

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

210 South Wellwood Avenue + Lindenhurst, New York 11757 +
Telephone: 631-226-7725 + Fax: 631-225-9597 + www.olphlindenhurst.org

August 12, 2012 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

Our parish Church is here for you physically and pastorally. Our Church building is open every day 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 - 5 pm

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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.

PARISH STAFF

Pastoral Associate for Administration

Deacon Donald A. Stamm

Religious Education - 226-2384

260 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

Director of Religious Education

Thomas J. Acemoglu

RCIA / Adult Formation

Deacon Douglas G. Smith

Baptismal Prep

Deacon William Crosby

Youth Ministry 226-6239

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Brittany Marie Evans

Catholic Youth Organization

Program Coordinator:

Phil Amico

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Music Director

James R. Kendall

Sacristan

Mark Costantino

Plant Maintenance

Vito Cudia

St. Vincent de Paul 225-5531

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

President: Joseph Illuminato

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 13— Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs (Optional)

8:00 Ryan Barrett

12:00 Salvatore Porretto

7:00 Mary & Paul Foster

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 - Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:00 Mary Michalski

12:00 Alfred Guardino

7:00 Peter Nauronis (Vigil of Assumption)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

8:00 Gaspare & Mary Piazza

12:00 Carmela Proscia

5:00 Darlajan Stewart

7:00 James Stoothoff

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16 –

Saint Stephen of Hungary (Optional)

8:00 Guiseppi Lentini

12:00 Concetta A. D'Angelo

7:00 Doris Brown

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17—

Weekday in 19th Week of Ordinary Time

8:00 Ellen Lovelock

12:00 Joseph Piazza

7:00 Monika & Krzysztof Zabielski (Living)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18—

Weekday in 19th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 Domenico Mascio

9:00 Rosemary Taccia

VIGIL MASS –

5:00 John Laurice

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19—

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish

8:00 Book of the Faithful Departed

9:30 Mary Bradley

11:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers & Guild

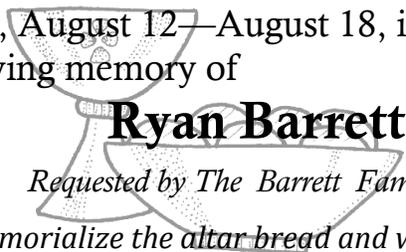
12:30 Jennie Burckhardt

5:00 Eddie Aliano

6:30 Mass in Polish

Altar Bread and Wine

The wine used at our Masses during this week, August 12—August 18, is offered in loving memory of



Requested by The Barrett Family

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Summer Evening Prayer

You've been reading the announcement about it for several weeks now, and this Monday night it's here — our first Summer Evening Prayer! (See the blurb elsewhere in the bulletin for details.) I thank Fr. John and all the members of the committee for pulling this together. I have the privilege of presiding at the first one. I hope you will be able to join us.

These types of gatherings are very important for building community and for spending time together. Additionally, it's an opportunity for us to pray Evening Prayer, which is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, which is the official liturgy of the Church.

Although clerics have the obligation to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (or the Divine Office, as it is also known) actually the Liturgy of the Hours is the prayer of the whole church and all Christians should be praying it. While devotions are important, they vary according to taste and therefore are not at the center of our liturgical life. At the center of our life as Catholics is the liturgical life of the Church, something which we should all be aware of and should allow to shape our spirituality and our prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist, all the sacraments, and the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours should be at the core of our prayer together as those liturgies mold and shape our Catholic life.

It is my hope that over the coming months and years we will find more ways to pray the Liturgy of the Hours together (particularly Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer) so that this ancient prayer of the Church can hold the place it should hold in the spiritual life of our parish.

Diverse Community, One Body in Christ

You may have noticed that we have begun having a column of information in Spanish in our bulletin. We are fortunate in this parish to be a community of people from diverse backgrounds. In addition to those of us who have English as our first and primary language we have a significant number of people for whom Spanish is their first and/or primary, or even only, language. Additionally, we have a good number of Polish-speaking people, and OLPH has had a Mass in the Polish language at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays for some time now. Such diversity is a gift from God and reminds us of what it means to be Catholic, *i.e.*, univer-

sal in our faith.

However, the thing we must never lose sight of amidst this diversity is that we have to retain our **unity** in and as the one body of Christ which is the Church. This is a great pastoral challenge. On the one hand, we have to meet the legitimate needs of people in their own language. On the other hand, we cannot wind up with three separate parishes within OLPH. Somehow, we have to find the right balance. We have to be careful to make sure that all of us, those who are members of those language groups and those who are not, do not foster an unhealthy (and un-Christian, since it is divisive) segregation. Legitimate needs of diversity must be respected, yet all must do their part not to separate themselves; everyone must see themselves not as members of a small group, but as members of the one parish of OLPH.

One of my roles as Pastor is to build unity, fostering it especially around the Eucharistic table. I will continue to explore this important area of pastoral life with my fellow priests, with the deacons, the pastoral staff and other leaders in our parish community. It's a topic that came up at our first staff meeting.

First Pastoral Staff Meeting

Speaking of our first staff meeting — we held it! This is the group I am calling the "Pastoral Staff," namely, the "professional" (for lack of a better word!) full-time ministers. The priests, deacons, business manager, music director and director of religious education came together on July 31 for our first Pastoral Staff meeting. I consider these meetings to be of vital importance to the leadership of the parish as we share ideas, set goals and priorities, explore and creatively enact new pastoral initiatives, and as they advise me in my role as Pastor. We will meet monthly starting in September.

New Liturgical Ministers

I am thrilled at the number of people who are stepping forward as **disciples to offer themselves** as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Thank you!!! We still need a lot more, though, so please consider letting me know you are interested. If you have any questions or hesitations, give me a call and let's talk about it. Be warned, though: my goal will be to convince you!

I think our response for Readers might be a little light. Proclaiming the Word of God is vital to the celebration of the Eucharist and we absolutely need more Readers. It's time for you to step forward to **offer yourself as a gift in that ministry.**

Attire

I would like to offer a word about our attire at Mass, and the importance of dressing properly. I would like to remind everyone that ***it does matter*** how you are dressed. I never really bought into the old thing about, "Well, at least I'm there." Yes, it's good we're there, ***but it takes more than that if the celebration of Mass truly is the most important thing we do and not just the same casual thing as anything else.*** It is a sign of respect not only for the presence of the Lord Jesus, ***but also a sign of respect for yourself and for your brothers and sisters.*** This, I think, is part of the goal of setting a high standard for each other, and helping each other to be the best we can be, that I have spoken about in the past.

This is as true for children and teens as it is for adults. After all, children and teens are as much members of our community as anyone else, no less important and no less members of the assembly that is the body of Christ. Therefore, they too are capable of showing, and deserving of receiving, respect through their outer attire.

You may be thinking it's a small thing, but you would be surprised what the act of dressing up for Mass would do for you. It is actually a spiritual act, a kind of prayer, as we take the time to prepare our bodies — the way we are dressed — for the important action of celebrating the Eucharist. We should prepare our hearts and minds by being familiar with the readings and the prayers; we should prepare our souls by praying all throughout the week; and we should prepare our bodies by dressing properly. The simple fact is we behave the way we are dressed, and the sacred ritual actions of the Eucharist call for dressing up rather than dressing down. Give it a try; it will be worth it!

Ducks Game

By the way, today, Sunday, I will be attending the Long Island Ducks game with the Knights of Columbus, so I'll once again get to see my nephew Paul DeGrocco doing his thing as the on-field host of the Long Island Ducks. I'm looking forward to a good time. *Quack, quack!*

Liturgy Notes: Receiving Holy Communion as connected with everything before it

Did you ever think about the fact that your reception of Holy Communion is not an isolated action, but rather is connected to all that goes before it? That's because receiving Holy Communion is not a passive action of receiving, but rather is the culmination of participating in the offering of the Sacrifice.

In the celebration of the Eucharist, the mystery of our salvation is made present and real and effective in our midst, namely, the Paschal Mystery — the death and resurrection of Jesus, through which we have salvation. Our participation throughout the entire Mass is our participation in the mystery of Christ's presence in Word, in the assembly, and in the Eucharist because ultimately the Mass is Christ's prayer to the Father which we join into. Thus, the spirituality of the Mass is the spirituality of ***offering ourselves "through Christ, and with him, and in him,"*** as the words of the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer tell us.

Thus, when we receive Holy Communion, we are not just receiving something, but we are actively sharing in the Sacred Banquet as a culmination intimate sign of our ***offering ourselves through Christ, with him and in him.*** There's a dynamic ***flow and unity of movement*** in the celebration: we bring our offerings (ourselves, as symbolized by the bread and wine); they are prayed over and lifted up to God; thus transformed, they are given back to us so that ***we might be transformed into what we receive.***

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,



THIS MONDAY!!!!

Save the dates...

Summer Evening Prayer

August 13, 2012

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! 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 Monday, Msgr. Joe, our new Pastor will offer the reflection at Evening Prayer. Following, we'll all gather for great homemade desserts provided by members of our parish family.

PLEASE NOTE: OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS will take place at 6:30 during the Mondays of Evening Prayer.

Rain (in Auditorium) or Shine (outside) - Don't miss it!

THIS
MONDAY

August 13th

Presider and
Preacher:

Msgr. Joe!

We invite all parishioners with last names beginning from **A through L** to bring their favorite homemade dessert! We'll provide the drinks!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 13, 2012: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c + Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 14, 2012: Ez 2:8-3:4 + Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Vigil of the Assumption: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 + 1 Cor 15:54b-57 + Lk 11:27-28

Solemnity of the Assumption Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab + 1 Cor 15:20-27 + Lk 1:39-56

Thursday, August 16, 2012: Ez 12:1-12 + Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 17, 2012: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 + Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 18, 2012: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 + Mt 19:13-15

Sunday, August 19, 2012: Prv 9:1-6 + Eph 5:15-20 + Jn 6:51-58



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.olphlindenhurst.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](tel:631.226.7725)/jsureau@drvc.org.

OLPH Summer Music Camp

With Mrs. Amy Keller

Mon.—Fri., August 27- 31

10 a.m.—11:15 a.m.

Room 14 (the Music Room) in the school
For Students entering 3rd Grade & up

Fee: \$20

*Concludes with a special invitation to sing at the
Sunday, September 2nd, 9:30 a.m. Family Mass .*



Questions/Contact: mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Summer Music Camp

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent's email: _____

Contact/cell Phone #: _____

Mark the envelope "Music Camp"

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Time:

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

Second Time:

*Philip George Elia (OLPH)
& Brianne Lynn Conti (St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa)*

*Patrick Garrity (OLPH)
& Meghan Sullivan (Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip)*

First Time:

*Christopher Hale (OLPH)
& Caitlin Donovan (St. Raphael, East Meadow)*

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:

**Joan Forster
John Charles Beal, Jr.
Patrick Brady
Assunta Caropresso**

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
Nicholas Polo
Roberta Caristo Chaplin**

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 cchecker@oloph.org.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING UPDATE

Our parish's financial health depends on your generosity!

Thank you for your support!

Sunday Collection

July 29, 2012	July, 31 2011
\$16,572	\$ 15,732

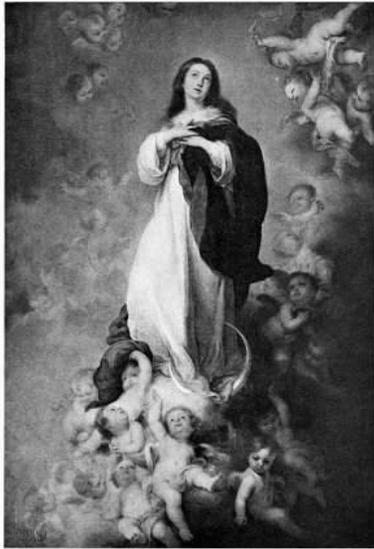
Sunday Attendance

July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
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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.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

A Holy Day of Obligation



Masses

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

8:00 A.M. + 12 Noon

5:00 P.M. + 7:00 P.M.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED!

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**.

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.

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



PARISH HAPPENINGS

Squires Annual BBQ

Join us for our annual barbecue!

August 17th 6 – 8pm

\$10 adults, \$5 kids (10 and under),

\$30 per immediate family

All you can eat!

Menu includes:

hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, sausage, corn on the cob, assorted

salads. Beer, wine and soda

Coffee tea and dessert

RSVP requested but NOT required

Come down and join us for some good family fun and great food while supporting an amazing group of boys!

400 South Broadway
Lindenhurst

Call: (631) 412-5451



SHOWBOAT ATLANTIC CITY



OLPH's
11th Annual
Atlantic City Columbus
Day Excursion

**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.



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.*

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!!!**





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DESPERATELY

NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

How about you???

Volunteers are needed on all levels to teach, assistant teach, and assist with many aspects of the program. We have a need for special education teachers and catechists for Grade 7.

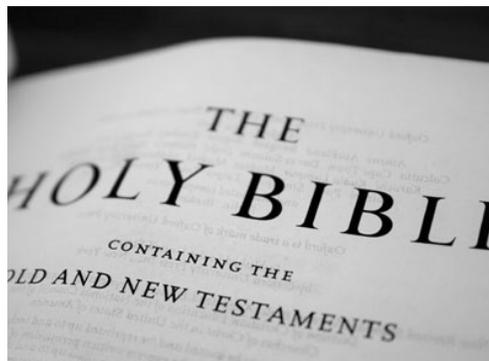
PLEASE CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE at 631 226-2384 or e-mail to kdoyle@oloph.org!
631 226-2384

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Christian Brady** (Class of 2015) and **Matthew Letteri** (Class of 2013) who achieved **FINAL HONOR ROLL STATUS** at Chaminade High School!



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

Classes will meet in the Religious Education Center of the Covent.

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

Space is limited!
Register today!



Courses will be taught by the our parish's Director of Religious Education, Thomas Acemoglu, B.A. (Religious Studies, Siena College), M.A. (Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville)

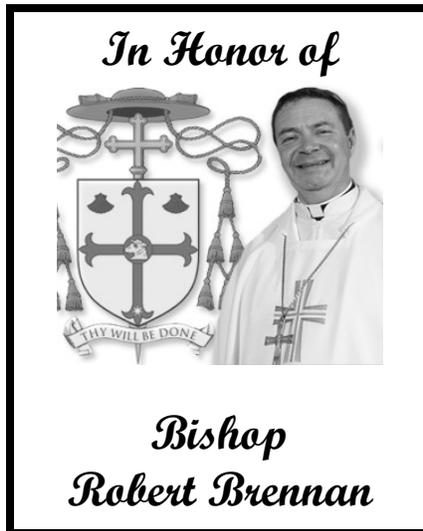
OLPH Golf Outing

Monday, September 24, 2012

The Links—Cherry Creek

EVENT INCLUDES....

Closest to the Pin
(all par 3's)
 Longest Drive
*(one for men
 and one for ladies)*
 Complimentary
 Driving Range
 50/50 Raffle
 ...and more!!!!



ALA CARTE
 Individual golfer \$135
 Bus Transportation \$15
 Company Signage \$400
 Exclusive Tee Sponsor
 \$150
 Non Exclusive Tee \$75
 Dinner only \$50

Contact Info:
Bob Rooney:
(631) 473-1295
rjrooney@optonline.net

This will become an Annual Event at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish and is currently being organized by the members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Knights of Columbus. All net proceeds will go to support the financial needs of the parish.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:00 am
 Bus leaves Knights of Columbus

8:30 am
 Registration and Breakfast
Full hot buffet breakfast including eggs, bacon, etc.

10:00 am Shotgun Start
 Hot dogs at the turn with beverage carts on the golf course

3:00 pm
 Cocktails, Dinner and Awards
A full BBQ steak dinner with an open bar

6:00 pm
 Bus departs for Knights of Columbus

SPONSORSHIPS

Eagle \$900
 Individually, a \$1,090 package includes: 1 Foursome (4 golfers), dinner banner plus an exclusive tee sponsorship.

Birdie \$750
 If priced separately, would cost \$820
 This special package includes: 2 Golfers, dinner banner and an exclusive tee sponsorship.

Par \$600
 Normal price of \$685 includes: 1 Golfer with a dinner banner and an exclusive tee sponsorship.

ALL MONIES DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

Please submit the names of all players in your group at the time of payment.

Please make checks payable and mail to:

OLPH Knights of Columbus 400 South Broadway Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Bus transportation is optional. If you want to use the bus transportation, please include an additional \$15 for each member in your foursome that will be using the bus. We anticipate using 2 buses for the event and will assign bus seats on a FIRST PAY, FIRST SERVE basis. If you are planning on using the bus, make sure your reservation, with payment, is submitted early.

OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN

"Leading Teens

Closer To Christ"®

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

August 12th - Car Wash!! Please stop by the OLPH school parking lot between 8:30am and 3pm and help support youth ministry in our parish. Check out these great pictures from our last Car Wash.



August 19th— Incoming Juniors and

Seniors meeting after the 5pm Mass in the Life Teen office to help us plan for the year ahead. This is the perfect time to start coming to Life Teen if you have never been!!

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

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 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, including our Sports Nights visit www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com or visit our Facebook page — Search OLPH Life Teen.

LOCK-IN— INSANCTITY!!!

Last weekend our teens embarked on a three day journey strengthening their prayer life in the Life Teen **INSANCTITY** lock in. The teens started off Friday night at 7pm Mass then went over to the convent where the real work began. The teens met their very own personal trainer, Eddy E, who helped get them motivated for the work outs ahead. The first night came to a close with the help of Fr. John Sureau, who said confession for the teens and the CORE members leading the weekend. With clean hearts and souls the teens continued to the second day of their journey. Trainer Eddy E spent the morning with the teens getting them warmed up and ready for the long day ahead with genuflection reps and bible page turning work outs. This day consisted of intense cross training sessions and challenges led by the CORE. Each session would call for the teens to open their minds and hearts to new and different ways of praying. The teens experienced prayer through the Rosary, Scripture, praying with the Saints, Praise and Worship and Journaling. Each session was led by CORE members who specialized in that field. On Sunday trainer Eddy E led the teens in their last morning workout, teaching them how to relax and take a day of rest after spending the day before focusing on gaining strength in their prayers and working hard to obtain living a life like Christ. They finished their weekend learning about prayer through Sacred Art and creating their very own Prayer Plan. In the plan the teens and CORE took on the challenge of continuing a new form of prayer and how they will pursue it despite what obstacles may come. The weekend was very successful and powerful. The teens didn't just learn how to strengthen their prayer life; they learned what it means to truly praise and be with God. Aside from learning ways they can **talk** to God they also learned ways in which they can **listen** to Him. So let this be a lesson all of us can take home, God will always stop and listen to our prayers but we must make sure that we stop and listen to Him as well.

"Prayer makes our heart bigger until it is capable of containing the gift of GOD himself" – Blessed Mother Teresa
Nicole Marando—Life Teen Core Member

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 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.



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



Our "It's Back to School Time" (8/5-8/26) **School Supply Drive** continues at the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass. The children pick an apple with the written name of a needed school item. The following week they return the item with the apple attached and place it in the baskets located on the sanctuary steps. All parishioners at all of the Masses are welcome to participate.

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.)

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY
631.225.5531

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday,

9 am—12 noon.

All are welcome!

PLEASE HELP OUR FOOD PANTRY BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

APPLESAUCE, CANNED TUNA, CANNED MEATS (CHICKEN), PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, COFFEE, TEA, HOT COCOA, CANNED MEALS/SOUPS WITH MEAT, PORK & BEANS, CANNED PEAS/CARROTS, TOMATO SAUCE, CANNED FRUIT, PANCAKE MIX, SYRUP, CAKE MIXES, DESSERTS; ANY PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: SHAVERS, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAMPOO, SOAP, TOILET TISSUE, DIAPERS, PAPER TOWELS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!

Scriptural Reflection:

In this Gospel we find that for Jesus, the cost is the cross. The love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of the cross is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, confident in the power of God.

During these summer months many of the elderly, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief. Please help the Society to bring respite and hope to them.

*As we prepare for upcoming elections, we will publish excerpts from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.*

What faith teaches about the dignity of the human person and about the sacredness of every human life helps us see more clearly the same truths that also come to us through the gift of human reason. At the center of these truths is respect for the dignity of every person. This is the core of Catholic moral and social teaching. Because we are people of both faith and reason, it is appropriate and necessary for us to bring this essential truth about human life and dignity to the public square. We are called to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34). We are also called to promote the well-being of all, to share our blessings with those most in need, to defend marriage, and to protect the lives and dignity of all, especially the weak, the vulnerable, the voiceless. In his first encyclical letter, *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI explained that "charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as 'social charity'" (no. 29).

—*Forming Consciences For Faithful Citizenship*, 10

Look for more information soon about you can become more involved in these issues at OLPH!



*Blessed are those
who mourn...*

Facing the loss of someone we love can be a tremendous difficult experience, but you don't have to do it alone.

Two new bereavement support groups are forming and you are invited to be a part of them.

St. Mary's R.C. Church

20 Harrison Avenue
East Islip, NY 11730
631.581.4266 x 100

Group will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning on September 5th.

**Our Lady of Consolation
Nursing Home**

111 Beach Drive
West Islip, NY 11795
631.587.1600 x 8297

Group will meet on Monday afternoons beginning on September 17th.

*...for they will be
comforted.*

REBUILDING TOGETHER

Rebuilding Together Long Island is a volunteer organization that repairs homes for low-income and handicapped homeowners free of charge in Nassau and Suffolk.

Volunteers with minor skills are needed. Come, join us and feel the joy of helping others in an atmosphere of fun.

Call: (516)
541-7322
or (516)
741-5291).



**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.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ✦ More than 500,000 meals are delivered or served to seniors and families in need through Catholic Charities.
- ✦ More than 100,000 people are provided with food, clothing and support through Parish Outreach programs.
- ✦ More than 10,000 young people participate in Parish Youth Ministry programs across Long Island

Our Lord is grateful to those who sacrifice in His name to build the Kingdom of God.

No gift is too small when it is offered with love to serve others.

OLPH Goal:
\$117,900.00
 Pledges: **\$73,363.00**
 # of Donors: **321**
 Payments: **\$60,123.00**
(51% of Goal)
 Under: **\$44,537.00**

✦ More than 110,000 of our students in public schools participate in religious education programs taught by 12,000 dedicated catechists.

When you donate to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you provide support for men and women to break the chains of addiction and live in Christ's freedom and peace. You help them to turn from death to life and to dream again.

Pledge: \$ _____ Down Payment: \$ _____ Balance: \$ _____

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Name: _____

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Phone: _____ E-mail _____@_____

Donor Signature: _____ Date _____

Place in weekly collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office or visit www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org to make your donation. Make Checks Payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

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

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to our final 2011-2012 "1000 Club" winners:



\$1000—Ed Maher

\$250—Ron A. Higgins

\$150—Mr. & Mrs. James LaRocca

\$100—Helen McCormick

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

¡Bienvenidos a la parroquia!

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

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

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

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



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DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- **HEALING MASS** at the *Immaculate Conception Center*, Douglaston Pkwy, Douglaston. Wednesday, **August 15** at 7pm. Rosary, Mass & Healing service celebrated by Fr. Augustine Fernando. For more info call: 718-229-8001.
- The next edition of the Long Island Coalition for Life Short Movie Series - "Making Abortion Unthinkable" will be on August 27th at their Hicksville location. The topic for the next part of the series is the "Scientific Case Against Abortion".
- Tune in to "**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 **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.
- 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
- **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
- **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>.