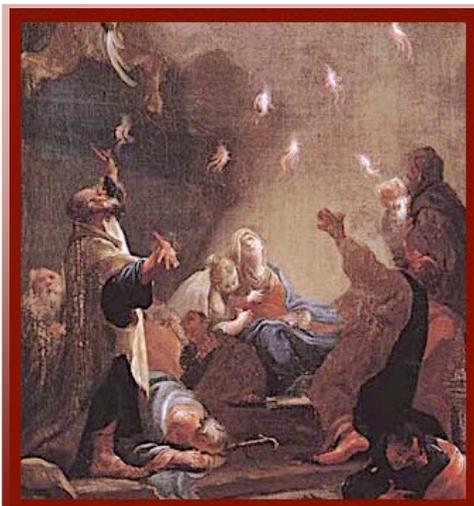


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*Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.*

*Not as the world gives do I give it to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."*

John 14:27

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Holy Day of Obligation



Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 5th

Masses will be celebrated

Wednesday, May 4th

5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 5th

6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

& 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC NOTES

Save the Date ...

Spring Sing Concert

Be sure to join our music ministry on **Sunday, May 22nd** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church for our "Spring Sing Concert" featuring our cantors as well as our adult choir and youth choir. There will be a reception in the auditorium after the concert with lots of great raffle prizes (*So don't forget your wallet!*). Don't miss this fun evening as we celebrate the gift of music in our parish.



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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Music Ministry has its own Facebook page. Be sure to check out our page and "like" us.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

It's still Easter Time, and so our sense of joy and wonder and awe over the Lord's Resurrection should be as rich and deep as it was on Easter Sunday, even though we are starting our sixth week. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for this Mass reminds us of this: "*Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord...*" The prayer then goes on to remind us that what we celebrate at liturgy must always have an effect on our everyday life, as it asks "...*that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.*"

This theme of what we celebrate at Mass truly having an effect in the way we live life is carried through in the Prayer over the Offerings and the Prayer after Communion. In the Prayer over the Offerings, we ask that "*we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love*" — with the principal mystery of God's love being the death and resurrection of Christ, a dying and rising after which we are to pattern our life. However, such transformation into Christ's life can be the result only of God's grace, not our own efforts alone, and so the prayer also recognizes our need to be purified by God's graciousness. The Prayer after Communion asks that we be given "the strength of this saving food" and that it might bear fruit in our life, i.e., that it will increase our love for one another.

The depth and beauty of the Mass prayers during Easter Time continue to enrich our journey through these Fifty Days!

Solemnity of the Ascension—Holy Day of Obligation

This Thursday, May 5, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, and it's a Holy Day of Obligation, so we will see all of you again at Mass Wednesday night or sometime on Thursday; please see the schedule of Masses printed elsewhere in this bulletin and be sure to get to one of the Masses.

The Ascension of the Lord is always celebrated forty days after Easter, following the chronology given in the Acts of the Apostles. A key point about the meaning of this celebration is that the Ascension is not about Jesus leaving as much as it is about a continuation of our sharing in his glorified, risen existence. Our celebration of the liturgy is always a present participation in the

salvific mysteries that are being recalled. The Solemnity reminds us that where Christ our Head has gone before in glory, we, his Body, hope to follow.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Then, as of the Ascension, we begin a very special and holy time in the Church: we begin the period of time which is the original Novena — the nine days from Ascension to Pentecost, a time when the Church earnestly and fervently prays for the coming of the Holy Spirit. I love this time in our liturgical year, and once again we will be praying a Novena for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The details about this Novena are elsewhere in the bulletin, and it is a very beautiful Easter Time devotion. Do plan on joining in; the Novena itself does not take very long to pray. Come, Holy Spirit!

First Holy Communions

Well, we are full-swing in the midst of our "season" of First Holy Communion celebrations! First Communions continue to take place at various parish weekend Masses, and the separate Saturday morning First Communion Masses will be on this coming Saturday, May 7 and next Saturday, May 14. Let's all pray for these children and their families, that the closeness to the Lord they experience by sharing for the first time in Holy Communion will be something which really stays with them, and that they will continue to be with us at Mass each and every Sunday as they draw closer to the Lord and allow their lives to be conformed to his.

Also, here's a reminder for all children and their families who have celebrated First Holy Communion this year: remember to come to our special Mass for all First Communicants on Sunday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m., and remember to wear your First Communion attire!

Mother's Day Novena

Allow me to remind you about our Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. This is a beautiful way to remember and pray for your mother, living or deceased. Please look for the Mother's Day cards and envelopes around the church and be sure to join in the spiritual remembrance. Your

intention will be remembered in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses.

Catholic Ministries Appeal: THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

I must at this time express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to all of you who have once again made the Catholic Ministries Appeal a success here at OLPH. As of the latest information I have at this writing, we are over our goal of \$107,000. Pledges so far are totaling \$141,120, which is \$34,120 over goal (131.89% of goal). This is very important, because remember the rebate to the parish: we receive back 20% of the goal and then 80% of all monies collected over goal. The number of donors so far is 514, which is 200 under the final number last year.

I am thrilled at the results and must offer everyone a big THANK YOU! This rebate money is critical for us and I am grateful for your generosity. Special thanks must go to some folks in particular. I thank Bob Dobres who continues to chair this year's CMA Appeal with his usual expertise and attention to detail. As I mentioned in a previous Pastor's Column, after doing this job for many years, Bob has asked to step down, and I'm happy to announce that Bill Bendor-nagel has graciously agreed to take over for Bob starting next year.

In addition, I am grateful to Meg Danaher, a member of our Finance Committee, who has taken on the job of heading our phone phase. Our phone phase took place at the end of this past week, and if you had not already given to the Appeal, you may have received a phone call asking you to make a pledge. This is an important component of the Appeal, and I am thankful not only to Meg, but also to the numerous parishioners from various ministries and societies in the parish who stepped forward to offer some of their time to make the phone calls. Thank you to all you "phone phase" offerers who helped us out with this important undertaking! I am grateful for the time and effort you put in for the good of the parish. Finally, words of thanks must go to Gerry Chille, Robert Becker, and John Reynolds, who recently gave witness talks at Masses in support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Two important points: first, if you have made a pledge of payments over time, please be

sure to complete your pledge; second, if you have not yet donated, please consider doing so (you can always contact me if you don't know how). Even though we are over goal, the more money we continue to raise in the Appeal, the more the parish directly benefits, especially since we are over goal.

With such wonderful and generous parishioners who support the Appeal, including those who have stepped forward in a particular task to make the Appeal such a success, it's no wonder why OLPH is THE PLACE TO BE!

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,




*Please join us
for a special
Mass for our*

First Holy Communicants

*All children who have received
their First Holy Communion
are invited to attend a special*

Mass on

*Sunday May 15, 2016
at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.*

*First Holy Communicants are
invited to wear their
First Communion attire.*

YEAR OF MERCY

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

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

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

23. There is an aspect of mercy that goes beyond the confines of the Church. It relates us to Judaism and Islam, both of which consider mercy to be one of God’s most important attributes. Israel was the first to receive this revelation which continues in history as the source of an inexhaustible richness meant to be shared with all mankind. As we have seen, the pages of the Old Testament are steeped in mercy, because they narrate the works that the Lord performed in favour of his people at the most trying moments of their history. Among the privileged names that Islam attributes to the Creator are “Merciful and Kind”. This invocation is often on the lips of faithful Muslims who feel themselves accompanied and sustained by mercy in their daily weakness. They too believe that no one can place a limit on divine mercy because its doors are always open.

I trust that this Jubilee year celebrating the mercy of God will foster an encounter with these religions and with other noble religious traditions; may it open us to even more fervent dialogue so that we might know and understand one another better; may it eliminate every form of closed-mindedness and disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination.

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 AND WORSHIP

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND OF OTHERS

Once Mass begins, please do not walk up the center aisle, or across the center aisle in the middle of the pews, or across the front pews. If you arrive late, please use a side aisle and be seated in one of the side sections; if you need to get up during Mass, please use a side aisle. Walking around in a prominent and central area during Mass is distracting to worshipers and to the ministers in the sanctuary. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in showing proper respect at Mass by being attentive to your surroundings.

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

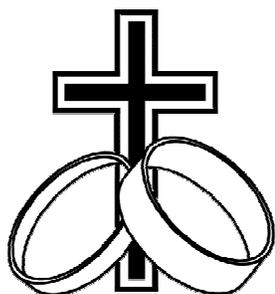
Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass,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

OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

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

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

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



FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

7:30 p.m. Mass

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

Invite your family members as well! They are welcome!



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

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

Last Name _____

First Name of Husband _____

First Name of Wife _____

Years Married _____

Date of Your Marriage _____

Your Wedding Song _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone Number _____

e-mail _____ @ _____



Number of 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.*

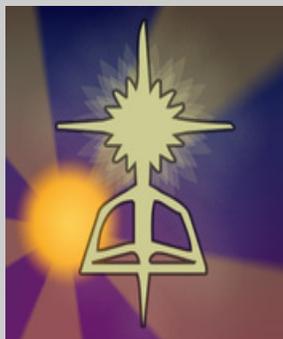
ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 6.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

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, May 2—7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 9—May Crowning will replace usual Devotions.
Monday, May 16—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 always over us all. AMEN

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



PRAYER & WORSHIP

FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

*All are invited to come and pray
with our parish community.*

First Friday Devotions will take place **May 6** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **May 7** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass. A continental breakfast will follow in the cafeteria.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, May 7 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Polish, English then Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, **May 1** at 7:00 p.m.



Special Needs Ministry

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

Mass for People with Special Needs

Saturday, May 7th
4:00 p.m.
Auditorium

*All are Welcome
to join
or just come attend
Mass with us!*

2016 VACATION BIBLE CAMP



Vacation Bible Camp July 18-22, 2016 SIGN UP TODAY!

Go to www.olphlindenhurst.org and download your application today!

Vacation Bible Camp fills up quickly so be sure to get your forms in today.

WE ARE IN NEED OF OFFERERS!!!

Are you in high school? A young adult or adult? We need plenty of hands and hearts to make Vacation Bible Camp a place of faith, fun and friendship! Download an application from olphlindenhurst.org.

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

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



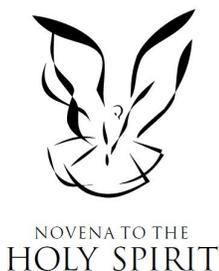
PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Mother's Day Novena of Masses



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

Novena to the Holy Spirit



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

May Crowning

**Monday,
May 9th
7:00 p.m.
Rectory Lawn**



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

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

BANNER CARRIERS NEEDED!

You have probably noticed that at some special liturgies throughout the year we use special processional banners, carried in procession to add festivity to the celebration. We are looking for people to become banner carriers. Our goal is to put together a "pool" of people who could be contacted when banner carriers are needed. No experience required! It's a great way to offer some time and service to the parish if you're looking to help out but not necessarily able make a large or regular time commitment. We will keep all names and contact information on file, and then when a special Mass is coming up for which we need banner carriers, you will be contacted. If you can do it, great. If not, we will keep you on file for the next time. It sometimes involves attending a brief rehearsal at some time before the liturgy.

If you are interested in being available to help out with this, please contact Barbara McPhail at Gospa254@gmail.com or at (631) 226-1354 and give her your name and contact information. Thank you for your help with this fun liturgical service!



SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Legion of Mary
invites you to the

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



HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE
MASS

REFLECTIONS

ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

CONFESSION
AVAILABLE

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

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

Cost: \$110 per person

includes dinner Friday, three meals Saturday, private room with shower.

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

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

NAME _____ Parish _____

ADDRESS _____ Phone # _____

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



The Lay Carmelites

People of Prayer

Are you looking for a deeper Union with Our Lord?

Do you have a special love for Our Lady of

Mount Carmel?

Do you have a desire to learn more about the Carmelite Saints & Elijah?

Then maybe the Lay Carmelite Order is for you!

The Lay Carmelite Order is the secular branch of the Order of Carmel which includes, for the most part, all Catholic lay people throughout the world who follow the Carmelite Rule. "The Lay Carmelite is a true member of the Order of Mount Carmel. He/she shares in the unique spirit of the Carmelite

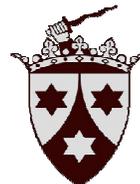
People of Service

family and led by the Holy Spirit, has an influence on the life of the entire family (*Rule, art. 1*) Since we are members of a religious order, our formation period somewhat parallels that of the Sister and Friars of the Order.

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

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

People of God



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus Christ



On this day, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to heaven. We look forward to eternal life with him and await His coming back to us!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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

Returning Families:

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

New Families:

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

Tuition:

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

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

UPCOMING CATECHIST EVENTS

Catechist Annual Barbeque

Please join us for food, faith, and fellowship! Our annual barbeque will take place on **May 18th at 6:30 p.m.** at the religious education building and will feature Msgr. Jim Vlaun as a guest speaker.

Please RSVP as soon as possible!

Catechetical Congress

We remind our catechists to please call or email us to register for the Catechetical Congress. All catechists are strongly encouraged to attend. The Congress will take place on **Saturday, September 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Important Upcoming Dates

First Communion—At Parish Masses

Saturday, May 7th at 4 p.m.
 Sunday, May 8th at 12 p.m.

First Communion Masses

May 7th and May 14th at 10:15 a.m.

First Communion Rehearsals

Monday, May 2nd at 4:30 p.m. for May 7th Communion
 Monday, May 9th at 4:30 p.m. for May 14th Communion

Moving-Up Parent Meetings

Level 5 moving to Level 6

Tues. May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. OR Wed. May 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Level 7 moving to Level 8

Tues, May 31st at 10 a.m. OR 7:30 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE: MASS FOR ALL FIRST COMMUNICANTS:
 SUNDAY MAY 15TH, 10:00 A.M.**

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- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cffr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net—Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494

NEW Food Pantry List!

PANCAKE SYRUP

TEA BAGS

JUICE

SMALL PKGS. OF SUGAR

PASTA SAUCE WITH MEAT

PAPER TOWELS

CLEANING PRODUCTS

RAZORS

Thank you

for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: “Peace I
leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
you also say to those who are poor: “Peace I leave
with you; my peace I give to you.”

SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



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

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

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

DRIVING MINISTRY...

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

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

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

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

ALL DRIVERS MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED

HOMELESS MINISTRY

FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com. You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

DONATIONS

We are still in need of the following:

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

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

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



A FEW GOOD MEN???

On each of our Wednesday night homeless runs we have to try to have at least two men and two women be part of the team. We can use some additional male offerers! What about you? For more information contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com.

MIDDLE AGES

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

**Our next gathering is
Wednesday, May 4
7:00 p.m. in Room 10
(in the basement of the old school)**

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

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

SENIOR MOMENTS GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

Our next meeting:
**Tuesday, May 10
9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Widows and Widowers for men and women who have lost a spouse to support and encourage one another.

Our next meeting will take place on

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

For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

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

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

Our next Community Meal will be Sunday, May 1st.

*Come and pray with at the 12:00 p.m. Mass
and join us for a "soup and sandwich" at 1:00 p.m.*



COOKS NEEDED?

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

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

Respect
L i f e

CHANGE THE WORLD

Are you interested in

- saving lives (of the elderly, infirm, unborn)?
- knowing how to handle death (yours or loved ones)?
- preserving the environment? (recycling, protecting air quality, etc.) preventing the extinction of animals?

You CAN do all this when you join our

OLPH Respect Life Committee.

Check us out with NO obligation. We usually meet the first Thursday of the month in the new school. Our Bulletin will note the time and place. ***We (AND our world) NEED YOU!*** Feel free to call Louise (631-412-3831) for further information.

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.

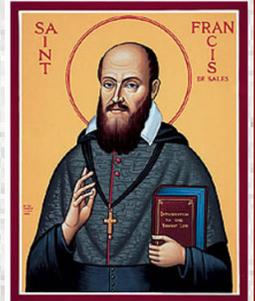
If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will then visit each week.

We pray for the sick and the homebound of our parish at each and every Mass.



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 baptized person should consider that it is in the womb of the Church where he is transformed from a child of Adam to a child of God” -- St. Vincent Ferrer

My sister just had her daughter baptized, but how is it that a baby who, in my eyes, is sinless can be born with original sin?

Yes! In our eyes, we all look upon a child who was just born, so young, so innocent, and we ask...born with original sin? How can this be? Realize that original sin is called “sin” only in an analogical sense: it is a sin “contracted” and not “committed” — it is a state and not an act (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 404). So, as we grow older, we will all commit a sin of some sort, hence the reason we go to Confession — in order to be absolved from our sins. But we are all born with original sin, not because we **committed** any sin at birth, but because it was **contracted**.

In order to understand this more fully, we can reflect on the Book of Genesis in the Bible and the story of Adam and Eve. Scripture uses figurative language in describing the account of the Fall in Genesis chapter 3 but affirms an event that took place at the beginning of human history. The language is figurative, but the reality is not a fantasy (CCC 390). We can all relate in some way to this scene. Adam eats the forbidden fruit, but when asked by God about why he ate the fruit, the human defense shield come up. He tells God, “The woman whom you put here with me — she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it” (Gen 3:12). Not only does Adam blame Eve, he in some ways blames God for putting the woman there to begin with! How many times do we do something wrong, but then try to blame others, or even worse, blame God for our own actions?

How did the sin of Adam become the sin of all his descendants? The whole human race is in Adam “as one body of one man.” By this “unity of the human race” all men are implicated in Adam’s sin, as all are implicated in Christ’s justice. Still, the transmission of original sin is a mystery that we cannot fully understand. But we do know by Revelation that Adam had received original holiness and justice not for himself alone, but for all human nature. By yielding to the tempter, Adam and Eve committed a personal sin, but this sin affected the human nature that they would then transmit in a fallen state. It is a sin which will be transmitted by propagation to all mankind, that is, by the transmission of a human nature deprived of original holiness and justice (CCC 404).

This is the reason we are baptized — so we can be cleansed of original sin. Our Lord tied the forgiveness of sins to faith and Baptism: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:15-16). Baptism is the first and chief sacrament of the forgiveness of sins because it unites us with Christ, who died for our sins and who rose for our justification, so that “we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4 / CCC 977).

When we made our first profession of faith while receiving the holy Baptism that cleansed us, the forgiveness we received then was so full and complete that there remained in us absolutely nothing left to efface, neither original sin nor offenses committed by our own will, nor was there left any penalty to suffer in order to expiate them. Yet, the grace of Baptism delivers no one from all the weakness of nature. On the contrary, we must still combat the movements of concupiscence that never cease leading us into evil (CCC 978).

So, as we were baptized at one time in our life to wash away original sin, we continue to remind ourselves of that Baptism through the sprinkling of Holy Water. Yes, that blessed water is a sacramental whose sprinkling or use is a reminder of Baptism and a means of sanctification.

Do you know the date of your Baptism? If not, look it up and, just like you may celebrate your birthday (which, by the way, is a great day to go to church and thank God for giving you life), we should all know our baptismal date, since it was on this day we were born in to a new life with Christ and freed from original sin. Now that’s something to celebrate!

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 PM 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 las lecturas del domingo 8 de Mayo del 2016

Señor a ti clamo no escondas tu rostro de mí. Aleluya
Que la Santísima trinidad les bendiga y la gracia del Espíritu Santo en esta eucaristía nos haga uno con Jesús y con el Padre.

Primera lectura (Hechos de los apóstoles 7:55-60)

Los apóstoles nos relatan los hechos reales de su tiempo y nosotros somos testigos de los de hoy en día. Estaban proclamando evangelio y les criticaba por no abrir su corazón al Espíritu Santo. Miraba hacia arriba y vio los cielos abiertos y al hijo de Dios sentado a la derecha del Padre, el la refiere a Jesús y su rol como juez universal venido del cielo.

Segunda lectura (Revelación 22:12-14, 16-17, 20)

Mira que vengo pronto dice Cristo, 12 y llevo con migo el salario para dar a cada uno según su trabajo pide que repitamos esta oración: Ven Señor Jesús. No importa el plazo el corazón está preparado

Proclamación del Santo Evangelio (San Juan 17:20-26)

'El amor con el que tú me has amado este en ellos'.

Es la oración de Jesús al Padre por sus discípulos y por todos aquellos que crean en su mensaje, en el cual nos comunicara el amor con el cual el padre lo ama a Él; así también nosotros lo amaremos y El estará en nosotros como nosotros en El Jesús le está hablando al padre de los discípulos, considerados como unidad. Son los hombres que el Padre le ha dado del mundo, como hermanos suyos. Han llegado a ser hijos porque han acogido al hijo y son una sola cosa con El y con el padre. Este llamado a ser uno con Cristo y con el Padre es para usted hoy y para mí. El tiempo es corto nos dice San Juan en la segunda lectura. Cristo viene pronto. Felices los que lavan sus ropas por que así tendrán acceso al árbol de la vida. Jesús permanece siempre con nosotros vivo como el Señor resucitado; él permanece con nosotros por su Espíritu de fortaleza, sabiduría y amor, y de esta forma es nuestro compañero en nuestra vida. Está presente en la Eucaristía, y vive en nuestras comunidades alimentémonos con su palabra y con su cuerpo

La próxima semana usted tendrá la oportunidad de participar en la Colecta para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación. Lo recaudado en la Colecta apoya una gran variedad de proyectos de comunicación que propagan el mensaje del evangelio y conectan a las comunidades y a las personas a su fe y a la Iglesia. Por favor, contribuya generosamente a la Colecta y visite www.usccb.org/nationalcollections para más información. Recuerde que la mitad de los fondos recaudados se quedan aquí para respaldar los proyectos diocesanos de comunicación.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Third Time:

Craig Stoll & Marie Novaristefano

Second Time:

Kevin Tims & Erin VanDriessche

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Robert Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Gerard Ferraro</i>
<i>Carol Gilroy</i>	<i>Joe Rutigligno</i>
<i>Dolores & Herb Otten</i>	<i>Donna Logan</i>
<i>Laura Fischer</i>	<i>Haley Kerwin</i>
<i>Florence Loiacono</i>	<i>John Tortorelli</i>
<i>Ron Starke</i>	<i>Annette Horning</i>
<i>Dolores Barone</i>	<i>Jane McGrath</i>
<i>Richard Cito</i>	<i>Ann Guinee</i>
<i>Salvatore Rizzolo</i>	<i>Margaret Mattei</i>
<i>Joseph Gravano</i>	<i>Mary Meehan</i>
<i>Michael Marchetti</i>	<i>John Consiglio</i>
<i>Debra Glenn</i>	<i>Kelly Hildemann</i>
<i>Samuel Leon</i>	

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of
May 1-7:

<i>Altar Bread</i>	<i>Altar Wine</i>
<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
<i>Christine Manzollilo</i>	<i>Silvio Leonti</i>

Love,
The Renna Family

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.

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016 12:15 P.M. MASS

Robert Grassia	Requested by James & Carol Grassia
Marjorie Legerlotz	Requested by Dolores Fahlbusch

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016 5:00 P.M. MASS

Eddie Aliano	Requested by The Aliano Family
Grace Gerrato	Requested by Lee Danner
Vittoria Castellaneta	Requested by Rose Scalley
Florence Northorn	Requested by Richard Northorn
Marjorie Best	Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Santino
Jean Pisciotta	Requested by Mr. & Mrs. R. Domanico
John William Stoker	Requested by The Stoker Family
Skye Brunetti (Mother)	Requested by The Rodriguez Family

WE REMEMBER

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

Joseph Sciascia
Christine A. Mikoleski
Ralph D. Mazza
Marjorie Legerlotz
MaryLou Daly
Marie Herleth

“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.”

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, May 2— Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:30	Marie Clark
12:15	Kevin Murphy
4:30	First Communion Rehearsal
7:00	Devotions

TUESDAY, May 3— Saints Philip & James, Apostles

6:30	Stephen Scidler
12:15	Giuseppe Lentini

WEDNESDAY, May 4— Easter Weekday

6:30	Angela Lucy Lostritto
12:15	Colleen English Flanagan
12:45	Exposition
5:00	Elizabeth Pugh

THURSDAY, May 5— The Ascension of the Lord

6:30	For the People of the Parish
12:15	Georgia Rea
7:30	Rose Anarado (Fr. Ethel's Mother)

FRIDAY, May 6— Easter Weekday

6:30	Mary Kollar
12:15	Perpetual Help Mass (Names listed on p. 17)

SATURDAY, May 7— Easter Weekday

8:00	Eleanor & Henry Zuber
10:15	First Communion
4:00	Special Needs Mass—Auditorium
4:00 – 4:45	Confessions

Vigil for SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00	Silvio & George Alessi
8:00	Adoration

Sunday, May 8 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	Mother's Day Novena
5:00	Perpetual Help Mass (Names listed on p. 17)

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 2, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry Prep	Room 9
4:30 p.m.	Communion Rehearsal	Church
6:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Devotions	Church

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Senior Moments/St. Vincent de Paul/Legion of Mary Strengths Leadership	Room 24
2-6:00 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:30 p.m.	Level 5 Parent Meeting	Auditorium
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, May 4, 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 5 Parent Meeting	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 10
7:00 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 9
7:30 p.m.	Spirituality Summit	Room 18

Thursday, May 5, 2016

All Offices Are Closed for Ascension Thursday
Rectory reception desk remains open for regular business

10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 9
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	VBC Planning Session	Room 10

Friday, May 6, 2016

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

Saturday, May 7, 2016

10:00 a.m.	First Holy Communion	Church
11:00 a.m.	Pre-Cana Closing Meeting	Room 10
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Special Needs Mass	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Nocturnal Adoration	Church

Sunday, May 8, 2016

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

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Deacon Tom Bast, Business Manager	204	tbast@oloph.org
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religiously@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Coordinator of Faith Formation	257	acarbaugh@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor	203	jsureau@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
 John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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

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

**OFFERING UPDATE
APRIL 23/24 2016**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	338	149	\$3,676.50
8:00 a.m.	345	143	3,836.00
10:00 a.m.	491	127	2,802.00
12:00 pm.	600	147	3,356.00
5:00 p.m.	181	33	1,383.00
Total coin:			21.29
Mail-ins:			404.00
Children's Env.		15	56.00
Faith Direct			1,942.23
TOTAL	1,955	614	\$17,477.02
2015 total	2,080	628	\$16,688.85
Candles			\$968.53
Poor Box			\$221.02



**THE RECTORY
& RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED MAY 5th FOR
ASCENSION THURSDAY**

The Rectory reception desk will be open as usual.

Next week, **May 7-8**, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Collection for the

Catholic Communication Campaign.

Collection proceeds support a wide variety of media projects that spread the gospel message and connect communities and individuals to their faith and to the Church. Please contribute generously in the Collection, and visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information.

Remember, half of the collected funds stay right here to support diocesan media projects.



**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 Telecare, channel 29 on Cablevision, on these days:



**Mondays 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.**



**SUPER 72
RAFFLE**

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX!

**Details are in
the letter that was mailed
out this week!**

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

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, May 8, 2016—Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the hearer say, "Come."

*Let the one who thirsts come forward,
and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water.* Revelation 22:17

Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60

The early Christian writer, Tertullian, famously said, "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Today we hear of the first Christian martyr, Stephen, one of the first seven deacons commissioned by the Apostles. He was a man of great faith also known to work miracles but he enraged the synagogue leaders by proclaiming the superiority of Jesus to Moses and the Temple. In the midst of his trial before the Sanhedrin, he is graced with a vision of the Risen Christ standing at God's right hand. Accused of blasphemy because of this, he is stoned to death with the approval of young Saul, who would later be known better as St. Paul. Like Jesus, Stephen is falsely accused and forgives his attackers before they put him to death, invoking God's mercy on them, a true testament of faith for us to think about today where martyrs for the faith still happen in the Middle East and elsewhere.

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20

This reading includes the final words of the entire New Testament which are appropriately emotional and inspiring. Originally intended for people in turmoil and under persecution from the Roman authorities, these words speak comfort even today to anyone experiencing distress, whether personal or global. Jesus tells us that he is all that we need, the source of all our satisfaction and the fulfillment of all our desires.

John 17:20-26

As part of Jesus' "high priestly prayer" spoken to God in front of the Apostles at the Last Supper in anticipation of his arrest and Passion, his words underscore his desire for unity among his followers and their unity with him and the Father. Jesus prays for his disciples, sharing with them his "glory." Our task today as his disciples is also to share this glory with others by making God visible in the love that we show for each other.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, May 2, 2016:

Acts 16:11-15 + John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 3, 2016:

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

Wednesday, May 4, 2016:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 + John 16:12-16

Thursday, May 5, 2016:

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 + Ephesians 1:17-23
+ Luke 24:46-53

Friday, May 6, 2016:

Acts 18:9-18 + John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Acts 18:23-28 + John 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Acts 7:55-60
+ Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20
+ John 17:20-26

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. What was the Father's promise that Jesus spoke of? Who brings Jesus' message and mission to completion in us and in the world? Do you listen for the Spirit's message to you personally?

2. According to Pope Francis' homily, "Jesus prayed saying: 'Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one.'" What is the price Jesus paid for our unity? Why such a high price? Is it a challenge? Why? Does unity come with grace?

"Maybe, we do not pay enough attention to these words: Jesus prayed for me! This is really a source of confidence: He prays for me; He prayed for me ... I imagine ... a figure ... as Jesus is before the Father in Heaven. It is so: he prays for us; he prays for me. And what does the Father see? The wounds, the cost. The price he paid for us. Jesus prays for me with his wounds, with his wounded heart and he will continue to do so.

We must be one, just one being, as Jesus and the Father are one. This is precisely the challenge for all of us Christians: to not give way to division among us; to not let the spirit of division, the father of lies, come between us. Continuously seek unity. Everyone is different in his own way, but [we must] try to live in unity."

Homily at Mass Thursday morning
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