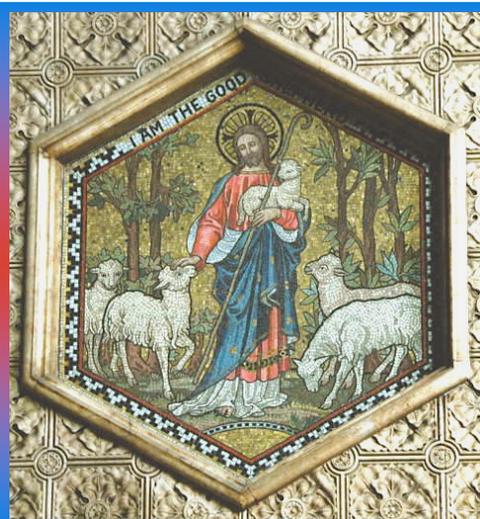


Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

210 South Wellwood Avenue + Lindenhurst, New York 11757 +

Telephone: 631-226-7725 + Fax: 631-225-9597 +

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

John 10:27-28

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 17, 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.

FAITH FORMATION

our next Adult Faith Formation course...



Spirituality Summit

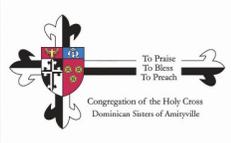
Facilitator: Fr. John Sureau

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@oloph.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.

COME PRAY WITH US

Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

Thursday, April 28

7:30pm in Church



Join us for a candlelight prayer service to help us reflect on the mystery of the Cross and the glory of Christ's resurrection. Consider setting aside 45 minutes to join in this beautiful and contemplative form of prayer.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is also referred to as “Good Shepherd Sunday” because of the shepherd imagery from St. John’s Gospel which is found in the Gospel reading on this Sunday every year. Hearing the Shepherd’s voice, followers recognize it and know it is their God. Safe in the knowledge that they cannot be taken from the hand of the Shepherd, those who hear his voice follow as faithful believers willing to go where God calls and sends them.

This imagery of following the Shepherd is found in the Mass prayers for today. The Collect (Opening Prayer) refers to us as “*the humble flock*” who ask to “*reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.*” This, of course, echoes the Gospel reading for the day. The Prayer after Communion continues the Shepherd imagery as it mentions the “*eternal pastures*” which we, the sheep who have been redeemed, hope to settle in. What do you imagine those “eternal pastures” are like?

Another element of this Fourth Sunday of Easter is the continued expression of Easter joy. In the Prayer over the Offerings, we ask “*that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,*” and the prayer goes on to ask “*that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy.*” We must continue to keep alive throughout the entire fifty days of Easter Time our exultant joy and ecstatic cries of “Alleluia!” at the redemption and salvation that have been won for us through the death and resurrection of Christ.

Continue to allow your reflections on the prayers of the Mass to enrich your immersion in the spirituality of the fifty days of Easter Time.

Young Adult Group

Attention all parishioners age 19 to 35! Take notice of our new Young Adult Group which is starting up soon! This is a great chance to become more involved in the life of the parish as you discuss important issues concerning people in your age group and as you socialize with each other and deepen your faith. See the ad elsewhere in the bulletin for more information. Note that the meeting date has been changed to Friday, April 29 (it will not be on Wednesday, April 27 as originally scheduled). I am really

hoping and praying that this ministry is successful in our parish.

First Communions at Sunday Masses

As you know, in addition to separate Masses on Saturday mornings in May, we also celebrate First Holy Communions at Sunday Masses during Easter Time. To my mind, this is the preferred way for a family to celebrate First Holy Communion — what could be more appropriate than receiving one’s First Communion at the Sunday Mass gathering of the parish? It makes perfect sense for a child to receive First Communion amidst the community she or he worships with every week. In addition, it is so life-giving and energizing and renewing for the fellow parishioners at that Mass to see these beautiful children take this important step in their Christian initiation. If you have in past years had the privilege to be at a Mass where this has taken place, you know how wonderful it is.

Our First Holy Communions at Sunday Masses will begin next weekend, and it’s something we all look forward to. Please pray for all the children receiving First Holy Communion, this year, and their families. Let’s pray that the closeness they feel to the Lord when they share fully in the banquet of His Body and Blood for the first time is a closeness that will always be with them and will inspire them and their families to come to Mass each and every Sunday.

Super 72 is back!

IT’S BACK!!! I am pleased to announce the return of our popular **SUPER 72 RAFFLE!** It has been a little bit delayed in returning because we did not want to do the next game at the same time we were doing our special one-time “Help Defray the Cost of the New Boilers” collection — I did not want to inundate you with too many fund raisers at once and have them compete with each other. However, now we can start up the next **SUPER 72 RAFFLE.**

I sincerely hope you once again will be able to support this important fund raiser for our parish, as you have done in the past. We desperately need your continued help in dealing with both our ongoing regular and our extraordinary expenses, and in continuing down the road to

greater financial stability.

This **SUPER 72 RAFFLE** will be played exactly as it has been in the past. Tickets are purchased for a six (6) month period, and each month during those six months there are six (6) drawings: a first prize of \$1,000, a second prize of \$250, and four additional prizes of \$100 each. That's six chances to win each month. Tickets are \$40 each, but, as always, we're including a special deal: if you buy two tickets for \$80, you get one ticket free. That's three tickets for the price of two, with a total of 18 chances to win each month.

Also, we are once again adding a **SPECIAL PRIZE**. This time around we're adding **A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING DRAWING** in November, to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, for a one-time extra prize of **\$500** — an additional chance to win!

As I write this, the mailing is being prepared, so all registered parishioners either have already received tickets in the mail, or they will be arriving shortly. Tickets may also be purchased at the rectory. I once again take this op-

portunity to thank Johnstons' Wellwood Funeral Home for their generosity in covering the cost of the printing of the tickets; I am grateful for their support and assistance.

Hopelessly devoted to you...

In case you're looking for me this Thursday night, April 21, I won't be here. Olivia Newton-John is appearing at the Paramount Theatre in Huntington, so, guess where I'll be... Needless to say, it will be a great night!

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

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.

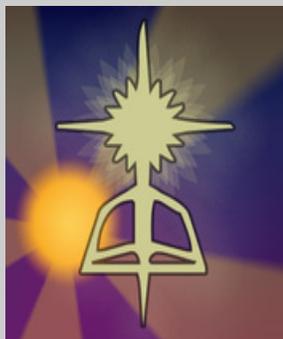
REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

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



So come and pray...

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

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

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175



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 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** OLPH 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.

OLPH Council 794

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, April 27th

3:00—9:00 p.m.

American Legion Hall

Herbert Avenue

Lindenhurst

Come down with a friend
and together give the gift of life.

For information contact:

Andy Martorano (516) 993-0510



GIVE BLOOD

PRAYING & SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

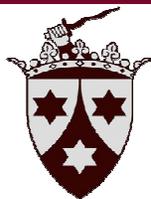


The Lay Carmelites

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 631-884-6892

Legion of Mary
invites you to the

7th Annual Women's Silent Retreat "BEHOLD THY SON"



HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

REFLECTIONS

CONFESSION AVAILABLE

Come ponder "Motherhood" in your heart after the example of Mary. All women are invited to come pray with Mary for children and for priests. Come and receive strength to become the "perfect women" we are called to be: "Thus the 'perfect woman' (Prov 31:10) becomes an irreplaceable support and source of spiritual strength for other people, who perceive the great energies of her spirit. These 'perfect women' are owed much by their families, and sometimes by whole nations." *Maria Digitalis*

Friday, 6 May 2016 - Saturday, 7 May 2016

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

COST: \$110 per person

includes dinner Friday, 3 meals Saturday, private room w/ shower

SEND FORM BELOW AND CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. PATRICK PARISH TO:
St. Patrick RC Church, 280 E. Main Street, Southtown, NY 11787 Attn: Legion of Mary

check in Friday between
1 - 6 p.m.
Ends Saturday 9 p.m.

NAME _____ Parish _____

ADDRESS _____ Phone # _____

e-mail _____ Any Special Dietary Needs? _____ Approx. arrival time: _____

For additional information contact Corinne Adonis @ 631-804-7222 or keepntuch@aol.com



Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Mother's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the Church. The Mother's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your mother, grandmother, godmother, the mother-to-be you know or any mother you wish to remember in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. Simply take an envelope, write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

OUR NEWLY RECEIVED!

Congratulations to **Sandy Best, Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets and Jamie Wittke** who were received in to the Catholic Church. Please pray for them as they become even more active and engaged members of our parish community. 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.

2016 VACATION BIBLE CAMP



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.*



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11:00 a.m. TO 7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY: 9:00 a.m. TO 2:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: 2:00 p.m. TO 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. TO 3:00 p.m.
SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m. TO 1:00 p.m.

Fourth Week 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 will need to be registered with the OLPH parish PRIOR to registering for religious education. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate, and 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

FINAL EXAMS FOR LEVELS 2-8:

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



AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT CONFIRMATION WORKBOOKS:

ALL workbooks are due on the final day of class, no exceptions.

Catechists: Catechetical Congress, September 2016

We remind our catechists to please call or email us to register for the Catechetical Congress. All catechists are strongly encouraged to attend this wonderful day of learning, spiritual growth, and fellowship hosted by the Diocese.

The Congress will take place on Saturday, September 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. No classes will take place that day to allow all catechists to attend this workshop.

FROM THE NEW YORK STATE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Statement on Political Responsibility by Cardinal Dolan and the Catholic Bishops of New York State

The good of a democratic republic like ours depends on the participation of its citizens. This may seem obvious but it needs to be insisted upon in today's American society. The most fundamental action of a good citizen is to vote. All other activities in the political sphere depend on the exercise of this most fundamental right – which is equally a solemn responsibility. Regrettably, in our country today an alarming percentage of citizens do not exercise this right. In New York State, on average over the past four years, only 40% of eligible voters carried out their civic duty.

As the Catholic Bishops of New York State, we urge every eligible adult Catholic, without exception, to be sure that he or she is registered to vote and that **all EXERCISE THEIR SOLEMN RESPONSIBILITY OF VOTING** in this year's elections.

If you are not registered to vote, or not sure you are registered, please go to the website www.elections.ny.gov or call 1-800-FOR-VOTE. You may also go to our own New York State Catholic Conference website at www.nyscatholic.org and select "Register to Vote."

We thank you for doing that. Now we want to invite you to prepare to vote by becoming familiar with both the candidates and the issues. Just voting for a name you recognize or a party you belong to does not fulfill your responsibility to build up a good society where human dignity, personal freedom, care for one another – especially the vulnerable – and the common good prevail as values which should be cherished in our democracy.

Sadly, determining who to vote for is not always easy. Pressure groups, especially the loudest ones, seek to shout down anyone who disagrees with them. Calm and thoughtful responses to issues are often drowned out. That makes the challenge to choose good candidates and support good programs even more difficult than in the past. But it makes these decisions even more important. We do have resources to help you.

One trustworthy resource is the booklet published this year by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**. To locate this resource, go to www.usccb.org, click on **issues and actions** and select **faithful citizenship**. Based on four of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching – human dignity, subsidiarity, solidarity and the common good – this document will help you evaluate the candidates and the programs they support on the basis of our shared Catholic vision of the good society. **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship** can also help you in supporting candidates who are Pro-Life, pro-family and supportive of those policies that promote the common good of our society.

If we want to have a good, healthy and virtuous society, we ourselves need to be good citizens, dedicated to the truth and promoters of the common good. We can contribute significantly to a positive political process and reverse the negative spiral of today's politics. But that means we must all be one in promoting human life and dignity; families that care for the vulnerable of any age or condition; and freedom and security for all our fellow citizens, as well as for all men and women every nation throughout the world.

March 16, 2016

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—cfr@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!

- PANCAKE SYRUP
- TEA BAGS
- JUICE
- PORK & BEANS
- SMALL PKGS. OF SUGAR
- PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT
- PAPER TOWELS
- CLEANING PRODUCTS
- RAZORS

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.

Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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.—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

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!

DONATIONS

We are still in need of the following:

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

If it is easier, we can always use Kmart gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

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.

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, 12PM-5PM – 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 26
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

End of Season Clearance Event



from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

TODAY!



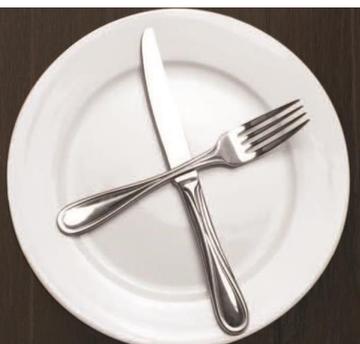
Ministry by purchasing a \$5 bag of The Blue Door Boutique Clearance Event.

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.

TODAY - SUNDAY— April 17, 2016
12 Noon – Mass

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

PRAYING & SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER



Offer the Gift of Yourself in the Ministry of Consolation!

Would you like to help a family at a time when they need it most? Would you like to bring a warm, friendly and welcoming experience of the parish to others when they would greatly appreciate it and when it could have a great effect on them? If so, then the Ministry of Consolation is for YOU! Ministers of Consolation minister to families at the time of the Funeral Mass by helping them to prepare the Mass and by being present at the Mass as greeters and liturgical ministers. People are also needed to work behind the scenes to coordinate these various ministers, to prepare worship aids, and to bring a cake to a family during the days of the wake. If you are interested in offering yourself in any aspect of the Ministry of Consolation or if you would like more information, *please contact Msgr. Joe at msgrjoe@oloph.org or at the rectory number, ext. 206.*

PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Life becomes more difficult and stressful for family and friends when a loved one becomes incarcerated. Relationships and responsibilities can become strained and the dynamics within the family often change dramatically.

The PFA Support Group provides a safe, non-judgmental place where those in similar situations can connect with each another. It provides compassion, support and information to family members during their very difficult times.



The Prison Families Anonymous Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7:30 p.m. at the
Community Presbyterian Church
1843 Deer Park Avenue
Deer Park, NY 11729
Entrance on Lake Ave. Use rear door closest to lot

1st Tuesday of every month starting at 7:30 p.m. at
St. Anthony Hall across from St. Brigid's Church
75 Post Avenue
Westbury, NY 11590

For more information, please contact:
PFA at 631-943-0441

Email: pfa.longisland@gmail.com

Website: www.pfa-li.com

For additional information contact: 516-496-7550 FEGS; 631-943-0441—Barbara; 631-806-3903—Sue



BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

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

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 in 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 twenty-first section of the document in this week’s edition of the bulletin.

21. Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe. The experience of the prophet Hosea can help us see the way in which mercy surpasses justice. The era in which the prophet lived was one of the most dramatic in the history of the Jewish people. The kingdom was tottering on the edge of destruction; the people had not remained faithful to the covenant; they had wandered from God and lost the faith of their forefathers. According to human logic, it seems reasonable for God to think of rejecting an unfaithful people; they had not observed their pact with God and therefore deserved just punishment: in other words, exile. The prophet’s words attest to this: “They shall not return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me” (*Hosea* 11:5). And yet, after this invocation of justice, the prophet radically changes his speech and reveals the true face of God: “How can I give you up, O Ephraim! How can I hand you over, O Israel! How can I make you like Admah! How can I treat you like Zeboiim! My heart recoils within me, my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger, I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come to destroy” (11:8-9). Saint Augustine, almost as if he were commenting on these words of the prophet, says: “It is easier for God to hold back anger than mercy”. And so it is. God’s anger lasts but a moment, his mercy forever.

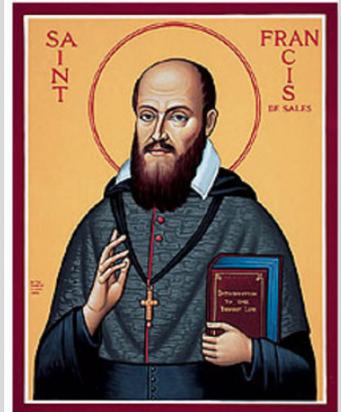
If God limited himself to only justice, he would cease to be God, and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected. But mere justice is not enough. Experience shows that an appeal to justice alone will result in its destruction. This is why God goes beyond justice with his mercy and forgiveness. Yet this does not mean that justice should be devalued or rendered superfluous. On the contrary: anyone who makes a mistake must pay the price. However, this is just the beginning of conversion, not its end, because one begins to feel the tenderness and mercy of God. God does not deny justice. He rather envelopes it and surpasses it with an even greater event in which we experience love as the foundation of true justice. We must pay close attention to what Saint Paul says if we want to avoid making the same mistake for which he reproaches the Jews of his time: “For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified” (*Romans* 10:3-4). God’s justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus the Cross of Christ is God’s judgement on all of us and on the whole world, because through it he offers us the certitude of love and new life.



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.

FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

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



“Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” -- St. Jerome

How is it that Scripture is considered the Word of God, though it was written by humans and not God?

In order to answer this question, we may want to reference *The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. It states, “Sacred Scripture is inspired by God and is the Word of God. Therefore, God is the author of Sacred Scripture, which means he inspired the human authors, acting in and through them. Thus, God ensured that the authors taught, without error, those truths necessary for our salvation. *Inspiration* is the word used for the divine assistance given to the human authors of the books of Sacred Scripture. This means that guided by the Holy Spirit, the human authors made full use of their talents and abilities while, at the same time, writing what God intended.”

Reading the Bible is one way to listen to the Word of God. The Bible, which the Church accepts and venerates as inspired, is composed of 46 books within the Old Testament and 27 books within the New Testament. Together these books make up the Sacred Scriptures. The term ‘canon’ of the Bible refers to these books contained in the Bible and was fixed within the first centuries of the Church. Someone with a creative mind once said the word Bible was an acronym that stood for “**B**asic **I**nstruction **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth.” Whether that’s true or not, the Sacred Scriptures can offer us much guidance and truth.

Realize that Christ is the unique Word of Sacred Scripture. Through all the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word, his one Utterance, in whom he expresses himself completely. For this reason, the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord’s Body. She never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God’s Word and Christ’s Body. In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as human word, but as what it really is, the word of God. In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 102-104). Psalm 119:89 says, “Your word, Lord, stands forever, it is firm as the heavens.”

So, yes, you are correct that the Sacred Scriptures were written by humans, but they were inspired by God. So pick up your Bible and begin reading the Word of God! Like Pope Francis once said, “Take it, carry it with you, and read it every day: it is Jesus himself who is speaking to you... The important thing is to read the Word of God, by any means, but read the Word of God. It is Jesus who speaks to us there. And welcome it with an open heart. Then the good seed will bear fruit!”

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:

Kevin Balsam & Laura Bozzo

First Time:

Craig Stoll & Marie Novaristefano

WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism



*Bryce Thomas Fitch
Lila Ann Withers*

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

WE REMEMBER

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

Arthur Aufiero

“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.”

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016 10:00 A.M. MASS

Sheila Clark	<i>Requested by Arthur & Robin Lord</i>
Stephen Seidler	<i>Requested by The DeCaprio Family</i>
Robert Finn	<i>Requested by Donna Frattini</i>
Elizabeth Pugh	<i>Requested by Robert Watson</i>
Megan Colligan	<i>Requested by Linda Maddalena</i>
Marylou Caruso	<i>Requested by John & Sue Halpa</i>
Angelo Famigletti	<i>Requested by Kathy Ferrari</i>
Salvatore Zerbo	<i>Requested by Bill & Joanne Ratchford</i>
Eugene Hampl	<i>Requested by Anthony & Debbie Falco</i>

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of
April 17-23:

Oil for Altar Candles

Will be offered for

Sandra Best

Reception into Full Communion

Requested by

Robert & Carmel Becker

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 18—

Easter Weekday

6:30	Stephen Antaki
12:15	Myrna Sangiorgi
5:00	First Communion Rehearsal
7:00	Devotions

TUESDAY, April 19—

Easter Weekday

6:30	Thank You Our Lady of Perpetual Help
12:15	Joseph Cristiano (Birthday Remembrance)

WEDNESDAY, April 20—

Easter Weekday

6:30	Joseph Gagliardo
12:15	Nancy Iozzia
12:45– 2:00	Exposition

THURSDAY, April 21—

Easter Weekday

(Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

6:30	Marie Clark
12:15	Raymond Marko

FRIDAY, April 22—

Easter Weekday

6:30	Jo-Ann Montana Comas
12:15	Maria & John Cinquemani

SATURDAY, April 23—

Easter Weekday

(Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr)

8:00	Jovito Francisco
4:00 – 4:45	Confessions

Vigil for FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00	For the People of the Parish
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Sunday, April 24 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00	Patricia Caramanico
10:00	Perpetual Help Mass (Names listed on p. 17)
12:00	Elizabeth & Agostino Pecoraro (Living, 50th Wedding Anniversary)
5:00	Michael Nuccio

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 18, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry Prep	Room 9
12:00 p.m.	Retired Knights Gathering	Cafeteria
4:00 p.m.	Social Ministry Coordinators	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	First Communion Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
6:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Mark's
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Pre-Cana Presentation	Room 10

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

4:15 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
6:00 p.m.	Widows & Widowers	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, April 20, 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
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 10
7:00 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 9
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School
8:00 p.m.	Christian Mothers	Cafeteria

Thursday, April 21, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 9
2-6:00 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Parent Baptismal Prep Class	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, April 22, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Young People	Room 24

Saturday, April 23, 2016

8:30, 10, 11:30	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 24, 2016

10 & 12:00	First Communion at Mass	Church
1:30 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Prayers for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
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Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrojoe@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 9/10, 2016**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	323	133	\$3,358.00
8:00 a.m.	290	130	\$3,376.00
10:00 a.m.	548	155	\$3,321.00
12:00 pm.	573	166	\$4,939.00
5:00 p.m.	235	45	\$1,581.00
Total coin:			\$18.39
Mail-ins:			\$210.00
Children's Env.		26	\$95.51
Faith Direct			\$2,014.75
TOTAL	1,969	655	\$18,913.65
2015 total	2,015	666	\$16,467.65
Candles			\$920.49
Poor Box			\$382.01



April 29, 30 & May 1

SpringFest comes to the Village on Wellwood Ave.

Please remember that on **Sunday, May 1st** Wellwood Avenue will be *closed to all traffic* during the hours of the SpringFest which will allow residents to visit stores and vendors with arts and crafts from John Street to West Gates Avenue.

So, plan ahead—leave a little early! You may have to find a new route to get to Mass on time that weekend.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

**SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS
AFTER MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets after Mass at the **8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon Masses next weekend, April 24.** Please support the Knights in their charitable endeavors by purchasing some tickets. Your generosity is appreciated.

We are collecting...

**USED SOCCER SHOES
USED OR NEW
SOCCER BALLS**



For Father Ignance Loleke, formerly of OLPH

Drop items off in the collection box located at the Religious Ed. Office

Any questions?
Contact Maria Fischer
at 631.882.9887 or
MPFischer725@aol.com



Learn more about Father Ignance's mission at
www.KicksForTheCongo.info



**SUPER 72
RAFFLE**

IS BACK!

**LOOK FOR DETAILS
in a letter that was mailed
out this week!**

**Get your new tickets NOW!
\$40 each or 3 for \$80**

PREPARING FOR Sunday, April 24, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."*

John 13:34

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

The first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas (46 – 49 A.D.) carried them from Antioch in Syria to several cities in Asia Minor (present-day Turkey) from which they were forcefully ejected, including a second city named Antioch. They then retraced their steps through these cities to appoint leaders and to encourage the new disciples to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." When they finally returned to the Syrian Antioch from which they had initially been commissioned, they gathered the whole community together to tell of the wondrous things God had accomplished through them, opening the door of faith to the Gentiles (non-Jews). Perseverance and as well as wonder at God's works are key for us as disciples even today.

Revelation 21:1-5a

People of faith have the ability to see beyond what is right in front of them. Persevering through difficult times is worth the glory that awaits us as God creates something new. The old ways will pass away and all will be as new and as beautiful as a bride on her wedding day. There will be no more tears, death or mourning. How wondrous it will be for us on that day when we hear God say, "Behold, I make all things new."

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

We hear Jesus speak at the Last Supper of his coming glorification, a truly wondrous work indeed, especially as it comes at the cost of the Crucifixion. And in the next breath Jesus tells us that we must love one another as he has done if we are to be known as his disciples. By imitating his love for us with each other, we can share in his coming glory when all things are made new.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 18, 2016:

Acts 11:1-18 + John 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 19, 2016:

Acts 11:19-26 + John 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 20, 2016:

Acts 19:24—13:5a + John 12:44-50

Thursday, April 21, 2016:

Acts 13:13-25 + John 13:16-20

Friday, April 22, 2016:

Acts 13:26-33 + John 6:14-16

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Acts 13:44-52 + John 14:7-14

Sunday, April 24, 2016

Acts 14:21-27
+ Revelation 21:1-5a
+ John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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. Did Jesus give us edicts, rubrics and canons? What one rule did he give us over and over? What teaching of the Church do you think will bring all people to Christ? Do you recognize saintly people by how hard they work and the money and time they give, or how much they love others? Or both? Does God love the world through us if we let it happen?
2. "As I have loved you, so should you love one another." According to Pope Francis, how do we show that we "love one another" in our words or in our actions?

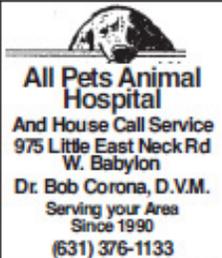
Christian love is always "concrete." Love, then, consists more in actions than in words, more in giving than in receiving.

Love is not a kind of romanticism: either it is a selfless and solicitous love which rolls up its sleeves and looks to the poor, preferring to give rather than to receive; or it has nothing to do with Christian love. "If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us." (1 John 4:12) The experience of faith is found in this double "remaining."

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Primera lectura (Hechos de los Apóstoles 14:21-27/54)

Dios Había Hecho Grandes Cosas con Ellos.

Pablo y Bernabé habían sufrido y se habían esforzado mucho para fundar nuevas comunidades cristianas y para animar a los fieles. Sin embargo, reconocían que fue Dios quien hizo todo ese buen trabajo por medio de ellos

Segunda lectura (Revelación 21:1-5a)

Desde que Jesús resucitó, un mundo nuevo ha comenzado a tomar forma entre los hombres, la de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros por medio del mismo Cristo Resucitado. Juan nos proporciona una visión esperanzada de este nuevo mundo.

Lectura del Sato Evangelio según (San Juan 13:31-33^a, 34-35)

La traición de Judas hace pensar en la impotencia de Dios frente al hombre: y lo irreparable del mal ¡el bien pierde frente al mal! Pero Juan nos hace ver que la luz vence las tinieblas. El amor de Dios es la única fuerza que rescata al hombre de la muerte eterna, por eso, en la Última Cena, Jesús da a sus discípulos el mandamiento del amor como su última voluntad, su testamento. Este amor es la clave para un mundo nuevo. Que los cristianos seamos reconocidos por medio del amor mutuo, como lo fueron las primeras comunidades.

Si les pidieran a ustedes definir lo más típico y característico de nuestra comunidad cristiana, ¿podría decirse de nosotros, como de los primeros cristianos, "Miren cómo se aman unos a otros"? De acuerdo con nuestro Señor mismo, la señal característica de sus discípulos debería ser que nos amamos unos a otros como él nos ha amado. --- Reunidos como estamos aquí para el banquete eucarístico del Señor, banquete de amor, pidámosle que nos ayude a amarnos unos a otros como él nos amó.

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