

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Jesus said, "You are the light of the world.
Your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father."*

Matthew 5:14a, 16

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2017

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Mr. Martin Kenny

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

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 (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ON VOCATIONS

On Wednesday, January 25th, our Religious Education had a presentation on vocations. The presenters were a group of people who are working toward or who are in a particular vocation. Each member of the panel was given a few minutes to tell their story and to speak about their vocation. Then our Level 7 students asked questions of the panelists. Thank you to all of those who were members of the panel: Fr. Frank Zero; Sr. Nancy Campkin, CSJ, Director of Rel. Ed. at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip; and Brother Steven Balletta, teacher at Chaminade High School, all represented the Religious life; David Miller & Grace Moran, represented a dating couple; and Deacon Robert Becker and his wife, Carmel, represented the vocation of marriage. You gave our young people such great witness!



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

An awards ceremony was held after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 29 for the winners of the 2016 *“Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest”* co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society. Pictured here are the winners present for the ceremony, along with representatives of the Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society and Msgr. Joe. Congratulations to all!



PARISH LENTEN MISSION



The Wisdom of St. Joseph for Lent

Sunday, March 5

Monday, March 6

Tuesday, March 7

Each night at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

This year our parish Lenten Mission will be led by
Fr. Patrick Griffin, CM

In May 2013, Pope Francis instructed the Catholic Community to include Joseph in all the Eucharistic Prayers. The directive brought Joseph a little closer to the front in some Christian consciousness and prayer. In this retreat, we will acknowledge the wisdom of St. Joseph as it touches us personally, as it invites the formation of community, and as it points towards what is most important for a family. We hope to grow to be more like this good man as we celebrate the values of this Lenten season leading us to Easter.

Fr. Patrick Griffin, CM, a Brooklyn native, was ordained a Vincentian priest in 1979. After ordination, he completed a doctorate in Biblical Studies and then taught at various universities and seminaries. From 1993-1999, he worked in Rome as the Econome General of the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians). From 2010-2014, Fr. Griffin ministered in Paris as the Director General of the Daughters of Charity. In March 2014, Fr. Griffin returned to St. John's University in NY where he assumed his current position as the Executive Director for the Vincentian Center for Church and Society.



PASTOR'S PAGE

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2017

We continue the launch of the Catholic Ministries Appeal ("CMA") at OLPH this year with the showing of the CMA Video at all Masses, as is our custom.

Allow me to thank you for your time and attention in viewing the video. Each year the CMA video does a great job of bringing to life the many good works accomplished through the Catholic Ministries Appeal; the video presents to us where your money actually goes, and how our participation in the Appeal really does make our Church more vibrant and really does have a positive impact on the lives of so many people.

I ask everyone to participate in the Catholic Ministries Appeal this year and to help make it a huge success, both for the good work it accomplishes and because of the way it will benefit OLPH by our sharing in the rebate money. Thank you for your generosity!

A new Bishop

Because of the deadline requirements for publishing this bulletin, I am writing about something that should have taken place by the time you read this, but has not happened yet as I write this, and that is the installation of our new Bishop, Bishop John O. Barres, as the fifth Bishop of Rockville Centre, on this past Tuesday, January 31.

Transitions and new beginnings such as this are always good occasions for reflections and prayer. This installation of a new Bishop reminds us that the Church is larger than just our own parish, and it reminds us how as Catholics we have our true identity not because we belong to a parish, as important as that belonging is, but because we belong to a Diocesan Church under the Pastorship of a Bishop. Take a few moments to read and reflect on this key article from *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, from the Second Vatican Council:

A bishop, marked with the fullness of the sacrament of Orders, is "the steward of the grace of the supreme priesthood," especially in the Eucharist, which he offers or causes to be offered, and by which the Church continually lives and grows. This Church of Christ is truly present in all legitimate local congrega-

tions of the faithful which, united with their pastors, are themselves called churches in the New Testament. For in their locality these are the new People called by God, in the Holy Spirit and in much fullness. In them the faithful are gathered together by the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, and the mystery of the Lord's Supper is celebrated, that by the food and blood of the Lord's body the whole brotherhood may be joined together. In any community of the altar, under the sacred ministry of the bishop, there is exhibited a symbol of that charity and "unity of the mystical Body, without which there can be no salvation." In these communities, though frequently small and poor, or living in the Diaspora, Christ is present, and in virtue of His presence there is brought together one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. For "the partaking of the body and blood of Christ does nothing other than make us be transformed into that which we consume."

Every legitimate celebration of the Eucharist is regulated by the bishop, to whom is committed the office of offering the worship of Christian religion to the Divine Majesty and of administering it in accordance with the Lord's commandments and the Church's laws, as further defined by his particular judgment for his diocese. (article 26)

The above quotation gives us deeper insight into the place of the Bishop in the life of the Church. This explains why we pray for the Bishop by name in the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass. The Bishop is the Chief Shepherd and Pastor in the Diocese; I am here in his place, to represent him, and because he cannot be present. We are Church only because we are in communion with our Bishop.

Let's remember to pray for our new Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Barres, and for our Auxiliary Bishops who assist him, Bishop Brennan, Bishop Perez and Bishop Andrzej, as they exercise their ministry of leadership and governance here in the Church of Rockville Centre.

"Monthly is the new weekly"

Allow me to present to you, for the fourth and final time, some thoughts concerning Mass attendance. If you read this in one of the previous bulletins, there's no need to read it again; it's the same material. If you have not yet seen this, then I ask you to take the time to read this and reflect on it; perhaps it applies to you.

Just as we have the cultural phenomenon that “sixty is the new forty” in terms of changes in lifestyle and emerging new perceptions of aging and activity, so too do we seem to have a new phenomenon concerning Sunday Mass attendance that might be phrased as “weekly is the new monthly.” In other words, there is the perception among people of today that attending Mass on an intermittent basis, perhaps once or twice a month, is a valid and legitimate practice. Actually, nothing could be further from the truth.

The law of the Church is clear: we are required to attend Mass **each and every Sunday and holy day of obligation**. We are excused only for **serious reason**, for example, illness or the care of family members who cannot be left alone, or when weather (snow and ice for the elderly, for example) makes it unsafe or impossible to get out of the house, or when our work schedule creates a conflict that cannot be solved. Please note that sports schedules, social obligations and things of that nature are not legitimate reasons; we must make the time to attend Mass even if it might be inconvenient to do so or if it might require rearranging our schedules. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear about the seriousness of this obligation: “Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.” (#2181)

I realize it’s not fashionable to say such a thing these days, but it is nonetheless true: missing Mass without a valid objective reason is a sin (and it is something that should be confessed in Confession). Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to His Church. It is the “summit and source” of the Christian life. Because of this, we are required to attend Mass each and every Sunday and holy day of obligation. Now, let’s be clear: it is NOT a sin to miss Mass if you are sick, or if you have to take care of someone who cannot be left alone, or if your job demands that you be at work, or if severe weather makes it dangerous or impossible to get there (so, if you are 85 years old and use a walker and cannot get to Mass when it is snowy and icy, you do NOT commit a sin—do not come to Confession for that rea-

son!). Lacking some serious valid objective reason, though, we are obligated to attend — period.

Monthly must not become the new weekly if we are to maintain our identity as Catholic Christians. I make a special appeal to parents to fulfill the obligation they willingly undertook at their child’s baptism to raise the children in the practice of the faith to make weekly attendance at Sunday Mass a non-negotiable aspect of their family life.

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,




Welcome, Bishop John O. Barres!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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.



BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES

We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is **March 1**. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season. As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes brand us with the sign of the cross — a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during the Easter season. Penitential acts are undertaken as a community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection.

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

We invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. **We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on February 28th and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 1st.**

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



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

Monday, February 6—7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 13—7:00 p.m.

**Monday, February 20—No Devotions
due to President's Day**

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.

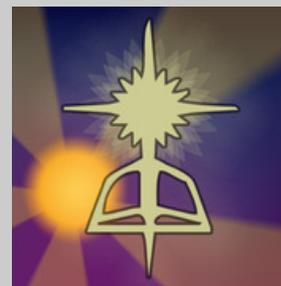
So come and pray...

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



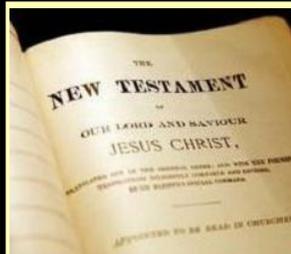
A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to re-view some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

- **Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).
- **Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.
- **Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.
- **Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

Mass Attendance: MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS! There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

2017 ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS



Basic Course: New Testament

To introduce participants to the structure, content and themes of the major books of the New Testament, the participants will become acquainted with the variety of writings which comprise the Christian Scriptures and experience the Scriptures as the living Word of God in which we encounter the risen Christ. The participants will understand the origin, development and purpose of the Gospels as well as the message of Saint Paul's writings.

Instructor: April Kleinlaut

Coordinator of Faith Formation

Thursdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Time: 7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. Place: Room 18

To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725, e-mail to AKleinlaut@oloph.org, or return the form below to the rectory.

Yes, please, sign me up!
New Testament

Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____@_____

A fee of \$20 per person will be collected to cover the costs of materials.

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: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 TUESDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY: 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

New Student Registration

Letters have been mailed to families with children who will be entering 1st grade in the 2017-18 year and were baptized at OLPH regarding registration for religious education. We encourage all families with students who have not yet begun religious education, who will be beginning 1st grade (or older), to register for religious education during our new registration week. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to come to our office during **New Registration Week**:

Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—**must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate.**

New families MUST make an appointment to register by calling or emailing us.

Monday, Feb. 13th: 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14th: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15th: 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16th: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17th: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2017/18 year, or offering in our program, please contact our office.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

LEVEL 8

Mandatory Parent Confirmation Meetings

Monday, February 6th (Group A)

Monday, February 13th (Group B)

Confirmation Retreats

Sunday, February 12th at 3:00 p.m. (Group A)

Sunday, February 26th at 3:00 p.m. (Group B)

LEVEL 3

Parent Meeting and Open House

Saturday, February 11th (during session)

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Dorothy, Patron of Brides and Newlyweds



St. Dorothy was a virgin martyr who suffered under the reign of Diocletian. A lawyer named Theophilus mocked her, asking to be sent flowers from the “garden” to which she was joyfully going. She sent him an angel with a basket of flowers and apples. He converted immediately and was later martyred.

St. Dorothy, pray for us!

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
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@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: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED CHICKEN
TUNA FISH
PASTA SAUCE
CANNED FRUIT
COFFEE
CAKE MIX
DISH SOAP
SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
TOILET PAPER

Please bring your donations to the St. VdP office:
 Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon
 or 1st & 3rd Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. or drop off on
 the sanctuary steps in the church.

Thank you for your continued generosity.
 Cut out this list and take it to the store!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School
 Use Parking Lot located
 on corner of Gates & High Streets
631.226.7725 x. 234

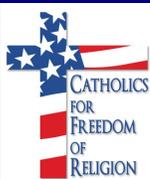
The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

1st & 3rd Saturdays: 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." He is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

"For the most part, we are aware of the persecution and martyrdom of Christians around the world, but we tend to be naive about the threat to religious freedom right here in America."

Msgr. James M. McNamara, L.I. Catholic, January, 2017

Atheist group wins battle to pull cross from Veterans Memorial Park:

Belle Plaine, MN - A monument depicting the silhouette of a soldier kneeling at the grave of a fallen comrade with a headstone marked by a cross, has had the cross cut off. "It's a grave marker - in this instance, it's not a religious symbol," said a resident from a family of veterans. "It's frustrating to see that one or two people are allowed to speak for a town of over 3,000 people," said another resident, who started a movement to fight back by displaying crosses in front yards and nearby businesses.

Also, a nearby manufacturing plant will deliver 400 copies of the original metal statue - cross and all - to the veterans club for residents to purchase and display on their own property. (*startribune.com, 1/25/17; alphanewsminn.com, 1/19/17*)

"Hall of Shame" 2016 report:

For the first time, the United States has been named among the top 12 nations where Christians are targeted for their faith by International Christian Concern (ICC), a persecution watchdog group. "While conditions in the U.S. are in no way comparable to other countries on the list, a certain segment of the culture and the courts seem to be intent on driving faith out of the public square. There have been too many court cases with bad decisions to miss the clear trend line," said Jeff King, president of ICC.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

We are in need of the following items:

thermals - tops & bottoms (med to 3XL)
heavy sweat pants (med to 3XL)
hats (skull cap type)
heavy gloves

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
 Sunday, February 5**

Super Bowl Party in Yaphank at the Vets Place

Tuesday, February 7
 Meeting

7:00 p.m. in Room 24

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

Senior Moments

*Give yourself a Challenge
 The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.*

**Our next meeting will be on
 Tuesday, February 14
 9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE



WE WANT YOU!

The Blue Door Boutique is looking for a few more offerers to help out at the shop. Saturday shifts from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm are available and much needed. Come and join our team! We have a great time and serve a great need in the parish.

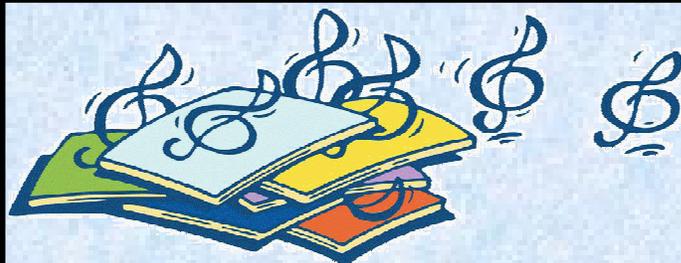
For more information, email buckleyt@optonline.net

THE
*blue*door
BOUTIQUE

Hours of Operation
 M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 SAT. 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Donations gratefully accepted whenever the shop is open. Please no toys, stuffed animals, books or electric items.

SAVE THE DATE



**3rd Annual
 OLPH Ministry Instrumental Concert
 in Memory of Ryan Barrett
 Sunday, February 26, 2017**

**3:00 p.m. at the
 Sisters of St. Dominic Motherhouse
 Albany Avenue, Amityville**

Featuring: *Erin Barrett, Jim Kendall, Sr. Elaine Jahrsdoerfer O.P., and the OLPH Youth Schola under the direction of Amy Keller.*

Free-will offering to benefit the Sisters of St. Dominic.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 PM en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes

Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico saitjoseph98@gmail.com

Lecturas del domingo 12 de Febrero del 2016

El Hijo de Dios proclama que nunca fue sí o no;

Por eso a través de Cristo es como decimos Sí a Dios.

Que el Espíritu de Jesús esté siempre con vosotros.

R/Y con tu espíritu.

Primera Lectura: (Sirasides15:15-20) Elige entre la Vida y la Muerte

El profeta nos dice hoy: Dios estará cerca de ti y te iluminará

Con su luz si estás cerca de los necesitados.

Segunda Lectura: (1 Corintios2:6-10) El sabio plan de Dios nos conduce a la felicidad Si amamos a Dios, respondemos a sus deseos. Con la ayuda del Espíritu, llevamos a adelante si plan; él nos conducirá a la felicidad.

Evangelio: (Mateo 5:17-37) Jesús nos invita a hacer una opción radical

Jesús nos invita a ir más allá de los mandamientos para buscar la voluntad de Dios y el bien de los demás.

A. Más allá de la Ley

Leyes, ordenamientos, mandamientos, ¿a quién le gustan? ¿No acaban con nuestra libertad? Más aún cuando la palabra de Dios nos dice: "haz tu elección entre la vida y la muerte. Vemos cómo Jesús, repetidamente, elige libremente, como en su bautismos, en las tentaciones, durante su agonía en el Monte de los Olivos. Elige a Dios, elige su misión, para eso es su vida. Él vive en nosotros; en nosotros y con él nos invita a elegir la vida y el amor y a seguirle más allá de los mandamientos. De esta manera seremos realmente libres.

B. Jesús mismo es nuestra Ley

Para muchos cristianos la fe es una serie de mandamientos que hay que obedecer y practicar para ser fieles. Hoy, el mensaje de Jesús es muchos más que reglas y normas impuestas desde fuera. Nuestra fe está dentro de nosotros, en nuestros corazones, y esa fe nos dice qué hacer; el Espíritu nos inspira. Pero recuerda que no podemos hacer nada sin Jesús. Él es nuestro modelo y nuestra fuerza y estamos unidos a Él. Le pedimos que en esta eucaristía nos ayude a ver y hacer lo que es correcto.

Señor Dios, Padre amoroso. En tu Hijo Jesús nos has enseñado cómo deberíamos buscar y cumplir tu amorosa voluntad.

Disponnos a responder a tu amor desde lo profundo de nuestro corazón, y siendo fieles a ti en todo lo que hacemos. Haznos respetuosos con los otros y atentos a las necesidades de la gente, incluso cuando permanecen indiferentes o sin agradecimiento de manera que ayudemos a expulsar el mal de este mundo y traer tu amor y misericordia. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo Nuestro Señor.



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 Announcement:

***Salvatore Falsitta & Christine Gerbino
Keith Palmisano & Jennifer D'Agostino***

Second Announcement:

Michael Duerr & Nicole Piering

WE REMEMBER

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

***Dominick Pane
Leonard A. Falci
Muriel Bendernagel***

“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.”

Are you watching... The new season of INSIGHT?

Msgr. Joe's television show INSIGHT, which he co-hosts with Bishop Robert Brennan and Bishop Nelson Pérez, can be seen airing weekly on Telecare, channel 29 on Cablevision, on:



**Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m.
Wednesdays at 11:00 p.m.
Fridays at 7:30 p.m.
Saturdays at 10:00 p.m.**

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Frances Ricci</i>	<i>Amelia Jean Connolly</i>
<i>Alberta Zero</i>	<i>Annmarie Levy</i>
<i>Alan Gaffen</i>	<i>Lisa Ruggiero</i>
<i>Giugliano Salmi</i>	<i>Taylor Paige Crosby</i>
<i>Ron Higgins</i>	<i>Anthony Blasie</i>
<i>Fran Higgins</i>	<i>James Byrne Jr.</i>
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<i>Richard Rieger</i>	<i>Laura Fischer</i>
<i>John Jordan</i>	<i>Ann DeVito</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. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.**

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of
February 5—11:

Altar Bread & Wine
In Memory of
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& Giavonna Bamundo

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

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY, February 6—
Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

6:30 Noreen Grube

12:15 Arvo Podrang

**TUESDAY, February 7—
Weekday**

6:30 Marty Crapanzano

12:15 George Walters

**WEDNESDAY, February 8—
Weekday
(Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin)**

6:30 Jane Verini

12:15 Legion of Mary

**THURSDAY, February 9—
Weekday**

6:30 June Mary Montana

12:15 Kelly Poulos

**FRIDAY, February 10—
Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

6:30 Charlie Coyne

12:15 Carol Russo

**SATURDAY, February 11—
Weekday
(Our Lady of Lourdes)**

8:00 Sr. Bernadette Rose (Spelic)

**Vigil for
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 George S. Walters

**Sunday, February 12
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 In Thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary Holy Mother

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 For the Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

5:00 Rosemary Daidone

PARISH CALENDAR**Monday, February 6, 2016**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Parent Confirmation Meeting Level 8 Classes	Auditorium School

Tuesday, February 7, 2016

4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Diocesan Liturgy Workshop	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, February 8, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary Business	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Students- Guest Speaker Level 6 Classes	Auditorium School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School

Thursday, February 9, 2016

1– 5 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.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Diocesan Liturgy Workshop	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation: Spirituality	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, February 10, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society	Room 10

Saturday, February 11, 2016

8:30, 10:00 & 11:30a.m.	Level 3 Parent Meeting/Open House Level 1-5 Classes Meet	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Meeting	Cafeteria

Sunday, February 12, 2017

10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
10:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
1:00 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat	Auditorium
5:00 p.m.	Retreat Closing Mass	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Meeting	Cafeteria

FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

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



“Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself.” St. Francis de Sales

The other day, a fellow parishioner shared with me the words from St. John Chrysostom: “Whether or not our prayer is heard depends not on the number of words, but on the fervor of our souls.” Then we discussed the concept of contemplative prayer. Can you describe this expression of prayer?

Allow me to ask you a question before answering your question. During Mass, prior to the reading of the Gospel, what do we do? When the reading of the Gospel begins, we place the sign of the Cross on our foreheads, lips, and hearts and pray, “May the Lord be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.” Lips, minds, and hearts – these symbolize three kinds of prayer: vocal, meditative, and contemplative. These modes of prayer include formal and informal paths, personal and communal expressions, popular piety, and the liturgical prayer of the Church. Since your question is focused on contemplative prayer, we’ll focus on this form of expression and save the other two for another day.

First let us touch on prayer itself, which is the elevation of the mind and heart to God. Through prayer the Christian experiences a communion with God through Christ in the Church. There is no other way of Christian prayer than Christ. Whether our prayer is communal or personal, vocal or interior, it has access to the Father only if we pray “in the name” of Jesus. The sacred humanity of Jesus is therefore the way by which the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray to God our Father (CCC 2664).

St. Teresa said this about contemplative prayer. “Contemplative prayer in my opinion is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us.” A Franciscan brother once compared contemplative prayer to a couple who have been married for over 53 years. The husband and wife can sit together in a room, gazing at one another, and without a word spoken knowing what each other’s thoughts are.

Contemplative prayer is a gift to which we dispose ourselves by resting attentively before Christ. It involves hearing and obeying God’s Word. It is a time of silent listening and love.

Contemplative prayer seeks him “whom my soul loves.” It is Jesus, and in him, the Father. We seek him, because to desire him is always the beginning of love, and we seek him in that pure faith which causes us to be born of him and to live in him. In this inner prayer we can still meditate, but our attention is fixed on the Lord himself (CCC 2709).

Contemplative prayer is the simple expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gaze of faith fixed on Jesus, an attentiveness to the Word of God, a silent love. It achieves real union with the prayer of Christ to the extent that it makes us share in his mystery (CCC 2724).

One common question is how long should I allocate towards this type of prayer? The choice of the time and duration of the prayer arises from a determined will, revealing the secrets of the heart. One does not undertake contemplative prayer only when one has the time: one makes time for the Lord, with the firm determination not to give up, no matter what trials and dryness one may encounter. One cannot always meditate, but one can always enter into inner prayer, independently of the conditions of health, work, or emotional state. The heart is the place of this quest and encounter, in poverty and in faith (CCC 2710). Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen believed that his daily hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament was essential for his ministry as a priest. For him it was like “an oxygen tank that revived the breath of the Holy Spirit.”

With all the noise and distractions in today’s world whether it comes from the smart phone, radio, television, newspaper, or the internet, challenge yourself to sit in silence. Picture the Lord gazing on you and you on Him, knowing what each other’s thoughts are.

¹St. Teresa of Jesus, *The Book of Her Life*, 8, 5 in *The Collected Works of St. Teresa of Avila*, tr. K. Kavanaugh, OCD, and O. Rodriguez, OCD (Washington DC: Institute of Carmelite Studies, 1976), I, 67.

²*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2006), 474.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Alice White at 631-201-9184 or e-mail at Alicem9@icloud.com 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 Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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OFFERING UPDATE January 28/29, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	383	133	\$3,421.00
8:00 a.m.	259	105	3,410.00
10:00 a.m.	497	154	4,158.00
12:00 pm.	512	130	3,320.00
5:00 p.m.	230	53	1,400.00
Total coin:			18.24
Mail-ins:			740.00
Children's Env.		21	76.15
Faith Direct			2,338.50
TOTAL	1,881	596	\$18,881.89
2016 total	2,101	805	\$22,217.83
Candles			\$809.89
Poor Box			\$213.72

2016 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2016 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. *The letters will be sent out only upon request.* Thank you for your cooperation.

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. All material must be submitted no later than the dates listed below and as a word document to Carmel Becker at cbecker@olph.org.
Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

February 12—Passed
February 19—February 10
February 26—February 17

Thank you for your cooperation.



The IRA Charitable Rollover is back and is now permanent!

What's called a rollover is actually a "qualified charitable distribution" that can be made to our Parish.

If...

- You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift.
- Your IRA is a traditional or Roth.
- You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions.
- You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

Example: Mrs. Connors, age 76, has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to her Parish in 2016. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, she directs the custodian of her IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2016 directly to the Parish as a 2016 gift. She will not be subject to income tax on her \$5,000 qualified charitable distribution.

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, February 12, 2017—SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*“If you trust in God, you too shall live. He has set before you fire and water:
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil,
whichever he chooses shall be given him.”*

Sirach 15:16b-17

Sirach 15:15-20

The Book of Sirach was originally written in Hebrew about 200 B.C. by a sage living in Jerusalem named Yeshua Ben Eleazar Ben Sira and was translated into Greek about a century later by his grandson. It is mainly concerned with presenting moral teaching from the perspective that all wisdom, and hence the foundation of right living, comes from God and endures forever. This reading focuses on human choice in following the commands of God's Law. The author presents the reality of free will in various ways, repeating the importance and the consequences of each choice. Trustful following of divine commands brings life, while disobedience earns death; whatever one chooses “shall be given.”

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

In last Sunday's passage from this letter, Paul acknowledged that the wisdom of the Gospel he proclaims certainly does not appear wise to his hearers. He says it again today: what he speaks is “not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age.” But that is because his message originates not from human reason but from the “mysterious, hidden” plan of God that only can be known by divine revelation. What God intended was a plan of salvation for all people that is revealed through the crucified Jesus, the “Lord of glory,” not through human reason or effort. This glory is “revealed to us through the Spirit.” Such is the wisdom that “God has prepared for those who love him.”

Matthew 5:17-37

In this reading, Matthew shows us Jesus as a true son of Abraham, one who has come to fulfill the Law of Moses rather than abolish it. This is an important point since the members of Matthew's first-century community were mainly Jewish converts to Christianity and so Jesus' relationship to the Law was of great importance to them. This is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount begun two weeks ago which again shows Jesus emphasizing the importance of action rather than words. In the full length version of this reading, Jesus gives four antithetical statements (“You have heard...but I say to you. . .”) whereby he brings the Law to its fullest development by stressing not just the action but the inward attitudes behind the action. While we may not kill, who among us has never been angry with another and thereby cause damage to our relationship with members of the community? True righteousness and love of God comes when we live not by the letter of the law but by its spirit.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, February 6, 2017:

Genesis 1:1-19 + Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 7, 2017:

Genesis 1:20—2:4a + Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 8, 2017:

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17

+ Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 9, 2017:

Genesis 2:18-25 + Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 10, 2017:

Genesis 3:1-8 + Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 11, 2017:

Genesis 3:9-24 + Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 12, 2017:

Sirach 15:15-20

+ 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

+ Matthew 5:17-37

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. Jesus is critical of the Pharisees' type of righteousness, which focuses on externals. They make sure everyone sees when they fast, pray on street corners, wash hands, etc. How do these things relate to the inner Spirit of the law? How do they relate to loving God and neighbor?

2. In his homily, Pope Francis warned against an excessive rigidity. How does “going beyond the law” in order to love God and neighbor surpass the “righteousness” of the scribes and Pharisees?

Taking his cue from Jesus' warning to his disciples that unless their righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees they will not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, Pope Francis stressed the importance of Christian realism. Jesus, he said, asks us to go beyond the laws and love God and neighbor, stressing that whoever is angry with their brother will be liable to judgment.

Pope Francis urged his listeners to recall how Jesus's request for generosity and holiness is all about going forward and always looking out beyond ourselves. This, he explained, frees us from the rigidity of the laws and from an idealism that harms us.

Mass at Santa Marta, June 9, 2016

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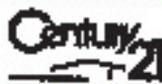
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