

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*From the cloud came a voice that said,  
“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.”*

Matthew 17:5b

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 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. Frank Pokorney

**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.

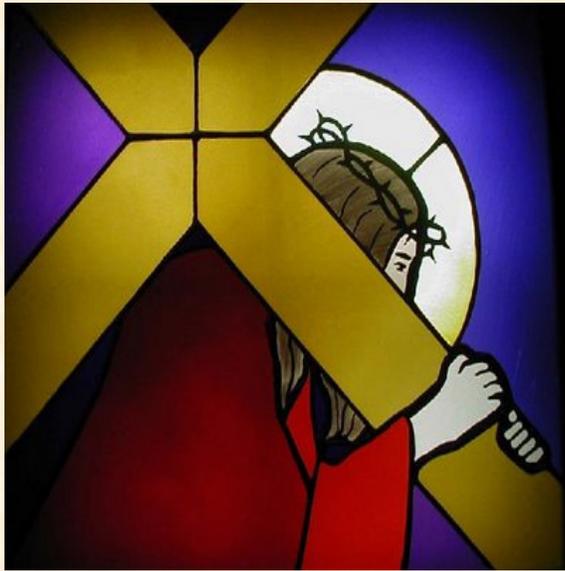
### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**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.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



### Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 17, 24

& April 7

at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

We are continuing the custom of having different groups from the parish lead the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights during Lent as a great way to highlight the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

**March 17: led by the OLPH Readers**

### MASS WITH OUR NEW BISHOP, BISHOP JOHN BARRES

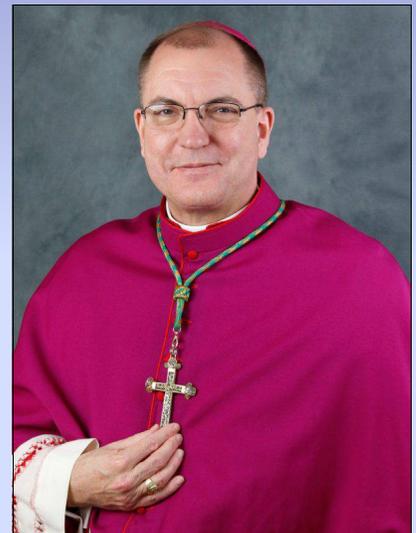
Bishop Barres is visiting the Deaneries of the Diocese  
(a Deanery is a cluster of parishes in the same area)  
in order to meet the people of his new diocese.

COME JOIN IN MASS  
WITH  
BISHOP BARRES

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

5:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH  
455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip



All parishioners are welcome!

It will be a great way to meet and greet our new Bishop!  
Let's have a great showing from OLPH—"the place to be!"



# Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery:

## An Evening of Music and Reflection on Christ's Passion

Friday

March 31, 2017

6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper

7:30 p.m. - Prayer and Reflection



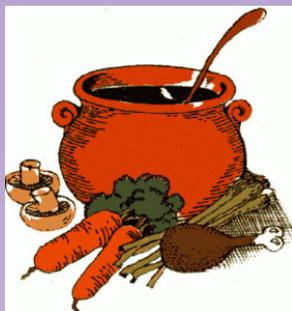
On this Friday of Lent, we'll gather for a night of fellowship, music and reflection. The evening begins with a Soup Supper in the Auditorium where we will share a simple meal, mindful of the hunger of so many, and a reminder of our desire to grow closer to God.

Following the Supper, we will gather in the Church for a night of prayer led by our parish music ministry. Using St. Matthew's Gospel, we will seek to discover the many ways the message of Christ's death and resurrection can transform our lives right here in Lindenhurst.

### SUPPORTING OUR FOOD PANTRY

*We ask all who are attending  
the soup supper and/or the*

*prayer service  
to bring a food  
item for our  
parish's food  
pantry.*



### Are you a good soup maker?

We are seeking donations of meatless soups and bread for the soup-supper, as well as set-up, serving and clean-up help. Contact Chris Volpe at 516-238-2717 or email [cvolpe664@gmail.com](mailto:cvolpe664@gmail.com) or Mary Ellen Barrett at [mombarr@optonline.net](mailto:mombarr@optonline.net).

To see photos and to keep up on other ministries check out the OLPH Facebook page.



## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Second Sunday of Lent*

Each year the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent is always one of the accounts of the Transfiguration of Jesus, and this year we hear Matthew's version. As proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of what we share in by sharing in Christ's resurrection.

The account we hear from Matthew has all the marks of a biblical theophany, *i.e.*, a self-revelation of God. The voice from the clouds, the fear of the bystanders and the mountain site are all indications of a divine-human encounter. The voice from the cloud, understood to be God's, repeats what was said at Jesus' baptism. It is in sharp contrast to the mocking of the temper in last Sunday's Gospel, "If you are the Son of God..." Today Jesus' mission and identity are affirmed; He will continue to Jerusalem and to His death and resurrection. We will walk with Him in these Lenten days.

Reflect on the phrases used in the Collect (Opening Prayer) of the Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent: "*listen to your beloved Son;*" "*nourish us inwardly by your word;*" "*spiritual sight made pure;*" "*rejoice to behold your glory*" — such imagery all but puts us right there in the Transfiguration scene! Imagine what it would have been like to have actually been there!

We continue to be reminded of Lent as a journey toward Easter in the words of the Preface (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, before the Holy, Holy) for this Sunday: "*the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection.*" During Lent we strive to take up our cross and believe more deeply that through Christ, with Christ and in Christ our sufferings and difficulties will lead to new life. That's the power of Christ's Paschal Mystery in our life.

Take some time this week to reflect on the entire mystery, the Paschal Mystery, that is our focus during Lent-Easter Time — that in order to rise with Christ we must die with Him, and how we experience that passage and transformation through Him, with Him, and in Him, in our daily life.

### *Quiet time and silent reflection before Mass*

You may have noticed that we have begun a new practice at our weekend Masses: about five minutes before Mass is to begin, the cantor reads an announcement asking everyone to quiet down and to sit in reflective silence until the start of Mass. This is certainly in keeping with a Lenten mood, but it also addresses a concern that is expressed to me from time to time, that of the noise level in the church before Mass.

Certainly it is good that parishioners wish to greet each other, chat, and build bonds of community and friendship; all of that is to be affirmed. At the same time, though, that must be balanced with the need to maintain a proper prayerful and respectful atmosphere in the church. People have the right to be able to take some time for personal prayer before Mass begins, without being distracted by conversation and other noises. The Liturgy Committee suggested that we begin doing this "call to silence" on a trial basis during Lent, and we will evaluate its effectiveness. (I suspect that many will affirm it as a valuable practice and will want it to be made permanent.) If you would like to offer me any of your thoughts or reactions, pro or con, please do so.

In the meantime, when the cantor calls for silence to begin about five minutes before Mass, I ask that **everyone** — everyone in the assembly, the priest, deacon, altar servers, readers, ushers, choir...**everyone** — respect that request and sit in silent prayer and reflection until Mass begins.

Of course, once Mass begins, you had better NOT be silent any more, as you fully, consciously and actively participate in the singing and the responses!

### *St. Patrick's Day*

Allow me to wish a Happy St. Patrick's Day to those who will be celebrating this Friday. As we have detailed elsewhere, Bishop Barres has granted a dispensation allowing meat to be eaten on this Friday, but another penance should be substituted in its place; please see the announcement elsewhere.

### *Offer to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday!*

Each year, twelve parishioners are selected to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Washing of Feet is a very moving, very powerful and very beautiful rite that speaks of the humble and loving service that is the hallmark of Christian life. Usually, a pool of names is suggested by the members of the Liturgy Committee, and then those parishioners are asked to participate. This year we would like to try something a little different.

We would like to ask YOU to offer to have your feet washed. It occurred to us that there might be (hopefully, are!) many people who might like to have their feet washed but whose names might not otherwise surface. So, I am asking you to consider making this offering to OLPH of having your feet washed on Holy Thursday.

Oh, I know...people get shy and embarrassed about this and their first reaction is, "No, not

me.” (It’s interesting that the act of humble Christian service is supposed to be washing someone’s feet, but, because of our hesitation and feelings of discomfort, it almost seems as though the actual act of humility is allowing one’s feet to be washed!) I ask you, though, to see this as an important contribution and offering you could make to our celebration of Holy Thursday, and to submit your name as someone who would have their feet washed.

We always try to get a good cross-representation of parishioners, so we’re looking for young and old, boys and girls, men and women, actively-involved and not-so-actively-involved...you name it! You can respond by returning the response coupon found elsewhere in this bulletin. Now, please understand: since we’re trying for a cross-representation, you may not get called this year because we want to balance out our representation of ages, gender, parish involvements, etc. But don’t worry, and please don’t be insulted: we will hold on to your name and keep it in the “pool” and you will be called in a future year.

Please give prayerful consideration to this as a great spiritual offering to your parish.

**Parish Mission at St. Ignatius Martyr, Long Beach**

I’ll just briefly mention that the Parish Mission Team I belong to (along with Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Fr. Michael Holzmann, and our recent addition Fr. John Sureau) will be doing our Parish Mission this week at St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Long Beach. It will be Sunday through Wednesday, March 12-15, and my night will be on Wednesday, although, as always, all four of us will be there each night. Please pray for the success of the Mission, and please pray for the four of us, since this parish is not exactly “around the corner” for us!

**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,

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS TO OFFER TO HAVE THEIR FEET WASHED ON HOLY THURSDAY**

The Washing of Feet is one of the most beautiful and powerful moments in the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper. The action ritualizes the humble service of Jesus who came to serve and to lay down his life for us. The rite is also a powerful reminder of Jesus’ command for us to imitate his humble service, and to wash each other’s feet through acts of generous, self-emptying love.

Each year we select twelve (12) parishioners to have their feet washed, and we try to represent a good cross-section of the parish. **We would like to ask you to step forward and offer to have your feet washed at our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper this year, on April 13.** This is a great opportunity for you to offer to be part of our Sacred Paschal Triduum in a very powerful way. Don’t be shy about nominating yourself or someone else! It’s OK for more than one member of the same family to be included! It’s a great offering you would be giving to OLPH. If you are interested, simply return the response coupon below.

Young or old; long-time parishioner or new; male or female; involved in the parish or not-so-involved—we want to get a good cross-representation, and so we want YOU to come forward and offer yourself. Because we are trying to have a representative balance among the twelve, please do not worry or be insulted if you submit your name but are not called this year—we’ll hold on to your name for future years! Return the response form today!

YES! I would like to have my name included among those willing to have my feet washed on Holy Thursday, either this year or in a future year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ (needed so we can include a variety of ages)

If more than one member of your family would like to offer, you can make a copy of this or send in the information on your own paper



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length.



So come and pray...

### Saturdays and Sundays

### After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

*"The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself 'continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.'"*

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175



### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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, March 13—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, March 20—6:30 p.m.  
(due to Level 8 Penance Service)**

**Monday, March 27—7:00 p.m.**

### ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from the Good Friday fast and abstinence.

### BLESSING OF BREAD AND PASTRIES ON ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

Monday, March 20 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred from March 19 this year because March 19 is a Sunday in Lent). It is traditional to bless bread, pastries, and other food and to give a portion of it to the poor. Therefore, we will be offering a blessing of bread, pastries (and any other St. Joseph's foods traditional to your family) at our two weekday Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Monday, March 20. Join in marking St. Joseph's Day in this way by bringing your breads and pastries to be blessed!

### MEETING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar Servers are required to attend an important meeting on Thursday, March 23 at 4:30 p.m. in the church. Among other items we will discuss assignments for Holy Week, the Sacred Paschal Triduum and First Communion and Confirmation. All servers are expected to attend. If you cannot be there, you must contact Msgr. Joe as soon as possible. Thank you.

*(Note: this meeting applies only to the young people who serve; it does not apply to the adults who serve at weekday Masses and funerals.)*

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Congratulations to our brother **Jeffrey Gaab** who is in formation to become Catholic through the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults! Today, the Second Sunday of Lent, he enters the final stage of his journey in preparation for initiation into the full communion of the Catholic Church, to take place at a Sunday Mass during Easter Time. Today at 2:30 p.m. he will attend **The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion** at St. Anne's in Brentwood, presided over by Bishop Andrzej. At this liturgy, our candidate Jeffrey will be formally recognized and accepted by our diocese as someone preparing to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church this Easter.



Please remember our candidate Jeffrey in your prayers as he enters this final stage of Lenten preparation for reception of the Easter sacraments.

## BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER:

### ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE PARISH, FOURTH GRADE AND OLDER

We are in the process of **recruiting new Altar Servers!** Being an altar server is a great way to be involved at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You make an important contribution to the life of the parish and you perform an important ministry. Besides, it's fun!!! You serve at weekend Masses and other special events, attend some meetings throughout the year, and have fun parties!

*Why not become an altar server?* We would love to have you, and we will provide plenty of training — no prior experience is necessary!! If you are a boy or a girl who is in the **4<sup>th</sup> grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, or even older!)**, you are invited to become an altar server. Parents, why not mention it to your daughter or son to get them interested? Training will start soon, so sign up now. If you are interested, **mail or drop off the coupon below to Monsignor Joe at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue.** *No phone calls, please; you must let me know in writing! It's OK to scan this page and send it electronically with all the info to [msgrio@oloph.org](mailto:msgrio@oloph.org).*

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, RESPOND BEFORE TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017, SINCE THE FIRST TRAINING MEETING WILL BE SOON AFTER THAT** (you will receive a letter giving you specific information).

**Sorry...no responses can be accepted after March 28!**

*We hope to hear from YOU!!!*

Yes, I am interested in becoming an Altar Server! **RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE MAR. 28**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Family Envelope/Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ **\*\*\*Required: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH.**

Year You Received First Holy Communion \_\_\_\_\_

Grade you are in right now \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I go to public school; Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I go to Catholic school; Name of School \_\_\_\_\_



## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building  
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253  
 Email: [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)  
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 ([akleinlaut@oloph.org](mailto: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.

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT: GROUP B



## Registration Is Now OPEN

Letters have now been mailed to all families with students in our program with details about re-registration. Registration for returning families begins April 3rd. After June 15th, there will be a \$25 late fee for ALL registrations.

We continue to 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. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a "New Family" appointment or call us for any information.

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.

Should you have any questions regarding religious education, registration for the 2017/18 year, or offering your time as a catechist or hall monitor in our program, please contact our office. We can't wait to meet you!

### Important Upcoming Date:

**Level 2: Parent Communion Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 18th**

This important meeting will go over many details about the upcoming sacrament. At least one parent is required to attend.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

*St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland*

Born in Roman Britain, at 14 he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland. After escaping, he felt the call to become a priest and return to Ireland. He eventually became Bishop and did just that, converting the entire country and building many churches. He often used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. He served in Ireland for 40 years before his death. Today, Ireland is still a Catholic country. *St. Patrick, pray for us!*

**Bible Camp Preview Day**  
**Sunday, March 26th**  
**After the 10:00 a.m. Mass**  
**In the Auditorium**



**Come join us**  
**as we learn about**  
**this year's**  
**Bible Camp Theme—**

### Maker Fun Factory

**Early Registration for Bible Camp**  
**will be available.**

# 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!

- WATER**
- COFFEE**
- JELLO/PUDDINGS**
- CANNED CAKE ICINGS**
- COOKIES**
- SMALL JUICES**
- SHAVE CREAM/RAZORS**
- DEODORANT**
- TISSUES**

*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 Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him.”

**Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.**

## **† A LIVING MEMORIAL**



**THANK YOU!!!** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program. All your donations have been used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish. Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for further information.

## 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](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com). You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

#### DONATIONS

*We are in need of the following items:*

**heavy sweat pants (large 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**

**Tuesday, March 21**  
**St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Party**  
**At a member's house**

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449  
or email her at [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto: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, April 11**  
**9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

## BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE

**It's NEW to YOU!**



Our prices are the lowest around. Clothing, bags, dishes, decorative items, candles, shoes, New merchandise every week.

**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.

There is a  
place for  
you at  
our table...



### COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on one Sunday each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

*Our next Community Meal is*  
*Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Come and pray with us at the*  
*12:00 p.m. Mass*  
*& then join us for*  
*"Sunday Dinner"*  
*at 1:00 p.m.*

# 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](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

## Lecturas del domingo 19 de Marzo del 2017

Lecturas del 3º Domingo de Cuaresma - Ciclo A

Lea las lecturas en su Biblia y luego reflexione con nosotros.

Un Encuentro Personal Profundo. Agua Viva

(Ver Segunda Lectura)

El amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo que se nos ha dado. Que ese amor de Dios esté siempre con ustedes.

Padre de vida y dador de todo lo bueno: Queremos beber tu vida al máximo.

Que Jesús, tu Palabra Viviente, nos hable de corazón a corazón.

Danos una sed insaciable de las cosas realmente importantes:

la fe y el sentido de nuestras vidas, la esperanza en un mundo mejor

lleno de tu justicia y tu paz, un espíritu de amor comprometido

que sabe cómo compartirse a sí mismo. Otórganos generosamente todo esto

por medio de Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

**Primera Lectura (Éxodos 17,3-7):** El Agua Fluye de la Roca

La sed es la prueba más dura de los que viajan por el desierto. Para el pueblo en marcha Dios es la roca en quien pueden confiar y la fuente de agua vivificante.

**Segunda Lectura (Romanos 5,1-2.5-8):** El Amor de Dios Se Ha Derramado en Nuestros Corazones

Por medio de Cristo, que murió por nosotros, Dios ha derramado en nuestros corazones todo lo que anhelamos con sed ardiente: fe, esperanza en el futuro que Dios nos ofrece, el Espíritu de amor.

**Evangelio (Juan 4, 5-e42):** ¡Dame tu Agua Viva!

Jesús entra en un diálogo personal con la mujer samaritana. Él se revela a ella como el proveedor de agua viva y siempre corriente, es decir, como el dador de nueva vida para nosotros. Al ir al pozo como la samaritana, también nosotros a él la fuente que esta sedienta de brindar agua, el amor y ser amado. "Al pedir dame de beber muestra su necesidad para que nosotros descubramos la nuestra ". Los discípulos están ausentes buscando alimentos. Así como allí hay un agua que la mujer ignora, aquí hay un alimento que los discípulos desconocen

La samaritana cambio de vida y tú?



# 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:**

*James Hodder & Kayla Walz  
Sean Tumulty & Dawn Marino  
Peter Mayo & Maria Sarcona*

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

*Laurie Murphy  
Concetta Manzella  
Henry Sacripante  
Catherine Castaldo  
Andrew Lewis  
Dorothy R. Reilly*

*“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.”*

## **MEMORIALS AVAILABLE**

This Easter, we are offering a memorial opportunity for the Paschal Candle, the symbol of the Light of Christ that is lit from the Easter fire and remains lit for all liturgies during Easter Time. It is also lit throughout the year at baptisms and funerals. The offering to memorialize the candle is \$500.



We have ordered two new vestments that are available to be memorialized. The purple cope is worn by the priest or deacon outside of Mass for special liturgies like Advent Lessons and Carols, Ash Wednesday Prayer Services and Stations of the Cross. The red cope will be used at the Palm Sunday Procession and on Good Friday. The donation for each vestment is \$600, and a label, marking the memorial, can be placed inside.



If you would like to remember a loved one who has died or mark a special anniversary or other occasion by making a memorial, please call contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory, or email [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org).

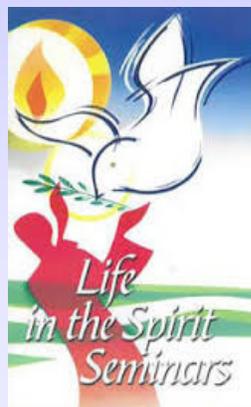
## **WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Charles Cascio</i>	<i>Therese Gigante</i>
<i>Ester Darrigo</i>	<i>Jean Wilutis</i>
<i>Laura Fischer</i>	<i>Michael Basile</i>
<i>Ann DeVito</i>	<i>Theresa Ferrara</i>
<i>Nora McMahon</i>	<i>Thomas Marino</i>
<i>Eileen McCauley</i>	<i>Erin Stanton</i>
<i>Patricia &amp;</i>	<i>Larry Bell</i>
<i>Richard Kleczkowski</i>	<i>Glenn Cording</i>
<i>Ann Power</i>	<i>Barbara Kuebel</i>
<i>Theresa Lisio</i>	<i>Lisa Ruggiero</i>
<i>Kathy Cunningham</i>	<i>Catherine Tamburino</i>
<i>Susan Murphy</i>	<i>Lawrence Pancamo</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. The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

*Deacon Frank Odin &  
The Community of Praise  
are hosting a  
“Life in the Spirit Seminar”*



**Tuesdays**  
**April 4 – May 16**  
**In the school room 16**  
**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Sandy or Vito:**  
**(631) 412-3794**

**Jackie or Jimmy:**  
**(631) 957-4703**

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY, March 13— Lenten Weekday</b>	
6:30	Colette Jeanette Hadden
12:15	Anne Byrne
<b>TUESDAY, March 14— Lenten Weekday</b>	
6:30	John Sureau, Sr.
12:15	Elsa & Johannes Keller & Family
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 15— Lenten Weekday</b>	
6:30	Rita Burke
12:15	Fran Levesque
<b>THURSDAY, March 16— Lenten Weekday</b>	
6:30	Rita Burke
12:15	John Ferguson
<b>FRIDAY, March 17— Lenten Weekday (Saint Patrick, Bishop)</b>	
6:30	James McVeigh
12:15	Angelo Muro
<b>SATURDAY, March 18— Weekday (Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church)</b>	
8:00	George William Cunningham
<b>Vigil for THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
5:00	George Walters
<b>Sunday, March 19 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
8:00	Victoria Flynn
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
5:00	Perpetual Help Mass

## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Monday, March 13, 2017</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School
<b>Tuesday, March 14, 2017</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark
7:30 p.m.	Spanish Board Meeting	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Meeting	Room 12
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible Camp Meeting	Room 2
<b>Wednesday, March 15, 2017</b>		
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 Meeting	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School
8:30 p.m.	Christian Mothers Meeting	Cafeteria
<b>Thursday, March 16, 2017</b>		
1– 5 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
5:30 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24
<b>Friday, March 17, 2017</b>		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
<b>Saturday, March 18, 2017</b>		
8:30, 10:00 & 11:30a.m.	Levels 1-5 Classes Level 2 Parent Communion Meeting	School
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Meeting	Cafeteria
<b>Sunday, March 19, 2017</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Catechists Meeting	Auditorium
10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
10:00 a.m.	RCIA	Church
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:00 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Meeting	Cafeteria

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
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Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Bob Meade  
Frank Pokorney  
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Sandra Tandoi

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

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Deacon Robert Becker  
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Deacon Doug Smith  
Rosaleen Walters  
Mike Williams

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

## OFFERING UPDATE March 4/5, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	316	133	\$3,226.50
8:00 a.m.	305	118	3,024.00
10:00 a.m.	502	141	3,296.00
12:00 pm.	510	173	4,843.00
5:00 p.m.	207	44	1,077.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			13.78
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			488.00
<b>Children's Env.</b>		25	88.25
<b>Faith Direct</b>			2,024.50
<b>Special needs</b>	75	19	521.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,915	653	\$18,602.03
<b>2016 total</b>	2,063	860	\$19,401.38
<b>Candles</b>			\$1325.96
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$319.43
<b>1st Saturday</b>			\$73.41
<b>Church in Need</b>			\$2,408.00

## Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Liturgy Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
6:30 a.m.	164	31	\$839.00
12:25 p.m.	475	102	1,825.00
4:15 pm.	563	82	1,775.00
5:30 p.m.	546	32	932.00
7:30 p.m.	565	44	1,380.00
<b>Total coin:</b>			53.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,313	291	\$6,804.55
<b>2016 total</b>	2,194	220	\$6,640.19



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If you would like to make a gift now using your Ira and if:

1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
2. Your IRA is a traditional or Roth
3. 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).**

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

**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.**

**If you would like to make an Estate gift:** You can make your Parish a beneficiary of your IRA and your loved ones will not have to pay income tax on their proceeds.

### Notice Concerning St. Patrick's Day



Bishop Barres has given a dispensation from the obligation of abstaining from meat to all Catholics in the Diocese of Rockville Centre on the feast of Saint Patrick (Friday, March 17, 2017). The obligation to abstain from meat can be fulfilled on another date or Catholics can adopt another form of penance of the individual's choosing.

### 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@oloph.org](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org).  
*Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

**March 19—passed  
March 26—March 17  
April 2—March 24**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

## PREPARING FOR

**Sunday, March 19, 2017—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Jesus said to her, "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

*John 4:14*

### Exodus 17:3-7

Water is an important part of life not only today but even more so in the time of Moses and Jesus. The lands of the Bible receive very little rain both today and then. As Moses led the Jews out of Egypt and through the desert, they were first tested by lack of food and then by lack of water. In both cases they grumbled and rebelled, preferring Egyptian life as slaves to being free while hungry and thirsty. But in both cases God provided for them in their need, first by sending quail and manna to eat and then, as we hear today, by instructing Moses to strike the rock from which water flowed freely. While the people of Israel continued to try God's patience and argue against his plan, as we may do ourselves, the Lord never ceased to offer life-giving waters of grace and forgiveness.

### Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul wrote his letter to the church in Rome near the end of his life and it represents his most developed thought on the meaning of the Gospel. We hear today that the heart of this Gospel he preached was the Good News that God offers a new life to all as a free and unearned gift through Christ. Faith is accepting this gift whole-heartedly by laying aside any thought that we could have done something to deserve it. "We have been justified by faith" and not by our own actions. It gets even better: as a result "we have peace with God" because of Jesus and "we boast in hope of the glory of God." Good News indeed!

### John 4:5-42

We hear of water again in the Gospel reading today. Jesus sits by a well and asks a Samaritan woman for a drink, thereby defying two conventions – that of talking to a woman and that of associating with a Samaritan. Samaritans and Jews did not associate with one another but Jesus models love for all people regardless of their status in life. As he talks with her, she begins to understand who he is and that the water he is talking about is not literal water to drink but the living water of eternal life that only he can provide. In the age of salvation, people will worship "in Spirit and truth;" "truth" points to Jesus himself as the Messiah and, when his work is accomplished, he will send the Spirit as "living water." We today have access to that living water always if we but accept and believe in Jesus and worship him "in Spirit and truth."

### 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. "Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans," the Gospel says. And the woman at the well was a Samaritan. How did Jesus handle this barrier, and the gender issue at the well? When was the only other time Jesus mentions his thirst?*

*2. In his general audience, Pope Francis spoke to 80,000 people about how the Holy Spirit is related to mankind's thirsts. For what do you thirst?*

*Mankind is like a wanderer who, across the deserts of life, thirsts for water that's alive, gushing and fresh, able to fully slacken his deep desire for light, love, beauty and peace. Everyone desires this, he said.*

*It is Jesus who gives humanity this living water through the Holy Spirit, the pope said, "so that our lives may be guided, animated and nourished by God."*

*May 8, 2013*



## Readings for the Week

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

### **Monday, March 13, 2017:**

Daniel 9:4b-10 + Luke 6:36-38

### **Tuesday, March 14, 2017:**

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 + Matthew 23:1-12

### **Wednesday, March 15, 2017:**

Jeremiah 18:18-20 + Matthew 20:17-28

### **Thursday, March 16, 2017:**

Jeremiah 17:5-10 + Luke 16:19-31

### **Friday, March 17, 2017:**

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a  
+ Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

### **Saturday, March 18, 2017:**

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20  
+ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### **Sunday, March 19, 2017:**

Exodus 17:3-7+ Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
+ John 4:5-42

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**Bereavement Conference 2017 Journeying Together in Times of Pain and Loss.** Keynote Address – The Health Effects of Bereavement Dr. Kerriane Page MD HMDC, Chief Medical Officer for Hospice, Palliative Care, & Home Care Services and Senior Vice President of Clinical Effectiveness for Catholic Health Services of Long Island. The Conference will be held on Saturday, **March 25**, at St. Joseph's Parish, Babylon from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the DRVC-Office of Faith Formation and Catholic Cemeteries.

**"Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia ("The Joy of Love") One Year Later"** with Msgr. Strynkowski. Join Msgr. John Strynkowski for this talk in the library at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, **March 26th**, at 2:00 p.m. This lecture will ask: What have been the commentaries and controversies flowing from this document? No registration is required and refreshments will be served. Library at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception (on the fourth floor), 440 West Neck Road, Huntington (3 miles North of Main Street). Call or email for more information: 631-423-0483 ext. 141 [libraryweb@icseminary.edu](mailto:libraryweb@icseminary.edu)

**Pasta Dinner/Chinese auction** to benefit the *Life Center of Long Island*. Sunday, **April 2** from 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. at the Fr. Patrick Shanahan Hall, Our Lady of Grace Parish, West Babylon. Tickets: \$15 pp includes dinner, beer, wine & soda. Guest speaker Msgr. James Vlaun. Call Carmine Soldano 631-586-0883 or Nancy Harding 516-983-1205.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is hosting a weekend in April, right after Easter, a great time to renew and refresh our marriages. The weekend begins Friday, April 28th and concludes with Mass Sunday the 30th @ Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 W Neck Rd. Huntington. For information and reservations call 1-877-697-9963 or go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

**Camp Veritas 2017:** a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens 7th—12th grades. July 16-22 at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY; July 23-29 at Summit Lake Camp, Emmitsburg, MD and August 13-19 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment price: \$450 per camper per week; \$400 if paid by 4/1/17. Volunteers over 18 are needed. For details go to [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com).

5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

## The Voice of Catholic Women

Saturday, April 8, 2017  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743



Linda Carter



Ellen W. Rieger



Doris Tecuanhuey-Alvarez

Linda Carter is both mother and high school principal. Linda has spent many fruitful years as a member of Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish. She and her recently deceased husband dedicated themselves to building up parish life. Now as Linda continues her life journey she finds inspiration and comfort from the community.

Ellen W. Rieger is a stay-at-home mom with four daughters and a husband who is a deacon. They are members of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Centerport. Ellen's life is richly blessed both by being wife and mother, and also by having the opportunity to share her life with many volunteer groups.

Doris Tecuanhuey-Alvarez is a mother and secretary. Doris is a member of Most Holy Trinity Parish in East Hampton where she witnesses to her faith as a catechist, lector and member of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. She studied at San Mateo and is a PFI graduate. She is grateful to God's many blessings in her life.

*We look forward to hearing everyone's story!*

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