

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*“To the one who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb be blessing and honor,
glory and might, forever and ever.”*

Revelation 5:13

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 10, 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.

OLPH LOVES FAMILIES!!!!



Easter Family Fun Night

THIS Friday

April 15, 2016

7:00 p.m. - Auditorium

We celebrate Easter at OLPH! Come to a night of food, faith, and fun as we celebrate the great season of Easter. Throughout the night we'll have a lot of fun and exciting times as we celebrate the great mystery of Easter. There will be times of service, food making and eating, some time for prayer and a HUGE Easter Egg Hunt! Don't miss it! E-mail to familylife@oloph.org or fill out the form below.

Parents—can you help on this night? If so e-mail familylife@oloph.org.

FAMILY LIFE

We'd like to join in on the Easter Family Fun Night!

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

Number attending: _____ Kids _____ Adults



Save the Dates....



Vacation Bible Camp

July 18-22, 2016

SIGN UP TODAY!

Go to www.olphlindenhurst.org and download your application today!

Vacation Bible Camp fills up quickly so be sure to get your forms in today.

WE ARE IN NEED OF OFFERERS!!!

Are you in high school? A young adult or adult? We need plenty of hands and hearts to make Vacation Bible Camp a place of faith, fun and friendship! Download an application from olphlindenhurst.org. *All adults and young adults must complete a Volunteer Packet and attend VIRTUS training.*



PASTOR'S PAGE

Third Sunday of Easter

It's still Easter Time, and will be until Pentecost! Don't let your Easter joy wane! Let your shouts of "Alleluia!" continue to be as strong as ever throughout these entire fifty days!

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of the Third Sunday of Easter expresses well this tone of joy: the prayer describes how God's people have been "*renewed in youthfulness of spirit*" and rejoice "*in the restored glory of our adoption.*" Such references to youthfulness, restoration, and adoption maintain the imagery of the new life given to us at Baptism, and as recalled in the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water with which we are beginning all our Easter Time Sunday Masses. This prayer ends by reminding us that such Easter joy goes beyond the present moment — there is a fitting reference to the end times, the future fulfillment at Christ's second coming, as the prayer asks that "*we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.*" We must always remember that our present participation in the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection (the Paschal Mystery) cannot be separated from the way that participation points toward its future fulfillment. The Prayer after Communion picks up this same theme when it asks that we may attain in our flesh "*the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.*"

The Prayer over the Offerings continues to echo the joyful tone of Easter by describing us, as the Church, as "exultant" in offering the gifts (offerings) of this Mass, again asking that the offerings "*may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.*"

As always, the prayers of the Mass highlight for us the meaning of what we are celebrating, and, by praying over them and reflecting on them, we can gain a deeper immersion in the mysteries being celebrated.

Receptions into the Catholic Church

Speaking of being exultant, we are overjoyed at the four adult candidates who, already baptized, are being received into the full communion of the Catholic Church and are being confirmed and receiving First Holy Communion: Sandra Best, Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets and Jamie Wittke. Easter is the season *par excellence* to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation, since those sacraments are all about new life in Christ! Congratulations to them, to our neophytes Noel, Leonardo and Sofia, who were initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil, and to all the young people who will be receiving First Holy Communion in Easter Time, and shortly after that (on

June 4) the Sacrament of Confirmation.

At this time I must thank all the people who work in our various programs of formation and initiation, with both adults and older children, preparing them to be received into the Church and to receive the sacraments. I am grateful for the time and effort they put in and the witness they give. As they know, forming others as they come to know Christ, and leading them toward the Sacraments of Initiation, is an incredibly rewarding and life-giving ministry, one filled with joy and excitement. In many ways, the work of bringing others to initiation into the Church is one of the primary, most central things we are about as a parish.

Evening Prayer

I would like to call your attention to, and give a renewed plug for, our celebration of Evening Prayer, which takes place every weekend after each of the 5:00 p.m. Masses, on Saturday and on Sunday.

Evening Prayer is one of the Hours, or Offices, of the Liturgy of the Hours, which is the official daily prayer of the Church with Christ and to Christ. The purpose of the Liturgy of the Hours is to sanctify the day and indeed every human activity. As the members of the Church pray the Liturgy of the Hours, they fulfill Christ's teaching, "You must pray at all times and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). The *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours* tells us, "Those taking part in the Liturgy of the Hours have access to holiness of the richest kind through the life-giving word of God, which in this liturgy receives great emphasis. Thus its readings are drawn from sacred Scripture, God's words in the psalms are sung in his presence, and the intercessions, prayers and hymns are inspired by Scripture and steeped in its spirit." (14)

Praying the Liturgy of the Hours is not just something for priests, monks and other clerics; it belongs to everyone in the Church. Groups of the faithful should celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours communally in church. When parishioners come together in unity of heart and voice to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, they show forth the Church in its celebration of the mystery of Christ.

So, as I mentioned, here at OLPH, we gather to pray Evening Prayer (Vespers) on a regular basis every Saturday and Sunday evening immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass those nights, led by one of our priests or deacons (although, in the past, a lay person has been the leader — this is something lay people are permitted to do). Evening Prayer in-

volves the singing of an opening hymn; the recitation of two psalms and a canticle; a brief Scripture reading; the recitation of the Magnificat; intercessions; and a closing prayer. Altogether it takes only 10-15 minutes, and it is a wonderful way to praise God at the end of the day, to thank God for the blessings of the day, and to entrust the coming night to Him. If you regularly attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday or Sunday, why not stick around for an extra few minutes to pray Evening Prayer? If you don't attend that Mass, why not come just to pray it, as part of your daily prayer? (You could arrive at church around 6:00 p.m.) All are welcome to join in the praying of Evening Prayer!

Grace and Gratitude

I continue to receive such wonderful feedback and many beautiful comments concerning our celebration of Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum. That is a tribute to so many, many people who were so generous with their time, talent and their presence, and in my Pastor's Column on Easter Sunday I tried my best to convey a proper sense of gratitude and appreciation to all who made our worship so uplifting and meaningful.

After a great parish event such as the Sacred Paschal Triduum, I often find myself reflecting on the life of the parish and the "something special"

that is present at OLPH; I hope you take the opportunity to do the same thing from time to time. At such times of reflection, I find myself overwhelmed with a tremendous feeling of grace and gratitude at what we have here in our life together and in our common journey of following the Lord. It's my personal belief that awe at the overwhelming goodness of God's grace and gratitude for everything are the two basic spiritual attitudes, the two fundamental approaches to everything, that we should take in our life; to use a cliché, everyone should take the time, on a regular basis, to "count your blessings."

That's what I have done in the aftermath of another beautiful Sacred Paschal Triduum, and I hope you have taken the time to do the same.

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,



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

LITTLE WHITE BOOK FOR EASTER TIME

Continuing with the popular "Little Book" series, OLPH is happy to provide for you the **LITTLE WHITE BOOK for Easter Time**. The **Little White Book** contains brief daily reflections for each of the 50 days of Easter Time, new for 2016. Many people have enjoyed the **Little Black Book** for Lent, and it is important to not stop with the end of Lent, but rather to continue to explore the richness of the Paschal Mystery by continuing our daily reflections throughout all of Easter Time. The books will be available starting Wednesday, March 23. Please look for the **Little White Book** on the pew ledges in church starting on Wednesday of Holy Week and during the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK
2016

Six-minute Reflections
on the Resurrection Narrative
According to John

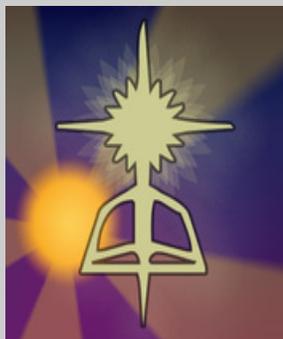
PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND OF OTHERS

Once Mass begins, please do not walk up the center aisle, or across the center aisle in the middle of the pews, or across the front pews. If you arrive late, please use a side aisle and be seated in one of the side sections; if you need to get up during Mass, please use a side aisle. Walking around in a prominent and central area during Mass is distracting to worshipers and to the ministers in the sanctuary. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in showing proper respect at Mass by being attentive to your surroundings.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

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



So come and pray...

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

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

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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 Labouré. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, April 11—7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 18—7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 25—7:00 p.m.

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)



PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

OLPH Young Adult Ministry

Are you searching for something new?
Are you looking for people who believe in what you do?
Are you looking to get together with and have some fun
with people your age?

Try our **NEW** OLP Young Adult Ministry for people 19-35 years old. We will be talking about many important issues concerning our faith well as having a great time socializing with each other. There will be guest speakers to discuss topics that concern us as well as social nights outside of the parish.

Meetings will be held monthly in our school cafeteria and our first meeting will take place on

Friday, April 29th
(Please note change in date)
at 7:30 p.m.

For additional information please contact the rectory at 631-226-7725 X 200 and leave a message for Kevin Sabella or Deacon Doug Smith.

Hope to see you there.



**Calling All
Boys & Girls**
(Ages 10 through 17)
**DO YOU WANT TO
DEEPEN YOUR
FAITH?**

The Junior Legion of Mary is a perfect blend of prayer and works that will lead you to a moral life, and you will have fun doing it. Some of the works we are currently involved with is the May crowning of the Blessed Mother, helping serve at the Community Meals, making rosaries, visiting nursing homes, sending cards to our military, just to name a few.

The word Legion means army. The Legion of Mary is our Blessed Mother's army. Our ammunition is the rosary and the Miraculous Medal.

There is no obligation to join. ***Come to a meeting held in Room 24 of the School at 1:30 p.m. on any Sunday*** and see what it is all about. There will be two members of the Senior Legion of Mary present at all meetings. Refreshments will be served.



SAVE THE DATE:

SUNDAY,
APRIL 17, 2016

*In the spirit of Laudato Si'
and Global Youth Service Day*



All Young Adults (18-35) Welcome!

Please join us for a Diocesan-wide Young Adult Service Retreat.
Sunday, April 17, 2016, 11AM-5PM
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish Center, Point Lookout, NY

Connect with others who are *turning concern into action* by caring for God's creation and serving the less fortunate.

RSVP by April 10th to www.svdpli.org/svdpli_events/



co-sponsored by
Young Adult Ministry, DRVC &
Society of St. Vincent de Paul LI

"The Eucharist is a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation."

T-shirts will be provided free of charge. However, a free will offering is appreciated.

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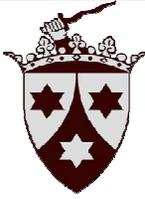


The Lay Carmelites

People of Prayer

People of Service

People of God



*Are you looking for a deeper Union with Our Lord?
Do you have a special love for Our Lady of Mount Carmel?*

Do you have a desire to learn more about the Carmelite Saints & Elijah?

Then maybe the Lay Carmelite Order is for you!

The Lay Carmelite Order is the secular branch of the Order of Carmel which includes, for the most part, all Catholic lay people throughout the world who follow the Carmelite Rule. "The Lay Carmelite is a true member of the Order of Mount Carmel. He/she shares in the unique spirit of the Carmelite family and led by the Holy Spirit, has an influence on the life of the entire family (*Rule, art. 1*)

Since we are members of a religious order, our formation period somewhat parallels that of the Sister and Friars of the Order.

Any Catholic, at least 18 years of age, may become a Lay Carmelite. After sharing in the community and becoming familiar with the Spirit of Carmel and if there is evidence of your vocation, your process of discernment continues with its goal for a deeper relationship with the Family of Carmel.

For more information call
Linda J. Setti, TOC at 631-884-6892

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.

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will then visit each week.

We pray for the sick and the homebound of our parish at each and every Mass.



Catholics For Freedom of Religion

Exempting Pepsi and Exxon Mobil, but not the Little Sisters

On March 23, 2016, oral arguments were presented to the Supreme Court (*Zubik v. Burwell*), on behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor and other nonprofit religious organizations, asking for the same exemption already given to corporations like Pepsi, Exxon Mobil and VISA as well as the U.S. military and small businesses. The government has excused one in three Americans, but has refused to exempt the Little Sisters and religious organizations from providing abortion inducing drugs and other goods and services in violation of their well known and deeply held religious convictions.

Instead of exempting them, the administration had presented an "accommodation" that forces the Little Sisters, etc., to still end up paying for the abortion/contraception coverage through insurance premiums or payments to a third-party administrator.

During the oral arguments, the justices seemed to be split. Justice Breyer said, "Sometimes when a religious person who's not a hermit or a monk is a member of society, he does have to accept all kinds of things that are just terrible for him." In contrast, Justice Kennedy repeatedly questioned whether the government was making the Little Sisters "complicit in the moral wrong" by hijacking their insurance plans. (m.ncregister.com, 3/24/16; nytimes.com, 3/23/16)

Please continue to pray for the Little Sisters of the Poor as the Supreme Court deliberates their case.

"This case is not only in the hands of the justices. It's also in the hands of God." Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests For Life

Events:

* **April 10, 2016**, 1:00 p.m., **KrisAnne Hall**, Nationally Renowned Constitution Speaker, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, event held in Church, 75 Parkside Drive, Point Lookout, NY 11569

* **April 13, 2016**, following 5:30 p.m. Mass, **Rosary Rally for Religious Freedom**, St. Aidan's Church, 505 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY 11596

* **April 20, 2016**, 7:00 p.m., **Thomas Renker**, Counsel for Diocese of Rockville Centre, and **Barbara Samuells**, President, Catholics For Freedom of Religion, St. John the Evangelist, event in Parish Auditorium, 25 Ocean Ave., Center Moriches, NY 11934

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

OUR NEWLY RECEIVED!

Today is a great day of celebration for our parish! **Sandy Best, Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets and Jamie Wittke** will be received in to the Catholic Church at the 12:00 p.m. Mass. They have prayed together, broken open God's Word and been formed in the teachings of the faith. Now they will fully join our community of faith. They are a sign of hope for us!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

We are privileged to work with a number of young people and adults who are seeking to complete their initiation into the life of the Church. They will be confirmed, and in some cases receive First Holy Communion, at the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday, May 14, 2016.

The adults seeking confirmation—**Lawrence Baronciani, Tulio Cabal, Jennifer D'Agostino, Ybrahim Junior Hernandez, and Michael Sangiorgi**— meet weekly with Robert Becker and members of our Pastoral Staff each Monday. Our parish's young people - **Andres Espinoza, Brandon Giordano, Melina Giordano, Jaidy Lamar, Jeffrey Litzko, and Kayla Probst** - meet weekly with catechists in our Faith Formation program.

OFFERERS NEEDED

New groups are forming for the Christian initiation of adults and children and will begin meeting in just a few weeks. We are looking for men and women of our parish to accompany those who are seeking to become Catholic and complete their initiation.

For more information, contact Father John at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org.

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 home-school 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.

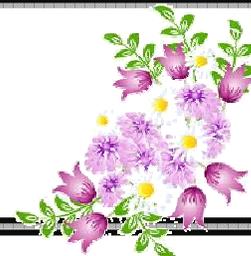
OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

Third Sunday of Easter



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2016/17 academic year is now open for all new and returning families. We are excited for your children to join us as we guide them on their faith journey!

Returning Families:

Please come during any of our office hours (except Saturday, by appointment only) to re-register returning students for the upcoming year. Any special requests must be taken at this time.

New students can be registered at the same time as returning students.

New Families:

Please come during any of our office hours (except Saturday, by appointment only). You must be registered with the OLPH parish PRIOR to registering for religious education and must bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate. So, spread the word to your friends and neighbors!

Tuition:

Payable at the time of registration. One child: \$130. Two children: \$165. Three children: \$195

Upcoming Dates

Level 8: Group B (Rooms 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22): Monday, **April 11th** is a mandatory Confirmation parent meeting. Important information about the sacrament will be discussed.

Level 6: Wednesday, **April 13th** is a mandatory parent meeting on prayer. This meeting will be informative and spiritually rewarding for all.

FINAL EXAMS:

Level 8: Monday, **April 18th.**
Levels 6/7: Wednesday, **April 20th.**
Levels 2-5: Saturday, **April 23rd.**



STUDENTS WHO MISS CLASSES THIS WEEK WILL HAVE FINAL EXAM STUDY GUIDES MAILED HOME. FINAL EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK. LEVEL 1 DOES NOT HAVE A FINAL EXAM.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook! Call us for information on text message alerts.
 New text message codes will be set up for the 2016/17 year!

FAITH FORMATION

Our next Adult Faith Formation course...



Spirituality Summit

Facilitator: Fr. John Sureau

5 Wednesday Nights -

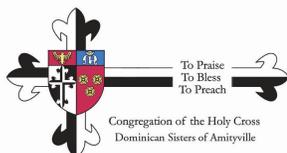
May 4, 11, 18, 25 & June 1

Time: 7:30—9:30 p.m.

Place: Room 18, OLPH School
and various locations throughout the
Diocese of Rockville Centre



This course will look at a number of spiritualities present in the local Church here in Rockville Centre. Each week will include a focus on a specific “school” of spirituality and include presentations by members of local religious communities, including the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brentwood, the Sisters of St. Dominic in Amityville, the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn and the Montfort Fathers in Bay Shore.



To register, complete the form below
or e-mail to jsureau@olph.org.



Sign me up for **the Spirituality Summit**

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____ @ _____

A \$20 minimum per person free will offering to cover the costs of materials and offerings to the various religious communities is requested.

Adult Faith Formation....SUMMER SCHOOL @ OLPH

Job and Reconciliation

The story of Job has brought consolation—and often questions—to many who read and study this book of the Old Testament. How does Job’s struggle with God link to God’s healing mercy and reconciliation? Come and find out! Save the dates and get ready for this exciting and engaging class in the Jubilee of Mercy.

Dates

Tuesdays & Thursdays:

July 12—July 14—July 19—July 21—July 26

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Instructor: Fr. Jacob Onyumbé

Location TBD



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**
- BATH SOAP**
- TOILET PAPER**
- PAPER TOWELS**

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.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim “It is the Lord!”

Have you considered answering the call to “help the poor recognize the Lord in their life” by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The OLPH Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce that **Memorial Cards** are now available. These 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. to 12:00 noon Monday, Wednesday & Friday; Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory.

For further information, please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234.

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

DONATIONS

We are still in need of the following:

- heavy socks** (we have plenty of the regular white tube socks), **regular socks**
- male underwear** (medium, Large & X-Large)
- women's underwear** (smaller sizes)
- gloves**
- thermal underwear** M-L-XL
- Hoodies**
- Men's shoes/boots** 9-15
- Men's 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.

A FEW GOOD MEN???

On each of our Wednesday night homeless runs we have to try to have at least two men and two women be part of the team. We can use some additional male offerers! What about you? For more information contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com.

Homeless Ministry (con't.)

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. You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

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, April 20

7:00 p.m. in Room 10

(in the basement of the old school)

Wednesday, *April 20*: We will work on the Spring Fair booth and putting together van lunches.

Future Date:

Sunday, *May 1*: Lindenhurst Spring Fair on Wellwood Avenue, 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. – fundraiser for Father Fidelis' Nigerian Charity.

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:

Tuesday, April 12

9:00 a.m. in Room 24

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, April 19

6:00 p.m. in Room 18

For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

THE
*blue*door
BOUTIQUE

End of Season Clearance Event

Sunday, April 17th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Help support our Ministry by purchasing a \$5 bag of clothes* from The *Blue* Door Boutique Clearance Event.



OLPH's Thrift Store serves the poor and needy in the Lindenhurst and surrounding communities by providing clothing, shoes, linens and household items at no cost. The *Blue* Door Boutique is also a clearinghouse for donated items supporting other ministries including Birthright, The INN, The Life Center, The Homeless Ministry, Community Meal and many more.

The *Blue* Door Boutique is open to the public on M, W, F 10-1 and Saturdays 1:30 -3:00 pm. All proceeds go to support parish ministry.

* Clearance event includes clothing only—coats, jackets, suits, dresses, etc. Does not include shoes, bags, household items.

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



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

Since April 2015, OLPH's **Community Meal Ministry** has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

Beginning on *April 17, 2016*, our meal will begin at the *12 Noon Mass* and *dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m.* immediately after Mass. So before we gather for food for the body, we'll gather for food for the soul!

- Do you know someone who is alone often but would enjoy a Sunday meal?
- Do you know someone who could benefit from being part of the Community Meal? Invite them...or better yet, bring them!
- There are no requirements and no questions asked...all are welcome at our table.

Sunday, April 17, 2016

12 Noon – Mass

followed by Dinner in the School Cafeteria at 1:00 p.m.

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. 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.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls** are now accepting registrations for the 2016 summer session. Located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, the camps offer 2-week overnight sessions for children ages 6-15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. Contact Michael Drumm 603-364-5851 or email mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org to request a brochure and DVD or visit us on the web at www.campsfatimabernadette.org.
- **Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy**—provided by New York State licensed therapists, are available in the diocese for the convenience of parishioners. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. For confidential information and appointments, please call Dr. Giuliani at the Catholic Counseling Center, at 631-243-2503 or go to the website at www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.
- **Free cardiac screenings**, held once a month during the school year, at *St. Francis Hospital* for student athletes in grades 9-12. All needed forms can be found at www.stfrancisheartcenter.com (enter “cardiac screening” on home page). Pre-registration & appointments, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. at the Cardiac Imaging Dept., are required. Call 516-629-2013.

Attention Married Couples!

Spring into Love!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

This might be just what you're looking for!

It's time to renew your relationship.

Rediscover your love and enhance your hopes and dreams! WWME is the original and still the best!

April 29 to May 1, 2016: @ The Montfort Spiritual Center, 26 South Saxon Ave Bay Shore,

June 10 to 12th: @ The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 W Neck Rd, Huntington, NY

Space is limited. For more information about the weekends or to apply call 1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at: <http://www.wwme.org>

SAVE THE DATE

Diocesan Year of Mercy Pilgrimage

to the Basilica of the

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Washington, D.C.

Saturday, September 24, 2016



More information will be coming here soon and on the diocesan website.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Third Time:

Jakub Tarlecki & Christy Lee May

Shawn Ira Morganbesser & Janine Marie Scarpa

Second Time:

Kevin Balsam & Laura Bozzo

WE REMEMBER

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

***Dolores Catalano**
Elizabeth A. Knowd*

“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.”



PRAY FOR OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew V. Kirschen & Family

Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Wittke

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Incognito

Mr. & Mrs. John Cestare

Mr. & Mrs. John SanFilippo

Mr. Christopher Bores & Ms. Stephanie Knoble

Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Walsh & Family

Mr. Steven Gangichiodo

Mr. Salvatore Falsitta, Ms. Christine Gerbino & Family

Bussa Family

Rosado & Burton Family

Mr. Alphonse Corrente

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Graziano & Family

Ms. Joan DeLauro & Family

Ms. Melissa Nevina & Family

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Peggy McCloud</i>	<i>Bernadette Sinnott</i>
<i>Kathleen Sazio</i>	<i>Juliette Fredricks</i>
<i>Brianna Delgado</i>	<i>Mary Pellegrino</i>
<i>John Cascio</i>	<i>Rosalie Grottola</i>
<i>James Rigney, Jr.</i>	<i>Bob Dobres</i>
<i>Maureen Nalewajk</i>	<i>Carmela Feaser</i>
<i>Madison Muir</i>	<i>Robert Fitzgerald</i>
<i>Christopher Corso</i>	<i>Gloria Martinez</i>
<i>Joan Cox</i>	<i>Carol Gilroy</i>
<i>Donald Lalegian</i>	<i>Dolores & Herb Otten</i>
<i>Walter Nalewajk</i>	<i>Laura Fischer</i>
<i>Rosemarie Russo</i>	<i>Florence Loiacono</i>
<i>Patricia Grasso</i>	<i>Ron Starke</i>
<i>Rocco Pomatico</i>	<i>Dolores Barone</i>
<i>Jane Scheffler</i>	<i>Richard Cito</i>
<i>Carol Ann Alma</i>	<i>Salvatore Rizzolo</i>
<i>Mario Lotito</i>	<i>Joseph Gravano</i>
<i>Bob Little</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.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.



YEAR OF MERCY

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Jubilee of Mercy began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Jubilee of Mercy is an opportunity for the Church and its members—each one of us—to rediscover God’s gift of mercy so we may become “missionaries of mercy.”

Pope Francis called for this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy last April with the publication of the Papal Bull *Misericordiae Vultus*. Throughout the year ahead, we will publish excerpts of this document as well as other resources about this special time of mercy. We continue with the twentieth section of the document in this week’s edition of the bulletin.

20. It would not be out of place at this point to recall the relationship between *justice* and *mercy*. These are not two contradictory realities, but two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love. Justice is a fundamental concept for civil society, which is meant to be governed by the rule of law. Justice is also understood as that which is rightly due to each individual. In the Bible, there are many references to divine justice and to God as “judge”. In these passages, justice is understood as the full observance of the Law and the behaviour of every good Israelite in conformity with God’s commandments. Such a vision, however, has not infrequently led to legalism by distorting the original meaning of justice and obscuring its profound value. To overcome this legalistic perspective, we need to recall that in Sacred Scripture, justice is conceived essentially as the faithful abandonment of oneself to God’s will.

For his part, Jesus speaks several times of the importance of faith over and above the observance of the law. It is in this sense that we must understand his words when, reclining at table with Matthew and other tax collectors and sinners, he says to the Pharisees raising objections to him, “Go and learn the meaning of ‘I desire mercy not sacrifice’. I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners” (*Matthew* 9:13). Faced with a vision of justice as the mere observance of the law that judges people simply by dividing them into two groups – the just and sinners – Jesus is bent on revealing the great gift of mercy that searches out sinners and offers them pardon and salvation. One can see why, on the basis of such a liberating vision of mercy as a source of new life, Jesus was rejected by the Pharisees and the other teachers of the law. In an attempt to remain faithful to the law, they merely placed burdens on the shoulders of others and undermined the Father’s mercy. The appeal to a faithful observance of the law must not prevent attention from being given to matters that touch upon the dignity of the person.

The appeal Jesus makes to the text from the book of the prophet Hosea – “I desire love and not sacrifice” (6:6) – is important in this regard. Jesus affirms that, from that time onward, the rule of life for his disciples must place mercy at the centre, as Jesus himself demonstrated by sharing meals with sinners. Mercy, once again, is revealed as a fundamental aspect of Jesus’ mission. This is truly challenging to his hearers, who would draw the line at a formal respect for the law. Jesus, on the other hand, goes beyond the law; the company he keeps with those the law considers sinners makes us realize the depth of his mercy.

The Apostle Paul makes a similar journey. Prior to meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus, he dedicated his life to pursuing the justice of the law with zeal (cf. *Philippians* 3:6). His conversion to Christ led him to turn that vision upside down, to the point that he would write to the Galatians: “We have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified” (2:16).

Paul’s understanding of justice changes radically. He now places faith first, not justice. Salvation comes not through the observance of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, who in his death and resurrection brings salvation together with a mercy that justifies. God’s justice now becomes the liberating force for those oppressed by slavery to sin and its consequences. God’s justice is his mercy (cf. *Psalms* 51:11-16).

You can read the entire document by going to the new OLPH website or by visiting the Jubilee of Mercy website at www.im.va.



Spreading Acts of Mercy

Kristopher W. Seaman

For almost two years, I have been stopping often at a family-owned coffee shop by where I live in Dublin. Nearby the coffee shop are a number of homeless persons, with heads bowed down, rarely speaking, sitting next to an old paper cup, as an invitation to drop in coins. Routinely, the shop owners share food and drink with the homeless as well as with financially struggling neighbors. Having discovered this work of mercy, some of the shop's patrons leave a few extra euros with the owners to help out those in need. Sometimes the patrons also share which neighbors are in need. This coffee shop shows how to practice the corporal works of mercy at a neighborhood level.

Pope Francis declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy, which began on December 8, 2015, and continues through November 20, 2016. In *The Face of Mercy (Misericordiae Vultus)*, the document in which the year was declared, Pope Francis recommended practices Catholics could live out during the year.

It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the *corporal and spiritual works of mercy*. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these *corporal works of mercy*: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. (*The Face of Mercy*, 15)

The Dublin coffee shop owners respond to the poor and needy with a heart full of mercy. At the same time, they have reawakened the conscience of others who are around the poor and needy. For Pope Francis, living from a heart of love—that is, acting from a heart filled with God's love—is to be “the face of mercy.” Mercy becomes corporal, bodily, and not merely conceptual. The coffee shop is putting many faces of mercy in action, by feeding and giving drink to the needy. Moreover, their witness has opened up the hearts of the neighborhood, with people participating in a network of mercy, doing more together than they could individually.

Continuing his reflection on the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis states:



The corporal works of mercy we perform often inspire others to do likewise.

In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes which modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today! How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! (15)

Often those in need of mercy are voiceless, faceless, just as the homeless in the opening narrative with bowed heads.

The corporal works of mercy that Pope Francis listed teach mercy as well as live it out. Jesus practiced these seven works, and through his practice, he teaches us what God's loving mercy looks like. When we practice mercy, we teach both ourselves and others what mercy looks like when it is lived out within daily living. Just as God became bodily in Christ Jesus, God's mercy also becomes bodily (physical) when we live these works out.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 11— Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

6:30	Andrea Wolf
12:15	George & Anne Schmidt
7:00	Devotions

TUESDAY, April 12— Easter Weekday

6:30	William (Bud) Sullivan—1st Anniversary
12:15	Wilbur Munson

WEDNESDAY, April 13— Easter Weekday (*Saint Martin I, Pope & Martyr*)

6:30	Lori Marotta
12:15	Margaret Cronin
12:45- 2:00	Exposition

THURSDAY, April 14— Easter Weekday

6:30	Arthur M. Cromarty
12:15	John W. Young

FRIDAY, April 15— Easter Weekday

6:30	Patricia Dietrich-Meyer
12:15	Helen McPhail

SATURDAY, April 16— Easter Weekday

8:00	Hedy Wyluda
4:00 – 5:00	Confessions

Vigil for FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00	Concetta Troiano
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Sunday, April 17 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00	Teresa Smith
10:00	Mrs. Hirten
12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
5:00	For the People of the Parish

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 11, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry Prep	Room 12
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
6:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Level 8 Confirmation Meeting	Auditorium

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Scouts Planning Meeting	Room 15
7:30 p.m.	Hospitality Ministry Meeting	Room 10
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Parent Meeting	Church
7:00 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School

Thursday, April 14, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 12
2-6:00p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Planning Session	Room 10
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, April 15, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Family Life Easter Fun Night	Auditorium
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Young People	Room 24

Saturday, April 16, 2016

8:30, 10, & 11:30 a.m.	Level 1-5 Classes	School
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, April 17, 2016

1:00 p.m.	Community Meal (<i>After 12:00 Mass</i>)	Cafeteria
1:30 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	CYO Volleyball	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Prayers for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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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	religiously@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
- Sandra Best
- 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.

OFFERING UPDATE APRIL 2/3, 2016

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	340	163	\$3,495.00
8:00 a.m.	270	107	2,608.50
10:00 a.m.	452	121	2,890.00
12:00 pm.	480	123	3,424.00
5:00 p.m.	220		1,475.50
Total coin:			14.51
Mail-ins:			210.00
Children's Env.		24	91.38
Faith Direct			2,014.75
Special Needs		12	314.47
TOTAL	1,762	550	\$16,538.11
Candles			\$998.17
Poor Box			\$521.24
1st Saturday			\$67.00
Instrumental Concert			\$745.00

This was Easter Weekend in 2015 which was reported in last week's bulletin to coincide with Easter 2016.



**The IRA
Charitable Rollover
is back and is now
permanent!**

What's called a rollover is actually a "qualified charitable distribution" that can be made to our Parish.

If...

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

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

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

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

Example: Mrs. Connors, age 76, has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to her Parish in 2016. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, she directs the custodian of her IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2016 directly to the Parish as a 2016 gift. She will not be subject to income tax on her \$5,000 qualified charitable distribution.

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PREPARING FOR Sunday, April 17, 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."*

John 10:27-28

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Nothing is clearer in the Book of Acts, as we hear in today's reading, than the fact that good comes out of misfortune. God indeed writes straight with crooked lines. Rebuffed by his own people in the synagogue and town of Antioch, and even persecuted by them, Paul and Barnabas move on to the Gentiles, the non-Jews, who were "delighted" when they heard the Good News. The Spirit of God is always at work. So often in life, misfortune or tragedy becomes a moment of grace, although often that is not easy to see at the time of the trial.

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

All of us long to hear words of comfort and assurance like the ones we hear at the end of this second reading. During times of crisis and daily struggle we all need a pledge that tears will be wiped from our eyes and that the one who loves us will forever shelter us. This is what is promised to us if we persevere through our times of great distress and hold fast to what we know to be true: those who oppose God's work will not prevail and that those who suffer are never forgotten. Our trials will lead to a new and greater life than we could ever have imagined.

John 10:27-30

Jesus gives us more reassuring words in today's Gospel. God the Father has entrusted us, his faithful ones, to his Son who is our Good Shepherd. We who hear his voice hear the voice of the Father who speaks through the Son. When our hearts are open, we recognize our dependence on God and trust in him for our safety and salvation. He will protect us and lead us to eternal life so that we will never perish. No one can wrest us away from his wonderful and loving care.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 11, 2016:

Acts 6:8-15 + John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 12, 2016:

Acts 7:51—8:1a + John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 13, 2016:

Acts 8:1b-8 + John 6:35-40 26:14-25

Thursday, April 14, 2016:

Acts 8:26-40 + John 6:44-51

Friday, April 15, 2016:

Acts 9:1-20 + John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Acts 9:31-42 + John 6:60-69

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Acts 13:14, 43-52
+ Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
+ John 10:27-30

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice." Do you? Maybe in your heart? Or in homilies, or in the poor, or in people around you? In books, poems, nature? Any of the above? All of the above?

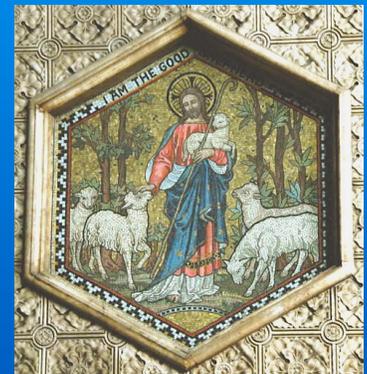
2. According to Pope Francis, how do we recognize Jesus' voice among all the other "voices" we hear?

We can study the whole history of salvation, we can study the whole of Theology, but without the Spirit we cannot understand. It is the Spirit that makes us realize the truth or—in the words of Our Lord—it is the Spirit that makes us know the voice of Jesus. Jesus, the Good Pastor, says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me."

Pope Francis: Humble Prayer is the

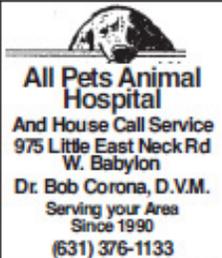
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