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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 15– SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

- 6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish
- 8:00 Book of the Faithful Departed
- 9:30 Josephine LaGreca
- 11:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
- 12:30 Divine Mercy
- 5:00 Angelo Cuzzo
- 6:30 Polish Mass

MONDAY: APRIL 16—Easter Weekday

- 8:00 Margaret Fitzgerald
- 12:00 Robert Ballao, Sr.
- 7:00 Thomas Matias
- 7:30 Devotions (Novena)

TUESDAY: APRIL 17– Easter Weekday

- 8:00 Natalie Seiter
- 12:00 Lidia Spinnicchia
- 7:00 Michael Pusak

WEDNESDAY: APRIL 18—Easter Weekday

- 8:00 Jane Mirra
- 12:00 Catherine Savage Marko & Joshua
- 7:00 Iris Irvin

THURSDAY: APRIL 19—EASTER WEEKDAY

- 8:00 Hugo Mascari
- 12:00 Edward W. Milazzo (10 yrs.)
- 7:00 Frank Chiminte

FRIDAY: APRIL 20—Easter Weekday

- 8:00 George Keane
- 12:00 Maria Francavilla
- 7:00 Thomas Matias

SATURDAY: APRIL 21—St. Anselm,

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 Michael Kielezewski
- 9:00 Viola Marchesi

VIGIL MASS –

- 5:00 Josephine Varricchio

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam



Mission Statement

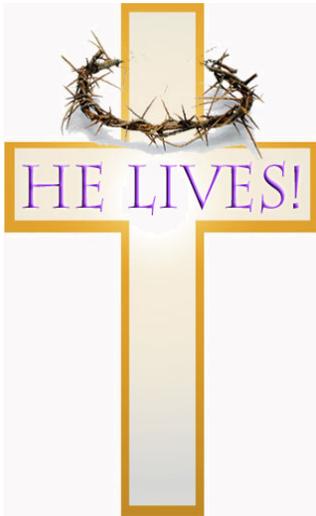
“Trusting in God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and, motivated by Christ’s Life, Death and Resurrection, we, the people of God, under the protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, accept as our mission, the evangelization of our parishioners both active and inactive. We accept the call to bring all to 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

DIVINE MERCY



Altar Bread & Wine
In Memory of
Steven D. Calder
With Love from
Your Family



From the Pastor's Desk: "Divine Mercy Sunday"

It takes faith to see and believe in what this image signifies. Divine Mercy is poured out from Christ upon the Cross, but it takes mercy, love going beyond the strict requirements of justice, in order to draw down mercy on oneself.

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" (Mt 6:12) and

"the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you" (Mt 7:2) The Image of the pierced side of Christ pouring out blood and water reminds us that the Cross, love in action, is the price of mercy.

"As I have loved you so also should you love one another." (Jn 13:34)



Forgiveness and Mercy Go Hand and Hand

The decision to forgive or not to forgive can be difficult for many. The reason varies for each person or situation. The one who chooses to hold onto un-forgiveness may begin to feel a sense of resentment, anger, or even a sense of justification. When we hold these emotions they cause our relationship with our Lord to become distant or fragmented, but our Lord is always waiting to extend His love and mercy.

The person, who chooses to forgive, even when it is difficult, may know God's peace; have a joyful spirit, or even a healing of the situation. When we extend or receive forgiveness, we then experience God's grace and mercy. But when we choose not to forgive, we rob ourselves of all the grace and mercy He has for us. Thus, we limit ourselves of all the Lord has for us.

It is fitting that Pope John Paul II established the Sunday after Lent to celebrate the Divine Mercy. Lent is a time of strengthening our relationship with God and receiving His forgiveness. It ends with the Easter Celebration, the climax of God's ultimate love for us in the sacrifice of Atonement, Christ crucified! But also Christ overcoming death and rising from the dead, His Resurrection! Divine Mercy Sunday is a time for us to come together as community to meditate on His awesome MERCY. The Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help celebrates His Divine Mercy today, Sunday beginning at our Mass at 12:30. He is knocking at your door will you answer?

Having completed the Lenten Season and celebrated the Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter, take some time to examine your conscience and, if you haven't yet, make a good confession. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any un-forgiveness you may harbor so that you may receive the Lord's Divine Mercy.

Challenge this week: Pray and ask for the grace to forgive, and to forgive Always. When we choose to do this we experience Gods grace, peace, and healing.

Jesus, I Trust in You!

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

Father Anthony



BANS OF MARRIAGE

Third Time:

Anthony Porrato & Karina Realpe (OLPH)

Second Time:

P. Casey Gough & Marie Romeo (OLPH)

Michael E. Baldwin (OLPH) & Maribeth Pastore (St. Joseph's, Babylon)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

John Bertone

Peter J. Farranto, Jr.

Geraldine McGrath

Dear God,

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



PRAY FOR THE DEAD

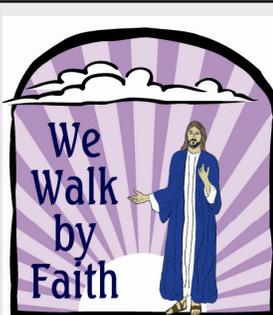
Dorothy Brady Blanche Balsamo

Doris V. Lynn Ida LoPrete

Fr. Denis Sheridan

Vincent P. Coppola

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



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

April 15, 2012 — 2nd Sunday after Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. Saint Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common and distributed to each whatever was needed.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who look beyond their own wants to help satisfy the needs of others.

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.

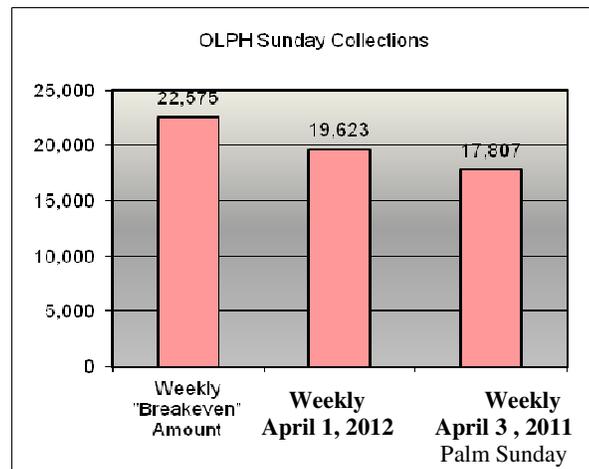
OUR PARISH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH DEPENDS ON YOUR GENEROSITY

All envelopes must have your account number and offering amount indicated in order for your account to be credited for weekly and special donations. Separate checks in each envelope, please.

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

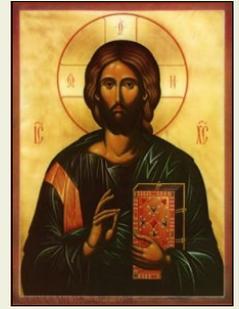
- Today is *Divine Mercy Sunday*. Devotions will begin with the 12:30 p.m. mass and for those wishing to stay, devotions will continue till 4:00 P.M. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this special feast of Our Lord's Divine Mercy!
- **CONGRATULATIONS** To our April "*1000 Club*" Winners:

\$1000— **Vito D'Angelo**
 \$250— **Mr/Mrs St. Siwik**
 \$150— **Karla J. Desimini**
 \$100— **Joanne Wall**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- This Spring, couples that have been married **fifty years** or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, **May 20** at *Maria Regina in Seaford* at 2:30pm. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by *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.** On **Saturday, May 5** from 8 am –4 pm *a free day-long* conference of three panel discussions; *Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton, Msgr. Robert A. Batule, Mr. Rick Hinshaw and Mr. James Krug are the speakers of Panel III (2—3:45 pm).* Other prominent Catholics are members of the first two panels of presentations 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 mandatory parking permit. **516-572-7472.** All are invited to attend! A few forms are available on the pew ledges.
- **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.**
- **St. Anthony's High School Franciscan Brothers—*Spring Concert of Instrumental & Choral Music*—Friday, May 11 and Sat., May 12 at 8pm. \$10. St. Anthony's High School Auditorium, 275 Wolf Hill Rd., South Huntington. 631-271-2020.**
- ***St. Martin of Tours School—"A Taste of Kindergarten,*** 41 Union Ave., Amityville, **April 20**, 9-10:30 am. Come visit our school, meet the teacher, interact with our SMART Board & Table and see what makes St. Martin of Tours special! 631-264-7166.
- **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
- **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.

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary : April 15, 2012 – Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35; Ps. 118:2-4, 13-15,22-24; 1 Jn. 5:1-6; Jn. 20:19-31



In today's readings we learn a great deal about how we are to live as Christian disciples. We have entered into the Easter Season. Christ has risen, and, as today's readings indicate, the Church that He established lives on. His disciples carry on their faith in Him, and in so doing, they teach us how to do the same.

In the first reading from the book of Acts, Luke paints a picture of what life was like in the early Church. "The community of believers was of one heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions were his own. They had everything in common. ... There was no needy person among them."

Some scholars believe that Luke exaggerated a bit in this passage's description of life in the early Church. Surely it was not a utopia as this makes it seem. But what Luke's description tells us is that the early Christians lived charitably towards one another. They loved the Lord, and out of their love for Him, they loved one another. Their lives as Christians were rooted in their faith in Christ. That faith led them to love — love God and love neighbor. And so they lived in love of one another, recognizing that nothing they had belonged to them, and using all they had been given by God in service of one another.

They lived discipleship through stewardship.

Today's second reading reinforces this theme and emphasizes, for us, the necessity of living a life of love rooted in faith in Christ.

St John tells us, "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by Him."

In other words, if we believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, it follows that we must love — both God and neighbor. But John doesn't stop there. He continues, "In this way, we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments."

So it is clear, as Christians our life of faith is a life lived actively in love of others.

As Christian stewards today, this is our calling. We believe in the risen Christ, and we proclaim Him to the world, but it is not just by what we say that we proclaim Christ. What we do, how we act, must follow suit. We're all familiar with St. Francis of Assisi's famous quote, "Preach the gospel at all times, when necessary, use words."

The life of a Christian disciple ought to be lived in love of others, and through those loving actions, people will see the gospel lived out. After all, that's just what Christ did. He lived for love of others — even to the point of death. And that is what stewardship is all about.

Like those early Christians, we recognize that nothing we have is ours. It all comes to us by way of gift from our heavenly Father, and so it is our responsibility to cultivate and care for it all — our time, our talent, and our treasure — wisely, using it in love of God and neighbor. In so doing, we proclaim the Gospel of Love that Jesus Christ himself preached.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

In order to insure the safety of our young people, all on our parish staff along with all who volunteer in any way at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish must first complete VIRTUS training and are required to submit to a criminal background check.

The purpose of this Diocesan and Parish policy is to provide a universal vigilance. We seek to provide an environment in which all are aware of the difference between appropriate and inappropriate behaviors, an environment in which all recognize potential danger signs and unhealthy situations and an environment in which all know the proper course of action to take when something is wrong and when something raises concern. The VIRTUS training is designed to help us recognize potentially dangerous situations so that no one is harmed.

It is important to note that VIRTUS training is mandatory. If a parish volunteer, whether they work with children or not, does not complete VIRTUS training, they will not be permitted to serve in any volunteer capacity at Our Lady of Perpetual Help or at any other parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

We thank all who have cooperated with this Diocesan and Parish policy. All who are interested in being a volunteer on any level at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish are expected to complete these requirements before they begin their volunteer service. The time and places for VIRTUS training are listed each week in The Long Island Catholic. The Criminal Background Check form may be obtained from the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of this very important process.

ENROLLMENT FORM



Church Name

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
210 South Wellwood Avenue
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

FOR ONLINE ENROLLMENT
USE CHURCH CODE:

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NY286

Faith Direct · Attention: Enrollment · P.O. Box 7101 · Merrifield, VA 22116-7101 · 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} · www.faithdirect.net

Weekly Offertory contribution: \$ _____

(Note: Total contribution amount will be debited on the 4th of the month or the next business day. The total amount will be determined by the number of Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections.

The amount indicated will be debited in the month listed as part of the regular monthly transaction.

COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Church in Need	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> Priest Retirement/St. Pius X	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	April	<input type="checkbox"/> Respect Life	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers*	\$ _____	April	<input type="checkbox"/> World Missions	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	April	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Development	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Ascension	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Day	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints	\$ _____	November
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers*	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Retirement	\$ _____	June	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Peter's Pence	\$ _____	June			
<input type="checkbox"/> Father's Day	\$ _____	June			

* Please call the church at 631-226-7725 with the names of your dedications for these collections.

I would like to enroll in the Faith Direct program. I understand that my **total** monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account or credit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or credit card statement, and my transfers will begin next month. I understand that I can increase, decrease or suspend my giving by contacting Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757. {All gifts provided to your Church originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with U.S. law.}

Signature: X _____ Date: _____

Name(s): (please print) _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Church Envelope #: _____

Name as I/we would like it to appear on Offertory Cards: _____

I do not wish to receive Offertory Cards to place in the collection basket as a sign of my electronic giving.

If you choose to enroll by mail, you can contact Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 {toll-free} to set up online access to your account.

For Checking Account Debit: Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

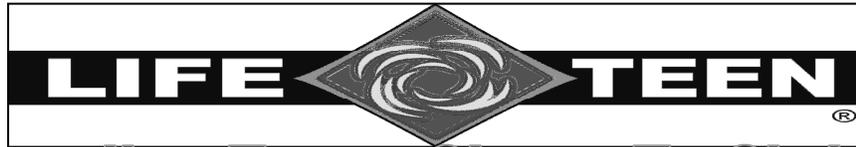
For Credit Card Debit: Please complete the following... VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Print Name as Appears on Card: _____

Signature: _____

If you have any questions about the Faith Direct program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or info@faithdirect.net.



Leading Teens Closer To Christ

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.

-Pope John Paul II

No Life Night tonight. Thanks to everyone who participated in our day of service!!

Next Week 4/22- Life Night!

Girl's Night 4/28-5-8pm

Stay tuned for more events www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com

Are you in 8th - 12th grade? Bored on Sunday nights? Come to the Life Teen mass and our Life Night that starts at 6:15 in the convent basement.

You won't be sorry, we have a group of 25-30 teens each week growing closer to Christ and making tons of friends along the way. Each week we have a different activity and theme, Summer BBQ's, Christmas party and a retreat every year. Come once and I guarantee you will be hooked!

Contact Brittany or Tom at OLPHLifeteen1@gmail.com

Are you an adult 20-35 interested in leading our teens closer to Christ and being an active part in our community here at OLPH? We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to apply please contact Brittany or Tom at OLPHLifeteen1@gmail.com



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

Just come on down, no need to sign up!

Edge dates for April—4/17

Open to anyone in 6th, 7th and 8th grade! No cost!

Just let us know you'll be here so we can plan food!

Email olphedge@gmail.com or call 226-6239 and leave message to let us know you'll be here!

Any questions call and leave a message for Peggy.



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

Hat Parade with a prize for the best Hat



Most Unique Tea Cup Contest too!



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 Perullo (631) 225-1165
Theresa Hearney (631) 888-5579



****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



FAITH DIRECT – A convenient and responsible way of supporting Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can find paper enrollment forms in the parish office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net by using our church code, **NY286**. Thank you and God Bless!

Fr. Trapani

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!

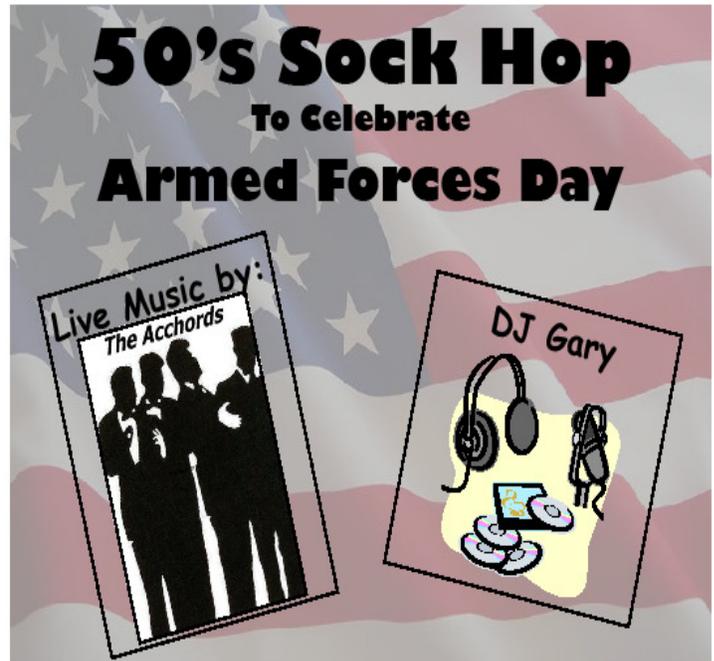
If you are interested in belonging to the Holy Name Society or renewing your current membership, please fill in the membership form printed below. You may mail this application and dues payment to the address listed below or drops it off at our monthly meeting.

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.jerrybettycunningham@yahoo.com

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



Date: Saturday May 19, 2012 Time: 8:00PM till Midnight
 K of C Council 794 : 400 S. Broadway, Lindenhurst, NY

Includes

- Heros and Trimmings at each Table
- Tap Beer, Wine and Soda
- Coffee and Dessert

Cost: \$25 per Person

For Tickets and Info, contact: Mike 631-560-0451,
 Bill 631-988-3068 or the
 Reservation Office 631-226-3240

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 O.L.P.H. Home Association



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 LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Given by: Deacon Frank and Team

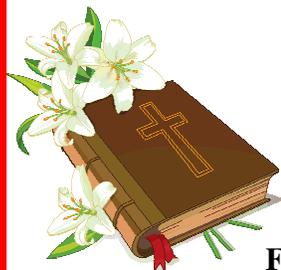
Starting: April 17 for eight (8) consecutive weeks ending June 5, 2012.

Meeting: in the OLPH Convent Meeting Room at **7:45 pm for 1 1/2 hours per week.**

The Life in the Spirit Seminars (LSS) are commonly used by Catholic groups in the context of spiritual renewal. They are an instrument for bringing people into a deeper experience of the work of the Holy Spirit. The seminars offer: (1) a presentation of the Gospel message, and (2) basic teaching about what the Lord is willing to do for all who come to him.

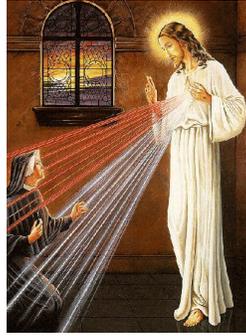
Experience "The Fruit of the Spirit"

Joy – Love – Generosity – Peace – Patience – Kindness
Faithfulness – Gentleness – Self Control
(Gal. 5:22-23)



**For info & to register call: Deacon Frank at (631) 226-0967
Or Pete & Mary at (631) 226-6050**

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 began 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!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul :

“WE HELP PEOPLE”

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 Easter 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.



Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can find paper enrollment forms in the parish office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net by using our church code, NY286. Thank you and God Bless!

In Christ,
Fr. Trapani

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)

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SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012

8:00 PM



FEATURING THE VOICES OF

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FREE ADMISSION

(NO TICKETS REQUIRED)



Readings for the Week—April 15-21 2012:

Sunday, April 15: Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 16:

Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 17:

Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 18:

Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 19:

Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 20:

Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 21:

Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21

