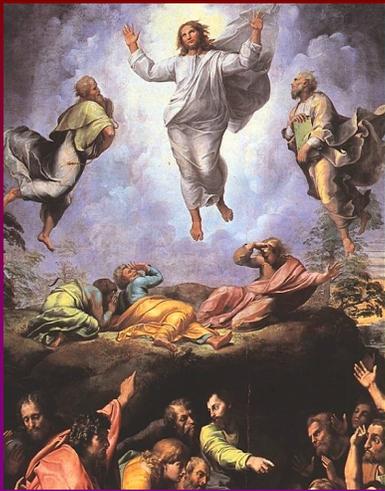


Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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While he was still speaking, behold,
a bright cloud cast a shadow over them,
then from the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him.”

Matthew 17:5

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 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.

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.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 P.M.

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

Wednesday: 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.

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

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

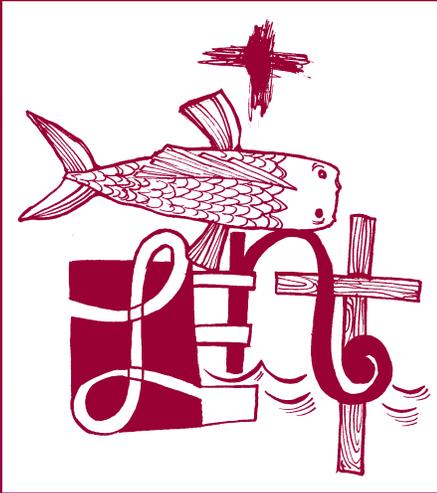
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.



PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Next Week

Monday, March 24—

Wednesday, March 26

7:30 P.M.—OLPH Church

Monday, March 24th

Theme: Entering the Desert...Finding Happiness

Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, March 25th

Theme: The Journey Continues....but always with God

Evening Prayer / Sacrament of Reconciliation

Priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation at the end of the service.

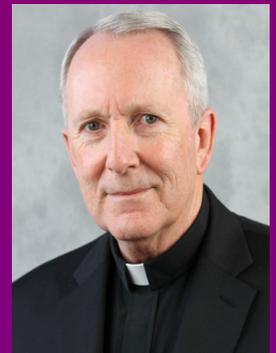
Wednesday, March 26th

Theme: Tools for the Journey

Celebration of the Eucharist

This year our parish Lenten Mission will be led by **Msgr. Charles Fink**, Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie.

Each night of the mission will focus on our journey during Lent—one on which we are never alone, for the Lord always accompanies us. Learn more about the journey and some good tools that will carry us the rest of the way.



We will gather for fellowship after the last evening of the retreat, hosted by our Hospitality Ministry. If you can bring a dessert, please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail Peg McCloud of our Hospitality Ministry at mom031@verizon.net.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

St. Patrick and St. Joseph

This week are the feast days commemorating two saints who are close to many peoples' hearts, St. Patrick and St. Joseph.

Monday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, is celebrated liturgically as a commemoration because it occurs during Lent. The Collect of the Mass of the day acknowledges how St. Patrick preached and proclaimed God's glory to the peoples of Ireland, and it goes on to pray that *"those who glory in the name of Christian may never cease to proclaim your wondrous deeds to all."* Allow me to wish a happy St. Patrick's Day to those who celebrate their Irish heritage this day. I hope the day is rich in joy and festivity for you!

On Wednesday, March 19, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day is an important one and is given the rank of Solemnity in the liturgical calendar, which means that the day takes precedence over the Lenten day! In fact, the *Glory to God in the highest* returns to Mass on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, for this one day, and the Creed is said, too. All these liturgical elements mark for us the prominence of this day that celebrates the saint who is the Patron of the Universal Church and the patron of workers, of carpenters, and of fathers.

We celebrate St. Joseph as, to use the words of the Mass for that day, that *"just man"* given by God *"as spouse to the Virgin Mother of God and set as a wise and faithful servant"* in charge of the Holy Family, *"to watch like a father"* over God's Only Begotten Son. The model of humility and quiet service given to us by St. Joseph is something to ponder deeply.

However, what's the best part about celebrating St. Joseph's Day? THE PASTRIES, OF COURSE, the *sfinigi* and *zeppoli!!!* I'll admit it's hard for me not to go overboard with those pastries in the days leading up to the feast (I have *already* had my share, and then some!). St. Joseph's Day is a great day for Italians to celebrate and be proud of their Italian heritage, since we know, of course, that St. Joseph was Italian(!).

May your St. Joseph's Day be a holy and festive one!

Music on Solemnities at 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass

We are instituting a new practice here at OLPH concerning Solemnities that are celebrated on weekdays. Since Solemnities have a high liturgical rank, they really should be celebrated with the degree of festivity and solemnity that the day demands; they should be distinguished from ordinary weekdays and other lesser memorials. Therefore, starting with the Solemnity of St. Joseph this Wednesday, we will have music and a cantor at the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass on Solemnities.

(The 6:30 a.m. weekday Mass will continue to remain without music.)

These are the Solemnities which will have music at the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass: February 2, the Presentation of the Lord; March 19, St. Joseph; March 25, the Annunciation; June 24, The Nativity of St. John the Baptist; June 27, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and June 29, Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. In addition, music will continue to be provided at a weekday Mass when these Solemnities, which are usually Holy Days of Obligation, fall on a Saturday or a Monday and the obligation is removed for that particular year: January 1, Mary, the Holy Mother of God; August 15, the Assumption of the BVM; and November 1, All Saints.

This will allow us to really celebrate the rhythms of the various feasts throughout the liturgical year. I thank Chris Ferraro, our Director of Music, for overseeing this addition to our liturgical life.

Ossuary

We have just purchased a liturgical vessel which we are calling an ossuary. Technically, an ossuary is any depository for the bones of the dead. We are using the term to also apply to a liturgical vessel which will hold the cremated remains of the deceased at a funeral Mass.

As you know, the Church permits the cremated remains of the deceased to be brought into church for the funeral Mass if cremation takes place before the Mass. However, sometimes the container for the cremated remains is not worthy and dignified enough for the liturgy; many times it is a container that, although not offensive in any way, just does not have the nobility that communicates the importance of the mortal remains of the deceased as the mortal remains of a Christian body that was washed in Baptism, anointed in Confirmation and nourished by the Eucharist. So, OLPH now has a worthy and dignified liturgical vessel into which the container with the cremated remains can be placed, and this new liturgical vessel is what will remain on display during the funeral Mass. We feel this adds an added dimension of reverence and dignity to funeral Masses at which the cremated remains are present.

There is the possibility of memorializing this ossuary at a cost of \$4,000. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me.

Parish Leadership Meeting

This Saturday, March 22, an important event will take place in our parish life. We will be holding a special **Parish Leadership Meeting**.

The idea for the meeting grew out of discussions

among the Pastoral Staff and the Pastoral Council which centered around the need for our parish to grow in the area of how all the various ministries, organizations and societies work together for the benefit of the entire parish. This area of growth identified by the Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council was confirmed in the Parish Visitation Report sent to me as a follow-up to the Parish Visitation conducted by our Episcopal Vicar, Msgr. James McNamara, last December. Msgr. McNamara wrote in his report: "One of the challenges...is that there are many different bailiwicks in the parish. I recommend that you continue your good efforts to bring people together so that they see the larger picture and that they work together for the good of the parish."

Thus, we are holding this all-afternoon **Parish Leadership Meeting** to which all the heads of the many parish ministries, societies and organizations have been invited. It will be an opportunity for those present to discuss how we can all buy into a more integrated vision of parish life, move beyond different "turfs" and "bailiwicks," and begin to better work together for the parish as a whole. We will also begin to discuss a course for the future for OLPH.

Please take some time this week to pray for the success of this meeting — pray that the Holy Spirit will send us His Gifts of Wisdom and Understanding. I am deeply grateful to all the heads of the groups who will be attending, and I thank them for their commitment in giving their time to this important moment in the life of the parish.

"We've always done it this way!"

I think that one of the outgrowths of the aforementioned Parish Leadership Meeting is that many of our ministries, societies and organizations may have to find some new ways of doing things. Indeed, change is always difficult, but sometimes we need to realize that the more we cling on to a "We've always done it this way" mentality, the more we might actually be stifling growth, stifling life, and stifling the Holy Spirit. There has been a tremendous burst of new life and new energy over the past year and a half at OLPH, due to the openness and zeal and generosity of so many of you. Let's keep that going; let's be open to new horizons and new adventures in ministry. Let's acknowledge the truth of our faith that in order to experience new life, we have to die to some old ways and old things — that's what the Paschal Mystery, Jesus' death and resurrection, teaches us.

Meeting of Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council

Another important moment in this forward movement and new life at OLPH took place at the end of February, when we held a joint meeting of the Pastoral

Staff and the Pastoral Council. My good friend Msgr. Bill Hanson brought his expertise to us in facilitating a discussion about the life of the parish and the engagement level of the parishioners. The results of that meeting, which will continue to be discussed by the Pastoral Staff and the Pastoral Council at future meetings, are printed elsewhere in the bulletin. Please take a few minutes to read it over and see what a vibrant and exciting parish OLPH is!

Parish Mission with Msgr. Charles Fink

I very strongly urge you to plan now to make the time to attend the three nights of our Parish Mission Monday through Wednesday next week, March 24, 25, and 26. The presenter will be Msgr. Charles Fink, Spiritual Director at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. Msgr. Fink was also the Spiritual Director at our diocesan seminary in Huntington when I was on faculty there and we shared eight wonderful years as colleagues. I am thrilled to be welcoming Msgr. Fink to OLPH because he is a holy, insightful and very moving speaker whose love for the Lord, deep spirituality and great care and concern for God's people is clearly evident. You will be doing yourself a great favor by making the time to come. I promise you your Lenten journey will be enriched and your spirituality deepened. Please plan on being there.

How are you doing with Lent?

I hope your Lenten journey is already beginning to bear good fruit. Let's not forget to pray for one another; we are on this journey together, with Jesus and with one another. As we begin this second week, let us ask God, in the words of the Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent, "*to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.*"

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,



JOINT MEETING OF THE PASTORAL STAFF AND PASTORAL COUNCIL

On February 25, 2014 the Pastoral Staff and the Pastoral Council held a joint meeting facilitated by Msgr. Bill Hanson. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current direction of OLPH vis-à-vis the Gallup Survey of Member Engagement parishioners took last October.

The first part of the meeting involved the Staff and Council members listing what was called “Green Lights” — those things about OLPH that are great and wonderful and fantastic and should definitely continue and be built upon. Then, those individual responses which seemed to be related to each other were grouped together and given a title. Finally, the titles were voted upon by each participant choosing his/her top three in preferential order. Thus, Leadership ranked #1; Prayer/Worship/Liturgy ranked #2; Service ranked #3. This order gives the Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council an indication as to what strengths to build on in the next year or two as we focus on using the top three priorities to continue to move forward in the life of the parish. While the category headings are presented in priority order, the listing of the individual items underneath the heads is not meant to indicate any particular weight, priority or importance; they are listed randomly.

Further steps to come will involve expanding this process to include the wider leadership of the parish and correlating this information to the items that build member engagement according to the Gallup Survey results we received.

#1 — Leadership

Religious Education Coordinator
Our Priests
Our Deacons
Rectory Functioning is well-organized
The leadership
The staff

#2 — Prayer/Worship/Liturgy

Music Program
Celebration of the Liturgy
Summer Evening Prayer
Ministry of Consolation
Prayer Groups
The Mass
Taking the Church’s prayer outside
Lessons and Carols
Adoration
Special Needs Ministry

#3 — Service

Youth Ministry
Parish Social Ministry
St. Vincent de Paul
Response to Superstorm Sandy
Special Needs Ministry

#4 — Communication

The Bulletin (“I actually read it!”)
We have things to put in the bulletin!
Ministry leaders and computer scheduling

#5 — Moving Forward and going in- to the Future

Adult Faith Classes
Openness to take risks
Sense of working with parishioners, vs. “telling what to do...”
Forward-thinking parish
Sense of Belonging
We are “offerers” not “volunteers”
Change in attitude to the good that you feel when you are around people
“Offerer” Appreciation Party
Attending to families at funerals
New Mother’s Meal Ministries
Moving Toward Financial Stability

#6 — Diversity

Family Involvement in Religious Education
Parish Get-Togethers (Mardi Gras, etc.)
We have a lot going on
Different councils
Diversity of programs for all ages
OLPH is an active parish (“Our Lady of Perpetual Motion”)

#7 — Logistics and the Physical Plant

Rectory is nicely decorated
Renovation of buildings
Handicapped Accessibility

LENT 2014

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY AND REFLECTION

Mondays of Lent

After the 6:30 A.M. Mass
(facilitated by Fr. Ethel)
and the 12:15 P.M. Mass
(facilitated by Father John)
Room 14—OLPH School



Parishioners participate in last Monday after-noon's Scripture sharing, led by Deacon Bill.

Let's gather each Monday and pray with the upcoming Sunday readings.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS OF LENT

7:00 P.M.

In the Church

March 21, 28,
& April 11



(Note time change from what you may have seen elsewhere; 7:00 P.M. is correct)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Monday—Friday:
Immediately after the 12:15 P.M. Mass
Saturdays: 4:00—4:45 P.M.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014
(as part of Parish Lenten Mission)

Holy Week:

Monday, April 14
3:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 16
7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday, April 19
3:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

Reconciliation is always available by contacting the Parish Office (631.226.7725).

*Avoid the long lines!
Don't wait until the last minute to go to Confession!*

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 the last of these training sessions if you have not already done so:

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

USHERS

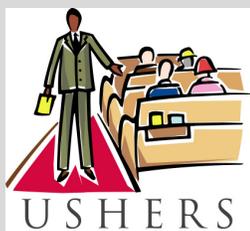
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! They assist with taking up the collection, guiding people for the reception of Communion and welcoming those who visit our Church.

New ushers are welcome! If you are interested in becoming an usher we will get you started! You must attend the last of these training sessions if you have not already done so:

Saturday, March 29,
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 e-mail to olpushersministry@gmail.com.



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 the last of these training sessions if you have not already attended one:

Saturday, March 29, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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. You must also send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to msgrjoe@oloph.org requesting to become an EM and briefly stating why you would like to do this.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Our altar society is in need of offerers to assist with our altar linens. The altar society assists by washing and ironing the purificators, corporals and altar linens we use at Mass each week.



The commitment usually requires that linens be picked up on a Thursday and returned on the following Saturday, though there is room for flexibility in this schedule.

To learn more about this ministry, contact Mary Ellen Barrett 631-884-2960.

MUSIC NOTES

Join Us For Holy Week

Are you interested in singing with our music ministry but can't commit to sing every Sunday? Consider joining us for all or even some of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. You won't want to miss the experience of being part of these unique and beautiful ritual moments in the life of the Church during the holiest days of the year. We'll be singing at the following times:

- Friday, April 4 - Presentation of the Passion in Word and Song (7:30pm)
- Saturday, April 12 - Palm Sunday Procession and Vigil Mass (5:00pm)
- Holy Thursday, April 17 - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (8:00pm)
- Good Friday, April 18 - Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord (3:00pm)
- Holy Saturday - April 19 - Easter Vigil (8:00pm)
- Easter Sunday - Mass (11:00am)

You would only have to attend a minimum of four of the following six rehearsals:

- Thursday, March 20 – 8:00 to 9:30pm
- Thursday, March 27 – 8:00 to 9:30pm
- Thursday, April 3 – 7:30 to 9:45pm (*Required for those participating in the April 4 Passion event*)
- Sunday, April 6 – 12:00 to 2:00pm
- Thursday, April 10 – 7:30pm to 9:45pm
- Tuesday, April 15 - 7:00pm to 9:30pm (*Required*)

If you are interested, please contact our Music Director, Chris Ferraro cferaro@oloph.org or 226-7725 ext. 210. Don't worry about having to read music. The only requirement is the ability to carry a tune and a desire to praise God in song.



Passion, Paschal Mystery and Praise

An Evening of Fellowship, Action, and Reflection on St. Matthew's Passion.

Friday, April 4, 2014

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 on St. Matthew's Passion, which we will proclaim on Palm Sunday this year. 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.

See upcoming editions of the bulletin for more information!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- ✝ Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509-ripalda@optonline.net
- ✝ Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo - 631.226.4182—princessmorge@optonline.net
- ✝ Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- ✝ Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill - 631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net.
- ✝ New Mother’s Meal Ministry: Carol Stysiack - 631.255 3506 -carolstys@verizon.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: The Consi Family—631.226.7725
- ✝ St. Vincent De Paul Society: Joe Illiumato—631.226.7725, x. 234
- ✝ Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso - 631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- ✝ Special Needs Ministry: Fr. John Sureau— 631.226.7725—jsureau@oloph.org

Food Pantry NEW LIST!

- CANNED VEGETABLES—CORN
- CANNED FRUIT
- PORK AND BEANS
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY OR JAM
- CAKE MIXES
- DESSERTS
- SHELF STABLE MILK
- COFFEE
- TOILET PAPER
- PAPER TOWELS

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

Our NEW phone # 631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

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

In the Gospel Jesus says: “Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.

DRIVING MINISTRY

Our Driving Ministry seeks to assist parishioners in need of a ride to a doctor’s appointment or to another serious appointment when needed. If and when possible, a member of our Driving Ministry will assist you (or your family member in our parish).

If you or someone you love is in need of a ride contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182—princessmorge@optonline.net



Supporting St. Vincent de Paul

There are many ways to support St. Vincent de Paul and our parish’s ongoing work in directly assisting those in need. It’s as easy as 1....2....3....

1. **Clothing:** Drop clothing in the clothing bins in the High Street/Gates Street Parking Lot.
2. **Food:** Look above for what is needed each week and bring it with you to Church.
3. **Donations:** St. Vincent de Paul relies entirely on the generosity of parishioners. Please consider placing money in the Poor Boxes each week. Donations can also be made in memory of a loved one. Visit St. Vincent de Paul during office hours or leave a donation in the Parish Office.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Middle Years...50+

Would you like to help plan a new 50+ activities group here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish?

This would be a group for those who are not yet seniors but are interested in coming together with others in the parish community. We need your input about the kinds of charitable projects, spiritual growth seminars, outings, parties, dinners that would be of interest to you. We are looking for men and women (50+) who want to enrich their lives by enjoying new experiences and a new-found community spirit.

For more information and to get involved, please contact Gail Tonnessen, 631-957-1449 or gtonness@optonline.net.

PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35-36

Prison Families Anonymous, a project of FEGS Health and Human Services System, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system. At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 PM.

Babylon Town Hall Annex
Phelps Lane
North Babylon, NY

For additional information contact:

516-496-7550 FEGS +
631-943-0441 Barbara
+ 631-806-3903 Sue



Prayer and Public Witness "Catholics to the Capitol" March 19, 2014

Led by the bishops of New York State, thousands are going to Albany to speak to our legislators and to pray together in Albany.

Participants will represent all eight dioceses of New York State. Many will meet with their legislators, while others will serve as a visible presence in the halls of the state Capital.

Participants will lobby their legislators on five issues identified as priorities by the bishops. They are:

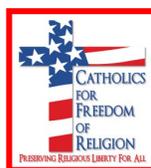
1. Support Pregnant Women and Oppose Abortion Expansion
2. Preserve Catholic Schools
3. Ensure Sufficient Funding for Programs for Vulnerable Populations
4. Support Humane Treatment for Incarcerated individuals
5. Support Equitable Labor Standards for Farm workers

Also on March 19, 2014, Catholics for Freedom of Religion will be honored by the bishops when the J. Alan Davitt Award for Exemplary Service is presented to Barbara Samuels who, with Eileen Wolfe, founded Catholics for Freedom of Religion, a grassroots movement of lay Catholics working for religious liberty in the Diocese of Rockville Centre as well as other states.

Many of the volunteers who have worked thousands of hours in their own and other parishes will be there working once again for the cause of religious liberty by supporting the Catholic voice in Albany and by explaining to Catholics from all over New York State how they can work for religious liberty in their own parishes.

Learn more at: WWW.NYSCATHOLIC.ORG.

To learn more about Catholics for the Freedom of Religion, go to www.catholicsforfreedomofreligion.org



PARISH HAPPENINGS

RESTORING GOD'S GLORY **CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

To follow up on Msgr Joe's column last week...this is a large and difficult project so we broke it down into small bites. The first bite is the pews. As of right now 21 pew plates are on their pews; 2 pew plates are out for spelling correction; 5 pew plates are ready for engraving; and 31 letters went out this week to obtain specific engraving wishes of the donors. As soon as we get these letters back they will be sent out for engraving. Currently, letters are being prepared to address special situations on some of the pews. The next phase is undertaking the Stations of the Cross and the doors of the church.

As we progress, in some cases letters need to go out for clarification purposes. I ask that if you get such a letter to please respond. In all cases when plaques are completed and up, letters will be sent to the donor(s) informing them of that fact. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

Deacon Tom Bast



THE LEGION OF MARY ACIES

*"I am all yours, My Queen, My Mother,
and all that I have is yours."*

**March 23, 2014
at 3:00PM Mass**

All Active and Auxiliary members
and guests are invited to attend
the Acies ceremony to be held at:

The Montfort Spiritual Center
26 South Saxon Ave., Bay Shore, N.Y.
631-666-7500

The Acies is a sacred and solemn ceremony in which members of the Legion of Mary individually and collectively renew their consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is invited.

Driving Directions from Lindenhurst: Sunrise Highway East (Route 27 East) to Exit 44; Continue on the Service Road .8 mi, to the 1st light, turn right onto Saxon Ave. Go 1 mile to Montfort Spiritual Center.

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. Unete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

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

El primer sábado de cada mes tenemos la hora Santa en Español.

El sacramento del bautizo. Las ceremonias bautismales se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes. Los padres que necesiten bautizar a sus hijos deben atender alas sección de charlas, estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes.

Para las ofrendas de pan y vino en el altar, favor llamar a la oficina parroquial a 631-226-7725. Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, Contacto Padre Juan Sureau

- 631.226-7725 x. 224 o e-mail jsureau@oloph.org/En español Irma González 631 620-2401 o correo electrónico lanegra628@yahoo.com.

Lecturas del Domingo 16 de marzo del 2014

Primera Lectura (Gen 13,1-4): ¡Abandonen su Seguridad! Dios exige a Abrahán un cambio radical. Se le llama, cuando era todavía un pagano, a abandonar su seguridad en una peregrinación de fe y esperanza hacia una tierra prometida que se le dará, no a él sino al nuevo pueblo que nacerá de él.

Segunda Lectura (2 Tim 1,8b-10): Dios Nos Llama a la Vida del Evangelio. Dios nos llama a aceptar y a difundir el evangelio de Jesús y a sufrir por

Evangelio (Mt 17:1-9): Levántate, No Tengas Miedo. La breve visión fugaz de su futura gloria fortalece a Jesús en su camino a través del sufrimiento y de la muerte hacia la resurrección. Al mismo tiempo, Jesús fortalece la fe y esperanza de sus discípulos y las nuestras, en el camino de nuestra propia transformación en Cristo.

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry: Brittany Marie Evans (olph.yfia@gmail.com)

Youth Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau (jsureau@oloph.org)

Catholic Youth Organization: Mr. Phil Amico (olphcyophil@optonline.net)

Boy Scouts: Mr. Tom Duffy (baggage25@hotmail.com)

K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia (happynicosias@yahoo.com)

K of C Squelettes: Ann Marie Perullo (amp1761@hotmail.com)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

*For 8th graders and
high school students!*

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

For 6th, 7th and 8th graders!

*3/16 - High School Meeting—all 8th -
12th graders welcome! Game Night!!
Come on down to the Cafeteria at
3:15 to just hang out and have some
fun!!*

*3/21 - Dodgeball!!! Contact Brittany
ASAP if you are interested in com-
ing!!*

*3/23 - High School Meeting—
all 8th - 12th graders welcome!
Meet in the cafeteria at 3:15.*

Middle School Night

March 28— All 6th - 8th graders are
welcome! 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

LENT 2014 @ YOUTH MINISTRY

CLEAN UP YOUR ACT

Youth Ministry is asking every OLPH parishioner and ministry to CLEAN UP THEIR ACTS by helping us to make Wash Up Kits for the homeless. These kits are given to men and women who have no place to call home. Each kit provides the “basics” so they can clean up for the day.

We are collecting:

- **Washcloths**
- **Trial size or small size soaps**
- **Toothbrushes**
- **Trial size or small size toothpaste**
- **Small or trial size deodorant**
- **Chap Stik**
- **Small packages of handi wipes.**



(ALL ITEMS must be new and unused.)

We invite all parishioners and ministries to participate in this project. Leave your donated items on the steps of the sanctuary or in the Parish Office. At the end of Lent, members of the youth community will organize all the donations and prepare the Wash Up Kits for the homeless!

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH: CYO!

SPEED* STRENGTH* ENDURANCE

DID YOU KNOW ?????

**OLPH CYO has a
TRACK PROGRAM**

Boys & Girls Grades 1-8

For Fall

CYO Vice President for Track: **Joe Artusa** 631-225-0410

OLPH CYO website: www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo



CYO MASS &

Awards Ceremonies

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014

CYO MASS at OLPH CHURCH

Track, Volleyball,

Cheerleading & Basketball

(Odd# Teams wear Blue uniform-
Even# Teams wear White uniform)

9:30 A.M. Mass

AWARDS CEREMONIES

At Lindenhurst High School Gym

Cheerleaders & Basketball Teams

Girls & Boys Grades 1-5

1 PM

www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo

Phil Amico-President
olphcyophil@optonline.net

OLPH CYO SPRING REGISTRATION TRACK & VOLLEYBALL

In-person registration: Sat, March 15,

1-3 PM OLPH School Cafeteria (enter from High St.)



Final registration at

Basketball Awards Ceremony

Lindenhurst High School Gym



Sun., March 23, 1-2:30pm

Registration Deadline: March 25, 2014

Mail-in registration available on:

www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo

mail to: OLPH Church, Attn: CYO,

210 S. Wellwood Ave.

Lindenhurst, 11757

Fees: Track \$65 (add \$5 if you need a uniform shirt)

Boys & Girls Grades 1-12

Volleyball: \$30 includes uniform shirt (\$25 if you
played Fall, 2013) Boys & Girls Grades 4-12

Check/money order: *mail registration only*

payable: OLPH

+ LENTEN REFLECTIONS +



Throughout the Lenten season, members of the youth community will offer daily reflections on their Facebook page—facebook.com/olph11757. While they are geared for young people, they'll work for people of all ages! Be sure to check it out and like us!

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

New Event...A Great Idea for Lent...

FAMILIES IN SERVICE

Sunday, March 23, 2014—After the 9:30 A.M. Mass

Our Family Life committee is always seeking ways to bring together families for times of fellowship and service. This month, instead of our regular hospitality breakfast, we will gather together to make sandwiches for a local soup kitchen. As it is the season of Lent, light refreshments will be available.

Here's how this works...

- ✝ **Over the next few weeks, as a family, save your change or allowance or any extra monies you receive.**
- ✝ **On Saturday, the 22nd or early the 23rd, go to the store and buy the makings of a good sandwich—cold cuts, bread, toppings, etc.**
- ✝ **Bring that all with you to Mass on March 23rd (you can leave it in your car, bring it to Mass, or drop it off in the Café before Mass).**
- ✝ **Gather in the Cafeteria after Mass and put together the sandwiches with other families in service!**
- ✝ **Then we'll deliver them either on Sunday or early the following week!**

If you have any questions, or can help with donations (always helpful!), contact Fr. John at jsureau@oloph.org or call at 631.226.7725, x. 203.



HAVE YOU SEEN THE DEAD TREE IN CHURCH?

Family Life invites all children to help bring our dead tree back to life on Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time to do something that will help you to grow closer to God. You may pray more, be more helpful to others, or do chores without complaining.

During **each Sunday of Lent** pick a leaf from the basket. Follow the task written on the leaf. The following Sunday bring the leaf back to church and place a dogwood flower on the tree as a symbol of the good deed you did during the week.

As Lent progresses, the tree will blossom as a reminder of the life Jesus gave us by dying on the cross and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

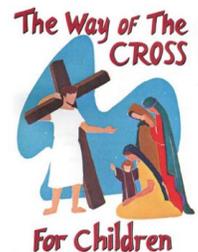
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

for Families and Children

March 21st - 7:00 P.M.

April 11th—7:00 P.M.

Family Life invites all children and their parents to participate in the Stations of the Cross. Come join us as we walk the footsteps of Jesus to each Station and remember the things that happened to Jesus on Good Friday because of His love for us. All parishioners are welcome to participate.



**If your child would like to be a reader and for further information contact:
Debbie McDonough @957-0765 or
Chris Ferris @ 957-2321**

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.

Second Time:

Robert Loeschner (St. Martin, Amityville)
& Therese Lloyd (OLPH)

Travis Hall & Brittany Baumann (St. Mary's, Oswego, NY)

WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism

Raffaele Michael DeLucia
Madeleine Tierney Kraemer

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



MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of **March 16-22:**

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Frank Gusmano & Joseph Gusmano

Requested by

John Gusmano

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

WE REMEMBER

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

Adeline Broderick

William Hayden

"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."

CLEANLINESS.... NEXT TO GODLINESS!

Help us to keep our church looking neat. Please be sure to return your hymn books to the rack in the pew, and please place the card with the Mass responses in the rack behind the book. Thank 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	Anthony Kercelius
Ann Marie Nuss	Bill Maher
Mary Armbruster	Kevin M. Curran
William Delena	Robert Horan
John Manning	William Sullivan
Joan Woelfel	William Trigg
George Walters	Maria Rymdiak
Baby Liam Michael Snow	Graham Jansen
Vincent Malito	Nanette Ringle
Salvatore Cicala	Mary King
Herb Otten	Bernard Lang
Bernard Celestine	Gerda Larosilieri
Patricia O'Shea	Dominick Barone
Richard Brosan	Natalie Boscia
Gloria Licameli	Joan Hosey
Baby Alexandra Digiamo	Andrew Bonanzinga
Christopher Ditalia	Margaret Girenti
Michael Cummo	Kevin Mercorella
Julia Cicala	

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.



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

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

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Deacon Tom Bast
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Ed Cirella
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Bob Dobres
Bob Meade
John Reynolds
Deacon Don Stamm
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker
Mark Costantino
Debbie McDonough
Barbara McPhail
Rosaleen Walters
Mike Williams
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
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, March 17 — Lenten Weekday <i>(Saint Patrick, Bishop)</i>	
6:30	Dennis McHugh
12:15	Roseann Bertone
TUESDAY, March 18— Lenten Weekday <i>(St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)</i>	
6:30	Dennis McHugh
12:15	Elinor Frank
WEDNESDAY, March 19 — Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
6:30	Sylvia Tapanis
12:15	Giuseppe Lentini
12:45	Exposition
THURSDAY, March 20— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Ann Porzio
12:15	Mary Lavelle
FRIDAY, March 21— Lenten Weekday	
6:30	Mildred Sredniawski
12:15	Melchior Cucchiara
SATURDAY, March 22 — Lenten Weekday	
8:00	Gerard Hopkins
Vigil Mass for THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
5:00	Anthony Gerrato
March 23 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
6:30	Charles Whittaker
8:00	Loretta Maher
9:30	Derek Anthony Springer
11:00	For the People of the Parish
12:30	Deceased Members of the McDermott Family
5:00	John Magliaro, Sr.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 17, 2014

7:00 A.M.	Lenten Scripture Sharing After the 6:30 Mass	Room 14
12:45 PM.	Lenten Scripture Sharing After the 12:15 Mass	Room 14
4:15 P.M.	New Altar Servers— 1st Meeting	Church
6:30 P.M.	RCIA Adult Confirmation	Rectory
7:15 P.M.	Rel. Ed—Grade 8 Class	School
7:30 P.M.	Liturgy Committee	St. Lucy Rm
7:30 P.M.	Baptismal Prep Class	Room 14

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

5:30 P.M.	CYO—Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:45 P.M.	Community of Praise	Room 14
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

2:15 P.M.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
3:00 P.M.	CYO—Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 P.M.	Census Steering Committee	Rectory
7:15 PM	Rel. Ed. Class—Grade 7	School
8:00 PM	Christian Mothers	Cafeteria

Thursday, March 20, 2014

4:30 P.M.	Music—Youth Choir	Church
5:30 P.M.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 P.M.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 P.M.	Adult Faith Formation— History of the Mass	Room 16
7:30 P.M.	Music —Adult Choir	Church
8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous NA	Room 24
8:00 P.M.	Mothers Prayer Group	Room 14

Friday, March 21, 2014

7:00 P.M.	Family Life—Children’s Stations of the Cross	Church
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Saturday, March 22, 2014

8:00 A.M.	Rel. Ed. Parent Meeting	Auditorium
8:30, 10:00 11:30 A.M.	Rel. Ed. Grades 2—6	School & Auditorium
10:00 A.M.	Special Education	School
1:00 P.M.	Ministry Leadership Meeting	Auditorium
6:15 PM	Evening Prayer—Liturgy of the Hours	Church
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, March 23, 2014

10:00 A.M.	Family Life-Sandwich Making	Auditorium
2:00 P.M.	Baptisms	Church
3:15 PM	Youth Ministry - Middle & High School	Cafeteria
6:15 PM	Evening Prayer—Liturgy of the Hours	Church
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, March 23, 2014: Third Sunday of Lent

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Psalm 33:22)

Exodus 17:3-7

The grumbling of the Israelites in the wilderness was a persistent problem. At the beginning of their journey from Egypt toward Canaan, before the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai, the time spent in the wilderness was God's "boot camp" for them. Keeping God's commands and decrees in the gathering and use of manna (Exodus 16) would teach God's people to trust and obey—that is, until Moses leads them to Rephidim, where there was no water. Here, the people's grumbling intensified, and was not only directed at Moses, but also at God. They felt abandoned by the Lord and in danger of death, even though He had proven Himself more than sufficiently in the miracles of the Exodus. Israel did not lack evidence; they only lacked faith.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

The Christian community of Rome to which Paul ministered was made up of both Jewish and pagan converts, and was plagued by the great issue of that day: how could non-Jews be children of the promises made to Abraham, which were now fulfilled in Christ? Didn't they have to first become Jews,

and to demonstrate this by undergoing circumcision? Absolutely not! As Paul explains, as it was Abraham's faith in the promises of God that made him righteous in God's eyes, so everyone with faith in Christ, Jew and Greek alike, were true children of Abraham, and likewise righteous in the eyes of God.

John 4:5-42

The woman which Jesus met at Jacob's well was a Samaritan. The Samaritans were a racially mixed society with Jewish and pagan ancestry. Although they worshiped the Lord as did the Jews, their religion was not mainstream Judaism. They accepted only the first five books of the Bible as canonical, and their temple was on Mount Gerazim instead of on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. Because of their imperfect adherence to Judaism and their partly pagan ancestry, the Jewish teaching was that Samaritans were to be despised and physically avoided. This Samaritan woman was also a great sinner. But Jesus shuns no one, and through this one woman's faith, many in her village also came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday's Gospel (John 4:5-42) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.

1. There was only one other time when Jesus mentioned his thirst. When was that? Do you think it was the same thirst? Explain. The woman left her jar and went into town to tell everyone what had happened. Why did she do so? Does this part of the story have any significance for you? What does "living water" mean to you? For what do you thirst?

2. "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." How does this statement of Pope Francis relate to Sunday's Gospel?

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, March 17, 2014:

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2014:

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

Wednesday, March 19, 2014:

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 + Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

Thursday, March 20, 2014:

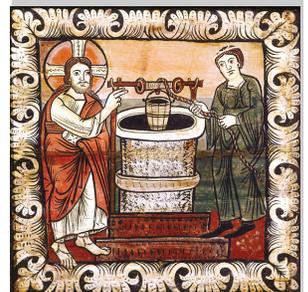
Jeremiah 17:5-10 + Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 21, 2014:

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

Saturday, March 22, 2014:

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



OFFERING UPDATE

March 8/9 2014			
Mass Time	Weekly	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$3,037.00	156	527
6:30 A.M.	831.00	43	90
8:00 A.M.	1,845.00	79	197
9:30 A.M.	2,011.66	110	352
11:00 A.M.	2,769.00	126	401
12:30 P.M.	2,302.00	118	373
5:00 P.M.	1,953.00	50	405
Total coin:	18.45		
Mail-ins:	1,208.00		
Children's env.	44.00	23	
Faith Direct	1,572.60		
TOTAL	\$17,591.71	705	2,345
2013 Totals	\$18,221.02	712	2060
CANDLES	\$762.12		
POOR BOX	\$385.90		
CHURCH IN NEED	\$2,984.56	362	

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2014			
Mass Time	Weekly	# of Envelopes	Attendance
6:30 A.M.	\$694.00	32	130
8:00 A.M.	311.00	20	108
12:15 P.M.	1,652.00	107	450
4:15 PM	974.00	30	498
5:30 P.M.	894.00	30	454
7:30 P.M.	1,306.00	47	545
Total coin:	58.58		
Mail-ins:	272.00		
Children's env.	1.00	1	
TOTAL	\$6,162.58	267	2,185
2013 Totals	\$4,029.06	56	N/A
CANDLES	\$449.66		
POOR BOX	\$150.61		



What the ME25 Measured

The first twelve items of the survey measure how engaged members are in the life of their parish. The scores on these items reveal whether a parish should be considered as failing, average or outstanding. Engagement is divided into four areas, each building upon the other, in a hierarchy of sharing in the life of the parish. The first two items, E01 and E02, form a foundation for engagement by indicating what parishioners get from their life in OLPH. Essentially, the items evaluate our focus and connection with God. Items E03 through E06 reveal parishioner response to "getting" by measuring what they "give", not in time or money, but in spiritual transference. These items evaluate how parishioners see themselves as known, valued, cared about and fed.

Item	Description	Distribution of responses					Average Score	
		Strongly Disagree	1	2	3	4	Strongly Agree	5
E01	As a member of my parish, I know what is expected of me.	2%	5%	19%	35%	39%	4.03	OLPH
		2	6	20	36	36	3.96	US Catholics
		2	6	20	36	36	3.97	All Churches
E02	In my parish, my spiritual needs are met.	3%	5%	21%	33%	38%	3.97	OLPH
		2	6	19	36	37	3.99	US Catholics
		2	6	19	36	37	3.99	All Churches
E03	In my parish, I regularly have the opportunity to do what I do best.	3%	9%	26%	33%	29%	3.74	OLPH
		5	10	25	31	29	3.70	US Catholics
		1	4	17	36	42	3.70	All Churches
E04	In the last month, I have received recognition or praise from someone in my parish.	21%	18%	20%	17%	24%	3.06	OLPH
		19	18	19	20	24	3.12	US Catholics
		18	17	19	20	26	3.18	All Churches
E05	The spiritual leaders in my parish seem to care about me as a person.	5%	9%	20%	28%	38%	3.85	OLPH
		6	9	20	29	37	3.81	US Catholics
		5	9	19	28	39	3.85	All Churches
E06	There is someone in my parish who gives encourages my spiritual development.	10%	14%	23%	23%	30%	3.49	OLPH
		9	14	22	26	29	3.52	US Catholics
		9	13	21	26	31	3.56	All Churches

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Celebrating 50 Years of Service

On Tuesday, March 4th, Knights of Columbus who have served for over 50 years were recognized. Honored Knights included: *Robert A. Belmont, Henry W. Skalkowski, Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton, Joseph W. Archbold, Ronald A. Higgins, Rocco J. Morabito, Eugene Kramer, Robert E. Dobres, Robert J. Rooney, Richard E. Perez, George Walters, and Anthony L. Manzolino.* Many local and parish leaders were present including, our Pastor, Msgr. Joe. Thank you and Congratulations to all!



Other Happenings at the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus Councils
Of the 8th New York District
16th Annual Celebrate Life Fund Raising
Pasta Dinner and Chinese Auction



The Life Center of Long Island

Guest Speaker
Bishop Robert Brennan



Available Raffles/

- Vacations for Two
- Gardening Baskets
- Theater and Movie Tickets
- Restaurant Gift Cards
- Aquarium Tickets
- Bronx Zoo Tickets
- Food & Wine Baskets
- Martha Clara Vineyard Tour
- Sporting Event Tickets
- Spa/Salon Baskets
- Children's Toys
- Home Good baskets
- and much, much more!

For more information concerning Chinese Auction please call:
Margie (631) 839-2854

Date: Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 1-5 PM
at OLPH
Knights of Columbus Hall
400 South Broadway
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Tickets: \$13.00/pp, or \$25 per couple
Includes Dinner, Beer, Wine & Soda

For tickets, send a check made payable to:
The Life Center of Long Island

Mail to:
Michael Hearney, PGK, DD
210 East John Street
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

For additional info call 631-560-0451



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DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ **Catholic Homeschool Conference—March 21.** *The Immaculate Heart of Mary Long Island Homeschool and Parent Conference* will be held at the Cure of Ars Roman Catholic Church, Merrick, Friday, **March 21** from 12noon—8:00PM. Admission is free. For information visit www.ihmconference.org or call 540-622-5543.
- ◆ **Diocesan Bereavement Conference**, “*Strength & Hope for the Journey*,” will be held on Saturday, **March 22** at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale. [The Human Process of Grief: A Journey of Healing. A Journey of Faith](#) given by **Bishop Nelson Perez**. Multi workshops available to attend. For information www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement or call 516-334-7990 X 119 or 120.
- ◆ **Widows & Widowers and Single Catholics of LI**— New Member Orientation, Tuesday, **March 25** at 8pm. The meeting is held every 4th Tuesday at St. Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. Please bring proof of single status to join—refreshments to follow meeting. Call Carol: 516-794-4933 or Eileen: 516-661-4353.
- ◆ **Nassau Community College Center for Catholic Studies** will present a program *Thinking with the mind of the Church: Reflections on Pope Francis*, Saturday, **March 29**, 11:30 am—2:15pm in the Multipurpose Room. Opening welcome by Joseph Varacalli; **Rev. Joseph W. Koterski**, S.J., Ph.D. of Fordham University Philosophy Dept. and President of Fellowship of Catholic Scholars will be the main speaker. Includes luncheon and Q & A to follow. Free but **registration and parking sticker a must** through Office of Lifelong Learning, NCC, One Education Drive, Garden City, NY 11530. Or call 516-572-7472 for more details. Registration forms on pew ledges or at the rectory.
- ◆ **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 Sponsored by LICL Educational Trust: 631-243-1435; 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 or call Gregory Guido at 631-789-4008 (limited seating available).
- ◆ Join **Good Samaritan Hospital and the Aram Chowdhury Foundation** at a **free** Parent/Teen Program for Driving Safety on **Saturday, March 29, 10:30 am to 2:00 pm** at West Islip Fire Department. Dr. and Mrs. Chowdhury lost their 18-year-old son Aram, in a car accident nearly 19 years ago involving inexperienced teenagers out for a ride. Registration begins at 10:00 am. Program will include hands-on demonstrations and compelling presentations about the dangers of distracted driving.
- ◆ *The Life Center is in desperate need of the following items:* Clothes for girls and boys (Sizes 0-6 and 18-24 months especially needed), Toiletries (i.e. wipes, baby soaps, shampoos, diaper rash creams, powders, etc.), Crib sheets, Bottles, Hooded towels, Wash cloths, Diaper bags, Non Drop Side Cribs / Bassinets/ Pack n Plays, Car seats (both infant and toddler), Strollers. Thank you for any help that you can provide. Donations can be dropped off at our Deer Park location: 1767 Deer Park Ave Deer Park, NY 11729 (across the street from St. Cyril & Methodius Roman Catholic Church, and next door to Boyd-Carratozollo Funeral home) Any further questions can be answered at (631) 243-2373. www.lifecenterli.org

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Discovering Vocation

On Monday, March 10th, our parish's Confirmation candidates participated in a panel discussion about vocation. Knowing they are called to serve, candidates listened to perspectives about the married life (Deacon Bill and Michelle Crosby), the diaconate (Mr. Robert Becker), religious life (Sister Marenid Sabre, OP) and priesthood (Fr. John). After the presentations, candidates asked questions of each of the panelists and a good conversation ensued. Candidates were encouraged to remain open to God's call as it shows itself in many ways and at many different times.



...Discerning God's ongoing call!

On Tuesday, March 11th, our parish's Senior Moments group met for the first time. Seniors gathered together to talk about what they would like to see in the group and their hope for Senior Moments! The morning including prayer and some time for sharing.

Senior Moments is open to all senior parishioners. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 25th at 9:00 A.M in Room 14 of OLPH school. All are welcome!



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