

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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**Learn from the way the wild flowers grow.  
They do not work or spin.  
But I tell you that not even Solomon  
in all his splendor was clothed  
like one of them.**

*Matthew 6:24-34*

## **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**March 2, 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.

## Lent 2014



# ASH WEDNESDAY 2014

Ash Wednesday Services  
The Mass schedule is:  
6:30AM, 12:15PM & 7:30PM.

Word Services:  
8:00AM, 4:15PM, 5:30PM.

## LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY AND REFLECTION

Mondays of Lent  
**Starting**  
**MONDAY,**  
**March 10, 2014**

After the 6:30 A.M.  
and 12:15 P.M. Masses



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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### *Ash Wednesday*

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which comes rather late this year; it has been kind of nice to have a little bit of a longer break between Christmas Time and the start of Lent, hasn't it? Please note our schedule of both Masses and Word Services for Ash Wednesday. The Liturgy Committee reviewed the schedule we had been using and came up with this revised schedule, trying to make the times of the liturgies a little more accessible for the rhythm of the day.

Please take note of the special insert we have included in this bulletin, giving some background information about the meaning and spirituality of Ash Wednesday.

### *Lent*

With Ash Wednesday, Lent begins. Ash Wednesday and the Thursday, Friday and Saturday that follow make up a kind of prelude or introduction to the Lenten season proper, which begins with the First Sunday of Lent on March 9. The document *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar* reminds us, "Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery both catechumens, by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism and do penance."

All of us need to take very seriously the discipline that Lent calls us to as a privileged time for discernment and spiritual growth; in essence, the entire Church goes on retreat during the Lenten season. I urge all parishioners to avail themselves of the many opportunities to participate in the many spiritual activities that will be offered in the parish as advertised in the bulletin now and in the weeks ahead. Next Sunday's bulletin will have a special insert highlighting some of the particular aspects of the spiritual meaning of Lent and our liturgical celebration of the season here at OLPH. Remember too that we are called to three penitential practices in particular: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. How will you incorporate each of these traditional practices into your life?

Permit me to highlight one thing right now as a "Save the Date" announcement: our Lenten Parish Mission will be March 24, 25 and 26, given by Msgr. Charles Fink, Spiritual Director at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, New York. Msgr. Fink is a very holy and insightful priest and you will want to be there; more information to come soon.

I have one additional thought to offer you as you prepare to embark on the Lenten journey. We often think of "giving something up" for Lent, but unfortunately this can turn Lent into nothing more than a kind of endurance contest where we stay away from something for 40 days (chocolate, cake, ice cream, smoking, alcohol, social media...*whatever*...) but then go right back to it once Lent is over. I always encourage people to not give something up

but to **take something extra on**. In other words, don't ask yourself what you will *not* do for Lent, but ask yourself what you *will* do: what extra prayer, what extra service, what extra acts of kindness and love, what extra spiritual practices, *etc.*, will you willingly take on in order to grow in holiness and deepen your relationship with the crucified-risen Lord and your unity with others? What will you do to GROW personally and spiritually during Lent, so that come Easter there really is new, risen life inside you? Think about it...

### *Little Black Book for Lent*

It appears that the "Little Black Book" we offered for Lent was a huge success...as the saying goes, they went "like hotcakes" last weekend at all the Masses! I don't know if any are left this weekend. If there are some left, and you do not have one, you'd better take it while you can! If not, and you did not get one, please accept my apologies. If we need to order a greater quantity for next year, we will do so.

### *Adult Education Course: the Historical Development of the Mass*

I am pleased to be offering a five-week adult education course on the historical development of the Mass. This is considered an "advanced" course in that those who have their Basic Theology Certificate from the Diocese can use the credit from this course toward an Advanced Certificate. I already offered the Basic (*i.e.*, Introductory) Course in Liturgy a while ago, and will do so again soon for those who missed it the first time. I hope you will consider attending this course; it will deepen your understanding of the Mass and provide interesting and important information about how the Mass has changed and developed over the centuries. A common theme running through the course will be the understanding of what it means for all of us to participate in the Mass. Also, as you might expect, I can guarantee you some fun and laughs along the way... bringing your sense of humor along with your notebook!

### *New Liturgical Ministers*

Have you heard that we are looking for people to become Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers? (*That was intended to be funny...you know how much we have been aggressively advertising this for a few weeks now!*) I will underscore again how important it is for us to increase our ranks in these liturgical ministries, and I ask you to seriously ponder the idea that it's not up to someone else to step up, but rather it's up to YOU! It's time for you to accept your responsibility to support the liturgical life of OLPH by offering yourself as a minister in one of these ministries. See the information elsewhere in the bulletin and/or contact me or the head of the ministry you are interested in for more infor-

mation.

### **Altar Server Recruitment**

Boys and girls in fourth grade and above: you're not exempt from what I just said! You too are being called upon to offer yourself in service to the church and to your brothers and sisters; in your case, you are being called to become altar servers! I guarantee you will have a good time doing it and it will be a wonderful thing for your family. See the information elsewhere in this bulletin about signing up.

### **Liturgical Formation of Ministers**

You may have noticed that in many ways we have "upped the ante" concerning our liturgical ministries; we are taking very seriously the need for all ministers to be properly formed, and to not just start doing their ministry without being given any background or formation. We are also taking very seriously the ongoing formation of those who are already serving as liturgical ministers through regular meetings for spiritual development in addition to business matters. These meetings are not considered "extra" but rather are part of the responsibility of being a liturgical minister and are part-and-parcel of what it means to carry out the ministry.

The reason for this is found in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy at article 29, which tells us that all liturgical ministers — readers, servers, musicians, ushers, *etc.* — "ought to discharge their office...with the sincere devotion and decorum demanded by so exalted a ministry and rightly expected of them by God's people. Consequently, they must all be **deeply imbued with the spirit of the liturgy**, in the measure proper to each one, and they must be trained to perform their functions in a correct and

orderly manner." (emphasis mine)

Think about that phrase: "deeply imbued with the spirit of the liturgy." That means we're talking about something much more and much deeper than just "how to." It's important for liturgical ministers to be **formed**, not just trained. Such formation involves coming to understand more deeply the theology of the Mass, what it means to participate at Mass, and what the role of each liturgical ministry is within the Body of Christ. Liturgical formation focuses not on the "what" but on the "who" of the minister: on his or her liturgical and spiritual formation as a follower of Jesus Christ, and how that discipleship is expressed within one's role in the liturgical assembly. Ultimately, our participation in liturgy is all about our being plunged into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, and that's something all liturgical ministers — indeed, *everyone* who participates in liturgy — need to constantly deepen and explore one's whole life.

It's so important that we understand all liturgical ministries not as something we just "get up and do" but rather as something that is a ministry and an offering within the Body of Christ, an offering that requires ongoing formation, development and growth.

### ***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,



## **Historical Development of the Mass**

**Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 10**

**7:30–9:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Msgr. Joe**



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

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

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

# LENT 2014

## ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and 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 Ash Wednesday and 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 Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

### THE MEANING OF ASHES

Lent begins with ashes on our brows, reminding us of fundamental truths about ourselves. The dust of the ashes reminds us that death is inevitable for each of us. The ashes speak of repentance and of our need to convert our lives. The words at the imposition of ashes call us to repent and to believe in the Gospel. The ashes speak of a fire that has grown cold, a fire that needs to be rekindled within us by the time we gather around the new fire at the Easter Vigil. We seek to rise from the ashes of our sinfulness to a fuller life with Christ.

But before we can embrace the new life of the resurrection, we must embrace the cross. Before coming to the font of life-giving water, we must travel the desert. To embrace new life, we must be willing to embrace death. To become our true selves, we must slay the false selves behind which we have been hiding. Though it sounds negative, the dying to self to which we are called is the only way to fullness of life, and thus it is a profoundly positive step in our spiritual life, a step that begins with being signed with ashes.

### COMMUNAL MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

We make our Lenten journey through the desert in the company of the catechumens and candidates preparing for the initiation sacraments at Easter. This is the origin of Lent.

What we have come to call Lent developed in the fourth century, when three intersecting movements coalesced. The first was a paschal fast that gradually developed from two days into a forty-day observance. The second was the pattern of initiation that gradually developed into a full catechumenate with an intense period of spiritual formation leading to the sacraments at Easter. The third was the order of penitents, which sought a second conversion for those who sinned seriously after baptism. Modeled on the catechumenate, this process of the order of penitents culminated with reconciliation just before Easter.

Thus the forty-day fast was understood as the final stage of preparation for those called to baptism and also

as a time for reconversion for the already-baptized. As the whole community accompanied the elect and the penitents through this season, it came to be seen as a time for baptismal renewal for all the members of the church.

In subsequent centuries, however, both the catechumenate and the order of penitents gradually disintegrated. Lent was still seen as a penitential season, but the emphasis was on individual works of self-denial and on personal identification with the passion and cross of Christ. Lent was still a preparation for Easter, but the baptismal focus was largely lost, and the communal nature of conversion was ignored. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were held up as Lenten activities, but they became private rather than corporate. The liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council called for a recovery of the ancient tradition of a communal understanding of Lent.

We are to journey through Lent together, then, as though we were all catechumens. We are to listen to the readings and pray the prayers as though we were approaching the waters of life for the first time. We seek to understand and thus to enter into the experience of the elect, those called to enter into the paschal mystery of Christ Jesus through the waters of the font. Thus we all prepare together to come to the water again, to be more deeply converted to Christ and to renew our baptismal promises with conviction.

### DON'T JUST "RECEIVE" ASHES

As a parish, we wish to highlight that ashes are never just *received*, but rather that being branded with ashes is a sign of a **commitment** we make. The ashes are a sign that together we are all enrolled in the "order of penitents" and that we are committing ourselves to cooperate with God in **changing our life**. Ashes should not be passively received, but **actively accepted as a challenge** — a challenge to die and to rise with Christ, a challenge to embark on the Lenten journey with ones' brothers and sisters, a challenge to seriously undertake the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



# LENT 2014



## PARISH LENTEN MISSION

**Monday, March 23rd**  
**Tuesday, March 24th**  
**Wednesday, March 25th**  
 7:30 P.M. + Church

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.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

### **FRIDAYS OF LENT**

**7:00 P.M.**

**In the Church**

**March 7, 14, 21, 28,  
April 4 & 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



### WEDNESDAY EXPOSITION CHANGE

Over the past few months, our Pastoral Staff and Liturgy Committee have discussed our experiences of Wednesday Exposition. Presently, the Eucharist is exposed from 12:45 to about 4:30 P.M. Unfortunately, at times, there are only one or two people praying before the exposed Blessed Sacrament making the prayer less of a communal celebration.

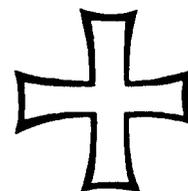
Therefore, beginning March 12, 2014, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude at 2:00 P.M. with the celebration of Daytime Prayer and Benediction. Our hope in making this change is that some will be able to remain during the entire time of exposition. Additionally, our praying of Daytime Prayer more powerfully unites us with the global Church.

**PLEASE NOTE: Exposition will not take place on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014.**

## MUSIC NOTES

### Music During Lent

At OLPH, we observe the Lenten fast as a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter and for the renewal of our Baptismal promises. In keeping with the spirit of fasting, you will notice that the music at our liturgies will be much simpler during Lent as well. In a sense, you can say that we are fasting with our music. Don't worry, we'll make up for it in the exuberance and joy of the Easter Season.



- Our Eucharistic Acclamations (the Holy, Holy, the Memorial Acclamation, the Great Amen and the Lamb of God) will be sung to very simple chants. We've begun learning these already.
- During the Preparation of the Gifts, we will have no music at all.
- The organ will only be used to accompany singing which means there will not be any prelude nor postlude instrumental music, except on Laetare Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent).
- Each Sunday of Lent we will recite the words of the *Confiteor*, "I confess to almighty God . . ." We pray that the Lord's mercy will be with us on our Lenten journey. Then we will sing the Greek words "*Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison*" which mean "Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy."
- Instead of singing "alleluia" to announce the Gospel, we sing instead: "Praise and honor to you, O Lord, O Lord. Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ." We also won't sing "alleluia" in any of our hymns. We look forward to the Easter Season when we celebrate the newness of life and we will sing the "alleluia" again with new joy and praise.
- On the First Sunday of Lent we will be keeping the ancient tradition of the Church of singing the Litany of the Saints as we begin our Lenten Pilgrimage. We invoke the name of the saints who accompany us on our journey to Jerusalem.

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## 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, PLEASE RESPOND BEFORE MARCH 11, 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 11!***

*We hope to hear from YOU!!!*

Yes! I am interested in becoming an Altar Server!

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 as of January 2014.**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*Proclaiming God's Word...*

## READERS

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

You must attend ONE of these training sessions:



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

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

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

## 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 ONE of these training sessions:**



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

**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 [olphushersministry@gmail.com](mailto:olphushersministry@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 ONE of these training sessions:

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.,**  
St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville  
**Saturday, March 29, 2014 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
Kellenberg Memorial HS

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

## ALTAR SERVER MEETING

All altar servers are required to attend a mandatory meeting on

**Tuesday, March 11 at 4:30 p.m.**  
in the church.

If you are unable to attend, you *must* notify Msgr. Joe or Mrs. Debbie McDonough. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.  
Thank you!

**(Note: this meeting is only for current altar servers, not new altar servers who are just signing up.)**

## MINISTRY OF PRAISE

The better part of my life is with Jesus and his mother Mary. I grew up in a very Italian neighborhood. My parish, Our Lady of Loretto, had a lot to do with how I thought of being an Italian Catholic and taught me a lot about my faith. I learned to love my faith from the Religious Sisters who taught at the elementary Catholic school. Although very strict in many ways, I had no problems because my father was a very strict parent. I was an average child who led an average life for that time in our world. The fifties was a quiet time in America with nothing really special happening. We had just finished World War II and people were enjoying the peace and working hard.

In my younger years I used to go to my cousin's house every Tuesday to pray the Rosary and recite the prayers to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. I also belonged to the St. Therese Society.

In my teens I grew away from the church, too busy to notice. During this time I was having many problems, but never realized how much I neglected my faith. Yet, I always felt a special closeness to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I stopped praying to Mary and became very close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I would always turn to him when troubled, which was very often. I became very dedicated to his Sacred Heart. One day when I stopped to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament, I asked Jesus what I could do to please him. As I turned to leave the church I heard a voice say, "Pray to my mother." I stopped and looked around. I was the only one to hear that. I was amazed and knew it was Jesus. From then on I began to say the Rosary again and spoke to our Blessed Mother as my Mother too. It was strange in the beginning because somewhere along the way I heard that you shouldn't pray to Mary because we were supposed to pray to Jesus only. Now she is a very big part of my life. I even was introduced to the Lay Carmelite Order and in 2006 I made my final Promises to become a Lay Carmelite. I love being a Lay Carmelite. Looking back I realize that slowly but surely, Mary was always helping me and leading me even when at times I would not listen and of course this would result in problems.

Think about how often do we cause ourselves to have troubles and problems in our lives because maybe we just thought that we knew better than something or someone telling us to go another way?

Now I try very hard to listen to Mary. I still make mistakes, but not as bad or as often as before. I still pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus everyday and also to Mary to help me do the will of her son, Jesus.

*Marie*  
Marie Foster

## The Life in the Spirit Seminar

**Given by:** Deacon Frank and team

**Starting:** March 11th for eight (8) consecutive Tuesdays ending April 29th.

**Meeting:** in the OLPH school classroom 14 from 7:45pm to 9:30pm

**The Life in the Spirit Seminars (LSS)** are commonly used by Catholic groups in the context of spiritual renewal. They are an instrument for bringing people into a deeper experience of the work of the Holy Spirit. The seminars offer: (1) a presentation of the Gospel message, and (2) basic teaching about what the Lord is willing to do for all who come to him.

### Experience "The Fruit of the Spirit"

Joy – Love – Generosity – Peace – Patience – Kindness  
Faithfulness – Gentleness – Self Control  
(Gal. 5:22-23)

**For info and/or registering call Deacon Frank at (631) 226-0967**



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## Nursing Ministry

*Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul.* 3 John 2

Our parish nursing ministry is off and running. Over 10 parishioners have come forward and have been working on some projects for our parish as a whole and with individual parishioners in need.

If you are interested in being a part of this new ministry and want to find out more information, please contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail: [rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com).

Our next meeting is Tuesday, **March 4th** at Panera Bread in West Babylon.



## 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](mailto:princessmorge@optonline.net)

**Here's our Driving Ministry "Tip of the Week"...**

*Do you know a family or a neighbor who would like to come to Mass here at OLPH? Give them a call and offer to take them with you to Mass!*

**ALL DRIVERS MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED.**

## SENIOR MINISTRY

*Coming soon ....*

### OLPH SENIOR MOMENTS



**Beginning Tuesday**

**March 12, 2014**

**9:00—10:30 A.M. - Room 14**

Our Senior Moments group seeks to provide a place of welcome, prayer, and fellowship.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. in Room 14 of the school building. (You may park between the Rectory and the school or in the High Street Parking Lot.)

Avail yourself of the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and with our parish community...and to have a good time too!

For more information, contact Mrs. Fran Grasso at 631.956.3003 or e-mail to [sixfingers13@gmail.com](mailto:sixfingers13@gmail.com).

## OLPH Golden Age Society

**The OLPH Golden Age Society** meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month,  
11:30am—3:00pm  
at K of C Hall, South Broadway,  
Lindenhurst.

**What is the Golden Age Society?**

It's a place for our parish's seniors to come together in a social setting for community building, games, and good times.

All "Golden Agers" are welcome!

Any questions call President,  
Dolores Barone 631-957-3432.

# 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
- ✠ 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

CANNED MEALS  
 PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT  
 MACARONI & CHEESE  
 RICE  
 PANCAKE SYRUP  
 JELLY or JAM  
 CEREAL  
 BOX or CANNED POTATOES  
 COFFEE & TEA  
 HOT CHOCOLATE  
 SHELF STABLE MILK

Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!  
 Thank you and God bless you!

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

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

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**9 A.M. — 12 Noon**

Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father knows all that we need, and so we need to let tomorrow take care of itself as today has troubles enough of its own.

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist individuals and families; providing food, clothing, shelter, etc. Thank You for your continued generosity!!!**

## HELP IS NEEDED!!!!

**Our Food Pantry is running out of food.**

Since the new year, we have received more and more requests for food from members of the community in need. The shelves on our food pantry are empty (see the picture on the left!).

Please consider picking up some extra food in the week ahead as you shop for your family. If you can, use the weekly shopping list in the bulletin as a guide, though all donations are welcome.

You can drop off your donation during St. Vincent de Paul office hours or leave it on the steps of the sanctuary in the Church.



**PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY**

*Cake bakers and drink makers  
NEEDED!*

OLPH is looking to form a new

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

- Are you someone who wants to use your gifts and talents, but can't make a commitment to a monthly meeting?
- Are you great at throwing together a little reception (with a little help)?
- Can you bake a dessert? Help with coffee? Shop at Costco?

One of the ways we unite as parish is to come together for times of fellowship and hospitality. We are looking to form a ministry that will help to coordinate and organize these events. This will be a great ministry for those who are not involved in the life of our parish and it can easily work around your schedule. This might also be good for some who are already involved. It's yet another way to share your gifts!

Our first (and one of the very) in-person meeting will be on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

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

*Sign up today!!!!*

**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](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net).

*New Mothers' Meal Ministry*

**Who are we?** A group of like-minded women who want to give a new Mom (and Dad) a break by cooking and delivering a delicious meal to your home. We keep the new family in our prayers.

**Who is eligible?** This is available for (Catholic) new mothers in the OLPH Parish.



If you had a baby in the last few months and could use a break, you may contact: Carol Stysiack at 631- 255 3506 or e-mail

**OLPH CENSUS  
2014 UPDATE:  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
OFFERERS NEEDED**

Your steering committee has been working to begin the census 2014 process. Our first major information announcement will be in a special Ash Wednesday Bulletin. Since attendance at our Masses and Prayer Services swells on Ash Wednesday, we are making a special effort to reach all those in attendance. We are looking for offerers to stand outside church and catch those "early leavers" – those who leave after ashes are given – to distribute a copy of the bulletin to them.

The Mass/Prayer Service schedule is:  
Masses: 6:30AM, 12:15PM and 7:30PM.  
Prayer Services: 8:00AM, 4:15PM, 5:30PM.

Can you offer your services to us for one or two distributions? Please contact Colleen Ullmer at 631-697-6678 or email to: [covek@yahoo.com](mailto:covek@yahoo.com).

## 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 Squirettes: 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!*

High School Youth Group will meet again on March 16, 2014. On March 2 and March 9, high school youth ministry leaders will be helping with our Confirmation Retreat.

**Next meeting:**  
 Thursday, March 13, 2014  
 7:30 P.M.  
 Auditorium

## 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!

### + LENTEN REFLECTIONS +



Throughout the Lenten season, members of the youth community will offer daily reflections on their Facebook page—[facebook.com/olph11757](https://www.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!

## 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. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149

### 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](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org)/En español Irma González 631 620-2401 Correo electrónico [lanegra628@yahoo.com](mailto:lanegra628@yahoo.com).

### Staying Connected...

One way to pray for and support one another is through communication. Thanks to our Social Media Committee, OLPH will soon have a new website that will allow for more information sharing and communication.



We have started a Parish Facebook page....so "LIKE"

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
Lindenhurst.**

Youth Ministry and Music Ministry at OLPH also have Facebook pages.

Our next parish Social Media Ministry meeting will be on **Thursday, March 6, at 8:00 P.M.** in the Rectorry Meeting Room!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

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



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

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

### Want more information?

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

### FACES OF THE PARISH

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

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

Thanks!

### Liturgy of the Hours

### EVENING PRAYER

### Every Saturday and Sunday

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

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Parish Office:** 631.226.7725

**Religious Education:** 631.226.2384

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

631.226.7725 X 234

**Parish Website:**

[www.olphlindhurst.org](http://www.olphlindhurst.org)

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Doug or Fr. John at the Parish Office.

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

<b>MONDAY, March 3 —</b> <b>Weekday in Eighth Week in Ordinary Time</b> <i>(Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin)</i>	
6:30	Thomas Daniel Matias
12:15	Catherine & Lawrence Ciraci
<b>TUESDAY, March 4 —</b> <b>Weekday in Eighth Week in Ordinary Time</b> <i>(Saint Casimir)</i>	
6:30	Laura Jeanne Foley
12:15	Pasquale Grotiola
6:00	Evening Prayer for Mardi Gras
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 5 —</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
6:30	Eugene Gardell
8:00	Word Service
12:15	Anna Tarczynska
4:15	Word Service
5:30	Word Service
7:30	Deceased Members of the Carillo & Esposito Families
<b>THURSDAY, March 6—</b> <b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b>	
6:30	Anthony Califano
12:15	Edward J. Abbott (3rd Anniversary)
<b>FRIDAY, March 7—</b> <b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b> <i>(Saints Perpetua &amp; Felicity, Martyrs)</i>	
6:30	Virgilio Leon
12:15	Mario Castelli
<b>SATURDAY, March 8 —</b> <b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b> <i>(Saint John of God, Religious)</i>	
8:00	Beverly Corrow
<b>Vigil Mass for FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
5:00	Frances Wegrzymowski
<b>March 9 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
6:30	OLPH—in Thanksgiving
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Holy Name Society
11:00	Mary Aquilina
12:30	Reginald Golding
5:00	Santa & Joseph Cincotta

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday, March 3, 2014</b>		
7:15 P.M.	Religious Ed—Grade 8 Class	School
7:30 P.M.	Baptismal Prep Class	Room 14
<b>Tuesday, March 4, 2014</b>		
5:00 P.M.	Music—Youth Choir	Church
6:00 P.M.	Family Life—Mardi Gras	Church & Auditorium
7:00 P.M.	Nursing Ministry	Panera Bread, West Babylon
7:45 P.M.	Community of Praise	Room 14
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Wednesday, March 5, 2014</b>		
2:15 P.M.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:30 P.M.	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults	Rectory Meeting Rm
7:30 P.M.	RCIA	Church
7:45 P.M.	Respect Life	Room 24
8:30 P.M.	Music —Adult Choir	Church
<b>Thursday, March 6, 2014</b>		
5:30 P.M.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 P.M.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 P.M.	Hospitality Ministry	St. Lucy Rm
8:00 P.M.	Social Media	Rectory Meeting Rm
7:30 PM	New Mothers Meal Ministry	Room 13
8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous NA	Room 24
7:30 P.M.	Adult Faith Formation—History of the Mass	Room 14
8:00 P.M.	Mothers Prayer Group	Room 16
<b>Friday, March 7, 2014</b>		
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
<b>Saturday, March 8, 2014</b>		
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM	Rel. Ed. Grades 2—6	School & Auditorium
9:30 AM	Special Education	School
1:00 P.M.	CYO—Basketball	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
<b>Sunday, March 9, 2014</b>		
9:30 AM	RCIA	Church
3:00 PM	Confirmation Retreat	Auditorium
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

## PREPARING FOR

### Sunday, March 9, 2014: First Sunday of Lent

#### Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The teachings and narrated accounts of events which we encounter in the Old Testament (more properly called the Hebrew Scriptures) have their origins in the ancient Hebrew deposit of faith, the history of God's revelation of Himself and of His relationship with His chosen people. This knowledge of God and of this people's response to Him over the ages was faithfully passed down by means of oral tradition, and was written down for those same Hebrew people only much later, primarily during and shortly after their time of exile in the pagan kingdom of Babylon. It is with this historical setting and context in mind that the Hebrew Scriptures can be best appreciated and understood.

In this light, it is important to note that in the biblical account of creation, where God breathes life into humankind and places them in a garden, a safe haven where they have all they need for life, just as the Law and the Covenant were the basis for God's relationship with His people Israel, everything here hinges upon the one commandment God gives to Adam and Eve. It is when Adam and Eve decide not to obey and trust in God's word, but instead, listen to and believe another voice, that they lose everything, suffering banishment from the garden and the sentence of a life full of hardship, ultimately ending in death. As a result of the Israelite people's faithlessness to God's commandments, they ultimately suffered similar consequences: the invasion and destruction of everything God gave them: their kingdom, their temple, their homeland, finally enduring the sentence of a long banishment full of hardship, known as the Babylonian Exile.

#### Romans 5:12-19

Both secular and biblical sources (the historian Suetonius and Acts 18) seem to indicate that, by order of the Emperor Claudius around 49 AD, both Jewish and pagan converts to Christianity living in the city of Rome were driven from their homes. In his letter to the Romans, Paul consoles this banished community of believers with the Good News: that while the inevitable and inescapable consequences of sin are both spiritual and physical death for all humankind, the gift of God given to them as believers is that the saving work of Christ Jesus is more than able to banish these enemies from their lives forever.

#### Matthew 4:1-11

By contrast, we find Jesus in Matthew's gospel account *willingly* leaving His home in Galilee, to be baptized by John (Mt 3:13-17). While Jesus as the sinless Son of God has no need of John's baptism of repentance, He willingly undergoes baptism as His fiat to the Father; as His loving acceptance of the purpose of His life: to be the One Who is to save His people from their sins (Mt 1:21). Jesus is then led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He thereby enters the world of sinful humankind, all banished from the garden of fellowship with God. In emerging triumphant from this time of trial and temptation, Jesus demonstrates His true Sonship, as he would continue to do in His authoritative teaching of the people, by His power to work

### Gospel Reflection Questions...

*After reading next Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 4:1-11) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.*

1. Right after Jesus was baptized and heard the Father's voice calling him "My Beloved Son," the Spirit led him to the desert. Jesus probably wanted to think about what those words meant, and to pray about his ministry. The Spirit wanted him to be tested. How does it make you feel to think he had to fight temptation the same way you do?
2. What desert images hold Lenten meanings for you? Do you ever hear the Spirit calling you to pray when you feel you are in the wilderness? What part did the Spirit play in this Gospel story?

## Readings for the Week

#### Monday, March 3, 2014:

1 Peter 1:3-9 + Mark 10:17-27

#### Tuesday, March 4, 2014:

1 Peter 1:10-16 + Mark 10:28-31

#### Wednesday, March 5, 2014:

#### Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18 + 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

+ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

#### Thursday, March 6, 2014:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 + Luke 9:22-25

#### Friday, March 7, 2014:

Isaiah 58:1-9a + Matthew 9:14-15

#### Saturday, March 8, 2014:

Isaiah 58:9b-14 + Luke 5:27-32



# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!  
 Memorials used during the Masses for week of  
 March 2-8:

*Altar Bread & Wine  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Thomas Daniel Matias  
 From  
 Mom & Dad*

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

## 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**

*Grace Olivia Mrvica  
 Noah Charles Oswald  
 Mackenzie Rose Wehrhan  
 Logan Thomas Heaton  
 Luca Anthony Marcotrigiano*



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

## WE REMEMBER

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

*Dorothy T. Vogt  
 Judith Calderale*

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



## GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy

Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate

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

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

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

## PRAYING FOR THE SICK AT MASS

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



# OFFERING UPDATE

**Feb. 22/23, 2014**

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$3,156.00	164	356
6:30 A.M.	906.00	38	105
8:00 A.M.	2,653.50	110	215
9:30 A.M.	2,130.00	110	331
11:00 A.M.	3,591.00	154	423
12:30 P.M.	2,226.00	104	356
5:00 P.M.	1,473.00	49	295
<b>Total coin:</b>	21.94		
<b>Mail-ins:</b>	320.00		
<b>Children's env.</b>	68.11	27	
<b>Faith Direct</b>	2,143.25		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,688.80</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2,081</b>
<b>2013 Totals</b>	<b>\$17,236.02</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>2109</b>
<b>CANDLES</b>	<b>\$746.97</b>		
<b>POOR BOX</b>	<b>\$179.44</b>		

## CHURCH IN NEED COLLECTION

Next Sunday, **March 9**, a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

- ◆ **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.
- ◆ **The Church in Latin America** faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.
- ◆ **The Church in Africa** – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity.

Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember—there will be only the *one* collection for both weekly and special collection envelopes.

## What the ME25 Measured



This is the second in a series of articles that will provide the results of the Gallup ME25 in order to expand and explore discussion about the ways in which the OLPH family might deepen and expand engagement in the life and body of the Church. This week we look at items C04 through C06, part of the group of nine items that measure individual spiritual commitment through self-reported behaviors and attitudes. OLPH parishioners scored especially in their belief that their faith has provided meaning and purpose in their lives. Think about telling someone in your family or a close friend just that simple message today: "Because I am a Catholic, I have meaning and purpose in my life."

Item		Distribution of responses as percentages of the total					Average Score	
		Strongly Disagree		Strongly Agree				
		1	2	3	4	5		
C04.	<b>Because of my faith, I have meaning and purpose in my life.</b>	2%	4%	13%	26%	55%	<b>4.3</b>	<b>OLPH</b>
		1	2	11	29	57	4.37	US Catholics
		1	2	11	28	58	4.39	All Churches
C05.	<b>My faith has called me to develop my given strengths.</b>	2%	5%	22%	29%	42%	<b>4.05</b>	<b>OLPH</b>
		1	5	18	35	41	4.10	US Catholics
		1	4	18	35	42	4.11	All Churches
C06.	<b>I will take unpopular stands to defend my faith.</b>	2%	5%	17%	29%	47%	<b>4.14</b>	<b>OLPH</b>
		2	4	16	34	44	4.16	US Catholics
		1	4	16	34	45	4.16	All Churches

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ Good Samaritan Hospital offers a free lecture series, “Good Sam University.” The format features a monthly lecture in three categories: “Food For Thought,” showing the impact of nutrition on a person’s health at every stage of life; “Women’s Wellness,” addressing women’s health issues; and “Aging Gracefully,” providing expert advice on topics related to health and wellness in the senior years. The next lecture in the Aging Gracefully category is Watch Your Step—how best to prevent and treat falls in the older adult on March 5, noon, at the Bay Shore Brightwaters Library, 1 South Country Road.
- ◆ **A Faith Enriching Experience** – You are invited to The *FAITH AND REASON SEMINAR* At Kellenberg Memorial High School On Saturday, March 8. Admittance is free - Continental Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. Father Koterski, S.J., Ph.D. of Fordham University will lecture on “*Virtues and Vices: Learning from Shakespeare.*”
- ◆ **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](http://www.ihmconference.org) or call 540-622-5543.
- ◆ **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-ELLI@gmail.com](mailto:FORTYD-ELLI@gmail.com) Sponsored by LICL Educational Trust: 631-243-1435; [www.prolifeLI.org](http://www.prolifeLI.org).
- ◆ **2014 Long Island Catholic Men's Conference “For God and Country”** “*Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!*” Join over 600 proud Catholic American men of the diocese on **Saturday, March 29, 2014** at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School for an amazing day that will inspire you to live everyday as a Catholic Patriot! Topics include: “*The Miracle of Fr. Kapaun*” the story of a future saint who was a WWII and Korean War chaplain, martyr and Medal of Honor Recipient; *John Gonzalez* of Catholic Charities will talk to us about “Faithful Citizenship;” “*The Light of Faith and the Joy of the Gospel*” by “Seize the Day” radio show host Gus Lloyd. Join us as we honor Lt. Michael Murphy as our 2014 Msgr. Kissane Award Recipient! Register online at [www.catholicmensministry.net](http://www.catholicmensministry.net) or call Gregory Guido at 631-789-4008 (limited seating available).
- ◆ **JOIN US ON OUR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, September 27-October 13. Lago Maggiore, Venice** (Doge Palace, St. Mark’s Basilica, Murano Glass Factory), **Padua, Florence** (Michelangelo’s “David,” Giotto’s Bell Tower, Baptistry of St. John, Church of the Holy Cross), **Assisi** (Basilica of St. Francis, Cathedral of s. Chiara, San Damiano), **Rome** (Audience with Pope Francis, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter’s Basilica), **San Giovanni Rotondo** (St. Padre Pio birthplace and burial place). Land portion (excluding airfare) \$5200-\$5600 based on number of people. Includes 15 nights in all 4-star hotels; all breakfasts and dinners; wine, mineral water and coffee with dinner; all tours and guides; all portage and tips; motorcoach transportation; welcome cocktail party in Stresa/Lago Maggiore. For more information and to sign up, contact Roseanne and Tony at [roto26@optonline.net](mailto:roto26@optonline.net) or call (516) 541-7844.
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