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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 5- 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society
- 8:00 Respect Life
- 9:30 Evelyn Martel
- 11:00 Book of the Faithful Departed
- 12:30 Mass for the People of the Parish
- 5:00 Tree of Life
- 6:30 Polish Mass

MONDAY: Feb. 6— St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

- 8:00 Joanie Damm
- 12:00 Hartley Family
- 7:00 Louise Ruggiero
- 7:30 Devotions (Novena)

TUESDAY: Feb. 7- Weekday

- 8:00 Robert O'Brien
- 12:00 Giuseppe Piazza
- 7:00 Salvatore Mannine

WEDNESDAY: Feb. 8 St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

- 8:00 Eileen Fabian
- 12:00 Frances Costigliola
- 7:00 Anthonio Foranzella

THURSDAY: FEB. 9- Weekday

- 8:00 Phyllis Campero
- 12:00 Raymond Ruegamer
- 7:00 Nathan Pegoli

FRIDAY: Feb. 10—Saint Scholastica, Virgin

- 8:00 Mary Pulaski
- 12:00 Phyliss Lucas
- 7:00 Pasquale Perrotta

**SATURDAY: Feb. 11- Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of the Sick**

- 8:00 Anna Maria Rochie
- 9:00 Raymond Ronner

VIGIL MASS -

- 5:00 William Heintz

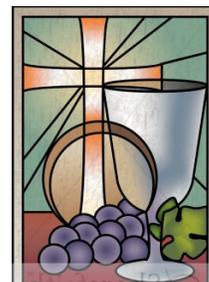
Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam



Mission Statement

“Trusting in God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and, motivated by Christ’s Life, Death and Resurrection, we, the people of God, under the protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, accept as our mission, the evangelization of our parishioners both active and inactive. We accept the call to bring all to a personal, Covenant relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior, to live the Paschal Mystery and to promote the spiritual health and growth of everyone in our parish community.”

- The OLPH Pastoral Council





From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Parishioners,

As I announced at Mass, after a long and prayerful process of discernment, and weighing the struggles of the past few years at OLPH, I decided to submit my resignation as Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Bishop Murphy has accepted my resignation effective June 27, 2012.

You all know that when I arrived here I was filled with enthusiasm, hope and a desire to use my talents as a priest and leader to bring the parish community closer to Christ as the focus of our lives. In so many ways I know I succeeded and am proud of all I have been able to accomplish with the help of God, a few good priests and deacons, and of course, You. This photo to the left was taken on the day of my installation as Pastor.

However, there are many factors that have worked to erode my enthusiasm most of which I will not put in print. In spite of my injury last winter, I continued to function as a pastor; however as the issues of the school became clearer and clearer and the support became less and less, I have had to bear the suffering of name calling and the attempt to defame my character as a priest and pastor. As much as I tried to put these thoughts aside and focus on the good people around me, I have come to realize that the attitudes involved will not go away and will continue to create the drama of darkness in which people choose to live and to drag others into each day. As long as I am here, this negative attitude will not go away and since it is addressed at me, I can only rid my life of it by looking for an assignment elsewhere that will enable me to be the priest God has called me to be.

I cannot and will not live in that dark drama because it ruins the joy I find in being a priest. Bishop Murphy and the Personnel Director understand everything I have shared with them and agree that this is the best decision for me so that I may, as the Bishop said, "offer your services in another part of the vineyard of this Diocese."

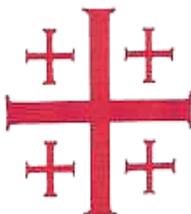
My family and close friends have all noticed the change in me. During a conversation one individual said to me, "Can I tell you something?" "You know Father, when you came here you were filled with enthusiasm, your eyes sparkled with happiness... but you've lost it... and I am concerned..." To all those at the root of these negative attitudes I say, I forgive you for your unkindness. I do pray that you will cease seeing priests as pawns on a chessboard and realize that priests are human beings called to be servants of God sent to minister to His people.

To the good people of the parish, I know you will understand what I have written. I thank you and look forward to completing my assignment here with an eye toward getting the parish in good order for my turnover with the priest (whoever that will be) who will follow me as pastor. I know that with the closing of the school, the parish's financial picture will gradually improve, the buildings will be used by Religious Education and other activities and I know that you will see an even greater growth in the development of spirituality in this community.

I beg you to keep positive and trust in God, as I do. I know you have always wanted the best for me and at this time I know that this is what is best. In the time remaining let's prayerfully enjoy our celebration of Mass together and pray for the priest who will come to be your next pastor.

May God +bless you and yours, today and forever.

Fr. Trapani





February 5, 2012 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

In the gospel today, Jesus heals the sick and performs other such miracles. He then tells His disciples that He cannot stay. He must move on to the next town and continue preaching and healing others. "For this purpose have I come," Jesus says. As Christ's disciples, it is our purpose and our mission to proclaim the Word of God to the world today. We are, in effect, the hands and feet of Christ, and He calls each one of us to continue His ministry of proclaiming the good news. In fact, that is why He established the Church – to call all men to Himself.

Each one of us plays a very important role in the Church's mission. We are all vital members of the One Church, and the Lord has given us many good gifts with which to carry out this mission. When we live our lives for the glory of God and use our gifts – our time, our talents, and our treasure – to serve the Lord by serving others, people are sure to see Christ in us. People are sure to be drawn to our way of life, to the hope and happiness Christ offers, and men are sure to come to Him.

Later in Mark's gospel, when Jesus tells the apostles, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation," (Mk. 16:15), He was speaking to the whole Church. Let us take ownership of our call. May we all use our God-given gifts, our time, our talent, and our treasure – to proclaim the good news: Christ has come to save all and He offers everyone life everlasting. It is a wonderfully hope-filled message. May our lives reflect its truth!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| <i>John Bertone</i> | <i>Elaine Tejera</i> |
| <i>Rocio Brady</i> | <i>Linda McLellan</i> |
| <i>Barbara McPhail</i> | <i>Ann Porzio</i> |
| <i>William Trigg</i> | <i>Timothy Doran</i> |



Dear God,
We place our worries in Your hands and ask that You restore Your servant to health again.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

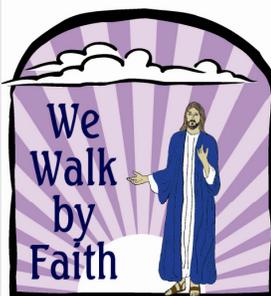
- Lena Cozzetto*
Marilyn Kunigel



We ask you,
O God,
to be our quiet strength
and consolation.

As Christian Stewards in Today's World, We "Walk by Faith."

February 5, 2012 — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use their gifts of healing and forgiveness to help repair relationships in families beset with divorce, death, dysfunction or abuse.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

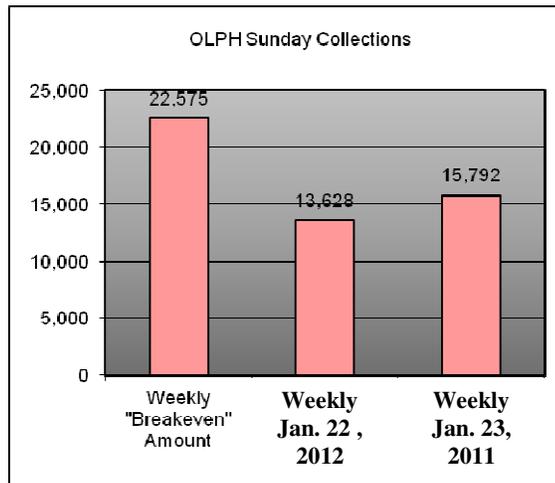
Your Parish Finance Council has suggested that this simple bar graph be added to our weekly bulletin to illustrate the gap between the Sunday collection and the amount needed to achieve a balanced parish budget. Since the beginning of our fiscal year, September 1, 2011, we have experienced a weekly shortfall in collections. It is urgent that we begin to reverse this trend.

**OUR PARISH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH
DEPENDS ON YOUR GENEROSITY**

HELP CLOSE THE GAP!

All envelopes must have your account number and offering amount indicated in order for your account to be credited for weekly and special donations.

The account number, after the #267, is located under the date. Remember you must be registered in the parish in order to receive envelopes. Thank you.



We now have 82 parishioners/families enrolled in Faith Direct!

PARISH NEWS

- There will be a second collection next weekend, Feb. 4th & 5th for the diocesan collection for the Church in Need which helps the Church in Europe, Latin America & Africa. Please be as generous as your means will permit.

➤ **Congratulations to our February 2012 “1000 Club” Winners:**

\$1000—Robert F. McLellan \$250—Kevin Walsh
\$150—Pat Scanlon \$100—Fran Kicinski

- The *Reproductive Health Act* seeks to have abortion declared a ‘fundamental right’ in New York State, prohibiting even basic and widely supported protections, such as parental consent and limits on government funding of abortion. The law would allow any “health care practitioner” to perform an abortion, jeopardize any agency that does not refer for abortion and seriously threaten conscience protections for hospitals and medical professionals. Over the next two weekends, **Feb. 11, 12 & 18, 19**, members of the Respect Life Committee will be collecting signatures on petitions against this “Reproductive Health Act” to send to Albany. **Please stand up for your Catholic beliefs! Come and sign the petition.**
- Hospitality Committee invites **all** parishioners to join us for a **free** continental breakfast next weekend, Feb. 12, following the 9:30 a.m. Family Liturgy in the Parish/School cafeteria. Please join us as we welcome and congratulate our newly installed Altar Servers. A valentine craft will be provided for the children.

Contribution statements for the 2011 tax year will be mailed to those households whose donations total \$200 or more. All others will be forwarded upon request.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Catholic Health Services: Volunteer your time with others** as a **Spiritual Care Companion**— for hospitalized or living in a nursing home, homebound or adults with special needs. This **free** six-week training with basic pastoral care skills and information. Particularly for Good Samaritan Hospital and dialysis units, Our Lady of Consolation in West Islip, Good Samaritan Nursing Home and St. Catherine’s Nursing Home. **Tuesday, Feb. 7, 9:30—11:30 am** at *Our Lady of Consolation*, 111 Beach Drive, WI. And training sessions: **Feb. 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3** from 9:30am—12:30pm. Call Carol Cella 631-465-6307 or Trish Luvin 631-465-6306.
- **HEALING MASS** at the *Immaculate Conception Center*, Douglaston Pkwy, Douglaston. Tuesday, **Feb. 7** at 7pm. Rosary, Mass & Healing service celebrated by Fr. Augustine Fernando. For more info call: 718-229-8001.
- **Healing Mass at St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset** (across from Christopher Morley Park (621 -8300) 6:30 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Healing Mass Schedule: Tuesday, **March 6**, Tuesday, **April 17**, Tuesday, **May 15**, Tuesday, **June 5**.
- **7th Annual Divine Mercy conference**— will take place **March 24** 9am-5pm at Cardinal Spellman H.S. Bronx, NY. Guest speakers include: Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, Abby Johnson & Scott Hahn. Registration required: www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx; 1-800-462-7426 or by mail. Brochures available on the pew ledges. More details to follow.
- **Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy**—provided by NYS licensed therapists available to our parish and 102 other parishes. Services provided by Catholic Counseling Center. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments: call Dr. Giuliani 631-243-2503 or go to our website thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.
- **“A Valentine’s Day Gift”** Celebrate your marriage and your love by experiencing a *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend*. **Feb. 10-12**. Registration limited. 1-866-499-6354; visit www.wwmeli.org or email Ron & Chris Morasse; ron@morassefamily.com for more information.

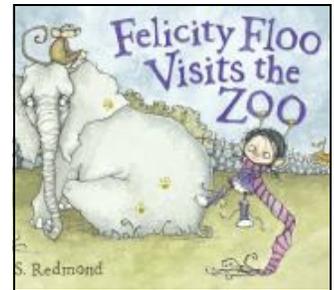
SCHOOL NEWS

Third Grade - At this time we are preparing for our *Multicultural Luncheon*. We have been discussing different cultures, flags, dress, customs, climate, landmarks, and discussions about America being a "Salad Bowl"; creating cultural totem poles; and talking about foods of many nations. On Thursday, February 2nd, we shared our foods with each other to **CELEBRATE** our various cultures. What a great time to welcome our families during Catholic Schools Week: **Faith, Academics, Service**.



Religion - Grade 7 Students have been busily working on their ideas for the diocesan "Respect Life Contest". Each year students create art work, write poetry, and write essays reflecting their thoughts on everyone's right to a life of value and fullness. This year, the theme is Jesus' words, "I came so all might have life and have it to the full."

Language Arts - Grade 6 and 7 - Both are studying poetry. They are learning literary elements such as rhyme, rhythm, repetition, and alliteration. **Grade 6** learned the word onomatopoeia and wrote their own poems. **Grade 7** is reading two narrative poems and analyzing the meaning of each.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul : "WE HELP PEOPLE"**

PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY & JAM, TUNA FISH, CANNED MEATS, CANNED & PKG. POTATOES, SHELF-STABLE POWERED & EVAPORATED MILK, PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP, PORK & BEANS, CAKE MIX, JELLO & PUDDING, CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE.



PLEASE - NO PASTA AT THIS TIME!

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is located at 272 South Wellwood Ave.

The office is open ONLY on *Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 am—12 noon*. Call 631-225-5531.



2012 Family Life MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

From Happy Hour to Holy Hour
Come join us for a family evening of fun
followed by a Prayer Service as we begin our Lenten
journey strengthening our relationship with God



Date: Tuesday, **February 21**, 2012

Time: 6:30 to 9:30 p. m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

Location: OLPH Parish/School auditorium

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

Please bring a covered dish to be shared : Lemonade, ice tea, & water will be provided
music, games, 50/50, raffles & prizes

Mardi Gras King & Queen will be crowned

Tear Off: Please return to OLPH Rectory ASAP no later than 2/15

Attn: Family Life

210 South Wellwood Ave, Lindenhurst

(no tickets will be sold at the door; limited capacity of 160).

Name: _____ # of adults _____ # of children & ages _____

Telephone number _____

Amount enclosed: cash _____ check _____ (Make checks payable: OLPH)

if possible please bring a covered dish for your family and a little extra to be shared

Covered dish _____

All donations will be accepted

Any questions and/or ticket information contact:

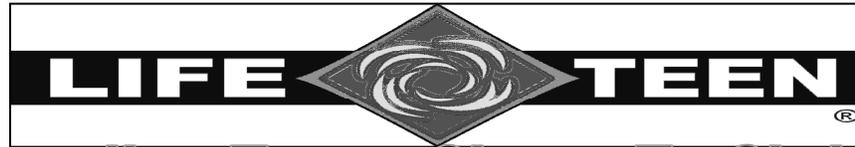
Deirdre Strigaro 225-0928 & Debbie McDonough 957-0765



On Sunday, January 29th OLPH Altar Servers and their families were invited to the Knights of Columbus breakfast.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Altar Servers for their service to our parish from Grand Knight Edward Cirella and Fr. Trapani.

Hospitality Committee invites all parishioners to join us for a **free continental breakfast next weekend, Feb. 12**, following the 9:30 a.m. Family Liturgy in the Parish/School cafeteria. Please join us as we welcome and congratulate our newly installed Altar Servers. A valentine craft will be provided for the children.



Leading Teens Closer To Christ

LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT: SUPER BOWL PARTY TONIGHT!! GO GIANTS!!

Join us today at 6pm for football, fun and food—super bowl party is \$5 We have the TV set up couches and chairs everywhere join us!!

DODGE BALL

Friday Feb 10th. See Brittany to reserve your seat in the van!

RETREAT

This years retreat, at Camp Alvernia in Centerport, will be the best one yet!! Friday March 16th through Sunday March 18th. Total cost right now \$100, the more teens we have the less the price will be so bring your friends! Deposits of \$50 due on Feb 26, full payment is due the week before the retreat.

PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for donations of food & supplies to cut the cost of our retreat. If you are interested in donating a food item, paper goods, or anything else please contact Brittany at either [631-226-6239](tel:631-226-6239) or email us at olphifeteen1@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK

Life Night - "Gifted"

Remember anyone 8th grade and older is welcome to any event!! Come on down to the convent basement Sunday's at 6 and see what we are all about.

Check our website for more updates. www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com

The Edge is for all middle school age kids – no matter where you go to school—this is the place for you! We meet in the basement of the Convent. Look for the blue door on the south side of the Convent. We meet from 7:30 til 8:45 pm. It's a great place to come, hang out, play great games and learn about our faith.

Just come on down, no need to sign up!



Edge dates for Feb.7th and Feb.28th

Check out the EDGE website @ www.olphym.com or call 226-6239 and leave a message for Peggy

Readings for the Week—Feb. 5—10, 2012:

Sunday, February 5: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; *1 Cor* 9:16-19, 22-23; *Mk* 1:29-39

Monday, Feb. 6: *1 Kgs* 8:1-7, 9-13; *Mk* 6:53-56

Tuesday, Feb. 7: *1 Kgs* 8:22-23, 27-30; *Mk* 7:1-13

Wednesday, Feb. 8: *1 Kgs* 10:1-10; *Mk* 7:14-23

Thursday, Feb. 9: *1 Kgs* 11:4-13, *Mk* 7:24-30

Friday, Feb. 10: *1 Kgs* 11:29-32; 12:19

Saturday, Feb. 11: *1 Kgs* 12:26-32; 13:33-34; *Mk* 8:1-10



New Votive Candelabras for Our Lady of Perpetual Help

ST. KILLIANS CANDELABRA

"The Light of the World"

Safe, Eco-Friendly, Low-Maintenance
and the Cleanest-Burning Candles in the World



This Lenten season our parish will begin replacing the old electric votive racks with new wax-candle racks manufactured by St. Killians Candle Company of Tipperary, Republic of Ireland.

The St. Killians Candelabra provide natural candle light in a safe, clean, eco-friendly environment that is easy to use and maintain. This patented candle rack system is an innovative yet traditional alternative to conventional systems used in cathedrals, churches and shrines. There are many advantages of using this product over traditional and electronic votive racks. These new candles are safe and virtually smoke-free. Maintenance is minimal and simple. Devotion is enhanced with the beauty and warmth of natural candle light.

This new system has been introduced successfully at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York as well as several parishes in our own diocese. These new votive candelabra may be memorialized by one or more families at a donation of \$2500 for each votive rack. More information will be available in the rectory office.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE— "RESTORING GOD'S GLORY!"

Have you paid your pledge yet?

This is a list of the memorials that are still available. We have added additional memorials to our **Restoring God's Glory Campaign** due to the demand and popularity of the memorials.

When you make a pledge to the campaign this gives you the opportunity to reserve a memorial. In doing so, you are able to make your gift in your family name or in memory of a loved one, which becomes a special way of participating in this campaign.

If you are interested in reserving a memorial by making a pledge please call the rectory at 631-226-7725.

MEMORIAL	COST	
Baptistry	TBD	
Cross Etched Inner Church Doors		
Main Center Doors (2)	\$15,000	ea.
Main North (1) & South Doors (1)	\$10,000	ea.
Side Doors (4)	\$7,500	ea.
CHURCH PEWS		
Front Church Nave Pews (35)	\$5,000	ea.
North Transept Pews (2)	\$3,000	ea.
South Transept Pews (3)	\$3,000	ea.
Back Church Nave Pews (26)	\$2,400	ea.
Church Restroom	\$10,000	
Church Handicap Restroom	\$10,000	
Rectory Kitchen	\$10,000	
Holy Family Room	\$10,000	



10TH ANNUAL SQUIRES SWEETHEARTS DANCE

a fundraiser for

Kenny Kodak

February 11

Knights of Columbus Hall, 400 South Broadway, Lindenhurst

7pm-11pm

Buffet Dinner, DJ & Dancing

Beer, Wine & Soda ~ Coffee & Dessert

Raffles & Door Prizes

Kenny is 12 years old and is a triplet. He was diagnosed with medulloblastoma in March. He has had an operation and is currently undergoing intensive radiation and chemotherapy. He lives in West Islip, is in 7th grade and attends Beach Street Middle School. He loves lacrosse and hopes to play again someday.

Tickets: \$25 per person

If you cannot attend please consider making a donation.

For ticket & donation information contact:

Will Calamia: (631) 412-5451

Knights of Columbus Reservations: (631) 226-3240



Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus

Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum

7pm, Wednesday, March 21st

\$12 per ticket



To order tickets, return the attached form, by **February 18th**, to:

Stephen Strigaro
131 North 7th Street
Lindenhurst, NY 11757-3739

Phone: (631) 225-0928

Make checks payable to: **OLPH Knights of Columbus #794**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

#Tickets: _____ @ \$12 each Total: \$ _____