

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*The Lord said to Samuel,  
“Not as man sees does God see,  
because man sees the appearance  
but the Lord looks into the heart.”*

1 Samuel 16:7

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2017

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

**Deacons:** Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

**Business Manager:** Mr. Frank Pokorney

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

**Pastor Emeritus:** Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

### COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.*

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday- Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



## Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery:

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

Friday

March 31, 2017

6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper

7:30 p.m. - Prayer and Reflection



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

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

#### **SUPPORTING OUR FOOD PANTRY**

*We ask all who are attending the soup supper and/or the prayer service to bring a food item for our parish's food pantry.*



*Are you a  
good soup maker?*

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

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Traditionally, this Fourth Sunday of Lent marks a joyful relief amidst the seriousness and somberness of the many weeks of preparation for Easter. Hence, today is called Laetare Sunday, a name that comes from the Entrance Antiphon for this Mass, from Isaiah 66:10-11: *“Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.”* Rose-colored vestments may be worn today, although the *Glory to God in the highest* is still omitted.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Mass for this Sunday recalls how God has reconciled the human race to Himself through His Word; salvation was accomplished through the Paschal Mystery (death and resurrection) of the Word-made-flesh, Jesus. It is because of God reconciling us to Himself (something we could never have accomplished ourselves) that we can make the petition asked in the second part of the Collect: that *“...the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.”* Thus does the prayer continue to orient us toward Easter, which is drawing ever closer.

The Prayer over the Offerings mentions the joy that characterizes today as it notes that we place our offerings before God “with joy.” We are also reminded of the inherently missionary nature of the Eucharist — how it is not something just for ourselves, but rather how it impels us to look outward to serve the world. We are reminded of this as the prayer expresses that we present the offerings “for the salvation of all the world.”

The Preface (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer) which is used for Mass today closely echoes the Gospel reading from St. John by using the motif of humanity’s being led out of darkness *“into the radiance of the faith.”* It goes on to relate how being *“born in slavery to ancient sin”* (that is, original sin) is to be in darkness, and how we are led out of that darkness *“through the waters of regeneration.”* The theme of the Sacrament of Baptism as enlightenment could not be clearer here, and it is very appropriate to hear this as the Church approaches the Easter Vigil when the elect will be baptized and the faithful will renew their baptismal promises.

Once again our Mass prayers offer us much occasion for further spiritual reflection on the meaning of Lent.

### *Quiet time before Mass begins*

As you have noticed, we have been doing a “call to silence” about five minutes or so before Mass is to

begin, inviting everyone to enter into some quiet reflection time as preparation for Mass. It seems to be successful, and everyone seems to be really getting into the spirit of it. It is certainly appropriate to do this during Lent, but it is also appropriate for each and every Sunday of the year. Chances are we will continue it beyond Lent, and I ask everyone to cultivate the habit of quieting down and settling in as spiritual preparation for Mass.

Then, of course, once Mass begins, we should be silent no longer — we should be enthusiastically joining in all the singing and responses!

### *Let’s pay off the new boilers!*

I offer words of thanks and gratitude to everyone who is contributing to our “Let’s Pay Off the New Boilers” Collection. We will be printing weekly updates in the bulletin to keep you apprised of how we are doing. Wouldn’t it be great if we could make it to the \$119,516 to pay them off completely right away, avoiding having to pay interest, and being free of that obligation so that we could tackle our other financial challenges? Together, I know we can do this, and that’s the key: we’re all in this together — together as the Body of Christ; together as Church; together in making OLPH “the place to be” as a gift to one another.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity!

### *Last chance to become an altar server*

Boys and girls in fourth grade and older: this is your last chance to sign up to become an altar server! See the ad and the response form elsewhere in this bulletin, and return the response to me before this Tuesday, March 28. That’s the deadline because shortly after that the training sessions begin. Moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, encourage the kids to become altar servers — it’s a great way for them to become involved in the Church! I look forward to hearing from YOU!

### *Moving into the fifth week of Lent*

As we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent next week and move into the fifth week of Lent, look for changes in our liturgical environment, as described elsewhere in today’s bulletin. It’s important for us to enter into the richness and depth of the Lenten spirituality on every level, and we hope that the liturgical environment — the way the physical church environment looks and “feels” — will help us to do that.

***Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery on Friday, March 31***

Speaking of opportunities that can deepen our Lenten spirituality, allow me to highlight this Friday night's Music Ministry's presentation of *Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery*. This beautiful and moving presentation of Scripture and song, along with visual images, brings us more deeply into the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection. Those who have attended in the past know how much it enriches our experience of Lent. This presentation takes the place of Stations of the Cross on this coming Friday night, March 31. I ask everyone to make it a priority to support our Music Ministry and fellow parishioners and to come out on Friday night for *Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery*. We are so fortunate to have such a vibrant and gifted Music Ministry,

under the direction of Chris Ferraro, and so we should do all we can to avail ourselves of what they offer and to support them in their ministry.

The program is preceded by our Lenten Soup Supper, and this is a great way for families to highlight the meaning and spirituality of Lent together. Look for more details about both of these events taking place this coming Friday in our bulletin today.

***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,

*Mary Joe*

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

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

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

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

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

· Name \_\_\_\_\_

· Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

· E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

· If more than one member of your family would like to offer, you can make a copy



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### Evening Prayer

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



So come and pray...

### Saturdays and Sundays After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

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

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175



### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

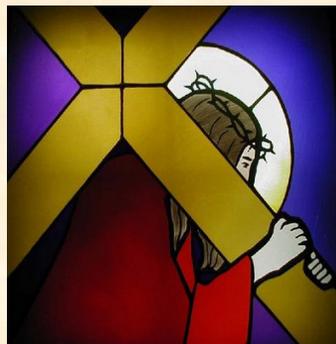
**Monday, March 27—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, April 3—7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, April 10—No Devotions  
due to the special Penance hours**

### ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

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



### Stations of the Cross Friday, April 7

**at 7:30 p.m. in the Church**

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

**Led by: Religious Education Catechists  
& Middle Ages Ministry**

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

*All are invited to come and pray  
with our parish community.*

**First Saturday Devotions**—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **April 1** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, April 1 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish, Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

**First Sunday Devotions**—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, **April 2** at 7:00 p.m.

**First Friday Devotions** will take place **April 7** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.



### SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

#### Mass for People with Special Needs

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

**Saturday,  
April 1**

**4:00 p.m. School Auditorium**

*All are welcome  
come celebrate Mass with us!*

*We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you?  
Contact Jessica Becker at 631.226-7725 X 252 or  
email to [jbecker@oloph.org](mailto:jbecker@oloph.org)*

## PALM SUNDAY VIGIL PROCESSION

### Special Procession to Commemorate the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem **SATURDAY, APRIL 8 – 5:00 P.M. MASS**

On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. This is always such a great celebration for the parish!

**At the 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, April 8, we will celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion with a special Solemn Procession.**

#### For Saturday, April 8, please note:

- ◆ Confession time on Saturday, April 8 is earlier – 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
- ◆ We are closing the Church to all but the handicapped; people will be directed to the auditorium
- ◆ 5:00 p.m. Mass begins in the auditorium, continues with the Procession, and continues in the church
- ◆ In case of inclement weather, we will begin in the church.

Even if you do not usually attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, consider attending as together we begin the celebration of Holy Week.



**SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY & EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES:**

*PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES FOR THESE DAYS*



**Palm Sunday**

**Saturday, April 8:**

5:00 p.m. Vigil  
with Procession

**Sunday, April 9:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
12:00 Noon & 5:00 p.m.



**Easter Sunday**

**Saturday, April 15:**

8:00 p.m. only

**The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

*(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)*

**Sunday, April 16:**

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

*(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)*

**Confessions**

**Monday—Friday:**

following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

Saturday:

April 1

4:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m.



**CHANGE IN TIME FOR SATURDAY CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

**(SATURDAY BEFORE PALM SUNDAY)**

Confessions on **Saturday, April 8** will be held from **3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.** This time change is necessary due to the special Palm Sunday Vigil Mass Procession which we will be celebrating on Saturday night, April 8.

**HOLY WEEK**

**Monday of Holy Week, April 10: 3:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.**

**Holy Saturday, April 15: 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

**LENTEN ENVIRONMENT:  
COVERING STATUES  
AND IMAGES**

Starting next weekend, we will observe the custom of covering (or removing, where possible) crosses and images throughout the church, a practice permitted starting with the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Crosses will remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. Since the environment perceived by our senses is an important part of our worship, we hope this custom facilitates your entrance into and spiritual participation in these last days of Lent, as we approach the Sacred Paschal Triduum and the fifty days of Easter Time.



**EASTER  
SPIRITUAL BOUQUET  
CARDS**

Easter Spiritual Bouquet cards are now available throughout the church.

These cards are a meaningful way for you to have your intentions prayed for in the Masses of Easter Sunday.

Take an envelope, fill out your prayer intention, and return the envelope with your donation. Envelopes may be returned either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. All the Masses offered on Easter Sunday will be for the intentions of the Easter Spiritual Bouquet.



**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 [msgrioje@oloph.org](mailto:msgrioje@oloph.org).*

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

**Sorry...no responses can be accepted after March 28!**  
*We hope to hear from YOU!!!*



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Yes, I am interested in becoming an Altar Server!

**RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 28.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

Check one:

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

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

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

**WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**



Are you interested in ....

- Protecting all people (the elderly, infirm, unborn, physically or mentally challenged)?
- Protecting our rights?
- Preserving the environment? (recycling, protecting air quality, etc.) Preventing the extinction of animals?

Come check us out. We need you! We're the **OLPH/Respect Life Committee** committed to protecting all of God's gifts to us. We usually meet the first Thursday of the month in the new school in Room 18. There's no obligation to join. Please come and meet us and see what we can offer to make our world a better place. Please make God smile and join us in protecting His gifts! Call Louise at 631-412-3831 for more information.

# THANK YOU CAROLYN AND BOB DOBRES

## **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 794 114th Anniversary Banquet Honoring**



### **Bob and Carolyn Dobres**

Join us, as we gather to honor and thank Bob and Carolyn for all they have done for our Council, our Parish and our Community

Included is salad, buffet dinner, dessert, coffee, open bar and music

**Cost:** \$35.00 per Ticket

**Date:** Saturday, May 20, 2017      **Time** 7:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

**Location:** American Legion Hall, 80 Herbert Ave. Lindenhurst NY 11757

**For Tickets call:** Jim Barthelmes 516-639-3399,  
Ann Marie Perullo 631-835-9982 or Mike Hearney 631-888-5579

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

## OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 TUESDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 WEDNESDAY: 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Level 5 Parent/Child Lenten Workshop



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### St. Conon of Naso



A famous tale from the life of Conon tells that he made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and while there he received a vision. In this vision, Conon witnessed a priest he knew being suffocated by a snake. Having returned from the Holy Land, he went directly to this priest and told him what he had seen. The

priest at once confessed to Conon that he was taking church funds and keeping them for himself. Conon then persuaded his fellow priest to change his ways. Another tale tells of how Conon healed a Sicilian boy of his apoplexy. In 1571, Naso was in the midst of a dire famine. The people of the city prayed for the intercession of Conon, their patron. Conon then appeared to a ship captain, who brought grain to Naso, and thus the people of Naso survived the famine. *St. Conon, pray for us!*

### Registration Is Now OPEN



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

We continue to encourage all families with students who have not yet begun religious education, who will be beginning 1st grade (or older), to register for religious education. We welcome anyone interested in registering or learning more about our program to make a “New Family” appointment or call us for any information.

Please remember that all new registered students—including those with siblings already in the program—**must have a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate.** **New families MUST make an appointment to register by calling or emailing us.**

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

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cffr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

## NEW Food Pantry List!

- PASTA SAUCE**
- TUNA FISH**
- CANNED CHICKEN**
- COFFEE**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- CAKE MIX**
- DISH SOAP**
- SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER**
- TOILET PAPER**

*Please bring your donations to the St. VdP office:  
Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon  
or 1st & 3rd Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. or drop off on  
the sanctuary steps in the church.*

**Thank you for your continued generosity.  
Cut out this list and take it to the store!**

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Located in Room 24 of the School**

Use Parking Lot located  
on corner of Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

**1st & 3rd Saturdays: 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**

In today’s Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, providing food, and other assistance they may need. Thank You for your continued generosity!**

## † **A LIVING MEMORIAL**

**THANK YOU!!!** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLPH Conference wishes to thank those who have supported our Living Memorial Card program. To date, your donations have amounted to over \$4,000 which is used to offer person-to-person service to the needy and suffering within our parish.

Memorial donation envelopes are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. A beautiful memorial card acknowledging your donation is sent to the bereaved.

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

**Hear  
the Cry of  
the Poor**



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### HOMELESS MINISTRY

#### FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to [rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com). You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

#### DONATIONS

*We are in need of the following items:*

**heavy sweat pants (large to 3XL)**  
**hats (skull cap type)**  
**heavy gloves**

*If it is easier, we can always use Kmart gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.*

*Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.*

### MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?  
 Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

**Our next gathering is**

**Tuesday, April 4**

Easter Project

7:00 p.m. in Room 24

Friday, April 7th: Host Stations of the Cross,  
 7:30 p.m. in the Church

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449  
 or email her at [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net)

### Senior Moments

*Give yourself a Challenge*

*The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.*

**Our next meeting will be on**

**Tuesday, April 11**

9:00 a.m. in Room 24

## BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE

### END OF SEASON CLEARANCE



**\$5 BAG OF CLOTHING, BOGO PURSES,  
 1/2 PRICE SHOES & BOOTS!**

**Special Sunday Sale**

**April 2, 2017 ONLY**

**9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

**THE  
 blue door  
 BOUTIQUE**

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

M, W, F:

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

SAT: 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

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



### COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's **Community Meal Ministry** has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

*Our next Community Meal is  
 Sunday, April 2*

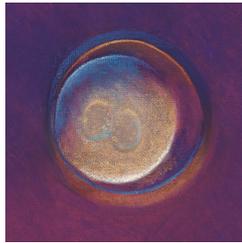
*Come and pray with us at the  
 12:00 p.m. Mass  
 then join us for "Sunday Dinner"  
 at 1:00 p.m.*

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

### DAY 1 – Developing Baby -- “I’m here!”

At the moment the father’s sperm and mother’s egg unite a new and unrepeatable human being comes into existence, complete with his own unique set of DNA. Although he is only one cell, everything about this little person is already present: color of eyes, blood type, the height he will grow to be, color of hair – everything! He will play a role in his family and his community – a role only he can play! Nothing is added after conception to make him a complete human being. He already exists; all he needs is nourishment, a safe, warm environment, and most of all – love. His parents don’t even know he exists yet. Pray for them to safely bring their baby to birth so he can fulfill the mission God has for him.



## JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

### The Junior Legion of Mary

**PARENTS:**

**Do you have children between the ages of 8 & 18 years of age**



The Junior Legion of Mary is the perfect blend of prayer, doing acts of mercy and socializing to lead your children to become moral Christian adults. You are welcome to attend a meeting to see what we are all about. The Junior Legion meets Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Room 24 of the School.

NAME OF PARISH

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
I love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life  
of the unborn child that I  
have spiritually adopted who is  
in danger of abortion.



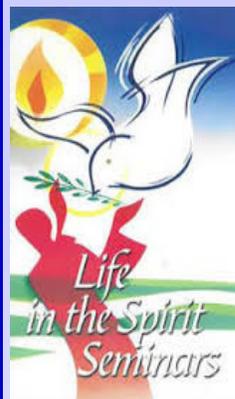
-- Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

Baby’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(choose a name)

Due Date: **Christmas Day, December 25, 2017**  
(9 months from today)

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## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR



*Deacon Frank Odin  
& The Community  
of Praise  
are hosting a*

*“Life in the Spirit  
Seminar”*

*OLPH School  
240 SOUTH WELLWOOD AVE.  
LINDENHURST NY 11757*

**Tuesdays  
April 4 – May 16, 2017  
Room 16  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

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

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

NAME OF PARISH

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(your name)

promise to spiritually adopt an unborn baby,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of baby)

in danger of abortion by praying daily for  
the life of this child.

(return this portion)

# ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

*OLPH Christian Mothers & Guild*

## Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. Mass

In the priests' garage

*Delicious Home Baked Goodies*

Cakes, Cookies, Muffins, Brownies

Chocolate Lollipops

*Help Support Our Parish  
& enjoy the Goodies!*



# PROFESSIONAL MENTORSHIP MINISTRY

## WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE?

### DO YOU LOVE YOUR JOB?

ARE YOU FULFILLING  
YOUR CAREER DREAMS?

Would you like to help others go  
after their hopes and dreams?

If you enjoy helping people and mentoring others, it will be rewarding to share your professional knowledge and success. Come and join our Professional Mentorship Ministry and together let's help others find their purpose in life.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge call OLPH Church at (631) 226-7725 or email [PMM@oloph.org](mailto:PMM@oloph.org)



LET'S HELP EACH OTHER  
FIND OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE



## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

### EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 PM en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes. Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico [saitjoseph98@gmail.com](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

### Lecturas del domingo 2 de Abril del 2017

**Primera Lectura** (Ez 37, 2-14): Dios es la Vida de su Pueblo

A su pueblo desalentado, exiliado en un país extranjero, Dios le anuncia por medio del profeta: "Quiero que ustedes vivan. Les llevaré de vuelta a la tierra de la promesa y les daré mi espíritu de vida y fortaleza.

**Segunda Lectura** (Rom 8, 8-11): El Espíritu Santo Nos Da la Vida de Dios

Los cristianos no se escapan de la realidad de su naturaleza humana, del mal y del sufrimiento. Sin embargo, no capitulan ni se rinden a la muerte del pecado. Por medio del Espíritu Santo que vive en ellos, son llamados a participar de la vida eterna de Dios.

**Evangelio** (Jn 11, 1-45): "¡Lázaro, Sal Afuera!"

Jesús es la resurrección y la vida. Como resucitó a Lázaro de entre los muertos, así nos hace participar ahora en su vida resucitada y nos resucitará en el día del juicio. Es nuestra tarea también llevar a los hermanos a la plenitud de vida.

## PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Prison Families Anonymous, a project of FEGS Health and Human Services System, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system.

At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

**Email:** [pfa.longisland@gmail.com](mailto:pfa.longisland@gmail.com) **Website:** [www.pfa-li.com](http://www.pfa-li.com)

For additional info contact:

516-496-7550 FEGS

631-943-0441—Barbara

631-806-3903—Sue



... on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of every month starting at 7:30 P.M. at the

**Community Presbyterian Church**

1843 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729

Northeast corner of Deer Park Avenue and Lake Ave

Parking lot entrance on Lake Ave -  
Use rear door closest to parking lot

... on the **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** of every month starting at 7:30 PM at St. Anthony Hall across

from **St. Brigid's Church**

75 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

**For more information,  
Please contact: PFA at 631-943-0441**

**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 Announcement:**

*James Hodder & Kayla Walz  
Sean Tumulty & Dawn Marino*

**WE BELIEVE**

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Michael Basile</i>	<i>Rosalie DiPretoro</i>
<i>Theresa Ferrara</i>	<i>Anthony Minichello</i>
<i>Thomas Marino</i>	<i>Ethan M. Knezevich</i>
<i>Erin Stanton</i>	<i>Dorothy Brennan</i>
<i>Larry Bell</i>	<i>Arthur &amp;</i>
<i>Glenn Cording</i>	<i>Annmarie Nuss</i>
<i>Barbara Kuebel</i>	<i>Lisa Ruggiero</i>
<i>Catherine Tamburino</i>	
<i>Lawrence Pancamo</i>	
<i>James (Jimmy) Fava</i>	

**WE REMEMBER**

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

***Grace Maggiotta***

*“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.”*

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.



**VIRTUS TRAINING**

**Tuesday, March 28  
7:00 p.m.  
in ROOM 1**

**TRAINING IS REQUIRED  
FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS  
IN ALL MINISTRIES.**

*Registration MUST be done online in advance at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) under Protecting God’s Children or go to **Virtus online** on the lower right-hand side of the page and look for in the schedule for OLPH Lindenhurst.*



**TO OUR  
NEW OLPH  
PARISHIONERS**

***March***

*Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Bovenzi & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Darin Akinson & Family  
Ms. Janine Mastrangelo & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carlson  
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Rigney  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Bodt & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Rosario Schementi (Welcome Back)  
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Longo & Family  
Ms. Tina Castelli & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan L. Wong & Family*

# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, March 27—

### Lenten Weekday

6:30	Alexander Leschik
12:15	Elizabeth & Max Gehrlein & Family

## TUESDAY, March 28—

### Lenten Weekday

6:30	Geraldine Ul Bhaoighill
12:15	Ivan Pinto

## WEDNESDAY, March 29—

### Lenten Weekday

6:30	Lorell Dorto
12:15	Anthony Panepinto

## THURSDAY, March 30—

### Lenten Weekday

6:30	Carmine Thomas Paolino
12:15	Eleanor Ambrosio

## FRIDAY, March 31—

### Lenten Weekday

6:30	Francis J. Venezia
12:15	John Sureau, Sr.

## SATURDAY, April 1—

### Lenten Weekday

8:00	Perrotta & Brancato Family
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### Vigil for FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00	Special Needs Mass (Auditorium)
5:00	Mary Juliano

### Sunday, April 2 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00	George Walters
10:00	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
12:00	Bryan Bausch
5:00	For the People of the Parish

# PARISH CALENDAR

## Monday, March 27, 2017

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy
7:00 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School

## Tuesday, March 28, 2017

6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

## Wednesday, March 29, 2017

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary Business Meeting	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes Parent Meeting	School Church
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 10
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School

## Thursday, March 30, 2017

1– 5 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

## Friday, March 31, 2017

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper	Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	Passion, Praise & Paschal Mystery	Church

## Saturday, April 1, 2017

8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.	Levels 1-5 Classes Level 1 Parent Meeting/Open House	School Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
4:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Raffle Sale	Outside
5:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Meeting	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Nocturnal Adoration	Church

## Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Knights of Columbus Raffle Sale	Outside
10:00 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:00 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	RCIA	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Meeting	Cafeteria

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrojoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation	257	akleinlaut@oloph.org
Frank Pokorney, Business Manager	204	fpokorney@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Alice White at 631-201-9184 or e-mail at Alicem9@icloud.com to begin the process.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net at the Parish Office.

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
Bill Bendernagel  
Gerry Chille (Chair)  
Ed Cirella  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Bob Meade  
Frank Pokorney  
John Reynolds  
Sandra Tandoi

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

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Deacon Robert Becker  
Lynn Bergin  
Mark Costantino  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Chris Ferraro  
MaryAnn Haas  
Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
Barbara McPhail  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Rosaleen Walters  
Mike Williams

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

## OFFERING UPDATE March 18/19, 2017

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	398	161	\$3,691.00
8:00 a.m.	250	104	2,794.00
10:00 a.m.	506	153	3,237.00
12:00 pm.	517	150	3,424.00
5:00 p.m.	244	58	1,712.50
<b>Total coin:</b>			18.90
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			360.00
<b>Children's Env.</b>		28	88.40
<b>Faith Direct</b>			2,024.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>\$17,350.30</b>
<b>Candles</b>			\$879.95
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$280.69

### “LET’S PAY OFF THE NEW BOILERS” COLLECTION

Total needed to pay off the Loan Completely:  
**\$119,516.00**

Total collected as of March 20:  
**\$21,415.16**



Use Your IRA for  
Your Gift Now  
and/or for  
Your Estate Gift!

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

1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
2. Your IRA is a traditional or Roth
3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

**You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).**

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

**VERY IMPORTANT!!** Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

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

### DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. All material must be submitted no later than the dates listed below and as a word document to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.

*Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

**April 2**—(has passed due to earlier printer deadlines)

**April 9**—April 1 (due to earlier printer deadlines)

**April 16**—April 7

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

## SUPER 72 RAFFLE

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH WINNERS

**\$1000** - *Dan Mari*

**\$250** - *Lynda Collins*

**\$100** - *Catherine Tamburino*

**\$100** - *Marguerite Lent*

**\$100** - *Rago Family*

**\$100** - *Judy Kenny*

## PREPARING FOR

**Sunday, April 2, 2017—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

John 11:25-26

### **Ezekiel 37:12-14**

Ezekiel was a priest of the Temple in Jerusalem who was taken into captivity in Babylon along with many of the Jewish people around 597 B.C. by King Nebuchadnezzar. Within a few years, God called him to prophecy to his fellow Jews in exile. God uses Ezekiel to tell them that the reason for such a calamity was their repeated refusal to hear and obey his Law. But today we hear another part of the message and it's a message of hope and a cause for joy: God will release them from captivity and bring them back home. He tells them that God will raise them from their graves and bring them back to life. It's an important message for us to hear today that even if we turn away from God he will never abandon us.

### **Romans 8:8-11**

Paul also speaks about the dead being raised to new life. He says that those who live in the flesh, that is, according to the ways of this world, are dead in their sin but that God will give them his Spirit to raise them from the dead if they accept Christ. Just as God raised Jesus from the dead literally God will bring us back from being spiritually dead, that is, living in darkness, by giving us his Holy Spirit. That's Good News, indeed!

### **John 11:1-45**

The Gospel reading continues today's theme of being raised from the dead with a story of someone actually dying and then being brought back to life. Lazarus, a good friend of Jesus and brother to Martha and Mary, dies after an illness. Although Jesus knows he is dying and is asked to come to help, he waits until his friend has died before he visits. Why would Jesus let him die? Surely he could have cured his friend as he had so many other sick people. Jesus himself tells us the reason. It is for the glory of God so that others may come to believe in him when they see the miracle of Lazarus being brought back to life. This sign is not just meant for the people who were there at the time but for all of us through the ages who hear it. Its meaning is clear: Jesus has power even over death. This is the last miracle Jesus performed before he himself was executed and rose again from the dead. He is Lord over everything, including what we're most afraid of, death itself. We will rise with him, too, if we just believe in him. Jesus asks Martha and us today, "Do you believe this?"

### **Gospel Reflection Questions....**

*After reading next Sunday's Gospel take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

1. How do all the elements in the story of the raising of Lazarus point to Jesus' words, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live"? Compare Jesus' statement, "Untie him and let him go," with Moses' statement to the Pharaoh, "Let my people go."

2. How does Pope Francis describe the beginning of our resurrection in this Angeles talk about the raising of Lazarus?

Jesus calls to us as he called to Lazarus in his tomb: "Come forth!" This call is addressed to every human person because we are all marked by death. Christ is not resigned to the sepulchers that we have constructed with our choices of evil and death, with our mistakes, our sins. [Jesus] invites us, almost orders us, to come out of the tombs into which our sins have plunged us. This is where our resurrection begins: when we decide to obey the command of Jesus to come into the light, to life; when the masks fall from our faces, ... and we rediscover the courage of our original faces, created in the image and likeness of God.

... The raising of Lazarus shows us that there is no limit to the divine mercy, which is offered to everyone.

... The Lord is always ready to roll away the tombstone of our sins, which separate us from him, the light of the living.

*Pope Francis: There is no limit to the divine mercy.  
June 4, 2014*

## Readings for the Week

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

### **Monday, March 27, 2017:**

Isaiah 65:17-21 + John 4:43-54

### **Tuesday, March 28, 2017:**

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 + John 5:1-16

### **Wednesday, March 29, 2017:**

Isaiah 49:8-15 + John 5:17-30

### **Thursday, March 30, 2017:**

Exodus 32:7-14 + John 5:31-47

### **Friday, March 31, 2017:**

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22  
+ John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### **Saturday, April 1, 2017:**

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
+ John 7:40-53

### **Sunday, April 2, 2017:**

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
+ Romans 8:8-11 + John 11:1-45

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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

**Molloy College—Spring Open House:** Sunday, **April 30**, at 1:00 p.m. Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY. Call 516-323-4000.

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## The Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Celebration

### Sunday, April 30, 2017

Church of St. James, Seaford  
Mass will begin at 2:30 pm.

Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by **April 21** for the April 30 liturgy.

For more information call: 516-678-5800 X 207.



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Linda Carter

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



Ellen W. Rieger

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



Doris Tecuanhuey-Alvarez

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

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Boys 4-5 Grade and Girls 3-4 Grade 3:00 p.m.



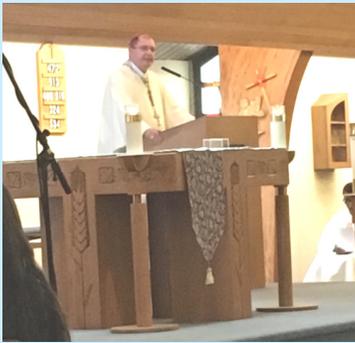
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