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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 1- PALM SUNDAY

- 6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society
- 8:00 Respect Life
- 9:30 Ann & John Millett
- 11:00 Book of the Faithful Departed
- 12:30 Mass for the People of the Parish
- 5:00 Tree of Life
- 6:30 Polish Mass

MONDAY: April 2- Monday of Holy Week

- 8:00 Hedwig M. & John E. Yuliano
- 12:00 Antonio Bonventre
- 7:00 Perrota/Brancato Families
- 7:30 Devotions (Novena)

TUESDAY: April 3- Tuesday of Holy Week

- 8:00 Francis Cavalier
- 12:00 Rafael F. Rajo
- 7:00 Matthew Savino

WEDNESDAY: April 4- Wednesday of Holy Week

- 8:00 Gaspare & Marie Piazza
- 12:00 Maria Santiago
- 7:00 Margaret Mehm

THURSDAY: April 5- Holy Thursday

- 8:00 **Mass of the Lord's Supper
procession to the Altar of Repose
Adoration until Midnight**

**FRIDAY: April 6- Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord
(day of Abstinence)**

- 12:00 **Stations of the Cross**
- 3:00 **Liturgy of Good Friday**
- 8:00 **Liturgy of Good Friday**

SATURDAY: April 7- Holy Saturday

NO MASSES

VIGIL MASS -

8:00 Paschal Vigil



Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Steven D. Calder

Requested by

Family & Friends

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam



Mission Statement

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

- The OLPH Pastoral Council



From the Pastor's Desk:

It was time to enter Jerusalem, time to make the final leg of the journey of Faith which He had entered upon the day He was born and the day He began His public ministry...three years prior. He had done so much to deliver the message of hope which His Father, and ours, asked Him to deliver. He preached and clarified the scriptures, taught new lessons and applications. He welcomed all who came to Him, family, friends, neighbors, fellow Jews, foreigners, strangers, saints and sinners. He preached, challenged, reprimanded, lifted up the lowly, tempered the proud in their conceit. To all He delivered the message of God the Father, a message of Life, Love, Happiness and Peace. Indeed He was "the Way, the Truth and the Life." His goal was to bring salvation to all and thus guarantee a place for each and everyone in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Among those gathered in and around the entrance into Jerusalem were those who had witnessed it all. They were excited to see Him. They spread their cloaks on the ground for His donkey to walk on and waived palm branches singing "Hosanna to the Son of David...blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

Then why did they not protect Him? Why did they not stand up for Him? Why was it so easy for them to turn against Him or simply run home and hide in their houses? Why???? Because they were afraid...because they didn't want to get involved...because they didn't want to be held responsible in any way, shape or form. After all, what would others think if they defended Him? They might have to appear before Pilate and tell all the good things they knew. The chief priests and elders would hear them and might punish them. They hear the rumors, the lies... they knew what was being plotted against Jesus, yet they were AFRAID TO GET INVOLVED. And so they either sold their souls to the devil or played along, acting like they agreed with what was being said and done while hoping that it would all just go away. But it didn't, and so the drama was allowed to play on, and, the enemies of Jesus who feared His power as Messiah were able to bring Him to His death believing that by His death all would end... and they would keep their power free from the criticism of Jesus and His followers.

Do you think that this scene has ended? I hope you don't think this way. We continue to celebrate this "Sunday of the Lord's Passion", because it is a constant reminder of how alert we must all continue to be to what is going on around us... especially in our relationship to Christ and our baptismal call to witness to His Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection. The world has not changed, my friends. Jesus Christ and His Church are still under attack in parishes, towns, counties, states and nations. Why, because His message of Salvation remains the same... "to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind soul and strength and to love your neighbor as you love yourself" ... "to go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

The Church is not about parties and prizes, it's about the Eucharist and Eternal life.. the ultimate meal and the ultimate goal of life for all of us. Christ is about evangelization... reaching out to family and neighbors, including strangers, and bringing them the message of Life and Hope and Peace which is Jesus Christ. It's about being Christ to others and to each other. It's about standing up for all that Christ teaches through His Church. It's about standing up for LIFE, for freedom of CONSCIENCE, for FAMILY, for MORAL VALUES. It's about holding ourselves and those who govern us to a high standard of MORAL INTEGRITY.

This time of Lent, this **HOLY WEEK**, is our opportunity to unite ourselves with Christ to enter into a deeper union with His Life and Purpose and to make our lives one with His as we surrender ourselves to Him by **confessing our sins, unite ourselves with Him in the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, walk with Him to the Cross on Good Friday so that we can feel the suffering and yet receive the strength of His conviction, and, rise with Him to a renewed newness of life in His Resurrection. This week gives us unfailing Hope as we experience His never-ending Love.**

DO NOT MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT JOINING AS A PARISH FOR ONE OR ALL OF THESE DAYS (NOT JUST EASTER SUNDAY). JESUS WANTS YOU TO RECALL THE JOURNEY OF HOLY WEEK WITH HIM. MAKE THE TIME!!!!

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

Fr. Trapani



BANS OF MARRIAGE

First Time:

Anthony Porrato & Karina Realpe (OLPH)

Second Time:

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

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK

**John Bertone
Fr. Anthony Trapani
Dorothy Brady
Kevin Curran**



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

Baptisms

**Stefania Crimi
Riley Marie Figueiredo
Daniel Michael Mrvica
Sylvester Joseph Sangirardi
Parker Salvatore Santapau
Aiden Aldo Tedesco
Juliana Lynn Minicozzi
Rachel Rose Zimmermann**

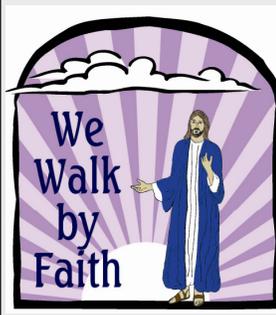
We Welcome you, with love,
to our parish family!
We have had 28 Baptisms so far
in 2012.



PRAY FOR THE DEAD

**Paula Carlson
Robert Michie**

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



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

April 1, 2012 — Palm Sunday

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who have committed to supporting the vision and mission of Jesus—to build the Kingdom of God—by serving others through ministry.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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

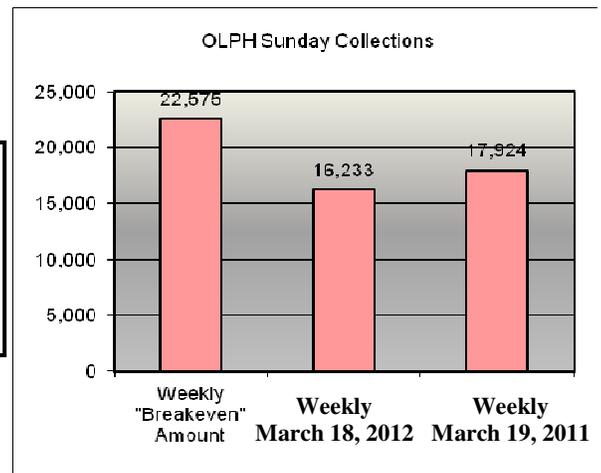
**OUR PARISH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH
DEPENDS ON YOUR GENEROSITY**

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

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

HELP CLOSE THE GAP!

We have 82 parishioners/families enrolled in Faith Direct!



PARISH NEWS

- **Friday, April 6, Good Friday, the only collection during the liturgies at 3 and 8pm will be for the Holy Land. Once again, please be as generous as your means will allow.**
- **Diocesan Day of Reconciliation: Monday, April 2, all Catholics of the Diocese are invited to come and be reconciled, that we might celebrate the Paschal Mystery with heart and mind renewed, with reconciliation in the Church (any Church) from **3–9 PM.****

UPCOMING EVENTS

- This Spring, couples that have been married **fifty years** or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, **April 22** at the Church of *Saint Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville* and Sunday, **May 20** at *Maria Regina in Seaford*. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30pm. Couples may *register for only ONE liturgy*. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by *April 5th* for the April liturgy and *May 3rd* for the May liturgy. For more information call 516-678-5800 X 207.
- **Revitalizing the Church and Society: The “New Evangelization” of Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI.** A free day-long conference of panel discussions with *Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton, Msgr. Robert A. Batule, Fr. Brian Barr, Rick Hinshaw, Frank J. Russo, Jr.* and other prominent Catholics on **Saturday, May 5** from 8 am –4 pm. at the Nassau Community College, Office of Lifelong Learning, One Education Drive, Garden City, in the College Center Multi-Purpose Meeting Room. Free Registration required to receive parking permit. 516-572-7472. All are invited to attend!
- **Cancer Survivorship Support Group**— for adult cancer survivors no longer in treatment, who have completed treatment within the last 18 months. A 12 week, **free program** run by a professional CancerCare oncology social worker. Begins Thursday, **April 5**, 5:30—7pm at CancerCare, 20 Crossways Park Dr. North, Suite 110, Woodbury. For info and application call 516-364-8130 or email: info@cancercareli.org.
- **HEALING MASS** at the *Immaculate Conception Center*, Douglaston Pkwy, Douglaston. Tuesday, **April 10** at 7pm. Rosary, Mass & Healing service celebrated by Fr. Augustine Fernando. For more info call: 718-229-8001.
- **Healing Mass at St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset**, across from Christopher Morley Park (621-8300) 6:30 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Healing Mass Schedule: Tuesday, **April 17**, Tuesday, **May 15**, Tuesday, **June 5**.
- **Our Lady of Consolation (111 Beach Dr., W. I.) Bereavement Group**—Pastoral Care & Hospice provide a support group for those mourning the loss of a loved one. 8 sessions on Mondays, **April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, June 4 & 11** 2:30-4pm. Please call 631-587-1600 X 8297 to reserve a place in this newly formed limited group. Register early!
- **Put Spring back into your relationship!** Experience a *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend*. **April 20-22**. Registration is limited. For more information or to apply: 1-866-499-6354. www.wwmeli.org
- **Catholic Daughters of the Americas #869 - Pot Luck Supper** will be held Saturday, **April 28**, at 6:00pm. Enjoy an evening of home cooked culinary delights. Dinner includes main entree, coffee and dessert. (BYOB). Reservations are only \$10 per person or a special family rate of \$25 (family of 4). Call Ana Marie (516) 932-5537 or Kathy (516) 707-5206. *St. Ignatius Loyola School Cafe*, 30 E Cherry St., Hicksville (LIE Exit 41S, 1 ½ miles south on Rte. 107.)
- **Spring Open House—Sunday, April 29, 1pm at Molloy College, Rockville Centre**, will host an Open House for prospective students and their guests. Call 516-678-5000 X 6230 for more information.
- **Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy**—provided by NYS licensed therapists available to our parish and 102 other parishes. Services provided by Catholic Counseling Center. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments: call Dr. Giuliani 631-243-2503 or go to our website thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

*8th Graders of OLPH School
will have a live presentation
of the Stations of the Cross
on GOOD FRIDAY, April 6th
at 12:00 Noon.*

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings:April 1, 2012 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. We commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and we enter into Holy Week — the week when Christ makes the ultimate sacrifice for us – giving up His life.

The readings today focus our attention on that life-giving redemptive sacrifice.

In the first reading, we hear what happens to the servant who proclaims the message.

The people reject his message, and he is, in turn, humbled and humiliated. Yet, he is not deterred. He continues to proclaim God's Word, because he has been appointed to do so. In fact, not only does he set out proclaiming the message God has given him to preach, he gives of himself in the midst of it.

"I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard, my face I did not shield from the buffets and spitting. The Lord God is my [help](#). ... I will not be put to shame."

Then, in the Gospel, we see Jesus as the suffering servant. He came to proclaim the Good News, to proclaim the [Kingdom of God](#) is at hand, and for that, He is led like a lamb to the slaughter – beaten, mocked, and, finally killed. Yet that does not deter Him. In the midst of His passion Jesus, exhausted and pained though He was, He carried on, giving Himself selflessly glorifying the Father in His death.

"He humbled Himself becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross," St. Paul tells the Philipians in today's second reading. "Because of this ... at the name of Jesus every knee shall bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Jesus' death teaches us so many things. Of course, it shows us just how much God loves us. The Father gave His only Son and willed Him to suffer and die for our sake, and the Son, meanwhile, willingly consented. He died a grueling unimaginably painful torturous death in order that we might be freed from the bonds of sin and have life eternal. That is deep love – the deepest love there is.

His passion and death, then, teaches us that suffering can be redemptive. Christ's death bore great fruit. It is paradoxical, but it is true. Likewise, when we unite our sufferings with Christ they too can bear great fruit; they too can give glory to the Lord.

Today, we proclaim the Good news. As Christ's disciples, we continue His ministry here and now — preaching the Gospel and heralding the kingdom of God by what we say and do.

As Jesus' passion shows us, it is not an easy mission. It is full of self-sacrifice. We live not for ourselves, but for God, and so, we give of ourselves just as Jesus did in order to glorify the Lord.

That may mean that others mock us and humiliate us along the way. The life of a Christian is counter-cultural and therefore not popular after all, but we know that we were not made for this world. We were made for something so much greater. We were made to live life united to the Trinity in Heavenly glory forever. And so, we keep our eyes fixed on the [prize](#) as it were. We live our lives in such a way that others see God in us, that others recognize the truth and the wonder of the Gospel and are therefore drawn to live it out as well. We give of ourselves – our time, our talents, and our treasure (indeed our very lives) to serve the Lord by loving and serving those He has put in our path. We follow Jesus Christ, and that means we give, not of our excess, but of our first fruits do that our giving is a self-gift, a sacrifice. And we know that in that God is glorified.

CONFESSIONS
DURING HOLY WEEK

MONDAY:

3:00 — 5:00 pm & 7:30 — 8:30 pm

TUESDAY:

After the 7:00 pm Mass

WEDNESDAY:

After the 7:00pm Mass

HOLY THURSDAY:

4:00—5:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY:

11:00—12:00 noon,
4:00—5:00pm

After the 8:00 pm Evening Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY:

11:00—12:00 Noon
3:00—5:00 pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Regular Weekend Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
12:30, 5:00 pm and 6:30 Polish Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5

The Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper,

Beginning the Paschal Triduum,

will be concelebrated at **8:00pm**

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

From 9:00 pm until Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6

The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death
Of the Lord: **3:00** pm and again at **8:00** pm

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 Noon.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7

The Pascal Vigil Service, concluding with
Concelebrated Mass will begin at **8:00** pm

RCIA Baptisms at the Vigil Mass.

No other services.

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

EASTER DAY, APRIL 8

Masses at 6:30, 8:00,

9:00 Polish Mass (Auditorium)

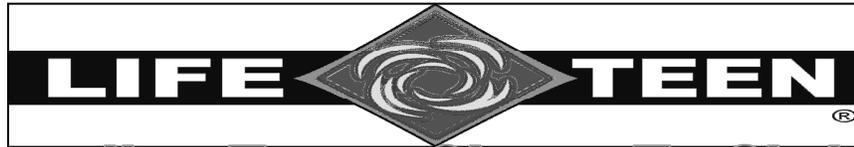
9:30, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm

NO BAPTISMS EASTER SUNDAY

NO EVENING MASS

Bethany Retreat. Mary and Joseph's simple "yes" has changed the world. Come, join our *Pastoral Formation Institute* family as we travel with Mary and Joseph to explore how our own "yes" changes the course of our lives. **Friday night, April 27 & Saturday, April 28, 2012** at *St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia*. This two day event begins on Friday evening from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. We will begin with fellowship, snacks, coffee & tea. The Bethany Retreat continues Saturday from 8:00 am until about 7:30 pm. Liturgy at 5pm (Sunday Readings) and a candlelight supper brings our day to a delightful end. Breakfast, lunch & snacks will also be served. Cost: \$50.00 Advance registration required by **April 18!**

Please register online at www.drvc-faith.org or contact Jill Meise, PFI Alumni Event Team Coordinator, at (631) 431-4564.



Leading Teens Closer To Christ

LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT:

Life Night TONIGHT!! Join us tonight, 8th graders through 12 grade welcome!

Next week - NO Life Night!

Dodge ball/ Holy Hour at the Seminary Friday, April 13th. This is the LAST dodge ball/ Holy Hour of this school year!! Reserve your space in the van NOW!

Catholic Underground Saturday, April 14th. Reserve your space in the van!

Stay tuned for parent meetings, girl's night/ guy night's and Women of Faith meetings.

All these and more can be found on our website at www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com

Keeping up with our Scripture Challenge? Check it out on our website under the Core Blog section!



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

Just come on down, no need to sign up!

Next Edge date:

Watch for an all – day Edge event!!! **Friday, April 13**, we will have games and food! Come spend the day with us! More info to follow.
Any questions call **226-6239** and leave a message for Peggy.

Ministry of Praise

April 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Easter season is upon us. Rejoice and be glad for the witnesses have found the stone rolled back from tomb and upon entering have discovered Jesus is not to be found there. He has risen as he said he would. Alleluia.

I have upon occasions reflected upon the fact that the witnesses who arrived on that first Easter morning found the stone rolled back from the tomb entrance. In the ordinary sense of the world one could think a stone is rolled away from the entrance of someplace to let the one inside come out. This is not the case here. No barrier could keep our resurrected Lord either in or out of any place.

John 20:19-20 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

John 20:26-27 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

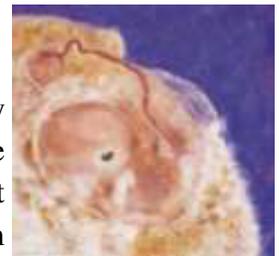
No, the stone was not rolled back to let Jesus out. The stone was rolled back in order to let the witnesses in so they could see Jesus was no longer to be found there in the tomb. Today Jesus is to be found in a most powerful way in the flesh and blood church when we gather in our Father's house around the table of the Lord and celebrate and partake of his Real Presence in Eucharist. Many of our family in Christ have, for whatever reason, lost the peace and inner healing that comes from regular weekly Mass participation. When they are absent from the assembly of God's family on the Lord's day they lose out. Not only do they lose out but so do we for the gathering of the family is incomplete. This is not a reference to the those who are homebound due to infirmity or age. Their prayer life and desire to gather within the church building mysteriously does place them there with all the believers. I'm referring to those who though they could be there decide not to. They however are our brothers and sisters whether they wish to acknowledge it or not. I would ask your prayers this month during this Easter season to be for these absent brothers and sisters of ours. Please pray that God somehow move through us his children and enable us to roll back any stone in an individuals mind that might be blocking them from entering into the church building and joining us, the Church, each Sunday for the celebration of Mass.

Pray also that when the stone that is blocking them is rolled away and they enter into the Sunday liturgy the experience they have is not of an absent Jesus but of a very present Jesus loving and embracing them. Pray they receive the peace and wholeness only Jesus can give them.

Peace of Jesus,
Frank
Deacon Frank

PARISH SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

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



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

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

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

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

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

JOIN US! GET INVOLVED!

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

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 VILLAGE: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE NO. _____ Email _____
 REQUEST DIRECT MAIL _____

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

Note: As your receipt, you will receive a paid Holy Name Membership Card.
 For additional information, call Jerry Cunningham at 631-226-1581 or
 Email: www.jerrybetycunningham@yahoo.com

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



The Knights of Columbus Council 794

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

Finger Sandwiches
 Flavored Teas
 Scones
 &
 many other delectable delights

Date: Sunday, April 22, 2012

Time: 1:00 -4:00 pm

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

Price: \$15.00 Per Person

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



Hat Parade with a prize for the best Hat



Most Unique Tea Cup Contest too!



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

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



THE LEGION OF MARY ACIES

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

3 PM, SUNDAY, APRIL 22

**THE MONTFORT SPIRITUAL CENTER
 26 SOUTH SAXON AVE., BAY SHORE**

All active and auxiliary members and guests are invited.

The Acies is a sacred and solemn ceremony in which members of the Legion of Mary individually and collectively renew their consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

For information or directions: 631-666-7500



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS
AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH**

Registration for public-school students who will participate in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Religious Education Program for the 2012-2013 academic year will be held on:

Monday, April 16th 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 17th 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 18th 4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 19th 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 21st 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

The Religious Education Office is located at 260 South Wellwood Avenue.

Parents with a child who will be in the first grade in September 2012 should register the child for religious instruction at this time.

All students entering first grade in any of the Lindenhurst Public Schools and residing within the parish boundaries who wish to make First Communion at the regular time in the second grade must be registered on one of the dates mentioned above and must regularly attend both the first and second grade of the Religious Education Program. Students entering grades 2-8 who did not attend the OLPH program in the past academic year (2011-2012) must also register on the above dates.

Parents registering their children for the first time must bring the original copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate as a requirement for registration, unless the child was baptized in OLPH Church.

For further information, please call the OLPH **Religious Education Office** at **226-2384**.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Wednesdays from 4:30 to 8:30 P.M.

The Message of Divine Mercy



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

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

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

The Feast of Divine Mercy

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

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

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

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



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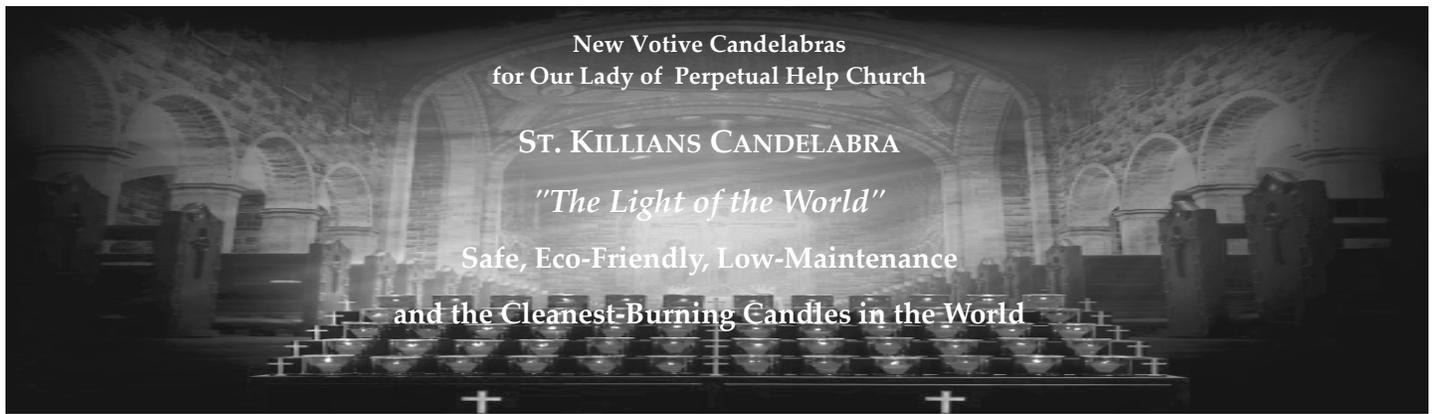
CANNED CARROTS, PEAS, FRUIT, PORK & BEANS, PASTA SAUCE, MACARONI & CHEESE, SMALL PACKAGES OF RICE, STUFFING MIX, GRAVIES, CEREAL, JUICE, SHELF-STABLE MILK, POWDERED MILK, EVAPORATED MILK, CAKE MIXES, JELLO, PUDDING, COFFEE.



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

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

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



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

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

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



CHILDREN, HAVE YOU SEEN THE DEAD TREE IN CHURCH?

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

Lent is a time to ***do something*** that will help you to grow closer to God.

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

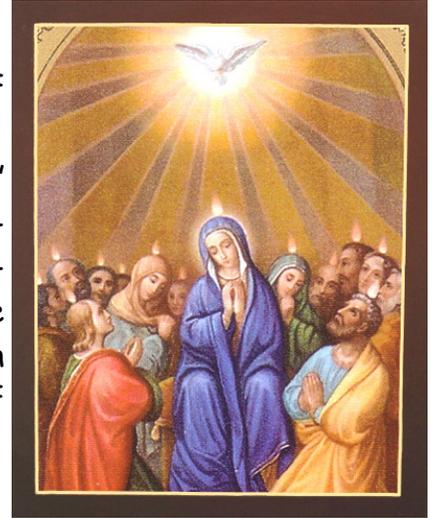
During each Sunday of Lent, pick a leaf from the basket, Follow the task written on the leaf. The following Sunday bring the leaf back to church and place a dogwood flower on the tree as a symbol of the good deed you did during the week.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Grade 7 Religion - We are learning about the first disciple of Jesus - Mary.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, is called the "first and best disciple." Mary's faith and obedience made her open to God's will throughout her life. She brought Jesus into the world willingly and devoted her life to him. She stood faithfully with Jesus at the foot of the cross when other fled. When the Holy Spirit came on the first Pentecost, Mary was with the other disciples. One of her titles is "Queen of the Apostles."



Readings for the Week—April 1-6 2012:

Sunday, April 1: *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16, Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday, April 2: *Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11*

Tuesday, April 3: *Is 49: 1-6; Jn 13:21-31, 36-38*

Wednesday, April 4: *Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25*

Thursday, April 5: *Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15*

Friday, April 6: *Is 52:13-53:12, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42*

Saturday, April 7: *Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7*

