

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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July 29, 2012 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcome to our Parish!

Our parish Church is here for you physically and pastorally. Our Church building is open everyday from 7:30 AM until approximately 8 PM on most evenings. Come for Mass or some quiet time whenever you can. You are most welcome here.

If you are new to our parish, please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 so we can welcome you and help you to join our community.

CLERGY

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

Rev. Mr. Frank A. Odin + Rev. Mr. William Crosby
Rev. Mr. Douglas G. Smith

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

Monday— Friday: 9 am - 12 noon and 1-5 pm
(Please note: We are now open on Monday mornings.)

**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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 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., and 6:30 (Mass in Polish).

Masses for Holy Days are as announced and published.

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: 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the Reparation of
Souls *(Resumes in the Fall)*

First Saturday: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. *(Please note
change in time.)*

DEVOTIONS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday Evenings: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual
Help - 7:30 P.M.

First Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima Devotion - 7:40
a.m. before the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Rosary: Every weekday morning at 8:30 a.m.

OREMOS A DIOS EN ESPAÑOL

The Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group meets every
Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sundays: 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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.

P A R I S H S T A F F

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR ADMINISTRATION
Deacon Donald A. Stamm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 226-2384

260 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

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SPECIAL MINISTRIES

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272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

President: Joseph Illuminato

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, JULY 30—St. Peter Chrysologus,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Optional)**

8:00 Ann McCowan

12:00 Joseph Piazza

7:00 Robert Knapp

**TUESDAY, JULY 31 - St. Ignatius Loyola,
Priest**

8:00 Millie Castellano

12:00 Joseph and Anne Sizigray

7:00 Mary C. Bradley

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1—St. Alphonsus
Ligouri, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 Hedwig M. & John E. Yuliano

12:00 John Ippolito

7:00 June McDermott

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 2—St. Eusebiua of
Vercelli, Bishop, St. Peter Julian Eymard,
Priest (Optional)**

8:00 Charles A. Murphy

12:00 Imelda Thomas

7:00 Christopher Moran

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 3—Friday of the 17th
Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 John Tubman

12:00 Domenico Antonacci

7:00 Lawrence M. Burnett

**SATURDAY: AUGUST 4—St. John Vianney,
Priest**

8:00 Paul Frank Giglio

9:00 Rafael F. Rajo

VIGIL MASS –

5:00 Louis Crioco

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5—18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

6:30 The Living and Deceased Members of
the Nocturnal Adoration Society

8:00 Respect Life

9:30 Rosa Sancilio

11:00 Book of the Faithful Departed

12:30 Mass for the People of the Parish

5:00 Tree of Life

6:30 Mass in Polish

Altar Bread and Wine

The bread and wine used at our Masses during this week, July 29—August 4, is offered in loving memory of

Reginald T. Sowinski

requested by Anne Sowinski.

To memorialize the altar bread and wine for a particular week, please contact the parish office at 631.226.7725.

PLEASE NOTE!

Beginning with this Sunday's bulletin, we will publish the Mass intentions from **Monday to Sunday of each week**. This will allow you to know the Intentions for the upcoming Sunday when you read the bulletin.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A new look!

So, how do you like the new look to our bulletin? Thanks must go to Fr. John and Carmel Becker for all their great work on streamlining and making design changes; I am extremely grateful for the time and effort they have put into this. We think the overall look is more eye-catching and easier to read. There will most likely continue to be some tweaks and improvements in the weeks ahead, so keep watch!

Related to this is the design and updating of our website, which will be done over the course of the upcoming weeks as well. In this age of internet communication, it is vital that our website be as attractive, informative and interactive as possible.

Bulletins:

only for the way out, not the way in!

Speaking of the weekly bulletin, I am asking that it no longer be available before Mass begins. Bulletins will be given out at the end of Mass as you exit, but then leftovers will be collected and will not be available before the next Mass begins. Since they are not meant to be read during Mass, they are not needed until the end of Mass. Bulletins will, however, continue to be available during the week; they will be left out after the last Mass on the weekend and available in their usual places throughout the Church on weekdays. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

A happening place...

...with the right attitude

I am hope-filled and excited about the direction we are taking for the future. There are some attitudes that I think it's helpful for all of us to keep in mind. For example, you'll notice that I end every column with the tag lines (the same way I ended my introduction to you when I spoke at all the Masses my first weekend here): *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.* To me, those are more than just words; they express the communal spirituality and sense of common good that we must all strive for.

In short, it's important that we "raise the bar," as the saying goes, and set a high standard for one another. Another favorite saying of mine is, "*Good enough*" is never good enough. We should never settle for anything but the best, the most dignified, and the most capable. Together, we are going to get everyone talking about OLPH as "the place to be," the parish that is rec-

ognized as a model parish because of its ministries, its involvement of the parishioners, its financial success, and, most importantly, its manifestation of Jesus Christ in our midst through our worship and prayerfulness. Together, we can do that.

A vision...

Toward that end, we are doing something unusual this week: we are printing my homily from this past weekend. Normally, I don't believe in doing this, but this week is an exception. The Scripture readings lent themselves to a reflection on our life together as Church, and I thought it might be helpful for everyone, not just those who were at Masses at which I presided, to know of the vision and direction we hope to achieve at OLPH. It presents the idea of our parish as being more than just a "service provider" and challenges all of us to reflect on our role within the community. (See pages 10 and 11 in this week's bulletin.)

It takes time...

Of course, all of this takes time. Some small changes have begun where possible, and some of those are just interim adjustments until we can review things and permanently put things in place. Some changes, such as changes in our liturgical procedures, require consultation among a larger group of people and therefore will take longer to achieve. There's a lot we want to do. I am in the process of reactivating our Finance Committee; I am in the very, very early stages of exploring the possibility of increasing our parish revenue through leasing space in our Convent building; in the past there have not been Pastoral Staff meetings, and we are starting those up this coming week; we are in the initial discussion stage of implementing a Ministry of Consolation to enhance our celebration of Funeral Masses; and over the next weeks we will give a concerted effort to increasing our number of Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Liturgical Ministries

So, along those lines, you'll be reading and hearing about a push for more liturgical ministers, especially Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Seriously consider and pray about stepping forward to serve in one of those ministries. Remember that it's a way to OFFER yourself as part of your CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP, because we are all called to give of ourselves in some way for the common good of the life of the parish.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

You may have noticed from the bulletin each week that we are way under our goal for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. At this time, I simply urge everyone who has made a pledge to continue to make your monthly payments, and I offer a heart-felt thank you to those who have made pledges or one-time payments. If you have not made a pledge or a payment, it is not too late to do so for the 2012 Appeal. The Appeal not only supports many ministries in the diocese, but it helps the financial health of our parish through the rebate process whereby we receive a portion of the monies raised.

I look forward to giving a renewed emphasis to our parish's participation in next year's 2013 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Liturgy Notes:

Proper Reception of Holy Communion

I must admit that the other priests and I have been surprised by the number of people who receive Holy Communion incorrectly. It's important for all of us to observe the proper liturgical norms. Just as the priest is not free to add, change or omit anything from the Mass (except where the rite itself gives him permission to do so), so too for all who participate in the liturgy. Observing the proper norms for gestures and postures is important for all of us since they express our participation in the celebration of the mystery.

I call your attention to article 42 of *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal*: "The gestures and bodily postures of both the Priest, the Deacon, and the ministers, and also of the people, must be conducive to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity, to making clear the true and full meaning of its different parts, and to fostering the participation of all. Attention must therefore be paid to what is determined by this *General Instruction* and by the traditional practice of the Roman Rite and to what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, **rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice.**

A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them." (emphasis added)

Notice the importance of **avoiding private inclination** and arbitrary choice; the actions of the liturgy are not only about our union with Christ, but also our union with His body, the other members of the assembly. That's why the reception of Holy Communion is not an individual action; part of the meaning of Communion

means our union with others. Our union with and love for Christ is inseparable from our union with and love for our brothers and sisters. We are minimizing the meaning of the action of receiving Holy Communion if we neglect the communal dimension and make it simply a private moment.

The norm established for the Dioceses of the United States of America is that Holy Communion is to be received standing (*GIRM* 160). While no one will ever be denied Communion if they kneel, the norm is clearly that all are to stand. The reception of Holy Communion is not simply a personal act, but also a communal act, done as a member of the body of Christ — it is not an individual action. Thus, the outward sign of unity of bodily posture is an important expression of inward spiritual attitude. If the desired inward spiritual attitude to be cultivated is union with Christ through union with his body and through adherence to the norms of the Church, one might rightly ask the question as to why a different posture that makes one stand apart from the community would be preferred?

Additionally, the proper sign of reverence before receiving Communion is a **bow of the head—not a genuflection**, and not a deep bow (not a bow at the waist). Again, the same principle applies: we have the norm given to us by the Church, which we are not free to change, and which we are to use as a sign of the important inward spiritual attitude of unity and obedience; why would we choose to do otherwise, which only winds up expressing our personal choice and individuality? ***Remember, at liturgy, which Christ's action as a corporate action of the body of Christ, the Church, we always express our relationship with Christ through the words, actions and gestures of the ritual given to us by the Church, and not the ones of our own choosing.***

It is especially important for all those with a liturgical ministry such as readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, ushers and cantors to give good witness by observing the norms of the Church properly. I therefore make a special appeal to all liturgical ministers to be sure they are receiving Holy Communion properly.

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,



SUMMER EVENING PRAYER!

Save the dates...

Summer Evening Prayer

+ Mondays +

August 13 + August 20 + August 27

7:30 P.M.— on the Convent Green

7:00 P.M.— Fun & Faith for the Kids

(in front of the Convent)

Bring your beach chair or a blanket and let's gather together giving thanks and praise to God for the gift of summer! Of course, there will also be food and fellowship for everyone. These will be great nights for you and every member of your family—young and not so young!

Each night, the Church gathers for Evening Prayer to give thanks to God for the day that has passed and to seek God's blessing on the night ahead. At Evening Prayer, we pray with the psalms, hear God's Word and seek God's help in prayer. This year, Msgr. Joe, Fr. Ignace and Fr. John will lead each of the nights. These promise to be fun nights for our entire parish community—especially you!!!!

Interested in helping?? We can use help with sound, planning, decorations, and more. Our next committee meeting will be this Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. (after the 7:00 P.M. Mass). For more information, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org.

We are in the process of forming a...

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

and can use your help!

We are looking for many people to be involved in the transformation of www.olphlindhurst.org. If you have some experience in web design, websites, web news, web whatever...we can use your help! Also, if you like to write, take pictures and video, etc. we can use your help too!

If you're interested or want to find out more information, contact Laura Fischer at itslauraf623@aol.com or Father John at 631.226.7725/jsureau@drvc.org.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

We welcome, give thanks to God and promise to
pray for

Bishop Nelson Perez

&

OLPH's own

Bishop Robert J. Brennan

as they begin their ministry as
Auxiliary Bishops of the
Diocese of Rockville Centre!



MASS WITH BISHOP BRENNAN

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LA MISA CON OBISPO BRENNAN

The Office of Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Rockville Centre invites you to a Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Robert J. Brennan on Sunday, July 29, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. at St. Luke's R.C. Church in Brentwood—266 Wicks Road, Brentwood, NY 11717.

El Oficina de Ministerio Hispanico invitan a celebrar a con nuestro nuevo Obispo Auxiliar Robert J. Brennan en la Misa en Accion de Grascias en el domingo, 29 de Julio de 2012 a las 3:00 de la tarde a la Parroquia San Lucas, 266 Wicks Road, Brentwood, NY 11717.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 30, 2012:

Jeremiah 13:1-11 + Dt 32:18-21 +
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 31, 2012:

Jeremiah 14:17-22 + Psalm 79 +
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, August 1, 2012:

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21 + Psalm 59 +
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday, August 2, 2012:

Jeremiah 18:1-6 + Psalm 146 +
Matthew 13:47—53

Friday, August 3, 2012:

Jeremiah 26:1-9 + Psalm 69 +
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, August 4, 2012:

Jeremiah 26: 11-16, 24 + Psalm 69 +
Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, August 5, 2012

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 + Psalm 78 +
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 + John 6:24-35

PRAYING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Time

*Kenneth C. Kraemer (St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa)
& Keri Ann Chambers (OLPH)*

*Wojciech Kosakowski (St. Stanislaw, Greenpoint)
& Viola Proscio (Our Lady of Assumption,
Copiague)*

First Time

*Matthew Koszubski (St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn)
& Kerri Finn (Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip)*

“Marriage is an act of will that signifies and involves a mutual gift, which unites the spouses and binds them to their eventual souls, with whom they make up a sole family - a domestic church.”
- Blessed John Paul II

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING UPDATE

Our parish’s financial health depends on your generosity! Thank you for your support!

Sunday Collection

July 15, 2012	July 17, 2011
\$16,143	\$17,186
July 8, 2012	July 10, 2011
\$16,743	\$14,305
<i>(corrected total)</i>	

Sunday Attendance

July 22, 2012	July 24, 2011
2,173	2,007

PLEASE REMEMBER: All envelopes must have your account number and offering amount indicated in order for those weekly and special donations to be credited on your account. Please place separate checks in separate envelopes.

WE REMEMBER

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

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

Thomas J. Fitzgerald
Antoinette Faraci
Gail Fischer
Patrick Hughes

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

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

Ernest Kieldanowicz
Cali Grey Tanner
Vanessa Mia Belluomo
Andrew John Bruno
Gavin John Rogovitz

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?*

Psalms 27

We pray for the sick of our parish....

Frank Lent	Frances Eng
Heather Calamia	Segundo Cedeno
Linda Matera	Francesca Galante
Joseph Aliano	Peggy Nixdorf

To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail cbecker@oloph.org.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED!

Proclaiming God's Word...

READERS

Readers prepare and proclaim the Scriptures and the Intercessions at Sunday and daily liturgy. Women and men—from middle school to older adult—are welcome to be involved in this ministry.

For more information, contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker9550@verizon.net.

In considering the Church as “the home of the word”, attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond. Every liturgical action is by its very nature steeped in sacred Scripture.

-Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, 52



Serving the Body of Christ...

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Soon the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be sponsoring training and formation days for women and men interested in being Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Is this a ministry you might be called to?

What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?



- ◆ Participation in Sunday Eucharist
- ◆ Commitment to serve two or three times a month
- ◆ Attendance at a Diocesan Training and parish training
- ◆ Openness to bring Communion to the Sick

If you have other questions or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Barbara McPhail at 631.226-1354 or e-mail to gospa101@aol.com and send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to msgjrjoe@oloph.org

"As ministers of Holy Communion be, therefore, especially observant of the Lord's command to love your neighbor. For when he gave his body as food to his disciples, he said to them: "This is my commandment, that you should love one another as I have loved you." -Rite of Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE!!!

OLPH Religious Education is once again offering a summer course on the **NEW TESTAMENT!** Catechists will receive credit towards BASIC CERTIFICATION through the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

CLASS DATES

New Testament (5 classes)

Wednesday August 15	7:30pm
Saturday August 18	10am
Monday August 20	7pm
Wednesday August 22	7pm
Saturday August 25	10am

Please register for either or both classes by **MONDAY, August 13.**

E-mail to t.acemoglu@gmail.com or call the Religious Education Office at 631-226-2384.



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Our "**Hunger Does Not Take a Vacation**" program concludes this week. Thank you for your tremendous support.

The "**Back-to-School**" Supplies Drive for needy children of our community will begin on Sunday, **August 5th through August 26th.**

Please watch for sales on the following needed items: marble composition notebooks, 2" & 3" three ring binders, Crayola crayons 24 ct., colored magic markers (fat), Crayola fine line markers, hi-liters, dry erase markers, zipper pencil case, small plastic supply box, Fiskar scissors, Elmers bottle glue, glue sticks, colored pencils, subject dividers, laminated colored folders, plastic folders, calculators, small packages of colored construction paper, protractors, rulers 12 inch—inch/centimeters, blue or black erasable pens, post it notes, small pencil enclosed sharpener, tissues, baby wipes, antibacterial liquid soap, Spanish/English dictionaries, multiplication/division flash cards, back packs, lunch boxes. All parishioners are welcome to participate. *(Due to the past generosity to this collection we do not need spiral notebooks, pens & pencils).*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **DESPERATELY** NEEDS VOLUNTEERS—How about you???



Volunteers are need on all levels to teach, assistant teach, and assist with many aspects of the program.

Help is also needed in our Special Education program as well!

PLEASE CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE at 631 226-2384 or e-mail to kdoyle@oloph.org!
631 226-2384

GOOD SHEPHERDING

As Msgr. Joe mentioned in his Pastor's Letter, below is the text of his homily for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

HOMILY FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

July 22, 2012

Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

Today's readings present us with the image of Jesus Christ as **shepherd**, one of the most familiar of all the images of Jesus. But I think we very much need to ask ourselves: what do we understand by this image of shepherd? What kind of a shepherd do we picture? It's necessary for us to explore these questions because the Latin word for shepherd is "*pastor*," and so our image of shepherd will affect our image of the Church and those who have the function of being the shepherds, the leaders, of the Church. It will even affect the way each one of us sees ourselves as Church. Reflect with me on your own understanding of the role of the shepherd.

One way to image a shepherd is as a leader in the sense of a king, and this is very much the Old Testament understanding of a shepherd. Here, the image suggests the **power** of the king: put your confidence in the king, follow him unquestioningly, and he will guide you along right paths and make you lie down in verdant pastures, as our Responsorial Psalm suggests today.

The image of the **shepherd-king** is what the prophet Jeremiah is addressing in today's first reading. Jeremiah is using this image to criticize the kings of Israel. He's saying that the shepherds of his day are not living up to their role of feeding and providing for the flock, and so he insists God will bring his judgment upon them.

The problem comes in when the shepherd-king tries to lead because he lords his *power* over the people. He tries to make everything rest on him because of his position. It creates a mentality of, "*Leave it to the shepherd; it's his job to do it all. All we need do is follow, like obedient sheep.*" Jeremiah, however, says that God will send a *different* shepherd in the future, a *true* shepherd, a "shoot to David."

That different kind of shepherd might be called the **shepherd-teacher**, instead of the shepherd-king. With the *shepherd-teacher*, the image is not so much one of power, but rather, one of **sharer and teacher**, one who seeks to **empower** his sheep. The shepherd-teacher also leads and guides his sheep, as the shepherd-king does, but he does so not through royal domination, but rather through the wisdom of his teaching.

Jesus in today's Gospel is a *shepherd-teacher*. As we heard in our Gospel reading, he saw the vast crowd and "his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." Also notice that at the beginning of this Gospel passage, Jesus invited the apostles to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." In Mark's Gospel, any time Jesus seeks to be alone with the apostles, it's a signal that some special teaching or revelation is about to occur: in this case, it's the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, where Jesus feeds five thousand; that's what comes next in Mark's Gospel. So what does this show us? It shows us that *the shepherd-teacher shares himself, and seeks to hand on a part of himself, feeding his sheep so that they might grow*. Unlike the shepherd-king who wants to keep everything to himself, the shepherd-teacher wants to pass on to others everything he can.

I have to admit, as your Pastor, I have been praying quite a lot this week over this imagery of the shepherd, and also the image of Church that's connected with it, and the type of parish we can be. Unfortunately, many people see the Church in a kind of "us" and "them" way, a kind of "professional-service" model. In that view, parishioners come to the parish to get things from the shepherds — in this case, myself and the other priests here — in much the same way you go anywhere else as a consumer to get what you need. But what a sad view of parish that is! That's not what it's about! I think my role, and the role of all the priests who shepherd

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this parish, is to call forth the gifts and involvement of as many people as possible. Building up the life of the parish is not something that is to be doled out in a sparing way, as though we're afraid of having things go on; rather, working to build up the parish is something that is *everyone's* responsibility. In other words, people should not see their parish as the place to **get**; they should see it as the place to **give**. Then, in true Christian spirit, to borrow from the famous Prayer of St. Francis, *it's in the giving that we receive*. Or, if I may borrow from and paraphrase President John F. Kennedy: "*Ask not what your parish can do for you; ask what you can do for your parish.*"

You know what a great image for all this might be? It's the image of an orchestra, and the relationship between the conductor and the musicians in the orchestra. The conductor is one of the musicians, but she or he steps out to come in front of the orchestra so that all the other musicians can use their own talents to the best of their ability. Without the orchestra, the conductor would be meaningless; without the conductor, the orchestra would be chaos. But in that role, the conductor empowers all the musicians to be the best they can be and — here's the important part — **conducts everyone to work together harmoniously, to produce beautiful music that is greater than what any one musician could produce on his or her own.**

Each and every one of you as a baptized Catholic is one of the "musicians," so to speak, called to make beautiful music with your life by the way you live in Christ and work together with the other "musicians" — other baptized disciples — in this parish to make it come alive with the image and presence of Jesus Christ. My role as Pastor, and the role of the priests as Associate Pastors with me, is to bring out your gifts and talents *as you serve one another. That's what the Christian life is all about.* That's why in my letter in the bulletin a couple of weeks ago I wrote about why I think it's better not to use the word "volunteer" when it comes to stepping forward to offer one's time and talent to the Church. I think "disciple" or "offerer" — one who offers one's life, one's time, one's talent, as a *gift* — is a better word. Then there's the sense that one is not just "helping out" someone else, as good as that is, but that rather, when it comes to Church, one is taking **responsibility and ownership** because one is baptized and called to offer one's life in imitation of Christ. In that sense, there's nothing optional about it; it's what we are all *called* to do.

In the weeks and months ahead we're going to be looking to increase our numbers of ministers and ministries in the parish, opening up all sorts of new opportunities for people to offer themselves to Christ through their service to this community of faith, their brothers and sisters. No one should consider themselves exempt from doing their part, because shepherding the Church and being responsible for its growth is a responsibility that belongs not only to the leaders, the shepherds, but to all baptized Catholics.

And by the way: that image of the conductor and the orchestra, remember that? That applies to Mass as well. Our participation in Mass is not about watching the priest say Mass and you following along, or you watching the priest consecrate bread and wine and then just coming up to receive Holy Communion. You only "follow along" or "watch" when someone else is doing it, but at Mass, *we are all doing it — we are all "doing Eucharist."* We don't "follow along" at Mass, because that's for spectators. At Mass, just like in Christian life and in offering ourselves and our gifts and talents to others, *we are all responsible for doing it, each according to our role and identity in the body of Christ.* We offer ourselves through Christ and with him and in him, and we receive him in Holy Communion as the culmination of our offering ourselves with him. So, you can't just be a "taker" or a "receiver"; you have to be a giver — saying the responses, joining in the singing and doing everything you're supposed to do, including inwardly spiritually offering yourself totally. And you are as responsible for the quality of our worship as I am. I lead, I conduct, but you are as much a player as I am.

As we continue our celebration of the Eucharist this day, may we all be empowered to take responsibility for shepherding the Church, shepherding this parish, each in our own way and according to our own role, so that ultimately, the whole world may see that Christ, the one true shepherd, is truly here and truly alive in each and every one of us.

PARISH HAPPENINGS!!

BOOK OF INTENTIONS

Our parish Book of Intentions, located in the Divine Mercy Chapel (to the left of the sanctuary), has been redesigned to make it easier to use.

Whenever you come to our Church, consider taking some time to write your own prayer intentions in our book. We pray for these intentions each Sunday at Mass. This book is a sign of our community's commitment to pray for and with one another.

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!!!

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY



Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration for Eucharistic Adoration on

FIRST SATURDAYS

from 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

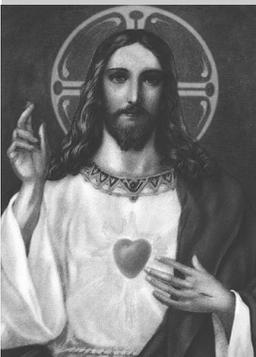
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Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Polish and Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 P.M.

Our next gathering is **NEXT SATURDAY, August 5, 2012 at 8:00 P.M.** in the Church. Schedules for the new year will be distributed .

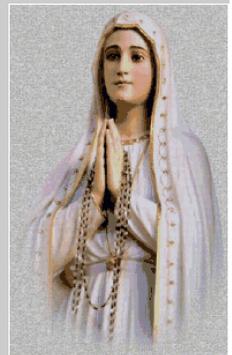
FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Please come and pray with us each First Friday and First Saturday of the month.



First Friday Devotions— in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - will be conducted Friday, August 3rd at 7:45am and after the 12 noon Mass.

First Saturday Devotions in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be conducted Saturday, August 4th beginning with the rosary at 7:40am, Mass at 8am and continued devotion. A continental breakfast will follow in the cafeteria.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Scriptural Reflection:

In the Gospel today, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds expectations: with little he feeds man...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor.

Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten, as you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

WE HELP PEOPLE!

IN THANKSGIVING

Recently, Martin White won the \$1,000 Club Raffle receiving \$100.00 in winnings. Mr. White recently passed away and his son, Joseph, has requested the money be donated back to OLPH!

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Thank You

SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH

On Sunday, **August 12th**, members of our youth ministry will be holding another Car Wash to raised needed funds for the work of this vital ministry in our parish.

Last month, they raised over \$800.00. On August 12th, let's help them raise even more!



The Car Wash will be held after the 8, 9:30, 11 and 12:30 P.M. Masses.

OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

We just finished planning an epic summer for Edge!

If you are going into 6th grade through 8th grade **EDGE** is for you!

The Edge is for **all middle school age kids**—no matter where you go to school—this is the place for you! We meet in the basement of the Convent. Look for the blue door on the south side of the Convent. We meet from 7:30 til 9:00 pm. It's a great place to come, hang out, play great games and learn about our faith. **Just come on down**, no need to sign up!

August 9th—Video/Game Night

August 16—EDGE Olympics

August 30 –End of Summer BBQ!

Email olphedge@gmail.com (best way to reach us) or call 226-6239 if you have any questions call and leave a message for Peggy.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight 7/29- Live the Light

A night of prayer, praise and Eucharistic Adoration in the Convent Chapel.



NEXT WEEK!!! August 3 –5, 2012: Life Teen Lock In - INSANCTITY

\$25 - Sign up today by visiting our website or seeing one of our CORE members.

SAVE THE DATE...next CAR WASH...Sunday, August 12, 2012. See page 10 for more info.

EACH WEEK...Life Teen meets every Sunday at 4pm in the LT office to go over the readings before Mass! All are welcome!

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS...YOU ARE NEEDED AND WANTED! !

Are you in 8th - 12th grade? Looking to meet great people and make a difference in the life of the Church and the world? Come to the Sunday 5 P.M. Mass and our Life Night that starts at 6:15 in the convent basement. We have a group of 25-30 teens each week growing closer to Christ and making tons of friends along the way. Each week we have a different activity and theme, Summer BBQ's, Sports Nights, and a retreat every year. To find out more contact, Brittany Evans, at OLPHlifeteen1@gmail.com !

OFFERERS NEEDED!

Are you an adult interested in leading our teens closer to Christ and being an active part in our community here at OLPH? We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like more information contact Brittany Evans at OLPHLifeteen1@gmail.com or Fr. John at 631.226.7725 /jsureau@drvc.org
For more information about Youth Ministry at OLPH, visit www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com or visit our Facebook page — Search OLPH Life Teen.

Save the date...2nd Annual

OLPH Golf Outing

Monday, September 24th



**Help make
this year's
Golf Outing
another
success!**

**Have a new gift you
would like to donate as
a raffle prize?**

**If so, contact
Bob Dobres
(631.592.8697)
or the Rectory
(631.226.7725) ASAP!**

TAKE NOTE....



ALL MATERIALS FOR BULLETIN PUBLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE THURSDAY A FULL WEEK BEFORE THE DESIRED BULLETIN DATE. This extra time is needed for approvals, editing and proofreading. All approved submissions by approved organizations should be emailed to: cbecker@oloph.org. All materials should be sent as a camera-ready Word document and will be included as space permits.

AROUND OUR DIOCESE!

The Diocese of Rockville Centre

Golden Wedding Celebration

Sunday, September 21, 2012—
St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

Sunday, October 23, 2012—
Christ the King, Commack



For more information contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 to find out more information.

**2012
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**



ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, MANY GIFTS

As stewards, we choose to live our lives in thanksgiving to our generous God. The CMA allows us to share our gifts in many different ways; through prayer, through gifts of time and talent and by sharing our financial resources. More than 550,000 of our sisters and brothers receive support and assistance from funds shared through the CMA each year.

Feeding the hungry, providing religious education for thousands of students, educating our seminarians, deacons, and lay people for service to the Church and her people, housing the homeless, caring for the sick in hospitals and helping people prepare for the Sacraments are among the vital ministries the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports.

OLPH Goal: \$117,900.00

Pledges: \$72,573.00 #of Donors: 317 Payments: \$55,373.00 (62% of Goal)

Under: \$45,327.00

Help us to reach our goal!!!

To make a pledge fill out a pledge card at the back of the Church or go online to <https://www.drvc.org/make-donation.html>

WELCOME TO



Hosted By The Squirrelles Of Mary



When: Saturday, August 4, 2012

7:00 - 11:00 pm

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall
400 South Broadway, Lindenhurst, NY

Cost: \$25 per person

D.J., Buffet Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soda & Dessert
Bring your dancing shoes and dance the night away!

For Tickets Call:

Ann Marie Perullo - 631-225-1165

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Are you ready for a....

DIVINE INTERVENTION

Divine Intervention, hosted by OLPH's own, Msgr. Joe De-Grocco, can be seen on Telecare, the television station of the diocese of Rockville Centre, on the following days and at these times:

Sundays, 10:30 p.m.

Mondays, 1:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays, 8:00 p.m.

And, for the insomniacs, Monday-Saturday,
4:30 a.m.!

Watch on Cablevision Channel 29, Verizon FiOS Channel 296 or watch live at www.telecaretv.org



OLPH's 11th Annual Atlantic City Columbus Day Excursion

SHOWBOAT
ATLANTIC CITY

Monday,
Oct. 8, 2012

\$39 p. p.

(includes tip to driver)



8:30 am departure from the
OLPH High Street School yard.

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

NUMBER OF SEATS _____

Please make checks payable to: OLPH and return to rectory, Attn: Ann Messina no later than *Sept 14th*

COME JOIN US!

Casino package details to be published later.

MAY WE SEE YOUR PHOTOS, PLEASE?



We are in the process of making some style changes to our bulletin and website and would like to form a crew of parish photographers to help us with these and other projects.

Are you good with a camera?

Do you know just the right shot to take?

Are you good at matting and framing photos?

If your answer to any of these is YES— contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org.

DIOCESAN NEWS

- **Gennesaret Retreat** for those facing serious illness...This retreat, designed especially for persons who live with a serious illness is planned for **September 21, 22 and 23** at the Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, NY. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Colette Fanelli—631.665.7052
- Tune into **"RELIGION AND ROCK"** with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7-8 am on **WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM** on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at **11PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion and Rock" go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES.**
- **The Beginning Experience**—weekend of **August 17-19** at the Monfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore, helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning to move forward. Info and reservations call John: 516-822-0635; Jim: 718-474-3779; Karen: 201-736-8200 or email: BeginningExperienceLI@hotmail.com.
- **Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy**—provided by NYS licensed therapists available to our parish and 147 other parishes. Services provided by Catholic Counseling Center. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments: call Dr. Giuliani 631-243-2503 or go to our website: <http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.
- Support the **LIFE CENTER of Long Island** by participating in the **Macy's Shop for a Cause** Fundraiser on **Saturday, August 25, 2012**. A \$5.00 coupon gives you 25% of all in store and online purchases and a chance to win a \$500 Macy's Gift Card. To purchase your coupon, contact Catherine at 631.243.2373 or e-mail to Margie@lifecenterli.org



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