

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 24, 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.

COME PRAY WITH US



Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

Thursday, April 28

7:30 p.m. 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

Young Adult Group

All parishioners out there who are young adults, ages 19-35: this is it! Our first Young Adult Ministry meeting is this Friday, April 29. Read the details elsewhere in this bulletin and make sure you get in on this exciting and enriching new endeavor in our parish right from the very beginning. You'll be glad you did! It will enrich your sense of connectedness with the parish and it will deepen your faith.

Mother's Day Novena

Once again we are having a Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. This is a beautiful way to remember and pray for your mother, living or deceased. Please look for the Mother's Day cards and envelopes around the church and be sure to join in the spiritual remembrance. Your intention will be remembered in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses.

Taizé Prayer

Take note of the announcement elsewhere in this bulletin about our second evening of **Taizé Prayer** this Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. The first one we had back in the Fall was a huge success, and everyone who attended found it to be a powerful evening of prayer and spiritual enrichment. Taizé Prayer is a very quiet and meditative prayer experience; its focus is on very meditative music and periods for silent reflection. Meditation and quiet — don't we all need more of those in our life! I do hope that you will make it a priority to be present for this as a means of giving yourself the gift of some needed quiet prayer time. I look forward to participating in this Thursday night's Taizé Prayer. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to come together at OLPH to pray in so many different styles and formats, and this one, which is still somewhat new to OLPH, is very, very rich and rewarding. I know you'll enjoy it. Look for the description of the evening elsewhere in this bulletin.

Guest Writer: Soon-to-be Deacon Robert Becker

As you know, from time to time I turn over a large portion of my Pastor's Column to a guest writer. This time around, I wanted you to hear from Robert Becker, who, as you know, will be ordained a permanent deacon very shortly. I wanted him to share with you his journey to serving the parish as a deacon. So, take it away, Robert...

From Robert Becker...

With the grace of God, on May 28 I will be ordained a permanent deacon of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. It is most likely that I will be assigned to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, and I am truly

excited about the prospect of ministering here. Except for the first six years of our marriage when we lived in Shirley, both my wife, Carmel, and I have lived in Lindenhurst virtually our entire lives. That fact alone doesn't mean everyone here knows me, nor does a long-term association with this church necessarily make it apparent how I came to be a deacon. So at Msgr. Joe's invitation, I will indulge in a little self-disclosure.

For the past year, I've been serving as an acolyte. Essentially that means I've stood out as the balding altar server! Or, if you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, I've been the one in the white robe who causes all the confusion because no one knows whether I count as one of the ministers of Communion! Institution as an acolyte is the last ministerial step before ordination to the permanent diaconate. It's a chance to learn the Mass through direct involvement in a large portion of its actions. I was not an altar server when I was young, so this past year has done much to calm my nerves about moving around the sanctuary.

My service as an acolyte has been in addition to my ministry as an EMHC, which I began five years ago, and my ministry as a Reader, which I began over twenty-five years ago. I even served as Cantor once at Mass because people used to confuse me with Jim Kendall, our former music director. I led song at a 6:30 a.m. Mass while Jim played the piano next to me so that people could see we were two different individuals! I'm not sure if our plan worked, but I am sure that individuals who attended that Mass are still scarred by my singing. As more evidence that the idea was not a good one, I continue to get compliments on my piano playing. My brief experience with Saint Vincent de Paul pretty much ended when my classwork at the seminary began to place demands on my time. My participation in the parish's Ministry of Praise also ended after a very brief but joyful participation that most certainly strengthened the Spirit's call to me. I am also a member of the Holy Name Society and a Knight, although much to my embarrassment, I have never truly been active in either organization.

Outside of the parish, my entire career has been in education. I taught high school English for eighteen years before becoming a department chairperson, an elementary principal and a district-level subject area director for an additional eighteen years. I retired, unwillingly, from public education in 2005 and have continued to work in education at both Suffolk County Community College and, currently, at Farmingdale State College's Writing Center. I served on the Lindenhurst Memorial Library Board of Trustees and I am currently serving on the Board of Trustees of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System Board.

Carmel and I have three daughters, Kathryn, Rachel and Jessica. Kathryn lives in Mooresville, NC with her husband, Alan. Rachel lives in Aquebogue on Long Island, with her husband, Brian. Jessica lives at home where she now enjoys not having to share a bathroom with her sisters. Our only grandchild, Madeline Carmel, was born, but, sadly, died on June 17, 2014. Carmel, Jessica and I live in North Lindenhurst in a house that we bought in 1978. When I used to have spare time, I enjoyed exercising, reading, cooking, and do-it-yourself projects. Three friends and I play golf once a week; I am a terrible golfer, but I really enjoy the company of my friends.

While my path to becoming a deacon has been more actively focused for a period of about six years, the formation experience itself has dominated my life for the past four years. It has meant a commitment of classroom time every Saturday, from morning to evening. It has also required many hours for reading, writing and studying. The formation experience has increased my knowledge of the Catholic faith, and my understanding of the way in which the Church feeds us. Formation has also brought me to a level of spirituality that I might not have reached so fully or so readily through more common means. Most importantly, I did not achieve any of this through my own merits or strengths.

First, I acknowledge that the Spirit of Christ working through me has accomplished all that I am. This is a truth that our faith teaches. Beyond this truth, I must then acknowledge that my family's support has been a vital foundation to formation. Carmel and our girls have been constant sources of encouragement in all areas of my formation — intellectual, emotional and spiritual. I have also been blessed to have a very supportive spiritual director who regularly assists me to reach higher in all areas of my life. My formation has truly been made richer and more meaningful through the guidance I have received from Msgr. Joe and the other priests of the parish, especially Fr. Alfred and Fr. John. Deacon Frank,

Deacon Bill and Deacon Doug have treated me as a brother from the day I applied to the diocese. In the program, the rector, director, professors, formators, librarians and my classmates have been the mentors, counselors and guides I have needed to succeed to the degree which I have. However, all that has occurred to this point represents only the beginning.

Although ordination is about a month away, it is still difficult to think about ways in which I will serve the people of OLPH. I know that I am a capable teacher, and that teaching brings me great satisfaction. I am sure that I could be of service as a catechist, but I also would like to be available to the parish to deliver adult faith formation programs. When I first began responding to God's call it was through reading Scripture that I became more aware of his presence in my life. I've learned to value the Word of God as a treasure in my life, but I also realize that many people are intimidated by the Bible. The one single goal that I want to attain as a deacon is to help others to prize Scripture. To achieve that goal, I intend to offer my time to organize and conduct Bible study groups throughout the year. I would also like to bring others to the writings of Church doctors such as Thérèse of Lisieux and Francis de Sales, and to the inspirational works of Jean Vanier, Yves Congar, Henri Nouwen and Dorothy Day, among others.

Perhaps more than anything else, now and in the future, I seek your prayers that the Spirit of Christ will work through me to bring the OLPH community that which God would desire it to have to continue its growth as the Body of Christ.

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,



**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.

YEAR OF MERCY

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

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

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

22. A Jubilee also entails the granting of *indulgences*. This practice will acquire an even more important meaning in the Holy Year of Mercy. God’s forgiveness knows no bounds. In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God makes even more evident his love and its power to destroy all human sin. Reconciliation with God is made possible through the paschal mystery and the mediation of the Church. Thus God is always ready to forgive, and he never tires of forgiving in ways that are continually new and surprising. Nevertheless, all of us know well the experience of sin. We know that we are called to perfection (cf. *Matthew* 5:48), yet we feel the heavy burden of sin. Though we feel the transforming power of grace, we also feel the effects of sin typical of our fallen state. Despite being forgiven, the conflicting consequences of our sins remain. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives our sins, which he truly blots out; and yet sin leaves a negative effect on the way we think and act. But the mercy of God is stronger even than this. It becomes *indulgence* on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequences of sin, enabling him to act with charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin.

The Church lives within the communion of the saints. In the Eucharist, this communion, which is a gift from God, becomes a spiritual union binding us to the saints and blessed ones whose number is beyond counting (cf. *Revelation* 7:4). Their holiness comes to the aid of our weakness in a way that enables the Church, with her maternal prayers and her way of life, to fortify the weakness of some with the strength of others. Hence, to live the indulgence of the Holy Year means to approach the Father’s mercy with the certainty that his forgiveness extends to the entire life of the believer. To gain an indulgence is to experience the holiness of the Church, who bestows upon all the fruits of Christ’s redemption, so that God’s love and forgiveness may extend everywhere. Let us live this Jubilee intensely, begging the Father to forgive our sins and to bathe us in his merciful “indulgence.”



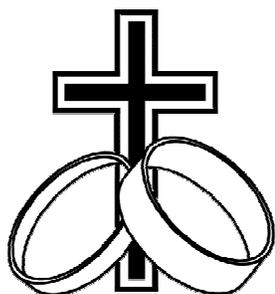
You can read the entire document by going to the new OLPH website or by visiting the Jubilee of Mercy website at www.im.va.

OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

We would like to affirm the graces and blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage by celebrating your wedding anniversary!

We're celebrating Mass and throwing a party for YOU!

Couples celebrating an anniversary in 2016 that is "on a five year mark," that is, if this year you're married 5 years, or 10, or 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 – and for couples married ANY year more than 50 years (51, 52.....67...etc.) – are invited to a special MASS AND RECEPTION!



FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

7:30 p.m. Mass

*with Renewal of Your Wedding Vows
Followed by a Reception in our School Gym*

Invite your family members as well! They are welcome!



**You must reply NO LATER THAN MAY 6
WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY, USING THE FORM BELOW
NO PHONE REPLIES CAN BE TAKEN**

Cut-out and fill-in the form below and return to the Rectory by May 6.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name _____

First Name of Husband _____

First Name of Wife _____

Years Married _____

Date of Your Marriage _____

Your Wedding Song _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone Number _____

e-mail _____ @ _____

Number of Adults Attending _____

Number of Children Attending _____



*Please return this form as soon as possible to the Rectory,
or drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.*

ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 6.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

PRAYING FOR & SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER



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.

DEANERY MASS FOR MERCY:

On **SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

at the **5:00 p.m. Mass**

at **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH**
in West Islip (455 Hunter Avenue; West Islip,
NY 11795), **Bishop Murphy** will celebrate a
special Mass for the Year of Mercy. Come
join Bishop Murphy for this special Mass.

May Crowning

Monday, May 9th

7:00 P.M.

Rectory Lawn

Join the Christian Mothers and Guild and the Legion of Mary for the annual crowning of the Blessed Mother.



Hospitality to follow after the prayer and blessing. The May Crowning will take place instead of the weekly devotions.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

The Novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas as it was first made at the direction of Our Lord when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Consider joining us for one or all sessions as we offer the novena on:



May 6 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

May 7 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

May 8 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

May 9 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

May 10 following the 6:30 a.m. Mass

May 11 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

May 12 following the 6:30 a.m. Mass

May 13 following the 12:15 p.m. Mass

May 14 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Novena booklets are provided. Recitation of each day's prayers and reflection takes about ten minutes.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Spiritual Adoption Program

MONTH 1 – "My heart is beating!"

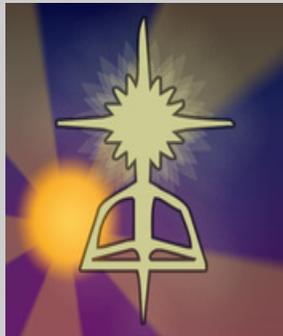
Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its 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.



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 25—7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 2—7:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 9—May Crowning will
replace usual Devotions.**

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.

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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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building
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Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
(akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM
TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM
WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM
THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM
SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM

Fifth Sunday of Easter



*"I give you a new commandment:
that you love one another
as I have loved you." —John 13:34*

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2016/17 academic year is now open for all new and returning families.

Returning Families:

Please come during any of our office hours (except Saturday, by appointment only) to re-register returning students for the upcoming year. 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.

Tuition:

Payable at the time of registration. One child: \$130.

Two children: \$165. Three children: \$195

On behalf of the Religious Education Staff, welcome and God Bless!

Level 8 Treasure Project

A special thank-you to our Level 8 students, who have raised

\$1,965.22

for our OLPH homeless ministry! Your donation will go towards feeding and clothing Lindenhurst people in need!



Catechetical Congress

We remind our catechists to please call or email us to register for the Catechetical Congress.

All catechists are strongly encouraged to attend.

The Congress will take place on
Saturday, September 17th from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Important Upcoming Dates

First Communion—At Mass

Sunday, **April 24th** at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Saturday, **April 30th** at 5 p.m.

Sunday, **May 1st** at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

More dates to be announced in future bulletins!

Make-Up Final Exams

Saturday, **April 30th** at 11:00 a.m.

*All students in Levels 2-8 who missed class the week of **April 18th—April 23rd** will be required to make up their final this day.*

First Communion Rehearsals

Monday, **May 2nd** at 4:30 p.m.

(for the May 7th Communion ceremony)

Monday, **May 9th** at 4:30 p.m.

(For the May 14th Communion ceremony)

SAVE THE DATE: COMMUNION RECEPTION AND BLESSING: SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

FAITH FORMATION

Our next Adult Faith Formation course...

Spirituality Summit

Facilitator: Fr. John Sureau

5 Wednesday Nights -

May 4, 11, 18 & June 1, 8

(Note change in dates)

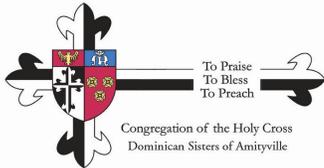
Time: 7:30—9:30 p.m.

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



**STARTS
NEXT
WEEK!**

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.



2016 VACATION BIBLE CAMP



Vacation Bible Camp

July 18–22, 2016

SIGN UP TODAY!

Go to www.olphlindenhurst.org and download you 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.

(Or olph11757.weebly.com/vacation-bible-camp.html)

All adults and young adults must complete a Volunteer Packet and attend VIRTUS training.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cffr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com/Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994-justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Caroline Grogan—631-225-7688—straightclaw@optonline.net
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494

NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED FRUIT
HOT AND COLD CEREAL
COFFEE
PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT
BAKED BEANS
CANNED JUICE
SHAMPOO
BATH SOAP
TOILET PAPER
PAPER TOWELS

Thank you
 for your continued generosity.

Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the "New" School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another....This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families, providing food, help with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!



SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The OLPH Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce that Memorial Cards are now available. These Memorial Cards are a wonderful way to honor the dearly departed while benefitting the less fortunate in our community. A beautiful "Living Memorial" Card will be sent acknowledging your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Donation forms are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Monday, Wednesday & Friday; Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory.

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

DRIVING MINISTRY...

Did you know that our Driving Ministry has made over 100 pick-ups since the inception of the ministry?

What a beautiful way to assist and support others in need!

We are trying to increase our driving ministry at OLPH. We need a commitment from a number of drivers with a good license and insurance and, of course, some time to donate to others. The service will be medical appointments and participation at Sunday Mass.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182 or the Rectory at 631.226.7725.

ALL DRIVERS MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED

HOMELESS MINISTRY

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, May 4
7:00 p.m. in Room 10
(in the basement of the old school)

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, May 10
(Please note change in date)
9:00 a.m. in Room 24

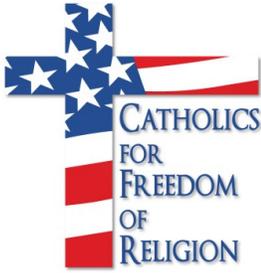
WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

*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, May 17
6:00 p.m. in Room 18

For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



Catholics For Freedom of Religion

"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."

George Washington

Military Religious Freedom at Stake:

Marines: When Marine LCpl Sterling noticed other service members had placed personal items in their workplaces, she printed her favorite Bible verse, Isaiah 54:17: *"No weapons formed against me shall prosper,"* and taped it in her workspace. Her supervisor ordered her to remove it, and Sterling was eventually court-martialed. Sterling had invoked her First Amendment and RFRA (Religious Freedom Restoration Act) protection.

The highest court in the military will soon hear LCpl Sterling's appeal.

"If a service member has a right to display a secular poster, put an atheist bumper sticker on their car, or wear a Star of David, then LCpl Sterling has the right to display a small Bible verse on her desk," said Senior Counsel Berry from Liberty Institute. (first liberty.org, 3/24/16)

Liberty Institute attorneys asserted that federal law and military regulations forbid the Navy from punishing chaplains because they act according to their faith. On Sept. 3, 2015, Chaplain Wes Modder was exonerated of all charges. (charisma news.com, 3/12/15; liberty institute.org, 9/3/15)

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



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

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!

- 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.

Our next Community Meal will be on Sunday May 1st. Come and pray with at the 12:00 p.m. Mass and join us for a "soup and sandwich" at 1:00 p.m.



Greetings from our April 17th Community Meal.

Special thanks to all who make this happen!



COOKS NEEDED?

Can you help prepare a 1/2 tray of something for our Community meal? We make it real easy for people to offer food for each meal.

For more information and to learn how to sign up, contact Deborah McDonald at **516.662.2529**—
Dnk875@aol.com



SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Legion of Mary
invites you to the

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



HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE
MASS

REFLECTIONS

ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

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' (Proverbs 31:10) becomes an irreplaceable support and source of spiritual strength to other people, who perceive the great energies of her spirit. These 'perfect women' are owed much by their families and sometimes by whole nations."

Friday, May 6th to Saturday May 7th
at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

Cost: \$110 per person

Includes: dinner Friday, three meals Saturday, private room with shower.

*Check-in Friday
Between 1:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.
Ends Saturday 9:00 p.m.*

For more information, contact Corinne Addiss at 631-804-7222 or keepntuch@aol.com

NAME _____ Parish _____

ADDRESS _____ Phone # _____

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



People of Prayer

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 influ-

The Lay Carmelites

People of Service

ence on the life of the entire family (*Rule, art. 1*)

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

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

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



Our Call to Participation

Kristopher W. Seaman



A colleague spoke recently of showing up for class to discuss a favorite author.

The class was to start with students discussing the book in small groups. As my friend made his way from one group to another, he noticed that the material had not been read. He then invited the students to return to their original places to discuss their critical analysis of the literary work. He asked his first question. Dead silence. He waited. No response. He rephrased the question. Once again, no one spoke. The awkward silence was now too much. He waited until someone answered. Finally, one student hesitantly ventured an answer. No one challenged the student's vague answer. So, the professor asked how many students read the required material. Only two hands went up. The lack of participation in the course led to a lack of learning.

This story is very apropos to our participation within the liturgical event. Pope Benedict has noted occasionally that the liturgy is a "school." In other words, liturgy trains us to grow in discipleship. We can understand the liturgy as a "school" in two ways. First, liturgy catechizes or educates us. Various parts of the liturgy relay information to us. Our intellects grow as we take in the meaning of the homily, the proclamation of the readings, the hearing of the prayers, and so forth. In this sense, our minds are nourished.

Secondly, the liturgy concerns our bodies. Liturgy not only uses words, but also "the works of our hands" or elements from nature, that is, material objects.

Liturgy makes use of water, fire, oil, bread, and wine. These material objects touch bodies (though in the case of fire, it touches us through its heat and light). From a theological perspective, God's work of sanctifying these elements imparts more than intellectual knowledge; they mediate, or we might say, make tangible, God's loving touch to and within us.

The healing anointing by the priest with the oil of the sick touches us physically. Likewise, in the use of holy water, whether at Baptisms or when we bless ourselves upon entering the worship space, our body is touched by

God's purifying, cleansing, and life-giving Spirit. Therefore, the liturgy "schools" us to shape our minds, bodies, souls, and hearts into a deeper living out of God's desires for each person. But to achieve the holiness that God offers us, and indeed calls us to, we must be open to the power of God's transforming "touch."

How does liturgy as a "school" help us to understand our call to participation? In the story of the professor, the students' education suffered because they were neither prepared nor engaged with the topic. In liturgy, we are called to participate. Participation requires our investment in the liturgy. It requires our openness to God's acting through words, gestures, music, prayers, and material objects.

Participation is not, however, utilitarian, that is, it is not only about *showing up* or *doing* things; rather, participation may lead to transformation. Though participation requires showing up and doing things, another level allows what happens (the actions of liturgy or the actions of the Triune God) to shape us. Our participation in liturgy may allow us to grow in our knowledge of and union with God, who seeks and desires our growth in holiness.

The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* says we are called to "full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations" . As students of the liturgy, our schooling is shaped by our level of participation. The effect of that participation is the active living out — through our minds and bodies — of God's healing and loving touch in, to, and through us.

Kristopher W. Seaman, DMIN, is a PHD student at King's College, University of London. He is the former director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Gary. He earned an ma in liturgical studies from Saint John's University (Collegeville), an MA in systematic theology from Catholic Theological Union (CTU), Chicago, and a DMIN from CTU.

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.

Second Time:

Craig Stoll & Marie Novaristefano

First Time:

Kevin Tims & Erin VanDriessche

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of

April 24-30:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Irene & Joseph S. Canzoneri

Requested by

Liz & Agostino Pecorano

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

WE REMEMBER

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

Robert Eisemann

Ralph D. Mazza

Barbara Stark

“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.”

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>

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

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If your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each week, nearly two thousand people attend Mass at OLPH, most of whom live and shop in the Lindenhurst area, receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of area families with information about your business.

For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call The Church Bulletin Company at 631.249.4994.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 25—

Saint Mark, Evangelist

6:30	Ruth Douglas
12:15	Gary Giordano
7:00	Devotions

TUESDAY, April 26—

Easter Weekday

6:30	Maryann Cassar
12:15	Joseph Aliano

WEDNESDAY, April 27—

Easter Weekday

6:30	Tadeusz Cimaszewski
12:15	Nancy Iozzia
12:45	Exposition

THURSDAY, April 28—

Easter Weekday

*(St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest)*

6:30	Kathleen Farrell
12:15	Italo Leo
7:30	Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

FRIDAY, April 29—

St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

6:30	James A. O'Brien
12:15	Kristy Schwartz

SATURDAY, April 30—

Easter Weekday

(Saint Pius V, Pope)

8:00	Patricia & William Archer
4:00 – 5:00	Confessions

**Vigil for
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00	Joan & William McCowan
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**Sunday, May 1
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Christopher Versace
12:00	Antonietta Guglielmo
5:00	Dorothea McCowan

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 25, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry Prep	Room 9
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
4:30 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
6:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:45 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Board Meeting	Room 10

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

4:30 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
7:00 p.m.	Scouts Future Planning	Room 15
7:30 p.m.	Religious Education	Auditorium
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, April 27, 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
7:00 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 9

Thursday, April 28, 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.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Prayer	Church
7:39 p.m.	Respect Life	Room 21
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, April 29, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Ministry	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Young People	Room 24

Saturday, April 30, 2016

11-12:00 p.m.	Final Make-up Day—Rel. Ed.	School
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
5:00 p.m.	First Communion at Mass	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, May 1, 2016

10 & 12:00	First Communion at Mass	Church
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:30 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
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

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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 Alice White at 631-805-2133 or e-mail at Alicem9@icloud.com 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 Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net 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
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 Lori Byron
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Marie Foster
 Greg Guido
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 John Keller
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 Kevin Sabella, Sr.
 Christina Taparata
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 Pete Triolo

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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 John Reynolds

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

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

**OFFERING UPDATE
APRIL 16/17 2016**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	360	155	\$3,442.00
8:00 a.m.	303	140	3,514.00
10:00 a.m.	500	143	3,076.00
12:00 pm.	450	130	3,871.00
5:00 p.m.	195	40	1,426.00
Total coin:			26.24
Mail-ins:			731.00
Children's Env.		21	86.97
Faith Direct			2,014.75
TOTAL	1,808	629	\$18,187.96
2015 total	1,996	655	\$17,171.25
Candles			\$984.34
Poor Box			\$265.35



**COLLECTION FOR
CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS**

The value of learning. The learning of values.

The second collection taken *next weekend* will be in support of Catholic elementary schools in the diocese and of the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. Tomorrow's Hope provides tuition assistance to students in need attending Catholic elementary schools and grants directly to schools to offset general expenses. Last year the Foundation gave over \$1.75 million to students while actual student need was over \$6 million. The money that you give to the second collection next weekend will help to expand the academic excellence of our Catholic elementary schools and help them remain a place where our faith is taught and lived.

Sustaining Catholic elementary education is vital to the future of our society and our Church. Our students are our future. They are tomorrow's hope. Please be as generous as possible with your donation next weekend.



NEXT WEEKEND!

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 next weekend.



**SUPER 72
RAFFLE**

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX!

**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, May 1, 2016—Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."*

John 14:27

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

The indispensable mark of the old covenant was circumcision. But with Jesus offering a new covenant, were circumcision and all the rules of Mosaic Law still necessary? That was the question that was dividing the fledgling Christian communities composed mostly of Gentiles (non-Jews). We see in today's reading a model for discerning important points of Church discipline. As the question couldn't be resolved at the local level, it was "kicked upstairs" to the leaders Jesus himself chose in Jerusalem. These apostles and elders discussed and prayed and, most importantly, appealed to the Holy Spirit for an answer. What they got was an answer that displayed great pastoral sensitivity rather than rigid adherence to a law that, while still upheld as important, was fulfilled in Jesus and his law of love.

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

By the time the Book of Revelation was written, the Roman occupiers had destroyed Jerusalem and its Temple, which occurred in 70 A.D. in response to a Jewish rebellion. That tragedy was a disorienting experience of profound proportions because the city and her Temple were the very heart of Israel and the Jewish people. Losing them caused people to question their identity and even God's faithfulness. In addition, Christians were being persecuted for their faith to the point of death. In the midst of this time of distress, John experiences a vision of a "new Jerusalem," untouched by violence and adorned as a beautiful bride. It needed no Temple because God would reside in the very hearts of his people. This is surely a vision of great peace, hope, and glory.

John 14:23-29

This reading is set at the Last Supper. Jesus has been with these men for three years, teaching and mentoring them with power, humility, and authority. Now he is about to leave them so he offers assurance that they will lose nothing of what they've learned since he will send them an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will help them to remember and understand all that he taught them. He also leaves them a special peace that far surpasses any that can be found in the world. The good news for us today is that Jesus offers his Holy Spirit and his peace to us as well, if we but keep his word.

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. The second great gift in this reading is the promise of the Holy Spirit who will teach us everything. Do you think there could be a direct proportion between how much a person loves and how much that person allows the Holy Spirit to live within him/herself?
2. Jesus says, "Whoever loves me, we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. ... Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." How does Pope Francis' greeting to the participants in the International Congress on Catechesis include these two ideas from this Gospel?

"(The story of Jonah) teaches us not to be afraid of going outside our ways of thinking in order to follow God, because God always goes beyond. ... God is not afraid! ... God is not afraid of the peripheries. If you go to the peripheries, you will find Him there. ... If a catechist allows himself to be conquered by fear, he is a coward; ... What I want to say now, I have already said many times before, but it comes from my heart to say it again. When we Christians are closed in our group, in our movement, in our parish, in our own environment, we remain closed and what happens to us is what happens to whatever remains closed: when a room is closed the odor of humidity gathers. And if a person is closed in that room, they become ill! When a Christian is closed in his group, or parish, or movement, he remains closed and becomes ill."

Vatican City, September 28, 2013

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 25, 2016:

1 Peter 5:5b-14 + Mark 16:15-20

Tuesday, April 26, 2016:

Acts 14:19-28 + John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, April 27, 2016:

Acts 15:1-6 + John 15:1-8

Thursday, April 28, 2016:

Acts 15:7-21 + John 15:9-11

Friday, April 29, 2016:

Acts 15:12-17 + John 15:12-17

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Acts 16:1-10 + John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Acts 15:1-9, 22-29
+ Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
+ John 14:23-29

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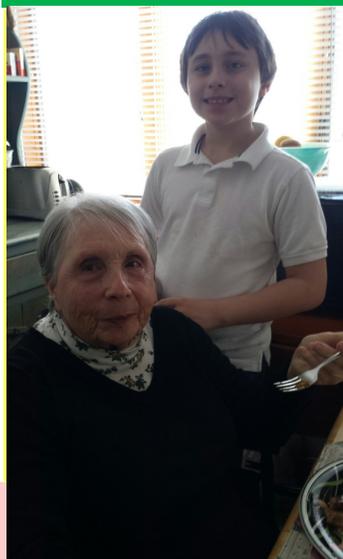
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Thanks to all who came and all who helped at our *Easter Family Fun Night* on Friday, April 15th. Saturday many who participated delivered Easter gifts - plants and cards they made Friday night - to many of our parish's homebound.

Special thanks to our *Family Life Ministry* and *Youth Service Corps* for pulling together a great night in the Easter season!



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Last Saturday, April 16th, OLPH Families in Service helped bring the spirit of Easter to homebound parishioners! Thanks to all for helping & lending your “green thumb” bringing joy to others. Thanks, too, to our Family Life Ministry for your organization and generosity!



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