

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 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.

LITURGY, PRAYER AND SERVICE

Taize Prayer Around the Cross

On Thursday, April 28, OLPH again prayed Taize Prayer Around the Cross led by our Liturgy Committee and Music Ministry. It was a beautiful evening of meditative music and quiet prayer, all in an atmosphere of beauty and serenity.



New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were installed at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 30:

Jessica Becker, Lynn Bergin, Bernadette Leon and Christopher Sessa. Congratulations and thank you for offering your service! Look for more information about becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in Fall 2016.

First Holy Communions

At the 5:00 p.m., 10 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses last weekend, members of our parish celebrated their First Holy Communions at OLPH. Look for more pictures of First Holy Communions on our Facebook page and in future editions of the bulletin. At the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday were *Stephen Anderson, Marcello Mainini, Prescott McCarthy, Justin Mott, Ethan Taveras and Isabella Wolff*. At the 10:00 a.m. on May 1st were: *Jacob Suib, Aaron Ross, Declan Ryan, Madeline Murphy, Gianna Ladolcetta, Gabrielle Ruhnke, Lisseth Rodriguez*. And, at the 12:00 Mass: *Alexa Berberich, Jade Carvajal, Collin Delzatto, Lily Fischer, Kaitlyn Lund, Lily Malalan*.



PASTOR'S PAGE

Seventh Sunday of Easter

It's the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and we are at a very special time in our liturgical year: we are in the time between the Ascension and Pentecost. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass for this Sunday acknowledges the paradoxical nature that Christ is both with the Father in glory and, at the same time, present among us; the prayer therefore asks that "...we who believe that the Savior of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us." Though the Ascension and "abiding presence" may seem to contradict each other, theologically they are actually different aspects of one and the same reality. Continue to savor these last days of Easter Time as we move closer and closer to the great Solemnity of Pentecost!

Novena to the Holy Spirit

We continue to highlight these nine days from Ascension to Pentecost as we urgently and fervently pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Are you joining in the special prayer times for the Novena to the Holy Spirit? I hope so! Look elsewhere in this bulletin for the schedule of times for the Novena to the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost next Sunday, and the great Vigil of Pentecost

Next Sunday we celebrate the beautiful Solemnity of Pentecost. At the conclusion of that day, Easter Time ends and we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. (Look for the change in our liturgical environment!) At Pentecost we commemorate three interconnected realities: the gift of the Holy Spirit being given to the Apostles; the beginnings of the Church; and the start of the Church's mission to all peoples and nations.

The Church encourages all parishes to celebrate a special Mass as a **Vigil of Pentecost**. The character of this **Pentecost Vigil** is not baptismal in nature, as is the Easter Vigil, but rather its focus is one of urgent prayer, after the example of the Apostles and disciples, who persevered together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as they awaited the Holy Spirit.

The 5:00 p.m. Mass this coming Saturday, May 14, will be a special celebration of the Pentecost Vigil. This is one of the major liturgical events which takes place in the life of our parish, and those who participate in the beauty and solemnity of these parish "principal" or "major event" liturgies always come away deeply spiritually enriched and uplifted. **Therefore, I ask you to make every effort to attend our special Pentecost Vigil on Saturday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Mass will feature several special aspects. Our Entrance Procession will express the richness of our sacramental life as we include all the liturgical

ministers, and as we also include parishioners who have celebrated sacraments over the past year. We will celebrate a special Vigil of Readings that includes four Old Testament readings. We will also celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** with those who are completing their initiation into the Catholic Church.

It promises to be an uplifting, grace-filled liturgy where, in the words of the invitation which will be prayed at the beginning of the Mass, we will "meditate on how many great deeds God in times past did for his people" and during which we will "pray that the Holy Spirit, whom the Father sent as the first fruits for those who believe, may bring to perfection his work in the world."

We look forward to seeing you at the 5:00 p.m. Mass this coming Saturday, so that, "*by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit, the light of [God's] light may confirm the hearts of those born again by grace*" (taken from the Collect of the Vigil Mass).

Mass for all First Communicants next Sunday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Then, on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, we are celebrating all our First Communicants. We are inviting them to wear their First Communion attire to the Mass and we will welcome them and pray for them in a special way. All First Communicants and their families are asked to attend. They should be sure to stop in with one of the "shepherds" at the entrances to the church to pick up special name tags.

Happy Mother's Day!

Allow me to take this opportunity to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers! What a blessed vocation it is, that of motherhood, and we all owe so much to our mothers who gave us life and who nurtured us so lovingly. We thank all mothers for the sacrifices they make and for the love they demonstrate in big ways and small. In addition, let's remember in prayer those who might find today difficult — those who are still grieving the loss of their mother, those mothers who are grieving the loss of a child, and those women who are having difficulty in becoming, or are unable to become, mothers. In all things, joyful and sorrowful, let us look to our Blessed Mother who is our model of faith and who constantly intercedes for us and prays for us.

Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass

We have been running the ad about our annual Parish Wedding Anniversaries Mass on Friday, May 20; it's our way of celebrating and supporting the Sacrament of Marriage. I hope you took note of the announcement. We invite couples celebrating an anniver-

sary "on the fives" (5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc.) and all couples married 50 years or any year more (51, 52, etc.) to a special Mass and parish reception. If this applies to you, I hope you have responded. If it applies to you and you have not yet responded, do so now and make sure you get in on it! It's always such a great time!

Combined Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council Annual Meeting

On Tuesday night of this week, the Pastoral Staff and the Pastoral Council will be getting together for our annual combined meeting, which will be preceded by prayer and dinner together. Given the high priority I place on input from these two important leadership groups, I consider this to be one of the most important meetings of the year. The change in our Mass schedule came out of last year's meeting! This year's agenda will include continued review of where the parish has been over the past year, and where it needs to be headed in the year ahead; we will also discuss various strengths and weaknesses of our current ministries and programs. Please pray for the members of the Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council on Tuesday, asking that the Holy Spirit will guide our deliberations for the continued good of the entire parish.

Opportunities to become involved in ministries and in service to others

Many times people will tell me that they are looking to become involved in something in the parish, but they don't know what to do. My response is always, "Have you read the bulletin?" We are always publicizing numerous ways to be involved in many different areas of parish life. Here are three new opportunities that are now presenting themselves:

- **Banner Carriers:** We are looking for people to become banner carriers when processional banners are used at special Masses. 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. Look for more information in the special announcement elsewhere in this bulletin.

- **Childcare Ministry:** A parishioner, Colleen Moran, has come up with an idea for a possible new ministry, that of offering childcare (babysitting) to parents when special parish events are taking place. This would afford parents of young children the opportunity to have childcare available so they could attend the event. See the separate ad for this elsewhere in the bulletin and respond to Colleen if you would be interested in helping out and working on this in some capacity as part of a team.

- **Ministry to the Unemployed:** A parishioner came to me with the desire to begin a support group for those who are unemployed. We all know how losing one's job is a terrible blow and how it brings all sorts of uncertainty and disorientation. It might be helpful to have a support group here in the parish so that those who are dealing with this can come together to support and encourage one another; the group could even act as a place to share ideas and resources. If you would be interested in being part of such a group, especially if you would be interested in helping to coordinate it, please contact me at the rectory or by e-mail at msgrjoe@olph.org.

Those are three great opportunities to get involved here at OLPH! Consider building up the life of the parish and serving others if you have strengths or talents that would be helpful to those endeavors, and pass the word along to others.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

I encourage all parishioners to attend the special pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. which is being run by the diocese this September in celebration of the Year of Mercy. Details are in the ad elsewhere in the bulletin. If you have been to the Basilica before, you know how beautiful it is and it's well-worth going again. If you have never been there before, you are in for a treat. Check out the information and be sure to join in what is sure to be a spiritually-uplifting and rewarding day this coming September.

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,





VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Saturday, May 14, 2016

5:00 p.m. Mass—Church

The Church encourages parishes to celebrate a **special Mass as a Vigil of Pentecost.**

- Entrance Procession highlighting the gifts of different ministries and the sacraments.
- A special Vigil of Readings
- The Sacrament of Confirmation

Come and feel the fire of the Holy Spirit!

Come and feel the breath of the Holy Spirit!

Come and celebrate Easter Time coming to fruition!



ORDINATION OF ROBERT BECKER TO THE ORDER OF DEACON

Please join us as our parish proudly and joyfully celebrates the ordination of our own Robert Becker to the Order of Deacon. Deacon Robert will serve as a Deacon for the first time, and will preach the Homily, at the **5:00 p.m.**

Mass on Saturday, May 28. Hospitality will follow the Mass, and there everyone will have the opportunity to congratulate Deacon Robert and his family in person on this wonderful occasion. Please plan on joining us at this special Mass and at the parish reception afterwards.

In addition, the Ordination itself, presided over by Bishop William Murphy, will be celebrated that Saturday morning, May 28, at 11:00 a.m. Mass in St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. As a diocesan event, all are invited to participate. Ordination is truly a beautiful and inspiring liturgy, and it is always such a joyous occasion. Consider attending that Mass as well to support, celebrate with and pray for soon-to-be Deacon Robert!



*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-fourth section of the document in this week's edition of the bulletin.

24. My thoughts now turn to the Mother of Mercy. May the sweetness of her countenance watch over us in this Holy Year, so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God's tenderness. No one has penetrated the profound mystery of the incarnation like Mary. Her entire life was patterned after the presence of mercy made flesh. The Mother of the Crucified and Risen One has entered the sanctuary of divine mercy because she participated intimately in the mystery of His love.

Chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God, Mary, from the outset, was prepared by the love of God to be the *Ark of the Covenant* between God and man. She treasured divine mercy in her heart in perfect harmony with her Son Jesus. Her hymn of praise, sung at the threshold of the home of Elizabeth, was dedicated to the mercy of God which extends from “generation to generation” (*Luke 1:50*). We too were included in those prophetic words of the Virgin Mary. This will be a source of comfort and strength to us as we cross the threshold of the Holy Year to experience the fruits of divine mercy.

At the foot of the Cross, Mary, together with John, the disciple of love, witnessed the words of forgiveness spoken by Jesus. This supreme expression of mercy towards those who crucified him show us the point to which the mercy of God can reach. Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception. Let us address her in the words of the *Salve Regina*, a prayer ever ancient and ever new, so that she may never tire of turning her merciful eyes upon us, and make us worthy to contemplate the face of mercy, her Son Jesus.

Our prayer also extends to the saints and blessed ones who made divine mercy their mission in life. I think especially of the great apostle of mercy, Saint Faustina Kowalska. May she, who was called to enter the depths of divine mercy, intercede for us and obtain for us the grace of living and walking always according to the mercy of God and with an unwavering trust in his love.

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.

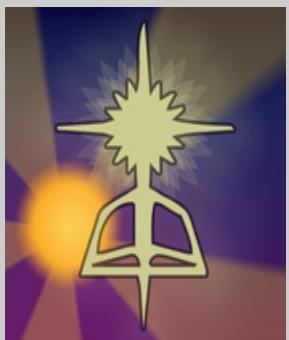
REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

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.

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 Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

On Monday, May 9—

May Crowning will replace usual Devotions.

Monday, May 16—7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 23—7:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

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)



**May Crowning
This Monday,
May 9th at 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.

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 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.



NOVENA TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT

THE LEGION OF MARY ACIES

"I am all yours, My Queen, My Mother,
and all that I have is yours."



Sunday, May 22,

All active and auxiliary members and guests are invited to attend the Acies ceremony to be held at:

**The Montfort Spiritual Center
26 South Saxon Ave.
Bay Shore, N.Y. 11706
631-666-7500**

The Acies is a sacred and solemn ceremony in which members of the Legion of Mary individually and collectively renew their consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Acies will take place during the 3:00 p.m. Mass – everyone is invited

Driving Directions from Lindenhurst:

Sunrise Highway East (Route 17 East) to Exit 44
Continue on the Service Road .8 mi, to the 1st light,
turn right onto Saxon Ave.
Go 1 mile to Montfort Spiritual Center

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL USHERS

All parish Ushers are asked to attend ONE (1) of the upcoming meetings for Ushers: **Monday, May 23, at 7:45 p.m. OR Tuesday, May 24 at 2:30 p.m.** Both meetings will be in the church. This mandatory meeting will include time for prayer and time to address important business items. All Ushers are required to attend as part of your ongoing formation as a liturgical minister. If you cannot attend, please inform Mike Williams of the reason. Thank you.

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!

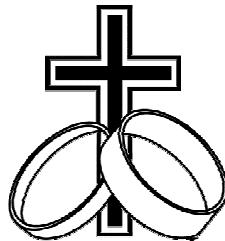


OLPH CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!!!

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

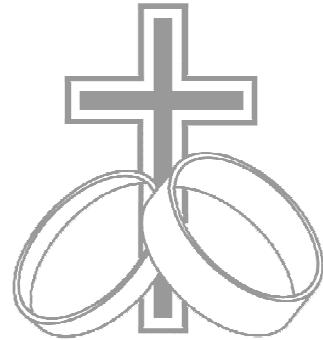
with Renewal of Your Wedding Vows

Followed by a Reception in our School Gym

Invite your immediate family members as well! They are welcome!



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 _____ @ _____

Attending Reception: # of Adults _____ # of Children _____

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 16.

Questions? Call the Rectory for more information.

2016 VACATION BIBLE CAMP



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

**OFFERERS
NEEDED
TOO!**

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

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

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

Vacation Bible Camp NEEDS YOU!

We are in need of the following supplies for this year's Vacation Bible Camp. Can you help us out?

Flickerlights (1 per camper)

Flameless pillar candles (2-3)

Gift card to Joanne's/Michael's craft

Large blue tarp

Lantern flashlights (6)

store

One-pound boxes of corn starch (24 needed!)

Rope lights

Beach towels

Spray bottles (3)

If you're able to help, please drop them off at the Parish Office ASAP!

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY



The OLPH Childcare Ministry is seeking to offer on site babysitting for parish events so that families with young children may participate more fully in the life of the Church!

If you are interested in offering yourself as a babysitter or as a teen helper or have any questions, please contact Colleen Moran at cmmoran021@gmail.com. Please indicate whether or not you are VIRTUS trained.

Childcare Ministry



"Let the little children come to me" Mt. 19:14

YOUTH MINISTRY



Join The Columbian Squires!

Help The Community!



As Columbian Squires, we help the community in any way possible! Recent outings include assisting the Van Ministry make sandwiches, assisting the 5th Sunday Breakfast at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church, or simply representing the Columbian Squire circle at a neighboring parish.

Fundraisers!

Columbian Squires often seeks to raise money for organizations or individuals in need. Squire sponsored events always are enjoyable by adults and children alike! Sponsored events include our annual BBQ in the summer and our Sweetheart's Dance in the winter!

Work as a Team!

With the guidance of our volunteering counselors, we learn to meet our goals of service and fundraising by working as a team. Working as a team helps to create friendships, and definitely provides a greater experience as a Squire and beyond.

**American
Legion Hall**
80 Herbert Ave
Lindenhurst, NY 11757
**Meetings the
2nd & 4th Monday
of every month!
Ages 10 - 17 yrs**

Chief Counselor Tom Romano 631-561-7052
E-mail Addresses: Tom Romano: tomonli@aol.com
Chief Squire Conor Gracey: conorbgacey@gmail.com



**Knights of Columbus
S Q U I R E S**
Youth Organization



Calling All Boys & Girls

(Ages 10 through 17)

DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH?

The Junior Legion of Mary is a perfect blend of prayer and works that will lead you to a moral life, and you will have fun doing it. Some of the works we are currently involved with is the May crowning of the Blessed Mother, helping serve at the Community Meals, making rosaries, visiting nursing homes, sending cards to our military, just to name a few.

The word Legion means army. The Legion of Mary is our Blessed Mother's army. Our ammunition is the rosary and the Miraculous Medal.

There is no obligation to join. *Come to a meeting held in Room 24 of the School at 1:30 p.m. on any Sunday* and see what it is all about. There will be two members of the Senior Legion of Mary present at all meetings. Refreshments will be served.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

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

- The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112

The *Friends of Music* is an initiative to help support the music ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Through the generosity of our *Friends*, we are able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. Please consider supporting the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for the 2016 season.

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

- St. Cecilia (\$200 and above)
- St. Gregory the Great (\$100 to \$199)
- St. Augustine (\$50 to \$99)
- St. Ambrose (\$25 to \$49)
- Cherubim (up to \$24)

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

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

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

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Ferraro at cferraro@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210. Thank you for your support of our Music Ministry.



As of May 2, 2016

St. Cecilia

- Anonymous
- Joan Baffa, *In honor of the extended members of the Baffa Family*
- Douglas and Carol Bertolino, *In loving memory of Cecelia Bankovich*
- Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, *In loving memory of Marcy & Bill DeGrocco*
- Christopher and Cathy Ferraro
- Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton, *In loving memory of Richard and Catherine Liston Hamilton*
- Lawrence and Sheila Lanza
- Anthony and Francis Pellarin
- Joseph and Marie Powers, *In thanksgiving*
- Peter and Grace Tapanis
- Annette Walsh, *In honor of Msgr. Joe DeGrocco*
- Annette Walsh, *In honor of Kevin Walsh and all who cannot speak for themselves*

St. Gregory the Great

- Anonymous
- Mary Ellen and David Barrett, *In loving memory of Ryan Barrett*
- Charles and Barbara Ferraro, *In honor of Grace and Sarah Ferraro*
- Mrs. Joan Hosey, *In memory and honor of Philip Hosey*
- James Kendall, *In memory of Ann Kendall*
- Janina Soroka, *In memory of John Soroka and Anthony and Maria Jankowsky*

St. Augustine

- Anonymous
- Ottmar and Theresia Keller, *Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Keller and Mr. and Mrs. Max Gehrlein*
- Patricia and Michael Little, *In loving memory of Jane Doyle Gustafson*

St. Ambrose

- Anonymous, *In loving memory of William Dow*
- Mr. and Mrs. Corazon F. Andres, *In loving memory of Corazon P. Bareng*
- Patricia M. Dow and Family, *In memory of William R. Dow*
- Martin Gibbs, *In honor of my sister Valerie Singh*
- Richard and Maryann Haas, *In loving memory of Margaret Grillo*
- Rose Mourdoukoutas, *In honor of Valerie Singh*

Cherubim

- Angela G. Zoccali, *In loving memory of Angela DelBianco*

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioosed@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

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

A REMINDER THAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL MAY 31ST.

AFTER MAY 31ST, ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL INCUR A \$25 LATE FEE, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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. You must bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate.

Tuition:

Non-refundable and 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

Join us for food, faith, and fellowship on May 18th at 6:30 p.m. This event will feature Msgr. Jim Vlaun as a guest speaker. Please RSVP by May 11th!



Catechetical Congress

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

IMPORTANT DATES

IMPORTANT: First Communion Rehearsal

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

First Communion Mass

Saturday, May 14th at 10:15 a.m.

Mass For All First Communicants:

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH, 10:00 a.m.

All Communicants are invited to attend Mass in their Communion attire. A reception will follow!

UPCOMING PARENT MEETING:

Level 7 moving to Level 8

Tues, May 31st at 10:00 a.m. **OR** at 7:30 p.m.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cffr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Caroline Grogan— 631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net—Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell— 631.252.5494

Join us June 5 for the First Annual



Immediately following the 12:00 p.m. Mass
come watch your priests and fellow
parishioners as they walk the runway!

- Learn about the many ministries of OLPH
- Enjoy complimentary tea & cookies
- Door prizes, Raffles & 50/50

All Fashions provided by **THE bluedoor BOUTIQUE**

Please RSVP to thebluedoor@oloph.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the Room 24 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.

This week we celebrated the feast of the Ascension to remind us that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.

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!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY Happenings

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, 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.

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 15th.
 Come and pray 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**

IN NEED

OF 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.

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



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



**FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY 'S
1ST ANNUAL
VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Honoring all who Serve(D)

Sunday, May 29, 2016
11:00 a.m.
OLPH School Cafeteria

Please RSVP by May 22nd to Angela 516-445-9635
or Rose 631-226-7759 or email us at familylife@oloph.org



FAITH FORMATION



Do you know someone who wants to be baptized?

Do you want to be baptized?

Do you want to become part of the Catholic Church?

Interested? Want more information?

Please contact Alice White at 631.805.2133 or e-mail her at Alicem9@icloud.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

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

If you are a baptized Catholic interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net at the Parish Office.

OFFERERS NEEDED

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

For more information about working with adults in the RCIA process, contact Rita Pugh at 631.991.769 or e-mail to ritapugh351@yahoo.com. For information about working with children seeking baptism or full initiation, contact Joann Domanico at lax1618@yahoo.com.

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 alas sección 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: lane-gra628@yahoo.com.

Preparándonos para las lecturas del domingo 15 de Mayo del 2016

Día de Pentecostés y la venida del Espíritu Santo: el nacimiento de la Iglesia.

9 días en ayuna y oración estuvieron los apóstoles en el aposento alto con María Esperando la promesa de Jesús. Preparémonos porque la promesa también es para nosotros hoy.

Pido que el Dios de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre glorioso, les dé el Espíritu de sabiduría y de revelación, para que lo conozcan mejor. Efesios 7:17

Primera lectura (Hechos de los apóstoles 2:1-11)

Ruido ensordecedor, fuerte tormenta, fuego, diferentes lenguas... han sido símbolos tradicionales para describir el primer Pentecostés cristiano. Estos símbolos nos hablan con fuerza de que algo totalmente nuevo está brotando. El Espíritu poderoso de Dios está irrumpiendo en el mundo para unir a la humanidad dividida en una nueva comunidad, donde haya lugar para todos.

Segunda lectura (1 Corintio 12:3-7, 12-13)

Cualquier cosa buena que tengamos, cualquier don que Dios nos ha dado, todo proviene del Espíritu que obra en nosotros. Por encima de nuestros diferentes talentos, tareas y responsabilidades, el Espíritu nos une en el Cuerpo de Cristo, formando una comunidad de fe, esperanza y amor.

Proclamación del Santo Evangelio (San Juan 20:19-23)

El Espíritu Santo completa la obra de Cristo en nosotros, y, a través de nosotros, en el mundo. Al igual que los apóstoles, también nosotros hemos recibido el mandato de romper y abandonar nuestros muros cercados y llevar sanación y paz al mundo.

Dios establece un nuevo pacto con su pueblo a través de su Hijo Jesucristo y mediante el poder del Espíritu Santo los creyentes recibimos su ley en nuestros corazones, y ese deseo de hacer su voluntad. (Hebreos 10:15-16). En esta fiesta también se conmemora el inicio de la siega o cosecha y se dedicaban los primeros frutos de la cosecha de trigo y estos que se convirtieron al Cristianismo en este día eran los primeros frutos de una gran cosecha de almas.

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:

Kevin Tims & Erin VanDriessche

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



Kaylee Charlotte Bores
Dylan Sean Forde
Greyson Timothy Gordan
Gibson Michael Kelly
Dylan Daniel Lemmermann
Gavin Tyler Marciano
Matthew Winiarz

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:

Kelly Hildemann
Anthony Persico
Phyllis Morici

"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of
May 8-15:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Jean Romano
Requested by
John & Donna Romano

Altar Candle Oil

In Memory of
Arvo Podrang
Requested by
Your Loving Wife & Children

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Robert Fitzgerald	Donna Logan
Carol Gilroy	Haley Kerwin
Dolores & Herb Otten	John Tortorelli
Laura Fischer	Annette Horning
Florence Loiacono	Jane McGrath
Ron Starke	Ann Guinee
Dolores Barone	Margaret Mattei
Richard Cito	Mary Meehan
Salvatore Rizzolo	John Consiglio
Joseph Gravano	Little Tessa Alfiero
Michael Marchetti	Darlene Castrogeovanni
Debra Glenn	Denise Castrogeovanni
Samuel Leon	Vinny Porsella
Gerard Ferraro	Carol Ann Alma
Joe Rutigliano	Rob Cammaratta

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.

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.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, May 9—
Easter Weekday

6:30	Mother's Day Novena
12:15	Lucretia & Dominick Colucci & Family
7:00	May Crowning (<i>Replaces usual Devotions</i>)

TUESDAY, May 10—
Easter Weekday
(Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest)

6:30	Giuseppe Rinaudo
12:15	Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, May 11—
Easter Weekday

6:30	Mother's Day Novena
12:15	Lee & Abbott Families
12:45	Exposition

THURSDAY, May 12—
Easter Weekday
(Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr)

6:30	Peter Giordano
12:15	Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, May 13—
Easter Weekday
(Our Lady of Fatima)

6:30	Mother's Day Novena
12:15	James McCowan, Jr.

SATURDAY, May 14—
Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:00	Mother's Day Novena
10:15	First Communion

4:00 – 4:45	Confessions
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**Vigil for
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

5:00	Kathleen Farrell
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**Sunday, May 15
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

8:00	Jose Zulueta
10:00	For the People of the Parish
12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild
5:00	Mother's Day Novena

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 9, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry Prep	Room 9
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
4:30 p.m.	Communion Rehearsal	Church
6:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	May Crowning	Church/lawn

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
4:15 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff/Pastoral Council Meeting	St. Lucy
7:00 p.m.	Scouts Future Planning	Room 15
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 9
7:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation: Spirituality Summit	Montfort Spiritual Center

Thursday, May 12, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Homeless Van Ministry Prep	Room 9
2:00 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:15 p.m.	New Altar Server Training	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Parent Baptismal Prep Class	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Community Meal Planning	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, May 13, 2016

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

Saturday, May 14, 2016

10:00 a.m.	First Holy Communion	Church
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Pentecost Vigil Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, May 15, 2016

10:00 a.m.	First Communicants at Mass	Church
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:30 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
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
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Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrijoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@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 Alice White at 631-805-2133 or e-mail at Alicem9@icloud.com 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 Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork
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 30/MAY 1, 2016

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	436	168	\$3,638.00
8:00 a.m.	300	126	3,696.00
10:00 a.m.	564	127	2,950.00
12:00 pm.	625	133	3,675.00
5:00 p.m.	214	42	1,666.50
Total coin:			16.59
Mail-ins:			617.50
Children's Env.		18	49.40
Faith Direct			1,942.23
TOTAL	2,139	614	\$18,251.22
2015 total	2,063	650	\$17,812.61
Candles			\$956.41
Poor Box			\$183.95
Catholic Elem			\$1,667.00



Are you starting to plan your summer vacations? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NY286. Your gifts through Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances through the busy (but beautiful) summer months.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

God Bless You,

**Easter Total for 2016:
\$73,692.57**

Easter Total for 2015:
\$71,156.00



TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

*Ms. Melissa Nevins & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Sean Radie
 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur McAnany
 Mr. & Mrs. Jason Munsey & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. James Kubik & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. William & Nicole Miller
 Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Buglione
 Mr. Anthony Amador & Ms. Christine Delano
 Mr. & Mrs. Manlio Lora
 Ms. Rachel Marie Matos & Family
 Mr. Leonard Ausilio & Ms. Kelly Iacono & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Francis Donohue & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Calabrese & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Matthews & Family
 Ms. Jessie Maria Nelson
 Mr. Gregory Santo & Ms. Mary Puleo
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Allocca & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. David Jones & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fraccalvier & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Erick Tarnok*

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, May 15, 2016—Pentecost Sunday

“Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:3-4a

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

“Pentecost” was the Greek name for the Jewish “Feast of Weeks” that celebrated God’s giving of the Law to Moses on Sinai. The Apostles had just bid farewell to Jesus at the Ascension but now, after praying for nine days in what was the first novena, Jesus’ promise to send them “another advocate” is fulfilled with the Spirit’s sudden arrival. The Spirit comes as a rushing, violent wind that shakes the house and makes their hearts tremble, yet emboldens them to take to the streets to proclaim the wondrous good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection. The people in the streets are from many nations yet each one hears this good news in their own language and in their hearts. The message to us is clear: despite our differences, we are one in God’s Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 (or: Romans 8:8-17)

Today’s message of unity is continued in the letter from Paul to the Corinthians. Paul acknowledges our differences: we possess different spiritual gifts, engage in various forms of service, and are occupied in a variety of activities. All are good. But these differences don’t negate our oneness because all our ministries are inspired and guided by God. God’s Spirit takes possession of us, says Paul, not for our own benefit, but for the benefit of all. Each of us serves the community.

John 20:19-23 (or: John 14:15-16, 23b-26)

Jesus offers “peace” not once, but twice, to the disciples who have hidden themselves behind the locked doors of the house where they had gathered. They were afraid, and with good reason since the authorities had just crucified Jesus. But when Jesus comes to them, he offers the one antidote to this fear that the world cannot give – a unique peace, one that surpasses all understanding. Just as the creator God had breathed on Adam to give him life, so too does Jesus breathe on the Apostles and give them the Spirit which is new life. As Jesus imparts the Spirit, he also bestows the power to forgive sins. The Risen Lord has not only wished them peace, he has also shared the surest way to sustain it.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, May 9, 2016:

Acts 19:1-8 + John 16:29-33

Friday, May 13, 2016:

Acts 25:13b-21 + John 21:15-19

Tuesday, May 10, 2016:

Acts 20:17-27 + John 17:1-11a

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Acts 1:15-17 + John 15:9-17

Wednesday, May 11, 2016:

Acts 20:28-38 + John 17:11b-19

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Acts 2:1-11

+ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

+ John 20:19-23

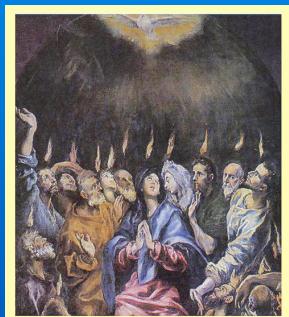
Thursday, May 12, 2016:
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 + John 17:20-26

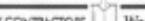
Gospel Reflection Questions....

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. Compare God breathing life into Adam and Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit into the disciples. What is the significance for you? The disciples’ first task after receiving the Holy Spirit was to forgive sins. What impact does forgiveness of sin have on peace?

2. “ ... when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, ... ” How were the disciples different after the Spirit’s arrival? In your own life do you tend to see the Holy Spirit as dynamic and constant or only occasional? Rate your awareness on a scale of 1 to 10 about your belief in the Holy Spirit being your constant companion. Are you different when you are confident that the Spirit is with you? Explain.



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