Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:38-48

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23, 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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
2014 OLPH Goal

$108,800

Number of Donors: 105

Thank you to all who have participated!

Our Lord is grateful to those who sacrifice in His name to build the Kingdom of God.

No gift is too small when it is offered with love to serve others.

A Place to Call Home

Marion lived with her mom through her early adult life. Her family was anxious about who would care for Marion, who is developmentally disabled, when mom passed away.

They believed it would be best if she lived with one of them when the time came. But mom wanted a fuller life for Marion and she worried that her daughter wasn't living the life that God had planned for her; she knew she was capable of great things.

Her mother turned to Catholic Charities' home for people with developmental disabilities—then, wonderful things did happen to Marion.

"I saw my sister changing," explains Richard, Marion's brother. *"She started working and became really independent. She gained a sense of responsibility and there was camaraderie in her new home. She not only had people that she could depend on, but more importantly, she had friends that depended on her."*

Catholic Charities has been operating residences for the developmentally disabled for over 35 years, providing people like Marion with a sense of belonging and a place to call home. Your support helps Marion live a full and happy life.

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.olphlindenhurst.org to make your donation.

Make Checks Payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Next weekend we begin the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday; read all about it in the insert elsewhere in today's bulletin. We are very excited about this new liturgical outreach to the children of our parish and we think it will be an important component in helping to form them liturgically so that they can fully participate in the Mass and draw closer to the Lord Jesus. Remember that this is geared toward children in first-grade or older, and it does not involve their parents coming to the separate chapel; parents remain in the main section of the church for the Liturgy of the Word.

Remember too that we have other components geared toward children's participation in the Mass: we have children's envelopes available for them to use, and we hand out children's bulletins at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We hope that all of these initiatives assist parents in the spiritual formation of their children.

New Liturgical Ministers

We are continuing our push for new liturgical ministers — ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and readers. We NEED you and we WANT you to participate. When you think about how important these ministries are to the reverent and full celebration of our liturgies, you understand what a tremendous gift you are giving to the parish by offering yourself in one of these roles! On top of that, you would be deepening your spirituality and your relationship with the Lord. The time is NOW for YOU to say, "YES, I will do this!" It's easier than you think, and the rewards are…out-of-this-world!!!

Altar Server Recruitment

In addition to the liturgical ministries mentioned above, we are also recruiting a new group of altar servers and we are getting ready to begin new training sessions for them. We encourage all boys and girls in fourth grade and older to become altar servers. Parents: what a great thing you would be doing for your child by encouraging him or her to become an altar server! Information can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

THANK YOU for the Fuel Collection

I'm not telling you anything you don't already know in saying that this has been one of the most difficult winters in years. The spells of sub-freezing, near-zero temperatures, the relentless onslaught of winter storms, and the accumulation of snow all have everyone longing for the days of Spring, which cannot come soon enough. The parish, as you might presume, has incurred additional costs related to snow plowing, snow removal, and heating because of the extreme winter weather.

That's why I take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to all those who made the effort to contribute to the extra "fuel collection" by using the extra envelope provided or by donating for that purpose through Faith Direct. That additional money has been a big help to us in not experiencing a set-back as we have tried to move forward in restoring OLPH to financial health. I continue to be awed by the overwhelming generosity of OLPH parishioners, especially since I know so many people are finding finances difficult in their personal life. Even with whatever struggles you might be facing, you continue to make financial support of OLPH an important part of your life and an expression of your commitment to your faith.

I am so very grateful to you for all the assistance with our winter fuel collection!

Combined Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council Meeting

This week, on Tuesday, February 25 (weather permitting!!!) we will be holding a joint meeting of the Pastoral Staff and the Pastoral Council. Pastors are encouraged to hold such a meeting once a year to facilitate interaction between these two groups.

The topic for this meeting will focus on a review of the ME-25 survey results (the survey we took back in October, and about which you have been reading a brief blurb from time to time). We will use the results of that survey to do some long-range planning for the future, devising pastoral priorities that will seek to deepen parishioner engagement in the life and mission of the parish. I am grateful to the members of the full-time Pastoral Staff (the names listed on the cover of the bulletin) and to the members of the Pastoral Council for the time and energy they are committing to this undertaking, and to their leadership as a whole.

I consider the Pastoral Staff, the Pastoral Council, the Liturgy Committee and the Finance Committee to be the four main leadership bodies in the parish that I look to in providing counsel and input to me as Pas-

tor; they are the groups that work with me in determining our directions and our priorities.

My Little Black Book

No, not *that* "little black book!" (It may only be people of the older generation who get that joke!) Remember the Little Blue Book we had for Advent, which had spiritual reflections for each day of the season? Well, I am happy to announce that, due to the positive feedback we heard about those books, and the way they were so well-received, we now have a **Little Black Book for Lent**.

The book contains spiritual reflections and simple thoughts to guide us in our journey through the days of Lent. I invite each parishioner to take one and to use it as the basis for daily personal prayer and reflection during Lent.

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,

Msgr. Joe

Our next Adult Faith Formation Class coming soon…

Historical Development of the Mass

Thursdays,
March 6, 13, 20, 27 & 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 pchavis@oloph.org.

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

Historical Development of the Mass

Name_____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____@_____

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 .

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

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

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. You must also send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to msgrjoe@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.

New ushers are welcome! If you are interested in becoming an usher we will get you started!
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
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.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

The March

Mass for People with Special Needs

NEXT SATURDAY

March 1, 2014

4:00 P.M.

Auditorium

WEDNESDAY EXPOSITION CHANGE

Over the past few months, our Pastoral Staff and Liturgy Committee have discussed our experiences of Wednesday Exposition. Presently, the Eucharist is exposed from 12:45 to about 4:30 P.M. Unfortunately, at times, there are only one or two people praying before the exposed Blessed Sacrament making the prayer less of a communal celebration.

Therefore, beginning March 12, 2014, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude at 2:00 P.M. with the celebration of Daytime Prayer and Benediction. Our hope in making this change is that some will be able to remain during the entire time of exposition. Additionally, our praying of Daytime Prayer more powerfully unites us with the global Church.

PLEASE NOTE: Exposition will not take place on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

FIRST SATURDAY And FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

All are invited to come and pray with our parish community for First Friday, Saturday and Sunday devotions. If you have not come before, consider attending in the week ahead.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **March 1st** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40am, Mass at 8am and continued devotion following Mass. A continental breakfast will follow in the cafeteria.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on SATURDAY, March 1st from 8 P.M. to 11 P.M.**

Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish, then in Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 P.M.

First Sunday Devotions—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place next Sunday, **March 2nd** at 7:00 P.M. in the Church.

Please consider taking some time each **first Sunday evening** to pray with us.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please take home a *Little Black Book* which contains daily reflections for the Lenten season. This book, following on the *Little Blue Book* which was so popular for Advent, will provide the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Lent. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the *Little Black Book.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at 9:30 a.m. MASS BEGINS NEXT 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 next week, 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.

We look forward to beginning the Children's Liturgy of the Word next week!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Become an Altar Server!

ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE PARISH
FOURTH GRADE AND OLDER

We are in the process of **recruiting new Altar Servers!** Being an altar server is a great way to be involved at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You make an important contribution to the life of the parish and you perform an important ministry. Besides, it's fun!!! You serve at weekend Masses and other special events, attend some meetings throughout the year, and have fun parties!

Why not become an altar server? We would love to have you, and we will provide plenty of training — no prior experience is necessary!! If you are a boy or a girl who is in the **4th grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, or even older!), you are invited to become an altar server.** Parents, why not mention it to your daughter or son to get them interested? Training will start soon, so sign up now. If you are interested, **mail or drop off the coupon below to Monsignor Joe at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue** (*no phone calls, please; you must let me know in writing! It's OK to scan this page and send it electronically with all the info to msgrjoe@oloph.org*).

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE RESPOND BEFORE MARCH 11, SINCE THE FIRST TRAINING MEETING WILL BE SOON AFTER THAT (you will receive a letter giving you specific information).
Sorry…no responses can be accepted after March 11!

We hope to hear from YOU!!!

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Yes! I am interested in becoming an Altar Server!

Name _____

Address_____

Town/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____@_____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____/_____/_____

Family Envelope/Registration Number _____ ***__Required__: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH as of January 2014.***

Year You Received First Holy Communion _____

Grade you are in right now _____

Check one:
_____ I go to public school; Name of School _____

_____ I go to Catholic school; Name of School _____

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS at OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

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

Monday, February 24th 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
Wednesday, February 26th 2:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
Thursday, February 27th 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
Friday, February 28th 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Parents with a child now in Kindergarten who will be in the first grade in September 2014 should register the child for religious instruction at this time.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
240 S. Wellwood Avenue (School Building)
Monday and Thursday, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.; Wednesdays, 4:30 to 8:30 P.M.

All students entering first grade in any of the Lindenhurst Public Schools and residing within the parish boundaries who wish to make First Communion at the regular time in the second grade must be registered on one of the dates mentioned above and must regularly attend both the first and second grade of the Religious Education Program. Students entering grades 2-8 who did not attend the OLPH program in the past academic year (2013-2014) must also register on the above dates.

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

For further information, please call the OLPH Religious Education Office
240 S. Wellwood Ave. (School Building) or 631-226-2384 or e-mail to religioused@oloph.org.

What the ME25 Measured

The Gallup Organization ME25 Survey consists of 25 items. Nine of the survey's items measure individual spiritual commitment, twelve measure parishioner engagement and four items measure outcomes in the areas of life satisfaction, inviting, serving and giving. The Spiritual Commitment items assess the individual's attitude and behavior reported by those who took the survey on October 26-27, 2013. Individuals ranked their responses to items using a scale of 1 to 5 where "1" indicated strong disagreement and "5" reflected strong agreement. The average of the scores for these questions was compared by Gallup to the average scores for Catholics throughout the nation and to all churches throughout the nation. Following are the data for the first three of these items measuring the dedication OLPH parishioners have toward their faith:

		Distribution of responses as percentages of the total					Average Score	
		Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree		
Item		1	2	3	4	5		
C01.	I spend time in worship or prayer every day.	**5%**	**12%**	**23%**	**18%**	**42%**	**3.79**	**OLPH**
		4	13	21	23	39	3.80	US Catholics
		4	13	22	24	38	3.79	All Churches
C02.	My faith is involved in every aspect of my life	**2%**	**7%**	**23%**	**27%**	**41%**	**3.98**	**OLPH**
		2	7	22	31	38	3.98	US Catholics
		2	7	22	31	39	3.99	All Churches
C03.	Because of my faith, I have forgiven people who have hurt me deeply.	**4%**	**6%**	**21%**	**29%**	**40%**	**3.96**	**OLPH**
		2	5	16	34	43	4.12	US Catholics
		2	5	16	34	44	4.14	All Churches

GETTING READY FOR LENT 2014

BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES

We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is March 5. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season. As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes brand us with the sign of the cross — a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during the Easter season. Penitential acts are undertaken as a community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection.

What you may not know is where the ashes come from. Very simply, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are the ashes from palms saved from Palm Sunday the previous year, which have been burned.

This year we once again invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. **We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on March 4 and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.**

Please join in this meaningful gesture of community and solidarity as together we embark on our Lenten disciplines.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Save the dates...

Monday, March 23rd
Tuesday, March 24th
Wednesday, March 25th

7:30 P.M. + Church

This year our parish Lenten Mission will be led by **Msgr. Charles Fink**, Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie.

Each night of the mission will focus on our journey during Lent—one on which we are never alone, for the Lord always accompanies us. Learn more about the journey and some good tools that will carry us the rest of the way.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- ✝ **Catholics for the Freedom of Religion:** Marie Foster—631.592.1509-ripalda@optonline.net
- ✝ **Driving Ministry:** Maureen Russo - 631.226.4182—princessmorge@optonline.net
- ✝ **Golden Age Society**: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- ✝ **New Mother's Meal Ministry**: Carol Stysiack - 631.255 3506 -carolstys@verizon.net
- ✝ **Nursing Ministry:** Regina Muir - 631.226.2709 - rmuir11@aol.com.
- ✝ **Respect Life Committee:** Louise Perrotta - 631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net.
- ✝ **St. Bernard League:** The Consi Family—631.226.7725
- ✝ **St. Vincent De Paul Society:** Joe Illiumato—631.226.7725, x. 234
- ✝ **Senior Moments/Spirituality:** Fran Grasso - 631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- ✝ **Special Needs Ministry:** Fr. John Sureau– 631.226.7725—jsureau@oloph.org

Food Pantry

(updated list 2-18-14)

CANNED MEALS
PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT
MACARONI & CHEESE
RICE
PANCAKE SYRUP
JELLY or JAM
CEREAL BOXED or CANNED
POTATOES
COFFEE & TEA
HOT CHOCOLATE
SHELF STABLE MILK

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

Located in the "New" School Building
Use Parking Lot on corner of Gates & High Streets
Our NEW phone # 631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9 A.M. —12 Noon

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

Do you want to know the latest about public policy issues and how you can make a difference? Then, join the

CATHOLIC ACTION NETWORK

Visit **www.nyscatholic.org** and sign up today!

Save the date…

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Join with Catholics throughout New York State for our annual day of prayer, reflection and political witness in Albany, NY.

To register, go to www.olphlindenhurst.org

"A just society cannot be built without the poorest and not forgetting them, using them, ignoring what their expectations are…let us put them at the center and look at the world with their eyes, from their perspective."

Michel Roy, General Secretary of Caritas Internationalis

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

RESOURCES

Our Respect Life Committee has put together a list of helpful numbers and resources for those in need of information and support about significant issues impacting life from natural conception to natural death.

Suicide Prevention/Crisis Intervention Hotline
Response of Suffolk County (631) 751-7500

Addiction/Recovery/Self-Help
Alcoholics Anonymous 631.669.1124
Al-Anon 631.669.2827
Families Anonymous(800) 736-9805
Gambler's Anonymous (855) 222-5542
Narcotics Anonymous 631-689-NANA
Overeaters Anonymous 631-475-5965
SA Anonymous 516-218-1336

DRIVING MINISTRY

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our driving ministry is already rolling as we 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. or the Rectory at 631.226.7725.

ALL DRIVERS MUST BE *VIRTUS TRAINED*.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Coming soon ....

OLPH SENIOR MOMENTS
Beginning in 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.

For more information, contact Mrs. Fran Grasso at 631.956.3003 or e-mail to sixfingers13@gmail.com.

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.

What is the Golden Age Society?
It's a place for our parish's seniors to come together in a social setting for community building, games, and good times.
All "Golden Agers" are welcome!

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)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

OLPH's high school youth ministry is open to all 8th graders and high school students. Led by young adults of our parish community, high school youth ministry seeks to bring young people together for times of service, community and friendship.

Sunday, February 23 - 3:15 P.M.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang

Looking for service projects?? Today, Sunday, **February 23rd** at 3:15pm in the cafeteria all high schoolers and middle school students are invited to the PB&J gang! Please help us to make sandwiches for *St. Anne's Soup Kitchen* in Brentwood. Use the High Street entrance of the cafeteria!

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

All ages and families welcome!

For more information and to find out ways you can help, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or Youth Ministry at olph.yfia@gmail.com

Help spread the word…

and the peanut butter and jelly!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle school youth ministry is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Each middle school night features time for fun games, community life and/or service to the local community.

Upcoming Middle School Youth Ministry Events…

Middle Schoolers: our next night is **February 25th** in the auditorium at 7:30pm. Come hang out and learn just how service ties into our faith! The night will end at 8:45; enter via the Wellwood Avenue main entrance of the school.

Bonus! Extra middle school night added for **February 28** at 7:30 pm in the auditorium!! Get ready for a fast night! The night will end at 8:45pm. Enter via the Wellwood Avenue main entrance of the school. *Before coming over to the school stop by the Knights of Columbus for dinner!*

We are looking for adults to offer their time on the nights we have middle school: one Tuesday, one Thursday and one Friday a month. Please email Brittany of you are able to help out!
OLPH.YFIA@gmail.com

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

Cake bakers and drink makers NEEDED!

OLPH is looking to form a new

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

- Are you someone who wants to use your gifts and talents, but can't make a commitment to a monthly meeting?
- Are you great at throwing together a little reception (with a little help)?
- Can you bake a dessert? Help with coffee? Shop at Costco?

One of the ways we unite as parish is to come together for times of fellowship and hospitality. We are looking to form a ministry that will help to coordinate and organize these events. This will be a great ministry for those who are not involved in the life of our parish and it can easily work around your schedule. This might also be good for some who are already involved. It's yet another way to share your gifts!

Our first (and one of the very) in-person meeting will be on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

For more information, contact Father John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org.

Sign up today!!!!

The Middle Years…50+

Would you like to help plan a new 50+ activities group here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish?

This would be a group for those who are not yet seniors but are interested in coming together with others in the parish community. We need your input about the kinds of charitable projects, spiritual growth seminars, outings, parties, dinners that would be of interest to you. We are looking for men and women (50+) who want to enrich their lives by enjoying new experiences and a new-found community spirit.

For more information and to get involved, please contact Gail Tonnessen, 631-957-1449 or gtonness@optonline.net.

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 and put Meal Ministry in the subject line.

LISTENING DEVICES AT MASS

Did you hear?

For some in our parish community, hearing can be difficult at Mass.

We also know there are some of us who struggle to hear in everyday life. We now offer listening devices for those who are need of hearing assistance.

Here's how it works…

1. Come to the sacristy before Mass and ask the Sacristan for a listening device.

2. Leave a license, car keys or some form of ID. *(We want to make sure they all get returned!)*

3. Enjoy hearing while you pray the Mass.

4. Return the listening device at the end of Mass.

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.
Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. 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 alas sección de charlas, estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes.
Necesita Unción de los enfermos y la Santa Eucaristía en su casa, llama a los teléfonos mencionados abajo:
Lecturas de domingo 23 de febrero del 2014
Primera lectura del libro del Levítico (19,1-2.17-18)
El Señor habló a Moisés: «Habla a la asamblea de los hijos de Israel y diles: "Seréis santos, porque yo, el Señor, vuestro Dios, soy santo. No odiarás de corazón a tu hermano. Reprenderás a tu pariente, para que no cargues tú con su pecado. No te vengarás ni guardarás rencor a tus parientes, sino que amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Yo soy el Señor."
Palabra de Dios
Segunda lectura la primera carta del apóstol San Pablo a los Corintios (3, 16-23)
¿No sabéis que sois templo de Dios y que el Espíritu de Dios habita en vosotros? Si alguno destruye él templo de Dios, Dios lo destruirá a él; porque el templo de Dios es santo:
Lectura del santo evangelio según san Mateo (5, 38-48)
En aquel tiempo, dijo Jesús a sus discípulos: «Habéis oído que se dijo: "Ojo por ojo, diente por diente." Yo, en cambio, os digo: No hagáis frente al que os agravia. Al contrario, si uno te abofetea en la mejilla derecha, preséntale la otra.
Para las ofrendas de pan y vino en el altar, favor llamar a la oficina parroquial Al 631-226-7725.
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
Email jsureau@oloph.org En español Irma González 631 620-2401
Correo electrónicolanegra628@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.

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 or 631.226.7725) or Deacon Doug (631.226.7725)

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) or drop it off in the Parish Office. These photos will be hung in different places throughout the parish.

Thanks!

Liturgy of the Hours

EVENING PRAYER

Every Saturday and Sunday

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!!!!**

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.olphlindenhurst.org

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PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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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

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John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker
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Barbara McPhail
Rosaleen Walters
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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 24 — Weekday in Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	
6:30	Anthony Torricelli
12:15	Anna Rosenberg
TUESDAY, February 25 — Weekday in Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	
6:30	Frank Denzel
12:15	Giuseppe Lentini
WEDNESDAY, February 26 — Weekday in Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	
6:30	Beth Mehm & Tommy Fountain
12:15	Steven Kozlowski
THURSDAY, February 27— Weekday in Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	
6:30	John Policer
12:15	Eileen McDonough
FRIDAY, February 28— Weekday in Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	
6:30	Thomas Carey
12:15	Christine & Kyle Kulmatycski
SATURDAY, March 1 — Weekday in Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	
8:00	Jack Damone
Vigil Mass for THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
4:00	Special Needs (Auditorium)
5:00	June Mastrocola
March 2 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
6:30	For the People of the Parish
8:00	Sanctity of Life
9:30	Marie Pichichero
11:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:30	Jay Robert Capodiferro
5:00	Josephine Trezza

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 24, 2014		
7:00 P.M.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 14
7:30 P.M.	Liturgy Committee	St. Lucy Rm
Tuesday, February 25, 2014		
5:30 P.M.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
5:45 P.M.	Pastoral Staff & Council Meeting	St. Lucy Rm
6:30 P.M.	Ladies Auxiliary	Room 24
7:45 P.M.	Community of Praise	Room 14
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
Wednesday, February 26, 2014		
2:15 P.M.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
4:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Rel. Ed. Grade 1	School
6:00 P.M.	Rel. Ed. Grade 7	School
6:30 P.M.	RCIA	Rectory Meeting Rm
6:45 P.M.	Rel. Ed. Grade 7	School
7:30 P.M.	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
Thursday, February 27, 2014		
4:30 P.M.	Music—Youth Choir	Room 14
5:30 P.M.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 P.M.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 P.M.	Finance Committee	St. Lucy Rm
7:30 P.M.	Music —Adult Choir	Church
7:30 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous NA	Room 24
7:45 P.M.	Youth Ministry—Middle & High School	Auditorium
8:00 P.M.	Mothers Prayer Group	Room 16
Saturday, March 1, 2014		
8:00, 9:30 & 11 A.M	Rel. Ed. Grades 2—6	School & Auditorium
9:00 AM	First Saturday	Cafeteria
3:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M.	Special Needs Ministry meeting followed by Mass	Auditorium
4:00 P.M.	RCIA—Dismissal	Church—then to Rectory Meeting Rm
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 P.M.	Nocturnal Adoration	Church
Sunday, March 2, 2014		
2:00 P.M.	Youth Ministry	Cafeteria
3:00 PM	Confirmation Retreat	Auditorium
7:00 P.M.	Holy Hour of Reparation/ Adoration	Church
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Set your values on what is most of value. You will find peace by doing so.

(Isaiah 49:14-15 ; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5)

Sunday, March 2, 2014:
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Background for next Sunday's Readings...

Isaiah 49:14-15 – *Unforgettable, That's What You Are…*

Isaiah was God's spokesman to Judah and Jerusalem at a time when the nation was immersed in sin. He spoke God's indictment against their sins, urging them to repent. He then foretold destruction upon them if they did not return to God. Yet in the midst of these dire warnings, Isaiah also foretold of a bright future with the coming Messiah. Isaiah continually reminded the people that, even though they had forgotten God, the Lord could never forget them because of His covenant made to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and King David.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 – *Celebrity-Wanna-Be or Steward?*

Why do our readings continue to focus on what St. Paul had to say to the Christians in ancient Corinth? Because their struggles and errors are ours as well. The Corinthians worshipped Paul, Peter and Apollos just as our culture worships its celebrity gurus. Our TV and radio talk show hosts have flocks of followers who wait on their every word, hurry to buy their books, and then tout their latest recipe of religion as gospel truth. Ancient Greek Gnosticism, the belief that salvation belongs to the elite self-enlightened who have knowledge of "the mysteries of the universe," is alive and well today in the modern-day call to "realize" that you are your own god following a truth that is all your own. As he explained to the Corinthians, Paul tells us today that we are to worship and follow only the Lord. As disciples of Christ, we are not celebrities, but servants; we are not gods possessing the truth within ourselves, but are stewards to whom the Lord has entrusted His gifts of wisdom and truth, which we are to both carefully guard and freely share. And as God's servants and stewards, we answer to Him alone for how well we have served Him, and whether we have re-gifted to others all that He has so freely given to us. For more on this subject, visit http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/stewardship/.

Matthew 6:24-34 – *Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve*

After teaching His disciples how to pray to God as their Father, Jesus teaches them how to live out this prayer: Before we can begin to trust God as Father, as provider for all of our needs, we need to first acknowledge Him as God over every aspect of our lives.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 6:24-34) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.

1. Which do you spend more time on: worrying about your life, what to eat, and what to wear, etc. or contemplating all the gifts God has given you? Would you rather be like the worrier in this story or the wild flowers? What might you "seek" if your inner life is freed from the preoccupation of physical survival? What do you, the student, take from Jesus' lesson of the wildflowers?
2. John Shea, S.J., suggests that the Gospel offers two scenarios: "(1) understand and inhabit your life as an anxious project for future physical survival or (2) understand and inhabit your life as a present gift sustained by God prior to ay human activity to secure it." What happens to the concerns of (1) if you choose (2)?

Readings for the Week

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church. You can access the readings through our parish website.

Monday, February 24, 2014:
James 3:13-18 + Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 25, 2014:
James 4:1-10 + Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 26, 2014:
James 4:13-17 + Mark 9:38-40

Thursday, February 27, 2014:
James 5:1-6 + Mark 9:41-50

Friday, February 28, 2014:
James 5:9-12 + Mark 10:1-12

Saturday, March 1, 2014:
James 5:13-20 + Mark 10:13-16

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE REMEMBER

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

Lorraine T. Schmidt

"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."

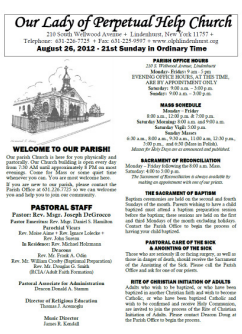
GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!

Did you know that the OLPH bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. **So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin**!

If your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each week, nearly two thousand people attend Mass at OLPH, most of whom live and shop in the Lindenhurst area, receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of area families with information about your business.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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst
Monday: Friday: 9 am - 2 pm
EVENING HOURS, IF NEEDED, ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday - Friday:
8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday:
6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 6:30 (Mass in Polish).
Masses for Holy Days are announced and published.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Monday - Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!
Our parish Church is here for you physically and spiritually. Our doors are open for prayer every day from 7:30 AM until approximately 8 PM on most evenings. Come for Mass or come apart time whenever you can. You are most welcome here. If you are new to our parish, please contact the Parish Office. We'd like to get to know you and welcome you and help you to join our community.

PASTORAL STAFF
Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
Parochial Vicars
Rev. Mons. Anne • Rev. Jason Loiacke •
Rev. John Szmal
In Residence: Rev. Raymond Hohmann
Deacons:
Rev. Mr. Frank A. Oddo
Rev. Mr. William Cooke (Baptismal Preparation)
Rev. Mr. Douglas G. Smith
(RCIA / Adult Faith Formation)

Pastoral Associate for Administration
Deacon Donald A. Simone

Director of Religious Education
Thomas J. Acernoglo

Music Director
James R. Kendall

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
Ann Marie Nuss
Dorothy Vogt
Mary Armbruster
William Delena
John Manning
Joan Woelfel
George Walters
Baby Liam Michael Snow
Vincent Malito
Salvatore Cicala
Herb Otten
Bernard Celestine
Patricia O'Shea
Richard Brosan
Gloria Licameli
Baby Alexandra Digiamo
Christopher Ditalia
Michael Cummo
Julia Cicala
Anthony Kercelius
Bill Maher
Kevin M. Curran
Dominick Barone
Robert Horan
William Sullivan
William Trigg
Maria Rymdiak
Natalie Boscia
Graham Jansen
Nanette Ringle
Lorraine Schmidt
Mary King
Bernard Lang

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.

For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call The Church Bulletin Company at 631.249.4994.

OFFERING UPDATE

Feb. 15/16, 2014

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	$2,158.00	108	291
6:30 A.M.	751.00	24	70
8:00 A.M.	1,623.00	62	147
9:30 A.M.	1,277.00	65	428
11:00 A.M.	2,501.00	127	401
12:30 P.M.	1,975.00	94	326
5:00 P.M.	1,490.00	39	245
Total coin:	21.13		
Mail-ins:	655.00		
Children's env.	54.50	19	
Faith Direct	2,173.25		
TOTAL	$14,678.88	538	1,908
2013 Totals	$18,054.73	667	1911
CANDLES	$753.23		
POOR BOX	$273.70		

SUPER 72 RAFFLE

February Winners

$1000 - Ticket # 00726
M/M William McNamara

$250 - Ticket # 13191
M/M Robert Newberry

$100 - Ticket # 14718
M/M Kevin Weingaertner

$100 - Ticket # 09488
M. DeBardelaben

$100 - Ticket # 07535
Jane Ruic

$100 - Ticket # 09715
Eileen & Richard Garbe

Knights of Columbus

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO BOOK YOUR NEXT PARTY?

Try the

OLPH Knights of Columbus #794 Hall
400 South Broadway, Lindenhurst NY

We are open to all types of parties:

Birthdays, Sweet 16's, Anniversaries, Communions, Graduations & Fundraising
We offer both catered & non-catered parties.

For more information or to book your party please call and ask for Philip & Katherine Renna 631-226-3240.

2014 Golf Outing

Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Annual Golf Outing date for 2014….

Monday, September 22nd

We are in need of parishioners to serve on our Golf Committee. If you're interested, please contact Bob Dobres at 631.592.8697.

Squires Family & Friends Buffet

Friday, February 28
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

OLPH Knights of Columbus Council + 400 Broadway + Lindenhurst NY

Cost is $10 pp;
$30 (family up to 5 people)
$5 each (after 5th person)

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Good Samaritan Hospital** offers a free lecture series, "*Good Sam University*." The format features a monthly lecture in three categories: *"Food For Thought*," showing the impact of nutrition on a person's health at every stage of life; *"Women's Wellness*," addressing women's health issues; and *"Aging Gracefully*," providing expert advice on topics related to health and wellness in the senior years. The next lecture in the Food For Thought series is Healthy Meals for Healthy Hearts on Tuesday, **February 25** at 6:00 pm at West Islip Fire Department, 309 Union Blvd. with Nutritionist Gerard Mure, MS, RD.

- **The Opening Word Program,** Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church**,** Wyandanch, (631-920-0916) provides classes for women who want to improve their English language skills. Classes will be held Monday—Friday 9:00am—2:00pm. Registration: **Feb. 25, Feb. 27, March 4, & March 6** from 9:30am - 11:30am in the Parish Hall. Please bring identification and registration fee of $20 (cash please).

- **MAGNIFICAT Retreat:** You are invited to attend a Retreat sponsored by Magnificat - a ministry to *Catholic women* starting on ***Friday, February 28th through Sunday, March 2nd***, which will be held at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY. Our speaker is Sister Miriam James, who is gifted and anointed to teach and to bring healing to the hearts of women. Sister Miriam James travels around the country speaking and sharing her testimony, leading women to walk as true Daughters of the King! The cost is $230 per person and reservations are required, as space is limited. For more information, call Angela Rizzo at (516) 763-1739.

- **Catholic Homeschool Conference—March 21.** *The Immaculate Heart of Mary Long Island Homeschool and Parent Conference* will be held at the Cure of Ars Roman Catholic Church, Merrick, Friday, March 21 from 12noon—8:00PM. Admission is free. For information visit www.ihmconference.org or call 540-622-5543.

- **The Case For Life-Pro-Life Apologetics Training Weekend.** The LI Coalition For Life Educational Trust invites you to hear Scott Klusendorf, President, Life Training Institute. Learn how to persuasively defend the pro-life position in the public square. Friday, **March 28th**, 7PM-9PM:The Case for Life- understanding and articulating pro-life truths Saturday, **March 29th**, 9AM-Noon: Handling modern day relativism; Effective tactics; Credibly responding to abortion advocates. In the *Joseph Barry Knights of Columbus Hall* (45 Heitz Pl. Hicksville) *Weekend Registration* donation: $20; $10 for students (covers both days). Registration includes presentation notes plus a copy of *"Stand for Life: Answering the Call, Making the Case, Saving Lives"* (co-authored by Klusendorf) Light refreshments served. RSVP requested (for book count and refreshments) to FORTYDFLLI@gmail.com Sponsored by LICL Educational Trust: 631-243-1435; www.prolifeLI.org.

- ***2014 Long Island Catholic Men's Conference "For God and Country"*** *"Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!"* Join over 600 proud Catholic American men of the diocese on **Saturday, March 29, 2014** at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School for an amazing day that will inspire you to live everyday as a Catholic Patriot! Topics include: *"The Miracle of Fr. Kapaun*" the story of a future saint who was a WWII and Korean War chaplain, martyr and Medal of Honor Recipient; *John Gonzalez* of Catholic Charities will talk to us about "Faithful Citizenship;" *"The Light of Faith and the Joy of the Gospel*" by "Seize the Day" radio show host Gus Lloyd. Join us as we honor Lt. Michael Murphy as our 2014 Msgr. Kissane Award Recipient! Register online at www.catholicmensministry.net or call Gregory Guido at 631-789-4008 (limited seating available).

- **JOIN US ON OUR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, September 27-October 13. Lago Maggiore, Venice** (Doge Palace, St. Mark's Basilica, Murano Glass Factory), **Padua, Florence** (Michelangelo's "David," Giotto's Bell Tower, Baptistery of St. John, Church of the Holy Cross), **Assisi** (Basilica of St. Francis, Cathedral of s. Chiara, San Damiano), **Rome** (Audience with Pope Francis, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica), **San Giovanni Rotundo** (St. Padre Pio birthplace and burial place). Land portion (excluding airfare) $5200 -$5600 based on number of people. Includes 15 nights in all 4-star hotels; all breakfasts and dinners; wine, mineral water and coffee with dinner; all tours and guides; all portage and tips; motorcoach transportation; welcome cocktail party in Stresa/Lago Maggiore. For more information and to sign up, contact Roseanne and Tony at roto26@optonline.net or call (516) 541-7844.

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