

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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“Have you come to believe because you
have seen me?
Blessed are those
who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:19-31

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2014

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Ethel Anarado + Rev. John Sureau

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

Deacons: Deacon Frank A. Odin + Deacon William Crosby + Deacon Douglas G. Smith

Facilities Manager: Deacon Donald A. Stamm **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: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5 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 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 to 2:00 p.m.

First Sunday: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

First Saturday: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

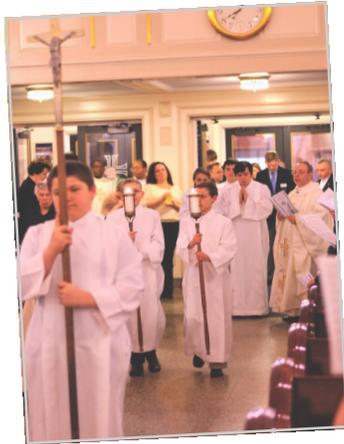
Monday- Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

THE THREE DAYS

OLPH celebrated the days of Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday—with great participation, energy and spirit. Thanks to all who played a part in these most holy days.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to all for an extraordinary Holy Week!

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, and as we complete the Octave of Easter, we look back on the extraordinary liturgies that made up the days of Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum. We celebrated them so well: Palm Sunday, including the special Procession at the 5:00 Saturday Mass; Holy Thursday; Good Friday; the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday; Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Those liturgies do not just happen; they are the result of much love, time, devotion, energy and hard work offered by many, many people too numerous for me to name individually. **I take this opportunity to publicly thank everyone who in any way was involved in bringing about our beautiful and prayerful celebrations during Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum. You know who you are: all the liturgical ministers, the Liturgy Committee, all who pitched in to decorate our liturgical environment and to keep things clean and orderly, and so many others who pitched in to do the things that needed to be done. Thank you for the offering of the gift of yourself, and know that you have made a big difference in people's spirituality at OLPH!**

Remember that YOU, the "person in the pew," are part of those liturgical ministers. The liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum give us the opportunity to enter into the Paschal Mystery through rituals that we do only once a year, and EVERYONE must do his or her part in praying those rituals well. They are out-of-the-ordinary rituals; they demand more of us. They demand that we do things we don't normally do. They demand that EVERYONE be 100% attentive and focused and serious about doing the "work" of the liturgy. I'm happy to say we did that very, very well here at OLPH! This parish truly is "the place to be," and I am so happy and privileged to be your Pastor. This is a parish where people pray the liturgy well, and it really makes a difference in each and every one of our lives.

Easter Time

So, we are at the beginning of the great liturgical season of fifty days known as Easter Time. The *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts* reminds us, "The celebration of Easter is prolonged throughout the Easter season. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated as one feast day, the 'great Sunday.'" (#100)

That's quite a challenge, isn't it — to keep the joy, festivity, and enthusiasm going for fifty days so that

the entire period is celebrated as one "great Sunday." Yet, that is indeed the challenge the Church gives to us, because Easter is that important. The central mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ must take center place in our life. I like to think that we are ("merely") continuing along in the midst of the **great 90 days of Lent-Easter!** Remember, it's always the total Paschal Mystery of both the Lord's death and resurrection that we are always celebrating.

How will you make the 50 days of Easter Time special and significant in your spiritual life, as I'm sure the 40 days of Lent were? Will you continue to attend daily Mass as perhaps you did during Lent? Will you be using our *Little White Book* of Easter Time reflections? What additional prayer will you be doing during Easter Time? Give yourself the gift of really immersing yourself in the joy and new life of the 50 days of Easter Time!

First Communion Season

Fasten your seat belts, because as of this Saturday, it's "away we go" with our Saturday First Communion Masses! This coming Saturday, May 3, followed by next Saturday, May 10, we will be having two Masses each day for First Holy Communions. What a wonderful time it is in the life of our parish as we, as a community of faith, welcome those baptized as infants to now share in the fellowship of the heavenly banquet at the Eucharistic table! What a wonderful time it is for the children and their families as these children now deepen their intimacy and union with the Lord Jesus by partaking of the gift of His Body and Blood! Last Sunday we celebrated the first of our First Communions at a parish Sunday Mass, and that will continue at several Sunday Masses throughout Easter Time. We continue to congratulate and to pray for all our First Communicants and their families during these joy-filled resurrection days of Easter Time!

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,



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 2014 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 16, 2014

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 MONDAY, MAY 12
WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY, USING THE FORM BELOW
NO PHONE REPLIES CAN BE TAKEN**



Clip out and return this form:

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name _____
 First Name of Husband _____
 First Name of Wife _____
 Years Married _____
 Date of Your Marriage _____
 Your Address _____
 Your Phone Number _____
 e-mail _____ @ _____
 Number of People in Your Party Who Will be 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 MONDAY MAY 12.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MINISTRY OF READER

As mentioned in Msgr. Joe's column a few weeks ago, Robert Becker was installed as a reader by Bishop Perez at a ceremony at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington on Saturday, April 5, 2014.

Robert is one of eight men throughout the diocese who will be ordained deacon in May, 2016 upon successful completion of diaconate formation.

Photos by Gregory A. Shemitz.



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.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

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



LITURGICAL MINISTER MEETINGS

Parish Readers

All parish readers who have never attended the *Diocesan Training for Liturgical Ministers* are reminded to attend ONE (1) of the two special trainings that will be offered here at OLPH *Thursday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.* in Room 18 of the school.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion — those who serve at weekend Masses, and/or weekday Masses, and/or to the Homebound, and/or at Funerals — are reminded to attend ONE (1) of the upcoming meetings for Extraordinary Ministers on **Tuesday, May 13**, at either **2:30 p.m.** or **7:30 p.m.** Both meetings will be in the church.

This mandatory meeting will focus on both spiritual formation and business items. *All EM's* are required to attend. Thank you.

SPECIAL EVENING PRAYER DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

As you know, we pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday night immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. For the month of May, we will meet right after Mass in the Church as usual, and then walk together outside (weather permitting) and assemble around the statue of Mary. By praying Evening Prayer outside in Mary's garden, we can highlight "Mary praying with the Church" during the *Great Fifty Days of Easter Time* in the month of May. Please join us each week after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Why Are We Sprinkled with Holy Water during the Easter Season?

Kristopher Seaman

The Fifty Days of Easter—from Easter Sunday through Pentecost—are “celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day” (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, 22). In many parish communities, the season of Lent is one of a retreat for the parish. The elect, that is, those catechumens ready for the Easter sacraments (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) who were sent to the cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent for the Rite of Election, are prayed over during the three scrutinies, which ask that God root out all that is not life-giving in their lives. The baptized community is focusing on what it means to be God’s people and what prevents the community from being faithful disciples.

Lenten traditions of fasting, abstaining from meat, penitential rites, celebrations of God’s abundant mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation, evenings of recollection, and possibly even retreats help build deeper bonds of unity or communion with God and the community called the Church.

Lent is a retreat when the community and those looking at entering the Catholic Church seek to “put on Christ,” as in the case of the elect, or search out the depths of what it means to have “put on Christ” as a baptized person. The Easter season is then a feast of “joyful exultation” not just for Christ Jesus rising from the dead, but for God’s triumph over death by raising Christ, and for all of us who participate in this mystery of life from death.

On the Sundays of Easter we have the option to renew our identity as Catholic Christians by renewing our baptismal promises to reject evil and all that is not life-giving, and by



adhering to Christ and all that builds life. The renewal takes the place of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass. When the presiding priest processes throughout the worship space, sprinkling water on the liturgical assembly, the assembly makes the Sign of the Cross. In Baptism, one is immersed in water while the presiding minister says, “[Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father, [immerse] and of the Son, [immerse] and of the Holy Spirit [immerse].”

In Baptism, we become adopted daughters and sons of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In addition, we become members of the Church as persons within the community of the Church. The renewal of baptismal promises and the sprinkling with the holy water blessed at the Paschal Vigil before the elect were immersed into the

font is a renewal of our identities as Christian disciples.

Discipleship that is “made” in Baptism is renewed each Sunday as we participate in Eucharist. Discipleship is communion with the triune God and a communion with the Church, the body of Christ. Easter is about Christ rising from the bonds of death to life. Renewing our baptismal promises during the Easter season is most apropos, because we too are called to die to self and adhere to Christ, whose Father raises us from the bonds of sin and death.

KRISTOPHER SEAMAN is the associate director of the Office of Worship for the diocese of Gary.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

“The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art.”

- The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112

The *Friends of Music* is a new initiative to help support the music ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. With the generosity of our *Friends*, we will be able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. Please consider supporting the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for the 2014 season.

Contributions are used to support the music program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help including Advent Lessons and Carols, concerts, additional brass, woodwind and string instruments for special liturgies on Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Contributions can be given at the following levels:

Cherubim (up to \$24)

- Memorialization of a new choral folder for our youth choir or adult choir

St. Ambrose (\$25 to \$49)

- Memorialization of a Gather hymnal with choral parts for our cantors and choirs
- Memorialization of Responsorial Psalm or Gospel Acclamation book for our cantors

St. Augustine (\$50 to \$99)

- Memorialization of an octavo (sheet music) for one of our choirs
- Memorialization of a Gather hymnal instrumental accompaniment

St. Gregory the Great (\$100 to \$199)

- Instrumentalist for special occasions (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Lessons and Carols)
- Printing costs and paper for worship aids for one of our special occasions and liturgies

St. Cecilia (\$200 and above)

- Co-sponsorship of one of our concerts or special programs

It will be primarily through the support of the *Friends of Music* that we will be able to expand our ability to produce high-quality music in this majestic space for the praise and glory of God. To make a contribution by mail, simply send a check made payable to OLPH to:

OLPH Friends of Music
210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

If your contribution will be in memory of someone or in honor of an occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, etc., please make note of the event and/or person(s) name(s).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Ferraro at cferraro@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210.

With Deep Gratitude to Our 2014 Friends of Music

St. Cecilia

Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, *In memory of Marcy & Bill DeGrocco*

Christopher and Cathy Ferraro

Knights of Columbus OLPH Council

Sheila Lanza

Stephen Strigaro

Antoinette Walsh, *In honor of Msgr.*

Joe DeGrocco

St. Gregory the Great

Anonymous

Jennifer and Frank Farrugia

The Keller Family

St. Augustine

Anonymous

August Garofalo, *In Memory of P.F.C.*

Vito Garofalo U.S.M.C killed in action, WWII, 6/4/45

Ester Kearney

Diane Moskovier

Valerie and Dick Singh

Janine Soroka, *In memory of John Soroka*

St. Ambrose

Patricia Dow, *In memory of Rita and*

Michael Francesco

Cherubim

Martin Gibbs

Rose Mourdoukoutas

Angela Zoccoli

**Join the *Friends of Music* at
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Church and be a part of our
music history!**

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- ✠ **Catholics for the Freedom of Religion:** Marie Foster—631.592.1509-ripalda@optonline.net
- ✠ **Driving Ministry:** Maureen Russo - 631.226.4182—princessmorge@optonline.net
- ✠ **Golden Age Society:** Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- ✠ **Hospital Visitors:** Peter O’Neill - 631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net.
- ✠ **New Mother’s Meal Ministry:** Carol Stysiack - 631.255.3506 -carolstys@verizon.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:** The Consi Family—631.226.7725
- ✠ **St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Joe Illiumato—631.226.7725, x. 234
- ✠ **Senior Moments/Spirituality:** Fran Grasso - 631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- ✠ **Special Needs Ministry:** Fr. John Sureau— 631.226.7725—jsureau@oloph.org
- ✠ **Widows/Widowers:** Rita Gardell— 631.252.5494/Denise Segreto 631.220.0888

NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED VEGETABLES—CORN

CANNED FRUIT

PORK AND BEANS

PEANUT BUTTER

JELLY OR JAM

CAKE MIXES

DESSERTS

COFFEE

TOILET PAPER

PAPER TOWELS

SHELF STABLE MILK

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

Thank you and God bless you!

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to Girl Scout Troop #1553 for organizing a food drive for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Thanks to the girls from the troop and their leaders for showing us all “faith in action”!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot on corner of Gates & High Streets

Our NEW phone # **631.226.7725 x. 234**

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 A.M. —12 Noon

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!”

During Mass we turn to each other and say “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say “Peace be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.

Supporting St. Vincent de Paul

There are many ways to support St. Vincent de Paul and our parish’s ongoing work in directly assisting those in need. It’s as easy as 1....2....3....

1. **Clothing:** Drop clothing in the clothing bins in the High Street/Gates Street Parking Lot.
2. **Food:** Look above for what is needed each week and bring it with you to Church.
3. **Donations:** St. Vincent de Paul relies entirely on the generosity of parishioners. Please consider placing money in the Poor Boxes each week. Donations can also be made in memory of a loved one. Visit St. Vincent de Paul during office hours or leave a donation in the Parish Office.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Catholics for the Freedom of Religion

JOIN US IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The OLPH Catholics for Freedom of Religion group will be joining our vets and neighbors for our *Village of Lindenhurst Memorial Day Parade* on Monday, **May 26th**. Take this opportunity to thank all our vets – past and present – for their contribution in protecting our freedoms and to raise awareness to important issues of religious freedom. More information in upcoming issues of the bulletin.

Golden Age Society

*A place for seniors to socialize and
spend time with one another!*

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month,
11:30am—3:00pm
at K of C Hall, South Broadway,
Lindenhurst.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us.

Respect Life Ministry

Meeting—Wednesday, May 1, 2014
Room 24—OLPH School

Carnation Sale after ALL Masses
on Mother's Day Weekend

Saint Bernard League Blessing and Reception

Blessing and Reception
Sunday, May 4, 2014—9:30 A.M. Mass
Reception to follow!

Senior Moments

Next Meeting—Tuesday, May 13, 2014
9—10:30 A.M.
Room 14/OLPH School

MINISTRIES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

OLPH seeks to be a place where all are welcome and can worship fully and actively. Please take note of the following:

Parking: Specially designated parking spaces can be found on the North and South Sides of the Church.



Entering the Church: A specially operated handicapped entrance is on the north side of the Church (in the Chase bank parking lot). A ramp is also found on the south side of the Church, near the handicapped parking spaces.



Hearing Devices: If you struggle to hear, listening devices are available. Simply go to the Sacristy (you can enter via the right of the Sanctuary) and ask for one. You'll need to leave some type of ID or "deposit" so we can be sure we get them back.

Special Seating: We have provided, as a start, chairs with arms to make it easier to get up and down. We will see how these chairs work and then consider adding more and/or finding better places for them.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for People with
Special Needs*

NEXT SATURDAY

May 3, 2014

4:00 P.M. + Auditorium

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

DRIVING MINISTRY

Our Driving Ministry seeks to assist parishioners in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment or to another serious appointment when needed. If and when possible, a member of our Driving Ministry will assist you (or your family member in our parish).

If you or someone you love is in need of a ride contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182 princessmorge@optonline.net.



New Mothers' Meal Ministry

Who are we? A group of like-minded women who want to give a new Mom (and Dad) a break by cooking and delivering a delicious meal to your home. We keep the new family in our prayers.

Who is eligible? This is available for (Catholic) new mothers in the OLPH Parish.



Here's what some of the new mothers have said in their thank you notes:

"Thank you so much for cooking us dinner last week. It was delicious and a great break! Thanks again! Love, Liz..."

The meal was delicious and I was able to use the bones to make chicken soup! "- from Colleen

We wanted to send a note thanking you for preparing us such a delicious meal. My husband and I enjoyed the Chicken Picata and the Manicotta, while my son Jason, gobbled up his chicken cutlet! The carrot cake was moist and yummy....Hope to see you in church! Love, Danielle..."

If you had a baby in the last few months and could use a break, you may contact: Carol Stysiack at 631- 255 3506 or e mail carolstys@verizon.net and put Meal Ministry in the subject line.

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

Remembering Our Military

OLPH is in the process of updating the pictures of the service men and women that are on display in the front of the church. If you had a picture already displayed and your loved one is no longer in the service, or you would like to have a picture of a loved one who is currently in the military added to the display, please contact us at: Rememberthesoldiers37@gmail.com.



MINISTRY OF PRAISE

We come together each Tuesday at 7:45 P.M. in Room 14 of the New School Building. (You can park in the High Street Parking Lot.)

The evening begins with songs of praise and worship. After this some will, if so inclined, share some Scripture reading or some Christ-centered event in their life. This is followed by prayer for individual needs. Deacon Frank then presents a pastoral teaching related to Scripture or church life. The meeting closes about 9:30 P.M. with a song and then fellowship.

Help, we need somebody,
Help, not just anybody,
Help, you know we need
someone.



**Audition-
ing now for
2014/2015
Catechists!**

Come join the band of **Catechists and Offerers**. All sessions and grades needed. If you are interested, please contact the Faith Formation Office: (631)226-2384 or email ReligiousEd@oloph.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry:

Brittany Marie Evans (olph.yfia@gmail.com)

Youth Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau (jsureau@oloph.org)

Catholic Youth Organization: Mr. Phil Amico (olphcyophil@optonline.net)

Boy Scouts: Mr. Tom Duffy (baggage25@hotmail.com)

K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia (happynicosias@yahoo.com)

K of C Squirettes: Ann Marie Perullo (amp1761@hotmail.com)

High School Youth Ministry—Youth Faith in Action

Our Lady of Perpetual Help High School Youth Ministry welcomes all 8th-12th graders to participate at our events. We meet, generally, on Sundays in the OLPH school auditorium from 3:15-4:45. Join us for open gym afternoons, some times for learning and sharing, service projects, and other events to help the community here at OLPH while having fun! **(NOTE: Always, always, always, check the Facebook page—OLPH Youth Ministry- and the bulletin as times and locations may change!)**



Today- April 27th - from 3:15-4:45 - Open Gym Night!

Come hang out play some kickball, basketball and some non gym games too! Italian ices will be served!!

We're off for a few weeks for planning (May 4th) and Mother's Day (May 11th)...then we're back on

Sunday, May 18th—Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang!

Serve the homeless community! Come to the cafeteria and make sandwiches for the shelter! We need donations of peanut butter, jelly, bread, sandwich bags, and rubber gloves! This event is open to middle schoolers and families as well!

Middle School Youth Ministry

Our middle school youth group welcomes all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders the 2nd Thursday, 4th Tuesday and last Friday of the month at 7:30pm until 8:45pm in the auditorium. Games, open gym nights, and fun is had by all! Come check us out!! **(NOTE: Always, always, always, check the Facebook page (OLPH Youth Ministry) and the bulletin as times and locations may change!)**



Upcoming Events

Thursday May 8th:

Come on down for some games, snacks, and to learn a thing or two about Mary!

Calling adults and young adults....

Want to impact the life of a young person?

Make a life time of difference?

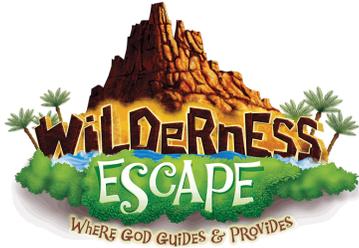
Looking for a good way to get involved with the community?

We are looking for help from some adult leaders in both our high school and middle school youth ministry programs. Use your gifts to bring out the gifts in another! Now is a great time to join! Email Brittany at OLPH.yfia@gmail.com or Fr. John at jsureau@oloph.org for more details.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

OLPH Vacation Bible Camp

An Epic Adventure Awaits You!!!!



New friends + Amazing experiments

+ Wild games + Lip-smacking snacks + Surprising adventures

**Monday, July 21 – Friday, July 25,
9 A.M. to 12 Noon**

CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM

(Camp is for Nursery age -approximately age 4 - through Grade 5)

Return form to Parish Office with a check for \$65 per child.

Please make checks payable to OLPH.

(Two children: only \$120; Three children: \$165)

Child's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade Level (in September 2013) _____

Full Names of Parents/Guardians _____

Family Address (Street, Town, Zip): _____

Home E-mail _____ @ _____

Phone # _____

Cell # _____

Parish (if not OLPH) _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Emergency Contact Person

Name _____ Phone # _____

Please indicate any health problems, food allergies and special situations that might be helpful for the camp staff to know about your child in a separate note attached to this form. You will receive a letter with more specific information on or about July 14, 2014.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 15, 2014

DONATIONS AND OFFERERS NEEDED!!!

✝ We are in need of donations for this year's Bible Camp. Check the bulletin for more information. Right now, we are in need of **Lowe's and Home Depot gift cards**...no amount too small. You can leave them in the Parish Office for VBC!

✝ Offerers are needed for this year's Vacation Bible Camp. Check this space in the bulletin regularly. All adult volunteers (including any above high school age) need to VIRTUS trained. Get a head start and get VIRTUS trained if you have not already! See page 14 for more information about VIRTUS.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE REMEMBER

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

*Catherine Le Donnie
Mary Ragusa
Anthony M. Martinelli*

“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.”

MASS MEMORIALS

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

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-Rite of Baptism

Anthony Ryan Smedley



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

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS!!!

This new Ministry is a gathering of Widows and Widowers of all ages to get together once or twice a month for a prayer and mingling over cake and coffee.

For more information and to learn more about this new ministry, contact Rita Gardell (631) 252-5494 or Denise Segreto (631) 220-0888.

WE BELIEVE

*The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? - Psalm 27*

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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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.

A message from our *Nursing Ministry*

During the past weeks we have focused on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. As we listened to the Passion on Palm Sunday and Good Friday you couldn't help but wonder how Jesus could withstand the horrific physical pain He was subject to. How could anyone endure the cruel torture He suffered? That, in addition to the emotional pain of betrayal, abandonment and humiliation. How did he do it? PRAYER!!! Of course Jesus has a divine nature, but His human nature called out to God in his hour of need. We should too!

In November, 2013 Pope Francis advised Catholics to take a special dose of spiritual medicine- PRAYER. Handing out rosaries packaged in pill bottles emblazoned with a picture of a human heart labeled "59 Beads for the Heart". The prescription read: Can be used 1 x daily. In case of emergencies can take as much as needed. Dose same for adults and children. *"Don't forget to take your medicine. It is good for your the heart, soul and whole life."*

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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 Mondays 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.

RITE OF 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 Deacon Doug or Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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 Deacon Doug or 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.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 28—

Easter Weekday

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

6:30 Tadeusz Cimaszewski

12:15 Pecere Family

7:00 Novena

TUESDAY, April 29—

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

6:30 The Savastano Family

12:15 Kristy Schwartz

WEDNESDAY, April 30, —

Easter Weekday

6:30 Eileen T. Wright

12:15 Joan & William McCowan

12:45-
2:00 Exposition

THURSDAY, May 1—

Easter Weekday

(Saint Joseph the Worker)

6:30 Christopher Versace

12:15 Angela Woods

FRIDAY, May 2—

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:15 Margaret Sheehan

SATURDAY, May 3—

Saints Philip & James, Apostles

8:00 Giuseppe Rinaudo

4:00 Special Needs Mass (Auditorium)

Vigil for

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 Baginski Family

May 4

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:30 Christine Manzolillo

8:00 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Sanctity of Life

11:00 Erich Burkhardt

12:30 Mary Guardino

5:00 Eileen Cuoco

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 28, 2014

6:30 PM	Adult Confirmation Class	Rectory Meeting Room
7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 14
7:30 PM	Wedding Rehearsal Meeting	St. Lucy Rm.

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

7:45 P.M.	Community of Praise	Room 14
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

2:30 P.M.	Legion of Mary—Meeting	Room 24
4:00 P.M.	Religious Ed—Communion Rehearsal	Church
7:30 P.M.	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria

Thursday, May 1, 2014

7:00 P.M.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 P.M.	Training: Readers	Rm. 18
7:30 P.M.	Music Ministry—Adult Choir	Church
8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous NA	Room 24
8:00 P.M.	Mothers Prayer Group	Room 13

Saturday, May 3, 2014

10:15 AM & 1:00 PM	First Communion	Church
3:00PM	Special Needs Meeting	Auditorium
4:00 P.M.	Special Needs Mass	Auditorium
6:15 P.M.	Evening Prayer	Church/ Front Lawn
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 PM	Nocturnal Adoration	Church

Sunday, May 4, 2014

2:00 P.M.	CYO— Basketball	Auditorium
3:00 P.M.	High & Middle School Youth Ministry Planning Meeting (ADULT LEADERS ONLY)	Youth Ministry Office
6:15 P.M. (approx.)	Evening Prayer	Church/ Front Lawn
7:00 PM	Holy Hour of Reparation Adoration	Church
8:00 P.M.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

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También todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

Para las ofrendas de pan y vino en el altar, favor llamar a la oficina parroquial al 631-226-7725. Adoración al santísimo Sacramento del altar, en español. El primer sábado de cada mes. Recuerda Cristo siempre te espera.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales Unión de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224_email jsureau@oloph.org o en español Irma González 631 620-2401 o correo electrónico: lanegra628@yahoo.com

Lecturas del domingo 27 de Abril

Primera Lectura (Hch 2, 42-47): Una Comunidad Modelo de Fe. San Lucas describe cómo los primeros cristianos intentaron ser una comunidad de fe. Oraban juntos, compartían en la eucaristía, y se preocupaban por los necesitados entre ellos.

Segunda Lectura (1 Pt 1,3-9): La Alegría de la Fe. Para los cristianos la fuente de alegría es su fe en el Señor resucitado, dice Pedro. Pero la fe nunca está del todo segura, ya que los cristianos están siempre de camino, con su fe probada, expuesta a las pruebas de la vida.

Evangelio (Jn 20,19-31): Dichosos los Que Creen sin Ver. El apóstol Tomás no pudo creer hasta que, reunido con los otros apóstoles, encontró al Señor Resucitado en la Comunidad.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- ◆ *THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND* presents Nassau County Paramedic Timothy Jaccard, founder of the Long Island based nonprofit *Children of Hope Foundation/Baby Safe Haven*, to Speak on "Safe Haven Laws" and the work of the Children of Hope Foundation of Long Island. This organization provides a burial at Holy Rood Cemetery's Island of Hope in Westbury for aborted babies and lifeless, abandoned newborns. **Tuesday, April 29**, at 7:30pm, St. Matthew R.C. Church - Msgr. Goggin Hall, 35 North Service Road, Dix Hills, NY, 11746. Open to the public and free. For more information call Gloria: 516-798-8746 or www.lifecenterli.org.
- ◆ **Four Tuesdays in May—Month of Mary—Monfort Spiritual Center**, 26 South Saxon Ave., Bay Shore, 631-666-7500. Reconciliation 6:30—7 pm; Conference 7:00 pm; Rosary 7:45 pm; Eucharist 8:15 pm. Free will offering.
- ◆ **Sing Out Loud, The Hopeful Heart Song Sing-A-Long** with Paul Alexander, LCSW, Thursday, **May 1**, 7-9 pm at the Cenacle. Come for an enjoyable and hopeful time of singing to let out your voice, open your heart and learn some simple sound healing techniques to open the healing heart and wonderful songs. Registration required: call 631-588-8366 or write: The Cenacle, 310 Cenacle Rd., P.O. Box 4005, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-4030. Free will offering. (www.cenaclesisters.org/Ronkonkoma)
- ◆ *Our Lady of Fatima* "2014 Patriotic Ball" honoring Msgr. Jim Vlaun, President & CEO Telecare, at the Stuart Thomas Manor on Sunday, **May 4** from 1:30 –5:30pm. \$40 pp, open bar cocktail hour, buffet dinner, coffee & dessert. Ticket and info call S.K. Gerald Wilhelm –631-882-7763; S.K. Robert Murray 631-838-6750; S.K. Vincent Marinelli 631-243-2339.
- ◆ "Moving On" Group, an after Bereavement group for widows and widowers, will present "Change Your Thinking/Change Your Life" at the Parish Center at the Church of St. Joseph, 39 North Carl Ave, Babylon, Friday, **May 9 @ 7:30pm**. For further information please call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994.
- ◆ **Our Lady of Fatima Day**, Tuesday, **May 13** – Shrine of Our Lady of the Island—10 am Stations of the Cross; 11am Rosary; 11:30 am Holy Mass; 12:30 pm Lunch Break; 1:30pm Movie: "The Triumph," Manorville, New York (Exit 70 LIE) 631-325-0661.

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, May 4, 2014: Third Sunday of Easter

He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him. -Luke 24:13-35

Acts 2:14, 22-33

As an evangelist in the ancient Greek-speaking world, among Luke's primary goals was getting his audience, both Jews and pagans, to understand the basis for Jewish converts' acceptance of Jesus as their Messiah. Luke uses Peter's speeches as recorded in the Book of Acts to do just that. In today's reading, Peter addresses Jews who have come to Jerusalem from numerous lands for Pentecost (the Hebrew Feast of Weeks, celebrating the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai). Peter's arguments make use of the traditional Jewish Rabbinic practice of interpreting Scripture and prophecy with other Scripture and prophecy.

1 Peter 1:17-21

This letter begins with an address by Peter to Christian communities located in five provinces of Asia Minor (1 Pt 1:1), including areas evangelized by Paul (Acts 16:6-7; 18:23). Christians there are encouraged to remain faithful to their standards of belief and conduct in spite of threats of persecution. Peter calls these Christians "sojourners," as they seek to live as God's people, even though now alienated from their previous religious roots and the society around them.

Luke 24:13-35

To this day, Scripture scholars and historians remain unsure about the exact location of this place called Emmaus in Luke's Gospel. But more importantly, these two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem, perhaps wanting to forget everything they had seen and experienced there in the shocking suffering and death of Jesus. Perhaps they do not recognize the risen Jesus as He now walks with them because those images of Him so marred and disfigured have completely eclipsed their earlier memories of the Master they knew and loved. They finally recognize Jesus through His breaking of the bread, but they are also now seeing Him as never before: with the eyes of faith, opened by Jesus' opening up of the Scriptures for them.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday's Gospel (Luke 24:13-35) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass.

1. Can you relate to any of the following in the Gospel story: Confusion of the disciples? Inability to recognize Jesus? Desire to spend more time with a good friend? Sudden realization that the Lord is present?
2. Pope Francis suggests an ecclesiology rooted in the Gospel's story about Emmaus:

We need a church unafraid of going forth into their night. We need a church capable of meeting them on their way. We need a church capable of entering into their conversation. We need a church able to dialogue with those disciples who, having left Jerusalem behind, are wandering aimlessly, alone, with their own disappointment, disillusioned by a Christianity now considered barren, fruitless soil, incapable of generating meaning. ... (July 27 and 28th addresses to Brazilian Bishops and episcopal council of CELAM*)

What makes your heart burn within you, spiritually speaking?



Readings for the Week

*Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.
You can access the readings through our parish website.*

Monday, April 28, 2014:

Acts 4:23-31 + John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 29, 2014:

Acts 4:32-37 + John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 30, 2014:

Acts 5:17-26 + John 3:16-21

Thursday, May 1, 2014:

Acts 5:27-33 + John 3:31-36

Friday, May 2, 2014:

Acts 5:34-42 + John 6:1-15

Saturday, May 3, 2014

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 + John 14:6-14

Sunday, May 4, 2014

Acts 2:14, 22-33 + 1 Peter 1:17-21
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