

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*“If you knew the gift of God
and who is saying to you, Give me a drink,
you would have asked him
and he would have given you living water.”*

John 4:10

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23, 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.

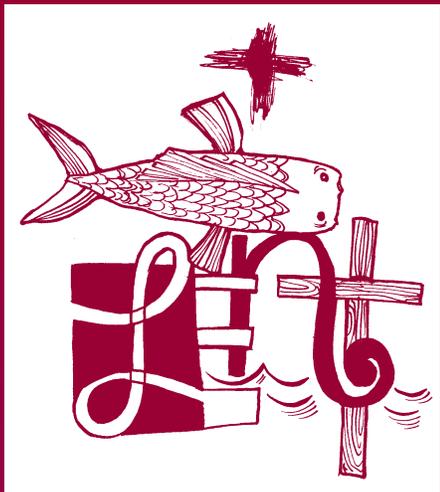
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Starting This 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.

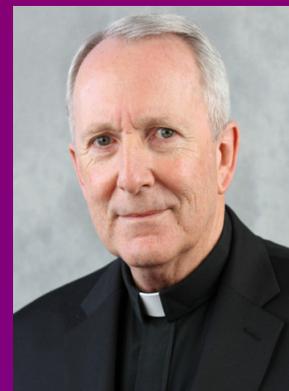
Wednesday, March 26th

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

Parish Mission with Msgr. Charles Fink

As you know from having participated at Mass, this weekend we are welcoming Msgr. Charles Fink to OLPH. Msgr. Fink, Spiritual Director at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, where men from the Diocese of Rockville Centre prepare for the priesthood, will be giving us our Parish Lenten Mission this week, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights; full details are advertised elsewhere in this bulletin.

I had the pleasure of working with Msgr. Fink when both of us were on faculty together at our now-defunct Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Msgr. Fink, with his dry sense of humor and insightful spirituality, will have some meaningful insights to offer us to assist in our journey through Lent. I am absolutely thrilled that we have been able to book him to come here and I am looking forward to hearing his presentations. I hope you will make every effort to attend; I can assure you that it will be worth your time and effort.

Why it's important to be registered

One aspect of parish life which people often have many questions about is that of being registered in a parish. Parish registration is important, and actually being registered is not something that is automatic. Often adults will say, "But I was baptized and received First Communion at OLPH, so I'm registered, right?" Well, not necessarily.

OLPH Roman Catholic Church has doors open to all; we do not look to turn anybody away, and we will seek to assist all who come to us as much as possible. At the same time, we obviously do not have the resources to serve the entire diocese, which is made up of all of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. This is why we have parish boundaries: the parish in which a Catholic lives is territorially and automatically one's parish. This is the parish that has jurisdiction over the Catholic and to which the Catholic is expected to be an active part.

The most important aspect of expressing one's belonging to a parish is regular participation in the community's gathering at Sunday Eucharist. More than anything else, our unity around the Eucharistic table each and every Sunday is the source and summit of our life together. It is what identifies us as Catholics and it is the center of our spiritual life. As Catholics, although we might occasionally attend Mass in other parishes for valid reasons, we should not regularly flit from parish to parish Sunday after Sunday, since participation in the celebration of the

Eucharist is not just about fulfilling an obligation and not just about receiving Communion, but is about becoming more deeply immersed in the Body of Christ which is made manifest around the altar community of one's home parish — one's "family table," so to speak.

This Sunday Eucharistic communion is the foundation for the reason why Baptisms are to occur in the home parish of the parents (because this is where the family will celebrate the Eucharist weekly, where the children will receive religious formation, where the children will celebrate their sacraments, *etc.*), why Marriage occurs in the home parish of either the bride or groom (yes, according to the Church it does not have to be the bride's parish necessarily; it can be either the bride's or the groom's, as long as it is one of theirs), and why the home parish should be called for sick calls, anointings, house blessings, *etc.* It is also why Funeral Masses are to be celebrated in the home parish of the deceased — because of the Eucharistic connection.

At OLPH, we look at registration in two ways:

If you live territorially in the parish boundaries of OLPH, you are automatically a parishioner. We have an obligation to minister to those who are within our boundaries, regardless of whether or not they are officially registered. Therefore, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, the Funeral Mass, *etc.*, should and will automatically take place at OLPH for those who are our parishioners. **However, there are still important reasons why you should be officially registered, even if you live within the parish boundaries.** First, we want and need to know you are out there, for purposes of pastoral planning, so we have an idea of what needs we need to fulfill, and for a host of other reasons! Just as important, **for certain things in the parish you must be officially registered ("on the records"):** for example, for children to attend our parish religious education program, for sponsor certificates for Baptism and Confirmation, and for other letters of recommendation. If you grew up in a family registered in the parish but now live on your own as a married or single adult, you should re-register as your new household. This also becomes important at times when a Funeral Mass is requested, since the Funeral Mass should be held in the home parish of the deceased.

In addition to the parish having obligations to the parishioners, parishioners have the obligation to support their parish by participating in Sunday

Mass, as already mentioned, and by being an active and vibrant part of the life of the parish in many other activities and spiritual gatherings. In addition, parishioners have the obligation to support their parish financially and materially.

How do you know if you are registered? The simplest way to tell is to see if you receive mailings from us. If you do receive mailings from the parish, you are definitely on the records. If not, you should check it out to make sure; you may not be. How can you become officially registered if you live within the parish boundaries? It's very simple: all you need do is stop by the rectory office and ask to be registered in the parish. An appointment with one of the priests will be set up with you, and he will be glad to meet you and fill out the form with you. We do this not because you have to pass a test or anything like that, but simply so that we can provide a friendly and pastoral and personal contact with you in the interest of getting to know our parishioners as well as possible.

If you live territorially outside the parish boundaries, you are not considered a parishioner unless you are officially registered. It is possible to be a member of OLPH if you are outside the parish boundaries, but this takes a certain amount of thought and discernment. As I'm sure you can well understand, the last thing we need is to have a whole bunch of people who belong to the parish in name only but who do not support the parish or participate in the spiritual and social life of the parish. Therefore, anyone outside the boundaries of the parish who wishes to become a member of OLPH is personally interviewed by me or by one of the other priests. In this interview we discuss their reasons for not wanting to be a part of their territorial parish and the necessity of being an active and supportive member of OLPH should they register here. Especially for people living outside the boundaries of the parish, being officially registered at OLPH becomes crucial when Baptisms, Marriages, Funeral Masses, *etc.*, are requested. As a rule, these liturgies are to take place in the home parish since that is the person's Sunday Eucharistic community.

Let me again reiterate: it is imperative that if you live outside the territorial boundaries of OLPH but consider yourself to be a parishioner of OLPH because you worship here and wish to avail yourself of our services, **you must be sure you are registered.** A phone call to the rectory can determine if you are registered, and, if not, you are welcome to set up an appointment with me so we can discuss the issues.

I thank everyone for their understanding with this pastoral issue which, at times, can be a sensitive one. It is important, though, to help us ensure that we are

ministering to everyone as effectively as possible. In addition, as you know, we are undertaking the process of a new census, whereby we will ask **everyone** to be registered using our new census forms which will be created (you haven't missed anything—we're not at that stage yet!). For many, it will mean re-registering according to the new census project, even if you have been a parishioner all your life. For others, it will be an opportunity to finally become registered.

How are you doing with Lent?

Here we are at the Third Sunday of Lent, where St. John's account of Jesus and the Samaritan woman is proclaimed to us in our Gospel. In this year, Cycle A, the Gospel readings for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent — the accounts of the Samaritan woman (Third Sunday), of the man born blind (Fourth Sunday), and of the Lord's raising of Lazarus (Fifth Sunday) — have a very, very long tradition of being used on these Sundays, because they have a special significance to those preparing for Baptism at Easter. These Gospels reveal Jesus as Living Water, as one who gives sight, and as one who gives life, and therefore all three call those preparing for Baptism, and all of us who are preparing to renew our Baptism at Easter, to an ongoing process of deeper conversion and deeper belief in Jesus as Lord and Savior. After all, isn't that the goal of Lent for all of us — that we believe more deeply in, and be more deeply united to, our crucified-risen Savior, Christ Jesus?

I hope you have noticed that we have expanded our bulletin's presentation of the upcoming Sunday readings, for your own spiritual reflection and for your preparation for Mass. I hope you are taking advantage of this background material and the questions for reflection.

After hearing this Sunday's Gospel, we should all ask ourselves what it means for us to come to Jesus as the Living Water that satisfies all our thirsts.

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,



LENT 2014

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY AND REFLECTION

Mondays of Lent

After the 6:30 A.M. Mass
(This week facilitated by Fr. John)

and the 12:15 P.M. Mass
(This week facilitated by April Carbaugh)

In Room 14—OLPH School



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

Parishioners participate in last Monday afternoon's Scripture sharing, led by Sister Rita.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS OF LENT

7:00 P.M.

In the Church

March 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

(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!

PRAYING & BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

Passion, Paschal Mystery and Praise:

An Evening of Fellowship, Action, Music and Reflection on Christ'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 account of the 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.

If you were moved by the Advent Lessons and Carols—This will 'transform' you!

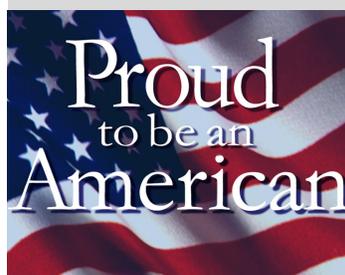
See upcoming editions of the bulletin for more information!

SERVING OTHERS

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



OLPH is in the process of updating the pictures of the service men and women that are on display in the front of the church. If you had a picture already displayed and your loved one is no

longer in the service, or you would like to have a picture of a loved one who is currently in the military added to the display, please contact us at:

Rememberthesoldiers@gmail.com.

Please keep all our soldiers and their families in your prayers. Thank you.

MUSIC NOTES

Join The Music Ministry For Holy Week

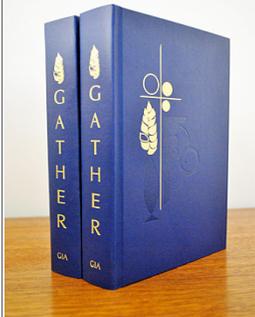
Are you interested in singing with our music ministry but can't commit to sing every Sunday? Consider joining us for all or even some of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. You won't want to miss the experience of being part of these unique and beautiful ritual moments in the life of the Church during 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, April 20 - Mass (11:00am)

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

- Wednesday, March 26 – 8:30 to 10:00pm
- 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.



GATHER HYMNAL MEMORIALS

*"Those who sing pray twice."
St. Augustine*

I/We wish to help defray the cost of our new hymnals by offering the following memorial for \$35:

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Bookplate Inscription (*choose only one per book*):

For a Deceased Person: In Memory of _____

For a Living Person: In Honor of _____

Simple Donation: Gift of _____

If you wish to memorialize more than one book, make copies of this form as needed.

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

NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED VEGETABLES—CORN

CANNED FRUIT

PORK AND BEANS

PEANUT BUTTER

JELLY OR JAM

CAKE MIXES

DESSERTS

COFFEE

TOILET PAPER

PAPER TOWELS

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: “My food is to do the will of the One who sent me and to finish his work.”

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food and shelter from the cold. Thank you for your generosity.

GET TOGETHER FOR WIDOW AND WIDOWERS FIRST GATHERING Wednesday, April 2

CALLING ALL WIDOW AND WIDOWERS!

Come down on **Wednesday, April 2**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the school, Room 14, to meet and talk to others who understand what you are going through.

This new Ministry is a gathering of Widows and Widowers of all ages to get together once or twice a month for a prayer and mingling over cake and coffee.

Any questions?
Contact Rita Gardell (631) 252-5494 or
Denise Segreto (631) 220-0888

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

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.

OLPH SENIOR MOMENTS



Our Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, March 25
9:00 A.M.
Room 14**

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

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



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

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 FECS 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 FECS + 631-943-0441 Barbara
+ 631-806-3903 Sue

PARISH HAPPENINGS

RESTORING GOD'S GLORY **CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

To follow up on Msgr Joe's recent column ...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 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."*

TODAY, March 23
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 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.

Necesita Unción de los enfermos y la Santa Eucaristía en su casa, llama a los teléfonos mencionados abajo:

Lecturas del Domingo 23 de marzo del

Primera Lectura (Ex 17,3-7): El Agua Fluye de la Roca
La sed es la prueba más dura de los que viajan por el desierto. Para el pueblo en marcha Dios es la roca en quien pueden confiar y la fuente de agua vivificante.

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

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

Evangelio (Jn 4, 5-42): ¡Dame tu Agua Viva!

Jesús entra en un diálogo personal con la mujer samaritana. Él se revela a ella como el proveedor de agua viva y siempre corriente, es decir, como el dador de nueva vida para nosotros.

Para las ofrendas de pan y vino en el altar, favor llamar a la oficina parroquial

Al 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

Email jsureau@drvc.org

En español Irma González 631 620-2401

Correo electronicolanegra628@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!

March 23rd - Spring is finally here! Let's celebrate with some outside fun! Dress warm!

March 30th - Never been to youth ministry? This is the night to come!!

Meet in the OLPH school cafeteria at 3:15 for discussions on faith, Lent, a skit or two and, of course, some awesome games.

Hey young adults! We are looking for some adult help for our middle school and high school youth groups! Interested? Email Brittany OLPH.yfia@gmail.com

Parents, we are looking for hall monitors during our middle school nights; think you can help from 7:15-8:50? Email Brittany OLPH.yfia@gmail.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

For 6th, 7th and 8th graders!

Middle School Night

April 10th- Game Night!!

Meet in the OLPH school gym at 7:30 for a night of games, a spin on some classics and a few new ones!! Get ready for a night of laughs!

March 28th- Movie Night!

Meet in the OLPH school gym at 7:30.

Bring something comfortable to sit on!

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!



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

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.

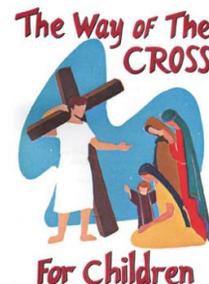
As Lent progresses, the tree will blossom as a reminder of the life Jesus gave us by dying on the cross and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

for Families and Children

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
or email olphfamilylife@aol.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Lindenhurst High School Gym

Cheerleaders & Basketball Teams

Girls & Boys Grades 1-5

1 PM

www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo

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OLPH CYO SPRING REGISTRATION

TRACK & VOLLEYBALL



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



The Confiteor

D. Todd Williamson

In the Introductory Rites, the individual people who have come to the church are gathered into the one Body of Christ in order that they might enter into the great prayer of thanks and praise, that is the Eucharist. Part of this first movement of the Mass is the Penitential Act, that part of the Mass which helps prepare us “to celebrate the sacred mysteries.” It happens right after the Sign of the Cross and the priest’s greeting of the people.

The Penitential Act takes one of three forms. The first form is most commonly known as the *Confiteor*, a Latin word that, when translated into English, gives us the well known beginning of the prayer, “I confess . . .” The *Confiteor* is a communal statement which acknowledges our brokenness and calls upon the whole Church to pray for one another, asking for God’s mercy and forgiveness.

“I confess to almighty God / and to you, my brothers and sisters . . .” Notice the communal nature of this prayer. This acknowledgement of our individual brokenness is made to God *and* to the rest of the assembly. Each of us, one to the other, takes a humble stance and, in the face of the great mercy and love of God, admit and acknowledge our human frailty, without pretense or presumption. Beginning with this communal acknowledgement of our common sinfulness, the *Confiteor* helps to remind us, among other things that God is God, and we are not.

Closely following the Latin text, the English translation continues: “I confess . . . that I have greatly sinned, / in my thoughts and in my words, / in what I have done and in what I have failed to do . . .” Some may notice the addition of the word “greatly,” in reference to our sinfulness. This might be seen, not so much as an emphasis on our sinfulness, as much as it is on the simple fact that *any* sin is a threat to our relationship to God and to our brothers and sisters.



The English translation of the *Confiteor* continues: “through my fault, through my fault, / through my most grievous fault.” This, too, will sound different from the previous translation, in which our “fault” is mentioned once (“that I have sinned through my own fault”). The English translation of the third edition of *The Roman Missal* maintains the original poetic repetition found in the Latin text. We see this literary tool in other texts of the Mass. For example, following the *Confiteor* we enter into the threefold prayer of “Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy.” In the “Holy, Holy, Holy” and before Holy Communion, at the Fraction Rite, we repeat, three times, the invocation, “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.”

Striking the Breast: It is not new gesture (it has always been a rubric in the English translations of *The Roman Missal*), the words above

(“through my fault . . .”) are said while the person strikes his/her breast. This is an ancient gesture expressing sorrow and is a sign of our contrition (see Jeremiah 31:19, NAB, “I turn in repentance . . . I strike my breast”).

The remainder of the *Confiteor*, in the English translation of the third edition of *The Roman Missal*, remains as we now know it: “therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, / all the Angels and Saints, and you, / my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.”

The most important thing for us to remember is that the Penitential Act is a communal recognition of our sinfulness and an act of praise for God’s mercy and forgiveness. Yes, as human beings we are sinful. It is part of our nature—we are broken; we fail; we willfully choose wrong; we sin. *Yet*, in spite of that, in as much as we are broken in our human-ness, thankfully—our God is a God who wants nothing more than to make us *whole!* And *this* is where our hope takes us as together, in one voice; as one body, we confess in the *Confiteor*.

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.

Third Time:

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

WE REMEMBER

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

Paul Abate

Eileen Weckerle

"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."



BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

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...

Ann Marie Nuss	Robert Horan
Mary Armbruster	William Sullivan
William Delena	William Trigg
John Manning	Maria Rymdiak
Joan Woelfel	Graham Jansen
George Walters	Nanette Ringle
Baby Liam Michael Snow	Mary King
Vincent Malito	Bernard Lang
Salvatore Cicala	Gerda Larosilieri
Herb Otten	Dominick Barone
Bernard Celestine	Natalie Boscia
Patricia O'Shea	Joan Hosey
Richard Brosan	Andrew Bonanzinga
Gloria Licameli	Margaret Girenti
Baby Alexandra Digiamo	Kevin Mercorella
Christopher Ditalia	Carol Gilroy
Michael Cummo	Rev. Terence Hoppenjans
Julia Cicala	Henry Alfano
Anthony Kerelius	
Bill Maher	
Kevin M. Curran	

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

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John Reynolds

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Ed Cirella
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
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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.

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Barbara McPhail
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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 24—

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Arthur Giorgini

12:15 Stephanie Biviano

7:30 Parish Mission

TUESDAY, March 25—

The Annunciation of the Lord

6:30 Ruth Shea

12:15 Dennis Forgit

7:30 Parish Mission

WEDNESDAY, March 26 —

Lenten Weekday

6:30 In Memory of Msgr. Savastano & his Family

12:15 Patrick Brady

12:45 Exposition

7:30 Parish Mission

THURSDAY, March 27—

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Margery Angiello

12:15 Richard Valela

FRIDAY, March 28—

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Arthur J. Giorgini

12:15 Sean Patrick Crowley

7:00 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 29 —

Lenten Weekday

8:00 Henry Ortiz

Vigil Mass for

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 Julia Weckerle

March 30

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6:30 In Memory of Msgr. Savastano & his Family

8:00 Sabene Sabini O'Donoghue

9:30 Knights of Columbus

11:00 Sherman Glass

12:30 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Carl Marshetti

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 24, 2014

7:00 A.M.	Lenten Scripture Sharing After the 6:30 Mass	Room 14
12:45 P.M.	Lenten Scripture Sharing After the 12:15 Mass	Room 14
2:30 P.M.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 14
6:30 P.M.	Adult Confirmation	Rectory
7:30 P.M.	Parish Lenten Mission	Church

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

9:00 A.M.	Senior Moments Meeting	Room 14
5:30 P.M.	CYO—Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:30 P.M.	Youth Ministry Middle & High School	Auditorium
7:30 P.M.	Parish Lenten Mission	Church
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

4:00 - 6:00 PM	Rel. Ed. Class—Grade 1	School
7:30 P.M.	Parish Lenten Mission	Church
8:30 P.M.	Music —Adult Choir	Church

Thursday, March 27, 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
8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous NA	Room 24
8:00 P.M.	Mothers Prayer Group	Room 14

Friday, March 28, 2014

7:30 P.M.	Youth Ministry—Middle & High School	Auditorium
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Saturday, March 29, 2014

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.	CYO—Basketball	Auditorium
6:15 PM	Evening Prayer—Liturgy of the Hours	Church
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, March 30, 2014

10:00 A.M.	Family Life-Sandwich Making	Auditorium
1:00 P.M.	CYO	Auditorium
2:30 P.M.	Junior Reader Meeting	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 30, 2014: Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In the Hebrew Scriptures, someone who was anointed by God for special service to Him had oil poured or smeared on him. Prophets were occasionally anointed to their office (1 Kings 19:16; 1 Chronicles 16:22; Psalms 105:15). Priests, at the first institution of the Levitical priesthood, were all anointed to their offices (Exodus 40:15; Numbers 3:3), but afterwards anointing seems to have been especially reserved for the high priest (Exodus 29:29; Leviticus 16:32). Finally, anointing was the principal and divinely-appointed ceremony in the inauguration of the Jewish Kings.

Note in this reading that as soon as the prophet Samuel anointed David, the Spirit of the Lord “rushed upon David.” To be anointed by God is not only to be selected, but also to be empowered by Him for the task or position to which He has called His chosen one.

Ephesians 5:8-14

The Christians at Ephesus had been pa-

gans, not Jews, before their conversion to Christ. That prior status is what the author has in mind when he says "you were once in darkness." In its original context, this may have been a catechesis to help converts (and they were all converts) understand the before/after character of the change they accepted in baptism. The expression "Therefore, it says" (verse 14) cites a quote from a hymn used in an early baptism liturgy. The whole passage extends the light-versus-darkness metaphor. It seems well-chosen for proclamation today in view of the blindness-versus-sight theme of today's Gospel.

John 9:1-41

Early Jewish followers of Jesus suffered persecution and expulsion from synagogues. Saint John's Gospel tried to get the indecisive converts to make their final commitment to Christ. Here, John's account of a cure by Jesus serves as an extended teaching on conversion and its consequences.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday's Gospel (John 9:1-41) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.

1. The blind man was simply a man on the street. By the end of the Gospel he was thrown out of the synagogue for defending Jesus. What changed him into a disciple? Which fits you best: bystander, believer, confessor, bold challenger or disciple? Why?

2. What are the similarities between God creating humans out of the clay of the ground (Gen 2:7), and Jesus making clay for the man's eyes to cure his blindness in Sunday's Gospel? After the man could see, he experienced rejection as he became more and more spirit-filled. Do suffering people know Jesus in a more intimate way than others?

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 24, 2014:

2 Kings 5:1-15ab + Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 25, 2014:

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 + Hebrews 10:4-10
+ Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, March 26, 2014:

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 + Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 27, 2014:

Jeremiah 7:23-28 + Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 28, 2014:

Hosea 14:2-10 + Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 29, 2014:

Hosea 6:1-6 + Luke 18:9-14



OFFERING UPDATE

March 15/16 2014

Mass Time	Weekly	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$2,932.00	138	384
6:30 A.M.	1,258.00	47	95
8:00 A.M.	2,276.00	111	226
9:30 A.M.	1,705.00	106	385
11:00 A.M.	2,819.00	134	486
12:30 P.M.	2,500.00	92	334
5:00 P.M.	1,432.50	45	245
Total coin:	18.29		
Mail-ins:	408.00		
Children's env.	26.00	21	
Faith Direct	1,572.60		
TOTAL	16,947.39	694	2,155
2013 Totals	\$17,295.16	647	2021

Lent provides an opportunity to strengthen our devotion to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Perhaps this is the time to make a planned gift to our Parish through a gift in your Will. This gift will strengthen our parish's future and keep your faith alive in the generations to come.

For more information, or to receive a copy of an informational brochure please call 516-379-5210 ext. 229 or email bkilarjian@drvc.org

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What the ME25 Measured



In our final look at the results of the Gallup Organization survey, we consider items E07 through E12. These questions are driven by the items which precede them in the sense that they are measures of the connections we feel with OLPH. Items E07 through E10 report on the degree to which members of the OLPH family experience being *heard* as individuals (E07), *connected* to something larger than themselves (E08), *united* to their brothers and sisters (E09) and *trusting* in the OLPH family (E10). The last two items report the degree to which parishioners feel their growth is *noticed* (E11) and *encouraged* (E12). The data suggest all churches – both Catholic and non-Catholic – face challenges in encouraging conversation about spiritual growth. Curiously, over 50% of the responses gave a “4” or “5” to Item E06, “There is someone in my parish who encourages my spiritual development.”

Item	Description	Distribution of responses as percentages of the total					Average Score	
		1	2	3	4	5		
E07	As a member of my parish, my opinions seem to count.	9%	13%	30%	24%	24%	3.42	OLPH
		8	12	27	29	24	3.48	US Catholics
		7	12	27	30	24	3.51	All Churches
E08	The mission or purpose of my parish makes me feel my participation is important.	4%	8%	23%	30%	35%	3.85	OLPH
		4	8	22	32	34	3.82	US Catholics
		4	8	21	32	35	3.84	All Churches
E09	The other members of my parish are committed to spiritual growth.	3%	6%	28%	31%	32%	3.84	OLPH
		3	6	23	37	32	3.88	US Catholics
		3	6	22	37	32	3.90	All Churches
E10	Aside from my family members, I have a best friend in my parish.	20%	14%	16%	16%	34%	3.30	OLPH
		22	17	15	17	29	3.14	US Catholics
		21	17	15	17	30	3.18	All Churches
E11	In the last six months, someone in my parish has talked to me about progress of my spiritual growth.	31%	20%	19%	13%	178%	2.66	OLPH
		31	21	17	14	17	2.64	US Catholics
		30	21	17	15	17	2.70	All Churches
E12	In my parish, I have opportunities to learn and grow.	41%	6%	22%	30%	38%	3.94	OLPH
		3	6	18	31	42	4.00	US Catholics
		3	6	17	31	43	4.04	All Churches

Happenings at the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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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 Hearnay, PGK, DD
210 East John Street
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

For additional info call 631-560-0451

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2014 Golf Outing

Our Lady of Perpetual Help's
Annual Golf Outing date for
2014....

Monday, September 22nd

We are in need of
parishioners to serve on our
Golf Committee. If you're in-
terested, please contact
Bob Dobres at 631.592.8697.



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ 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 is "Guide to Stroke Survival," **Tuesday, April 1 at 12 Noon**, West Islip Public Library, 3 Higbie Lane.
- ◆ **Chinese Auction/Pasta Dinner** to benefit: **The Life Center of LI**, Sunday, **April 6th**, 1:00 – 5:00 pm. OLPH Knights of Columbus Hall, 400 South Broadway, Lindenhurst, Admission \$13.00 or 2 for \$25.00 Includes Pasta Dinner/ Beer, Wine, and Soda. Raffle Tickets sold separately. Tickets available at the door. Great Prizes! For info call Margie @ 631-839-2854 or email Margie@LifeCenterLI.org
- ◆ **Office of Faith Formation – Catholic Women in Dialogue with "The Joy of the Gospel,"** Saturday, **April 12** from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington. **Dr. Katherine Hayes** will lead the conversation on the challenge of Pope Francis for us to be "missionary disciples." Register online: www.drvc-faith.org or call Marie Ventimiglia at 516-678-5800 X 505.
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God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

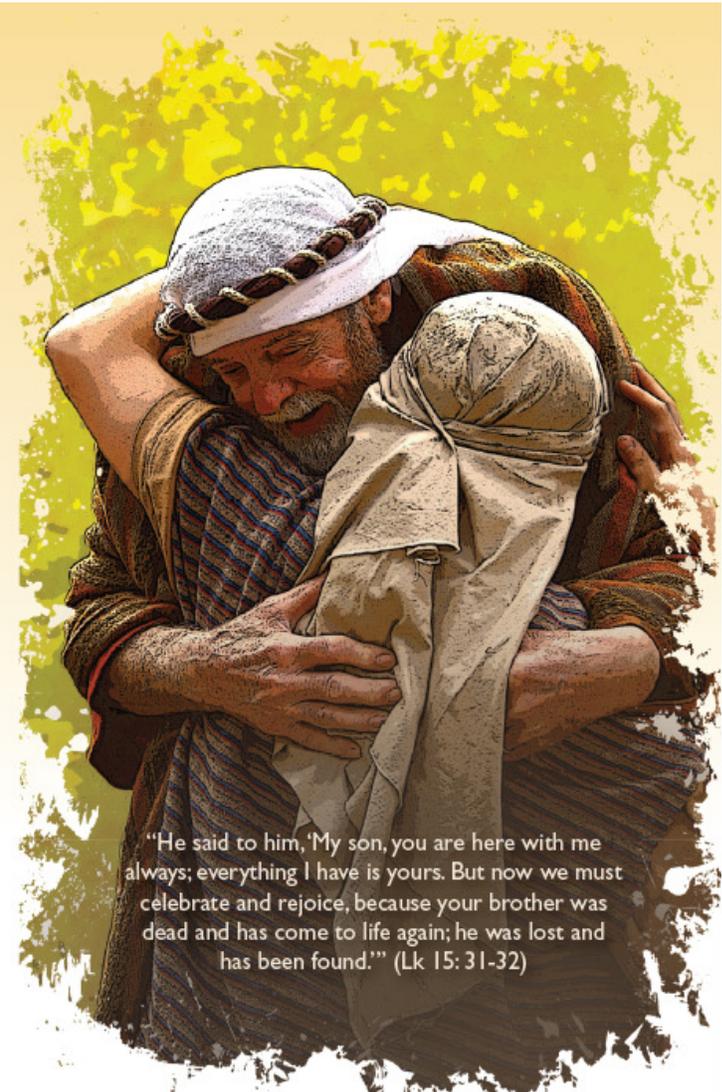
“Peace be with you!” With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, “Peace be with you.” But then he added, “Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.¹ The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns

of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, “The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!”²

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to



“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’” (Lk 15: 31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord’s name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

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¹ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

² Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html.

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whatever good you do and suffering you endure,
heal your sins,
help you grow in holiness,
and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
(*Rite of Penance*, no. 45)

- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)

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