

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

210 South Wellwood Avenue + Lindenhurst, New York 11757 +
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August 19, 2012 - 20th 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.

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Moise Aime + Rev. Ignace Lolecke +

Rev. John Sureau

In Residence: Rev. Michael Holzmann

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Frank A. Odin

Rev. Mr. William Crosby (Baptismal Preparation)

Rev. Mr. Douglas G. Smith

(RCIA/Adult Faith Formation)

Pastoral Associate for Administration

Deacon Donald A. Stamm

Director of Religious Education

Thomas J. Acemoglu

Music Director

James R. Kendall

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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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.*)

**MINISTRIES AND
CONTACT INFORMATION**

St. Vincent de Paul 225-5531

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY
President: Joseph Illuminato

Religious Education 226-2384

260 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

Youth Ministry 226-6239**High School Coordinator**

Brittany Marie Evans

Middle School Coordinator

Peggy Harnisch

Catholic Youth Organization

Program Coordinator:

Phil Amico

516-732-8520/olphcyophil@optonline.net

Altar Bread and Wine

The wine used at our Masses during this week, August 19—August 25, is offered in loving memory of

Jane Doyle-Gustafson

Requested by Your Loving Parents—

Ann & Don Doyle

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, AUGUST 20—**

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor

8:00 Leo Clark
12:00 Catherine Savage-Marko & Joshua
7:00 Salvatore Dipresso

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21 -

Saint Pius X, Pope

8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Seminaris Family
12:00 Eugene Schan
7:00 Lee & Abbott Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Jane Doyle-Gustafson
12:00 Arthur J. Monahan
7:00 Joe Yevoli

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 –

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin (optional)

8:00 Elsa Water
12:00 Evelyn Martell
7:00 Frances Affronti

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24—

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00 Phil Reilly
12:00 Agnes Innace
7:00 Priests of OLPH (Living)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25—

**Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest
(optional)**

8:00 Alfonso Tutone
9:00 Blanche Balsamo

VIGIL MASS –

5:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26—

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish
8:00 Book of the Faithful Departed
9:30 Paul Vitale
11:00 Vincent D. Bodt
12:30 Casper Tuminaro
5:00 Phyllis Mancini
6:30 Mass in Polish

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome, Father Rony Fabien!

In the name of the entire OLPH family I am thrilled to welcome Fr. Rony Fabien, who will be with us until approximately September 1. Fr. Rony is a priest from Haiti who will receive an assignment in the Diocese of Rockville Centre at the beginning of September. Until that assignment begins, Fr. Rony will be with us as a summer helping priest. *Welcome, Fr. Rony! We hope you enjoy your time with us, and we thank you for your priestly ministry to OLPH!*

Divorced and Separated Catholics:

You are not second-class!

I'm sure it's no surprise to you that as priests we often run across Catholics who are divorced or separated. Unfortunately, there is a great deal of misunderstanding about the situation of divorced or separated Catholics in the Church, and I would like to take this opportunity to offer some clarification.

Let me state this as simply and clearly as possible: **Simply being divorced or separated does not change your status in the Church. You are not second-class. You are not barred from the sacraments. You belong as much as anyone else. You are welcome at OLPH. You should be coming to Mass just like everyone else.**

To have one's marriage collapse is a terrible ordeal for anyone to go through; it's not something that anyone chooses or wishes. The repercussions are many, and it's during the time of separation and after the divorce that Catholics should especially turn to the Church for healing and guidance. Of course, every step should be taken to make the marriage work. Couples should do the honest hard work of going through counseling, spiritual direction, praying together, and whatever other means are necessary in order to heal the relationship and to change whatever it is about themselves, individually and as a couple, that is necessary to change in order to heal the broken relationship. Yes, there are cases where couples give up too easily. Yes, some people do have a casual attitude toward commitment, not understanding the hard work and self-sacrifice that must be a part of true Christian marriage. That being said, however, there are also plenty of people who through no fault of their own find themselves in a situation where the marriage is (and should be) over, and where they must get out of the relationship. We must offer all

the compassion and pastoral care that we can to these people.

Let me state again that simply being divorced or separated does not change your status in the Church. That's because, and rightly so, the Church does not recognize divorce. As far as the Church is concerned, then, a divorced person is still bound by that marriage. As long as divorced or separated people are following the moral teaching of the Church and not engaging in improper relationships, they are not considered "automatically sinful" simply by reason of the divorce or separation. Therefore, they should feel welcome in Church and receive the sacraments.

The problem comes in when a divorced person gets married a second time outside the Church in an invalid marriage. In order to be validly married again, a person has to go through the annulment process to have that first marriage declared null and void. Then the person is free to marry again in the Church. It is a second marriage outside the Church that puts a person in an irregular situation. *If you are in an invalid marriage, please come to talk to one of the priests. We are not going to judge you or scold you; we simply want to help you rectify the situation so you can return to the sacraments.* Please don't go by what others have told you about annulments (horror stories, or false information about how much it costs); talk to us and get correct information. We will help you and guide you. There is no situation that is hopeless. If you're willing to work with the Church, we're willing to work with you.

Liturgy Note #1: Identity

I recently re-read a quote from an excellent book on liturgical theology. The book is by Mark Searle and it's titled *Called to Participate: Theological, Ritual, and Social Perspectives* (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 2006). Here's the quote; the bold highlighting is my own:

"Liturgy makes a difference. Its efficacy is dependent, in the first place, on the conventions of the Christian community that celebrates it and whose tradition determines both the rules that govern correct performance and the social outcomes associated with such performances. **To participate in liturgy is to participate in an activity whose shape and meaning derive from a tradition and belongs to a community larger than the individual, larger even than**

the assembly gathered to celebrate. It simply is not true that the participants have to own the liturgy or to make it their own, in the sense of remodeling it to reflect their particular identity. On the contrary, they are to submit to it and let it give them an identity to grow into. For liturgy, like all ritual, is dependent for its effectiveness not just on the interior dispositions of the participants but on something prior to and largely independent of personal feelings and subjective authenticity, something which, far from mirroring our thoughts and feelings, instead confronts them.” (pp. 23-24)

I think this is a great quote because it sheds light on an important aspect of liturgical celebration: it is supposed to **form us into an identity**. The identity, however, is the identity of living the Christian life in the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus. That identity is larger than just one’s own feelings, one’s own inclinations, and one’s own likes and dislikes; it is also larger than many of the ways we identify ourselves in various groups. Where the quote is most revealing, however, is that it reminds us that **the point is not to change the liturgy to make it relevant to us; rather, we must make ourselves relevant to the liturgy**. We should not shape the liturgy according to our needs; we should instead be shaped by it. If we try to shape the liturgy to our needs, we wind up with all sorts of misguided notions of “relevancy” and subjective interpretations that make liturgical celebration the victim of individual whim or group taste.

Over the coming months and years, as parish leadership such as the Pastoral Staff and the Liturgy Committee review the liturgical situation at OLPH, we will keep this important principle in mind.

Liturgy Note #2: Action

“Eucharist is a verb, not a noun. Eucharist is an action, not an object.” I used that quote in a recent homily, and I think it sums up some important things we need to remember. It all stems from the answer to a basic question: *“Who celebrates the Eucharist?”*

The simple answer to that question is: the body of Christ. The Eucharist is Christ’s prayer to the Father, and it is an action performed by Christ in His body, the Church. Therefore, all the members of the body — all the baptized — celebrate the Eucharist, each according to his/her role and identity in the assembly.

Unfortunately, many of us are still holding onto an inadequate theology and understanding of the

Mass that would say that only the priest celebrates, and that everyone else follows along. Nothing could be further from the truth, and the Mass itself confirms this: check out the prayers that are used. Except for the few prayers that are the private prayers of the priest, the priest always prays in the third person plural: **“WE.”** Listen for it at Mass; it’s always “we.”

That’s why I like the word “presider” for the priest’s role at Mass; the word goes back to the year 150 when Justin Martyr used the word “president” to describe the presbyter’s (priest’s) role at the offering of the Sacrifice. The word “presider” does not diminish the priest’s sacramental identity or make his priestly identity any less unique. On the contrary, it highlights his unique role at Mass as the one who presides in the person of Christ the Head, and at the same time it maintains the priest’s relationship to the body, since the Eucharist is not the priest’s action, but the action celebrated by the entire body.

Who celebrates the Eucharist? You do as much as I do; we simply do so in different ways according to our sacramental identity and our role in the assembly, the body of Christ.

Ahhh, vacation...

I will be taking a week’s vacation this week for some refreshment and renewal. I will leave this afternoon (Sunday, August 19) and return ready (I hope!) for work on next Monday morning, August 27, so you won’t see me for Masses next weekend. I hope to just relax, catch up on some reading, catch up on visiting some friends who I only get to see once a year, and perhaps take one or two trips into Manhattan. Fr. John, Fr. Ignace and the secretaries and receptionists in the Rectory are all very excited about my being away...*I’m not sure why....*

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

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)

Our second Summer Evening Prayer takes place this Monday. Bring your beach chair or a blanket and let's gather together giving thanks and praise to God for the gift of summer!

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

THIS MONDAY

August 20th

Presider: Fr. Michael
Preacher: Fr. Ignace

We invite all parishioners with last names beginning from **M through Z** to bring their favorite home-made dessert!

Pictures from Evening Prayer on August 13th!



Interested In helping?? We can use help with clean up each night. For more information, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org or stay after the Prayer Service.

NEXT WEEK!!!!

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

Return to the rectory with a \$25 check made out to:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Summer Music Camp

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent's email: _____

Contact/cell Phone #: _____



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!!!**



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:

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

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

Second Time:

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

“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

WE REMEMBER

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

Father Thomas McCarthy
Deacon Joseph Milazzo
Christopher John McGuire
Mildred Harbar
Arthur Erikson
Annie Hopkins
Margaret Joan O’Neill
Emilio Ayala
Hildegarde Fresdorf

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!:

Noah Patrick Roberts
Annabelle Mary Vlasak

WE BELIEVE

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

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

**Frank Lent
Frances Eng
Heather Calamia
Segundo Cedeno**

**Linda Matera
Francesca Galante
Joseph Aliano
Nicholas Polo**

**Roberta Caristo Chaplin
Doreen Morgan
John Kristoffersoen**

Beginning with this issue of the bulletin, we will keep each name of the sick listed in the bulletin for four weeks. If you would like the name of your loved one to remain in the bulletin, just let us know after the fourth week. 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.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

While we have already begun taking Mass Intentions for 2013, the following Masses are still available for an intention in September and October:

- Tuesday, September 25—7:00 P.M.
- Friday, September 28—8:00 A.M.
- Saturday, September 29—9:00 A.M.
- Saturday, October 6—8:00 A.M.
- Monday, October 8—8:00 A.M.
- Wednesday, October 10—8:00 A.M.
- Thursday, October 11—8:00 A.M.
- Thursday, October 11—8:00 A.M.
- Friday, October 12—7:00 P.M.
- Sunday, October 14—5:00 P.M.
- Monday, October 15—7:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, October 16—12 Noon
- Wednesday, October 17—8:00 A.M.
- Thursday, October 18—12 Noon and 7 P.M.
- Friday, October 19—12 Noon
- Saturday, October 20—8:00 A.M.
- Sunday, October 21—12:30 P.M.
- Monday, October 22— 8 A.M. and 7 P.M.
- Tuesday, October 23—8 A.M.
- Wednesday, October 24—All Masses
- Thursday, October 25—All Masses

If you would like have a Mass offered for a loved one's intention, please stop by the Parish Office.

Serving the Body of Christ...

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome...

Carmel Becker

Robert Becker

Pietro Curto

Brigida Marine

Peter Tapinis

...as our parish's newest Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Now, what about you?

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 msgrjoe@oloph.org.

We are in the process of forming a...

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

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! **This is a great ministry to get involved with, especially if you do not like a lot of meetings and like to work at your own pace.**



If you're interested or want to find out more information, contact Laura Fischer at itslau-raf623@aol.com or Father John at 631.226.7725/jsureau@drvc.org.

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.

El proximo lunes!!!!

Oremos en las noches de verano

+Lunes+ Agosto 20 y Agosto 27 + 7:30PM – En el jardín del Convento

Trae tu silla o una frazada para que juntos le demos gloria y alabanza a Dios por este hermoso verano! Habrá comida y hermandad para todos. Serán unas noches especiales para usted y su familia.

Cada noche, la Iglesia se reúne para las oraciones matutinas y damos gracias a Dios por el día que transcurrió y para pedir a Dios las Bendiciones de la noche que comienza. En las oraciones matutinas rezamos Salmos, escuchamos la Palabra de Dios y buscamos su ayuda a través de la oración. No te lo pierdas!!!!

OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY



CYO Registration 2012-2013

Note: Mail-in registration is now open.
Please see below for in-person dates & location.
If there is a shortage of coaches or gym space,
first registered get preference. You are advised to
register early.

Cheerleading

Is open to girls in grades 4-8. The girls practice during the week 1x or 2x per week at the OLPH School Gym. A showcase takes place in early March.

Fee: \$75 (plus a refundable uniform deposit \$50 due once the program starts).

Registration Deadline: Oct 1, 2012 (late fee \$25-accepted if space allows)

Intramural Basketball

Is open to boys and girls in grades 1-12. Our Intramurals are geared for all players. Learning and teamwork is emphasized and all players play equally. The season runs from November through March.

Fee: Grades 1-3 \$45, Grades 4-8 \$90, Grades 9-12 \$115 (includes a 2-sided blue/white jersey).

Registration Deadline: Oct 1, 2012 (late fee \$25- accepted until rosters are set)

Track

Is open to boys and girls grades 1-8. The meets are on weekends at various tracks on Long Island-all outdoors. The season runs from Sept through late Oct. It is possible to do Fall Track and Intramural Basketball. Track & Volleyball have schedule conflicts.

Fee: \$65 (plus \$5.00 if you need a shirt).

Registration Deadline: Aug 30, 2012 (No Late registrations accepted)

Volleyball

Is open to boys and girls grades 4-12. The season runs from Sept. through late Oct. It is possible to do Volleyball and Intramural Basketball. Track & Volleyball have schedule conflicts.

Fee: \$30.00 (which includes uniform).

Registration Deadline: Sept. 1, 2012 (late fee \$10)

How to Register

Visit our website, fill out our registration form, print it and mail along with your registration fee in the form of a check or money order (paid to OLPH) to the mailing address (OLPH CYO, 210 S. Wellwood Ave, Lindenhurst, NY 11757) by the deadlines.

IN PERSON: Sat. Aug. 25 11 AM-1 PM

Tues Aug 28 7-9 PM, Sat Sept 15 & Sat Sept 29 1:30-3:30 PM

OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY

OLPH YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

A new component of Youth Ministry at OLPH!



There is such a great need for service in the life of our parish and often a huge number of young people who want to help those in need. This new Service Corps is one way to make this connection.

Here's how it works:

1. ANY middle school, high school and college aged students send their contact information to Fr. John at jsureau@drvc.org. (You do not need to already be a part of EDGE or Life Teen to be part of the Service Corps.)
2. As requests for help come from or come into our parish, you'll be contacted to see if you can help.
3. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. You'll be contacted for the next one!

It really is that easy!!!

This is also a great way to **meet high school and middle school service requirements** as you are reaching out to those within our own local and parish community. By serving through the OLPH Youth Service Corps, you are also connecting and building relationships within our own OLPH community.

SIGN UP TODAY by completing the form below or e-mailing Fr. John at jsureau@drvc.org. Projects are starting soon—so get involved today!

“The ministry of justice and service with adolescents has several distinct features that give direction to programming and action...it engages young people in discovering the call to justice and service in the Scriptures, in the life of Jesus, and in Catholic social teaching...” -From *Renewing the Vision: A Catholic Framework for Youth Ministry*

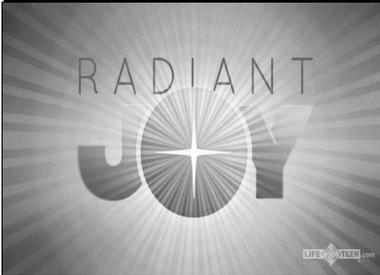
YES!!! Sign me up for the Youth Service Corps at OLPH!

Name _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 19th— Incoming Juniors & Seniors meeting at 3:00 P.M. in the Rectory. Please RSVP to Brittany if you are able to come!

August 26th—

Last Live the Light of the Summer!!! This night, Fr. John will talk to us about how the saints have called us to use the gifts of imagination and meditation in prayer. Meet at the Life Teen office at 6:15! All high school teens welcome.

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

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who helped to support the car wash for the work of Youth Ministry in our parish. Thanks, too, to the teens (some pictured to the right) who gave up most of their Sunday to be at the car wash. Because of our parish's generosity, we raised nearly \$600.00. Look for other ways to support youth ministry at OLPH!



YOUTH MINISTRY

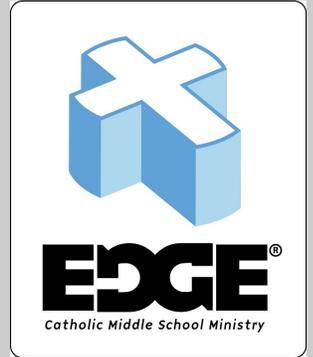
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

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 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



Next weekend is the last weekend for our "It's Back to School Time" **School Supply Drive** at the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass where the children will pick an apple with the name of a needed school item. Return the item with the apple attached on Aug. 26 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.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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**DESPERATELY
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

How about you???

Volunteers are needed on all levels to teach, assistant teach, and assist with many aspects of the program. Help is also needed for our **Grade 7** and **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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you are entering **8th through 12th grade** this fall and have *never* been Confirmed—this is the program for you! This program fits the needs of the participants in order to be fully prepared to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Register in the Religious Education office **by Sept. 15th**. We will contact you to set up class times.

You will need a copy of your Baptismal Certificate.

We hope to see you there!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Lisa Abramski
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who have achieved
FINAL HONOR ROLL STATUS
for 2011 – 2012
at

Kellenberg High School!

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE
AND OFFERING UPDATE**

Sunday Collection

August 5, 2012	August 7, 2011
\$ 16,776	\$ 16,060

Sunday Attendance

August 5, 2012	August 7, 2011
2016	2156

**Dominican Mission
Collection: \$8,414**



As we prepare for the busy Fall schedule, now is a great time to enroll in our automatic electronic offertory program with *Faith Direct*. In the same way we may pay some of our bills or make other online donations, eGiving is simply the easiest and most convenient way for you to make, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help to receive, your weekly offering. With *Faith Direct*, you can save time while also helping Our Lady of Perpetual Help reduce our expenses.

Take some time in the weeks ahead to learn more about Faith Direct by visiting www.faithdirect.net. When you sign up, please remember that our parish code is NY286.

Many parishioners have already signed up for Faith Direct. We hope you will too!



**OLPH NOVENA
DEVOTIONS**

On Mondays August 20 and 27 **OLPH Novena Devotions will begin at 6:30 P.M.** *NOT* after the 7:30 P.M. Mass. Novena Devotions will begin again after the 7:00 P.M. Mass on Monday, September 10, 2012 (after Labor Day).

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MASTER of ARTS in THEOLOGY
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FALL SEMESTER BEGINS SEPT. 6, 2012
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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.*

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 today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." As we know, our loving God cannot be seen by our eyes, but only experienced through loving people.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



**Faithful
Citizenship**

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

There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. Such actions are so deeply flawed that they are always opposed to the authentic good of persons. These are called "intrinsically evil" actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned. A prime example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion and euthanasia. In our nation, "abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 5). It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of individual choice. A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed.

**—Forming Consciences For
Faithful Citizenship, 22**

Question for Reflection

Do you know each candidate's (in local, state and national levels) position regarding some of the intrinsically evil actions cited above? This week, take some to learn these positions so you can make a morally responsible choice this Fall.

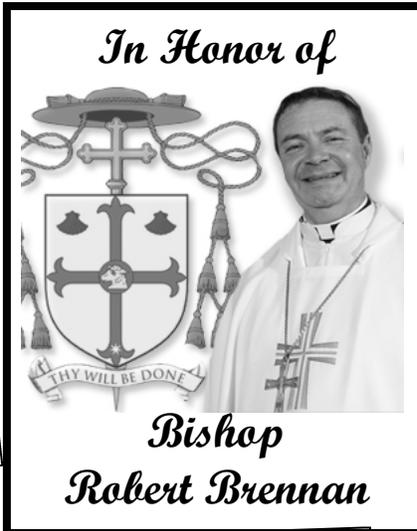
OLPH Golf Outing

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
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 ...and more!!!!



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Individual golfer \$135
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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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

QUESTIONS WELCOME

USCCB Nationwide Bulletin Insert

Summer 2012

Lately, the Church's teaching on contraception has been getting a good deal of public attention in the media. This has naturally led to people asking questions, especially if this teaching is news to them. Even as Catholics, we may be struggling with questions of our own.

It's good and helpful for us to acknowledge and explore our questions. And it's healthy for us to grapple with God the Father's desire for our happiness. He understands our human nature—his Son became one of us (Jesus is true God and true man)! Jesus, through his Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, can handle the questions, struggles, or anxieties we bring to him (see Matthew 11:28).

Blessed John Paul II, quoting the words of Christ, would often encourage us: "Do not be afraid!" We should never be afraid to pursue the truth. Maybe you've had some of the following questions, yourself:

What does the Church teach about married love?

What does this have to do with contraception?

Does saying "yes" to children at the altar mean never using contraception?

Are couples expected to leave their family size entirely to chance?

What if a couple has a serious reason to avoid having a child?

Is there really a difference between using contraception and practicing natural family planning?

Can some methods of birth control cause an abortion?

What does any of this have to do with my marriage?

Consider that in marriage, spouses love not only through words, but through the actions and gestures of their bodies. In particular, the sexual act in marriage speaks of a total commitment to a future together—a future open to welcoming the gift of a child if so blessed and open to fruitful love and service to others. The Church's teaching on marital sexuality is an invitation for husband and wife to enter more fully into communion with each other and with the blessed Trinity, the fount of life and love.

The questions above, and others like them, are answered on a helpful new web page,

www.usccb.org/love-and-sexuality.

Are we willing to consider the questions that live in our hearts? When the teachings of Christ are understood, embraced and practiced, they can radically change our lives for the better. Christ wants us to have life to the fullest. There is nothing like walking with him. No joy can be compared when we choose to follow him and live in his joy (see John 15:11).

There has been much news lately about the Church's teaching on contraception and sterilization. As Catholics, we may be asking thoughtful questions or struggling to understand this teaching.



To learn more, or to see questions others have asked, visit

www.usccb.org/love-and-sexuality.

2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



JOIN THE TEAM THAT SUPPORTS ALL THE GOOD WORKS OF THE CHURCH!!!



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Pledges: \$73,363.00
#of Donors: 321 Payments: \$60,123.00
(62% of Goal)
Under: \$44,537.00 (as of 8/1/12)

You can make a difference in your parish and in the lives of those around us by your support of the appeal. Visit the CMA Web Site at www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org for more information, or to view the video.

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

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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



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

August 19, 2012 –

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

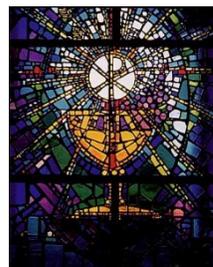
In today's readings, we focus on the Holy Eucharist. Jesus tells us, "For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

The Eucharist is, in fact, Jesus' body and blood. It is not simply a symbol. It is real. Christ gives Himself, whole and entire, so that we might have life in Him.

It is our responsibility, then, not only to revere the Eucharist, recognizing its sacred nature, but to run to Christ in the Eucharist, to receive Him regularly and eagerly, with hearts burning to live for Him.

What's more, today's readings challenge us to ponder how we live our lives. In response to God's gift of Himself, do we offer Him ourselves, whole and entire, in return?

St. Paul tells us, we are called to live for the Lord, "giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father."



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Monday, August 20, 2012:

Ez 24:15-24 + Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 21, 2012:

Ez 28:1-10 + Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 22

Ez 34:1-11 + Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 23, 2012:

Ez 36:23-28 + Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 24, 2012:

Rv 21:9b-14 + Jn 1:45-51

Saturday, August 25, 2012:

Ez 43:1-7b + Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 26, 2012—21st Sunday

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b + Eph 5:21-32

or Eph 5:2a, 25-32 + Jn 6:60-69

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If your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each week, nearly two thousand people Mass at OLPH, most of whom live and shop in the Lindenhurst area. It's an easy way to reach thousands of area families with information about your business.

For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call The Church Bulletin Company at 631.249.4994.

**MAY WE SEE YOUR PHOTOS,
PLEASE?**

We are in the process of making some style changes to our bulletin and website and are still looking for 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.



**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!



DIOCESAN NEWS

- 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.

- Support the **LIFE CENTER of Long Island** by participating in the **Macy’s Shop for a Cause** Fund-raiser 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.

- **You can save your marriage now!** *Retrouvaille* is a peer ministry helping couples who have problems in their marriages and share their own experiences in the hopes that their marriage can be saved. *Retrouvaille* is private and a deeply personal experience between husband and wife leading to a happy and fulfilling life together. The next weekend is **Sept. 7** at the *Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore*. For confidential info—1-800-470-2230.

- **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

- The **Cleary School for the Deaf** is sponsoring their *3rd Annual Craft Fair* on **Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14, 2012** and vendors are needed. Greatly affected by recent state budget cuts, the success of the fair is vital to their work. This year, the proceeds of the fair will go toward the huge expense of re-doing the playgrounds for the children who attend the school. For more information, call 631.737.1492 or visit their website at www.ClearySchool.org.

- **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>.

- When someone is in the hospital, it is a blessing to stay connected with their parish. We are seeking volunteers to visit our parishioners at **Good Samaritan Hospital**. You do NOT have to be an Extraordinary Minister or a Pastoral Visitor to be part of this program. The times and days for visiting are flexible. The next Pastoral Visitor Training Program will be held at Good Samaritan Hospital on Wednesday September 12th from 9:30 A.M. —12 Noon and repeated on September 26th from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. You need to attend only ONE session training. If you are interested contact the Pastoral Care office at 631.376.4103.