

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*This son of mine was dead,  
and has come to life again;  
he was lost, and has been found.*

*Luke 15:24*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 6, 2016

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. John Sureau, Rev. Fidelis Ezeani

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

**Deacons:** Deacon Frank A. Odin, Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith

**Business Manager:** Deacon Thomas J. Bast

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Christopher Ferraro

### **COME IN AND PRAY...**

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

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

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

**Sunday Masses:**

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.

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**

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## PARISH LENTEN MISSION THIS WEEK

### *Walking by Faith in a Holy Year of Mercy*

**Monday, March 7 - Wednesday, March 9, 2016**

**After 12:15 p.m. Mass OR**

**7:30 p.m. + Church**

*(same talk afternoon and evening)*



This year our parish Lenten Mission will be led by

**Fr. Paul Fagan, C.P.,**

a Passionist priest, a preacher, and a runner.

**Learn more about him by visiting**

**<http://www.preacherman.org>.**

### **Monday, March 7 —**

“What Do We Stake Our Life On?

The Soil of a Faithful Person and a Good Parish Community”

### **Tuesday, March 8 —**

“Are We willing To Take A Risk?”

### **Wednesday, March 9 —**

“God Demands Our Life as Individuals, Families and Parish Community!”

Closing Mass—7:30 p.m.

*We will gather for fellowship after the last evening of the retreat  
hosted by our Hospitality Ministry and some of our Confirmation candidates.*

*If you can bring a dessert, please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725  
or e-mail [hospitality@oloph.org](mailto:hospitality@oloph.org).*

#### **NOTICE CONCERNING THE 12:15 MASS DURING THE PARISH MISSION:**

#### **NO CONFESSIONS, NO EXPOSITION**

Due to the special Mission Talk which will be given after the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, March 7, 8 and 9, there will be no Confessions heard after Mass on those days, and there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday. They will both resume as normal after the Mission. Thank you for your cooperation.

# JOIN US THIS WEEK



## Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery:

An Evening of Fellowship, Action, and Reflection on the Passion

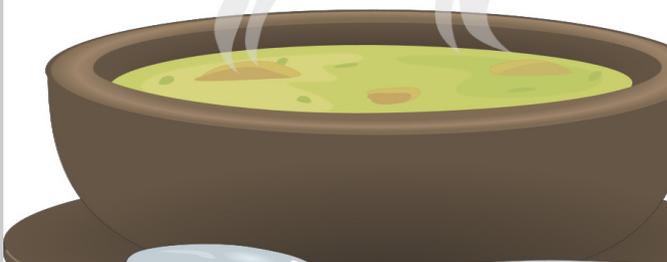


**Friday, March 11**  
**6:00 P.M. Soup Supper**  
**7:30 P.M. Prayer and Reflection**

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. Luke'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.

### *Are you a soup maker?*

If so, we can use your gifts for our soup supper as we are seeking donations of soup for this year's supper. Contact Chris Volpe at 516.238.2717 or Mary Ellen Barrett at: [mombarr@optonline.net](mailto:mombarr@optonline.net).



## SUPPORTING OUR FOOD PANTRY

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



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### *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 the world.”

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

### *Parish Lenten Mission*

We are thrilled to welcome Fr. Paul Fagan, C.P., to OLPH this weekend, as Fr. Paul arrives to present to us our Parish Lenten Mission. You have heard Fr. Paul speak at Mass this weekend and I know it will be an amazing time of spiritual reflection and enrichment. Do make it a priority to attend as much of the Mission as you can. Complete details about it can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

### *Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery*

Our opportunities to enter into beautiful experiences to deepen our Lenten spirituality continue this week on Friday night with our parish 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. Last year’s program was marvelous, and all who attended remarked how amazing it was and how much it enriched their Lent. This presentation takes the place of Stations of the Cross on Friday night. I would like 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.

### *Special schedules for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday*

We’re announcing it loudly, and we’re announcing it often; we even have signs posted at all the entrances about it! **There is a new and special schedule for the Masses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.** The Liturgy Committee recommended this schedule to me as a parallel to the changes we made at the beginning of the year in the regular Sunday Mass schedule. One of the priorities was to leave more time between Masses on crowded days such as Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, to try to avoid all the parking and traffic problems, in addition to trying to create a better atmosphere for entering into worship (by not having ministers and sacristans rush around like crazy after one Mass ends because the next one is about to begin with people crowding in and out bumping into each other).

**Take note of the special schedules for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday as printed elsewhere in this bulletin, as posted on signs at all the church entrances, and as printed in the leaflet mailed out some time ago (which is NOT a misprint—the times printed in that leaflet are correct). Spread the word to others to make sure they are aware of the schedule!**

The Liturgy Committee will evaluate how well the new schedule for these two days works and will take that into consideration when deciding on

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the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday schedules in the future. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

***Have you offered to become a Liturgical Minister yet?***

We're continuing to recruit new Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers...have you offered your time and your talent yet????? What are you waiting for?????

***Finance Committee information session on Social Security***

I would like to call your attention to a presentation being sponsored and offered by our parish Finance Committee. We're very fortunate that the members of our Finance Committee wish to serve you, their fellow parishioners, by more than just the work that occurs at the committee meetings. Last year, for the first time, and now again this year, they are generously offering to give workshops on topics in areas of their expertise to assist parishioners in various areas of their financial life. On

Sunday, March 13, there will be a workshop on Social Security benefits that will help you to better understand the Social Security program. Full details about the session can be found in the ad elsewhere in this bulletin. I urge all parishioners, whether you are of Social Security age, or approaching it, or even if it's far off for you but you want a better understanding, to plan on attending. Mark your calendar and save the date now. I am grateful for the Finance Committee for taking the initiative on this and offering themselves in this way.

***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,



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

*PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING NEW SCHEDULES FOR THESE DAYS*

**Palm Sunday**

**Saturday, March 19:**  
5:00 p.m. Vigil  
with Procession

**Sunday, March 20:**

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.



**Easter Sunday**

**Saturday, March 26:**  
8:00 p.m.,  
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)

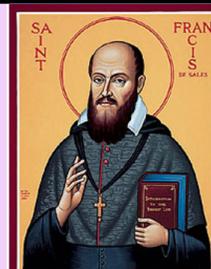
**Sunday, March 27:**

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,  
11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.  
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)



## FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Hi! My name is St. Francis de Sales, and I'm the patron saint of writers. That's why your Pastoral Council has picked me as their patron and intercessor in this column which they offer to you. Here we will grow in our appreciation of the Catholic faith through questions and answers. So, I encourage all of you to send me your questions about Catholicism. All questions are welcomed and all will remain just between you and me (we won't print your name in the bulletin). Please e-mail [pastoralcouncil@oloph.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@oloph.org) and each time this column appears, a new question will be answered. So, let's get started! I'll pray for you what I pray for everyone: May the Lord grant you His peace!



*"Our first calling is to learn how to say the 'Our Father.' Father, help us to avoid the temptation of resignation."*  
— Pope Francis

**When I was young, I was always told it's not nice to "dare" someone. Why is it that we say the words "we dare to say" before the Lord's Prayer during the Communion Rite at Mass?**

First, I must say, great observation! There are so many words said during Mass, and though each one has meaning, many may go unheard. At Mass, we as parishioners all say out loud the Lord's Prayer during the Communion Rite. But how many of us truly listen to the words said by the priest just prior to this most awesome prayer? The words are, "At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say..."

"We dare to say." Powerful words! The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 2777) says, "In the Roman liturgy, the Eucharistic assembly is invited to pray to our heavenly Father with filial boldness." The word "filial" is an adjective that means relating to a son or daughter. Hence we, being the children of God, sons and daughters of God, should pray with that filial boldness. The CCC continues by saying Eastern liturgies developed and use similar expressions: "dare in all confidence," "make us worthy of..." From the burning bush Moses heard a voice saying to him, "Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground" (Exodus 3:5). Only Jesus could cross that threshold of the divine holiness, for "when he had made purification for sins," he brought us into the Father's presence: "Here am I, and the children God has given me" (Hebrews 1:3; 2:13).

This power of the Spirit who introduces us to the Lord's Prayer is expressed in the liturgies of East and of West by the beautiful, characteristically Christian expression *parrhesia* — straightforward simplicity, filial trust, joyous assurance, humble boldness, the certainty of being loved (CCC 2778). The word *parrhesia* can also be defined as the act of asking forgiveness for speaking in such a way. These words summarize the reason why we say the words "we dare to say."

So for those of us who may have missed "we dare to say," try to listen and hear these words the next time you're at Mass, and with *parrhesia*, go on to pray Our Father.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### **LENTEN ENVIRONMENT AS OF NEXT WEEKEND, THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

As of next weekend, we will observe the custom of covering (or removing, where possible) crosses and images throughout the church, a practice permitted starting the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Crosses will remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion 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 spiritual participation in the 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.



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

**Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).

**Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.

**Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.

**Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

**Mass Attendance:** **MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS!** There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.



## Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m. in the Church

We are continuing a custom started last year 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.

**March 18:** the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Respect Life



## *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

The Monday night Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been a longstanding OLPH tradition. 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 7—  
6:30 p.m. due to Parish Mission  
Monday, March 14—7:00 p.m.  
Monday, March 21—No devotions due to  
Confessions on Monday of Holy Week*

## **REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST**

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we *do not* eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

## 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**

### **ABSTINENCE AND FASTING — FRIDAYS OF LENT**

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 Good Friday fast and abstinence.

### HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

In response to Bishop Murphy's call for parishes to urgently pray for peace because of all the unrest in the world, please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

### Prayer for Peace

*Following Bishop Murphy's request, we are asked to pray this prayer privately, and we are encouraged to use this prayer as a part of all meetings and gatherings held here at OLPH.*

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
who are called the Prince of Peace,  
Who are yourself our peace  
and our reconciliation,  
Who so often said 'Peace to you',  
Grant us peace!*

*Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice  
and brotherly love.*

*Banish from their hearts  
whatever might endanger peace.*

*Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and  
defend the great gift of peace.*

*May all peoples of the earth  
become as brothers and sisters.*

*May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign al-  
ways over us all. AMEN*

*Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!*  
(Pope Saint John XXIII)



## THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: WHY DO I HAVE TO TELL MY SINS TO A PRIEST?

“If I’m really sorry in my heart, and I ask God to forgive me, won’t He? Why do I have to go tell my sins to a priest?”

We’ve all either heard those questions, or asked those questions, or both. There are several reasons why it’s necessary for us to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

First and foremost, it’s because it’s a sacrament. Catholics believe that sacraments are physical, concrete celebrations of the Church that communicate God’s grace to us because Jesus is present in His Church. Without the sacramental celebration, we do not experience the grace the sacrament brings to us. Sacraments make grace effectively present in our life. Going to Confession is not simply about “getting forgiveness” from God, which, admittedly, cannot be controlled by human agency. Going to Confession is, however, about sacramental grace being effectively present in our life to have an effect on us and to bring about our conversion, and sacramental grace is not available without the sacrament.

Also, there is the very human reality that praying or asking for forgiveness internally, or mentally, is simply not enough. As physical creatures, we need to externalize things to make them real to us. Just as love, for example, cannot remain an abstraction, but must be put into concrete practice in order to really be love, so too with our experience of God’s forgiveness in our life. There is something about “getting it out” once and for all and letting our sins go by verbalizing them that is an integral part of healing and forgiveness. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us

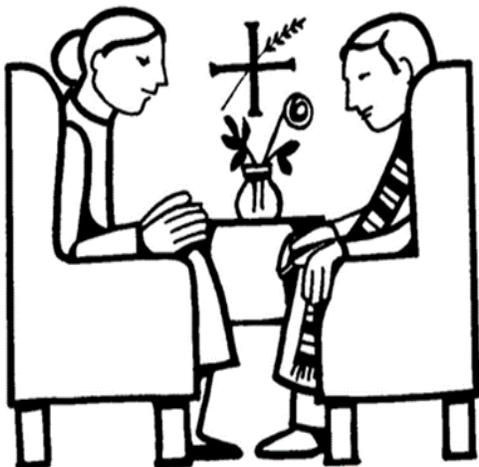
that the confession (verbal disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others.

It allows us to clearly confront the sins we have committed, to take responsibility for them, and to thereby open ourselves to God and to others. (CCC 1455) As Pope Francis, then Cardinal Bergoglio, remarked in 2010, “For me, sin is not a stain that I have to clean. What I should do is ask pardon and make reconciliation, not stop by the cleaner’s on my way home.”

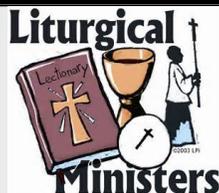
Therefore, the sacrament is as much about being healed as it is “getting forgiveness.” Part of the healing involves being reconciled with the community, our brothers and sisters in the Church, we have sinned against. Sin damages our relationship with others, and therefore we must be reconciled with the community; it is never a simple case of “God and me.” Going to Confession brings about reconciliation with the Church.

Finally, the simple truth is that we must go to the Sacrament of Penance because we are Catholic; it’s part of our identity. The faith we have is the faith of the Church, which has been handed on to us; faith is not a matter of my own personal beliefs or philosophy. The Sacrament of Penance is part of who we are as Catholics.

Remember that the priest will never reveal to anyone else in any way anything you say in Confession; the sacramental seal is absolutely inviolable, and it is a sacred trust that all priests take with the utmost seriousness. ✨



# LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING



**WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU!**

**OLPH IS RECRUITING NEW READERS, USHERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## What do Extraordinary Ministers do?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Those who wish can also go on for extra training to bring Holy Communion to our homebound sisters and brothers.

## How Do I Become An Extraordinary Minister?

1. You must contact Barbara McPhail at 631.226-1354 or e-mail to [gospa254@gmail.com](mailto:gospa254@gmail.com).
2. You must send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to [msgrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgrjoe@oloph.org) requesting to become a minister.
3. You must meet with Msgr. Joe for an interview.
4. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions (see below). If you wish to also bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, you must attend a separate "Part B" training session. Information about that session can be obtained in your interview with Msgr. Joe.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART A" FOR ALL MINISTERS

**Saturday, March 12, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
at McGann-Mercy High School, Riverhead

**Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

**Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.**  
at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, "PART B" FOR THOSE WHO WILL BRING COMMUNION TO THE SICK

**Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
at McGann-Mercy High School, Riverhead

**Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.**  
at St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

**Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

## What do Readers do?

Readers proclaim the Scriptures and sometimes the Intercessions at Sunday and daily Mass and at other liturgies.

## How Do I Become A Reader?

1. You must contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or email to [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net)
2. You must attend one of the diocesan training sessions.



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## What do Ushers do?

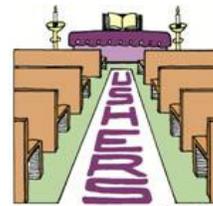
Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! First and foremost, they are ministers of hospitality who welcome all those who come to liturgy. They help create an environment conducive to worship by the way they greet people with warmth and friendliness. Ushers also serve by guiding the movement of the assembly during processions such as the reception of Holy Communion and at other times. Taking up the collection is another way Ushers serve the assembly.

## Who Should Become an Usher?

Anyone, including teens who have received Confirmation, can become an Usher. This is a great ministry for families to do together...the young ones can do this with parents and older children!

## How Do I Become an Usher?

You should contact Mike Williams at [olphushersministry@gmail.com](mailto:olphushersministry@gmail.com) or, if you don't have e-mail, leave a message for Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office, (631) 226-7725 and he will pass the message along to Mike.



All liturgical ministers must complete a Volunteer Registration Form, have Virtus training and be a registered parishioner. For information about becoming Virtus compliant: Contact Jean Bjork at [jean.bjork@gmail.com](mailto:jean.bjork@gmail.com).

## FROM THE OLPH FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finance Council 2016 INFORMATION SESSIONS on Social Security and Your Benefits

**Social Security and Your Benefits**  
will be presented on **Sunday March 13th**  
Session begins at 1:30pm on the 13th

To be held in Classroom 16 in the Annex Building off of High Street, enter via Blue Doors

The Session will cover.....



1. How Social Security fits into your Retirement Planning.
2. Decisions on how early I should start taking my benefits.
3. Recent Changes to the Program
4. Understand how Social Security benefits may affect your taxes.
5. Did you know that benefits are inflation adjusted?
6. Spousal benefits: how to maximize.
7. A Question & Answer period will be held.

We know you will find this session both informative and helpful for your personal planning.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH**

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation — are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children celebrate those sacraments at OLPH. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). That is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.
- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with the Religious Education Office, and they and their parents must participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.
- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents must attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

If you are a parishioner with a child in a Catholic elementary school, or if you homeschool, and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered in the program, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building

Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253

Email: [religious@oloph.org](mailto:religious@oloph.org)

Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
([akleinlaut@oloph.org](mailto:akleinlaut@oloph.org))

### OFFICE HOURS:

**MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM**  
**TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM**  
**WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM**  
**THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM**  
**SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM**

### Level 3 Parent/Child Workshop

Last weekend, families in Level 3 learned about different kinds of prayer. Check out some of the photos below! Thanks to Msgr. Joe and the Legion of Mary for helping out!



Students and parents learn how to pray the Rosary!



Discussing what it means to engage in active prayer!



Praying before meals—Including Eucharistic prayer!



### **REGISTRATION FOR 2016/17 IS NOW OPEN!**

Students must have a Baptismal certificate at the time of registration and be registered with OLPH parish prior to registering with the Religious Education program. Tuition for 2016/17 Year: One child: \$130, two children: \$165, three or more: \$195. For more information, please call the Religious Education Office at (631) 226-7725 or email us at [religious@oloph.org](mailto:religious@oloph.org).

Our goal is to bring your child into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church.

**Please spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors!**

### Upcoming Dates:

#### Level 8:

Group B (rooms 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22) have their Confirmation retreat today, **March 6** at 3:00 p.m. Please come to the school auditorium.

Parents meet students in Church at 5:00 p.m. for Mass and a pizza party afterwards.

**This retreat is mandatory and a crucial part of Confirmation prep.**

#### Levels 6, 7, and 8:

**This week is the Parish Mission, March 7, 8 & 9. There will be NO CLASS, but you are required to attend one night of the Mission and write about it in your workbook.**

# 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
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@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: Caroline Grogan—(631)225-7688—straightclaw@optonline.net
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494

## NEW Food Pantry List!

- CANNED FRUIT**
- HOT AND COLD CEREAL**
- COFFEE**
- PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT**
- BAKED BEANS**
- CANNED JUICE**
- SHAMPOO**
- CONDITIONER**
- BATH SOAP**
- TOILET PAPER**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**  
**Cut out this list and bring it with you**  
**when you go shopping!**

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building  
 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 Noon**  
**Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to  
 thank L. I. Cares—The Harry Chapin Food  
 Bank for partnering with us to help solve  
 hunger and food insecurity on Long Island.

## THE *bluedoor* BOUTIQUE

### Hours of Operation:

**Mon/Wed/Fri** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
**Saturday** 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Third Sunday of each month** -1:30 to 3:00 p.m.  
*Closed Tuesdays and Thursdays*

*The entrance to the Thrift Boutique is on the  
 south side of the parish campus, next to the St.  
 Vincent de Paul bins. Park using the Gates  
 Street/High Street Parking Lot.*

New treasures arriving every day!

Come explore *The Blue Door Boutique* and find:

The latest Teen Trends at affordable prices—Forever 21, Hollister, A&F, and more.

Top brands on display in Men’s and Women’ clothing including—Talbots, Coach, Lands End, London Fog, Vineyard Vines, and more.

Household items including—candles, dishes, crystal, wall art, knick-knacks and collectibles from Corningware, Pyrex, Precious Moments, Lenox and more.

Discovering a great find is half the fun! Visit The Blue Door Boutique see for yourself.

*Want to get involved in the Blue Door?*

*E-mail to thebluedoor@oloph.org for more information!*

*We need greeters, sorters and floor workers!*

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

### DRIVING MINISTRY...



Did you know that our Driving Ministry has made over 100 pick-ups since the inception of the ministry?

What a beautiful way to assist and support others in need!

We are trying to increase our driving ministry at OLPH. We need a commitment from a number of drivers with a good license and insurance and, of course, some time to donate to others. The service will be medical appointments and participation at Sunday Mass.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182 or the Rectory at 631.226.7725.

**ALL DRIVERS MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED**

### 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**

During these winter months, we are in need of the following:

**heavy socks** (we have plenty of the regular white tube socks)

**male underwear** (small, medium & large)

**gloves**

**underwear**

**thermal underwear** M-L-XL

**socks**

**Mens shoes/boots** 9-15

**Mens jeans**-all sizes

**Low Temperature Sleeping bags**

*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

**Wednesday, March 16**

**7:00 p.m. in Room 10**

**(in the basement of the old school)**

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

### WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

*Widows and Widowers for men and women who have lost a spouse to support and encourage one another.*

*Our next meeting will take place on*

**Tuesday, March 15**

**at 6:00 p.m. in Room 18**

*For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494*

The OLPH Conference of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Memorial Cards** are now available. The Memorial Cards are a wonderful way to honor the dearly departed while benefitting the less fortunate in our community. A beautiful "Living Memorial" Card will be sent acknowledging your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Donation forms are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Monday, Wednesday & Friday) or at the Rectory.

For further information, please contact:

Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234.



# 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
Deacon Tom Bast, Business Manager	204	tbast@oloph.org
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	msgjrjoe@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, Coordinator of Faith Formation	257	acarbaugh@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor	203	jsureau@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@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 Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

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 Fr. John at the Parish Office.

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

### YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork  
 Tricia Buckley (Chair)  
 Lori Byron  
 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  
 Deacon Tom Bast  
 Bill Bendernagel  
 Gerry Chille (Chair)  
 Ed Cirella  
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Bob Meade  
 John Reynolds

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

### YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker  
 Lynn Bergin  
 Mark Costantino  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Chris Ferraro  
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina  
 Amy Keller  
 Barbara McPhail  
 Deacon Doug Smith  
 Fr. John Sureau  
 Mike Williams

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

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida”. Te invita a alabar y glorificar a DIOS todos los jueves a las 7:00 p.m. en la cafetería. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Lleva la bendición a tu casa. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

**El sacramento del bautizo.** Las ceremonias bautismales se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes. Los padres que necesiten bautizar a sus hijos deben atender alas sección de charlas, estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales. Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, Contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 o email:

jsureau@oloph.org o en español, Irma González 631-620-2401 o correo electrónico:

lanegra628@yahoo.com.

## Lecturas del domingo 13 de Marzo del 2016

Después de haber leído las lecturas lea estas reflexiones

**Saludo (Ver Segunda Lectura)**

Con San Pablo decimos hoy:

“Olvidándome de lo que queda atrás,  
me esfuerzo por lo que hay por delante  
y corro hacia la meta,  
hacia el premio al que Dios nos llama”.  
Que la fuerza del Señor, Jesús,  
esté siempre con ustedes.

**Primera lectura (Isaías 43:16-21)**

*A este pueblo escogido, que sufre en el desierto, Dios le dice: He realizado grandes obras de salvación por ustedes en el pasado. Haré cosas mayores por ustedes en el futuro.*

**Segunda lectura (Filipenses 3:8-14)**

*Una vez que Pablo hubo sido “agarrado” por Cristo, el pasado ya no contó más, y se esforzó hacia su futuro en Cristo, por la fuerza del Señor resucitado.*

**Lectura del santo evangelio según (Juan 8: 1-11)**

*La misión de Jesús no es juzgar y condenar, sino perdonar y dar nuevas oportunidades en la vida. ¿Acaso no es esa también nuestra misión? Jesús perdona el pecador: por eso resulta condenado por aquellos que se apegan a la ley. Su perdón le costara caro: será ejecutado, el inocente para salvar de la muerte al culpable. Y ¿quién está sin culpa?*

1. No Arrojen Piedras

*¿Has tenido tú alguna vez la experiencia de herir fuertemente a alguien, pero que la persona ofendida te perdonara, quizás con dificultad, pero aceptando tu disculpa, y el problema se acabó? ¿Recuerdas qué aliviado te sentiste, como si fueras una nueva persona? Así es como Dios sigue perdonándonos a nosotros: él nos vuelve a hacer nuevos cada vez. ¿Vivimos nosotros como perdonados, como pueblo nuevo? ¿Hacemos nuevos a otros con nuestro perdón? --- Encontremos nuevamente en esta eucaristía a nuestro Señor, Jesús, paciente y que siempre nos perdona, como perdonó a la mujer adúltera a quien iban a apedrear*

Puntos de reflexión del Papa Francisco la cuaresma

*Dios no se revela mediante el poder y la riqueza del mundo, sino mediante la debilidad y la pobreza: «Siendo rico, se hizo pobre por vosotros...». Cristo, el Hijo eterno de Dios, igual al Padre en poder y gloria, se hizo pobre; descendió en medio de nosotros, se acercó a cada uno de nosotros; se desnudó, se “vacío”, para ser en todo semejante a nosotros (cfr. Flp 2, 7; Heb 4, 15).3.- La razón de todo esto es el amor divino, un amor que es gracia, generosidad, deseo de proximidad, y que no duda en darse y sacrificarse por las criaturas a las que ama. La caridad, el amor es compartir en todo la suerte del amado. 4.- El amor nos hace semejantes, crea igualdad, derriba los muros y las distancias. Y Dios hizo esto con nosotros. Jesús, en efecto, «trabajó con manos de hombre, pensó con inteligencia de hombre, obró con voluntad de hombre, amó con corazón de hombre. Nacido de la Virgen María, se hizo verdaderamente uno de nosotros, en todo semejante a nosotros excepto en el pecado» (Gaudium et spes, 22).*

# DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS



The Diocese of Rockville Centre

## Golden Wedding Celebration

**Sunday, April 10,**

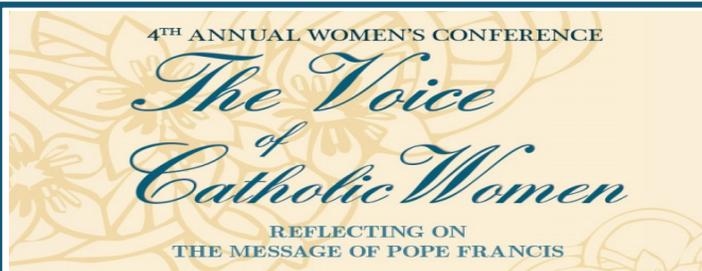
Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville  
OR

**Sunday, April 24,**

Church of Maria Regina, Seaford  
Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm.

Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by **March 25** for the April 10 liturgy & **April 8** for the April 24 liturgy.

For more information call: 516-678-5800 X 207 or 516-867-6340.



4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

## The Voice of Catholic Women

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS

Carol Dunning, Esq.

Dr. Joann Heaney-Hunter

Elizabeth M. Keihm

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Registration at 9:00 a.m.

at the

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

**OFFERING: \$25.00**

For more information visit our website

[www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org)

### Full-Time Office Assistant Wanted

for O.L. of Grace, West Babylon

We have an opening for a full-time (40-hour) office assistant. Time is divided between day care and general parish responsibilities. Responsibilities include recording tuition and giving, and managing records for parish registration, safe environment training for volunteers, etc. Salary according to parish scale. Knowledge of MS Office (Word, Excel, Outlook) required. Familiarity with Parish Data Systems (PDS) a plus. Completion of diocesan background check and VIRTUS training, plus NY State Central Registry clearance, required.

If you are interested, contact Msgr. Vincent Rush, pastor, at [frvin@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:frvin@ourladyofgrace.net).

Church of St. Joseph Parish Center  
39 North Carl Ave, Babylon, NY

### “MOVING ON” GROUP

An After Bereavement Group  
for Widows and Widowers

present: “STRESS MANAGEMENT”

**Friday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.**

For more information please call:  
Geri Olson 631-661-8994

### In The Long Island Catholic Magazine – March Edition.

In the March edition you will read about how women who have had an abortion are now experiencing God's mercy through special retreats conducted by the Sisters of Life right here in our own diocese. Bishop Murphy reflects on the process for selecting a new shepherd. Read about ways to celebrate the Easter Triduum with your family and so much more. Please support the monthly magazine of the Diocese of Rockville Centre --subscribe today!

One year of 10 issues for \$20.

Sign up today on line at [licatholic.org](http://licatholic.org) or call 1-800-443-2155.



# 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.*

### **Second Time:**

*David Saccente  
& Jessica Kramer*

## **WE CELEBRATE**

*God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.*

**-Rite of Baptism**



*Peter Francis Sessa  
Aiden Joseph Stallone*

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

## **Are you watching... INSIGHT?**

Msgr. Joe's television show INSIGHT, which he co-hosts with Bishop Robert Brennan and Bishop Nelson Pérez, can be seen airing weekly on Telecare, channel 29 on Cablevision, on these days:



**Mondays at 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays at 10:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays at 11:00 p.m.  
Fridays at 9:00 p.m.  
Saturdays at 10:00 p.m.**

## **WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

<i>Marie Foster</i>	<i>Salvatore Rizzolo</i>
<i>Robert Santiago</i>	<i>Jeanne Calise</i>
<i>Robert Schehr</i>	<i>Joanie Lawrence</i>
<i>Margaret Vacca</i>	<i>Anthony Gallo</i>
<i>George Regan</i>	<i>Karen Benus</i>
<i>Steve Moore</i>	<i>Dolores Otten</i>
<i>Juliet Fredericks</i>	<i>Steven P. Shipsey</i>
<i>Craig Kennedy</i>	<i>Jose Correa</i>
<i>Carol Ann Alma</i>	<i>William Stanton</i>
<i>Carol Gilroy</i>	<i>Kevin Reid</i>
<i>Patricia Grasso</i>	<i>George Walters</i>
<i>Paul Beyer</i>	<i>Juliette Fredricks</i>
<i>Imee Tornilla</i>	<i>Nicole Mallas</i>
<i>Mr. Rosario Gerardi</i>	<i>Jean Ryan</i>
<i>Rocco (no last name given)</i>	<i>Peggy McCloud</i>
<i>Christopher Corso</i>	<i>Kathleen Sazio</i>
<i>Mary Pellegrino</i>	<i>Brianna Delgado</i>
<i>Rosalie Grottola</i>	<i>John Cascio</i>
<i>Mario Lotito</i>	<i>James Rigney, Jr.</i>
<i>Bob Little</i>	<i>Laura Fischer</i>
<i>Bernadette Sinnott</i>	

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 at 631-226-7725 x. 200. Names remain in the bulletin for three weeks.

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

*Mary D'Andrea  
Mary Kollar  
Elizabeth Pugh  
Joseph Zummo*

*"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."*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, March 7—

#### Lenten Weekday

*(Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs)*

6:30 Andrea Wolf

12:15 Virgilio Leon

6:30 Devotions

7:30 Parish Mission

### TUESDAY, March 8—

#### Lenten Weekday

*(Saint John of God, Religious)*

6:30 Charles Morgan

12:15 Salvatore Cicala

7:30 Parish Mission

### WEDNESDAY, March 9—

#### Lenten Weekday

*(Saint Frances of Rome, Religious)*

6:30 William R. Dow

12:15 Charles Morgan

12:45 No Exposition due to Mission

7:30 Parish Mission

### THURSDAY, March 10—

#### Lenten Weekday

6:30 William Dow

12:15 Cecelia Varadinek

### FRIDAY, March 11—

#### Lenten Weekday

6:30 Robert McAllister

12:15 Rose Salerno

7:30 *Passion, Praise & Paschal Mystery*

### SATURDAY, March 12—

#### Lenten Weekday

8:00 Carmen Hernandez

4:00 –  
4:45 Confessions

#### Vigil for FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 For the People of the Parish

#### Sunday, March 13— FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 Bernard Trestanio

10:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

12:00 Mary Aquilina

5:00 Madeline Langan

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, March 7, 2016

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

6:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class Cafeteria

6:30 p.m. Devotions Church

7:30 p.m. Parish Mission Church

### Tuesday, March 8, 2016

6:30 p.m. Homeless Van Ministry Prep Room 9

7:30 p.m. Parish Mission Church

### Wednesday, March 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. Homeless Van Ministry Room 9

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

12:45 p.m. No Exposition Church

7:30 p.m. Parish Mission Church

### Thursday, March 10, 2016

10:00 a.m. Homeless Van Ministry Prep Room 13

2-6:00 p.m. Church closed for cleaning Church

4:00 p.m. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal Room 16

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council St. Lucy

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:30 p.m. Catholic Social Teaching Auditorium

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

### Friday, March 11, 2016

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper Auditorium

7:00 p.m. Holy Name Society Meeting Room 18

7:30 p.m. Passion, Praise & Paschal Mystery Church

8:00 p.m. Alcohol Anonymous Young People Room 24

### Saturday, March 12, 2016

8:30 a.m. Level 1—5 Classes School

11:30 a.m. CYO Spring Registration Cafeteria

1:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Auditorium

1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer/Liturgy of Hours Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

### Sunday, March 13, 2016

10:00a.m. RCIA Dismissal Rms. 16/18

1:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Auditorium

1:30 p.m. Junior Legion of Mary Room 24

2:00 p.m. Baptisms Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:00 p.m. Prayers for Peace Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

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Feb. 27/28, 2016**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	406	163	\$4,056.00
8:00 a.m.	300	116	3,459.00
10:00 a.m.	553	180	4,326.00
12:00 p.m.	576	145	3,474.00
5:00 p.m.	384		1,879.50
<b>Total coin:</b>			<b>26.82</b>
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			
Children's Envelopes		32	87.00
<b>Faith Direct</b>			<b>2,024.75</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>\$19,333.07</b>
<b>2015 TOTAL</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>\$21,496.25</b>
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## Preparing for March 13, 2016

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.  
Go, and from now on do not sin any more."*

John 8:11

### Isaiah 43:16-21

This passage is addressed to the Israelites when they were in exile, taken from their land and transported to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar in 587 B.C. because of their faithlessness toward God. Many years before, they had also been captives in a foreign land (Egypt) and the Lord God had rescued them through the Red Sea and had vanquished Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers. But "remember not the events of the past . . . see, I am doing something new!" says the Lord since he will again bring his people home. This will be a second Exodus when God will again forgive his people their sin and bestow his kindness upon them.

### Philippians 3:8-14

What is worth most in life . . . possessions, being well-known and respected, control over the events around you, being right? For Paul, all this is "rubbish." He had all these things before his conversion, when he was a Pharisee who persecuted the early Christians because he was sure he was righteously following the Law of Moses which dictated the actions of every pious Jew. But then he met Jesus and all that changed. The only prize worth seeking, says Paul, is Christ himself. Faith in Christ, righteousness from God, knowing Jesus, not only requires we share in his sufferings, but brings with it the ultimate prize of sharing in his resurrection, God's "upward calling."

### John 8:1-11

Strict adherence to the Law of Moses required that the woman caught in adultery be killed by stoning. The religious leaders hoped to trap Jesus by asking his opinion about what should be done with her. But Jesus makes the woman more important than their gamesmanship. He sees a real person gripped by sin and public shame who needs liberation, just as Paul and the early Israelites did. Even though sin is real and hurtful, Jesus opts for mercy and forgiveness. God always wants to draw us back to himself so we may have that wonderful prize of life in Christ.

### Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. *What was the woman's reaction when Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not sin any more?" From his actions, what do you think Jesus thought about the law that dictated stoning? What would he think of torturing prisoners?*

2. *Whether we have or haven't committed adultery, is there a message for us in this story of the woman caught in adultery?*

*Pope Francis says this:*

*Mercy is the Lord's most powerful message. If we are like the Pharisee before the altar, who said: "Thank you, Lord, for not making me like all the other men, and especially not like that fellow at the door, like that publican . . ." well, then we do not know the heart of the Lord, and we shall not ever have the joy of feeling this mercy.*

*It is not easy to trust oneself to the mercy of God, because His mercy is an unfathomable abyss—but we must do it!*

*He has the ability to forget ... He kisses you, He embraces you, and He says to you: "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now, on, sin no more." Only that counsel does He give you.*

*Pope Francis, Sunday Mass,  
March 17, 2013*



## Readings for the Week

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

### Monday, March 7, 2016:

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

### Tuesday, March 8, 2016:

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

### Wednesday, March 9, 2016:

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

### Thursday, March 10, 2016:

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

### Friday, March 11, 2016:

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

### Saturday, March 12, 2016:

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

### Sunday, March 13, 2016:

Isaiah 43:16-21  
+ Philippians 3:8-14  
+ John 8:1-11

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