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516-732-8520*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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MARCH 4- 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT**

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| 6:30 | Living & Deceased Members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society |
| 8:00 | Respect Life |
| 9:30 | Rafael F. Rajo |
| 11:00 | Book of the Faithful Departed |
| 12:30 | Mass for the People of the Parish |
| 5:00 | Tree of Life |
| 6:30 | Polish Mass |

MONDAY: March 5— Lenten Weekday

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| 8:00 | Mary Gigante |
| 12:00 | Fiore Casale |
| 7:00 | Ann Herrington |
| 7:30 | Devotions (Novena) |

TUESDAY: March 6— Lenten Weekday

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| 8:00 | William Joseph Lynch |
| 12:00 | John Romanelli |
| 7:00 | Edward J. Abbott |

WEDNESDAY: March 7— Lenten Weekday

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| 8:00 | Gregory M. Pendergast |
| 12:00 | Gloria Jordon |
| 7:00 | Muriel Goucher |

THURSDAY: March 8—Lenten Weekday

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| 8:00 | Jean Fatt |
| 12:00 | Marie Obst |
| 7:00 | Bogdan Szopa |

FRIDAY: March 9— (day of Abstinence)

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| 8:00 | Fiore Casale |
| 12:00 | Gloria Lutz |
| 7:00 | Mary Aquilina |
| 7:30 | Stations of the Cross (Traditional) |

SATURDAY: March 10— Lenten Weekday

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| 8:00 | Mary Fazio |
| 9:00 | Ray Evans |

VIGIL MASS -

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| 5:00 | Grace Russo |
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From the Pastor's Desk:

Stations of the Cross date back to the fourth century by Tim Puet

"The Stations of the Cross in the form most American Catholics know best are of comparatively recent vintage in Church terms, dating back to the year the U.S. Constitution was ratified. However, their history goes back well before that, to the days when pilgrims were first openly able to go to Jerusalem and walk in the footsteps of Jesus on Good Friday.

The emperor Constantine permitted Christians to legally worship in the Roman Empire in 313 after 250 years of persecution. In 335, he erected the Church of the Holy Sepulcher at the site where Jesus' tomb was believed to have been. Processions of pilgrims to the church, especially during Holy Week, began soon after its completion.

A woman named Egeria, a pilgrim from France, described one such pilgrimage which took place in the fourth century. The bishop of Jerusalem and about 200 pilgrims began "at the first cockcrow" at the site of Jesus' agony on Holy Thursday night. They said a prayer, sung a hymn, and heard a Gospel passage, then went to the garden of Gethsemane and repeated the procedure.

"They continued to Jerusalem itself, "reaching the (city) gate about the time when one man begins to recognize another, and thence right on through the midst of the city. All, to a man, both great and small, rich and poor, all are ready there, for on that special day not a soul withdraws from the vigils until morning," Egeria wrote. Pilgrimages eventually took a fixed route from the ruins of the Fortress Antonia, where Pilate had his judgment hall, to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. That route through Jerusalem's Old City gained acceptance as the way Jesus went to his death and remains unchanged today. It is known as the **Via Dolorosa, Latin for the "Sorrowful Way."**

"Stops developed on the way to note specific events on the road to Calvary. In many cases, the pilgrims could only guess where some incidents took place because Jerusalem had been almost completely destroyed by Roman armies in 70 A.D.

"The pilgrims brought back oil from the lamps that burned around Jesus' tomb and relics from the holy places, and sometimes tried to recreate in Europe what they had seen in the Holy Land. The Moslem conquest of Palestine in the seventh century made such shrines more significant, since it made travel to the Holy Land dangerous.

"Devotions to the Way of the Cross began in earnest after 1342, when the Franciscan friars were given custody of the holy sites in the Holy Land. The Franciscans have been closely identified with the devotion ever since; for years, Church regulations required a set of the stations to be blessed by a Franciscan when possible.

"The term "stations" in describing the Way of the Cross was first used in the narrative of an English pilgrim, William Wey, who visited the Holy Land twice in the 15th century. Depictions of the events described in the Stations did not start becoming common in churches until Pope Innocent XI permitted the Franciscans in 1686 to erect such displays in all their churches. He also declared that all indulgences given for visiting the sacred sites in the Holy Land would apply to any Franciscan or Franciscan lay affiliate visiting a set of stations in a church.

Pope Benedict XIII extended that privilege to all the faithful in 1726. Five years later, Pope Clement XII allowed all churches to have stations and fixed the number at 14, where it has been ever since. In recent years, some churches have included the Resurrection as a 15th station. Benedict XIV specifically urged every church in 1742 to enrich its sanctuary with stations. Two Franciscans of the era did much to spread the popes' wishes. St. Leonard of Port-Maurice erected stations at more than 500 churches in Italy, and St. Alphonsus Ligouri in 1787 wrote the version of the Stations that most Americans recognize because it was used in most churches in the United States throughout the 19th and 20th centuries.

"It has become standard for Catholic churches in this country to recite the prayers related to the Stations on the Fridays of Lent. The traditional 14 stations are as follows: Jesus is condemned to death; Jesus takes up his cross; Jesus falls the first time; Jesus meets his mother; Simon of Cyrene carries the cross; Veronica wipes the face of Jesus; Jesus falls the second time; Jesus meets the daughters of Jerusalem; Jesus falls the third time; Jesus is stripped of his garments; Jesus is nailed to the cross; Jesus is crucified; Jesus is taken down from the cross; Jesus' body is laid in the tomb." (Printed with permission from [The Catholic Times](#).)

At OLPH the Traditional Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent at 7:30 PM following the 7:00PM Mass. Children's Stations will be held on both Friday, March 9th and 30th at 4:00 PM and the 8th Graders of OLPH School will have a live presentation of the Stations of the Cross on GOOD FRIDAY at 12:00 Noon.

May God +bless you and yours, today and forever.

Fr. Trapani

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE****Second Time:**

*Sean O'Rourke (St. Lawrence, Sayville) &
Tara Dawson (OLPH)*

Third Time:

*Thomas McDonald (OLPH) &
Tiffany O'Connor (Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon, NY)*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

*John Bertone Elaine Tejera
Barbara McPhail Richard Little
Lina Iabeviai Eileen Kulhmeier
Vito Rago, Sr. Chad Sosnovich
Thomas Erlor Anthony Borriello
Sylvia Scarola Eileen Cratty*

Dear God,

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

**Baptisms**

*Isabella Dolores Curto
Joseph Robert McCoy*

*We Welcome you, with love,
to our parish family!
We have had 16 Baptisms so far
In 2012.*

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD**

*Vincent D. Bodt
Mario J. Canobbio
Alex Surico Jacques
Paul Vitale
Antoinette Vita*

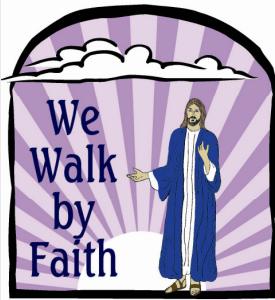
*We ask you,
O God,
to be our quiet
strength and
consolation*

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

March 4, 2012 —Second Sunday of Lent

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who, through fasting, become more conscious of their faith and its interaction in daily life!

**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.

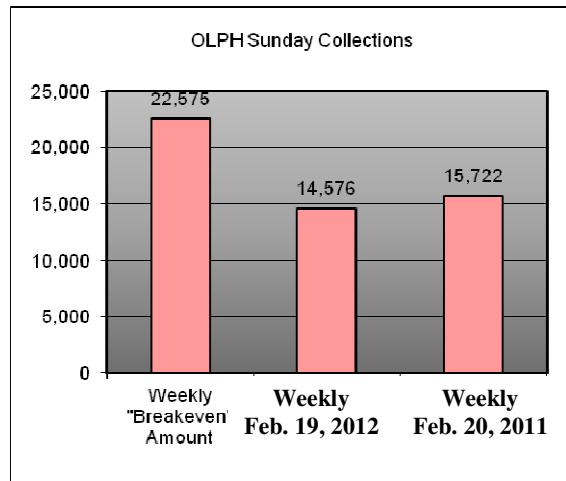
**OUR PARISH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH
DEPENDS ON YOUR GENEROSITY**

HELP CLOSE THE GAP!

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.*

We now have 82 parishioners/families enrolled in Faith Direct!



PARISH NEWS

- Holy Name Society invite all parishioners and members to join them next Sunday, March 11 for the 8am Mass.
- On Sunday, March 11th, Hospitality Committee invites all parishioners to join us for a free continental breakfast following the 9:30 a.m. Family Liturgy in the Parish/School cafeteria. A Saint Patrick Day craft will be provided for the children.
- The OLPH Community of Praise Prayer Group meets each Tuesday evening at 7:45pm in the Convent Meeting Room. Please enter through the front Convent door.
- Remember to turn your clocks AHEAD one hour NEXT weekend, March 11, Daylight Savings Time begins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE** Learn the art of pro-life persuasion. Saturday, March 10, 2012 1-4 PM St. Ignatius Loyola School - new school 30 E Cherry St., Hicksville. (LIE Exit 41S, 1½ miles south on Rte. 107) Free-will offering. Light refreshments. The scientific and philosophical cases against abortion are covered and how to answer common rationalizations of abortion advocates. The video (1hr 45min, produced by Stand To Reason) will be followed by discussion. Hosted by St. Ignatius RC Church Respect Life Committee Sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life (631-243-1435; www.ProlifeLI.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, **March 6**, Tuesday, **April 17**, Tuesday, **May 15**, Tuesday, **June 5**.
- **Bereavement Support Group: St. Mary's Parish**, East Islip, 8 week support group for adults struggling with the deaths of loved ones which occurred prior to Dec. 7, 2011. Registration is required. Wed, **March 7**, 7-9pm. Refreshments will be served. For info and registration call 631-581-4266 X 100.
- **Church of St. Mary's**, East Islip, is hosting "***Compassion Fatigue***" Sat. **March 10**, 9:15—11am presented by Barbara Redmond, R.N., BSN, RTS, for caregivers, parents, professionals and anyone who interacts with others. Come be enlightened and renewed. RSVP to St. Mary's Rectory 631-581-4266 X 100. NO FEE! Refreshments.
- **Dominican Village St. Patrick's Day Celebration**—**March 16**, 6:30-11pm Helen Butler O.P. Hall, 565 Albany Ave. Amityville. Open Bar, Irish Cuisine, Irish Story teller, Step Dancers! \$2500 Raffle Prize. \$60pp 631-842-6618.
- **7th Annual Divine Mercy Conference**— will take place **March 24** 9am-5pm at Cardinal Spellman H.S. Bronx, NY. Guest speakers include: Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, Abby Johnson & Scott Hahn. **Registration a must:** \$55 per person; \$9 pre-selected lunch (or bring your own) online registration: www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx; 1-800-462-7426 or by mail. Informational/registration brochures available on the pew ledges.
- **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!
- **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.

Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners and others in the area by not parking in the CVS Drugs or Chase Bank parking lots during their business hours. Also, those dropping off & picking students up for Saturday and weekday Religion classes, please DO NOT prevent the homeowner use of his/her driveway, and **never** block the priests' garage. Thank you.

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Traditional Stations of the Cross

will be conducted at 7:30 pm

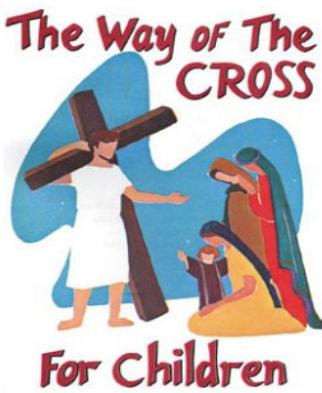
Fridays: March 9, 16, 23, 30

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.



Family Life

Invites all children and their parents to
participate in the
Stations of the Cross
March 9th & 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

Over 180 people attended the **Feb. 21st O L P H annual Mardi Gras Celebration.**

The evening began with an opening prayer by our honored guest, **Fr. Jim Stachacz**.



DJ, Joey Ciccotto did a fantastic job entertaining the children and their parents with games & dancing. **Michael LoCasta** surprised us and made balloon shaped animals, swords and hats for the children. There was a variety of food & desserts which were shared by everyone.



There were two special Mardi Gras cakes for the girls & boys. The children who received the piece of cake with the baby were the Queen & King for the evening. Congratulations to **Amy Moskowitz (Queen) and Shane Warta (King)**. Our Grand Marshal, **Fr. Moise** paraded the children around the auditorium as the DJ played “When the Saints Come Marching In.” At the end of the song with the assistance of the Queen and King, Father threw candy to all the chil-



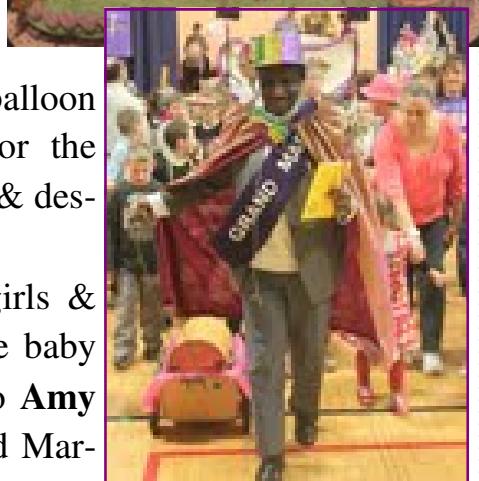
dren. At the conclusion of the night, Fr. Moise led us in a closing prayer service. As the DJ played “**Change My Heart Oh Lord**,” everyone was encouraged to come forward and place a heart upon the cross offering up to the Lord whatever it is they want to change this Lent.

Thank you to all our helpers: **Amy, Laura, Christina, Danielle, Annmarie, Diana & Ron, Maggie, Anthony, Alex, Michael & Bill, Squiresettes Alissa & Kellie, Squires/Boy Scouts Christian & Robert**, and especially to the **Family Life Committee** for their time and



dedication in organizing this event, **Jane, Chris, Laurie, Jenine, Emily, Lorraine, Rocio, Deirdre, Robin, Roseanne, Adrienne, Tricia & to our Pastor Fr. Trapani** for his support of this event and ministry.

A good time was had by all!





Christian Mothers & Guild Yankee Candle Fund-Raiser

Jar Candles, votives, tea lights, votive holders, & jar shades. Room sprays, reed diffusers & car air fresheners.

Prices range from **\$5.00 - \$30.00**

We even have fruit & floral kits, flower mats & blooming bulbs.

Great gift ideas for Mother's Day.

Prices range from **\$8.00 - \$15.00**

Please help support this Parish fund raiser.

Sale ends March 23rd.

For further information or to see a catalogue contact:

Barbara Nee @ 957-0314

Debbie McDonough @ 957-0765.

(Brochure may be view at
www.YankeeFundraising.com)



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.

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

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Passion of
Christ
in drama,
song &
dance



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FEATURING: Nikki Casseri-Healy, Linda Garrity, Lars V. Haglund, Marian Lizzio, Peter A. Proctor, Brandon Schraml, Christopher G. Teft and Kara Vertucci

Saturday, March 24th
1:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Lindenhurst, NY

Donations Accepted

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Website: www.xaviercompany.org Email: thexaviercompany@gmail.com

**LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT:** 6pm Life Night News Feed

- Come see what we are all about! 8th grade through high school welcome :)

Bible Study

-Join us Sunday before mass each week for **a bible study 4pm** in the Life Teen room.

DODGEBALL MARCH 9th!!

- Holy Hour and Dodge ball at the Seminary \$3 for gas, reserve your seat now!!!

Girl's Night March 10th!!

-All girls high school & college age welcome!! More details on our website!!

RETREAT!!

Our retreat is SO SOON!! We still need more teens to make it successful!! Join us for the weekend, spend your time centered around prayer, fun, and amazing people! **March 16th, 17th, and 18th at Camp Alvernia** contact the Life Teen office for permission slips!! All teens welcome!

Parents-

Anyone interested in donating food please see Brittany after mass or contact the Life Teen office olphlifeten1@gmail.com or [631-226-6239](tel:631-226-6239) actual food items or monetary donations accepted!!

Follow along with our daily lenten scripture reflection on our website!

Lastly please check our website for more details about all the events listed above www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com



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!

Edge dates for March—3/6; 3/13; 3/27

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.

The Diocesan Choir
Michael Wustrow, Conductor
Rev. Andrzej Zglejzewski, Director
Office of Worship
516.678.5800 x 504
www.dreve.org/diochoir



Our Lenten Journey

in word and song



Sunday, March 11 4:00pm
St. James Church
429 Rt. 25A Setauket

please come and join in this presentation of scripture, choral music, and sacred song



O.L.P.H Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dance

Honoring Jerry Cunningham

March 17, 2012

7pm. - 11pm.

\$25.00 per person

Corned beef and cabbage, open bar, DJ ,dancing, raffles and Irish Step Dancers

For tickets contact Jim Mahaney
at 226-3240



**The Knights of Columbus Councils
Of the 8th New York District**

**14th Annual Celebrate Life Fund Raising
Pasta Dinner**
Benefit for

The Life Center of Long Island

"Special Guest Speaker"

Date: Sunday, March 25, 2012 from 1-5 PM
Place OLPH
Knights of Columbus Hall
400 South Broadway
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

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

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

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

For additional info call 631-560-0451

ENJOY THE CHINESE AUCTION WHILE AT THE PASTA DINNER

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Our Lady of the Rosary Council #4428
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal #6556
Archbishop Fulton J Sheen #7479
Our Lady of Grace #11968
"Together We Can and Will Make a Difference"







The Knights of Columbus Council 794

Squires of Mary
Cordially invite you to attend an
Afternoon Tea Party

Finger Sandwiches	Date: Sunday, April 22, 2012
Flavored Teas	Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Scones	
&	Place: K of C Hall 400 South Broadway Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757
many other delectable delights	Price: \$15.00 Per Person
Hut Parade with a prize for the best Hat	Contact: Ann Marie Perella (631) 225-3165 Theresa Hearney (631) 588-5579



Most Unique Tea Cup Contest too!



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

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



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for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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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.



"Blessed Are You"
Bereavement Conference
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012

KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, UNIONDALE, NY • 8:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

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Online Registration Discount: <http://holyroodcemetary.org/Bereavement.html>

Sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries and the Office of Faith Formation in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

"...Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted." MT 5:4



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SHARING, SHAPING AND SHARPENING OUR MINISTRY TO FAMILIES

Preparing Our Hearts for the Risen Lord

An interactive and hands-on presentation of Lenten activities leading us from Mardi Gras to Easter morning

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 • 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757-4989
Convent Meeting Room

Presenter

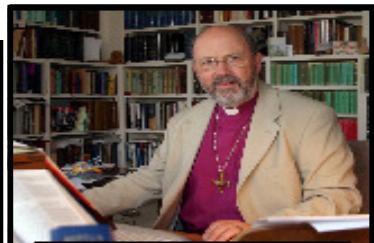
Debbie McDonough • Parish Coordinator • Family Ministry

RSVP by Friday, March 2, 2012

There is no fee to attend this meeting. All are welcome to attend!

Please e-mail Debbie Coyne at dcoyne@drvc.org
if you are planning to attend.

www.drvc-faith.org ♫ (516) 678-5800 ♫ P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571



Sunday March 25, 2012
Seminary Auditorium
3:00pm

N.T. WRIGHT
Professor of New Testament
and Early Christianity,
University of St. Andrews
"How God Became King;
Why We've All Misunderstood
the Gospels"

For further information, contact:
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
Academic Office ~ 440 West Neck Road ~
Huntington, NY 11743
(631) 423-0483 x 112
Free will offering

MARCH 4, 2012



OLPH CYO

SPRING 2012

TRACK REGISTRATION

Eligibility: Boys & Girls, 1 through Grade 8, reside in OLPH Parish
or a neighboring town with no CYO Track program.

Practices: 1 or 2 evenings each week & Meets are on weekends on Long Island.
(April 1 - mid-June) all outdoors.

Fees: \$ 70 if you need a track uniform shirt, \$ 65 if you have a shirt.

VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION



Eligibility: Boys & Girls, Grades 4 through 12. (Co-ed)
4th-6th play on Sat. & 7-12th play Wed/Fri evenings.
(April 14-mid June) all indoors

Fees: \$30 includes uniform shirt.

Check or Money Order payable to: OLPH.
Registration Form can be found at: www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo

Type form and Mail check or money order only:

OLPH CYO 210 S. Wellwood Ave Lindenhurst, NY 11757

In-person Registration (cash also accepted)

Saturdays, **March 10 & 17** 1-3 PM at OLPH School Gym (enter Wellwood Ave)
March 24 at Lindenhurst HS Gym 1-3 PM

Spring Registration Deadline: March 25, 2012

Additional info: olphcyophil@optonline.net or 516-732-8520

Basketball Trophy Ceremony 1 PM Lindy HS Sat March 24, 2012



Society of St. Vincent de Paul : "WE HELP PEOPLE"

PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY & JAM, TUNA FISH, CANNED MEATS, CANNED & PKG. POTATOES, SHELF-STABLE POWERED & EVAPORATED MILK, PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP, PORK & BEANS, CAKE MIX, JELLO & PUDDING, CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE.



PLEASE - NO PASTA AT THIS TIME!

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.



Fr. Michael Troha: Growing Closer to the Lord This Lent

Our Lenten season has arrived and the great feast of Easter is now less than 40 days away. The Easter Vigil is the greatest celebration of the year. Those adults preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist are welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil liturgy. I think that the vibrancy of any parish can be measured by the numbers of new members who come into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

For those of us who are already fully initiated into the Church by our Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the Lenten season is a grace-filled time of growing closer to the Lord. The traditional ways that we enter into the penitential season of Lent are through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are three ways that we open our hearts to what God is doing in our lives, experience God's forgiveness and love, and then share that love with others. The word "penance" means "conversion." So these three traditional ways of penance are three paths that lead us, or "turn us," to a greater relationship with God.

When you think about it, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are closely allied with our three ways of entering into stewardship as a way of life. Our everyday commitment to share our time, talent and treasure are directly related to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. So as we begin our Lenten journey, may we all keep that spirit of conversion alive by fulfilling our stewardship commitments throughout the year.

Ministry of Praise—March 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Is it just me or does it seem like just a few days ago we were singing "Silent Night", "O, Come All Ye Faithful" and "We Three Kings of Orient Are"? Yet here we are already experiencing the joys and sacrifices of Lent! Ash Wednesday is a memory.

How is your Lent going? Is it like those New Year's resolutions we all make and somehow forget by the end of January? Or are you a determined soul who is still going strong on your journey through Lent? Wherever you are, this is a perfect time to examine or reexamine your Lenten commitments. When I was a child, the emphasis in Lent was to sacrifice and give up something you really liked for Lent. It might have been candy or a favorite television show. There was always a big debate over whether you could stop your sacrifice on Holy Saturday afternoon or if you had to wait for Easter Sunday!

As I got a bit older, emphasis changed a bit. We were encouraged to "do" something rather than give something up. It might have been to attend daily mass or say the rosary each day. It might even have been to do spiritual reading from the Bible or from the biographies of various saints.

Whatever you are doing for Lent, it is meant to bring you on a journey that places you at the foot of the cross on Good Friday and at the tomb of Jesus on Easter morning. That is why it is important to stop now and evaluate our journey so far. Is Lent any different than any other season for us? Or are these 40 days like any other time of year?

Easter is truly the culmination of Jesus' mission here on earth. He came so that we might enjoy eternity in heaven. His ministry, his teaching, his agony and death all prepare for the triumph of Easter when Our Lord overcame death, evil and sin. This is when His sacrifice enabled us to be redeemed! What joy this should give us to realize how much God loves us and wants us to be with Him forever in heaven.

Just as we prepare our homes to celebrate holidays like Easter and Christmas, let's prepare our souls and our hearts. Reception of the sacraments is perhaps the best thing we can do to prepare ourselves to meet the Risen Lord. Let's acknowledge the journey Jesus took and join Him on this journey in the time remaining in Lent.

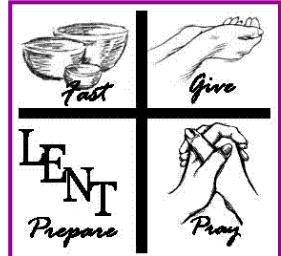
Your sister in Christ and His Blessed Mother,

Eileen

Eileen Garbe

SCHOOL NEWS

The **Second Grade** students have each made a *Lenten Plan* for the six weeks of Lent. Each week they will perform a good deed for their families. The students are learning about the importance of sacrifice.



Religion - Grade 7 - Students are working to raise money or charity as part of their treasure project for Confirmation. They brainstormed a creative idea. They are bringing in items from home to tag and sell at our "**Garage Sale for Giving**". When all items are ready, we will announce the date for other students to come and shop!

Language Arts - Grade 6 - Students are creating their own shoes and learning how to sell them. They will be *writing advertisements* to promote their new project. They looked at examples of other advertisements as models including magazines, promotional flyers and post-cards and even an ad from a business card.

2011-2012 Science Fair Winners

6th Grade

1st Place	Katherine Kammer	<i>Flower Power</i>
2nd Place	Karen Kammer	<i>Battle of the Brands</i>
3rd Place	Kyle McCormack	<i>A Chilling Experience</i>



7th Grade

1st Place	Julia Cabanas	<i>Life as a Bamboo</i>
2nd Place	Sandra Rutkowski	<i>Smart or Sleepy</i>
3rd Place	Dominick Rich	<i>Flowers and their Veins</i>

8th Grade

1st Place	Emily Zeltmann	<i>Does Baking Powder Affect Muffins?</i>
2nd Place	Danielle Mallery	<i>Ice Ice Baby</i>
3rd Place	Ashley Olshove	<i>Which soda has more CO₂?</i>

Readings for the Week—Mar. 4–11 2012:

Sunday, March 4: 2nd Sunday of Lent:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Mk 9:2-10

Monday, March 5: *Dn 9:4b–10 / Lk 6:36-38*

Tuesday, March 6: *Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12*

Wednesday, March 7: *Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28*

Thursday, March 8: *Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31*

Friday, March 9: *Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a /Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*

Saturday, March 10: *Mt 7:14-15, 18-20 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

