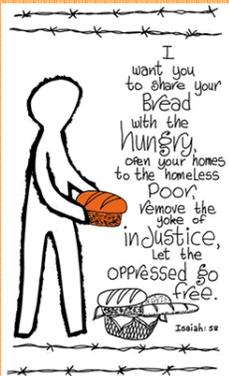


# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

210 South Wellwood Avenue + Lindenhurst, New York 11757 +  
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**Thus says the LORD:**  
**Share your bread with the hungry,**  
**shelter the oppressed and the homeless;**  
**clothe the naked when you see them,**  
**and do not turn your back on your own.**

Isaiah 58:7

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 2014

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Ethel Anarado + Rev. John Sureau

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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

**Facilities Manager:** Deacon Donald A. Stamm    **Business Manager:** Deacon Thomas J. Bast

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** April Carbaugh    **Music Director:** Christopher Ferraro

### COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.  
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.  
*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.*

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Saturday Morning:** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:** 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,  
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Holy Day:** 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5 P.M. Mass.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

**Wednesday:** 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.

**First Sunday:** 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

**Monday- Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



## “The Gifts We Have, We Are Given to Share.”

As stewards, we choose to live our lives in thanksgiving to our generous God. The CMA allows us to share our gifts in many different ways; through prayer, through gifts of time and talent and by sharing our financial resources. More than 550,000 of our sisters and brothers receive support and assistance from funds shared through the CMA each year.

Feeding the hungry, providing religious education for thousands of students, educating our seminarians, deacons, and lay people for service to the Church and her people, housing the homeless, caring for the sick in hospitals and helping people prepare for the Sacraments are among the vital ministries the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports.

**CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**  
**2014 OLPH Goal**  
**\$108,800**

**You can make a difference in your parish and in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year’s appeal.**

**Visit the CMA Web Site at [www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org) for more information, or to view the video.**

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*Place in weekly collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office or  
 Visit [www.olphlindenhurst.org](http://www.olphlindenhurst.org) to make your donation.  
 Make Checks Payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Catholic Ministries Appeal 2014

Our parish's participation in the 2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal continues with our showing of the special Catholic Ministries Appeal video at all Masses this weekend. My hope in showing it, as we did last year, is that the video will give you a better idea of all the good work that is done on the diocesan level, and therefore why your contribution to the Appeal is so crucial. In addition, as we know, our own parish benefits financially when we achieve our goal, and especially when we surpass our goal.

I thank everyone who has already made a pledge to the Appeal, and if you have not yet done so, I ask you to please consider participating this year. Thank you!

### Liturgical Minister Training

Our recruitment of new liturgical ministers — Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers — continues (recruitment for new altar servers will take place separately soon). Having an adequate number of liturgical ministers is important so that the liturgy can be enacted in the best possible way in terms of its reverence and smooth flow. Each and every person in the liturgical assembly must be an active and vital participant, but those who will serve in a particular ministry of service to the entire assembly are needed as well. We **WANT YOU** and we **NEED YOU** to step forward to offer yourself as a Reader, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or as an Usher. Please consider doing so; you can respond as described in the information elsewhere in the bulletin.

### Your Role at Mass as a Member of the Body of Christ

I would like to spend some time with you offering some thoughts on what might be called liturgical formation; I offer these ideas for your own reflection and renewal, and for my own.

These thoughts center around the idea that **everyone** has a liturgical role to play in our celebration of the Eucharist. True, there are the liturgical ministries mentioned above, where some from the assembly step forward to serve their brothers and sisters in a specific role, but it is also true to say that every member of the assembly has a liturgical role to play as an active participant — as an “offerer” who is there as a priestly (*i.e.*, baptized) person to offer their life in union with Christ's. To do that, one need be nothing more than a “person in the pew,” but it is necessary that they offer themselves completely, 100%, both interiorly and exteriorly.

One reason this is so important is because the external affects the internal, and *vice versa*. Another reason is be-

cause in fully participating in everything that the members of the assembly are supposed to do — singing, responding, sitting, standing, kneeling, gesturing (*e.g.*, the sign of the cross, the bow during the Creed, the exchange of peace, *etc.*) — participants are **encountering the presence of Christ** through the words, actions, sounds, sights and sometimes smells (*e.g.*, incense) of the liturgy. In addition, fully participating in this way becomes an important witness to others and serves to deepen others' faith as they are inspired by the way we are all engaged in the common ritual actions. The presence of Christ shines through in all the words and actions of the Mass.

This is why it's important, as I always say, to **pray the Mass** rather than praying *at* Mass. In other words, we don't do our own thing or do what we feel like doing, but rather we pray the Mass as the Church gives it to us because it is through those actions that we encounter Christ. In this sense, knowing what **not** to do is as important as knowing what to do! The Roman Rite is marked by a noble simplicity, and the presence of Christ is made manifest to us when we as His Body enter into actions together, as one. After all, one of the primary effects of the Eucharist is to build up the unity of the Body of Christ. Contrary to what people often think, Eucharistic communion does not mean “my individual communion with Jesus” but rather **our communion with one another in Jesus**. Union with Christ is achieved only through union with His Body, the Church, which means the other members of His Body — the brothers and sisters who join together in the offering of the Sacrifice.

Therefore, an important responsibility of each member of the Body at worship is to make sure the presence of Christ shines through clearly through one's active participation, a participation that has unity as its core. Article 42 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* tells us, “The gestures and bodily posture of both the Priest, the Deacon, and the ministers, and also of the people, must be conducive to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and **noble simplicity, to making clear the true and full meaning of its different parts**, and to fostering the participation of all. Attention must therefore be paid to what is determined by this *General Instruction* and by the traditional practice of the Roman Rite and to what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, **rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice.**” (emphasis added)

I call to your attention this idea of “noble simplicity” so that the true meaning of all the parts may be made clear, and to see why avoiding our own private inclinations or arbitrary choices is important. To my mind, this is so for two reasons. First, concerning the avoidance of private inclinations or arbitrary choices: this

means we don't do what we feel like doing, because Mass is not about expressing our own private or personal feelings or piety — we don't add something, be it word or gesture, just because it might look holy or because it might feel good to do it. That leads to the second point, which connects with the idea of noble simplicity: when we go adding these things individually on our own, we wind up obscuring the central and important gestures and actions of the liturgy.

We all know what static is when listening to a broadcast, and we are probably familiar with what used to be called “snow” in a poor television picture (nowadays, we encounter digital “snow” when the picture breaks up or when we see pixels). When we go adding our own individual pious gestures into the liturgy not called for by the liturgy, we create a kind of liturgical “static” that is an expression of individuals doing their own thing rather than a unified expression of the members of a body acting as one to create a beautiful and noble simplicity. We should consider the notion, then, that when people add all sorts of gestures and actions not called for in the ritual, we could wind up creating a kind of liturgical “static” or distraction. Some examples that come to mind would be if we make the sign of the cross or genuflect to the processional cross (the rubrics call for no such actions; we make the sign of the cross as the first action after the priest arrives at the chair, and we genuflect only to the Blessed Sacrament upon entering or leaving the church); if we make the sign of the cross at the end of the Penitential Act when the priest says, “May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life” or at the words “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” during the *Holy, Holy*; (again, so such sign is called for at those times); if people in the pews hold their hands out in an outstretched position during the *Our Father*, and raise them high during the Doxology that follows it (the rubric is only for the priest to do extend his arms); if we genuflect before receiving Holy

Communion instead of making a bow of the head (bowing the head is the sign called for). We might be able to add others to the list based on observation. That's not to say that prayerful gestures or making the sign of the cross are in any way bad! It is, however, to point out the difference between praying on one's own, when we should feel free to make whatever expressions of piety we feel moved to make, and praying as part of a liturgical assembly at a ritual of the Church, where we must all be humble enough to suppress our need for individual expression to instead act in concert with the entire assembly. To adhere to the “noble simplicity” of the Roman Rite means that we do not add on or multiply actions or gestures beyond what the rubrics call for.

If we are going to enter into the fullness of the meaning of **praying the Mass**, and not just praying individually at Mass, then we all need to take seriously the challenge to enter into common actions and gestures and not give in to the impulse to add our own private expressions of piety. That's a challenge that applies to all of us, ordained and laity alike!

I offer these thoughts not to present hard and fast rules and not to criticize anyone's participation at Mass, but to present a vision to get us all thinking about what it means to pray **as a body**, not as individuals who happen to be together at the same place and the same time, and what it means to **pray the Mass** rather than praying **at** Mass.

### 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,



Our next Adult Faith Formation Class coming soon...

## Historical Development of the Mass

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 10

7:30–9:30 p.m. + Instructor: Msgr. Joe

This course will trace the historical development of the Mass from its institution at the Last Supper down to our present day. We will look at relevant texts of the Mass to understand what it means to say “the Church makes the Eucharist and the Eucharist makes the Church” at different historical periods. We will see how the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council restored a patristic understanding of the Eucharist and how the post-Vatican II liturgy is in direct continuity with the authentic whole tradition, restoring a more integrated connection between the theology of the Eucharist and the theology of the Church. Advanced credit is available for those who attend at least 8 out of the 10 hours (4 out of the 5 sessions).

To register, contact Mrs. Patti Chavis at 631.226.7725 X 206 or e-mail to [pchavis@oloph.org](mailto:pchavis@oloph.org).

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



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*Proclaiming God's Word...*

## READERS

Readers prepare and proclaim the Scriptures and the Intercessions at Sunday and daily liturgy. Women and men—from middle school to older adult—are welcome to be involved in this ministry. Lectors would serve approximately once or twice a month.

You must attend ONE of these training sessions:



**Saturday, March 1, 2014**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
McGann Mercy HS

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014,**

7:30 – 10:00 p.m.,  
St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

**Saturday, March 29, 2014,**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Kellenberg Memorial HS

For more information, contact:  
Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 .

*In considering the Church as “the home of the word”, attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond. Every liturgical action is by its very nature steeped in sacred Scripture.*

-Benedict XVI,  
*Verbum Domini*, 52

*Serving the Body of Christ...*

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Soon the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be sponsoring training and formation days for women and men interested in being **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**.

### What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

- Participation in Sunday Eucharist
- Commitment to serve two or three times a month
- Attendance at a Diocesan Training and parish training

You must attend ONE of these training sessions:

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Kellenberg Memorial HS

If you have other questions or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Barbara McPhail at 631.226-1354 or e-mail to [gospa254@gmail.com](mailto:gospa254@gmail.com). You must also send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to [msgrrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgrrjoe@oloph.org) requesting to become an EM and briefly stating why you would like to do this.

## USHERS

Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! They assist with taking up the collection, guiding people for the reception of Communion and welcoming those who visit our Church.



USHERS

**New ushers are welcome! If you are interested in becoming an usher we will get you started!**  
**You must attend ONE of these training sessions:**

**Saturday, March 1, 2014** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. + McGann Mercy HS

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**, 7:30 – 10:00 p.m., + St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

**Saturday, March 29, 2014** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. + Kellenberg Memorial HS

**Men, women, teenagers and families are all welcome!** For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or send an e-mail to [olphushersministry@gmail.com](mailto:olphushersministry@gmail.com).

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP



## STEWARDS OF THE TRADITION

*Fifty Years After Sacrosanctum Concilium*

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP

*The Committee on Divine Worship marked the 50th Anniversary of Sacrosanctum Concilium with the publication of Stewards of the Tradition. This week, we publish the next sections of the document.*

**4. Inculturation and the Liturgy** (nos. 37-40) One of the many ways in which God's grace in the Liturgy has been made more accessible to the faithful is through various means of inculturation. The Constitution suggested adaptation of the Liturgy to various cultural circumstances in order to foster the participation of the people. Translation of liturgical texts into vernacular languages, for example, has been a monumental success, making the words of the Liturgy more understandable to those present. We should continue to consider ways in which the Liturgy can be legitimately adapted to the various cultures of our people. We also recognize that the Liturgy has a culture all its own, which can have a great influence for good upon society, and each of us must be open to the power of the Liturgy to shape and form our hearts and our lives to be more like Jesus Christ.

### **Liturgy as an Art and a Craft**

In his post-Synodal Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*. . . , Pope Benedict XVI spoke about "the art of proper celebration" of the Liturgy, or *ars celebrandi* (SacCar, no. 38). He stated:

In the course of the Synod, there was frequent insistence on the need to avoid any antithesis between the *ars celebrandi*, the art of proper celebration, and the full, active and fruitful participation of all the faithful. The primary way to foster the participation of the People of God in the sacred rite is the proper celebration of the rite itself. The *ars celebrandi* is the best way to ensure their *actuosa participatio*. The *ars celebrandi* is the fruit of faithful adherence to the liturgical norms in all their richness; indeed, for two thousand years this way of celebrating has sustained the faith life of all believers, called to take part in the celebration as the People of God, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (cf. 1 Pet 2:4-5, 9).

He then went on to treat three themes that we want to underscore.

### **1. Responsibility of Bishops, Priests and Deacons** (SacCar, no.40)

In this paragraph Pope Benedict XVI clearly enunciated the collective "responsibility" of the ordained in the

art of celebration. We take these words to heart and invite all the clergy to do so. At our ordination as deacons, we first received the Book of the Gospels, being told to "believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach." This is a challenge for all to serve with integrity as we proclaim and preach the Word. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM) reminds us also that we must celebrate the Liturgy with great care: "Therefore, when he celebrates the Eucharist, [the Priest] must serve God and his people with dignity and humility, and by his bearing and by the way he pronounces the divine words he must convey to the faithful the living presence of Christ" (GIRM, no. 93). We do well to keep Pope Benedict XVI's introductory comments in mind, namely that the whole People of God participates in the Liturgy. We are stewards of the Liturgy and servants of the People of God. The terms "minister" and "ministry" should always have special resonance for those who are ordained to serve the Body of Christ.

### **2. Art at the Service of the Liturgy** (SacCar, no. 41)

The setting for the celebration of the Liturgy should be beautiful. While notions of what is "beautiful" can be subjective and culturally rooted, we wish to underscore that the objective quality of beauty is a reflection of the Divine. The 2000 USCCB guidelines, *Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture, and Worship* (BLS), state: "The place where God gathers this people powerfully draws them more deeply into communion and expresses in beauty God's profound holiness" (BLS, no. 140). Every object used in the Liturgy (vesture, books, vessels, candles, etc.), every focal point in the sanctuary (altar, ambo, chair, tabernacle, font, ambry, etc.), and every work of art in the church (statues, glass, sacred images, etc.) can lead us to the Divine, because Christian beauty manifests itself "as an echo of God's own creative act" (BLS, no. 145), and therefore should reflect the best of our artistic heritage. The materials we use should be authentic and reflect human artistry as a gift from God which is offered back to him. Blessed John Paul II's *Letter to Artists*. . . reminds us of the importance of fostering creativity among artists whose imagination and ingenuity reflect the many ways in which God communicates with us, and we with God.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

Michel Roy, General Secretary of Caritas Internationalis

## Food Pantry

Canned Tuna Fish  
 Macaroni and Cheese  
 Peanut Butter  
 Mixed Canned Vegetables  
 (no corn)  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Canned Meats  
 Canned Meals  
 Bath Soap, Shampoo,  
 Toothpaste  
 Cut out this list and bring it  
 with you when you go shopping!  
 Thank you and God bless you!

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building  
 Use Parking Lot on corner of Gates and High Streets

**Our NEW phone # 631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

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

**Your gift to the poor can bring the love and  
 peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt,  
 loneliness and dread.**

## February 8: National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking

Yesterday, February 8, 2014, was designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as an annual day of prayer for survivors and victims of human trafficking. February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering.

In these days, we are all invited to pray for the emotional, physical, and spiritual healing, and make a personal commitment to work against human trafficking. For more information visit <http://www.usccb.org>.



*Coming soon ....*

**OLPH  
 SENIOR  
 MOMENTS  
 Beginning in  
 March 2014!**



Aging is not "lost youth," but a new stage of opportunity and strength.

Avail yourself of the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and with our parish community. Each time this group meets there will be times for formation, spiritual growth, friendship and community building.

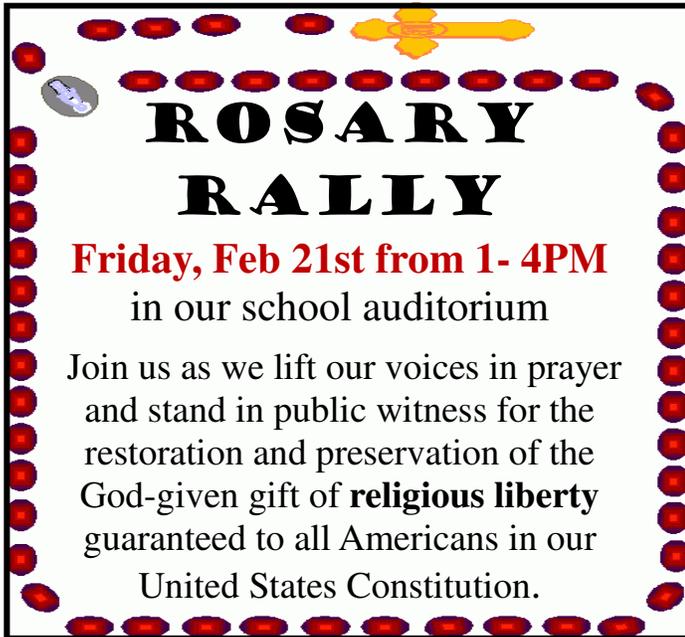
Follow the bulletin for more information about Senior Moments at OLPH!

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION

*"We need to speak frankly with each other when our freedoms are threatened. Now is such a time... for religious liberty is under attack."*

From "Our First, Most Cherished Liberty"  
by the USCCB



**ROSARY  
RALLY**

**Friday, Feb 21st from 1- 4PM**  
in our school auditorium

Join us as we lift our voices in prayer and stand in public witness for the restoration and preservation of the God-given gift of **religious liberty** guaranteed to all Americans in our United States Constitution.

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

## CATHOLIC ACTION NETWORK



Visit **[www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org)**  
and sign up today!

Save the date...

## CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL Wednesday, March 19, 2014



Join with Catholics throughout New York State for our annual day of prayer, reflection and political witness in Albany, NY. Look for more info in upcoming editions of the bulletin!

## YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry: Brittany Marie Evans ([olph.yfia@gmail.com](mailto:olph.yfia@gmail.com))  
Youth Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau ([jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org))  
Catholic Youth Organization: Mr. Phil Amico ([olphcyophil@optonline.net](mailto:olphcyophil@optonline.net))  
Boy Scouts: Mr. Tom Duffy ([baggage25@hotmail.com](mailto:baggage25@hotmail.com))  
K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia ([happynicosias@yahoo.com](mailto:happynicosias@yahoo.com))  
K of C Squirettes: Ann Marie Perullo ([amp1761@hotmail.com](mailto:amp1761@hotmail.com))

## HELP NEEDED!

**OLPH Youth Ministry NEEDS EVEN MORE hands and hearts!**

We need some help! Can you assist us by serving as a hall monitor and/or with supervision at our middle school nights?

For more information about ways to help with the youth of our parish, contact Brittany Marie Evans ([olph.yfia@gmail.com](mailto:olph.yfia@gmail.com)) or Fr. John Sureau ([jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org)).

## UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

### High School Youth Ministry

Sunday, February 9, 2014  
3:15—4:45 P.M.  
School Cafeteria

### Middle School Youth Ministry

Thursday, February 13, 2014  
7:30—8:45 P.M.  
Auditorium

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at 9:30 a.m. MASS EACH SUNDAY**

Allowing children to participate fully in the liturgical life of the parish is an important goal which we strive to attain here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Children should have every opportunity to understand what worship is all about and to be formed by the rites of the Church, especially the celebration of the Eucharist.

In order to achieve this goal, we are happy to have the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** which will be a part of the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday **beginning March 2, 2014**.

### *Where does the idea of the Children's Liturgy of the Word come from?*

It comes out of the *Directory for Masses with Children* which tells us in paragraph 17, "Sometimes, if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own Liturgy of the Word."

### *How does the Children's Liturgy of the Word work?*

After the Collect (the Opening Prayer of the Mass), children **first-grade and older** are invited to come forward to the sanctuary to receive a special dismissal. They are then escorted to a separate chapel set up in the north sacristy of the church, where they listen to that Sunday's readings as proclaimed from the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*. These are the same readings everyone else is hearing in the church, but in a slightly different translation that is easier for children to understand. A special homily is then given to the children to help them understand the readings. This Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful, as the children pray intercessions together. Meanwhile, the Liturgy of the Word has continued as usual in the church. The children return to the church at the beginning of the collection/presentation of the gifts, and participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist as usual.

### *What is the purpose of the Children's Liturgy of the Word?*

The purpose of this is not to offer a babysitting service, nor is it to isolate the children or to make them feel unwelcome. Rather, it is actually an act of hospitality to them: they will be given the chance to listen to the Sunday readings and participate in a homily that will be on their level, and yet still be a part of the worshiping assembly, since they participate in all other parts of the Mass. It does require a certain maturity level and ability to focus, so it is intended for **first-grade children and older**, not kindergartners, pre-schoolers or toddlers.

Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things as are being done in the main body of the church.

Ideally, parents and children then talk to each other on the ride home or later in the day about what they heard in their respective homilies. In this way, God's Word continues to be alive and active in the family's faith life.

### *Suppose I want my child to stay with me in the main body of the church?*

That's fine; parents are in no way required to send their children to the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and no child is forced to participate. Children are welcome to stay in the main body of the church and to participate in the Liturgy of the Word there, where the usual readings and homily will take place. Since we think this is a great opportunity for children, though, we do hope you will encourage your child to participate.

### *Can I get a better idea of what it will look like?*

Sure! On **Sunday, February 23**, we will have a sort of "open house" after the 9:30 a.m. Mass when parents and children will be invited to come and see the chapel space which will be used. People from the Children's Liturgy of the Word Committee will be present to explain how things will work and answer any questions you might have.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Guitarist or Keyboard Player Needed

In March we will begin having a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30am Mass on Sundays. We are in need of a person willing to offer themselves as a guitarist or keyboard player to play two simple songs. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Chris Ferraro at 226-7725 ext. 210 or [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org). You must be able to read music and have some proficiency in playing.



### A Few Good Men And Women Needed for the Adult Choir

Won't you join us and help make beautiful music on Sunday mornings? We rehearse on Thursdays at 7:30pm to 9:30pm in the choir loft. Reading music is not a requirement, just the ability to carry a tune and a willingness to offer your time and talent to our music ministry. Call Chris Ferraro at 226-7725 ext. 210 or email him at [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org) for more information.

### Quote of the Day

"God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song. God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises." #1 - *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.*

## A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

As we continue through the winter days of cold and flu season and long for the warmer days of Spring to arrive, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another as we gather each week for Mass.

**Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be 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 they come 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.

# 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, March 4 5:45 p.m. – Church

**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! You may drop off your dish as you enter the Church.



### MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ #of adults      \_\_\_\_\_ # of children & ages \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: cash \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ *Make checks payable OLPH*

Covered dish \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to OLPH Rectory or drop in the Collection Basket ASAP  
**NO LATER THAN SUNDAY MARCH 2nd.** All donations accepted.

*Any questions or ticket information contact:*

*Deirdre Strigaro 225-0928 or Debbie McDonough 957-0765 or [olphfamilylife@aol.com](mailto:olphfamilylife@aol.com)*

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración- "Jesús es el camino, La verdad y la vida" Te invita a alabar y glorificar a DIOS todos los jueves a las 7:00 PM en la cafetería Comenzando con el Santo Rosario, en oración, alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

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

### Lecturas de domingo 9 de febrero del 2014

**Primera lectura del libro de Isaías (58,7-10):**  
Romperá tu luz como la aura.

**Segunda lectura la primera carta del apóstol San Pablo a los corintios (2, 1-5)**  
Les anuncie el ministerio de Cristo Crucificado.

**Lectura del santo evangelio según san Mateo (5, 13-16)**  
Ustedes son la luz del mundo.

Para las ofrendas de pan y vino en el altar, favor llamar a la oficina parroquial al 631-226-7725.

Adoración al santísimo Sacramento del altar, en español. El primer sábado de cada mes Marzo 1 es. 8-9 P.M. Recuerda Cristo siempre te espera.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unión de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224  
email [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) o en español Irma González 631 620-2401 o correo electrónico [lane-gra628@yahoo.com](mailto:lane-gra628@yahoo.com)

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Soon we will be beginning classes in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are an adult who is baptized and has received first Holy Communion but has not been confirmed, please let us know.

Classes will begin in the next few weeks!

For more information, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org).



### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BE BAPTIZED?

### DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED? Interested?

### Want more information?

For more info, please contact Fr. John ([jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) or 631.226.7725) or Deacon Doug (631.226.7725)

### FACES OF THE PARISH

When you visit our parish offices you'll notice some new pictures depicting parish life here at OLPH. Now, we need your help!

Please submit a 4 x 6 picture (preferably electronically) to Tricia Buckley ([buckleyt@optonline.net](mailto:buckleyt@optonline.net)) or drop it off in the Parish Office. These photos will be hung in different places throughout the parish.

Thanks!

*Liturgy of the Hours*

## EVENING PRAYER

### Every Saturday and Sunday

At Evening Prayer, we give thanks for the day just past and make an evening sacrifice of praise to God (see Psalm 141:1). Join our parish for the celebration of Evening Prayer on **Saturday and Sunday evenings** at approximately **6:15 P.M.** (after the 5 P.M. Evening Mass). **All are welcome!!!!**

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Parish Office:** 631.226.7725

**Religious Education:** 631.226.2384

**St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Outreach) :**

631.226.7725 X 234

**Parish Website:**

[www.olphlindhurst.org](http://www.olphlindhurst.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 or Fr. John 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 or Fr. John at the Parish Office.

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Lori Byron

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

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Deacon Doug Smith

Fr. John Sureau

Alice Vozzo

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

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

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

6:30 Frances Wegrzynowski

12:15 Josephine Trezza

**TUESDAY, February 11 —**  
Weekday in Fifth Week in Ordinary Time  
(*Our Lady of Lourdes*)

6:30 Gabrielle Monestime

12:15 Josephine Trezza

**WEDNESDAY, February 12 —**  
Weekday in Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30 Anne Kay Hopkins

12:15 Vinnie & Jean Cavello

**THURSDAY, February 13 —**  
Weekday in Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30 Mass for Healing

12:15 Peggy Cullen

**FRIDAY, February 14 —**  
Saint Cyril, Monk & Saint Methodius, Bishop

6:30 Joseph Sredniawski

12:15 Roseann Bertone

**SATURDAY, February 15 —**  
Weekday in Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 James M. Shea

**Vigil Mass for**  
**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 Edward Spice

**February 16**  
**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

6:30 Robert & Ann McPhail

8:00 William Klein

9:30 Jay R. Capodiferro (Living)

11:00 Living & Deceased Members of the  
Christian Mothers

12:30 Michael Murphy

5:00 For the People of the Parish

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, February 10, 2014**

2:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Room 14

6:45 P.M. Religious Ed—Gr. 8 School

7:30 P.M. Baptismal Prep Class Room 14

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014**

5:30 P.M. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

7:30 P.M. Pre Cana - Confession Church

7:30 P.M. Holy Name Society Room 16

7:45 P.M. Community of Praise Room 14

8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

**Wednesday, February 12, 2014**

1:00 P.M. Legion of Mary Room 24

4:00 PM Religious Ed—Grade 1 School

7:15 P.M. Religious Ed—Grade 7 School

7:30 P.M. Boy Scouts Cafeteria

**Thursday, February 13, 2014**

4:00 P.M. Music—Youth Choir Room 14

5:30 P.M. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

7:00 P.M. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:30 P.M. Middle School Youth  
Ministry Auditorium

7:30 P.M. Music Ministry Room 14

7:30 P.M. Rehearsal for Children's  
Liturgy of the Word Church

8:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous NA Room 24

8:00 P.M. Mothers Prayer Group Room 16

**Saturday, February 15, 2014**

8:30  
10:00  
11:30AM Religious Ed -  
Grades 2—6 School

10:00  
A.M. Special Education Classes School

1:00 P.M. CYO Basketball Auditorium

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

**Sunday, February 16, 2014**

1:00 P.M. CYO Basketball Auditorium

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!  
 Memorials used during the Masses for week of  
 Feb. 9-15:

*Altar Candle & Oil*  
 In Loving Memory of  
**Christina Rose Renna**  
 With Love Always,  
**Dad & Mom**

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

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

**Second Time:**  
 Michael Gregory, Jr. &  
 Christina Ventrella (OLPH)

## WE REMEMBER

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

**Dorothy Reutlinger**  
**Rocco Zella**

*“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”*

## GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

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



## WE BELIEVE

*The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? - Psalm 27*

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office.

As has been our practice, after the fourth week, the name will be removed from the sick list in the bulletin. If you wish to have your name or the name of a loved one to remain in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office to let us know.

## PRAYING FOR THE SICK AT MASS

We pray for the sick by name during the Universal Prayer at Mass. Any name requested to be listed in the bulletin will be announced for the first week only at Mass and will remain in the bulletin for the following three weeks.



# OFFERING UPDATE

## Feb. 1/2, 2014

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
<b>Special Needs</b>	\$307.00		65
<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	\$3,107.00	172	375
<b>6:30 A.M.</b>	1,096.00	47	99
<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	2,371.00	95	239
<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	1,761.00	59	286
<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	3,064.00	135	491
<b>12:30 P.M.</b>	2,707.00	120	391
<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	1,268.00	36	175
<b>Total coin:</b>	20.40		
<b>Mail-ins:</b>	1,036.00		
<b>Children's env.</b>	45.63	20	
<b>Faith Direct</b>	2,143.25		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$18,926.28	684	2,021
<b>2013 Totals</b>	\$15,961.79	574	1983
<b>CANDLES</b>	\$813.75		
<b>POOR BOX</b>	\$503.35		
<b>1st Saturday</b>	\$94.00		

Tax letters for the 2013 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory at 631-226-7725 x. 200 and giving the secretary your name, address & envelope number.



### *We didn't forget...*

about the survey taken by parishioners during the weekend of October 26-27, 2013. Over 1500 parishioners provided their responses to 25 items developed by the Gallup Organization to measure how connected, or engaged, the people of OLPH feel as members of our church. The results were entered into a database and sent off to the professionals at Gallup in early November to be scored. When the results were tabulated, representatives from OLPH's ministries and councils joined with their peers from



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## Are you watching 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 these days:

**Sundays at 10:00 pm + Mondays at 8:30 pm  
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Saturdays at 7:30 pm**

five other Long Island parishes on November 19 to explore the results with Dr. Albert Winseman, a nationally recognized expert on faith-based organizations. In December, our energies were naturally focused on Advent and Christmas so the survey results waited patiently to be returned to parishioners. The time is right for discussion of the results. During the months ahead, the bulletin will feature a short article just like this one with the goal to provide all of the results to the OLPH family. Watch for the ME25 paragraph each week and be certain to listen for other announcements about the survey results and their meaning for the OLPH family.

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ Continuing the *Marian Healing Ministry of Fr. Dennis Kelleher CSsR* there will be a *Healing Mass* at St. Anastasia's Church, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston– Little Neck, on Tuesday, **February 11** at 7:00pm (Rosary, Mass & Healing Service) 718-631-4454.
- ◆ *Good Samaritan Hospital* offers a free lecture series, "*Good Sam University.*" The format features a monthly lecture in three categories: "*Food For Thought,*" showing the impact of nutrition on a person's health at every stage of life; "*Women's Wellness,*" addressing women's health issues; and "*Aging Gracefully,*" providing expert advice on topics related to health and wellness in the senior years. The next lecture in the Women's Wellness series is *Too Busy to Be Sick – Overlooked Symptoms of Heart Disease in Women* is on Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00 pm at Villa Monaco Restaurant , 778 Montauk Highway, West Islip with *Adrienne Muller Camesas, MD, Cardiologist.*
- ◆ **MAGNIFICAT Retreat:** You are invited to attend a Retreat sponsored by Magnificat - a ministry to *Catholic women* starting on *Friday, February 28th through Sunday, March 2nd*, which will be held at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY. Our speaker is Sister Miriam James, who is gifted and anointed to teach and to bring healing to the hearts of women. Sister Miriam James travels around the country speaking and sharing her testimony, leading women to walk as true Daughters of the King! The cost is \$230 per person and reservations are required, as space is limited. For more information, call Angela Rizzo at (516) 763-1739.
- ◆ The **Dominican Sisters of Amityville** will be hosting their annual *Irish Night Dance* for the benefit of their senior sisters on Saturday, **March 8** at St. Brigid's School, Westbury. The evening starts with Mass for "Peace in the World" at 7:00pm followed by a grand Irish celebration at 8:00pm. (includes dinner) \$40 pp Call 631-842-6000 X 238 or email chairperson S. Patricia Koehler, OP at pkoehlerop@amityop.org for info or tickets
- ◆ **The Case For Life-Pro-Life Apologetics Training Weekend.** The LI Coalition For Life Educational Trust invites you to hear Scott Klusendorf, President, Life Training Institute. Learn how to persuasively defend the pro-life position in the public square. Friday, **March 28th**, 7PM-9PM: The Case for Life- understanding and articulating pro-life truths Saturday, **March 29th**, 9AM-Noon: Handling modern day relativism; Effective tactics; Credibly responding to abortion advocates. In the *Joseph Barry Knights of Columbus Hall* (45 Heitz Pl. Hicksville) *Weekend Registration* donation: \$20; \$10 for students (covers both days). Registration includes presentation notes plus a copy of "*Stand for Life: Answering the Call, Making the Case, Saving Lives*" (co-authored by Klusendorf) Light refreshments served. RSVP requested (for book count and refreshments) to [FORTYD-FLLI@gmail.com](mailto:FORTYD-FLLI@gmail.com) Sponsored by LICL Educational Trust: 631-243-1435; [www.prolifeLI.org](http://www.prolifeLI.org).
- ◆ **2014 Long Island Catholic Men's Conference "For God and Country"** "Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!" Join over 600 proud Catholic American men of the diocese on **Saturday, March 29, 2014** at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School for an amazing day that will inspire you to live everyday as a Catholic Patriot! Topics include: "*The Miracle of Fr. Kapaun*" the story of a future saint who was a WWII and Korean War chaplain, martyr and Medal of Honor Recipient; *John Gonzalez* of Catholic Charities will talk to us about "Faithful Citizenship;" "*The Light of Faith and the Joy of the Gospel*" by "Seize the Day" radio show host Gus Lloyd. Join us as we honor Lt. Michael Murphy as our 2014 Msgr. Kissane Award Recipient! Register online at [www.catholicmensministry.net](http://www.catholicmensministry.net) or call Gregory Guido at 631-789-4008 (limited seating available).
- ◆ The **Long Island Coalition for Life** is sponsoring an Oratory Contest for 11th and 12th graders. Those interested must present a five to seven minute speech on a topic related to abortion, euthanasia or cloning/stem-cell research. For more information contact Louise Perrotta at [louiseperrotta@optonline.net](mailto:louiseperrotta@optonline.net).
- ◆ Tune into "**RELIGION AND ROCK**" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7-8 am on **WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM** on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at **11PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117.** To listen online or receive more information regarding "**Religion and Rock**" go to [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com) or at "**Religion & Rock**" on ITUNES.

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## PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Just as the life of the Church is strengthened through more frequent celebration of the Eucharistic mystery, similarly we may hope for a new stimulus for the life of the Spirit from a growing reverence for the word of God, which "lasts forever" (Is. 40:8; see 1 Peter 1:23-25). *-Dei Verbum, 26*

### Sunday, February 16, 2014: The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Sirach 15:15-20 + 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 + Matthew 5:17-37*

#### *Scripture Background for next Sunday's Readings...*

**Sirach 15:15-20:** Sirach's writings were directed to Greeks, as well as to Jews whose lives and thinking were influenced by Greek pagan culture. His statement that "God in the beginning created human beings and made them subject to their own free choice" (Sir 15:14) strongly contradicts the pagan beliefs that fate and external forces determine what happens to us as well as the choices we make. Here the author argues that because we have free will, we are also the ones fully responsible for our choices.

**1 Corinthians 2:6-10:** Like Sirach, Paul did battle with the pagan beliefs of the Greek culture in his efforts to preach the Gospel. True wisdom, Paul argues, does not come from the mind of any human, but from God, and is fully revealed to us by God Himself through faith in the person of His Son, Christ Jesus. The one who is, in Paul's words, "mature" spiritually has rejected the "wisdom of the age" and has instead embraced the eternal and mysterious wisdom of God as fully given to us by and in the crucified Lord of glory.

**Matthew 5:17-37:** Writing his testimony about the Messiah to his fellow Hebrews, Matthew emphasizes the identity of Jesus as both the Son of God and as the new Moses. In sitting down on the mountain to teach the people about the Law, Jesus first declares that the very purpose of His coming is the perfect fulfillment of God's Law. Endowed with the authority of God Himself, Jesus is then able to reveal the heart of God to the people in His teaching them what is at the heart of His commandments.



#### *Gospel Reflection Questions...*

*After reading next Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 5:17-37) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.*

1. One of the Ten Commandments says "You shall not kill: and whoever kills will be liable to judgment." Jesus says: "Whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Is Jesus interested in the inner spirit of the law when he asks us to look into our hearts for anger (the outcome of which could be murder if not controlled.) How does what's in our hearts relate to fulfillment of the law?

2. 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 their hands, etc. How do these things relate to the inner spirit of the law? How do they relate to loving God and neighbor?

## Readings for the Week

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

#### **Monday, February 10, 2014:**

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 + Mark 6:53-56

#### **Tuesday, February 11, 2014:**

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 + Mark 7:1-13

#### **Wednesday, February 12, 2014:**

1 Kings 10:1-10 + Mark 7:14-23

#### **Thursday, February 13, 2014:**

1 Kings 11:4-13 + Mark 7:24-30

#### **Friday, February 14, 2014:**

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 + Mark 7:31-37

#### **Saturday, February 15, 2014:**

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 + Mark 8:1-10

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