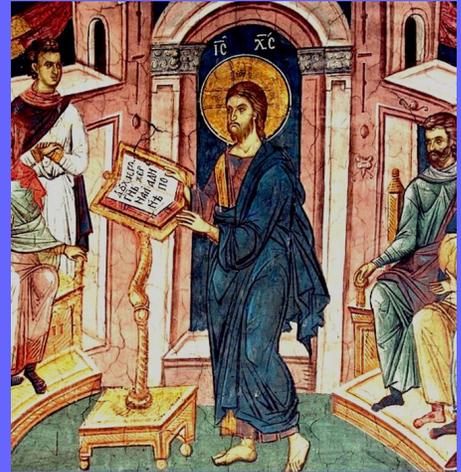


Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Jesus began speaking in the
synagogue, saying,
“Today, this Scripture
passage is fulfilled
in your hearing.”



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2013

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Moise Aime + Rev. Ignace Lolecke + Rev. John Sureau

In Residence: Rev. Michael Holzmann

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

Pastoral Associate for Administration: Deacon Donald A. Stamm

Director of Religious Education: Thomas J. Acemoglu

Music Director: James R. Kendall

High School Youth Minister: Brittany Evans

Middle School Youth Minister: Peggy Harnisch

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 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. and 6:30 p.m. (Mass in Polish)

Masses for Holy Days are as 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.*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

Sunday Nights: 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

Monday- Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

**EVENING OFFICE HOURS, AT THIS TIME,
ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2013 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Serving God by Serving Others



The work of the Catholic Ministries Appeal continues this week!

After Masses today, representatives from the Catholic Ministries Appeal will be available in first floor hallway of the school. Come over after all morning Masses and enjoy some hospitality. This is also a good place to have questions answers and to make your pledge for the 2013 CMA!

**CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**
2013 OLPH Goal
\$112,900

You can make your pledge by:

A. Completing a pledge card and returning it via the Sunday collection or dropping it off or mailing it to the Parish Office.

-Pledge cards are available in the back of the Church or you can use the bottom of this page to make your pledge.

B. Going online to www.catholicministriesappeal.org and making your donation there.

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.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org to make your donation.

Make Checks Payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Long Island Catholic Magazine Available

The second issue of the new *Long Island Catholic* magazine has been mailed out to all subscribers. That issue features a story on the relief efforts of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Since OLPH is featured prominently, additional copies of that issue have been offered to the parish free-of-charge. Those copies are now available throughout the church; please feel free to take one, and to let others know about this magazine.

Telecare Telethon

I wish to thank all the parishioners who called in to make a pledge during the 2013 Telecare Telethon two weekends ago. Your donation is supporting the important ministry of Catholic television. Approximately 30 dioceses throughout the country carry Telecare, and so Telecare programming is in about 7 ½ million homes nationwide. This is an important ministry provided by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, a ministry that many other dioceses do not have. We should feel blessed to be able to have Telecare originating from our diocese.

I also wish to thank everyone who sent very kind and affirming messages to Fr. John and me, dedicating your pledges to us and to OLPH. I didn't realize it at the time, but apparently there was a contest taking place as to which of the two of us would receive the most number of pledges in our honor. I'm happy to report that the final tally was 27,463 for me and 2 for Fr. John. That is, however, an unofficial count.

New Show—"Insight"

If you were watching the Telethon on Saturday afternoon, you may have seen that a new show will be airing co-starring me, Bishop Robert Brennan and Bishop Nelson Perez. Unfortunately, Telecare decided to discontinue taping new episodes of *Divine Intervention*, and I will miss doing that, although I understand that reruns will continue to air (maybe *Divine Intervention* will be as popular in reruns as *I Love Lucy!*). However, they asked me to do this new show with the two bishops. Its title (as of now) is *Insight*, and the show will offer lively discussion among the three of us — including, sometimes, differing points of view — on various topics concerning the

Church and the interaction of faith and culture. The three of us have a very good rapport (Bishop Brennan and I have been friends for close to thirty years, so we know each other quite well!) and so the show should prove to be both entertaining and thought-provoking. The discussions, in addition to offering a good amount (I hope!) of insight will, I'm sure, offer plenty of laughs and light-hearted moments (I think it would be impossible for me to do a show without some laughter!). Plans call for taping to begin in April; the debut of the show is still undecided. I will keep you posted on the details as they develop.

Catholic Ministries Appeal



Last weekend I preached at all the Masses, speaking about the Catholic Ministries Appeal. This weekend we are showing a video at all Masses, to give you further information about the Appeal. I do ask you to seriously and prayerfully

consider making a pledge or a one-time donation to the Appeal. As I mentioned in my homily, perhaps even more important than the size of the gift is that we have a large number of parishioners participating, giving whatever they can. It is really, really important for us to make our goal this year, and I'm sure you will respond with the same wonderful generosity that has always characterized the parishioners of the OLPH parish family.

I thank those parishioners who mentioned to me that they would be making a pledge this year after not having donated for a number of years. Your return is greatly appreciated!

What are you doing for Lent?

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner — February 13 this year. Now is the time to begin thinking about how you will make this a fruitful Lent. Remember, doing Lenten penance is not just about some kind of endurance contest, *i.e.*, "I'll see if I can give something up for 40 days," and then going right back to it afterward. No, Lenten penance is about cooperating with God's grace to bring about **conversion of mind and heart, so that as a result of doing penance, we are closer to the Lord and more faithfully living the life he calls us to live.** A Lenten penance might involve



giving something up, but it might also or instead involve **doing something more, taking on some Lenten practice or action of love for someone else.**

We will be providing special booklets to assist you in your spiritual journey of Lent, *What Are You Doing for Lent?* We received some positive comments about these booklets when we had them available for the Advent season. Look for them starting next weekend.

Cold and Flu Season and the Liturgy

At this time of year, much attention is paid to situations regarding the flu, and questions often arise concerning liturgical practices. Allow me to offer some comments and suggestions.

1. *Everyone* should be especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. Parishioners in the pew may wish to discreetly consider sanitizing their hands before coming forward for Holy Communion. If Communion ministers need to do so, they can do so discreetly, preferably not in the sanctuary area.

2. Do not cough or sneeze into your hands. Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, then throw it away. If you don't have a tissue handy, then cough or sneeze into your sleeve, not your hands, and then avoid touching the area of clothing you coughed or sneezed into.

3. At this time we are not yet at the point of offering the Precious Blood at Masses; current plans call for us to begin introducing liturgical changes during Easter Time, perhaps the Third Sunday of Easter (April 14). So, while we do not have to deal with the issue of drinking from communal chalices right now, we will in the future. I will state now that it will *not* be my practice to withdraw the chalice during cold and flu season. This is unnecessary and deprives those who wish to receive under both species of the ability to do so. Common sense will prevail. More on this will be said once we introduce the offering of both species at all Masses in the months ahead.

4. However, we can note that during cold and flu season, it might be desirable to refrain from receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, and instead receive in the hand. It is extremely unsanitary, especially if you are contagious, for you to receive on the tongue. Think about it: in the case of the chalice, there is an alcohol content in the consecrated wine, the chalice rim is wiped, and the chalice is given a slight turn, and all

these factors mitigate against infection, but in the case of Communion on the tongue, the minister's fingers go essentially from one mouth to another. Therefore, if you think you might be contagious, or even if you want to lower your risk of infection during cold and flu season, you may wish to consider refraining from receiving on the tongue so as to prevent the spread of saliva.

5. Parishioners should use their own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the Sign of Peace during the liturgy. Again, let common sense prevail: if you are ill and could possibly spread a cold or flu, limit your physical contact with others. Perhaps a simple bow, or bow of the head, would suffice as a gesture of exchanging peace. Please do not be offended if someone extends this kind of greeting to you; they may be doing so as an act of charity towards you!

6. Of course, the best advice to offer is this: *if you're sick, stay home!!!* **There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick or contagious; you are not committing a sin by staying home if you are sick!** (In fact, I like to joke that coming to Mass and having me catch your germs might be the real sin!) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday readings, as well as viewing the Mass on television (another benefit from Telecare!), while certainly not the same thing as actually attending Mass, can provide some spiritual nourishment.

7. Finally, let's not panic or over-react. The usual liturgical practices of the Catholic Church are not dangerous to one's health when exercised with ordinary common sense. Extra attentiveness to cleanliness and daily health practices during cold and flu season is part of that common sense.

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,



Lenten penance is about cooperating with God's grace to bring about conversion of mind and heart, so that as a result of doing penance, we are closer to the Lord and more faithfully living the life he calls us to live.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

from Holy Hour to Happy Hour to Holy Hour

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

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

6:15 p.m. — Church

begins in the Church and the celebration continues in the Auditorium.

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

Please bring a covered dish to be shared with your family and a few others!
(Food may be dropped off from 5:45 to 6:10 p.m.)



MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

First & Last Name: _____

_____ #of adults _____ # of children & ages _____

Telephone number: _____ Email Address: _____ @ _____

Amount enclosed: cash _____ check _____ *Make checks payable OLPH*

**if possible please bring a covered dish in a aluminum chafing pan for you and your family and little extra to be shared* (we will have the sterno racks).*

Covered dish _____

Please return to OLPH Rectory or drop in the Collection Basket ASAP **BUT NO LATER THAN NEXT SUNDAY February 10th.** All donations accepted.

Any questions or ticket information contact: Deirdre Strigaro 225-0928 or Debbie McDonough 957-0765/ olphfamilylife@aol.com

GETTING READY FOR LENT!



BRING US YOUR PALM!

Ash Wednesday, February 13, 2013 marks the beginning of the Lenten season and the signing with ashes is a powerful reminder to us of the importance of this time of reflection, reconciliation and renewal.

The ashes come from burned palm – preferably the palm distributed last Palm Sunday. It is a good reminder how the liturgical cycle connects. In connecting last Palm Sunday with this year's Ash Wednesday we are reminded of the dying and rising of Christ – the Paschal Mystery - which the liturgy always calls us to encounter.

Please continue to place your palm in the baskets in the front of the sanctuary. This palm will be burned at the end of Mardi Gras on February 12th and used at all of our Ash Wednesday Masses.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

*Celebrating 50 years
of Vatican II*

Monday Nights

February 25, March 4,
March 11, and March 18th
7:45 P.M. + Church

Each night we'll gather for Evening Prayer and look at one of the constitutions of the Council and how we can carry out the work of the Church in our own lives.

Presenters include Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ, Msgr. Joe, Tom Acemoglu, and more!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Last week, members of our parish community gathered together to begin the RCIA process at OLPH!

In the weeks ahead, you'll meet and read about these committed young men and women who desire to be baptized and/or fully initiated in the life of the Church.

We will gather each Sunday after a particular Mass and then on Monday night at 7 P.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome to come, pray and learn with our parish catechumen and candidates.

Follow the bulletin each week for more details about their journey.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

The poor have much to teach you. You have much to learn from them.

-St. Vincent de Paul

Food Pantry Shopping List

Shelf Stable Milk
 Evaporated Milk
 Powdered Milk
 Pancake Mix
 Pancake Syrup
 Jelly
 Canned Fruits
 Jello & Pudding
 Canned Tuna
 Canned Meats
 Pasta Sauce

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

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY
 631.225.5531

The office is open:

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

Tuesdays - 6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

Saturday, February 16—10 A.M.—12 noon

In the Gospel today, Jesus show us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

Have you considered answering the call to "bring glad tidings to the poor" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

A Post—Christmas TY

The response to our annual Christmas program at St. Vincent de Paul was truly amazing this year. We are so grateful to all who donated, adopted or were so anxious to be of help. Approximately 70 families were helped with food and gifts. It is such a joy to see God's love in action. We applaud all of you for your loving generosity and thank God for our wonderful parish family.

-St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Adopt-A-Family Coordinators

NEW HOURS

Since Superstorm Sandy, St. Vincent DePaul has expanded its hours to meet the needs of our parishioners. Initially, we opened on Tuesdays from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. After nearly two months, we've decided a change is in order!



Beginning THIS TUESDAY, February 5, 2013 we will be open from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

We hope this time will be more convenient for our guests and our wonderful volunteers!

STORM RELIEF @ OLPH



DO YOU NEED FURNITURE!?!?

As you rebuild, a number of parishioners have come forward to offer gently used furniture. For more information,

contact Tricia Buckley so she can help to match you up!

If you have furniture in good condition that you would like to donate to a family in need, please contact Mrs. Tricia Buckley at 631.561.5790 or e-mail to buckleyt@optonline.net. Our hope is to connect families who have available furniture with families in need. **DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, bring furniture to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT



Catholic Charities continues to offer case management services to those impacted by Superstorm Sandy. Meeting with a case manager can help you to navigate the various systems you need to interact with and provide important networking resources and referrals.

For more information, contact Catholic Charities at 631.608.8882 or 8883 on weekdays between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. or e-mail to disastercasemanagement@catholiccharities.cc or visit Catholic Charities offices at 147 Schlegel Blvd. in Amityville, NY.

NEW MINISTRY!!!!

New Mothers' Meal Ministry STARTING SOON!

If you are interested in cooking a meal about once a month and delivering it to a new mother in our parish, we would love to hear from you. St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that "We are called to be the hands, feet and eyes of our Lord". If you are interested in being these for a new mother, please e-mail Carol Stysiack at carolstys@verizon.net and type New Mothers' Meal Ministry in the subject line, call 226 9397 and leave a message, or simply fill out the info below and drop it in the collection basket at Mass.



YES, I'd love to volunteer for the New Mothers' Meal Ministry.

My name is _____
 My phone # is _____
 My e mail address _____

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



Project Life and Liberty

To Preserve our Most Basic Rights

“The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time,”

said Thomas Jefferson, two years before he wrote the Declaration of Independence. He and the other founders of our Nation grasped a profound truth when they listed our God-given inalienable rights as “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” Life is our most basic right, the condition for all others – no other right is secure if our very lives can be taken from us. Freedom of conscience, culminating in the right to worship and serve God, is the highest fulfillment of our God-given human nature, for without it we cannot freely return God’s love and serve our brothers and sisters who need our help and protection.

When government attacks religious freedom – especially when it attacks our freedom to respect and revere life at its most defenseless – the fabric of our society is placed at risk.

Next week, Catholics throughout the country will be letting our political leaders know that our voices will be heard. Postcards will be available in the pews next week. Please fill them out, place a stamp on them and return them on the weekend of February 16/17. Members of our Respect Life Committee will hand deliver them to local politicians’ offices.

Let’s continue to work and pray for our most basic rights!



TAKE ACTION NOW!

We ask all parishioners to visit the website and enroll at:

www.nyscatholic.org

By enrolling in this website, you will receive the latest information about important public policy issues and specific (and easy) action steps you can take.

UNDERSTANDING IMMIGRATION

Recently, political leaders have come together to consider immigration reform for our country. This is an important respect life and social justice issue and the Church has spoken clearly in favor fair and equitable immigration reform.



To learn more about the Church’s teaching and what you can do to help, visit

www.justiceforimmigrants.org

a website supported by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

For High School Students....

YOUTH FAITH IN ACTION (YFIA)

Have you been involved in the past?

Come back to something new and exciting!

Have you ever thought about getting involved in the past?

NOW IS THE TIME!

THIS WEEKEND —February 3, 2013—12:30PM

Upcoming Events...

Sunday, February 10, 2013

Get Ready for Lent

Our Youth Ministry teen and adult leaders are taking apart the Gospels for each of us so we can get ready for Lent.



Wednesday, February 13, 2013

7:00 P.M. Mass

Following the Mass, we'll break the Lenten Fast with a light supper in the Youth Ministry Room.

All young people are welcome.



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

Friday, February 15, 2013

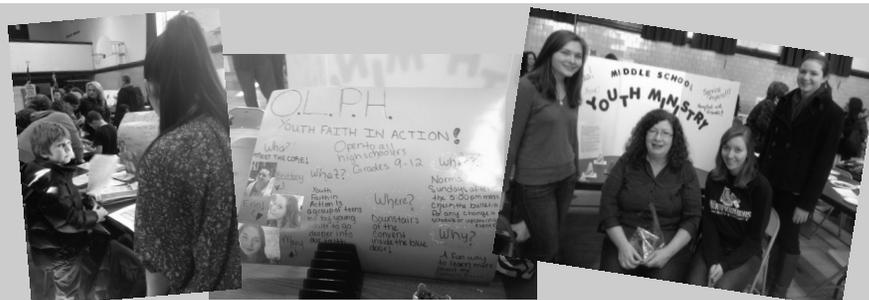
Dodgeball/Adoration

Join us and young people from throughout our Diocese for a night of prayer, praise and fun! Check our Facebook page for a permission slip.

Sunday, February 17, 2013

Take the night off!

Members of our High School and Middle School Youth Ministry participated in the Level 2 **Ministry Fair** last Saturday. By their presence and spirit, they showed the great role young people play in the life of our parish. Great job everyone!



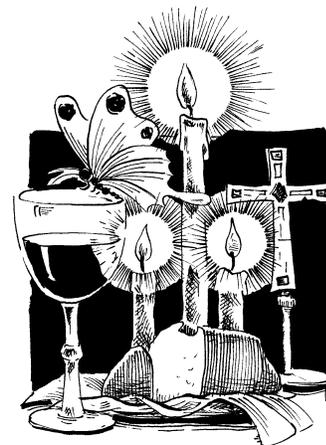
PRAYER AND WORSHIP

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

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



The Presentation at the Temple
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE



MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

The next planning meeting for all "offerers" will be held on:

This Thursday
February 7, 2013
1:30PM

in the Pastor's Meeting Room.

*Please RSVP to the Rectory Office at
631.226.7725.*

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS



As Lent approaches, the Music Ministry of our parish is offering many wonderful opportunities for prayer and reflection.

On **Sunday, February 24th at 8:00 P.M.** we will present Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* sung by our own Kara Vertucci and Linda Garrity of the OLPH Adult Choir. Details to follow in upcoming issues of the bulletin.

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.



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.

Third Time:

Adam Peterson (OLG) & Jessica Vogt (OLPH)

Second Time:

Vincent Tandoi & Stephanie Buglino (Both of OLPH)

First Time:

Ryan Fischer & Colleen Tumulty (OLPH)

WE REMEMBER

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



Frank Altenburg
Marie Elena Biscarr
John McBrien
John Hopkins

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.

-Rite of Baptism

Kate Emerson Allen Liliana Pola Esposito
Ryan Matthew Martin Brody Charles Fitch
Trevor Allen

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



MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one and support our parish community is by donating an item used at Mass for the intention of a loved one. The **Altar Wine** used during the Masses has been memorialized for week of **February 3—9:**

In Loving Memory of

James B. Ruic

Requested by Your Loving Family

To memorialize the altar bread and wine for a particular week, please contact the Parish Office.

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...

John Huff	Sarah Pellerito
Catherine Tamburino	Donna Borish
Mary Doran	Mary Marotta
William Pugh	Fred Nuss
Janet Pugh	Denise Kaminsky
Andrew Pellicane	Joseph DiCecelia
Joseph Gerbino	Thomas O'Brien
Anthony Cito	Bob Little, Jr.
Luca Mazzili	Eileen Quinn
Peggy Pannullo	Calvin Nostrom
Margaret Stangelo	Kevin Carenza
Charles Muller	Regina Khezri
Nettie Deasy	Krystyna Wegrzynowska
Meghan Sullivan Garrity	Richard Brosan
Kevin Curran	Mildred Ippolito
Charles Muller	Frances Tozzi
Claire Cannon	Dolores Otten
Robert Gron	Tony Minni
Bradley Hirst	Marilyn Santamaria
Roman Reichert	Myna Cuevas

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 or e-mail cbecker@oloph.org.

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.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 631.226.7725

Religious Education: 631.226.2384

St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Outreach):
631.225.5531

Youth Ministry: 631.226.6239

Parish Website:

www.olphlindenhurst.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 4—

Weekday in the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 Sophia Soja
12:00 Hartley Family
7:00 Anne (Kay) Hopkins

TUESDAY, February 5—

Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

- 8:00 Agnes Massoni
12:00 Larry Fontana
7:00 June Mastrocola

WEDNESDAY, February 6—

Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

- 8:00 The Oshchypko Family
12:00 Barbara Carr
7:00 Michael Pentaleri

THURSDAY, February 7—

Weekday in the Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

- 8:00 Ralph Ronconi
12:00 Guiseppe Lentini
7:00 Pasquale & Antonia DiPietrantonio
(50th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, February 8—

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

- 8:00 Ralph Ronconi
12:00 Betty Tartone
7:00 Franciszek Wegrzynowska

SATURDAY, February 9—

Weekday in the Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

- 8:00 Deceased members of the Martinez & Arreaza Family

Vigil Mass for the

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 Pasquale DiPietrantonio

SUNDAY, February 10—

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 6:30 Joseph Hoover
8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 Rose Rocco
11:00 Honorable James Grower
12:30 St. Anthony
5:00 Mass for the People of the Parish
6:30 Mass in Polish



Did you know that over 11% of our collection comes from Faith Direct contributions?

As Lent quickly approaches, we are reminded of our call to be stewards with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. At Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish we appreciate your gifts, regardless of how they come. Many of our parishioners have been using *Faith Direct* to give their gifts of treasure. *Faith Direct* is an excellent way to support the parish while reducing the administrative costs of envelopes and saving our wonderful staff and volunteers precious time. To enroll in the *Faith Direct* program you may pick up an enrollment form in the parish office or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: NY286.

As we enter Lent, we hope you will consider participating in this great program as it has been a wonderful means of support for our parish family. Again, thank you for your generosity.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING UPDATE

January 26/27, 2013			
Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$2141.00	123	335
6:30 A.M.	1189.00	36	109
8:00 A.M.	2280.00	89	219
9:30 A.M.	1822.00	107	332
11:00 A.M.	2823.00	128	389
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DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Bridge to Hope: Hospice for the Grieving Heart**—Good Shepherd Hospice will offer this free seminar at the West Islip Public Library. Encouragement, education and support to help cope with a loss of a loved one on Valentine's Day will be offered. **Wednesday, February 6, 2013—6:30 P.M.** Please call Diane McNamara at 631.465.6382 to reserve your seat and for more information.
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- **Catholic Health Services** is offering a **Spiritual Care Companion** training information session **Sat. Feb. 9, 9:30-11:30am** at 245 Old Country Rd., Melville. **Trainings: Sat. March 9, 23, April 6** from 9:30—3:30. To register call Carol Cella 631-465-6307 or Trish Luvín 631-465-6306, or Jo Andrew 631-465-6308.
- The St. Joseph's Renewal Center is offering the following courses/workshops:
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 - Women's Spiritual Gathering, Feb. 12, 10-12 noon, \$15;*
 - Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer Feb. 13, 10am—3:30pm, \$30 includes lunch.*
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- **Rosary, Mass & Healing Service** Tuesday, **February 12, 7PM** at The Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Pkwy, Douglaston. For info call 718-229-8001.
- **"LOVE THEM BOTH"** - Saturday, **February 16, 2013 - 9:30-10:30AM.** In honor of Valentine's Day, there will be a Pro-life event (prayers & walking) outside the Brentwood abortion facility located at 1st Ave. and Brentwood Rd. Sponsored by LI Coalition for Life www.ProLifeLI.org . For info: 631-243-1435.
- **FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY:** Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Guiliani, has been conducted in the diocese for the past 39 years for the convenience of parishioners. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Guiliani at 631.243.2503 or by visiting <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.
- The **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception** is offering two workshops to students and non-students alike and themed for the year of faith:
 - 1) The Feminine Genius (Tues mornings Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19)
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BAPTISM OF THE LORD



On Sunday, January 13, 2013, Family Life Ministry sponsored a wonderful event for the newly baptized of our parish community. After receiving a special blessing at Mass, all journeyed for a breakfast in the Cafeteria.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church. When we do this we are more closely united to the Church and better prepared to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist. Actual texts—audio and visual - can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm>.

A number of apps, including Ibreviary, also contain the daily readings.

Monday, February 4, 2013:

Hebrews 11:32-40 + Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 5, 2013:

Hebrews 12:1-4 + Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 6, 2013:

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 + Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 7, 2013:

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24 + Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 8, 2013:

Hebrews 13:1-8 + Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 9, 2013:

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 + Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 10, 2013:

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 + 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 +

Luke 5:1-11

After reading next Sunday's Gospel, take some time pray with these questions, before you come to Mass.

1. List some of the dangers of "deep water." What is not there for your security? What is there to threaten you? So why would you go there? What virtue do you need?

2. Where did Peter have to go in the lake before he could catch the fish? Where did he have to go in his personal life before he could "catch" people for God? Was everything up to him or did Peter receive extraordinary help? When are you yourself on the shore and when are you in the deep?



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