

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white.
And behold, two men were conversing with him,
Moses and Elijah.*

Luke 9:29-30

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT February 21, 2016

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Rev. John Sureau, Rev. Fidelis Ezeani

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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

Business Manager: Deacon Thomas J. Bast

Coordinator of Faith Formation: April Kleinlaut

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:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
(unless otherwise announced)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 p.m. 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.

THE JOURNEY TO THE EASTER SACRAMENTS

The Elect

Congratulations to our sisters and brothers—*Sofia Ruiz and Leonardo Ruiz*—who were formally recognized and accepted by our diocese as people preparing for the sacrament of initiation this Easter. They are now part of the Elect of the Church. They join *Noel Andrade* as their journey becomes more intense during the period of purification and enlightenment, the final stage before receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. See some pictures from the Rite of Election on the right side of this page and on our parish Facebook page.



Call to Continuing Conversion

On this Second Sunday of Lent, our parish's **candidates**—*Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets and Jamie Wittke*—will participate in the **Call to Continuing Conversion** at St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Ronkonkoma. Here they will join with others joining the Catholic Church, often from other Christian faiths. Their journey, too, will intensify as they journey through these final weeks of Lent. They will be received into the Catholic Church and confirmed on the Second Sunday of Easter.



Please remember the "Elect"—Noel, Leonardo and Sofia—and our parish's candidates — Jason, Lisa and Jamie — in your prayers as they enter this final stage of Lenten preparation for reception of the Easter sacraments.

Inquirers

Please also pray for those who are discerning God's call to join the Catholic community. They are presently in the Period of Evangelization. This period is of the utmost importance for "it is a time of evangelization: faithfully and constantly the living God is proclaimed and Jesus Christ whom he has sent for the salvation of all" (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* 36). They are meeting now to more fully discern if God is calling them to membership in the Catholic Church.



If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. John at jsureau@oloph.org or at 631.226.7725, x. 203.

Adult Confirmation

Our parish is also welcoming those who are seeking to be fully initiated into the life of the Catholic Church. These women and men are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost. They gather on Monday evenings with Robert Becker and other members of the Pastoral Staff. Those preparing to receive Confirmation include: *Lawrence Baronciani, Tulio Cabal, Jennifer D'Agostino, Dayna Foley, Ybrahin Junior Hernandez and Michael Sangiorgi.*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Second Sunday of Lent

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent each year is always one of the accounts of the Transfiguration of Jesus, from either Matthew, Mark, or, this year, Luke. As proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of what we share in by sharing in Christ's resurrection. Yet, in Luke's Gospel, coming both before and after the Transfiguration, are predictions about the passion, suffering and death of Christ. Thus, the promise of future glory is never without the reality of having to accept suffering in this life. If we're going to follow Christ, then we must accept the suffering that is part of living the gospel as readily as we want to share in the risen glory. We share in the glory of Christ by sharing in both His humiliation and His triumph through our works of sacrifice and prayer during Lent.

This connection between passion and glory, suffering and resurrection, death and new life, is highlighted in the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer (coming immediately before the *Holy, Holy*) for today's Mass; in that prayer we acknowledged how the Transfiguration, in manifesting Christ's glory, revealed, "...even by the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection."

Take some time this week to reflect on the entire mystery, the Paschal Mystery, that is our focus during Lent-Easter Time — that in order to rise with Christ we must die with Him, and how we experience that passage and transformation through Him, with Him, and in Him, in our daily life.

New Liturgical Ministers

It's that time of year again, when we are recruiting new liturgical ministers, specifically Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers (new Altar Servers will be recruited separately, and soon). Please see the information elsewhere in this bulletin about signing up.

Allow me to once again remind you that liturgical ministers are not "window dressing" to the liturgy, but rather they enact vital roles that allow the liturgy to be conducted with the fullness and dignity with which the Church intends. These roles are not for "someone else" to do; they are for YOU. It is essential for us to have enough ministers in these roles to serve the assembly at all our Masses adequately, not only so that the celebrations may be enacted properly and with dignity, but also so as not to overburden the ministers who serve.

We have made tremendous strides over the past few years in bringing up the number of Readers, EM's and Ushers, and I am very grateful to all who have

offered themselves to join those ministries in recent years. I am also extremely grateful to the ministers who have been serving in those ministries for a long time; your commitment and sense of loyalty and responsibility are invaluable! We still have a little ways to go to bring the numbers up where they should be, and so if you are not serving in one of these ministries, I ask you to step forward now. If you are serving, please consider asking someone you know to offer their gifts.

Special thanks go to Robert Becker, Barbara McPhail and Mike Williams, who consistently coordinate the Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers, respectively, with such competence, patience and proficiency.

Altar Server meeting

The notice is running elsewhere in this bulletin, but I want to give an extra reminder to all of our current altar servers (our young people — not the adults who serve during the week) that we are having a special meeting on Monday, February 29 at 4:30 p.m. in the church. We'll be going over and signing up for all the special liturgies for Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum, so it's important for all servers to be there.

I want to take this opportunity to highlight all the great young people who offer their time and their talent as altar servers. As you can see at liturgy, they are a very dedicated group of young people who are very prayerful and spiritual in the enactment of their ministry. I am proud and grateful to have these young people involved in the life of the parish in this way. As I mentioned above, we'll be recruiting new altar servers soon, so I hope all young people in the fourth grade and older will give serious consideration to becoming an altar server.

Parish Mission at St. Barnabas in Bellmore

You may recall that I am one of four priests on a team that gives Parish Missions throughout the diocese; we did our Parish Mission here at OLPH in Advent of 2009. Every so often a parishioner will inquire about our next Mission. Well, we'll be going to St. Barnabas Parish in Bellmore this week. Along with me in the Mission team are Msgr. Jim Vlaun, President and CEO of Telecare, Fr. Michael Holzmann, who was here for one year as a resident priest and who is now Pastor at Holy Cross Parish in Nesconset, and a recent addition, our own Fr. John Sureau! Our Parish Mission at St. Barnabas in Bellmore begins tonight (Sunday), February 21, with Msgr. Vlaun speaking; then, Fr. John presents on Monday night this week;

Fr. Michael on Tuesday night; and I am the speaker this Wednesday night. All evenings begin at 7:30 p.m. If you would like another taste of the Parish Mission that we gave here, feel free to come by and join us!

Also, as advertised elsewhere in this bulletin, our own Parish Lenten Mission here at OLPH is coming up soon, and I ask that you set the time aside now to join us. It's a major event for our parish during Lent, and we want to see everyone there. Fr. Paul Fagan, C.P., will be the presenter, and I can promise you very dynamic and powerful presentations that will deeply enrich your Lenten journey. March 7, 8 and 9 are the dates for the OLPH Parish Lenten Mission.

HandCrafting Justice

You may recall that for the past two years, in 2014 and 2015, we hosted a group called HandCrafting Justice. The mission of HandCrafting Justice was to market women's handcrafts and raise awareness about the root causes of poverty, gender inequality, and social issues. This fair trade economic justice project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd sold fair trade handcrafts made by women in 20 countries throughout the developing world. We were happy to host them here for one weekend each year as they sold their handcrafts because we were helping to support a ministry that helped people to live a dignified life and that provided food, education and shelter to families.

You were so generous with HandCrafting Justice, and I received such positive feedback from you, that I thought I should share this information that I received this past week; I will share the text with you *verbatim*:

"With bittersweet emotion HandCrafting Justice is announcing that we have closed our doors as of January 31, 2016. The work that we proudly initiated 20 years ago has resulted in over 6,000 women earning a living wage each day, and we are so grateful. Your assistance has been invaluable to our artisans and has impacted their lives tremendously. We are pleased to

say that the artisans have been working with their own local markets to ensure a more sustainable income. However, they will continue to be supported by the International Good Shepherd Foundation and its Mission Development office. If you wish to continue to donate to the mission, please contact their offices at www.fondazionebuonpastore.org. Thank you for your support and friendship through the years.—Sr. Maureen McGowan, rgs"

Grant Writer

On a final note, many times people, aware of our precarious financial situation, will often remark to me that they hear of grant money that is available for non-profit organizations. Grant writing is, of course, a very specialized skill that takes time and expertise. I am open to realizing some income from grants, but I have to admit I don't have the first clue as to what might be out there or how to go about applying for grant money that we might be able to get. If you have, or if someone you know has, expertise in knowing what grant money is out there and how to go about obtaining it, please feel free to contact me at msgjrjoe@oloph.org. However, to be perfectly honest, ideas and suggestions won't help much. I need someone who would be willing to take the ball and run with this and just get it done. If you are able to do that or can find someone who will, please contact me.

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,




Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Monday night Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been a longstanding OLPH tradition. Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure.

Monday, February 22
Monday, February 29

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

There will be an important meeting for all Altar Servers on **Monday, February 29 at 4:30 p.m. in the church.** At this meeting we will discuss all the liturgies for Holy Week and Easter, and you will have the opportunity to sign up for your preferences to serve. Come prepared to sign up for as many as you would like to request to serve at! All Altar Servers are expected to attend. If you are unable to be there, you must contact Msgr. Joe at msgjrjoe@oloph.org before the meeting to let him know.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

*Walking by Faith in a Holy Year of Mercy
Save the dates...*

**Monday, March 7 + Tuesday, March 8
+ Wednesday, March 9
7:30 p.m. + Church**



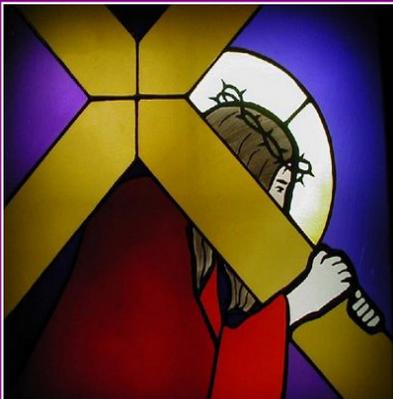
*Mission Talks Offered each day after the 12:15 p.m. Mass
and at 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service (same talk afternoon and evening),
Monday and Tuesday; closing Mass Wednesday night*

This year our parish Lenten Mission will be led by
Fr. Paul Fagan, C.P., a Passionist priest, a preacher, and a runner.

Monday, March 7 — “What Do We Stake Our Life On? The Soil of a Faithful Person and a Good Parish Community”

Tuesday, March 8 — “Are We willing To Take A Risk?”

Wednesday, March 9 — “God Demands Our Life as Individuals, Families and Parish Community!”



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

We are continuing a custom started last year of having different groups from the parish lead the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights during Lent as a great way to highlight the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

February 26: Family Life Ministry and Children’s Choir

We would love to have some help by welcoming those who come, reading parts of the prayers and helping with the procession around the church. Please contact Jessica Ladolcetta at familylife@oloph.org. We would love to have you!

March 4: Community of Praise and Children’s Liturgy of the Word

March 18: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Respect Life

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT SIN

"I am a sinner. This is the most accurate definition. It is not a figure of speech, a literary genre. I am a sinner."

Those words of Pope Francis from a 2013 interview get right to the heart of the mystery of sin in our life. The simple fact is that sin is a reality. We can't rationalize it away, and we can't find excuses; we sin. As much as we try to blame others and try to find all sorts of reasons to say it's not our fault, the unvarnished truth is we sin.

Ironically, though, it's only by admitting the truth of our sinfulness that we can truly discover and experience the inconceivable depth and richness of God's mercy. As Pope Francis remarked in 2010, "Only we big sinners have this grace of knowing what salvation really means." That's because to understand what sin is, we first have to start with God's love.

We are profoundly loved by God with a love that is unconditional and life-giving. God has given us the gift of life. Through baptism, God has given us the gift of union with Christ and with each other in the Church. In the face of God's free gift, the only proper response on our part is a response of love that is given back to God, a love that makes our life a gift to Him and that leads to living in the way He asks us to.

Sin sets itself against God's love for us and turns our hearts away from that love. Like the sin of Adam and Eve, it is disobedience, a revolt against whereby we desire to have a mastery

over our life that in truth belongs to God. Sin is an inordinate love of self, even to the point of putting oneself before God. It is a proud exaltation of self, in contrast to the obedience of Jesus, whose observance of the Father's will brought about our salvation.

Sin can be likened to a disorder or sickness. Take the example of our physical health: sometimes we are seriously ill, and sometimes we just have a cold. So, too, with spiritual health: sin can be serious (mortal) or less serious (venial).

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that "sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity." (1849)

Sin is a personal act, but our sins can sometimes lead others to commit sin. Our participation in collective wrong-doing can lead to "social sin," sin that gives rise to social situations and institutions that are contrary to the very nature of God.

The awareness of sin in our life should lead us to immediately trust in God's mercy. We have the great gift of being able to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance. The Sacrament of Penance brings us the experience of God's love and mercy, proving to us His desire to keep us always close to Him as His beloved sons and daughters. ❖



FRIENDS OF MUSIC

“The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art.”

- The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112

The *Friends of Music* is an initiative to help support the music ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Through the generosity of our *Friends*, we are able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. Please consider supporting the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for the 2016 season.

Contributions are used to support the music program including Advent Lessons and Carols, concerts, additional brass, woodwind and string instruments for special liturgies on Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

Contributions can be given at the following levels:

- Cherubim (up to \$24)
- St. Ambrose (\$25 to \$49)
- St. Augustine (\$50 to \$99)
- St. Gregory the Great (\$100 to \$199)
- St. Cecilia (\$200 and above)



It will be primarily through the support of the *Friends of Music* that we will be able to expand our ability to produce high-quality music in our majestic church for the praise and glory of God.

To make a contribution by mail, simply send a check made payable to OLPH to:

OLPH Friends of Music

210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

If your contribution will be in memory of someone or in honor of an occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, etc., please make note of the event and/or person(s) name(s).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Ferraro at cferraro@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210. Thank you for your support of our Music Ministry.



Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery:

An Evening of Fellowship, Action, and Reflection on Christ's Passion



Friday, March 11, 2016
6:00pm - Soup Supper
7:30pm - Prayer and Reflection



On this Friday of Lent, we'll gather for a night of fellowship, music and reflection. The evening begins with a Soup Supper in the Auditorium where we will share a simple meal, mindful of the hunger of so many, and a reminder of our desire to grow closer to God. Following the Supper, we will gather in the Church for a night of prayer led by our parish music ministry. Using St. Luke's Gospel, we will seek to discover the many ways the message of Christ's death and resurrection can transform our lives right here in Lindenhurst. See upcoming editions of the bulletin for more information!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



The Legion of Mary

will be starting their *Total Consecration to the Blessed Mother* on February 20, through March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation (however, in 2016, because March 25 is Good Friday, the liturgical celebration of the feast is transferred to April 4).

This is 33 days of prayer and reflection following the book entitled "Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary" which can be purchased from Montfort Publications, 631-666-7500. We will state our Total Consecration on April 4 after the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

During the month of April, there will be a special Mass called the *Acies*, held at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bayshore where we will again state our Consecration to the Blessed Mother.

*"I am all yours, my Queen,
My Mother, and all I have is yours."*

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.
Call Marie D'Angelo, 631-884-0562
for more information.

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on 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. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from the Good Friday fast and abstinence.

Prayer for Peace

Following Bishop Murphy's request, we are asked to pray this prayer privately, and we are encouraged to use this prayer as a part of all meetings and gatherings held here at OLPH.



*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,
Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!*

*Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice
and brotherly love.*

*Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.*

*Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and
defend the great gift of peace.*

*May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.*

*May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign al-
ways over us all. AMEN*

Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)

Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...



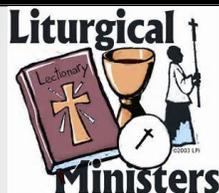
Saturdays and Sundays

After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

"The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself 'continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.'"

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING



WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU!

OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW READERS, USHERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

What do Extraordinary Ministers do?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Those who wish can also go on for extra training to bring Holy Communion to our homebound sisters and brothers.

How Do I Become An Extraordinary Minister?

1. You must contact Barbara McPhail at 631.226-1354 or e-mail to gospa254@gmail.com.
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to msgrjoe@oloph.org requesting to become a minister.
3. You must meet with Msgr. Joe for an interview.
4. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions (see below). If you wish to also bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, you must attend a separate "Part B" training session. Information about that session can be obtained in your interview with Msgr. Joe.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART A" FOR ALL MINISTERS

Saturday, March 12, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at McGann-Mercy High School, Riverhead

Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART B" FOR THOSE WHO WILL BRING COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at McGann-Mercy High School, Riverhead

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

What do Readers do?

Readers proclaim the Scriptures and sometimes the Intercessions at Sunday and daily Mass and at other liturgies.

How Do I Become A Reader?

1. You must contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or email to rabecker@optimum.net
2. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.



READERS

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McGann-Mercy High School, Riverhead

Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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What do Ushers do?

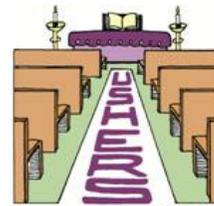
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of the assembly during processions such as the reception of Holy Communion and at other times. Taking up the collection is another way Ushers serve the assembly.

Who Should Become an Usher?

Anyone, including teens who have received Confirmation, can become an Usher. This is a great ministry for **families to do together...the young ones can do this with parents and older children!**

How Do I Become an Usher?

You should contact Mike Williams at olphushersministry@gmail.com or, if you don't have e-mail, leave a message for Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office, (631) 226-7725 and he will pass the message along to Mike.



All liturgical ministers must complete a Volunteer Registration Form, have Virtus training and be a registered parishioner. For information about becoming Virtus compliant: Contact Jean Bjork at jean.bjork@gmail.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

LAUDATO SI'



Catholic Social Teaching Through the Lens of *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' most recent encyclical has created great discussion within and outside the Catholic Church. The publication of this document gives each of us an opportunity to better understand the Catholic social teaching of the Church, in general, and the

Church's teaching on the environment, in particular. The course will include a reading of the encyclical.

Thursdays—March 3, 10, 17, 31 and April 7
7:30—9:30 p.m. + Place: Room 18, OLPH School
Instructor: Fr. John Sureau

Yes, please, Sign me up!

Catholic Social Teaching Through the Lens of *Laudato Si'*

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

@ _____

A \$20.00 Free Will Offering is requested of all who attend the class.

IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation — are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children celebrate those sacraments at OLPH. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). That is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.
- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with the Religious Education Office, and they and their parents must participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.
- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents must attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

If you are a parishioner with a child in a Catholic elementary school, or if you homeschool, and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered in the program, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building

Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253

Email: religioused@oloph.org

Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
(akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM

TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM

WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM

THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM

SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM

Level 2 Video About Mass

Our Level 2 students are filled with anticipation as they get ready for First Communion! To help prepare, a few classes watched a video about the Mass.



Level 4 Parent/Child Workshop

On February 6th, parents and children in Level 4 spent time together in the classroom. Parents also had a presentation with Monsignor Joe. Check out the photos!



Upcoming Dates

Level 6

Student-only presentation on vocations
this Wed., 2/24!

Level 3

Parent/Child Workshop Sat., 2/27

Level 4

Penance (in Church) Sat., 3/5

NO CLASS on 3/7 or 3/9—

**Levels 6, 7, and 8 must attend a
night of the Parish Mission!**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR 2016/17

Students must have a **Baptismal certificate** at the time of registration and be **registered with OLPH parish prior to** registering with the Religious Education program.

Tuition for 2016/17 Year: One child: \$130, two children: \$165, three or more: \$195.

For more information, please call the Religious Education Office at (631) 226-7725
or email us at religioused@oloph.org.

Our goal is to bring your child into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church.

Please spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cfr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
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- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Caroline Grogan—(631)225-7688—straightclaw@optonline.net
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494

NEW Food Pantry List!

Pasta Sauce with Meat

Hot & Cold Cereal

Canned Juice

Baked Beans

(No other beans at this time please!)

Paper Towels

Shave Cream

Bath Soap

Toothpaste

Shampoo

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the "New" School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

THE
bluedoor
BOUTIQUE

Hours of Operation:

Mon/Wed/Fri 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Third Sunday of each month -1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Closed Tuesdays and Thursdays

The entrance to the Thrift Boutique is on the south side of the parish campus, next to the St. Vincent de Paul bins. Park using the Gates Street/High Street Parking Lot.

New treasures arriving every day!

Come explore *The Blue Door Boutique* and find:

The latest Teen Trends at affordable prices—Forever 21, Hollister, A&F, and more.

Top brands on display in Men's and Women' clothing including—Talbots, Coach, Lands End, London Fog, Vineyard Vines, and more.

Household items including—candles, dishes, crystal, wall art, knick-knacks and collectibles from Corningware, Pyrex, Precious Moments, Lenox and more.

Discovering a great find is half the fun! Visit The Blue Door Boutique see for yourself.

Want to get involved in the Blue Door?

E-mail to thebluedoor@oloph.org for more information!

We need greeters, sorters and floor workers!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

HOMELESS MINISTRY

FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com. You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

DONATIONS

During these winter months, we are in need of the following:

heavy socks (we have plenty of the regular white tube socks)

male underwear (small, medium & large)

gloves

underwear

thermal underwear M-L-XL

socks

Mens shoes/boots 9-15

Mens jeans-all sizes

Sleeping bags

If it is easier, we can always use Kmart gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

MEMORIAL CARDS

The OLPH Conference of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Memorial Cards** are now available. The Memorial Cards are a wonderful way to honor the dearly departed while benefitting the less fortunate in our community. A beautiful "Living Memorial" Card will be sent acknowledging your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Donation forms are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Monday, Wednesday & Friday) or at the Rectory.

For further information, please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) You are ELIGIBLE if:

- You are aged 60 and over
- You live in New York State
- You meet gross monthly income guidelines

Single Senior...\$1276.00

Senior Couple...\$1726.00

You must bring proof of birth date, address and income to register

Call 516-623-4568

for information and locations near your home.

MIDDLE AGES

OLPH Middle Ages Group prepared and delivered a "huge" Super Bowl Party to The Veteran's Place in Yaphank to help celebrate the 50th Super Bowl Anniversary Game.

Our next gathering is
Wednesday, March 2
7:00 p.m. in Room 10
(in the basement of the old school)

For information call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at

gtonness@optonline.net



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Gabriel's Courage

- Having a difficult pregnancy?
- Doctors telling you your child has a condition not consistent with life?

Contact the Respect Life Office, Diocese of Rockville Centre at 516-678-5800



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who normally meet once a month on a Tuesday.

Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, February 23
at **9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

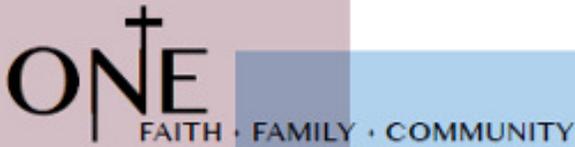
Widows and Widowers provides a comfortable, social setting for men and women who have lost a spouse to support and encourage one another.

Our next meeting will take place on

Tuesday, March 15
at **6:00 p.m. in Room 18**

For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parishes.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-379-5210 ext. 2.

There are also materials available on the pew ledges for you to review.

OLPH
2016 CMA GOAL
\$107,000

Pledge: \$ _____ Down Payment: \$ _____ Balance: \$ _____ Parish: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

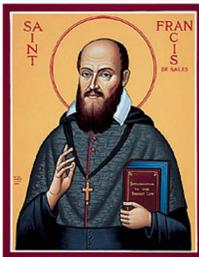
Phone: _____ E-mail _____@_____

Donor Signature: _____ Date _____

*Place in weekly collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office or
Visit www.drvc.org/cma to make your donation. Make Checks Payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal*

FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Hi! My name is St. Francis de Sales, and I'm the patron saint of writers. That's why your Pastoral Council has picked me as their patron and intercessor in this column which they offer to you. Here we will grow in our appreciation of the Catholic faith through questions and answers. So, I encourage all of you to send me your questions about Catholicism. All questions are welcomed and all will remain just between you and me (we won't print your name in the bulletin). Please e-mail pastoralcouncil@oloph.org and each time this column appears, a new question will be answered. So, let's get started! I'll pray for you what I pray for everyone: May the Lord grant you His peace!



"God is never angry for His sake, only for ours."
— St. Thomas Aquinas

What does it mean to do a daily examination of conscience?

We all at one time may have encountered an exam. For example, in school, it may be an exam testing our knowledge in English, math, or science. For accountants or lawyers it may be a CPA exam or a bar exam. For those working for the public sector it may be a civil service exam. Once a year (hopefully) we may go to the doctor for that annual physical exam. But out of all the exams we have taken or may need to take, there is one exam that is probably the most important for our well-being: the examination of conscience.

Unlike that annual physical, which occurs once a year, this exam should occur daily. For instance, in order to keep our body clean on the outside, we may wake up in the morning and take a shower each day or maybe take a warm bath at night. But we also need to keep our insides clean. In the Gospel of Matthew 23:25-26, Jesus said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You cleanse the outside of cup and dish, but inside they are full of plunder and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean." Just as our Lord Jesus spoke to the Pharisees in the Gospel, He speaks to us too; hence the need for a daily examination of conscience.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "The reception of this sacrament [Penance and Reconciliation] ought to be prepared for by an examination of conscience made in the light of the Word of God. The passages best suited to this can be found in the Ten Commandments, the moral catechesis of the Gospels and the apostolic Letters, such as the Sermon on the Mount and the apostolic teachings." (CCC 1454) Though we may not go to Confession often enough (tip: the season of Lent may be a good time), we can all do a daily examination of conscience. Using the Ten Commandments as a guide, here are some questions we may ask ourselves each day:

1) I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange

gods before me. Do I give God time every day in prayer? Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart? Have I received Communion in the state of mortal sin?

- 2) **You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.** Have I used God's name in vain, lightly or carelessly? Have I been angry with God? Have I wished evil upon any other person?
- 3) **Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.** Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation? Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and day of rest? Do I do needless work on Sunday?
- 4) **Honor your father and your mother.** Do I honor my parents? Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives? Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- 5) **You shall not kill.** Have I physically harmed anyone (born and unborn)? Have I abused alcohol or drugs? Have I been angry, resentful, or harbored hatred in my heart towards someone?
- 6) **You shall not commit adultery.** Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thoughts, words, and actions? Have I used any method of artificial birth control in my marriage? (tip: look into Natural Family Planning) Am I careful to dress modestly?
- 7) **You shall not steal.** Have I stolen what is not mine or have not paid my debts promptly? Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs? Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- 8) **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.** Have I lied, gossiped, or spoken behind someone else's back? Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential? Am I critical, negative, or judgmental, in my thoughts of others?
- 9) **You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.** Have I sought to control my thoughts? Have I caused impure thoughts by impure reading, movies, conversation, or curiosity? Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
- 10) **You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.** Am I jealous of what other people have? Am I greedy, selfish or do I make material possessions the purpose of my life? Do I trust that God will care for all of my material and spiritual needs?

There are many resources to assist you with the examination of conscience. For example, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website (www.USCCB.org) has material under the section *Prayer and Worship*>*Sacraments and Sacramentals*>*Penance*. There is also a small booklet titled *A Guide to Confession* published by The World Apostolate of Fatima, The Blue Army, USA which was the source for many of the above questions (it can be purchased for \$3 at <https://giftshop.wafusa.org>).

Remember, this exam is not about passing or failing, but rather it is an attempt each day to become more holy.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directory of Phone Extensions

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Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
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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 Thursdays 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.

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 Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

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 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

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

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

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Mike Williams

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

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 p.m. en la cafetería. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Lleva la bendición a tu casa. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

El sacramento del bautizo. Las ceremonias bautismales se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes. Los padres que necesiten bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a las secciones de charlas, estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes.

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

Lecturas del domingo 28 de Febrero del 2016

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

El Señor dice: “He visto la miseria de mi pueblo; he oído su clamor, a anhelado ser libre; me doy cuenta de su sufrimiento; E bajado liberarlos Que este Dios cercano y preocupado por su pueblo esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera lectura (Éxodos 3:1-8a, 13-15/30)

En la zarza ardiendo Dios se revela a Moisés como un Dios que está siempre presente en el pueblo. Él conducirá a su pueblo elegido desde una tierra de esclavitud hasta una tierra de libertad.

Segunda lectura (Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12)

Dios había conducido a su pueblo a través de las aguas salvadoras del Mar Rojo, y les había dado maná para comer; sin embargo, muchos fallaron; no respondieron al amor de Dios, y perecieron. --- Nosotros estamos bautizados con agua liberadora y comemos el pan de vida de la eucaristía; sin embargo, no estamos automáticamente salvados por eso, a no ser que vivamos como pueblo redimido por Cristo no tendremos vida eterna y su gracia estará lejos de nosotros.

Lectura del santo evangelio según (San Lucas 13:1-9)

El comienzo y el final del capítulo 13 tienen en común un tema: la muerte ella debería golpear a todos los hombres que son pecadores. Todos somos pecadores ante Dios, nos dice Jesús. Necesitamos regresar a Dios y apartarnos de todo aquello que nos aleja de El ya sean personas, cosas o placeres que nos han desviado del camino verdadero. Es importante darnos cuenta que no podemos emprender un viaje sin alejarnos de donde estamos, es imposible estar en dos lugares al mismo tiempo. Caminar con Cristo requiere poner en orden la vida.

.A no Ser que Ustedes se Arrepientan

Todos sabemos que Cuaresma es un tiempo de conversión. Hay mucho mal en el mundo. Y tenemos conciencia de que también hay mucha maldad en nosotros mismos. Éstas son ciertamente razones para un cambio. Pero la razón más profunda para la conversión no es el mal que percibimos en nosotros mismos y a nuestro alrededor, ni los castigos que podamos recibir para pagar por nuestros pecados. El último y más profundo motivo para la conversión tiene que ser Dios mismo y Encontrar personalmente nuestra fe en Dios y en su fidelidad hacia nosotros, y la bondad que nos mostró en Cristo son los motivos más profundos para arrepentirnos y para responder a su llamado..

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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



***Rylie Rae Blaskiewicz
Liana Marie Burdish
Jasmine Cybil Videla***

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:

***Jean Kraemer
Dorothea E. McCowan***

“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.”

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!

Memorials used during the Masses for week of
February 21-27:

***Altar Bread & Wine
In Memory of
Margaret Nuss***

Requested by

Deacon William & Michele Crosby

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Marie Foster</i>	<i>Mary Pellegrino</i>
<i>Robert Santiago</i>	<i>Rosalie Grottola</i>
<i>Robert Schehr</i>	<i>Mario Lotito</i>
<i>Margaret Vacca</i>	<i>Bob Little</i>
<i>George Regan</i>	<i>Bernadette Sinnott</i>
<i>Steve Moore</i>	<i>Salvatore Rizzolo</i>
<i>Juliet Fredericks</i>	<i>Jeanne Calise</i>
<i>Craig Kennedy</i>	<i>Joanie Lawrence</i>
<i>Carol Ann Alma</i>	<i>Anthony Gallo</i>
<i>Carol Gilroy</i>	<i>Karen Benus</i>
<i>Patricia Grasso</i>	<i>Dolores Otten</i>
<i>Paul Beyer</i>	<i>Steven P. Shipsey</i>
<i>Imee Tornilla</i>	<i>Lydia & Jose Correa</i>
<i>Mr. Rosario Gerardi</i>	<i>William Stanton</i>
<i>Rocco (no last name given)</i>	<i>Kevin Reid</i>
<i>Christopher Corso</i>	<i>George Walters</i>

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 631-226-7725 x. 200. Names remain in the bulletin for three weeks.



BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 22—
The Chair of Saint Peter, the Apostle

6:30	Jennie Grasso
12:15	George V. Wagner, Sr.
7:00	Devotions

TUESDAY, February 23—
Lenten Weekday
(Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr)

6:30	Felicidad Ramos
12:15	Eleanor Zacher

WEDNESDAY, February 24—
Lenten Weekday

6:30	Thomas Stone
12:15	Thomas McAuley
12:45	Exposition

THURSDAY, February 25—
Lenten Weekday

6:30	Kenneth Robold
12:15	Derek Ratz

FRIDAY, February 26—
Lenten Weekday

6:30	Angelique Valdez
12:15	Iolanda Donato
7:30	Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 27—
Lenten Weekday

8:00	Eleanor Zacher
4:00 – 4:45	Confessions

Vigil for
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00	Maria Aliano
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Sunday, February 28—
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00	Frank Sticco
10:00	Santa & Joseph Cincotta
12:00	For the People of the Parish
5:00	Roger Marino

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 22, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry Prep	Room 13
12:00 p.m.	Retired Knights of Columbus	Cafeteria
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
6:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Future Planning	Room 15
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 13
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School

Thursday, February 25, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry Prep	Room 13
2-6:00 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Virtus Training	Room 1
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, February 26, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Young People	Room 24

Saturday, February 27, 2016

8:30 a.m.	Level 1-5 Classes	School
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, February 28, 2016

12:00 p.m.	RCIA Dismissal	Rms. 16/18
1:30 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat	School
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Prayers for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE			
Feb. 13/14, 2016			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	362	143	\$3,613.00
8:00 a.m.	213	88	2,173.00
10:00 a.m.	444	121	2,494.00
12:00 p.m.	456	126	3,269.00
5:00 p.m.	205	39	1,612.00
Total coin:			12.07
Mail-ins:			500.00
Children's Envelopes		25	78.91
Faith Direct			2,104.70
TOTAL	1,680	542	\$15,856.68
2015 TOTAL	1,988	602	\$17,193.49
Candles			\$1,460.59
Poor Box			\$353.94
Church in Need			\$1,775.75
Ash Wednesday	2,194	220	\$6,640.19



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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 project of FEGS Health and Human Services System, 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.

Prison Families Anonymous (PFA)

Life becomes more difficult and stressful for family and friends when a loved one becomes incarcerated. Relationships and responsibilities can become strained and the dynamics within the family often change dramatically.

The PFA Support Group provides a safe, non-judgmental place where those in similar situations can connect with each another. It provides compassion, support and information to family members during their very difficult times.

The Prison Families Anonymous Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7:30 P.M. at the Community Presbyterian Church
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Preparing for February 28, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*“Whoever thinks he is standing secure
should take care not to fall.”*

1 Corinthians 10:12

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

God called out to Moses from the burning bush and charged him with liberating the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. In doing so, he showed himself as the same God Moses' ancestors knew and one who cares deeply for his people. But then comes one of the greatest moments in all the Hebrew scriptures as he goes on to tell Moses his name—"I am who am"—an amazing and humbling sign of intimacy between God and Moses back then, but also between God and us even today.

First Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul, however, cautions against overconfidence. Being elected by God, even as Moses was, is not synonymous with salvation. God parted the Red Sea for the Israelites to escape their enemies, then gave them food and drink in the desert. But he was not pleased with most of them because they were rebellious and strayed from their initial joy and dependence on God when he brought them out of Egypt. Most, including Moses, did not make it out of the desert into the promised land. Being called by God requires a continuing response and an ongoing conversion, as Paul tells the Corinthians and us.

Luke 13:1-9

Jesus also warns us not to be complacent by reminding us that there is a day of reckoning for us all. We should learn from the misfortunes we see around us rather than feel we are immune. Now is the time to bear fruit, else like the fig tree we shall be cut down. God is patient with us and will never tire of forgiving us, but we need to constantly repent and never tire of asking for forgiveness. Every day is a gift and a moment of growth.

Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday's readings and Gospel, take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. For whom did God call Moses? For Moses' sake or for the sake of the Israelite people? Does "I Am Who Am" intervene in our history as he did in the Israelites'? Name some incidents that you think are/were God's interventions. Is God calling all of us all the time, either to conversion or to action?

2. Do you have to work at keeping a friendship alive and healthy? Does your answer have any implications about your relationship with God?

3. Are there opportunities for deeper conversion (turning more toward God) and productivity that you could take advantage of? Are there some opportunities for your parish too?

4. "... and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it ...". Metaphorically speaking, the cultivation and fertilization in the parable could be grace. In the book *Diary of a Country Priest* George Bernanos says, "Grace is everywhere." What does that statement mean to you? Do you always cooperate with such grace? Could you cooperate to a greater degree? How?

5. Do you give people another chance after they make a mistake? Does God use people as "gardeners" to help cultivate and fertilize with grace? How does God use you? Has God used others to help you bear fruit?

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, February 22, 2016:

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2016:

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
+ Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 24, 2016:

Jeremiah 18:18-20
+ Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, February 25, 2016:

Jeremiah 17:5-10
+ Luke 16:19-31

Friday, February 26, 2016:

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
+ Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, February 27, 2016:

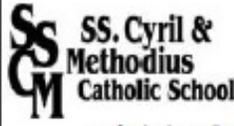
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
+ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, February 28, 2016:

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
+ 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
+ Luke 13:1-9

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FAMILIES IN SERVICE

Sunday, March 6, 2016 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Our Family Life committee is always seeking ways to bring together families for times of fellowship and service. This month, we will gather together to make sandwiches for local homeless shelters.

Here's how this works...

- † Over the next few weeks, as a family, save your change or allowance or any extra monies you receive.
- † On Saturday the 5th or Sunday the 6th, go to the store and buy the makings of a good sandwich—cold cuts, bread, toppings, etc.
- † Bring that all with you to Mass on March 6th (you can leave it in your car, bring it to Mass, or drop it off in the Café before Mass).
- † Gather in the Cafeteria after Mass and put together the sandwiches with other families in service!
- † Then we'll deliver them either on Sunday or early the following week!

If you have any questions, or can help with donations (always helpful!), please contact Family Life at familylife@oloph.org or Fr. John at jsureau@oloph.org.



Family Life Ministry – Mardi Gras

Special thanks to our Family Life Ministry for hosting another wonderful Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 9th. Here are some pictures from the night. *Photos courtesy of Gregory A. Shemitz, The Long Island Catholic.*



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