

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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

1 Corinthians 10:12

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

February 28, 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.

GROWING IN FAITH

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

Last Sunday, our parish’s candidates—**Sandra Best, Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets** and **Jamie Wittke**—participated with others throughout Suffolk County in the Call to Continuing Conversion at St. Joseph’s R.C. Church in Ronkonkoma (pictured right). Here, before Bishop Nelson Perez and the community of faith, their sponsors stated they believed that the candidates were ready for reception and full initiation in the Catholic Church.



This past Friday, the elect of our parish—**Noel Andrade, Leonardo Ruiz** and **Sofia Ruiz**—participated in the Stations of the Cross led by our Youth Choir and Family Life Ministry. As part of the prayer service, they celebrated a Penitential Rite. This rite is another step in this final period of Purification and Enlightenment. This celebration helps “to complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 141).



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.

Instructor: Fr. John Sureau

Place: Room 18, OLPH School



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.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Third Sunday of Lent

As our Lenten journey of doing penance and seeking conversion and renewal continues, we might be starting to feel somewhat weary. Indeed, the work of growing and changing spiritually, and the work of opening one's heart to God's grace, is something that takes perseverance and fortitude, if it is to be done right. The prayers we prayed at Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent have some interesting things to say to us which can strengthen us and encourage us along the way.

In the Collect (Opening Prayer), we petitioned God that *"we who are bowed down by our conscience may always be lifted up by your mercy."* Notice how clearly the prayer reminds us that God always runs to meet us with His forgiveness, lifting us up out of sin, when we are weighed down by our wrongdoing. God's grace is stronger than our sin, and God's power to bring us back is stronger than our waywardness when we stray from Him. How appropriate it is for us to remember that in this Year of Mercy!

The Prayer over the Offerings reminded us of an important aspect of receiving God's forgiveness: that as recipients of forgiveness and mercy, we must also then become, in turn, agents who bestow that same mercy and forgiveness on others; in that prayer we prayed, *"Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbor."* In order to rightly bring our "sacrificial offerings" — *i.e.*, to celebrate Mass worthily — means we must be reconciled with our brothers and sisters with whom we celebrate. We who have been forgiven must in turn forgive others.

This mercy and forgiveness of God, and the sharing of that mercy and forgiveness with others, leads to new life, now and in the life to come. We can never forget that the Eucharist is always a pledge of the life to come; thus, in the Prayer after Communion we prayed, *"As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion."* The Eucharist we celebrate here on earth is always a foretaste of the eternal banquet of which we hope to partake one day in heaven.

As always, there are so many rich spiritual themes to be derived from reflecting on and praying over the prayers we use at Mass!

Lenten Parish Mission here at OLPH

I want to encourage each and every one of you to attend our upcoming Parish Lenten Mission scheduled for March 7, 8 and 9. It will be given by Fr. Paul Fagan, C.P., a Passionist priest, and full details are

elsewhere in the bulletin. It promises to be an extremely engaging and rewarding experience and I hope you will give yourself the gift of being there. We have asked that all parish activities and meetings be cancelled during those nights so that everyone would be free to attend the Mission. Also, a Parish Mission is a great time to invite someone who has not been to church for a long time to attend. Often these types of experiences are instrumental in bringing someone back to church. Why not invite someone you know to come with you?

Fr. Paul will be preaching at all the Masses next weekend, to introduce himself and to launch the Mission. We look forward to welcoming him and having him here with us during those days.

New Liturgical Ministers

We are continuing to recruit new liturgical ministers, specifically Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers. Please see the detailed information about joining these ministries elsewhere in this bulletin. New Altar Servers will be recruited separately, and that advertising will start within the next couple of weeks.

Keep in mind how important these roles are to the good order and celebration of our Masses. YOU are wanted and needed in these roles, and it's important for us to have an adequate number of ministers. We have made great strides over the past few years in bringing up the number of Readers, EM's and Ushers, but we still have a little way to go to bring the numbers up to 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.

Altar Server Meeting

To all our young people who are currently serving as Altar Servers: this is your last reminder that TOMORROW, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29 is our special meeting to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

More about the ritual gestures we make at Mass

Let's talk some more about ritual gestures at Mass, specifically, what's appropriate and what's not appropriate. I have discussed topics like this before and have received positive feedback from folks who enjoy these clarifications. Remember the basic principle to keep in mind: Mass is not meant to be a forum for personal self-expression of individual piety. Rather, Mass is a ritual action where, as a body (the body of Christ) we all enter into common ritual actions (spoken word, song and gesture) as an expression of

our union with and oneness in Christ. While at liturgy, we are all — priests, deacons, and laity — called to be submissive to the norms the Church gives us, giving up our own personal preferences. There are two interesting clarifications that I would bring to your attention at this time which stem from questions recently posed to me, because people say they see others do all different things.

First, when we use the Confiteor (“I confess to almighty God...”) as the Penitential Act at Mass, we are supposed to strike our breast at the words “through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.” However, we are to strike our breast only once, not three times. Even though we use a triple phrase of words, and therefore the temptation might be to strike our breast three times, the rubric simply states “striking their breast, they say...” Since “three times” is not specifically mentioned, and since the tendency in the Roman Rite is to avoid useless repetition, the norm for this is that the breast is to be struck only once. (As an aside concerning breast-striking, there is no striking of the breast during the Lamb of God. Nowhere in the rubrics is this indicated, and so this should be avoided.)

Second, note that there is no gesture at the conclusion of the Penitential Act when the priest says, “May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.” Sometimes people make the sign of the cross at these words, but this is incorrect. Although this particular prayer has the technical title (to my mind, unfortunately) of an “absolution,” the Church is clear in all the directives that this is not sacramental absolution and does not have the result of the forgiveness of sins, as in the Sacrament of Penance. Therefore, the sign of the cross is not to be made at this time.

I know that many times people will say “I was taught to do that” about certain things. While that may be true, not everything taught in the past was correct, and, even if it was, it might have been applicable to the pre-Vatican II Mass, but the Mass has been reformed. The norms for the revised liturgy replaced the old norms, and we should not carry former practices into the new liturgy. I know that old habits die hard, but being aware of how the Church asks us to pray the Mass, and the reasons why, can be very enriching and rewarding.

We often discuss many of these types of things — not just what to do or not do, but, more importantly, the reasons behind the norms — in the adult education liturgy courses I offer from time to time. Many people find it interesting to explore these finer points of our norms for worship.

Happy Leap Day!

And now for something completely different... I usually devote space only to items dealing directly with the parish or with Catholicism, but since it's Leap Year, and this Monday is February 29, Leap Day, I thought I would end with some interesting facts about Leap Day. (After all, it only happens once every four years!)

It's often said that during a Leap Year women may propose marriage to men, supposedly originating in a deal that was struck by St. Brigid with St. Patrick to allow that to happen. People born on February 29 are all invited to join The Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies (there really is such a thing!). According to the Guinness Book of Records, there are Leap Day World Record Holders both of a family producing three consecutive generations born on February 29 and of the number of children born on February 29 in the same family. In Scotland, it used to be considered unlucky for someone to be born on Leap Day, Feb. 29, just as Friday the 13th is considered an unlucky day by many. Leap Day is also St. Oswald's Day, named after the Archbishop of York who died on February 29, 992. His memorial is celebrated on February 29 during Leap Years and on February 28 during other years. Notable births on February 29 include Pope Paul III; famous bandleader Jimmy Dorsey; singer/actress Dinah Shore; and actor Dennis Farina (*Law and Order*).

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,



PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Walking by Faith in a Holy Year of Mercy

Monday, March 7 - Wednesday, March 9, 2016

After 12:15 p.m. Mass OR

7:30 p.m. + Church

(same talk afternoon and evening)



This year our parish Lenten Mission will be led by

Fr. Paul Fagan, C.P.,

a Passionist priest, a preacher, and a runner.

Learn more about him by visiting

<http://www.preacherman.org>

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!”

Closing Mass—7:30 p.m.

We will gather for fellowship after the last evening of the retreat hosted by our Hospitality Ministry and some of our Confirmation candidates.

If you can bring a dessert, please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail hospitality@oloph.org.





Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery: An Evening of Fellowship, Action, and Reflection on the Passion

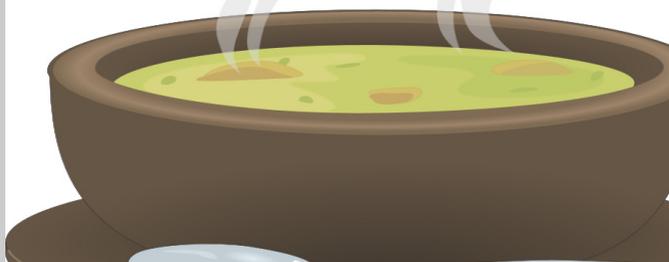


Friday, March 11
6:00 P.M. Soup Supper
7:30 P.M. Prayer and Reflection

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.

Are you a soup maker?

If so, we can use your gifts for our soup supper as we are seeking donations of soup for this year's supper. Contact Chris Volpe at 516.238.2717 or Mary Ellen Barrett at: mombarr@optonline.net.



SUPPORTING OUR FOOD PANTRY

We ask all who are attending the soup supper and/or the prayer service to bring food items for our parish's food pantry.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

**FIRST FRIDAY,
FIRST
SATURDAY
& FIRST
SUNDAY
DEVOTIONS**



*All are invited to come and
pray with our parish community.*

First Friday Devotions will take place **March 4** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **March 5** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. 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 6 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Spanish, Polish, then English). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, **March 6** at 7:00 p.m.

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we *do not* eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.



**Stations
of the Cross
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.

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

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



***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 Labouré. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, February 29—7:00 p.m.

*Monday, March 7—
6:30 p.m. due to Parish Mission*

Monday, March 14—7:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING — FRIDAYS OF LENT

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 Good Friday fast and abstinence.

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

In response to Bishop Murphy's call for parishes to urgently pray for peace because of all the unrest in the world, please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

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)



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: CONTRITION AND CONVERSION

In his very first Angelus address as Pope, Pope Francis reminded us that God never gives up on us; he told us, "God understands us. He waits for us. He doesn't get tired of forgiving us, if we repent and go to him with a truly open heart."

Think about that: the Lord never gets tired of forgiving us! Sometimes, though, we get tired of asking for forgiveness, but we shouldn't. God pursues us relentlessly with love and mercy. The Holy Father wrote this: "In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. Luke 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon." (*Misericordiae Vultus* 9)

Such mercy on the part of the Father should empower us to undertake the journey of true conversion and contrition. Conversion means a turning around, a *metanoia* which involves a real change of direction, a complete reversal of a former way. It is conforming our life to Christ's life more and more, so that more and more we live His life and allow His grace to grow in us.

"We can only approach the kingdom of Christ by *metanoia*. This is a profound change of the whole person by which we begin to consider, judge, and arrange our life according to the holiness and love of God, made manifest in his Son in the last days and given to us in abundance." (*Rite of Penance* 6)

There is nothing better than experiencing the new beginning God gives us when we reorient our life back toward Him. There is a real exhilaration that comes with changing our life and celebrating a return to Him. All this is made possible because of God's mercy and forgiveness, but we must cooperate with His mercy through our sorrow (contrition), which aptly expressed in the Sacrament of Penance.

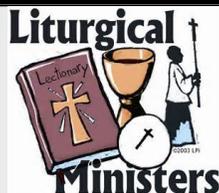
When we look over the actions of our life, and realize that we have sinned, and that we want to do better, we are experiencing contrition. That's when God's grace urges us to try to change the areas of our life that cause us to sin. Then, our conversion and reorientation back to

God is made complete by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance; without this sacrament, the grace-filled experience of truly expressing our contrition is lacking something real and tangible. We should never cheat ourselves out of the full experience of contrition and conversion by missing out on expressing our contrition in the Sacrament of Penance. ❖



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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?

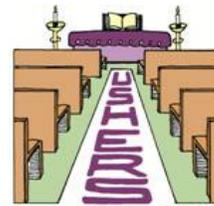
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of 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.

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.

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

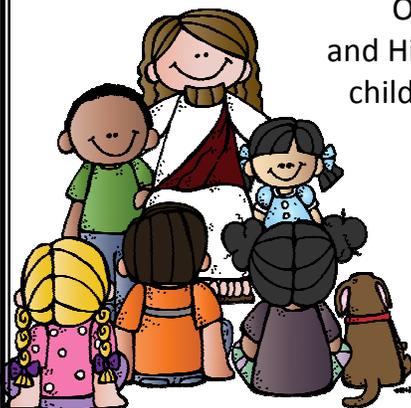
REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016/17 YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

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

Our goal is to bring your child into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. Through faith formation, we as a parish community invite our children—and ourselves—into a more meaningful encounter with our Lord and the entire Body of Christ through the Catholic Church.

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

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



Level 5 Parent/Child Workshop

During this interactive meeting, Level 5 families gained further understanding on the Season of Lent. Thanks to the Homeless Ministry and the Community of Praise for helping out!



Upcoming Dates:

LEVEL 8

MANDATORY CONFIRMATION RETREAT BEGINS TODAY, FEB. 28TH

Group A (rooms 1, 2, 4, 16, and Catholic/homeschool): Please meet in the auditorium at 3 p.m. Parents come at 5 p.m. for Mass and stay for a pizza dinner afterwards.

Group B (rooms 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22): will have their retreat NEXT weekend, March 6th, at 3 p.m.

Level 2:

MONDAY, FEB. 29TH IS THE LAST DAY TO CHANGE YOUR COMMUNION CEREMONY. NO CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THIS.

Level 6:

No class this week.
(3/2) Penance Service
in the Church at 5:30 p.m.

Level 4:

No class on 3/5.
Penance Service in Church at 11:00 a.m.

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
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.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: 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!

CANNED FRUIT
HOT AND COLD CEREAL
COFFEE
PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT
BAKED BEANS
CANNED JUICE
SHAMPOO
CONDITIONER
BATH SOAP
TOILET PAPER

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.

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

In the month of February, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, help with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

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*

DRIVING MINISTRY...



Did you know that our Driving Ministry has made over 100 pick-ups since the inception of the ministry?

What a beautiful way to assist and support others in need!

We are trying to increase our driving ministry at OLPH. We need a commitment from a number of drivers with a good license and insurance and, of course, some time to donate to others. The service will be medical appointments and participation at Sunday Mass.

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

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

Low Temperature 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.

MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?
Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

Our next gathering is

Wednesday, March 2

7:00 p.m. in Room 10

(in the basement of the old school)

Movie Night featuring the film:

“God’s Not Dead”

Free popcorn. All are welcome.

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

Special Needs Ministry

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

*Mass for People with
Special Needs*

Saturday, March 5th

4:00 p.m.—Auditorium

*All are Welcome to join
or just come attend
Mass with us!*

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Widows and Widowers 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

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directory of Phone Extensions

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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religiously@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Coordinator of Faith Formation	257	acarbaugh@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor	203	jsureau@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third 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

Jean Bjork
Tricia Buckley (Chair)
Lori Byron
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Marie Foster
Greg Guido
Sonia Hansen
John Keller
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Christina Taparata
James Totino
Pete Triolo

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Deacon Tom Bast
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Ed Cirella
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Bob Meade
John Reynolds

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker
Lynn Bergin
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Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Amy Keller
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Fr. John Sureau
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 6 de Marzo del 2016

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

Bendito sea Dios, nuestro Padre, que nos ha reconciliado consigo mismo por medio de Cristo y nos ha encomendado el trabajo de reconciliación en este mundo. Que su perdón y su paz estén siempre con ustedes.

Primera lectura (Josué 5:9a, 10-12 /33)

Dios había conducido a su pueblo de la tierra de esclavitud a su nueva tierra prometida. Ellos celebraron ese “regreso a casa” renovando la Alianza con Dios. Por eso, estaban obligados a vivir como su pueblo fiel.

Segunda lectura (2 Corintios 5:17-21)

Dios nos ofrece un nuevo mundo de perdón y reconciliación. Tenemos que llevar esta reconciliación a todos.

Lectura del santo evangelio según (San Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32)

Los pecadores son los transgresores de la ley son esos pobres y deformes, ciegos y cojos en relación a la palabra –que son conducidos al banquete, tienen el oído adecuado para escuchar la palabra de la gracia y el perdón, escuchar significa hacerse discípulo el capítulo 14 ya habría debido convencer a los justos del pecado por que han rechazado la invitación.

El Papa Francisco exhortándonos a vivir una cuaresma cerca de Cristo de una manera más profunda.

Cuaresma pascual: vivir la cuaresma es caminar hacia la pascua; pasar por la muerte de Cristo hecha en nosotros mortificación o muerte al pecado, conversión, penitencia y confesión, hasta purificar y aumentar el amor que nos hace vivir resurgiendo según la resurrección de Cristo a una vida nueva llena de esperanza, de luz, de alegría, de los frutos del amor.

Cuaresma eclesial: cuaresma vivida en “iglesia” para sentirnos más “iglesia”, más comunidad de Cristo en el mundo de hoy. Hemos de hacer comunidad, familia, grupo animado por la fe y la esperanza, que se apoya con amor y se abre y se da al servicio de los demás hombres.

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Esta Colecta financia a seis agencias católicas que benefician a millones de familias y de individuos vulnerable, desplazados y empobrecidos en todo el mundo. Los fondos provenientes de esta Colecta marcan la diferencia en muchas vidas alrededor del mundo ya que éstos sirven para prestar servicios humanitarios directos, ayudar a las víctimas del tráfico humano y a reunificar familias. **¿Le ayudará?** La próxima semana, por favor, apoya a The Catholic Relief Services Collection ya que estarás ayudando a **Jesús con otro rostro.**



PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

First Time:

*David Saccente
& Jessica Kramer*

WE REMEMBER

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

*Marie Clark
Michael Richroath
Angelina Scicutella*

“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.”

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.

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Community will then visit each week.

We pray for the sick and the homebound of our parish at each and every Mass.

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of
February 28—March 5:

*Altar Wine
In Memory of
John DeVivo
Requested by
Mildred Matera*

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, February 29—****Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Joyce Toolan

12:15 Michael DeMarco

7:00 Devotions

TUESDAY, March 1—**Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Beth Mehm & Tommy Fountain

12:15 Rose Farrell

WEDNESDAY, March 2—**Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Ralph Becher

12:15 Eugenia Cedeno

12:45 Exposition

5:30 Level 6 Penance Service

THURSDAY, March 3—**Lenten Weekday***(Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin)*

6:30 Maureen Heuer

12:15 Yolanda & Walter Zapasek

FRIDAY, March 4—**Lenten Weekday***(Saint Casimir)*

6:30 Anna Distler

12:15 Dominic D'Anneo

7:30 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 5—**Lenten Weekday**

8:00 Alfred Romito

11:00 Level 4 Penance Service

4:00 –
4:45 Confessions**Vigil for****FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

4:00 Special Needs Mass (Auditorium)

5:00 Vincent Bodt *(4th Memorial)***Sunday, March 6—****FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 Camille Caracciola

10:00 Edward J. Abbott (5th Anniversary)

12:00 The Zimms Family

5:00 For the People of the Parish

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK**Monday, February 29, 2016**

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

10:00 a.m. Homeless Van Ministry Prep Room 13

4:30 p.m. Altar Server Meeting Church

6:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Devotions Church

7:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting St. Lucy

7:15 p.m. Level 8 Classes School

8:00 p.m. Spanish Group Board Meeting Room 10

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

4:00 p.m. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

5:45 p.m. Pastoral Staff meeting St. Lucy

6:30 p.m. Homeless Van Ministry Prep Room 9

8:00 p.m. Community of Praise Room 16

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 2, 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 Penance Service Church

7:00 p.m. Middle Ages Room 10

7:00 p.m. Homeless Van Ministry Room 13

7:30 p.m. Level 7 Classes School

Thursday, March 3, 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. Parent Baptismal Prep Room 16

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Catechist Night of Prayer Library

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

8:00 p.m. Catholic Social Teaching Auditorium

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

Friday, March 4, 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, March 5, 2016

8:30 a.m. Level 1, 2, 3, 5 Classes School

1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer/Liturgy of Hours Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

8:00 p.m. Nocturnal Adoration Church

Sunday, March 6, 2016

8:00 a.m. RCIA Dismissal Rms. 16/18

10:30 a.m. Families in Service Cafeteria

1:30 p.m. Junior Legion of Mary Room 24

2:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat School

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:00 p.m. Prayers for Peace Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

YEAR OF MERCY

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Jubilee of Mercy began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Jubilee of Mercy is an opportunity for the Church and its members—each one of us—to rediscover God’s gift of mercy so we may become “missionaries of mercy.”

Pope Francis called for this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in April with the publication of the Papal Bull *Misericordiae Vultus*. Throughout the year ahead, we will publish excerpts of this document as well as other resources about this special time of mercy. We continue with the fifteenth paragraph of the document in this week’s edition of the bulletin.

15. In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes which modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today! How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! During this Jubilee, the Church will be called even more to heal these wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind them with mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care. Let us not fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our fraternity! May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism!

It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the *corporal and spiritual works of mercy*. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God’s mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these *corporal works of mercy*: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the *spiritual works of mercy*: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.

We cannot escape the Lord’s words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged: whether we have fed the hungry and given drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked, or spent time with the sick and those in prison (cf. *Matthew 25:31-45*). Moreover, we will be asked if we have helped others to escape the doubt that causes them to fall into despair and which is often a source of loneliness; if we have helped to overcome the ignorance in which millions of people live, especially children deprived of the necessary means to free them from the bonds of poverty; if we have been close to the lonely and afflicted; if we have forgiven those who have offended us and have rejected all forms of anger and hate that lead to violence; if we have had the kind of patience God shows, who is so patient with us; and if we have commended our brothers and sisters to the Lord in prayer. In each of these “little ones,” Christ himself is present. His flesh becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled... to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us. Let us not forget the words of Saint John of the Cross: “as we prepare to leave this life, we will be judged on the basis of love”.

You can read the entire document by going to the new OLPH website or by visiting the Jubilee of Mercy website at www.im.va.



WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE
Feb. 20/21, 2016

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	402	186	\$4,211.00
8:00 a.m.	310	130	3,278.00
10:00 a.m.	489	153	3,639.00
12:00 p.m.	520	148	3,743.00
5:00 p.m.	238	37	1,665.00
Total coin:			15.58
Mail-ins:			N/A
Children's Envelopes		27	61.90
Faith Direct			2,014.70
TOTAL	1,959	681	\$18,628.18
2015 TOTAL	1,786	445	\$16,306.38
Candles			\$878.97
Poor Box			\$233.35

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION—
MARCH 6, 2016

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world. From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from this Collection make a real difference in lives across the globe. **How will you help?** Next week, please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection and Jesus in disguise.



SUPPORT OUR 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.

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

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Preparing for March 6, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again;
he was lost, and has been found.*

Luke 15:24

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

This first reading, though brief, tells of how the Israelites finally came home. It takes place just after they have crossed the Jordan River into the land “flowing with milk and honey” promised to them by God, and just before they begin a campaign to claim the land with the battle for Jericho. The Lord finally removed the reproach that required the Israelites to wander in the desert for forty years as a result of their disobedience. After celebrating Passover one more time, the manna that sustained them in their long sojourn ceased because they would no longer need it. God was welcoming them home.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Just as the Israelites began a new life when they reached the Promised Land, Paul declares that we too begin a new life when we are in Jesus. We are a “new creation” and all the old things have passed away. Paul preaches the ministry of reconciliation that he has been given to proclaim – God has reconciled the world to himself through his son Jesus. That means that God forgives us our sins because Jesus took them all on his shoulders when he climbed up on the cross. We don’t have to carry them any more. We too can go home to the Father. What wonderful news!

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Jesus also tells a story about coming home. He tells us that there is no one who doesn’t need to rely on God’s mercy, whether it’s the prodigal son who has clearly strayed from the path or the resentful older brother who nurses anger and resentment in his heart because he’s always done the right thing and is jealous that his father has so easily forgiven his brother. In which brother do we see ourselves? But it doesn’t matter since the loving father goes out to meet each of them with unconditional mercy and open arms. We cannot exhaust the mercy of God and we can always rely on him as the loving Father who will always welcome us home.

Gospel 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. Jesus responded with the parable of the Prodigal Son when the Pharisees accused him of eating with sinners. How was Jesus “prodigal”? What was Jesus telling us about God’s forgiveness? In the story did the son have to ask for forgiveness or did he just start on the road back home? Do you forgive easily? Is it easy or difficult for you to ask for forgiveness? What are your feelings about the older brother’s behavior in this parable?

2. How would Pope Francis’ interpretation of the Prodigal Son below help someone who thought he/she had too many sins to be forgiven?

The Gospel of Luke tells us that the father saw the son from afar because he was waiting for him. The father went onto the terrace every day to see if his son would return. He waited. And when he saw him, he went out in haste and ‘threw himself on his neck.’ The son had prepared some words to say but the father did not let him speak; his embrace covered his mouth.

This is our Father, the God that waits for us. Always.

The God who waits for us. God who waits and also God who forgives. He is the God of mercy; he does not tire of forgiving. We are the ones who tire in asking for forgiveness, but he does not tire.

March 28, 2013 Vatican Radio

Pope: God always forgives, celebrates every person's return to him

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, February 29, 2016:

2 Kings 5:1-15ab + Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 1, 2016:

Daniel 3:25, 34-43
+ Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 2, 2016:

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
+ Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 3, 2016:

Jeremiah 7:23-28
+ Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 4, 2016:

Hosea 14:2-10 + Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 5, 2016:

Hosea 6:1-6
+ Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 6, 2016:

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
+ 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
+ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



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In the midst of our recent cold spell, OLPH's Homeless Ministry sought to feed the hungry and clothe those in need by providing food, making sure the homeless had safe shelter and helping them find more secure places for the homeless to stay. Learn more about our Homeless Ministry on page 15 of this bulletin.



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.

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