

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit
into the desert to be tempted by the devil.
He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and
afterwards he was hungry.*

Matthew 4:1-11

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2014

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Ethel Anarado + Rev. John Sureau

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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

Facilities Manager: Deacon Donald A. Stamm **Business Manager:** Deacon Thomas J. Bast

Coordinator of Faith Formation: April Carbaugh **Music Director:** Christopher Ferraro

COME IN AND PRAY...

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5 P.M. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MARDI GRAS 2014

This past Tuesday, OLPH celebrated the final “feast” before Lent! Mardi Gras was a great event for our parish family. Nearly 200 people attended. The evening began with Evening Prayer with Msgr. Joe presiding. Then the celebration moved to the Auditorium for an evening of great food, fun and fellowship! The Mardi Gras King was Peter Keller and the Queen was Mary Setti. Mr. George Walters served as the Grand Marshal. As part of the evening, we burned the palms from last year and they were used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you to our Family Life Ministry, our parish’s liturgical ministers, our Confirmation candidates and all who helped to plan and organize this wonderful night for our parish community!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lent is underway!

So, with this First Sunday of Lent we are underway in our Lenten season for this year. Please take some time to read the special insert in this weekend's bulletin which explains many of the liturgical and spiritual components of this season. We want to make sure we make the most of Lent, and so I encourage everyone to make full use of the many opportunities for communal prayer and devotion as advertised in this bulletin. The Lord wants to lead you on a journey of deeper communion with Him and of fuller communion in the life of His Church. Take advantage of this time of grace and reconciliation so that come Easter you will be open to the new and resurrected life the Lord wants you to share in.

Here's a tip I would like to share with you: don't wait until the last minute at the end of Lent to go to Confession! You can avoid the long lines by going earlier during Lent at the many opportunities for Confession. Try not to wait until Holy Saturday, when the time slotted for Confessions, and priest availability, is limited. Look toward an opportunity before that, especially on Monday of Holy Week, April 14, our diocesan "Reconciliation Monday" when priests and Confessions will be available all afternoon and evening. Plan ahead!

Bishop Murphy's Pastoral Letter

I urge everyone to read Bishop Murphy's latest Pastoral Letter *The Harvest is Plenty*. We had copies available last week on the pew ledges, although they may all be gone. Segments of the letter appeared in the Sunday, March 2 edition of *Newsday* and will be appearing again today, March 9, and next Sunday, March 16. You can also find the letter by going to our parish website, which has a link, or to the website of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, www.drvc.org, or to the website of *The Long Island Catholic*, www.licatholic.org. Also, a copy of the letter will be published in the next issue of *The Long Island Catholic* magazine. So, there are plenty of opportunities to read this important letter in which our Bishop continues to offer us important reflections and teachings stemming from the diocesan-wide "Belong More Deeply" initiative in which the diocese has been engaged over the past several years.

Last Chance to Sign Up to Become an Altar Server

Boys and girls fourth grade and older: this is your last chance to sign up to become an altar server! Sign-ups are due to me no later than this Tuesday, March 11, so that we can begin our training sessions. Make sure you send your response form to me today or tomorrow; the information is elsewhere in this bulletin.

Capital Campaign Update

We are working hard to bring all aspects of the Capital Campaign undertaken several years ago to successful closure. I offer heartfelt apologies for the amount of time it is taking and for the certain amount of confusion that has arisen around it. The campaign was undertaken before my arrival here, but even so, as your Pastor, I feel responsible for it. Upon my arrival, I received some conflicting information and found that records were incomplete. The situation, much to my chagrin, is taking much longer to bring to completion than I am happy with. I have turned the entire situation over to our Business Manager, Deacon Tom Bast, and he is working diligently to settle everything once and for all. If you are someone who donated to the Capital Campaign some years ago and feel as though your donation and memorial have not been brought to successful completion, I ask you to please contact Deacon Tom at tbast@oloph.org as soon as possible. We want to know about it and need to know about it in case we have incorrect information. I promise you that my goal, which I am aggressively enforcing, is to have everything settled before this summer. I again offer my apologies to those who are unsatisfied and who have been inconvenienced by this.

Protecting God's Children Update

Another area that I found was neglected and in disarray was our record-keeping concerning our compliance with the Virtus/Protecting God's Children Program as required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and so since my arrival as Pastor we have been working hard to bring this into proper order. As I have mentioned before, this has been placed under the leadership of Jean Bjork, who has agreed to be the Coordinator of this for the parish, as she makes sure that all our documentation is in 100% compliance with what the diocese

requires. You may receive a letter noting that one or more of the requirements still need to be completed by you as someone who offers time and service at OLPH. If you receive this letter, I ask you to accept it in a spirit of cooperation and good humor, and with a willingness to help us do what we are required to do. Any questions about this can be directed to me or to Jean at the rectory.

Our Life Together

I recently heard a great quote written by Archbishop Anthony Mancini, Archbishop of Halifax and Apostolic Administrator of Yarmouth; Archbishop Mancini wrote:

“The Church cannot be a collection of individual believers, practicing their faith in private, satisfied with their self-sufficiency. To be the church is to be a living organism, a body alive with health and strength, where every part is necessary and where each part cooperates harmoniously with every other part so that the body moves and lives with purpose and direction.”

I love that quote and think it sums up well the direction we are setting here at OLPH. As you know, we are working hard to move away from “turfs” (or “bailiwicks,” which has become the new favorite word!) and away from individual, isolated ministries and groups, to instead work toward building up a unified parish vision where everyone is more committed to the whole. Next

week I will talk more about some concrete things that have taken place and steps that will be taken to move us toward that goal.

In the meantime, think about how that quote applies to you and to your role in the Body of Christ that is OLPH Parish.

Parish Mission at St. Mary, East Islip

Starting tonight (Sunday), I will be giving the Parish Mission at St. Mary’s Parish in East Islip along with my classmates Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Fr. Frank Nelson and Fr. Michael Holzmann (this is the same Mission we give throughout the diocese and which we gave here several years ago). The Mission is four nights long, Sunday through Wednesday. Please pray for the success of this Mission.

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,



LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY AND REFLECTION

Mondays of Lent Starting

MONDAY, March 10, 2014

After the 6:30 A.M. Mass

(facilitated by Fr. John)

and the 12:15 P.M. Mass

(facilitated by Deacon Bill)



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

LENT 2014



PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Monday, March 24th
 Tuesday, March 25th
 Wednesday, March 26th
 7:30 P.M. + Church

This year our parish Lenten Mission will be led by **Msgr. Charles Fink**, Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie.

Each night of the mission will focus on our journey during Lent—one on which we are never alone, for the Lord always accompanies us. Learn more about the journey and some good tools that will carry us the rest of the way.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS OF LENT

7:00 P.M.

In the Church

March 14, 21, 28,

April 11



(Note time change from what you may have seen elsewhere; 7:00 P.M. is correct)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Monday—Friday:

Immediately after the 12:15 P.M. Mass

Saturdays: 4:00—4:45 P.M.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

(as part of Parish Lenten Mission)

Holy Week:

Monday, April 14

3:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 16

7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday, April 19

3:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

Reconciliation is always available by contacting the Parish Office (631.226.7725).

Avoid the long lines!

Don't wait until the last minute to go to Confession!

LENT: ITS MEANING, STRUCTURE, AND OUR CHURCH

THE MEANING OF LENT

We're going on retreat! True, we may not physically be traveling to a far-off place, but we are nonetheless going on retreat. The solemn season of Lent may be seen as a time of retreat for the entire Church, as we prepare to celebrate Easter and the new life which comes to us through Jesus' death and resurrection. In fact, three focal points can form the basis for our Lenten spiritual journey:

- focusing on the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection;
- final preparation of those in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
- rediscovery of and recommitment to Baptism by those already baptized, through their penance, spiritual renewal, and ongoing conversion.

The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* of Vatican II explains:

The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent — the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance — should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer. More use is to be made of the baptismal features which are proper to the Lenten liturgy.... The same may be said of the penitential elements. But catechesis, as well as pointing out the social consequences of sin, must impress on the minds of the faithful the distinctive character of penance as a detestation of sin because it is an offense against God. The role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be passed over, and the need to pray for sinners should be emphasized. During Lent, penance should be not only internal and individual but also external and social.

THE STRUCTURE OF LENT

Most people know that Lent is 40 days long, but they think that the 40 days are the six weeks plus the four days of the week of Ash Wednesday (which totals 46 days) minus six Sundays, which equals 40 days. But Lent does not end on Holy Saturday; it ends on Holy Thursday evening. The Triduum, or Three Days, beginning with the Even-

ing Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concluding with evening vespers on Easter Sunday, is a three-day season unto itself, and not merely the final three days of Lent. The span of days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday is 44 days, but the ancient fathers of the Church calculated 40 days by beginning the count with the First Sunday of Lent, and continuing until Holy Thursday. This practice has been kept to the present time, hence the 40 days of Lent.

At least four phases of the season can be discerned:

1. Ash Wednesday and the next three days: These four days form a solemn preview of the season; the Scriptures and Mass prayers announce the major aspects of the observance and call us to enter into the season. The First Sunday of Lent begins the period of 40 days, with the Rite of Election for the catechumens being one expression of this.

2. The 28 days from the First Sunday until the Saturday of the Fourth Week: Scripture readings and penitential rites provide the structure for these days. Penance services, the Penitential Rite for candidates for reception into the full communion of the Church celebrated on the Second Sunday, and the first two scrutinies for the elect on the Third and Fourth Sundays, are all a part of this time. Only two feasts, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19) and the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25), break this violet period in 2014. The Fourth or "Laetare" Sunday brings its own nuances, and rose-colored vestments may be worn that day.

3. From the Fifth Sunday and following: Attention becomes focused on the passion of Christ during this period of Lenten time.

4. The last days, called Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: These days are given the highest liturgical precedence so the Church will not be distracted from final preparations for the Triduum. Focus on the passion of Christ becomes intensified.

Remembering that Lent is primarily about baptismal preparation and conversion, let us be aware of the structure and movement of this season as we journey toward Easter.

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER RITUAL ELEMENTS DURING LENT

Our church environment will look different during the Lenten season. The environment in which we worship helps us to enter into a Lenten spirituality — what we see (and don't see) and smell and hear is all a part of the way we pray. Here are some things you will notice during Lent:

THE ASHES USED ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE ON DISPLAY ALL DURING LENT, in our “baptistery” area. This will be an ongoing reminder of the spiritual journey of Lent, a journey of dying and rising, a journey of changing our lives to be closer to Christ. The ashes come from burned palms saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH. The Roman Rite is specific about flowers for this penitential season: they are not allowed! The only exceptions this year are the Solemnities mentioned above and “Laetare” Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

THE EASTER (PASCHAL) CANDLE WILL BE REMOVED. The removal of the Easter candle in its stand contributes to the somber, penitential tone of Lent. The joy associated with sacramental initiation which is celebrated during the fifty days of Easter is out of place during these forty days of preparation, penance, and conversion. This is why adult confirmations and first communions are deferred until Easter Time.

FOR THE PENITENTIAL ACT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES DURING LENT WE WILL RECITE THE *CONFITEOR* (THE “I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD...”)) AND THEN SING THE *KYRIE ELEISON* (“LORD, HAVE MERCY”). This will highlight for us the penitential nature of the season and help us to more intently “acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.” It also gives us the chance to use the *Confiteor* (“I confess to almighty

God...”)) which is not often heard at Sunday Masses.

WE WILL USE THE APOSTLES' CREED INSTEAD OF THE NICENE CREED. The Roman Missal tells us, “Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used.” So, to highlight the sacredness of the season, we will use the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed, the one we usually use, for all of Lent and Easter Time. This will highlight for us the baptismal character of both the Lenten and Easter seasons.

THERE WILL BE NO SINGING OR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS DURING LENT. This will help create a mood of prayerful quiet and reflection appropriate to the season. The Priest may continue to pray the preparation prayers silently, or he may recite them out loud, giving the people the opportunity to respond, “Blessed be God forever.”

CROSSES AND IMAGES IN THE CHURCH WILL BE COVERED STARTING WITH THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. This custom becomes yet another stark visual reminder of the seriousness of Lent and helps us to truly experience heavenly joy and resurrected life when the images of the saints, who are in heavenly glory, are seen once again come Easter.

There are other ritual aspects that go into the celebration of Lent:

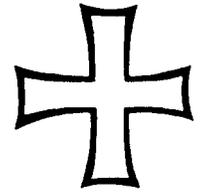
- the omission of the *Glory to God in the highest* at the beginning of all Masses;
- the omission of the Alleluia before the Gospel, replaced by another Gospel acclamation;
- traditional Lenten practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;
- Lenten devotions such as Stations of the Cross and our Parish Mission (look for details elsewhere in the bulletin).

As we journey through the days of Lenten springtime together, let us enter into its spirit by anticipating the new life which comes to us through Jesus' resurrection at Easter.

MUSIC NOTES

Music During Lent

At OLPH, we observe the Lenten fast as a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter and for the renewal of our Baptismal promises. In keeping with the spirit of fasting, you will notice that the music at our liturgies will be much simpler during Lent as well. In a sense, you can say that we are fasting with our music. Don't worry, we'll make it for it in the exuberance and joy of the Easter Season.



- Our Eucharistic Acclamations (the Holy, Holy, the Memorial Acclamation, the Great Amen and the Lamb of God) will be sung to very simple chants. We've begun learning these already.
- During the Preparation of the Gifts, we will have no music at all.
- The organ will only be used to accompany singing which means there will not be any prelude nor postlude instrumental music, except on Laetare Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent).
- Each Sunday of Lent we will recite the words of the Confetior, "I confess to almighty God . . ." We pray that the Lord's mercy will be with us on our Lenten journey. Then we will sing the Greek words "Kyrie Eleison, Christi Eleison, Kyrie Eleison" which mean "Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy."
- Instead of singing "alleluia" to announce the Gospel, we sing instead: "Praise and honor to you, O Lord, O Lord. Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ." We also won't sing "alleluia" in any of our hymns. We look forward to the Easter Season when we celebrate the newness of life and we will sing the "alleluia" again with new joy and praise.
- On the First Sunday of Lent we will be keeping the ancient tradition of the Church of singing the Litany of the Saints as we begin our Lenten Pilgrimage. We invoke the name of the saints who accompany us on our journey to Jerusalem.

Join Us For Holy Week

Are you interested in singing with our music ministry but can't commit to sing every Sunday? Consider joining us for all or even some of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. You won't want to miss the experience of being part of these unique and beautiful ritual moments in the life of the Church during the holiest days of the year. We'll be singing at the following times:

- Friday, April 4 - Presentation of the Passion in Word and Song (7:30pm)
- Saturday, April 12 - Palm Sunday Procession and Vigil Mass (5:00pm)
- Holy Thursday, April 17 - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (8:00pm)
- Good Friday, April 18 - Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord (3:00pm)
- Holy Saturday - April 19: Easter Vigil (8:00pm)
- Easter Sunday - Mass (11:00am)

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

- Thursday, March 20 – 8:00 to 9:30pm
- Thursday, March 27 – 8:00 to 9:30pm
- Thursday, April 3 – 7:30 to 9:45pm (*Required for those participating in the April 4 Passion event*)
- Sunday, April 6 – 12:00 to 2:00pm
- Thursday, April 10 – 7:30pm to 9:45pm
- Tuesday, April 15 - 7:00pm to 9:30pm (*Required*)

If you are interested, please contact our Music Director, Chris Ferraro cferraro@oloph.org or 226-7725 ext. 210. Don't worry about having to read music. The only requirement is the ability to carry a tune and a desire to praise God in song.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Become an Altar Server!

ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE PARISH
FOURTH GRADE AND OLDER

We are in the process of **recruiting new Altar Servers!** Being an altar server is a great way to be involved at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You make an important contribution to the life of the parish and you perform an important ministry. Besides, it's fun!!! You serve at weekend Masses and other special events, attend some meetings throughout the year, and have fun parties!

*Why not become an altar server? We would love to have you, and we will provide plenty of training — no prior experience is necessary!! If you are a boy or a girl who is in the **4th grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, or even older!)**, you are invited to become an altar server. Parents, why not mention it to your daughter or son to get them interested? Training will start soon, so sign up now. If you are interested, **mail or drop off the coupon below to Monsignor Joe at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue** (no phone calls, please; you must let me know in writing! It's OK to scan this page and send it electronically with all the info to msgrio@oloph.org).*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE RESPOND BEFORE MARCH 11, SINCE THE FIRST TRAINING MEETING WILL BE SOON AFTER THAT (you will receive a letter giving you specific information).

Sorry...no responses can be accepted after March 11!

We hope to hear from YOU!!!

Yes! I am interested in becoming an Altar Server!

Name _____

Address _____

Town/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____@_____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____/_____/_____

Family Envelope/Registration Number _____ *****Required: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH as of January 2014.**

Year You Received First Holy Communion _____

Grade you are in right now _____

Check one:

_____ I go to public school; Name of School _____

_____ I go to Catholic school; Name of School _____

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Proclaiming God's Word...

READERS

Readers prepare and proclaim the Scriptures and the Intercessions at Sunday and daily liturgy. Women and men—from middle school to older adult—are welcome to be involved in this ministry. Lectors would serve approximately once or twice a month.

You must attend ONE of these training sessions:



Wednesday, March 12, 2014,
7:30 – 10:00 p.m.,
St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

Saturday, March 29, 2014,
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Kellenberg Memorial HS

For more information, contact:
Robert Becker at 631-226-6175

USHERS

Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! They assist with taking up the collection, guiding people for the reception of Communion and welcoming those who visit our Church.



U S H E R S

New ushers are welcome! If you are interested in becoming an usher we will get you started! You must attend ONE of these training sessions:

Wednesday, March 12,
7:30 – 10:00 p.m.,
+ St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

Saturday, March 29,
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
+ Kellenberg Memorial HS

**Men, women, teenagers and families
are all welcome!**

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to olphushersministry@gmail.com.

Serving the Body of Christ...

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Soon the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be sponsoring training and formation days for women and men interested in being **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**.

What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

- Participation in Sunday Eucharist
- Commitment to serve two or three times a month
- Attendance at a Diocesan Training and parish training

You must attend ONE of these training sessions:

Wednesday, March 12, 2014,
7:30 – 10:00 p.m.,

St. Elizabeth Parish, Melville

Saturday, March 29, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kellenberg Memorial HS

If you have other questions or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Barbara McPhail at 631.226-1354 or e-mail to gospa254@gmail.com. You must also send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to msgrjoe@oloph.org requesting to become an EM and briefly stating why you would like to do this.

ALTAR SERVER MEETING

All altar servers are required to attend a mandatory meeting on

Tuesday, March 11 at 4:30 p.m.
in the church.

If you are unable to attend, you *must* notify Msgr. Joe or Mrs. Debbie McDonough. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Thank you!

(Note: this meeting is only for current altar servers, not new altar servers who are just signing up.)

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- ✠ **Catholics for the Freedom of Religion:** Marie Foster—631.592.1509-ripalda@optonline.net
- ✠ **Driving Ministry:** Maureen Russo - 631.226.4182—princessmorge@optonline.net
- ✠ **Golden Age Society:** Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- ✠ **New Mother’s Meal Ministry:** Carol Stysiack - 631.255 3506 -carolstys@verizon.net
- ✠ **Nursing Ministry:** Regina Muir - 631.226.2709 - rmuir11@aol.com.
- ✠ **Respect Life Committee:** Louise Perrotta - 631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net.
- ✠ **St. Bernard League:** The Consi Family—631.226.7725
- ✠ **St. Vincent De Paul Society:** Joe Illiumato—631.226.7725, x. 234
- ✠ **Senior Moments/Spirituality:** Fran Grasso - 631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- ✠ **Special Needs Ministry:** Fr. John Sureau— 631.226.7725—jsureau@oloph.org

Food Pantry

- CANNED MEALS
 - PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT
 - MACARONI & CHEESE
 - RICE
 - PANCAKE SYRUP
 - JELLY or JAM
 - CEREAL
 - BOX or CANNED POTATOES
 - COFFEE & TEA
 - HOT CHOCOLATE
 - SHELF STABLE MILK
- Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!
Thank you and God bless you!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building
Use Parking Lot on corner of Gates & High Streets
Our NEW phone # 631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9 A.M. —12 Noon**

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance?
Please call the Society of St. Vincent.**



WEDNESDAY EXPOSITION CHANGE

Over the past few months, our Pastoral Staff and Liturgy Committee have discussed our experiences of Wednesday Exposition. Presently, the Eucharist is exposed from 12:45 to about 4:30 P.M. Unfortunately, at times, there are only one or two people praying before the exposed Blessed Sacrament making the prayer less of a communal celebration.

Therefore, beginning this Wednesday, March 12, 2014, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude at 2:00 P.M. with the celebration of Daytime Prayer and Benediction. Our hope in making this change is that some will be able to remain during the entire time of exposition. Additionally, our praying of Daytime Prayer more powerfully unites us with the global Church.

Supporting St. Vincent de Paul

There are many ways to support St. Vincent de Paul and our parish’s ongoing work in directly assisting those in need. It’s as easy as 1....2....3....

- 1. Clothing:** Drop clothing in the clothing bins in the High Street/Gates Street Parking Lot.
- 2. Food:** Look above for what is needed each week and bring it with you to Church.
- 3. Donations:** St. Vincent de Paul relies entirely on the generosity of parishioners. Please consider placing money in the Poor Boxes each week. Donations can also be made in memory of a loved one. Visit St. Vincent de Paul during office hours or leave a donation in the Parish Office.

OLPH LOVES SENIORS!

We give thanks to God for our parishioners of wisdom and honor. They have built our parish and local community and continue to inspire us with their presence, participation and prayer. This year, we are in the process of beginning and renewing a number of ministries to support and bring together our parish's seniors. Consider coming yourself and/or perhaps inviting someone you love to take advantage of these ministries and services!

OLPH SENIOR MOMENTS

Beginning this Tuesday, March 11, 2014

9:00—10:30 A.M. - Room 14

Our Senior Moments group seeks to provide a place of welcome, prayer, and fellowship. The hope of this group is to bring together seniors for times of spirituality, sharing and support.

We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. in Room 14 of the school building. (You may park between the Rectory and the school or in the High Street Parking Lot.)



Avail yourself of the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and with our parish community...and to have a good time too!

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

DRIVING MINISTRY



Our Driving Ministry seeks to assist parishioners in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment or to another serious appointment when needed. If and when possible,

a member of our Driving Ministry will assist you (or your family member in our parish).

If you or someone you love is in need of a ride contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182—princessmorge@optonline.net

Here's our Driving Ministry "Tip of the Week"...

Do you know a family or a neighbor who would like to come to Mass here at OLPH? Give them a call and offer to take them with you to Mass!

ALL DRIVERS MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED.

OLPH Golden Age Society

The OLPH Golden Age Society
meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month,
11:30am—3:00pm
at K of C Hall, South Broadway,
Lindenhurst.

What is the Golden Age Society?
It's a place for our parish's seniors to come together in a social setting for community building, games, and good times.

All "Golden Agers" are welcome!

Any questions call President,
Dolores Barone 631-957-3432.

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry: Brittany Marie Evans (olph.yfia@gmail.com)
 Youth Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau (jsureau@oloph.org)
 Catholic Youth Organization: Mr. Phil Amico (olphcyophil@optonline.net)
 Boy Scouts: Mr. Tom Duffy (baggage25@hotmail.com)
 K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia (happynicosias@yahoo.com)
 K of C Squirettes: Ann Marie Perullo (amp1761@hotmail.com)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

For 8th graders and high school students!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

For 6th, 7th and 8th graders!

High School Youth Group will meet again on **March 16, 2014**. Tonight, **March 9**, high school youth ministry leaders will be helping with our Confirmation Retreat.

Next meeting:
Thursday, March 13, 2014
 7:30 P.M.
 Auditorium

LENT 2014 @ YOUTH MINISTRY

CLEAN UP YOUR ACT

Youth Ministry is asking every OLPH parishioner and ministry to CLEAN UP THEIR ACTS by helping us to make Wash Up Kits for the homeless. These kits are given to men and women who have no place to call home. Each kit provides the “basics” so they can clean up for the day.



We are collecting:

- **Washcloths**
- **Trial size or small size soaps**
- **Toothbrushes**
- **Trial size or small size toothpaste**
- **Small or trial size deodorant**
- **Chap Stik**
- **Small packages of handi wipes.**

(ALL ITEMS must be new and unused.)

We invite all parishioners and ministries to participate in this project. Leave your donated items on the steps of the sanctuary or in the Parish Office. At the end of Lent, members of the youth community will organize all the donations and prepare the Wash Up Kits for the homeless!

+ LENTEN REFLECTIONS +



Throughout the Lenten season, members of the youth community will offer daily reflections on their Facebook page—facebook.com/olph11757. While they are geared for young people, they’ll work for people of all ages! Be sure to check it out and like us!

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

SPEED STRENGTH* ENDURANCE*



DID YOU KNOW ?????
OLPH CYO has a
TRACK PROGRAM
Boys & Girls Grades 1-8



for Fall & !!!

CYO Vice President for Track: **Joe Artusa** 631-225-0410

OLPH CYO website: www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración- "Jesús es el camino, La verdad y la vida" te invita a alabar y glorificar a DIOS todos los Jueves a las 7:00 PM en la cafetería. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Unete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

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

El primer sábado de cada mes tenemos la hora Santa en Español.

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 las ofrendas de pan y vino en el altar, favor llamar a la oficina parroquial a 631-226-7725.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, Contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 o e-mail jsureau@oloph.org/En español Irma González 631 620-2401
 Correo electrónico lanegra628@yahoo.com.

Lecturas del Domingo 9 de marzo del 2014

Primer Lectura (Gen 2,7-9; 3,1-7):

Tentados desde el Principio

En una historia de carácter simbólico, el escritor sagrado dice que, según tradición inmemorial, los hombres han sufrido siempre la tentación de hacerse a sí mismos sus propios dioses, dueños absolutos de su propia vida y felicidad. Ésta sigue siendo la tremenda tragedia humana.

Segunda Lectura (Rom 5,12-19):

El Hombre Jesucristo Nos Salva

Adán, representando a toda la humanidad, echó a perder la buena y recta relación con Dios, con otros seres humanos, y consigo mismo. El Hijo de Dios, el hombre Jesucristo, vino a restaurar esta relación. Ésta es la tragedia humana que Jesús vino a remediar.

Evangelio (Mt 4,1-11):

Jesús Vence Nuestras Tentaciones

Jesús venció todas nuestras tentaciones humanas de egoísmo, soberbia y poder. Él quiso servir a Dios y salvar a los hombres. De este modo nos hizo capaces de servir con humildad a Dios y a nuestro prójimo.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

New Event...A Great Idea for Lent...

FAMILIES IN SERVICE

Sunday, March 23, 2014—After the 9:30 A.M. Mass

Our Family Life committee is always seeking ways to bring together families for times of fellowship and service. This month, instead of our regular hospitality breakfast, we will gather together to make sandwiches for local homeless shelters.

Here's how this works...

- ✝ **Over the next few weeks, as a family, save your change or allowance or any extra monies you receive.**
- ✝ **On Saturday, the 22nd or early the 23rd, go to the store and buy the makings of a good sandwich—cold cuts, bread, toppings, etc.**
- ✝ **Bring that all with you to Mass on March 23rd (you can leave it in your car, bring it to Mass, or drop it off in the Café before Mass).**
- ✝ **Gather in the Cafeteria after Mass and put together the sandwiches with other families in service!**
- ✝ **Then we'll deliver them either on Sunday or early the following week!**



Look in next week's bulletin for more info! If you have any questions, or can help with donations (always helpful!), contact Fr. John at jsureau@oloph.org or call at 631.226.7725, x. 203.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE DEAD TREE IN CHURCH?

Family Life invites all children to help bring our dead tree back to life on Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time to do something that will help you to grow closer to God. You may pray more, be more helpful to others, or do chores without complaining.

During **each Sunday of Lent** pick a leaf from the basket. Follow the task written on the leaf. The following Sunday bring the leaf back to church and place a dogwood flower on the tree as a symbol of the good deed you did during the week.

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

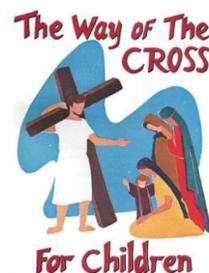
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

for Families and Children

March 21st - 7:00 P.M.

April 11th - 7:00 P.M.

Family Life invites all children and their parents to participate in the Stations of the Cross. Come join us as we walk the footsteps of Jesus to each Station and remember the things that happened to Jesus on Good Friday because of His love for us. All parishioners are welcome to participate.



If your child would like to be a reader and for further information contact:

Debbie McDonough @957-0765 or

Chris Ferris @ 957-2321

or email olphfamilylife@aol.com

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.

First Time:

*Robert Loeschner (St. Martin, Amityville)
& Therese Lloyd (OLPH)*

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

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of
March 9-15:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of

Serafina (Faye) Walsh

From

Liz & Agostino Pecoraro

Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 for other options for memorials.

WE REMEMBER

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

Joseph F. Micel

Kathryn Cusimano

Maria Aliano

Kristi Planz

Brianna Casillas

"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE



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

WE BELIEVE

*The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? - Psalm 27*

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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

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.

Nursing Ministry

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul."

3 John 2

Our parish nursing ministry is off and running. Over 10 parishioners have come forward and have been working on some projects for our parish as a whole and with individual parishioners in need.

If you are interested in being a part of this new ministry and want to find out more information, please contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail: rmuir11@aol.com.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 631.226.7725

Religious Education: 631.226.2384

St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Outreach) :

631.226.7725 X 234

Parish Website:

www.olphlindhurst.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Deacon Doug or Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Doug or Fr. John at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork

Tricia Buckley (Chair)

Lori Byron

Marie Foster

Greg Guido

Sonia Hansen

John Keller

Kevin Sabella

Christina Taparata

James Totino

Pete Triolo

Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres

John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett

Deacon Tom Bast

Gerry Chille (Chair)

Ed Cirella

Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®

Bob Dobres

Bob Meade

John Reynolds

Deacon Don Stamm

Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker

Mark Costantino

Debbie McDonough

Barbara McPhail

Rosaleen Walters

Mike Williams

Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

Chris Ferraro

Deacon Doug Smith

Fr. John Sureau

Alice Vozzo

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, March 10 —****Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Chris Totillo

12:15 Nancy Porretto

TUESDAY, March 11—**Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Dennis McHugh

12:15 Ray Evans

WEDNESDAY, March 12 —**Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Dennis McHugh

12:15 Teresa M. Skopek

12:45 Exposition

THURSDAY, March 13—**Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Dennis McHugh

12:15 Carlo D'Pasquale

FRIDAY, March 14—**Lenten Weekday**

6:30 John L. Sullivan, Sr.

12:15 Beverly Coprow

SATURDAY, March 15 —**Lenten Weekday**

8:00 Patricia Caramanico

**Vigil Mass for
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 Benny Ferrera

**March 16
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

6:30 Dennis McHugh

8:00 Michael Pazzano

9:30 For the People of the Parish

11:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Christian Mothers

12:30 Roseanne & Leo Colombo

5:00 John D. Hopkins, Sr.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK**Monday, March 10, 2014**

2:30 P.M. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Room 14

7:15 P.M. Religious Ed—Grade 8 Class School

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

5:30 P.M. CYO—Cheerleading Auditorium

7:30 P.M. Virtus Training—
Protecting God's Children Room 1

7:45 P.M. Community of Praise Room 14

8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

2:15 P.M. Legion of Mary Room 24

4:30 PM Rel. Ed. Class—Grade 1 School/
6:30 PM Auditorium

7:15 PM Rel. Ed. Class—Grade 7 School

7:30 PM Boy Scouts Cafeteria

Thursday, March 13, 2014

5:00 P.M. Music—Youth Choir Church

5:30 P.M. CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

7:00 P.M. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:30 P.M. Adult Faith Formation—
History of the Mass Room 147:30 P.M. Youth Ministry Auditorium/
YM Office

8:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous NA Room 24

8:00 P.M. Mothers Prayer Group Room 16

8:30 P.M. Music —Adult Choir Church

Friday, March 14, 2014

7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross Church

Saturday, March 15, 20148:30, 10:00 Rel. Ed. Grades 2—6 School &
11:30 A.M. Auditorium

10:00 A.M. Special Education School

1:00 P.M. CYO—Basketball Auditorium

8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

Sunday, March 16, 2014

11:00 A.M. RCIA Church

1:00 P.M. CYO—Basketball Auditorium

8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, March 16, 2014: Second Sunday of Lent

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

Genesis 12:1-4A

How are we to understand God’s promise of protection made to Abram here: that God would bless those who blessed Abram and curse those who cursed him? As the whole of the Law and the Hebrew Scriptures tell us, the blessing of God comes with obedience to the Law, while those who disobey are cursed. Beginning with the account of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, to “bless” is to render or to declare something or someone fruitful, and to “curse” is to make or declare them barren, fruitless, powerless, or even destined for death (see Jesus’ cursing of the fig tree, Mark 11:12-14).

When God called Abram at the age of 75, telling him to leave his home and everything he knew; to follow God blindly, to live in a land where he would be a foreigner, at first Abram obeyed God with unconditional and complete trust. And in response, God promised Abram prosperity, countless descendants, and unconditional protection. It was only later, on those occasions when Abram waived in that complete trust of God, in second-guessing the Lord, that Abram found himself in trouble. Whenever Abram acted on his own, his decisions and behavior ended up turning his neighbors into his enemies. But whenever Abram was less than faithful, God was always his faithful and merciful deliverer, who then called him further to even greater faithfulness. As Abram is the patriarch and prototype of the Hebrew people, God’s covenant promise of blessing extends to all of future Israel, and further to all peoples who would, like Abram, choose the Lord as their God.

2 Timothy 8B-10

As the larger context of this reading seems to tell us, Paul wrote this letter to Timothy from prison. The younger Timothy, who later became the first-century bishop of Ephesus, was converted to Christianity and then instructed in the faith by Paul. Here Paul tells Timothy that, as his own imprisonment testifies, preaching the Gospel will bring hardship. But, as Paul explains, suffering and even death have no power over us because of the saving work and power of Christ. Only trust in God, and He will give you the strength to endure and ultimately triumph.

Matthew 17:1-9

“You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!” So Peter freely declared as the truth of Jesus’ identity as revealed to Him by the Father (Matthew 16:16). But when Jesus told his apostles that it was God’s plan that His Son had to suffer and die before being raised from the dead, Peter could not accept this as God’s will. Then Jesus told the apostles that they, too, would have to suffer as His followers—but still they continued to follow Him. Matthew’s Gospel tells us that after six days, the apostles followed Jesus to a mountain top, and there they had a vision of Jesus glorified. There Peter, James and John saw with their eyes and heard with their ears what the Father had previously revealed to them in their hearts—that this was His Beloved Son. But it would only be in Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection that His true identity would be revealed to the world.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday’s Gospel (Matthew 17:1-9) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.

1. The voice in the “bright cloud” said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Do you think you listen well to him? Can you relate to Peter, James and John when they fall to the ground and are very much afraid? Why?
2. The Gospels record another time when Jesus and others heard the Father’s voice saying to him, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Do you think that we can join with Jesus in being God’s beloved? Discuss.

Readings for the Week

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church. You can access the readings through our parish website.

Monday, March 10, 2014:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
+ Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 11, 2014:

Isaiah 55:10-11 + Matthew 6:7-11

Wednesday, March 12, 2014:

Jonah 3:1-10 + Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 13, 2014:

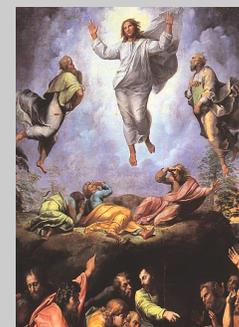
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
+ Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 14, 2014:

Ezekiel 18:21-28 + Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 15, 2014:

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 + Matthew 5:43-48



OFFERING UPDATE

March 1/2, 2014

Mass Time	Weekly	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$3,373.00	165	344
6:30 A.M.	932.00	41	98
8:00 A.M.	2,299.00	87	246
9:30 A.M.	1,616.00	91	341
11:00 A.M.	2,655.00	120	378
12:30 P.M.	1,837.00	90	350
5:00 P.M.	1,832.00	47	358
Total coin:	33.41		
Mail-ins:	266.00		
Children's env.	30.00	21	
Faith Direct	1,572.60		
TOTAL	\$16,533.20	662	2,115
2013 Totals	\$18,527.29	745	2034
CANDLES	981.35		
POOR BOX	257.67		
1st Saturday	412.50		
Special Needs	87.19		



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- Children's Toys
- Home Good baskets
- and much, much more!

For more information concerning Chinese Auction please call: Margie (631) 839-2854

Date: Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 1-5 PM
at OLPH
Knights of Columbus Hall
400 South Broadway
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

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

For tickets, send a check made payable to:
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Mail to:
Michael Heamey, PGK, DD
210 East John Street
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

For additional info call 631-560-0451

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"Together We Can and Will Make a Difference"

What the ME25 Measured



We continue our look at the results of the Gallup ME25 survey by examining the last three items addressing the spiritual commitment of our OLPH family members. These items provide an interesting miniature portrait of our church community. Take item C08 for instance. We outscore the national sample. Simply put, 9 out of 10 OLPH parishioners believe they speak words of encouragement to those in need. The mean score for this item is only two hundredths of a point higher than the national samples, but the real difference is that 60% of our OLPH brothers and sisters *strongly agree* with the statement. If you attend church regularly, you probably have already sensed that fact about us. A second point to ponder is that

84% of our church goes say that being Catholic gives them inner peace. Do you know someone who struggles to find inner peace? You might suggest they will find it where you find your inner peace – at the mass. Finally, in spite of the responses to the other two items, we are reluctant to strongly proclaim ourselves “spiritually committed”? Are we afraid of the response it might cause in others? Or are we afraid of what it might mean for our own behavior? Would being strongly spiritually committed mean that we would act differently than we now do? Think about it.

Item		Distribution as percentages of the total responses					Average Score	
		Strongly Disagree		Strongly Agree				
		1	2	3	4	5		
C07	My faith gives me an inner peace.	2%	3%	11%	25%	59%	4.34	OLPH
		1	2	9	28	60	4.43	US Catholics
		1	2	9	28	60	4.44	All Churches
C08	I speak words of kindness to those in need of encouragement.	2%	2%	7%	29%	60%	4.44	OLPH
		1	2	8	33	56	4.42	US Catholics
		1	2	8	33	56	4.42	All Churches
C09	I am a person who is spiritually committed.	2%	5%	19%	35%	39%	4.04	OLPH
		1	4	17	36	42	4.12	US Catholics
		1	4	17	36	42	4.14	All Churches

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ **Catholic Homeschool Conference—March 21.** *The Immaculate Heart of Mary Long Island Homeschool and Parent Conference* will be held at the Cure of Ars Roman Catholic Church, Merrick, Friday, March 21 from 12noon—8:00PM. Admission is free. For information visit www.ihmconference.org or call 540-622-5543.
- ◆ **Diocesan Bereavement Conference**, “*Strength & Hope for the Journey*,” will be held on Saturday, **March 22** at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale. The Human Process of Grief: A Journey of Healing, A Journey of Faith given by **Bishop Nelson Perez**. Multi workshops available to attend. For information www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement or call 516-334-7990 X 119 or 120.
- ◆ **Widows & Widowers and Single Catholics of LI**— New Member Orientation, Tuesday, **March 25** at 8pm. The meeting is held every 4th Tuesday at St. Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. Please bring proof of single status to join—refreshments to follow meeting. Call Carol: 516-794-4933 or Eileen: 516-661-4353.
- ◆ **Nassau Community College Center for Catholic Studies** will present a program *Thinking with the mind of the Church: Reflections on Pope Francis*, Saturday, **March 29**, 11:30 am—2:15pm in the Multipurpose Room. Opening welcome by Joseph Varacalli; **Rev. Joseph W. Koterski**, S.J., Ph.D. of Fordham University Philosophy Dept. and President of Fellowship of Catholic Scholars will be the main speaker. Includes luncheon and Q & A to follow. Free but **registration and parking sticker a must** through Office of Lifelong Learning, NCC, One Education Drive, Garden City, NY 11530. Or call 516-572-7472 for more details. Registration forms on pew ledges or at the rectory.
- ◆ **The Case For Life-Pro-Life Apologetics Training Weekend.** The LI Coalition For Life Educational Trust invites you to hear Scott Klusendorf, President, Life Training Institute. Learn how to persuasively defend the pro-life position in the public square. Friday, **March 28th**, 7PM-9PM: The Case for Life- understanding and articulating pro-life truths Saturday, **March 29th**, 9AM-Noon: Handling modern day relativism; Effective tactics; Credibly responding to abortion advocates. In the *Joseph Barry Knights of Columbus Hall* (45 Heitz Pl. Hicksville) *Weekend Registration* donation: \$20; \$10 for students (covers both days). Registration includes presentation notes plus a copy of “*Stand for Life: Answering the Call, Making the Case, Saving Lives*” (co-authored by Klusendorf) Light refreshments served. RSVP requested (for book count and refreshments) to FORTYD-FLLI@gmail.com Sponsored by LICL Educational Trust: 631-243-1435; www.prolifeLI.org.
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