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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 25– FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish
- 8:00 Book of the Faithful Departed
- 9:30 Vito Salentino
- 11:00 Catherine King
- 12:30 Nancy Sottile & Deceased Members of Sottile Family
- 5:00 Edouard Quilliod
- 6:30 Polish Mass

MONDAY: March 26— The Annunciation of the Lord

- 8:00 Mary & Jim Abbondola (Living)
 - 12:00 Eugene De Marco
 - 7:00 Vito Salentino
 - 7:30 Devotions (Novena)
- TUESDAY: March 27– Lenten Weekday**
- 8:00 Geraldine D’Andrea
 - 12:00 Suzanne & Anthony Finazzo
 - 7:00 Enthronement of Jesus Christ the King in Poland & all over the world.

WEDNESDAY: March 28— Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 Geraldine D’Andrea
- 12:00 Joan Kennedy
- 7:00 Vito Salentino

THURSDAY: March 29—Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 Joan Golder
- 12:00 Clifford Kraemer
- 7:00 Vito Salentino

**FRIDAY: March 30— Lenten Weekday
(day of Abstinence)**

- 8:00 Michael & Katherine Rogan
- 12:00 Jose Martinez
- 7:00 Fr. Anthony Trapani (Living)
- 7:30 **Stations of the Cross** (Traditional)

SATURDAY: March 31— Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 Joan Marquez
- 9:00 Thomas Ventura

VIGIL MASS –

- 5:00 Mary (Gigi) Pulaski



Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam



Mission Statement

“Trusting in God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and, motivated by Christ’s Life, Death and Resurrection, we, the people of God, under the protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, accept as our mission, the evangelization of our parishioners both active and inactive. We accept the call to bring all to a personal, Covenant relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior, to live the Paschal Mystery and to promote the spiritual health and growth of everyone in our parish community.”

- The OLPH Pastoral Council



Stewardship Lectionary Reflection: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer. 31:31-34; Ps. 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb. 5:7-9; Jn. 12:20-33

Today's gospel reading begins with some people looking for Jesus. And when Andrew and Phillip inform Jesus that there are more people who want to encounter Him, Jesus explains that it is time for Him to be glorified, for all men to know Him and for Him to "draw all men to Himself."

But it is interesting to note that, as He talks of His impending glorification, we do not hear of pomp and circumstance like one would expect to glorify the King of Kings. Jesus speaks instead of suffering and death – "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it

remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

Through His death, He will be glorified. Through His death, He will bear great fruit (taking upon Himself the punishment for the sins of the world and offering us eternal life). And, Jesus tells us, it is through His death on the cross that He will draw all men to Himself.

It is the wonderful paradox of the cross.

But Jesus doesn't stop there. He is not just telling the disciples of what will happen to Him. He gives them responsibility as His disciples; He tells them of their role in it all.

"Whoever loves His life loses it and whoever hates His life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."

As Christ's disciples, we must follow suit. We must die to self and live not for this world, but for Christ – giving our lives in service for others. Discipleship lived through stewardship involves sacrifice – real, hard self sacrifice, but, it bears great fruit, just like the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit or like Christ Himself whose mission on this Earth required Him to die so that we all could live life eternal.

In His letter to the Hebrews, Paul reminds us, "In the days when Christ was in the flesh, He offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears." He suffered. But then, Paul reminds us that through His suffering, Christ "became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

He died, and then He rose from the dead, offering life everlasting to all who believe.

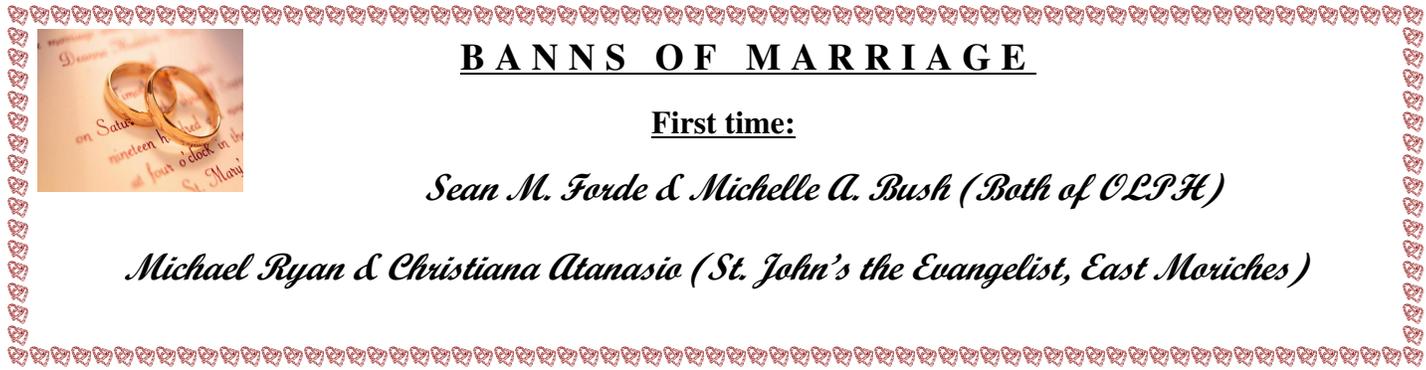
We must follow Christ.

That does not mean that we must die today in order to bear great fruit. In fact, the Lord has placed us on this Earth to proclaim the Good News. He wants us hear. But, living as Christ's disciple will involve great suffering. It will involve great sacrifice. We may be mocked and jeered like Jesus was. We most definitely will (as most of us already have) deal with must pain this side of heaven – through diseases and the like.

It is not easy. But what today's readings teach us is that when we unite our pain and sufferings to Christ, when die to ourselves and live for Him, we glorify the Lord and we help to draw men to Him. We take part in the mission of Christ hear and now.

That is discipleship lived through stewardship. That's what Christian living is all about.

May we endure the pain and sufferings and sacrifice of the cross so that we will know the glory of the resurrection.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First time:

Sean M. Forde & Michelle A. Bush (Both of OLPH)

Michael Ryan & Christiana Atanasio (St. John's the Evangelist, East Moriches)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

*John Bertone Fr. Anthony Trapani
Richard Tamburino Lina Iadevaia
Fr. Dennis Sheridan Bob Bishop
Roberta Caristo*

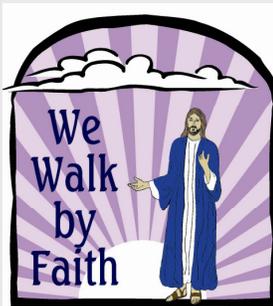
PRAY FOR THE DEAD

*Elaine Tejera
Ann Porzio
Theresa R. Frank*



*Dear God,
We place our worries in Your hands and ask
that You restore Your servant to health again.*

*We ask you,
O God,
to be our quiet strength and
consolation*



As Christian Stewards in Today's World, We "Walk by Faith."

March 25, 2012 — 5th Sunday of Lent

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who embrace every aspect of their lives—sufferings as well as gifts—by surrendering to Christ their very selves through service to the parish and wider community.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Your Parish Finance Council has suggested that this simple bar graph be added to our weekly bulletin to illustrate the gap between the Sunday collection and the amount needed to achieve a balanced parish budget. Since the beginning of our fiscal year, September 1, 2011, we have experienced a weekly shortfall in collections. It is urgent that we begin to reverse this trend.

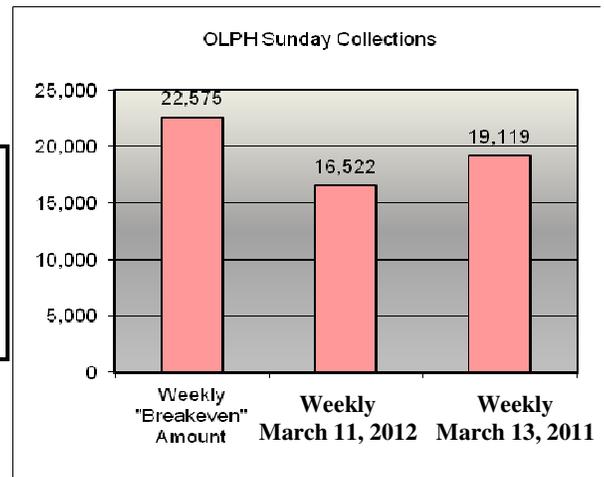
**OUR PARISH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH
DEPENDS ON YOUR GENEROSITY**

All envelopes must have your account number and offering amount indicated in order for your account to be credited for weekly and special donations.

The account number, after the #267, is located under the date. Remember you must be registered (filled out an information card) in the parish in order to receive envelopes. Thank you.

HELP CLOSE THE GAP!

We have 82 parishioners/families enrolled in Faith Direct!



PARISH NEWS

- Be sure to check the **Holy Week Schedule** (on page 7) for Confession and Mass times.
- Please see page 6 of this bulletin for **special Stations of the Cross** to be held next Friday, **March 30**.
- The OLPH Community of Praise Prayer Group meets Tuesday evenings at 7:45pm in the Convent Meeting Room. Please enter through the front Convent door. All are welcome.
- **REPORT ON PETITIONS** – The petitions which you signed have been delivered to our Federal and State representatives. They protested the Federal government’s planned interference with our religion and beliefs AND the NYS bill proposing to greatly expand abortion to an absolute right, allow NON-doctors to perform it, eliminate protection for the female involved (no manslaughter charges allowed if she dies), limit protection for the unborn VIABLE child. Unfortunately, in spite of calling for two weeks for a five minute appointment with Assemblyman Sweeney to discuss our concerns, no response was received. The petitions were left at his office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- This Spring, couples that have been married **fifty years** or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, **April 22** at the Church of *Saint Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville* and Sunday, **May 20** at *Maria Regina in Seaford*. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30pm. *Couples may register for only ONE liturgy*. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by April 5th for the April liturgy and May 3rd for the May liturgy. For more information call 516-678-5800 X 207.
- **Cancer Survivorship Support Group**— for adult cancer survivors no longer in treatment, who have completed treatment within the last 18 months. A 12 week, **free program** run by a professional CancerCare oncology social worker. Begins Thursday, **April 5**, 5:30—7pm at CancerCare, 20 Crossways Park Dr. North, Suite 110, Woodbury. For info and application call 516-364-8130 or email: info@cancercareli.org.
- **Healing Mass at St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset**, across from Christopher Morley Park (621-8300) 6:30 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Healing Mass Schedule: Tuesday, **April 17**, Tuesday, **May 15**, Tuesday, **June 5**.
- **Our Lady of Consolation (111 Beach Dr., W. I.) Bereavement Group**—Pastoral Care & Hospice provide a support group for those mourning the loss of a loved one. *8 sessions* on Mondays, **April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, June 4 & 11** 2:30-4pm. Please call 631-587-1600 X 8297 to reserve a place in this newly formed limited group. Register early!
- ***Put Spring back into your relationship!*** Experience a *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend*. **April 20-22**. Registration is limited. For more information or to apply: 1-866-499-6354. www.wmeli.org
- ***Catholic Daughters of the Americas #869 - Pot Luck Supper*** will be held Saturday, **April 28**, at 6:00pm. Enjoy an evening of home cooked culinary delights. Dinner includes main entree, coffee and dessert. (BYOB). Reservations are only \$10 per person or a special family rate of \$25 (family of 4). Call Ana Marie (516) 932-5537 or Kathy (516) 707-5206. *St. Ignatius Loyola School Cafe*, 30 E Cherry St., Hicksville (LIE Exit 41S, 1 ½ miles south on Rte. 107.)
- **Spring Open House—Sunday, April 29, 1pm at Molloy College, Rockville Centre, will host an Open House for prospective students and their guests. Call 516-678-5000 X 6230 for more information.**
- ***Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy***—provided by NYS licensed therapists available to our parish and 102 other parishes. Services provided by Catholic Counseling Center. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments: call Dr. Giuliani 631-243-2503 or go to our website thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Traditional Stations of the Cross

will be conducted at 7:30 pm

Remaining Fridays: March 30

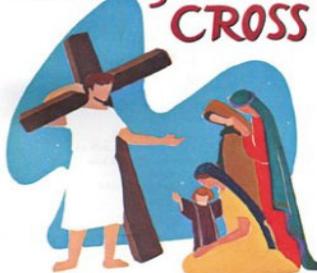
and after the 12 noon service

on Good Friday, April 6.

8th Graders of OLPH School will have a live presentation of the Stations of the Cross on GOOD FRIDAY at 12:00 Noon.

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine 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.

**The Way of The
CROSS**



For Children

Family Life

Invites all children and their parents to participate in the

Stations of the Cross

March 30th

at 4 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Come join us as we walk the footsteps of Jesus to each Station and remember what 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



Stewardship Reflection:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 25, 2012

Jer. 31:31-34; Ps. 51:3-4,

12-13, 14-15; Heb. 5:7-9

Jn. 12:20-33

In today's Gospel, Jesus hones in on the sacrificial element of Christian living. He explains that a grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die in order to bear great fruit – to become the wheat it was meant to be. Then, Christ makes some startling remarks. He says, "whoever loves His life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."

That is not to say that we are to hate life here and now and solely focus on the afterlife. After all, God has placed us here, so He clearly sees fit for us to live an earthly life. He has clearly not called us to heaven quite yet. But what Christ's words communicate to us is a sobering reality still. We are not to be living for ourselves and the things of this world. Rather, we were created to know, love and serve the Lord. We were created to go beyond ourselves and selflessly give in love and service to others. When we do so, we, like the wheat that gives of itself in "death" will bear great fruit.

God has given us innumerable gifts with which we can do so. It is our job to reflect on those many gifts and determine how He is calling each one of us to use them for His greater glory.

CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

MONDAY:

3:00 — 5:00 pm & 7:30 — 8:30 pm

TUESDAY:

After the 7:00 pm Mass

WEDNESDAY:

After the 7:00pm Mass

HOLY THURSDAY:

4:00—5:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY:

11:00—12:00 noon,

4:00—5:00pm

After the 8:00 pm Evening Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY:

11:00—12:00 Noon

3:00—5:00 pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Regular Weekend Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

12:30, 5:00 pm and 6:30 Polish Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5

The Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper,

Beginning the Paschal Triduum,

will be concelebrated at 8:00pm

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

From 9:00 pm until Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6

The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death

Of the Lord: 3:00 pm and again at 8:00 pm

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 Noon.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7

The Pascal Vigil Service, concluding with

Concelebrated Mass will begin at 8:00 pm

RCIA Baptisms at the Vigil Mass.

No other services.

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

EASTER DAY, APRIL 8

Masses at 6:30, 8:00, 9:00 Polish Mass (Auditorium)

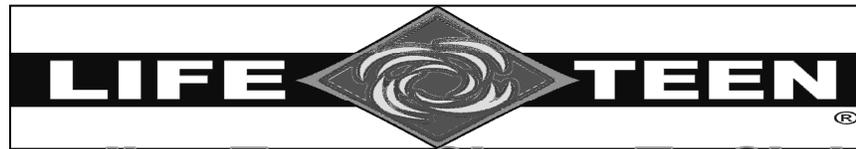
9:30, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm

NO BAPTISMS EASTER SUNDAY

NO EVENING MASS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings during Lent at 7:30 pm



Leading Teens Closer To Christ

LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT:

Life Night TONIGHT!! 3/25- Retreat Recap

Keeping up with our scripture challenge? Check it out on our Core Blog.

All these events and more can be found here: www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com

Come on down to our Life Night this weekend! All teens 8th grade and up welcome!!



The Edge is for all middle school age kids – no matter where you go to school—this is the place for you! We meet in the basement of the Convent. Look for the blue door on the south side of the Convent. We meet from 7:30 til 8:45 pm. It's a great place to come, hang out, play great games and learn about our faith.

Just come on down, no need to sign up!

Next Edge date: March 27

Watch for an all – day Edge event!!! **Friday, April 13**, we will have games and food! Come spend the day with us! More info to follow.

Any questions call **226-6239** and leave a message for Peggy.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY March 20, 2012
 OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
 210 South Wellwood Avenue
 Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757

2012 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Holy Name Society is open to the men of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish. Our goal is to honor the Holy Name of Jesus and promote the public profession of our faith.

JOIN US! GET INVOLVED!

If you are interested in belonging to the Holy Name Society or renewing your current membership, please fill in the membership form printed below. You may mail this application and dues payment to the address listed below or drops it off at our monthly meeting.

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

VILLAGE: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NO. _____ Email _____

REQUEST DIRECT MAIL _____

Check To: O.L.P.H. Holy Name Society

Note: As your receipt, you will receive a paid Holy Name Membership Card.

For additional information, call Jerry Cunningham at 631-226-1581 or

Email: www.jerrybettycunningham@yahoo.com

Mail to: Jerry Cunningham
 2 East Lido Promenade
 Lindenhurst NY, 11757

LENTEN



Fish Fry

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

the Squires will host a fish fry at the Knights of Columbus Hall
 400 S. Broadway.

\$8.00 pp
or \$25.00 family

Includes: Beer, wine or soda

Side Dish: fries or pasta w/ assorted sauces

Main Course: Panko Breaded Tilapia,

Fried Clam Strips

Eggplant Parmigiana

Different "special" dishes each week

Dessert & Coffee

No tickets or reservations needed

?questions? Billy 631-412-5451

PARISH SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 1 – Developing Baby – “My heart is beating!”

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother’s. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all - - the gift of life.



A word from Pope John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion:

“Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ... The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”
 (The Gospel of Life, no. 99)

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING
Diocese of Rockville Centre




Cub Scout Fun and Faith Day
"JOURNEY WITH JESUS"
Saturday, March 31, 2012
Saint Patrick's Church
Program starts in the St. Patrick School Gym
Bay Shore
10:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

Join with other Catholic Cub Scouts in a day of crafts, games, prayer and fun. Learn about the traditions that are a part of our Catholic faith. Let us all "Journey with Jesus".

ALL PACKS, DENS, AND INDIVIDUAL CUBS ARE WELCOME!
Early Registration before or on March 23, 2012: \$ 8.50 each
Registration after March 23 or Walk in: \$ 9.50 each
Please be kind and register on time so we can have enough program materials. Bring your own bagged lunch. Fee includes a craft and a patch.

REGISTRATION: Pack _____ Pack City _____
Name _____ Telephone # _____
Address _____ E-Mail _____
City _____, NY ZIP _____

Early Registration: Number attending at \$ 8.50 each: \$ _____
Late Registration: Number attending at \$ 9.50 each: \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Catholic Committee on Scouting and mail to:
Catholic Scouting Office, P.O. Box 9023 Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023
For information contact Austin Cannon at 516 678-5800, ext. 245 or scouting@drvc.org
For updates and further information, visit our website at www.ccos-drvc.org/SCCBSA1.html



The Knights of Columbus Council 794

Squirettes of Mary

Cordially invite you to attend an
Afternoon Tea Party

Finger Sandwiches
Flavored Teas
Scenes
&
many other delectable delights

Hat Parade with a prize for the best Hat




Most Unique Tea Cup Contest too!



Date: Sunday, April 22, 2012

Time: 1:00 -4:00 pm

Place: K of C Hall
400 South Broadway
Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757

Price: \$15.00 Per Person

Contact: Ann Marie Perulla (631) 225-1165
Theresa Hearney (631) 888-5579

****NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**

*Proceeds will be donated to the O.L.O.F., Restoring God's Glory Campaign &
The Nassau Suffolk Chapter of The Autism Society of America*





THE LEGION OF MARY ACIES

"I am all yours, my queen, my mother,
and all that I have is yours."

3 PM, SUNDAY, APRIL 22

THE MONTFORT SPIRITUAL CENTER

26 SOUTH SAXON AVE., BAY SHORE

All active and auxiliary members and guests are invited.
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.

The Acies will take place during the 3pm Mass—everyone is invited!

For information or directions: 631-666-7500



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS
& GUILD
ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY
CAKE SALE



Saturday, March 31, at the 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 1st, 8 a.m. Mass to conclusion of Lifeteen Mass.

Location: **Priest garages**

Home baked goodies, Cakes, cupcakes, muffins

Please help Support our Parish & Enjoy the Goodies

Happy Easter!



Chairperson: Marion Casey 226-2860

EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST

To Support the OLPH Columbian Squires

The Easter Bunny is
coming!
Bring your
camera!



Sunday, April 1st

11 A.M.

(following 9:30 am Mass)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

400 South Broadway, Lindenhurst

\$5pp or \$15 per family

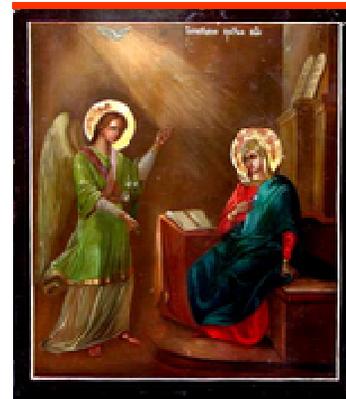
Pancakes, Bagels, Bacon and Sausage

Juice, Milk, Coffee, Tea and Dessert

Easter Egg Hunt ~ Bring Your Baskets

No Tickets will be sold at the door

For Tickets Call (631)-412-5451



The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's *fiat*—her willing acceptance of God's holy plan.

Originally a feast of our Lord, but now celebrated as a Marian feast, the feast of the Annunciation dates back at least to the fifth century, and the date of the feast, which is determined by the date of Christmas, was set at March 25 by the seventh century.

The Message of Divine Mercy



This year Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on April 15, 2012

Our Blessed Lord appeared to St. Faustina and revealed His Divine Mercy for the world. Here are some excerpts of conversations with the Lord from St. Faustina's diary:

“Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I trust in you. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory. The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross”.

The Feast of Divine Mercy

“I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Divine Mercy. On that day, the depths of My Mercy will be open to all”. **“Whoever will go to confession and Holy Communion on that day will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it returns to My Mercy”.**

The Novena to Jesus in the Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday –April 6, 2012.

Divine Mercy Novena Leaflets will be available on the pew ledges during Holy week.

Divine Mercy Devotions will begin with the 12:30 p.m. mass and for those wishing to stay, devotions will continue till 4:00 P.M. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend this special feast of Our Lord's Divine Mercy!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul :

“WE HELP PEOPLE”

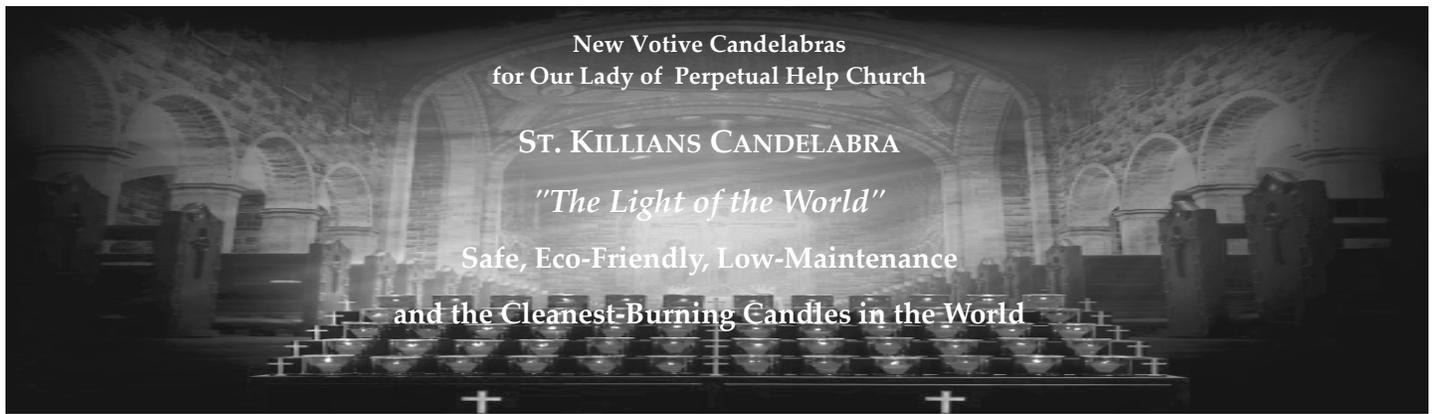
CANNED CARROTS, PEAS, FRUIT, PORK & BEANS, PASTA SAUCE, MACARONI & CHEESE, SMALL PACKAGES OF RICE, STUFFING MIX, GRAVIES, CEREAL, JUICE, SHELF-STABLE MILK, POWDERED MILK, EVAPORATED MILK, CAKE MIXES, JELLO, PUDDING, COFFEE.



PLEASE! WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is located at 272 South Wellwood Ave.

The office is open **ONLY** on *Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 am—12 noon.* Call 631-225-5531.



This Lenten season our parish will begin replacing the old electric votive racks with new wax-candle racks manufactured by St. Killians Candle Company of Tipperary, Republic of Ireland.

The St. Killians Candelabra provide natural candle light in a safe, clean, eco-friendly environment that is easy to use and maintain. This patented candle rack system is an innovative yet traditional alternative to conventional systems used in cathedrals, churches and shrines. There are many advantages of using this product over traditional and electronic votive racks. These new candles are safe and virtually smoke-free. Maintenance is minimal and simple. Devotion is enhanced with the beauty and warmth of natural candle light.

This new system has been introduced successfully at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York as well as several parishes in our own diocese. These new votive candelabra may be memorialized by one or more families at a donation of \$2500 for each votive rack. More information will be available in the rectory office.



CHILDREN, 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.

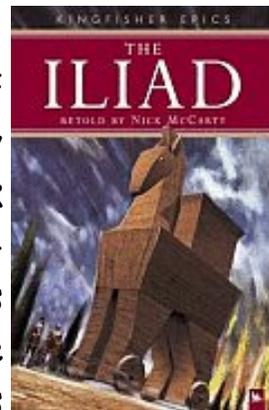
You may pray more, be more helpful to others, or do chores without complaining.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Language Arts - Grade 7 Students began reading a version of the **Iliad**. Although it was written by Homer, this version is retold by Nick McCarty. They learned background information about the wedding of Thetis and Peleus, mother and father of the great Achilles. They learned Eris was not invited to the wedding and so the trouble began...



Religion Grade 7 - Students began their study of the Gospels written by the four Evangelists. They studied the "Infancy Narratives" written by Matthew and Luke. They are beginning to have a deeper understanding of Jesus' birth through the study of the Annunciation, Visitation, and the Nativity stories.



Readings for the Week—Mar. 25 - 31 2012:

Sunday, March 25: 5th Sunday of Lent:

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33

Monday, March 26: *Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38*

Tuesday, March 27: *Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30*

Wednesday, March 28: *Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42*

Thursday, March 29: *Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59*

Friday, March 30: *Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42*

Saturday, March 31: *Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56*

