

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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**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

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2013

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Moise Aime + Rev. Ignace Lolecke + Rev. John Sureau

In Residence: Rev. Michael Holzmann

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

Facilities Manager: Deacon Donald A. Stamm Business Manager: Deacon Thomas J. Bast

Director of Religious Education: Thomas J. Acemoglu Music Director: James R. Kendall

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Masses for Holy Days are as announced and published.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

Monday- Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

**EVENING OFFICE HOURS, AT THIS TIME,
ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by
making an appointment with one of our priests.*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

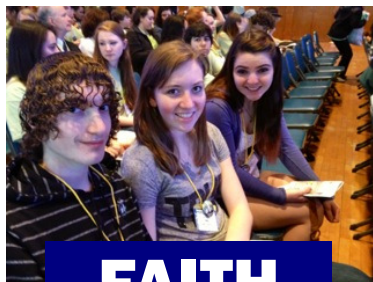
Wednesday: 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Faith in Action



FAITH

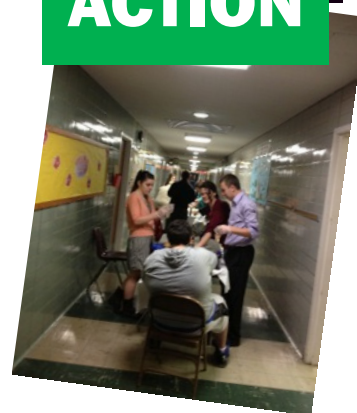
It was a busy weekend of FAITH and ACTION for our some of the young people of our parish community! This past Saturday, some of our adult and teen leaders attending the Diocesan Youth Conference. At the conference they joined with nearly 300 other young people and adult leaders to learn more about their faith and their vital role in the life of the Church (Read more on page 8.)



ACTION



Then, on Sunday, nearly twenty parishioners gathered at our second Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang. Because of their hard work and the tremendous generosity of our parish family, nearly 700 sandwiches were donated to the Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen in Brentwood. Great work everyone!



Our next Faith Night is this Sunday, May 5th! All young people in Grades 8 to 12 are welcome.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Easter Family Fun Day



On Sunday, April 28, 2013, our Family Life Ministry provided a wonderful afternoon for our parish's families. An Easter Egg Hunt, special lunch, fun games and more all made for a wonderful afternoon! Special thanks to the Family Life Ministry for all their help and support!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Catholic Ministries Appeal—THANK YOU!

It is time for me to say six extremely important words to you concerning our parish's participation in the 2013 Catholic Ministries Appeal: **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** Our parish goal this year was \$112,900 and as of this writing, we have gone **over our goal**, achieving a pledge total of **\$127,016**. That is extraordinary, and it is all due to one reason and one reason alone: **YOU!** It has been your generosity and your desire to express your Catholic identity by participating in this diocesan appeal that have brought about this magnificent and inspiring response. Thank you!

As you know, we receive back 20% of the monies collected once the goal is achieved, and then for any money collected over goal, we receive 80% of the money back. That means if all the monies pledged are indeed collected, we stand to receive back **over \$33,000**, and this will obviously be of tremendous assistance in moving along to solve our financial difficulties, thanks again to **your generosity**.

You have participated in the Appeal because you have wanted to support the good works of the Catholic Church throughout all of Long Island. You have participated in the Appeal in order to benefit our parish. Most importantly, you have participated in the Appeal because you know that being Catholic also means supporting our Diocesan Church.

An interesting statistic is that the \$127,016 was pledged by only 485 donors. However, we know that OLPH has over 6,200 families in the parish; that means that **only 7.8% of registered families participated in the Appeal**. The goal is realized not only in terms of the size of the donation, but also by the number of families participating. Next year, we are going to focus more on increasing the number of families who participate, even if it is through a single donation rather than an ongoing pledge.

For this year, however, to all those who participated, allow me to once again say **THANK YOU** for the gift of yourself through your monetary participation in this important parish endeavor.

Social Ministry and Public Policy

I am pleased to announce, for those who may not be aware, that our own Father John Sureau has been appointed by Bishop Murphy as the Chair of the Diocesan Public Policy Commission. (*Don't worry—this does not mean he is leaving the parish! This is one of those diocesan jobs that a priest does in addition to parish work!*) This is a great testament to Fr. John that Bishop Murphy has asked him to take this position so early in his priest-

hood. It is a recognition of Fr. John's talents as a degreed social worker, and as a priest who is dedicated to serving others.

As you know, in our parish bulletin each week we highlight a number of public policy issues that require our active presence and support. On the state level, our priority is to push back abortion expansion efforts. A bill that is in fact an abortion expansion plan has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins. While Governor Cuomo has not yet submitted a bill himself, he has made it very clear that such a bill is one he wishes to have enacted this year as a codification of reproductive rights. This has many supporters and is vociferously championed by Planned Parenthood and NARAL.

It is essential that all Catholics join together to become involved in issues of social ministry and public policy. Please become familiar with the "Reproductive Health Act" and any other related proposals that may be promoted by the Governor and how they will impact our local communities. Again, while the Governor has not formally put forward a bill, a piece of legislation already exists in the Senate (S.438). The New York State Catholic Conference, www.nyscatholic.org has provided easily accessible and understandable information to aid us in understanding the impact of these proposals. We must be educated.

Each week in our bulletin we give information about a variety of public policy issues and different ways that you can get involved. One very important thing to do would be for every parishioner at OLPH to sign up to become part of the **Catholic Action Network** by going to www.nyscatholic.org and clicking on the "Join the Catholic Action Network" link. Through this network, easy links are in place for parishioners to send letters to local leaders. Connecting to the Catholic Action Network is vital for us if we are going to make our Catholic voice heard.

As your Pastor, I am completely committed to having our parish support the Church's involvement in important public policy issues such as abortion, comprehensive immigration reform, freedom of religion, and other important social issues. I thank Fr. John for his leadership in this area of parish ministry and I hope you will take the time to become informed and involved. Feel free to talk to Fr. John about any questions you have in these areas.

Msgr. Joe, why do you write so much?

Every once in a while I will get a kidding remark (usually from a friend or family member!) about my

lengthy column in the bulletin each week (this week's is actually a little shorter than usual!). I take the time to write as much as I do each week not only because I love to write, but, more importantly, because I consider this letter in the bulletin each week to be a vital source of **communication** with you. I place a high, high value on keeping you informed and on using the bulletin as a vehicle for communication with you, and for disseminating information. (That's why many times when someone asks me a question, my first response will be, "Did you read the bulletin?") We are such a large parish that obviously there is no way I can speak to all of you on an individual basis about what is going on and about the priorities we are trying to set. That makes it all the more important for me to use this column as a means by which I keep you informed. Since it is my voice coming through in the column, it is also at least a minimal way for you to get to know me better as your Pastor; cultivating that relationship is something I also place a high priority on.

In addition, it is a Pastor's role to teach, and teaching is something else that, as you know, is very close to my heart. That's why from time to time, as you have noticed, I will include a little catechesis about something

in this column, or I will write something as a separate article to go elsewhere in the bulletin.

So, I hope you find this column each week interesting and informative. I hope you receive it as a way of getting to know me better and see it as the vehicle by which I make myself accountable to you. And, if nothing else, you could always take it to bed with you on the nights you are having trouble falling asleep...it will probably cure your insomnia!

In conclusion...

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

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

Sincerely,



OLPH VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Save the dates!!!!

Monday, July 22 – Sunday, July 26, 2013

We are in the process of planning and organizing our first annual Vacation Bible Camp at OLPH!

We need adults and high school and middle school age teens to offer to be part of the entire (or a few days during the) week. (Adults must be—or must be willing to be—VIRTUS trained.)

We in need of “offerers” to help with:

Arts and Crafts + First Aid + Food and Hospitality + Decorations ...and more!!!!

If you're interested, call the Parish Office today at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org ASAP!!



Follow the bulletin for registration forms and dates!

EASTER MUSIC CONCERT



GET ON BOARD

FOR THE OLPH SPRING CONCERT

FEATURING OUR YOUTH AND ADULT CHOIRS

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

210 S. WELLWOOD AVENUE, LINDENHURST, NY

Get On Board for an exhilarating musical journey through special arrangements of favorite seasonal tunes from the classics of Vivaldi, Handel and Bach through great contemporary and gospel arrangements of Aaron Copland, Allen Pote, Twila Paris and Joel Raney, with a 'smokin' arrangement of 'Get On Board' by Larry Shackley!

ADMISSION FREE OF CHARGE!

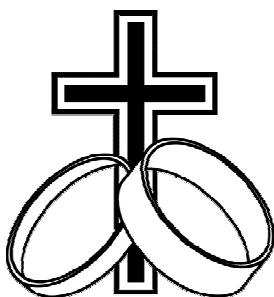


OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

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 2013 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 17, 2013
7:00 p.m. Mass
with Renewal of Your Wedding Vows
Followed by a Reception in our School Gym*

Invite your family members as well! They are welcome!



**You must reply NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 13
WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY, USING THE FORM BELOW; NO
PHONE REPLIES CAN BE TAKEN**

Clip out and return this form:

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REPLY FORM

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



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

ALL REPLIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MONDAY MAY 13.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

NEW CONTAINER FOR HOLY WATER



We now have a new container from which you can take Holy Water. A beautiful new silver Holy Water container is now located in the Divine Mercy Chapel, near where the baptismal font is kept, up at the front of the church. Holy Water may now be obtained from this vessel. We

had to remove the old “faucet” at the entrance to the church because of the reconstruction of the restrooms. Thank you for your understanding.

Sunday's Word Available

The book *Sunday's Word* is now available and may be picked up in the rectory during normal business hours. This book has all the readings for Sunday Mass for the year. If you would like a book to help you prepare the Mass readings at home, you need only stop by the rectory and ask for one. If you would like to make a \$2.00 donation to help defray the cost of the books, we appreciate it. If not, you are still free to take one, free-of-charge. Also, the Sunday readings are always available on-line at the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org—click on “Bible” then on the day of the readings you wish to preview.



ASCENSION THURSDAY



MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday,

May 8th

5 PM and 7PM

Thursday, May 9th

8 AM, 12 Noon, 5 PM and 7 PM

EXPOSITION CHANGES

Wednesday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the *Convent Chapel from 12:30 to 4:30 P.M.* This will allow work to continue on the confessionals without interruption. **This will only be a temporary placement.** Once our confessionals are completed, Exposition will return to the Church.

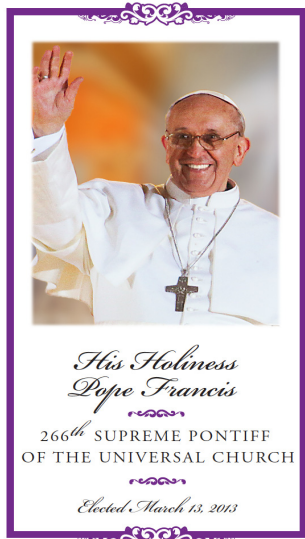


Please consult the bulletin for updates.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

POPE FRANCIS

PAPAL
PRAYER CARDS
AVAILABLE ON
THE PEW
LEDGES IN THE
CHURCH OR AT
THE
RECTORY



Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the Church.

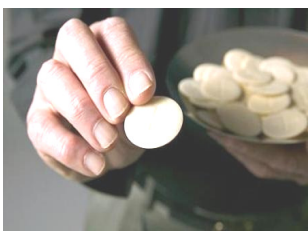


The Mother's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your mother, grandmother, godmother, the mother-to-be you know or any mother you wish to remember in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Mother's Day. Simply take an envelope, write in the name, and return the envelope

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.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy



Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE



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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

While we are working now with candidates for reception and full initiation, we are also looking toward the future and we need your help!

DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED?

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME PART OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

If so, NOW IS THE TIME! We will begin meeting with those interested in learning more about joining the Catholic Church VERY SOON! If you have questions, are thinking about it, want some more information, etc., please contact Fr. John (jsureau@drvc.org/631.226.7725) or Deacon Doug (631.226.7725) for more info.

YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School Youth Ministry: Brittany Marie Evans (olph.yfia@gmail.com)

Middle School Youth Ministry: Peggy Harnisch (olphedge@gmail.com)

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

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE



This past weekend a group of seniors from our high school youth ministry program along with 400 teens from across the island attended the first ever Diocese of Rockville Centre's High School Youth Ministry Conference themed this year as **"Grow ...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."**

The day started with praise and worship led by Josh Blakesley and Sarah Kroger as part of their "You are the Light Tour". Ennie Hickman, a well known Catholic speaker, who has traveled the world as a missionary for Adore Ministries and serves as the leader of the Steubenville Summer Conferences, was the first guest speaker of the day. Ennie in his own unique way explained to the teenagers that they have the ability to inspire other young people, Catholic or not to know Jesus and to learn more

about Him, as long as they nourish their own faith first. As we all know, as the teens get older and transition to adulthood keeping a strong faith becomes more of a challenge. Ennie gave the teens the right "tools" to GROW in their own faith as they become adults.

After the lunch session, the group was split between guys and girls. The girl's talk, led by Sarah Kroger focused on how beautiful each teen is in God's eyes. This is important because in the world we are living it is easy to forget a woman's true beauty. The most important thing is that we remember we are truly God's masterpieces! At the same time, the guys, led by Ennie and Josh focused on their responsibilities as men in the Church and the world.

Once the guy/girl session was over, the teens were able to attend confession and then experience a multisensory prayer room. This was an interesting experience. Many stations were set up in a room that involved using specific senses to make one's prayer experience deeper. This ended with a room for Eucharistic adoration.

The night ended with mass, praise and worship, dinner, and adoration. It was truly a prayerful, fun, holy day!

TONIGHT...

Sunday, May 5, 2013 -

Faith Night!

Keepin' the Faith

...Staying Connected

How do we work, especially with the summer upon us, to stay connected to God and to one another? Come next Sunday and find out how! Meet us after the 5 P.M. Mass in the Church.

All 8th through 12th graders welcome!



UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS ACTION DAY

Saturday, May 11th

Join with our parish for our Gardening and Clean Up Day throughout the parish. All teens—high school and middle school—are welcome and needed!!!!

Friday, May 17th - DRVC Vocations Holy Hour/ Dodgeball/ Open Mic/ Photo Booth/ Confessions/ Awesome Night!!

Let Brittany (olph.yfia@gmail.com) know ASAP if you are interested!!

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

OLPH Christian Mothers & Guild



DATE: Friday, May 31st

TIME: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

LOCATION: OLPH Parish/School Auditorium

COST: \$15.00 includes
(soda, tea, coffee, salad, bread,
entree & dessert)

For tickets please contact:

Laurie Gregg- 957-9657

Debbie McDonough- 957-0765

**BRING A FRIEND
& ENJOY A FUN
EVENING OUT!**

If you would like to donate a food item or raffle prize please contact the above numbers.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OLPH PARISH!

OLPH Christian Mothers & Guild Ladies Night Out

Raffle: Kindle Fire 8 GB
\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00
Drawing May 31, 2013

For Raffle Tickets Contact;
Laurie @957-9657
or Debbie @ 957-0765

Winner Need Not Be Present

GARDENING MINISTRY

*Do you have a green thumb?
Would you love to help clean up
our parish grounds for the summer?*

We are in the processing of getting our grounds ready for summer and need your help!

SAVE THE DATES
Saturday, May 11, 2013
Sunday, May 19, 2013
12 Noon—2 P.M.



If you're interested in spending some time here helping to make our Church grounds look beautiful, let us know.

For more information, contact Debbie McDonough at olphfamilylife@aol.com or Fr. John at the Parish Office at 631.226.7725.

Our hope is to bring people together on a week-end afternoon to carry out a number of projects!

This is a great project for families!!!!

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

PARISH MAY CROWNING

Next Sunday,
May 12, 2013

All are invited to participate in our annual May Crowning which will take place next Sunday, May 12 after the 9:30 A.M. Mass.

We will process from the Church to the Blessed Mother statue located on the front lawn of the Rectory.

We especially invite all the First Holy Communion children to be part of this special ceremony. (Please wear your First Holy Communion attire.)

If you have any questions, contact Debbie McDonough at olphfamilylife@aol.com or call 631.957.0765.



Hospitality Breakfast

Sunday, May 19, 2013

Immediately after the 9:30 A.M. Mass
School Cafeteria

Hospitality Ministry invites all *Parishioners and First Holy Communion Children* to attend a special breakfast on Pentecost Sunday, **May 19th** in OLPH Parish/School cafeteria following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. First Communicants are invited to wear their First Communion outfits. Join us for pancakes, quiche, eggs, home baked goodies and a special cake for the First Holy Communicants. A free Pentecost craft will be provided for the children.

If you would like to help, please email olphfamilylife@aol.com or call Debbie @ 957-0765.

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

New Mothers' Meal Ministry

Bringing home a new baby is an exciting and wonderful experience, but it may also be overwhelming. The New Mothers' Meal Ministry would like to alleviate some of this anxiety by providing a delicious meal and delivering it to your home on a pre-agreed date, sometime during the first month or two when your baby is brought home.

Also, if you have a premature baby in the hospital and are running back and forth from the hospital to home for a quick meal, we would love to serve you as well.

If you are, or if you know of, a new mother who could benefit from this lovely ministry, please contact Carol Stysiack at 631 255-3506 or e-mail her at carolstys@verizon.net with Meal Ministry in the subject line. The only requirement is that the new mother be a Catholic residing within the OLPH Parish boundary in Lindenhurst. She does not have to be a first time mother.



Looking for...

SOCCER SHOES

Fr. Ignace is collecting gently used soccer shoes for the youth and adults of his diocese in the Congo and he needs our help!

Can you....

....go through the closets?

....Talk to fellow friends and parents?

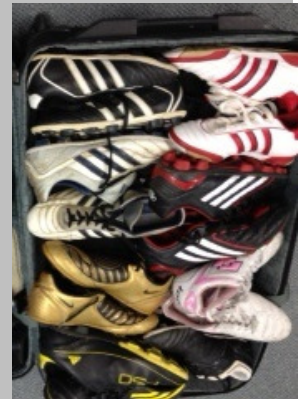
....steal a pair from a friend (just kidding!)?

Beginning **NEXT SUNDAY**, boxes will be available in the Library (in the back of the Church) to collect your used soccer shoes.

Fr. Ignace will bring the shoes with him to the Congo this Fall.

Together we are helping those in need throughout the world!

Thank you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Come join our Knights as they celebrate

Cinco De Mayo Night

Friday,

May 10, 2013

7:00 P.M.



\$10 per person

Knights of Columbus Hall
400 S. Broadway, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

COMMUNITY OF PRAISE

The OLPH Community of Praise Prayer Group meets Tuesday evenings at 7:45pm in the Convent Meeting Room. Please enter through the front Convent door.



All are welcome!!!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Let us, my sisters (and brothers), cherish the poor as our masters, since Our Lord is in them, and they are in Our Lord. -St. Vincent de Paul

Food Pantry Shopping List

Canned Meats
Canned Meals
Cereal
Pasta Sauce
Baked Beans
Canned and Instant Potatoes
Peas
Jelly
Shelf Stable Milk
Canned Fruit

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

272 S. Wellwood Avenue - The "Grey House"
 631.225.5531

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 A.M. —12 noon

Saturday, May 18—10 A.M.—12 noon

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."

STORM RELIEF @ OLPH

DO YOU NEED FURNITURE?

As you rebuild, a number of parishioners have come forward to offer gently used furniture. For more information, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725

Presently, members of our parish community are in need of the following items:
 Living Room Furniture + Bedroom Set + Drying Rack/Bathroom Shelves/Folding Table + Desk/Desk Chair + 2 Small Dressers + Bunk Beds +
 General Living Room/Den Furniture



If you have furniture in good condition that you would like to donate to a family in need, please contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org.

If you can be part of our delivery crew—mostly done on Saturdays and Sundays—let us know! We provide the van, you provide the labor. It's the best!

RESPECT LIFE



Do you know someone who is hurting from an abortion?

The Life Center of Long Island invites you to attend our next **Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat** on the weekend of **June 21-23, 2013**. It begins Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. This retreat is conducted in English and Spanish.

For more information contact:
Deacon Frank Gariboldi at (516)523-0586 or
e-mail: fgariboldi@optonline.net.
All communication is strictly confidential.

To learn more about Rachel's Vineyard look online at: www.rachelsvineyard.org or
call 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

NEXT WEEKEND

Mother's Day
FLOWER
SALE
after all Masses



Members of our Respect Life Committee will be selling flowers after all Masses. All proceeds will benefit Birthright.

What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than to celebrate the gift of life!

Help stop the **ABORTION EXPANSION BILL!**

As Catholics, we must be informed and educated about upcoming legislation that impacts and destroys human life. One such bill—presented by Senator Cousins—is presently before the Senate. Governor Cuomo has yet to introduce a bill but it is expected he may well do so.

We must act!

First, please become familiar with the “Reproductive Health Act” and any other related proposals that may be promoted by the Governor, and how they will impact our local communities. While the Governor has not formally put forward a bill, a piece of legislation already exists in the Senate (S.438). The New York State Catholic Conference (www.nyscatholic.org) has provided easily accessible and understandable information to aid us in understanding the impact of these proposals.



Second, join with New Yorkers for Life (www.newyorkersforlife.org), a broad coalition of institutions that has come together to oppose the Reproductive Health Act and other abortion expansion measures.

Third, visit www.nyscatholic.org and the Catholic Action Network. Support and thank senators who have voiced their clear opposition to the abortion expansion agenda. (The website will direct the letters for you!) We must support those political leaders who support the work of the Gospel!

GET INVOLVED!

We ask all parishioners at OLPH to sign up to become part of the

CATHOLIC ACTION NETWORK



Join the
Catholic Action Network

All you need to do is go to www.nyscatholic.org and click on the link that says “Join the Catholic Action Network”. (it looks like the graphic to the right).

SIGN UP TODAY!!!

PARISH NEWS

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de Oración- “Jesús Es El Camino La Verdad y Vida” se reúne todos los días Jueves a las 7:00 P.M. en la cafetería. Para información, llamar a Irma Gonzalez a 631.241.5606.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos de el Bautizo y el Matrimonio y Servicio de Pastoral Unción de los Enfermos y la Eucaristía, contacto Padre Juan Sureau – 631.226.7725, x. 224 - jsureau@drvc.org

Para ofrendas de pan y vino en el altar, favor llamar a la oficina parroquial al 631.226.7725.

Los días martes de cada semana llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares a 7:30 P.M. Para información, llamar Virginia Constantinou a 631.957.1149.

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.

Fe Fuerza Vida



Esta semana, las copias de *Fe Fuerza Vida*, nuestro periódico diocesano en español, estará disponible en el vestíbulo de la entrada principal. Por favor, tenga una copia gratuita y considerar la compra de su propia suscripción por sólo \$ 20 al año.

LEGION OF MARY

STATUE OF MARY

The Legion of Mary has a beautiful tradition of sharing the Statue of the Blessed Mother with families in our parish. This was originally shared with each class of the school. Today families take the statue into their homes for one week for a time of renewed prayer.



The Legion of Mary extends an invitation to the children and families of our parish to welcome the statue of the Blessed Mother in their home for one week.

If you and/or your family is interested, please contact Marie D'Angelo 631.884.0562 or Louise Perrotta 631.412.3831

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The *Holy Name Society* meeting will be held Wednesday, **May 8th** at 7:30pm in the Knight of Columbus Brady Room. This month we will be voting for new members of the 2013/2014 Holy Name Society Executive Board and also plan for the year's events. We need your suggestions and help. Sunday, **May 26th** 8am Mass will be for the Holy Name Society. Please join us.

The *Holy Name Society* is sponsoring a **Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine**, Washington, NJ, on Thursday, **June 13th**. The bus leaves from the municipal parking lot (South 1st. Street) behind Linden Florist & Patsy's Bakery at 8am. (Bring your lunch) \$30 pp. Send checks (payable to Knights of Fatima) with your name, address & phone number to: Knights of Fatima, % Mr. George Walters, 50 Ash Street, Lindenhurst, NY, 11757 by **May 15** please. First come-first seated!

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:

Joseph Roskep (St. Barnabas, Bellmore)
& Kimberly Troiano (OLPH)

Christopher Accovelli (OLPH)
& Lauren Francois (Church of the Resurrection, Farm.)

Second Time:

Craig Dongarra & Genee Rae Brady (Both OLPH)

Michael Little (OLPH)
& Caitlin Powers (St. Bernard's, Levittown)

Christopher Posapas & Samantha Wentz (Both OLPH)

Benjamin DeTrempe (Christ the King, South Bend, IN.)
& Megan Manning (OLPH)

WE CELEBRATE

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

-Rite of Baptism

Kassira Rose Huggins Colton James Mussillo
Hannah Marie Potenti Kyle Thomas Withers
Andrew Frederick Gennings



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

WE REMEMBER

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

Joseph Aliano, Sr. Maryann G. Catena

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of **May 5—11:**

Altar Bread & Wine

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Frank Criscuolo

Oil & Candles

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Requested by

The Barrett Family

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

WE BELIEVE

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

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Arthur Nuss	Karl Kercelius
Bob & Gail Davis	Nadia Viola
Fred Nuss	Anthony Kercelius
Anthony Cito	Rosemary McTernan
Kimberly Colluccio	Mario Lotito
Madeline DeRosa	Mary Mark
Kevin Curran	Melissa Hrubas
Angela Beslanovitz	Frank Falco
Jeanette Russo	Eileen Durney
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Baby Brayden McLean	Joseph Belton
Heather Calamia	

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.

As has been our practice, after the fourth week, the name will be removed from the sick list in the bulletin. If you wish to have your name or the name of a loved one to remain in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office to let us know.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK AT MASS

We pray for the sick by name during the Universal Prayer at Mass. Any name requested to be listed in the bulletin will be announced for the first week only at Mass and will remain in the

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 631.226.7725

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Youth Ministry: 631.226.6239

Parish Website:

www.olphlindenhurst.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 Mondays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, May 6—

Easter Weekday

8:00 Daniel Sheevers

12:00 Josephine Meade

7:00 James & Marjorie Santori

(57th wedding Anniversary)

TUESDAY, May 7—

Easter Weekday

8:00 Huguette Innocent (Living)

12:00 John McBrien

7:00 G. Vivian Hyland

WEDNESDAY, May 8—

Easter Weekday;

8:00 Joseph Leonard

12:00 Eddie Aliano

5:00 Rafaela Fontanez

7:00 Josephine Meade

THURSDAY, May 9—

The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 Gerloma Winters

12:00 John Russo, Sr.

5:00 Mass for the People of the Parish

7:00 Josephine Meade

FRIDAY, May 10—

Easter Weekday

St. Damien de Veuster, priest (optional memorial)

8:00 Erich Burkhardt

12:00 Juliana Avila

7:00 Lee & Abbott Family

SATURDAY, May 11—

Easter Weekday

8:00 James McGowan, Jr.

Vigil Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:00 Anthony J. Saccaro

SUNDAY, May 12—

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish

8:00 Edward Koldys

9:30 Ryan Barrett

11:00 Peter Giordano

12:30 Mother's Day Novena

5:00 Marie Pasquale

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, May 6, 2013:

Acts 16:11-15 + John 15:26- 16:4a

Tuesday, May 7, 2013:

Acts 16:22-34 + John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 8, 2013:

Acts 17:15,22- 18:1 + John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 9, 2013:

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or
Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 + Luke 24:46-53

Friday, May 10, 2013:

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

Saturday, May 11, 2013:

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

Sunday, May 12, 2013:

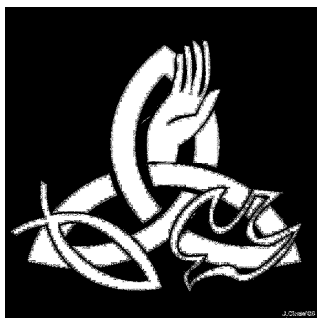
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

After reading next Sunday's Gospel, take some time pray with these questions, before you come to Mass.

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

2. Jesus actually said of the disciples, "Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me." Are there people you think of as "gifts" to you? Is there a way you can reside with Jesus now? How?



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING UPDATE

April 27/28, 2013

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$2,720.00	149	391
6:30 A.M.	1,497.00	61	127
8:00 A.M.	2,013.00	100	254
9:30 A.M.	2,078.00	85	264
11:00 A.M.	2,464.00	130	393
12:30 P.M.	1,979.00	95	445
5:00 P.M.	1,619.00	44	240
Total coin:	23.62		
Faith Direct	1,938.00	85	
Mail In	359.00		
TOTAL	\$16,690.62	749	2114
2012 Totals	\$15,318.00		2193



Next week 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.



Jesus told His disciples of someone who would come to them.

Write an answer for each definition. Transfer the letters to the lines below.



where we keep our feelings of love

1 2 3 4 5

companion, playmate

6 7 8 9 10 11

an oath, pledge

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

building where Christians worship

19 20 21 22 23 24

opposite of lake

25 26 27 28

a rule

29 30 31

opposite of no

32 33 34



5 1 2 19 14 21 10 17 2 29 14 4 5 1 2

24 14 29 32 17 12 8 22 8 5 31 1 14 15 5 1 2

6 3 5 20 2 4 31 26 29 29 17 9 10 11 8 10 15 32

10 3 15 33 31 8 29 29 5 2 3 23 1 32 14 21 3 29 29

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32 14 21 14 6 18 27 28 22 32 5 1 16 10 25 8

1 3 27 2 34 3 16 11 5 14 32 14 21

Jesus told the disciples that He would leave something with them.




Arrange these words in alphabetical order. The second letter of each will form your answer.

- KITTY LLAMA YUMMY YOUNG
- XYLEM MERCY GAUGE JELLY
- BYLAW WHILE ICING NANNY
- PENNY AMAZE EPOXY TIGER
- SWELL UTTER FEAST OVERT

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- The **Diocesan Choir and the St. Rose of Lima Parish Choir** join for a Concert Honoring “*Women of Faith*,” featuring music in honor of the Blessed Mother and a special presentation of the St. Cecilia Mass of Charles Gounod on Friday, **May 10** at 8:00 PM at St. Rose of Lima Church, 2 Bayview Ave., Massapequa. A special “Women of Faith Honor Roll” is being created. Request information at time of ticket purchase: \$15 (\$10 seniors/students) Contact 516-798-4992 X 240 or 516-678-5800 X 504.
- The Music Ministry of Chris Catalano “*Prayer for Evening*” on Friday, **May 10** from 7:30—9:30pm. Come hear these gifted vocalists and instruments give life and expression to the “Voices of Faith” - free will offering. Church of St. Joseph, 39 N. Carll Avenue, Babylon. Bring your friends!
- Continuing the Marian Healing Ministry of Fr. Dennis Kelleher CSsR there will be a healing Mass at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Pkwy, Douglaston, Tuesday, **May 14**, 7PM. For more information call the ICCenter 718-229-8001.
- **Gianna Mass for Couples Struggling with Infertility and Recurrent Miscarriage** On Thursday, **May 16th** at 6:30 p.m., The Gianna Mass will be offered at *St. Catherine of Siena Church*, 411 East 68th Street (between York and First Ave.), Manhattan, for the intentions of those struggling with infertility and pregnancy-related difficulties. Time for veneration of the relics of St. Gianna will be made available. A light wine and cheese reception will follow at which Dr. Anne Nolte from the Gianna Center and additional Creighton fertility care practitioners will be on hand to speak with anyone who is interested. The event is open to the public and all are invited to attend. For more information contact the Diocese of Rockville Centre Respect Life Office at 516-678-5800, ext 626.
- Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday, June 7th** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.
- An invitation to join Frs. John Derasmo, Jim Mannion, Deacon & Mrs. Charles & Marlene Muscarnera on a *Pilgrimage to Sicily and Rome* conducted by NAWAS Tours. 12 days: November 11-22, 2013 (Home before Thanksgiving) Cost: \$3,299 (inclusive of air and land fare plus government taxes and airline fuel surcharges) Visiting: Palermo, Valley of the Temples, Mt. Etna, Agrigento, Siracusa, Taormina, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii and the Eternal City—Rome; Papal Audience, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel. First Class Hotels, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing, Mass as schedule permits, daily morning prayer and more! Contact Fr. Jim Mannion no later than May 31 at The Parish of Saint James, 631-941-4141.
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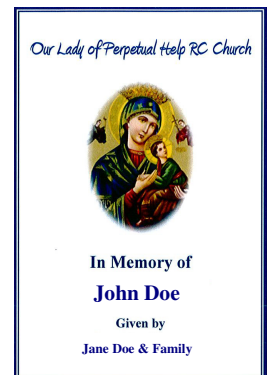
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