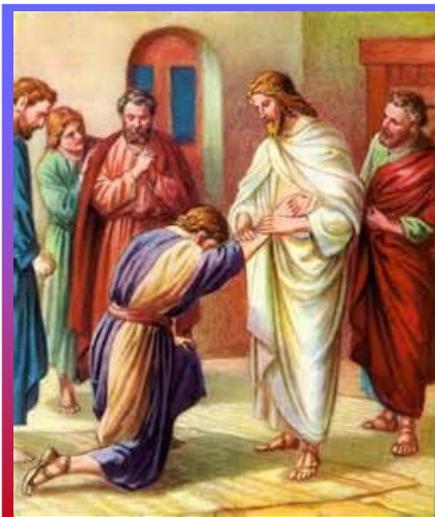


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*Jesus said to him,
“Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.”*

John 20:29

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 3, 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.

HOLY WEEK 2016

The Easter season is upon us and the days of Triduum, prayed so beautifully, have prepared us well. Below are some pics of the various services here at OLPH.



Go to our website olphlindenhurst.org and "LIKE" our Facebook page to keep up with information and to see more activities, pictures and to keep up on all the other ministries.





INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT TONIGHT

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016 AT 7:00 p.m.
IN OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH



Featuring: Erin Barrett, Flute
Cathy Ferraro, French Horn
Richard Gotlib, Cello
Jim Kendall, Piano
& The Suffolk Horn Club

Performing works by
Bach, Mozart,
Brahms, Chopin,
Humperdinck, Woods
and others

A free will offering will be taken up for "Autism Speaks" in memory of Ryan Barrett, a beloved young member of our community, who died in August 2009.

OLPH LOVES FAMILIES!!!!



Easter Family Fun Night

April 15, 2016 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium

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

FAMILY LIFE

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

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

Number attending: _____ Kids _____ Adults



PASTOR'S PAGE

Second Sunday of Easter

As the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, this Sunday completes the Easter Octave. The Missal texts (prayers of the Mass) continue to strongly emphasize the meaning of the effects of our sacramental initiation. Historically, this day was given the name *Dominica in albis* — the last day for the neophytes (newly-initiated) to wear their white baptismal garments (albs). How fitting for all of us to continue to reflect on the meaning of what it means for us to be united to Christ through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the three sacraments of initiation.

As two examples of this emphasis, we can look to two of the prayers of the Mass for this Sunday. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for today's Mass is brimming with the language of initiation: it reminds us that we are the people who have been made God's own through the font in which we have been washed (Baptism), by whose Spirit in whom we have been reborn (Baptism and Confirmation), and by whose Blood we have been redeemed (Eucharist). The Prayer over the Offerings asks that we may "attain unending happiness" because we have been "renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism."

Throughout all the fifty days of Easter Time, we rejoice as we reflect on what Christ has done for us, and as we extol the mystery of sharing in His life; as one of the Prefaces for Easter reminds us, "...by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life." Alleluia!

Divine Mercy Devotions

St. John Paul II gave the additional title of "Divine Mercy Sunday" to this Second Sunday of Easter. This title does not connote a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather it leads us more deeply into the continuing celebration of God's mercy today and throughout all of Easter Time.

OLPH will be participating in special devotions to mark the day; full details are described elsewhere in the bulletin. Please plan on joining in some or all of the special events which begin with the 12:00 Noon Mass and continue with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Hour of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m.,

and are then followed by veneration of the image of Merciful Jesus and 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

RJ Renna

So many people in Lindenhurst in general, and at OLPH in particular, know RJ Renna. RJ has grown up at OLPH, having attended the school here and having worked for the parish in different capacities for almost half his life. Most recently, RJ has worked as part of our maintenance crew, and RJ could always be counted on to do his job dependably and cheerfully.

RJ has recently secured a full-time job, one which provides him with opportunities for growth and career advancement, and so he has had to leave his part-time position at OLPH. We will greatly miss having this fine young man working around the parish, but we're happy that a great career opportunity has come along for him. We wish him the best in the future. The good news is that RJ will continue to be around with us as a parishioner at his beloved OLPH...and we might even press him into service should we need extra help on special projects every once in a while!

On a personal note, I would like to thank RJ for all his kindnesses to me over these past four years. RJ was one of the first employees I met when coming here, and he was extremely generous and helpful to me in my moving in and getting settled. Whenever I needed anything from RJ, then and up to his last day working here, he always responded in a friendly and enthusiastic way.

Good luck and God's blessings to you, RJ!

Young Adult Ministry

You've seen the ad running in our bulletin, and I would like to give an added plug to a new ministry that we're trying to get off the ground, our Young Adult Ministry. Therefore, I'm extending an invitation to all our parishioners age 19 to 35: join our Young Adult Ministry! It will be a ministry geared toward the issues of people in your age group, with the opportunity for both spiritual growth and socialization. Full details can be found in the ad running elsewhere in this bulletin, but make sure you mark your calendar and plan on attending on Wednesday, April 27. This

is such an important outreach to a segment of our parishioners who are often hungering for connection with the Church and for Catholic spirituality, and I am grateful to Kevin Sabella, Jr., a member of our Pastoral Council, and Deacon Doug, the Moderator of the group, for taking the initiative to get this ministry going.

New Vestments in Memory of Margaret Nuss

You may have already noticed, or perhaps will notice at some point, that we have new matching vestments for priests and deacons which we wear for special occasions. These vestments, which we have purchased in all the liturgical colors, were a gift which were donated in memory of Margaret Nuss, who recently passed away. Margaret was the mother of Eileen Smith, wife of Deacon Doug Smith. We felt that this was a great memorial and a great tribute to Margaret, since Deacon Doug is a deacon here at OLPH. Thanks to all those who donated, and to Deacon Doug and Eileen especially, for their generosity. We're thrilled that we're able to have right here in our parish such a fitting acknowledgement for such a wonderful and faith-filled lady. These matching vestments will add further beauty and dignity to our special liturgies throughout the liturgical year.

Instrumental Music Concert Tonight

Lastly, let me call your attention to the great program of instrumental music which is taking place tonight (Sunday) here at OLPH; the details are elsewhere in this bulletin. One of the things that makes OLPH "the place to be" is the great music program we have, and I know this concert will lift our hearts and souls in a very beautiful way. As noted in the ad, a free-will offering will be taken up in memory of Ryan Barrett, and the offering will be donated to Autism Speaks, an organization which assists those who deal with autism. Do make every effort to attend what will be an evening of superb musical performance.

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,



DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS



The Diocese
of Rockville Centre
***Golden
Wedding
Celebration***

Sunday, April 24, 2016

Church of Maria Regina, Seaford
Mass will begin at 2:30 pm.

Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by **April 8** for the April 24 liturgy.

For more information call: 516-678-5800 X 207 or 516-867-6340.

***SAVE
THE
DATE!***



Saturday, September 24, 2016

Bishop Murphy is happy to announce that there will be a

Diocesan Year of Mercy Pilgrimage
to the Basilica of the

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, D.C.

More information will be coming soon. Please watch the bulletin and/or diocesan website.

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 sixteenth paragraph of the document in this week’s edition of the bulletin.

16. In the Gospel of Luke, we find another important element that will help us live the Jubilee with faith. Luke writes that Jesus, on the Sabbath, went back to Nazareth and, as was his custom, entered the synagogue. They called upon him to read the Scripture and to comment on it. The passage was from the Book of Isaiah where it is written: “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to those in captivity; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour” (*Isaiah* 61:1-2). A “year of the Lord’s favour” or “mercy”: this is what the Lord proclaimed and this is what we wish to live now. This Holy Year will bring to the fore the richness of Jesus’ mission echoed in the words of the prophet: to bring a word and gesture of consolation to the poor, to proclaim liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern society, to restore sight to those who can see no more because they are caught up in themselves, to restore dignity to all those from whom it has been robbed. The preaching of Jesus is made visible once more in the response of faith which Christians are called to offer by their witness. May the words of the Apostle accompany us: he who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness (cf. *Romans* 12:8)

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.



PRAYER & WORSHIP

LITTLE WHITE BOOK FOR EASTER TIME

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

THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK
2016

Six-minute Reflections
on the Resurrection Narrative
According to John

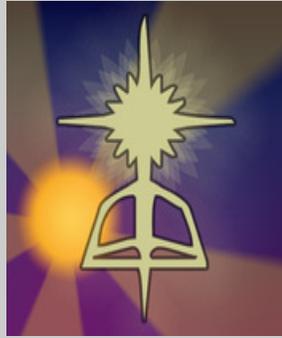
REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

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



So come and pray...

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

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

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Monday night Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been a longstanding OLPH tradition. Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Labouré. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, April 4— 6:30 p.m.
(due to Level 8 Penance Service)

Monday, April 11—7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 18—7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 25—7:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

In response to Bishop Murphy’s call for parishes to urgently pray for peace because of all the unrest in the world, please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

Prayer for Peace

Following Bishop Murphy’s request, we are asked to pray this prayer privately, and we are encouraged to use this prayer as a part of all meetings and gatherings held here at OLPH.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,
Who so often said ‘Peace to you’,
Grant us peace!*

*Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice
and brotherly love.*

*Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.*

*Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and
defend the great gift of peace.*

*May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.*

*May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign al-
ways over us all. AMEN*

Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)

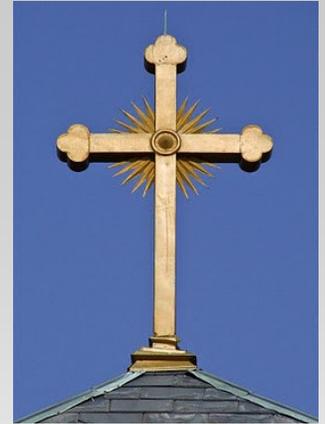


PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

OLPH Young Adult Ministry

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

Try our **NEW** 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

Wednesday, April 27th
at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria

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.



*"CARE FOR OUR
 COMMON HOME..."*

SAVE THE DATE:

**SUNDAY,
 APRIL 17, 2016**

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



All Young Adults (18-35) Welcome!

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

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

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



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

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

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

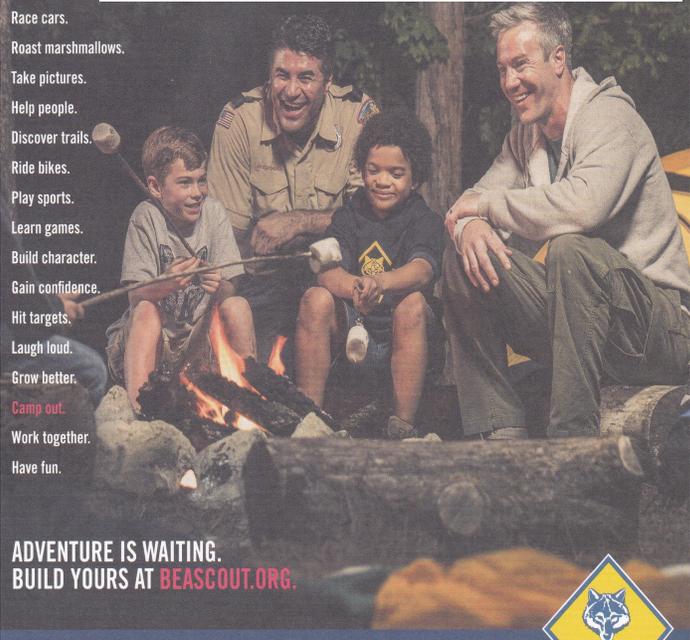
- Make friends.
- Catch fish.
- Earn badges.
- Climb rocks.
- Explore caves.
- Take hikes.
- Visit museums.
- Launch rockets.
- Race cars.
- Roast marshmallows.
- Take pictures.
- Help people.
- Discover trails.
- Ride bikes.
- Play sports.
- Learn games.
- Build character.
- Gain confidence.
- Hit targets.
- Laugh loud.
- Grow better.
- Camp out.
- Work together.
- Have fun.

**Come & See What All the Fun & Adventure is About!
 Join Cub Scout Pack 54 & Be Part of Something Special!**

When: **Sunday, April 3, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Where: **Scout Fun & Faith Day
 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the Auditorium**

For information, contact Angie Damone 631-225-0824
 email angelinadamone@yahoo.com or
 Mary Scotti at 631-678-7245, email mbscott@yahoo.com



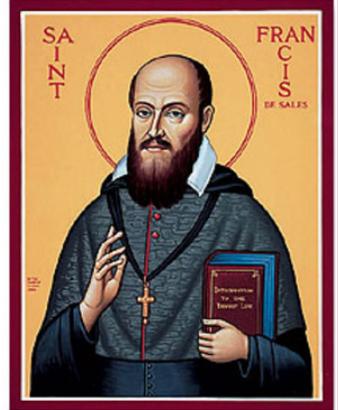
**ADVENTURE IS WAITING.
 BUILD YOURS AT BEASCOUT.ORG.**



FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Hi! My name is St. Francis de Sales, and I'm the patron saint of writers. That's why your Pastoral Council has picked me as their patron and intercessor in this column which they offer to you. Here we will grow in our appreciation of the Catholic faith through questions and answers. So, I encourage all of you to send me your questions about Catholicism. All questions are welcomed and all will remain just between you and me (we won't print your name in the bulletin).

Please e-mail pastoralcouncil@oloph.org and each time this column appears, a new question will be answered. So, let's get started! I'll pray for you what I pray for everyone: May the Lord grant you His peace!



“Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.” – Saint John Paul II (Eucharistic Celebration,

Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore, October 8, 1995)

Can you please clarify how a saint becomes a saint? What does it mean when someone is venerated, blessed, or canonized?

A canonization today is the Church's official declaration, through the decision of the Pope, that a person is a saint, truly in heaven and worthy of public veneration and imitation. The process involves three phases and begins by naming the person “Venerable,” another title for which is “Servant of God,” which means that person has demonstrated a life of heroic virtue. The second stage is beatification, by which a person is named “Blessed.” This step requires one miracle attributed to the intercession of the Servant of God. The third step is canonization. In order for the “Blessed” to be canonized, a second miracle is needed, attributed to the intercession of the “Blessed” and having occurred after the individual's beatification. Note that miracles are not required for martyrs, and the Pope may dispense with some of the formalities and steps in the process.¹

The overall process can take many years, if not decades or centuries, but it begins at the diocesan level, and once sufficient information is gathered about the individual, it is presented by the local Bishop to the Roman Curia — the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints. Eventually the Pope declares canonization at a special Mass in the saint's honor. The saint is assigned a feast day, parish churches may be built in his or her honor, and the faithful may freely and without restriction celebrate and honor the saint. Notice we say “honor” the saint, not “pray to” the saint. We always and only pray to God, but we can honor a saint and ask for his or her intercession.

Some examples of canonizations over the past few years include St. Kateri Tekakwitha, who was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012. It's interesting to note that St Kateri (1656-1680) was the first Native American to be recognized as a Saint by the Catholic Church. Another example who most of you know is St. John Paul II (1920-2005) who was canonized on April 27, 2014, and St. Junipero Serra (1713-1784) on September 23, 2015; both were canonized by Pope Francis, the latter during the Pope's recent visit to the United States. Of course, we should not go without mentioning the upcoming canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa, who will be canonized on September 4, 2016.

Saints make good role models for all of us. Challenge yourself to look up the life of a saint and see the good they have accomplished that makes them worthy of public veneration. Follow and emulate that goodness and one day you too may be a saint, whether it be known or unknown. God Bless!

¹*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCB, 2006), XIX.*

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM

TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM

WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM

THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM

SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM

Second Week of Easter



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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

Returning Families:

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

New Families:

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

Tuition:

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

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, after the special image of Jesus as seen in His appearances to St. Faustina. It is a special day when we are reminded of Christ's infinite love and mercy for us and an invitation for us to enter more deeply in prayer. Read more about it here:

<https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/index.htm>



Upcoming Dates

April 4th—Level 8:

Penance at 7:30 in the Church.

DO NOT go to your classroom. Go straight to the Church. A **parent must attend** this service.

April 6th—Level 7:

Parent Meeting on Social Justice

April 9th—Level 1:

Parent Meeting and Open House

Save the Dates:

Level 8, Group B has a Confirmation parent meeting on **April 11th**.

Level 6 has a parent meeting on prayer on **April 13th**.

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

FAITH FORMATION

Save the dates for our next Adult Faith Formation course...

Spirituality Summit

Facilitator: Fr. John Sureau

5 Wednesday Nights -

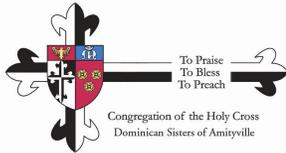
May 4, 11, 18, 25 & June 1

Time: 7:30—9:30 p.m.

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



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



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



Sign me up for **the Spirituality Summit**

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____ @ _____

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

Save the Dates....



Vacation Bible Camp July 18-22, 2016

Plans are underway...

look for more information soon!

Right now, we are in need of someone to serve as our Environment Coordinator. Can you work with a TEAM of people to help decorate the various areas of VBC? If so, contact Chris Volpe at 917.468.9584 or Mary Ellen Barrett at 631.884.2960 or e-mail to vbc@oloph.org.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

Congratulations to our **neophytes**, *Noel, Leonardo and Sofia*, who were baptized, confirmed, and received first communion at the Easter Vigil on March 26th. We warmly welcome you as new and fully-initiated members of our parish community. Their journey continues and grows as fully initiated members of the Church community.



Our parish's candidates for reception into full communion into the Catholic Church—**Sandra Best, Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets and Jamie Wittke** — are entering the final stages of their long journey. This week, they will participate in an Evening of Prayer and Reflection in preparation for the Rite of Reception and the sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, April 10, 2016 at the 12 Noon Mass.

Pray for Sandy, Jason, Lisa and Jamie during this final week of prayer and preparation

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

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

OFFERERS NEEDED

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

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation — are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children celebrate those sacraments at OLPH. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). That is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.
- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with the Religious Education Office, and they and their parents must participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.
- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents must attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

If you are a parishioner with a child in a Catholic elementary school, or if you homeschool, and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered in the program, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

NEW Food Pantry List!

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In 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.

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

During these winter months, we are 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.

MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?
Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

**Our next gathering is
Wednesday, April 6
7:00 p.m. in Room 10
(in the basement of the old school)**

Preparing booth for the Lindenhurst Spring Fair on May 1st.

Future Dates:

Wednesday, April 20: Work on Spring Fair booth and putting together van lunches.

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

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

SENIOR MOMENTS GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:
**Tuesday, April 12
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

*Widows and Widowers for men and women who have lost a spouse to support and encourage one another.
Our next meeting will take place on*

**Tuesday, April 19
6:00 p.m. in Room 18**

For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

THE
*blue*door
BOUTIQUE

End of Season Clearance Event

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

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

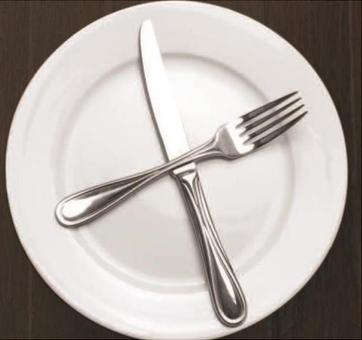


OLPH's Thrift Store serves the poor and needy in the Lindenhurst and surrounding communities by providing clothing, shoes, linens and household items at no cost. The *Blue* Door Boutique is also a clearinghouse for donated items supporting other ministries including Birthright, The INN, The Life Center,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

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

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

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



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

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

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

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

Sunday, April 17, 2016

12 Noon – Mass

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

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida”. Te invita a alabar y glorificar a DIOS todos los jueves a las 7:00 p.m. en la cafetería. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Lleva la bendición a tu casa. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

El sacramento del bautizo. Las ceremonias bautismales se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes. Los padres que necesiten bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a las secciones de charlas, estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes.

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

Preparándonos para el Domingo 10 de Mayo del 2016 Lea en su biblia estas Escrituras y luego lea las reflexiones.

EL SEÑOR RESUCITADO, PRESENTE EN MEDIO DE SU PUEBLO

Poder, Honor, Gloria y Alabanza al que ha resucitado y al que vive para siempre. Que su paz y alegría esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera lectura (Hechos de los Apóstoles 3:27-32, 40b-41/40)

Damos Testimonio de que Jesús es Nuestro Guía y Nuestro Salvador.

Ninguna amenaza de los poderosos puede silenciar a la Iglesia que da testimonio del Señor Resucitado. Como los apóstoles, nosotros también podemos contar con la fuerza del Espíritu Santo.

Segunda lectura (Revelación 5:11-14)

El apóstol Juan anima a los cristianos perseguidos con una visión celestial. Allí ve a Jesús en su gloria. Aunque Jesús fue sacrificado, él está vivo y glorioso. Los que han recibido vida de él comparten su vida y su victoria de resucitado.

Lectura del Sato Evangelio según (San Juan 21:1-19)

Los apóstoles estaban pescando en el mar, evidentemente sin éxito. Ellos no reconocieron la presencia del Señor. Pero él estaba realmente con ellos, como lo está con nosotros, para darnos fuerza y esperanza. Aunque a veces no lo reconocemos

Los discípulos reconocen y confiesan por boca del discípulo amado y se reencuentran con el Señor Resucitado, que les devuelve su dignidad de apóstoles: Simón, que desnudo es sólo Simón, se reviste con la túnica que hace de él Pedro, la Roca, y dejando atrás todo temor se lanza al mar, al mundo en que ha de ser de nuevo pescador de hombres, sin dejarse asustar ya más por las dificultades y persecuciones que habrá de afrontar a causa de esta otra pesca, como leemos en el texto de los Hechos de los Apóstoles

La madurez del discipulado es posible en la fidelidad y la perseverancia. Por eso la Eucaristía es el sacramento de la vida diaria. Los símbolos usados: la Palabra, el pan y el vino, nos hablan de la cotidianidad. En la vida la rutina, el aburrimiento, por mil dificultades: la primera lectura nos recuerda las primeras dificultades y persecuciones contra la naciente Iglesia; y sólo si hay perseverancia, fidelidad y constancia es posible seguir adelante, atravesar la noche, ver la luz del amanecer, “ver” al Señor



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/Third Time:

Robert Marcotrigiano & Vanessa Garces

Second Time:

Jakub Tarlecki & Christy Lee May

Shawn Ira Morganbesser & Janine Marie Scarpa

First Time:

Kevin Balsam & Laura Bozzo

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Salvatore Rizzolo

Jeanne Calise

Joanie Lawrence

Anthony Gallo

Karen Benus

Jose Correa

William Stanton

Kevin Reid

George Walters

Nicole Mallas

Jean Ryan

Peggy McCloud

Kathleen Sazio

Brianna Delgado

John Cascio

James Rigney, Jr.

Laura Fischer

Maureen Nalewajk

Madison Muir

Christopher Corso

Joan Cox

Donald Lalegian

Walter Nalewajk

Rosemarie Russo

Betty Cunningham

Patricia Grasso

Rocco Pomatico

Jane Scheffler

Carol Ann Elma

Mario Lotito

Bob Little

Bernadette Sinnott

Juliette Fredricks

Mary Pellegrino

Rosalie Grottola

Bob Dobres

Carmela Feaser

Robert Fitzgerald

Gloria Martinez

Carol Gilroy

Dolores & Herb Otten

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of
April 3-9:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

25th Anniversary

John L. Sullivan, Sr.

Requested by

Lucille Sullivan

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

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.

WE REMEMBER

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

Arvo Podrang

Julia C. Costello

Steven Paul Shipsey

John Newman

Terry Noto

"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."

MEMORIAL MASS

FOR FR. ETHEL'S MOTHER

All parishioners of OLPH are invited to a Memorial Mass for Fr. Ethel's mother, Rose Anarado, which will be held **Friday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Babylon** (39 North Carl Avenue). As you will recall, Fr. Ethel was a recent Associate Pastor here at OLPH.

Fr. Ethel's mother passed away in Nigeria at the beginning of February.

Let us pray for the repose of her soul.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 4—

The Annunciation of The Lord

6:30	Josephine & Julia Rossetti
12:15	Kathleen Dreher
6:30	Devotions
7:30	Level 8 Penance Service

TUESDAY, April 5—

Easter Weekday

(Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest)

6:30	Elvira & John Puleo
12:15	Luz Marleny Leeds

WEDNESDAY, April 6—

Easter Weekday

6:30	Mass of Thanksgiving
12:15	Giuseppe Lentini
12:45	Exposition

THURSDAY, April 7—

Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

6:30	Margaret Mehm
12:15	Minardi & Filipponi Franca

FRIDAY, April 8—

Easter Weekday

6:30	Frank Taplin
12:15	Milan Stefasovic

SATURDAY, April 9—

Easter Weekday

8:00	George & Anne Schmidt
4:00 – 5:00	Confessions

Vigil for THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00	Rosemary Connor
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Sunday, April 10 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00	Dolores Semick
10:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
12:00	For the People of the Parish
5:00	William R. Dow

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 4, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry Prep	Room 12
6:30 p.m.	Devotions	Church
6:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Level 8 Penance Service	Church
7:30 p.m.	RCIA Reflection	Room 16

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 10
7:00 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 12
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Parent Meeting	Auditorium

Thursday, April 7, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 12
2-6:00 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:15 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Parent Baptismal Prep Class	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting	Room 21
7:30 p.m.	Catholic Social Teaching	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, April 8, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society	Auditorium
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anonymous Young People	Room 24

Saturday, April 9, 2016

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

Sunday, April 10, 2016

1:30 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Prayers for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Directory of Phone Extensions

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Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religiously@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Coordinator of Faith Formation	257	acarbaugh@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor	203	jsureau@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Fr. John at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork
 Tricia Buckley (Chair)
 Lori Byron
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Marie Foster
 Greg Guido
 Sonia Hansen
 John Keller
 Kevin Sabella, Jr.
 Kevin Sabella, Sr.
 Christina Taparata
 James Totino
 Pete Triolo

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
 John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
 Deacon Tom Bast
 Bill Bendernagel
 Sandra Best
 Gerry Chille (Chair)
 Ed Cirella
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Bob Meade
 John Reynolds

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker
 Lynn Bergin
 Mark Costantino
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Chris Ferraro
 Jenine Jimenez-Spina
 Amy Keller
 Barbara McPhail
 Deacon Doug Smith
 Fr. John Sureau
 Mike Williams

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

**OFFERING UPDATE
Easter - March 26/27 2016**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	509	155	\$11,090.00
7:30 a.m.	581	335	14,365.00
9:00 a.m.	1,052	308	10,554.00
11:00 a.m.	1,320	324	13,942.00
1:00 p.m.	850	202	6,934.00
Total coin:			25.25
Mail-ins:			735.00
Children's Env.		31	152.00
Faith Direct			5,260.75
TOTAL	4,312	1,355	\$63,058.00*
2015 TOTAL	4,414	1,105	\$59,986.04*
Candles			\$972.83
Poor Box			\$485.49
* 2015 final totals were published after one month to allow for mailed donations. We will do the same for 2016.			
Holy Thursday	530		SVdP
Holy Land	966		\$3,094.50



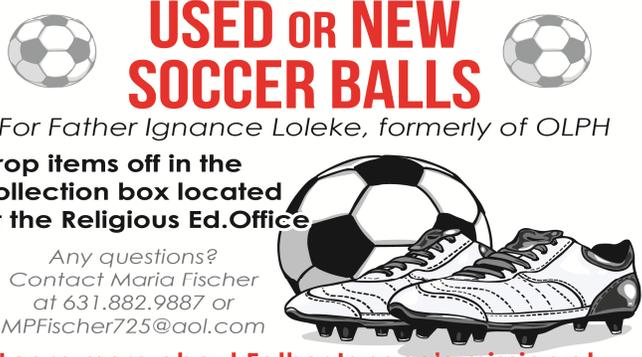
The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code NY286 or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



We are collecting...

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



For Father Ignance Loleke, formerly of OLPH

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

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

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



**SUPER 72
RAFFLE
IS COMING BACK!
WATCH FOR DETAILS
COMING SOON!**

**Are you watching...
INSIGHT?**

Msgr. Joe's television show INSIGHT, which he co-hosts with Bishop Robert Brennan and Bishop Nelson Pérez, can be seen airing weekly on Telcare, channel 29 on Cablevision, on these days:



Monday at 8:30 p.m.
Tuesdays at 10:00 p.m.
Wednesdays at 11:00 p.m.
Fridays at 9:00 p.m.
Saturdays at 10:00 p.m.

PREPARING FOR Sunday, April 10, 2016 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Revelation 5:13

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41

This reading continues to tell the story of the spread of the Gospel in the days following Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. To keep them from preaching about Jesus, the authorities had previously jailed the Apostles, but an angel of God secretly released them during the night and ordered them to resume their preaching in the Temple area. The authorities have them arrested for a second time and flog them before releasing them. Instead of silencing them, this persecution only strengthens the resolve of the Apostles to proclaim the name of Jesus since it is better to “obey God than men.” Such courage and conviction should challenge and encourage us in our own resolve to proclaim the Good News.

Revelation 5:11-14

Today's text from Revelation thrusts us into the heavenly throne room where a vast throng worships God and the “Lamb,” that is, Jesus. This reminds us that our weekly and daily liturgy is but a rehearsal for the eternal liturgy we will celebrate when we reach the shores of the divine kingdom in which every living creature will sing praise unceasingly. John's message is clear: Christ is not a victim but a victor reigning at the right hand of God. He is the source of life and those who give themselves to him, no matter what present trials they must endure, will conquer death with him and find eternal reward in his Kingdom.

John 21:1-19

There is much in this narrative from the last chapter of John's Gospel to dwell on when we read and hear it. Still feeling disoriented from their loss of Jesus, the Apostles do something familiar – they go fishing. This gives Jesus an opportunity to appear to them again, reaffirming that his Resurrection was a physical one, not merely spiritual. It gives him a chance to rehabilitate Peter by allowing him to profess his love for Jesus three times, counteracting his previous three denials. It also gives Jesus a chance to establish Peter as the undisputed leader of the emerging Church, one that has persisted under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to this very day.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 4, 2016:

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10 + Hebrews 10:4-10
+ Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 5, 2016:

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

Wednesday, April 6, 2016:

Isaiah 50:4-9a + Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 7, 2016:

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

Friday, April 8, 2016:

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

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Acts 6:1-71 + John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Acts 15:27-39, 40b-41
+ Revelation 5:11-14 3:1-4
+ John 21:1-19

Gospel Reflection Questions....

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

1. Jesus was on the shore.

John and the other disciples were in the fishing boat. Why do you think John recognized Jesus before the others? Discuss. There are four stories in this Gospel: the appearance of Jesus to the disciples, the large catch of fish, the meal, and Peter's commissioning. Which do you like to think about? Why?

2. Pope Francis suggests that future Vatican diplomats cast their nets in a certain place. Where? And where do you think “less obvious seas” are?

The Holy Father also asked that the future apostolic nuncios not look for “fish in aquariums or farms,” but that they “instead have the courage to leave behind the safe margins of what is already known and to cast your nets and rods in less obvious seas.”

Pope Francis, Christ's Face to the World, June 25, 2015



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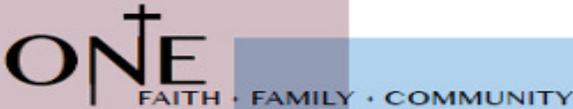
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