Tuesday, February 4, 2014**

5:30 P.M.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
5:45 P.M.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy
7:45 P.M.	Community of Praise	Room 14
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Wednesday, February 5, 2014**

1:00 P.M.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:30 P.M.	RCIA	Rectory Meeting Room
7:00 P.M.	Nursing Ministry Meeting	St. Lucy
7:15 P.M.	Rel. Ed.—Grade 7 Class	School
7:30 P.M.	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:45 P.M.	Respect Life Meeting	Room 24

**Thursday, February 6, 2014**

4:00 P.M.	Music—Youth Choir	Room 24
5:30 P.M.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 P.M.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 P.M.	Music Ministry	Church
7:30 P.M.	Adult Faith Formation—Christology	Room 14
7:30 P.M.	New Mothers Meal Ministry	Room 13
7:30 P.M.	Children's Liturgy Training	St. Lucy
7:30 P.M.	Pre-Cana Meeting	Room 18
7:30 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous NA	Room 24
8:00 P.M.	Mothers Prayer Group	Room 16

**Saturday, February 8, 2014**

8:30 10:00 11:30AM	Rel. Ed. Grades 2-6	School
10:00 A.M.	Special Education Classes	School
1:00 P.M.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, February 9, 2014**

9:30 A.M.	RCIA	Church
1:00 P.M.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!  
 Memorials used during the Masses for week of  
 Feb. 2-8:

*Altar Wine*  
 In Memory of  
**Dennis McHugh**  
 Requested by  
**The Renna Family**

Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 for other options for memorials.

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

### Third Time:

*Darius Sileikis (Holy Family, Flushing) &  
 Jessica McMahon (OLPH)*

### First Time:

*Michael Gregory, Jr. &  
 Christina Ventrella (OLPH)*

## 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

*Magdalen Rose Schafer      Isabella Leah Fahmi  
 Matteo Palazzolo          Antonella Lucia Inzinna  
 Aidan Joseph Chavez*

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

## WE REMEMBER

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

**John Benyo**  
**Michael R. Brooks**  
**William Harman**  
**Frances Mastrangelo**  
**Helen A. Rutkowski**  
**Grace Vellia**

*“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”*

## 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...**

Joan Weremeichek	Baby Alexandra Digiamo
Ann Marie Nuss	Christopher Ditalia
Dorothy Vogt	Michael Cummo
Mary Armbruster	Julia Cicala
William Delena	Anthony Kercelius
John Manning	Bill Maher
Joan Woelfel	Kevin M. Curran
George Walters	Dominick Barone
Baby Liam Michael Snow	Robert Horan
Vincent Malito	William Sullivan
Salvatore Cicala	Serafina Walsh
Herb Otten	William Trigg
Bernard Celestine	
Patricia O'Shea	
Richard Brosan	
Gloria Licameli	

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.



# OFFERING UPDATE

## JAN. 25/26, 2014

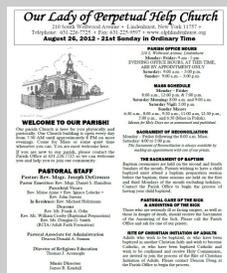
Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$2,911.00	116	306
6:30 A.M.	728.00	24	75
8:00 A.M.	1,672.00	73	170
9:30 A.M.	1,486.00	72	276
11:00 A.M.	2,277.00	120	377
12:30 P.M.	2,641.00	124	407
5:00 P.M.	1,659.00	44	243
<b>Total coin:</b>	<b>30.42</b>		
<b>Mail-ins:</b>	<b>230.00</b>		
<b>Children's env.</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>1,971.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,705.42</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>1,854</b>
<b>2013 Totals</b>	<b>\$17,101.49</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>2137</b>
<b>CANDLES</b>	<b>542.57</b>		
<b>POOR BOX</b>	<b>198.23</b>		

Tax letters for the 2013 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory at 631-226-7725 x. 200 and giving the secretary your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out shortly after request.

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## Staying Connected...

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

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# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ **Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center**, in conjunction with **Good Shepherd Hospice**, will host a lecture, *Bridge to Hope: Hospice for the Grieving Heart* this Valentine's Day on Thursday, **February 6**, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the hospital's Patio Café. The workshop is *free* but registration is required due to limited seating. Good Shepherd Hospice staff will present the program, with Bereavement Specialist Maribeth McKeever, LCSW-R, offering tips, advice and coping mechanisms. Please call Maribeth McKeever at (631) 465-6386 by February 4, to reserve your seat..
- ◆ Continuing the *Marian Healing Ministry of Fr. Dennis Kelleher CSsR* there will be a *Healing Mass* at St. Anastasia's Church, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston– Little Neck, on Tuesday, **February 11** at 7:00pm (Rosary, Mass & Healing Service) 718-631-4454.
- ◆ *"Moving On"* Group, an after bereavement group for widows and widowers, will present *"Stress Identification and Reduction Techniques"* Friday, **Feb. 14** at 7:30 PM at the Church of St. Joseph Parish Center, Babylon. One-time registration & \$10 membership fee required. For more info call Geri Olsen 631-661-8994 or Mike Goodwin 631-422-0957.
- ◆ **Love Them Both...Pro-Life Vigil** celebrating the spirit of Valentine's Day by showing that unborn babies need love, too. Saturday, **February 15th** 9:30AM to 10:30AM peaceful presence on the sidewalk outside the Massapequa Planned Parenthood at 35 Carmans Rd. Rain or shine. [across from the Sunrise Mall] Signs provided. Sponsored by **LI Coalition for Life**: 631-243-1435/ [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).
- ◆ **You Can Help Heal Your Marriage.** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, February 7th, 2014 at the Montfort retreat house in Bay Shore, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

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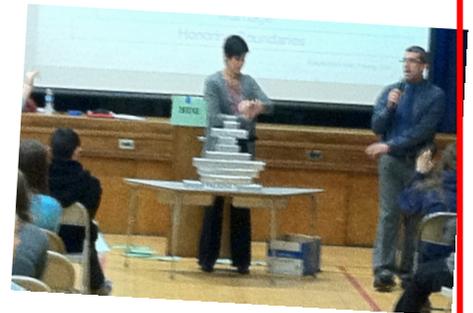
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Our next Adult Faith Formation Class coming soon...

### Historical Development of the Mass

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 10

7:30–9:30 p.m. + Instructor: Msgr Joe



This course will trace the historical development of the Mass from its institution at the Last Supper down to our present day. We will look at relevant texts of the Mass to understand what it means to say "the Church makes the Eucharist and the Eucharist makes the Church" at different historical periods. We will see how the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council restored a patristic understanding of the Eucharist and how the post-Vatican II liturgy is in direct continuity with the authentic whole tradition, restoring a more integrated connection between the theology of the Eucharist and the theology of the Church. Advanced credit is available for those who attend at least 8 out of the 10 hours (4 out of the 5 sessions).

To register, contact Mrs. Patti Chavis at 631.226.7725 X 206 or e-mail to [pchavis@oloph.org](mailto:pchavis@oloph.org).

Fee: a \$20 offering is requested to cover administrative and other related costs.



### Catechist Needed!!!!

One of our 1st Grade Rel. Ed. teachers fell and broke her leg and is unable to return for the remainder of the 2014 program to teach your children. We need someone to fill in for her on Wednesday afternoons. Anyone interested in teaching 1st grade please call the Religious Ed office at 631-226-2384.

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