

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Jesus said, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 14:11

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 28, 2016

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

Deacons: Deacon Frank A. Odin, Deacon William Crosby,
Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Mr. Martin Kenny

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton, In Residence

COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
(unless otherwise announced)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

Monday- Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

OLPH IS THE PLACE TO BE!

Many thanks to everyone who took part in last Monday night's final *Summer Evening Prayer for 2016* and the *Summer Music program*. A special thank you goes to Amy Keller and the talented participants from the Youth Choir and all the terrific children from the Summer Music program. You were wonderful! To Jim Kendall for the music... And to those from the Summer Evening Prayer Committee who helped with the set-up & serving of foods prepared by parishioners, hamburgers & hot dogs grilled by the Knights of Columbus and goodies also donated by parishioners: thank you all for being so generous and supportive! Everyone who came had a delicious BBQ dinner and was treated to a terrific musical evening. We're already looking forward to next year!

See more pictures of this wonderful evening on page 23.



PASTOR'S COLUMN

Return of the Pastor's Column!

If it's the latter part of August, then it must be the time for the return of the Pastor's Column! You may find this hard to believe, but I actually had a parishioner tell me she missed reading my column...and I'm not making that up! (I know...you're thinking, *don't encourage him!*) In any event, I hope your summer has been going very, very well. It has been a HOT one, hasn't it? As of this writing, things have cooled a little bit, and, more importantly, the humidity has dropped to a comfortable level, but, who knows...the heat and humidity may well be with us again though the remainder of August and into September.

Although I have not been writing this column for several weeks, I have been here for part of the summer, having taken my vacation in two segments, one-half in July and one-half in August. So, I have intermittently been back-and-forth between work time and vacation time throughout July and August. Father Frank broke up his vacation time, too, but he is finishing up his time off now and will be back to work as of this week. Father Fidelis is currently away after having been here throughout July, and he will be back in early September.

Relaxation, renewal, outdoor activities, lots of sunshine, catching up with family and friends, a general good feeling and a break from normal routines and activities, and even the hot weather...for me, there is not one thing not to like about summer! I hope you have been enjoying your summer.

Farewell to Deacon Tom Bast

The approach of the end of the summer brings a number of changes here at OLPH, although some of them might not be readily apparent. One very significant change is that we are bidding farewell to our Business Manager, Deacon Tom Bast, who is retir-

ing—this time for real! (Deacon Tom came out of retirement to take the position of Business Manager here!)

Although Deacon Tom worked largely behind-the-scenes, many parishioners involved in ministries and activities interacted with him. Deacon Tom began here in March of 2013 and he came with an extraordinary skill set, having backgrounds in accounting, finance, computers, systems and operations, and previous experience as a Business Manager in several parishes. Deacon Tom has been an integral part of the progress we have made over the past three years here at OLPH, and I have counted on him as a colleague and close advisor on more occasions than I can recall. His expertise, wisdom and good judgment, coupled with his work ethic, generosity of spirit and high sense of professionalism, all served to bring an important gift to the life of the parish. I had the pleasure of working with Deacon Tom in a previous parish, St. Frances de Chantal in Wantagh, when I as an Associate Pastor there and when he was Business Manager. I was thrilled that he accepted my offer over three years ago to come on board at OLPH and I am extremely grateful for the work he has done.

As I said, Deacon Tom was already retired when we discussed his taking the position, but maybe he was still a little restless and wasn't quite 100% ready to be fully retired...although apparently, after working here at "Our Lady of Perpetual Motion" parish for over three years, he is now quite ready for full retirement! We wish Deacon Tom and his wife Kathy many, many blessings and much happiness, and we pray that Deacon Tom's years of "full" retirement are ones of good health and lots of joy and love. Once again, I express my deep, deep and personal gratitude to Deacon Tom for all he has done for the parish and for the many

ways he has assisted me. Deacon Tom's last day will be this week.

Welcome to Martin Kenny

One farewell is also a welcome! We are delighted and pleased to welcome Mr. Martin Kenny as our new Business Manager. Martin will hold the same position as Deacon Tom and take over all of his duties (so, if you have been dealing with Deacon Tom, now you will be dealing with Martin). Marty comes to us with prior experience having worked as a Business Manager in a parish here in the diocese in the past, and we have been fortunate to have had him training with Deacon Tom over the summer. Marty has been a great addition already and is enthusiastic about taking over all the various duties associated with the job. I know that it can seem overwhelming at first, so we'll go easy on Marty...for a week or so! Then, it's full steam ahead! All kidding aside, I am thankful to Marty for accepting the position and for the gifts and talents he will bring to the job and to the parish. I am very fortunate to have had such support and competence as I had with Deacon Tom, and am fortunate to now have the same with Marty, to assist me in my role as Pastor.

Welcome aboard, Marty!

Deacon Frank Odin stepping down

There's one more "farewell" which, at the same time, both is and is not a "farewell". Deacon Frank Odin has officially been retired as a deacon for about 10 years, but, as you know, he has continued to be active in the life of the parish, most visibly by being in the regular rotation of assignments for Sunday Masses and various other duties. It is the policy of the diocese that when a deacon retires, he may continue in ministry in whatever way is worked out and is mutually agreeable to both him and his Pastor. We have been very fortunate to have had the continued presence and ministry of Deacon Frank, even though he technically has been retired.

He recently discussed with me, however, that he feels the time has come for him to step down. Therefore, effective in September, Deacon Frank will no longer be in the regular rotation of assignments for things like Sunday Mass, devotions, *etc.* His visible presence and public ministry in the parish will, for all intents and purposes, be ending. It is his desire to continue to work with the Ministry of Praise Prayer Group and to still preside at Midday Prayer and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday afternoons. Other than those two activities, however, Deacon Frank really now will be retired.

We are so very grateful for Deacon Frank's many years of service and ministry to the parish. So many of you have been touched by his diaconal ministry and his deep personal spirituality, and we want to have the opportunity to wish him well and thank him for his years of service, since, apparently, there was no celebration when he officially retired approximately 10 years ago. So, mark your calendar now: on **Sunday, September 25 at the 12:00 Noon Mass**, we'll pray for and thank Deacon Frank for his diaconal ministry, and we will have a hospitality afterward in the auditorium where parishioners can personally greet him and thank him. Look for the announcement about this in the bulletin in the coming weeks, but mark your calendar now.

Brick memorialization

Thanks to all who memorialized a brick on our Walkway to the Blessed Mother. We had 189 bricks memorialized in Phase I of our project, and the bricks are now being engraved. We are hoping to be able to have the bricks installed before this winter. We'll keep you posted on the progress of this project.

Keep in mind that we are looking to open this up again. We had to close this first phase because bricks have to be sent for engraving in groups, and so it was better to set an end date for the first group, rather than have memorializations straggle in. Keep

watching the bulletin for information about Phase II, possibly as soon as over the winter.

Eagle Scout Project

You have probably noticed a project that was done over the summer. It's the little grotto/brick/prayer garden which was installed on the south side lawn of the church, between the church and the rectory. The project was done by Christopher Damone as his Eagle Scout Project. When complete (benches still need to be added, for example), we will have another outdoor space for quiet prayer and reflection on our campus. Thank you, Christopher, for your great work and for your contribution to the beauty and prayerfulness of our parish campus!

As I have already mentioned, I hope to have, in a project separate from Christopher's work, a beautiful new statue installed as part of this new area (that's what that empty space in the middle is for). I have a beautiful proposal for a statue of Christ with a child, and more information about this statue, including the opportunity for memorializing it, will be announced at some point in the not-too-distant future.

Thank you to Knights of Columbus

We put the Knights of Columbus to work over the summer...you may have seen the pictures in the bulletin a few weeks ago. The Knights generously offered their time and their labor to wash the outside of the windows of the "new school" annex section, and I want to offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation for this. You did a great job, Knights, and I hope there might be future service projects that we can talk about! We are so fortunate to have such an active Knights of Columbus Council that is so connected to the life of the parish!

Summer activities were great!

Summer was certainly not a sleepy time here at OLPH, and I want to offer words of recognition, gratitude and appreciation to all

those who offered their time and talent to work on events that have become summer traditions at OLPH:

- our Summer Evening Prayer—thanks to all who planned, prepared, worked at, and attended these prayerful evenings;
- our Vacation Bible Camp—what a great, fun-filled, faith-filled and exciting experience this is for children, teens, and adults; thanks to all who gave so much to this, in what was obviously a labor of love for them;
- our Summer Music Camp, culminating in the performance by the children as our last night of Summer Evening Prayer—the gift the children offer to us through their music, their performance, their faith and their witness of love, is truly extraordinary and uplifting, with special kudos going to Mrs. Amy Keller who is in charge of the Summer Music Camp.

With all this going on, is it any wonder that OLPH is "the place to be"?

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,




PRAYER AND WORSHIP

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

The Way You Are Dressed DOES Matter!

Please dress appropriately for Mass during the summer months. Attire that is meant for the beach, barbecues, boat or athletic field is inappropriate for Mass and is disrespectful to the Lord as we offer ourselves to Him through the sacred actions in which we are engaged. It is also disrespectful to one's brothers and sisters in the community. Your cooperation in continuing to dress up and dress appropriately for Mass during the summer weather is appreciated.

Prayer for Peace

This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,
Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!
Make all men and women witnesses
of truth, justice and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.*



*Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee
and defend the great gift of peace.
May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.
May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always
over us all. AMEN
Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)*

Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length.



So come and pray...

Saturdays and Sundays After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

"The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself 'continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.'"

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



The Monday night Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been a longstanding OLPH tradition. Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Monday, August 29—7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 5—
No Devotions due to Labor Day
Monday, September 12—6:30 p.m.
(note time change!)**

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

All are invited to come and pray with our parish community.

First Friday Devotions will take place **September 2** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **September 3** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, September 3 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Spanish, Polish then English). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, **September 4** at 7:00 p.m.



Calling All Boys & Girls

(Ages 10 through 17)

DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH?



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

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

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

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016 8:00 A.M. MASS

Olivia Maroves	Requested by Fran Taliercio
Caroline A. Virzi	Requested by Frank Cali
Marilyn Guiffre	Requested by Melody Cooney
Elaine Johnson	Requested by Frances Taliercio
Christopher J. Diaz	Requested by The Triolo Family
Charles Nielson	Requested by Margot Huebner
Joann Vitti	Requested by Virginia Farrell
Maureen Knight	Requested by William Strianese
Arlene Pepper	Requested by The Cotter Family
Lucy Ficarrota	Requested by Jen & James Bucala
Thomas M. Newman	Requested by Celia Newman
Annette Vita (Happy 80th Birthday)	Requested by your Goddaughter Theresa Vita

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND OF OTHERS

Once Mass begins, please do not walk up the center aisle, or across the center aisle in the middle of the pews, or across the front pews.

If you arrive late, please use a side aisle and be seated in one of the side sections; if you need to get up during Mass, please use a side aisle. Walking around in a prominent and central area during Mass is distracting to worshipers and to the ministers in the sanctuary. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in showing proper respect at Mass by being attentive to your surroundings.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Praesidium



Invites you to their Annual Function
Celebrating

The Blessed Mother's Birthday

Thursday, September 8, 2016

beginning with Mass at 12:15 p.m.
followed by a light lunch in the Auditorium,
the recitation of the rosary and Tesserà



Guest Speaker: Father Robert Kline



The Diocese of Rockville Centre *Golden Wedding Celebration*



*Couples celebrating 50 years or more
will be honored at these Masses.*

Sunday, October 23,

St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

OR

Sunday, November 6,

Christ the King, Commack

Both Liturgies will begin at 2:30 p.m.

You must register for only ONE Mass.

Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship
by **October 7** for the October 23 liturgy & **October 21** for the November 6 liturgy.

For more info call: 516-678-5800 X 207.

MUSIC NOTES



Can you share your musical gifts?

Perhaps God is calling you to become a part of the music ministry at OLPH. If so, read below to see which ensemble might suit your gifts. Pray about it and then give a call. We need you!



Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at the 12:00 p.m. Mass most Sundays (September to June) and for other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Church. Members are high school aged or older. Reading music is not a requirement, just the ability to carry a tune. Please call in advance if you would like more information.

*Contact: Chris Ferraro
(631) 226-7725, ext. 210
cferraro@oloph.org*

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. Mass three times a month (September to June) and at other special liturgies during the year. Rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 pm in the school building. Members are in grades 3 through 12.

*Contact: Amy Keller
mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com*

Youth Band

Members of the Youth Band lead the music the Sunday night, 5:00 p.m. Mass twice a month. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings. The band needs young musicians: piano, flute, cello preferred. Try outs are required.

*Contact: Dan Volpe
(917) 468-9584*



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building

Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253

Email: religioused@oloph.org

Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
(akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM

TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM

WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM

THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM

SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM

Do you have a passion for your faith? Do you find yourself talking to friends and relatives about Christianity? Have you ever wondered what you can do to serve the Church in an engaging, rewarding setting? Do you feel God is calling you to use your talents?

WE NEED YOU: BECOME A CATECHIST!

The religious education office is currently seeking catechists for the 2016/17 academic year. For a commitment of 24 weeks, you will gain something priceless: the chance to make a difference in the lives of our young people, who are the future of the Church. Training, materials, and support are all provided. No experience is necessary—just a love for Jesus and a desire to bring that love to the children of OLPH!

We are *especially* in need of the following:

- ◇ Level 1: 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m. on Saturdays
- ◇ Level 5: 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. on Saturdays
- ◇ Special Education Assistant Teachers:
10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. on Saturdays
- ◇ Level 6: 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays

Assistant teachers for other times/grade levels are also welcome! Team teaching works well, so ask a friend!

“Do not let a lack of training stop you from evangelizing!”—Pope Francis

AN IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL FAMILIES REGARDING REGISTRATION

Registered families should now have received by mail their child/children’s class assignments. Our 2016/17 calendar will be made available on the OLPH parish website on September 1st.

Calling All OLPH Teens!

Ask yourself the following questions. Are you...?

- ⇒ *Going into 9th—12th grades? **
- ⇒ *Looking to receive Confirmation?*
- ⇒ *Hoping to learn more about your faith in a fun setting tailored to your lifestyle?*

If you answered “yes” to these questions, **Teen Confirmation** might be right for you! Our CHOSEN class is designed to prepare teens who did not receive Confirmation in Level 8 for their adult lives as Catholics. This small-group curriculum includes video presentations and discussion. Our teen Confirmation class will meet weekly beginning September 14th, so please contact us NOW to learn more if you/your child is interested!

**students must be under 18 at the start of the year.*

ATTENTION CURRENT CATECHISTS:

Please make note of the following upcoming dates:

LEVEL 2 CATECHISTS ONLY—NEW BOOK MEETING: Mon. Aug. 29th at 7:00 p.m.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY BLESSING: Sun. Sept 18th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

PLEASE NOTE: For those catechists registered for the Catechetical Congress on Sat., **Sept. 17th** at St. John the Baptist High School, be sure to arrive at 8:30 a.m. Registered catechists would have received a confirmation email upon selection of workshops.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cfr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O’Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net

NEW Food Pantry List!

- POWDERED MILK**
- SHELF-STABLE MILK**
- NAPKINS & TISSUES**
- SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER**
- TOOTHBRUSHES & TOOTHPASTE**
- TOILET PAPER**
- SUNSCREEN**
- BUG SPRAY**

*Please bring your donations to the St. VdP office:
Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon
or Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.*

**Thank you for your continued generosity.
Cut out this list and take it to the store!**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

Use Parking Lot located

on corner of Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, “...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

In the month of August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, providing food, help with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

VIRTUS TRAINING



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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

7:00 PM in ROOM 1

TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS IN ALL MINISTRIES.

*Registration **MUST** be done online.*

Simply go to drvc.org, then Protecting God’s Children and to the Virtus training schedule.
Find the date and OLPH to register.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Long Island is experiencing a critical blood shortage...
The Nursing Ministry will be sponsoring an

**Help
save
lives**



**Emergency
Blood
Drive**

Sunday, September 4

from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Room 16 and 18 of school

*** All donors will receive
2 Mets Tickets for Sept or a 2017 game

Contact Regina Muir 631 226 2709 or
rmuir11@aol.com

RETROUVAILLE



You Can Help Heal Your Marriage!

Do you feel alone?

Are you frustrated or angry with each other?

Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday, September 2nd call 1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Please call or go on the web to make a reservation!

1-800-470-2230

*Weekends get filled up very quickly
website www.retrouvaille.org*



**RESPECT
LIFE
MINISTRY**

**Spiritual
Adoption Program**

"I'm sitting up straight now!"

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. She sits up straight now to accommodate her internal organs which have moved into their final place in her little body. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don't forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mom might still feel pressure to abort.

Respect
Life

CHANGE THE WORLD

Are you interested in

- saving lives (of the elderly, infirm, unborn)?
- knowing how to handle death (yours or loved ones)?
- preserving the environment? (recycling, protecting air quality, etc.) preventing the extinction of animals?

You CAN do all this when you join our

OLPH Respect Life Committee.

Check us out with NO obligation. We usually meet the first Thursday of the month in the new school. Our Bulletin will note the time and place. ***We*** (AND our world) ***NEED YOU!*** Feel free to call Louise (631-412-3831) for further information.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*



DRIVING MINISTRY...

Did you know that our Driving Ministry has made over 100 pick-ups since the inception of the ministry?

What a beautiful way to assist and to support others in need!

We are trying to increase our driving ministry at OLPH. We need a commitment from a number of drivers with a good license and insurance and, of course, some time to donate to others. The service will be available for medical appointments and participation at Sunday Mass.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182 or the Rectory at 631.226.7725.

ALL DRIVERS MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED

HOMELESS MINISTRY

FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com. You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

DONATIONS

We are in need of the following warmer weather items:

- men's jeans: especially larger sizes**
- insect repellent spray/bracelets;**
- travel-size shampoo (under 3 oz.)**
- Toothbrush/toothpaste sets (Dollar Tree)**
- backpacks**

If it is easier, we can always use Kmart gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

There is a place for you at our table...



OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

*Our next Community Meal will be
Sunday, September 4th
Come and pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass
& join us for "Sunday dinner" at 1:00 p.m.*

MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?
Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

**Our next gathering is
Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

The next meeting will be held in Room 24 of the "new" school (use large parking lot).
Note new meeting day: the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

All are welcome to check us out!!
Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Mass for People with Special Needs

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

**Saturday, September 3
4:00 p.m. School Auditorium**

*All are welcome
to come celebrate Mass with us!*

Want to help prepare for our monthly Mass and other special needs events? Contact Jessica Becker at 631.226-7725 X 252 or email to jbecker@oloph.org

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

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Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico saitjoseph98@gmail.com

Preparándonos para las lecturas del domingo 4 de Septiembre del 2016

Lecturas del Domingo 23° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C

Amigos y hermanos en la fe, un domingo más, todos unidos, queremos celebrar la fe y nuestro seguimiento al señor, queremos escuchar, con un corazón atento y decidido su palabra y a aceptar su invitación a seguirle.

Primera Lectura (Sabiduría 9,13-18): Necesitamos el Espíritu Santo de Sabiduría

Nuestra búsqueda demasiado humana es incapaz de descubrir la voluntad y los planes de Dios, a no ser que Dios mismo nos dé las intuiciones interiores de su propia sabiduría.

Segunda Lectura (Filemón 9b-10.12-17): En Cristo, un Esclavo Se Vuelve Hermano

En esta carta, breve pero sensible, Pablo pide a su amigo Filemón que acoja de nuevo a su esclavo fugitivo como recibiría al mismo Pablo. En Cristo, este esclavo se ha vuelto hermano.

Evangelio (Lucas 14,25-33): ¿Estamos Decididos a Seguir a Cristo?

Jesús fue a la cruz, hasta el fin. La verdadera sabiduría y prudencia no tienen miedo de arriesgarse a seguir resueltamente

A primera vista parece contradictorio que, por una parte, Jesús presenta su mensaje e incluso se presenta a sí mismo como una invitación, como una oferta libre que podemos aceptar o rechazar; y, por otra, como una exigencia estricta. El evangelio de hoy derrama luz sobre esta paradoja: Sí, lo que Jesús nos ofrece es un don, y nadie se ve forzado a aceptarlo. Permanecemos libres; pero, si lo aceptamos, será exigente con nosotros. Tenemos que poner a Jesús y su Reino por encima incluso de nuestras relaciones y deseos más queridos. Por eso tenemos que pensarnoslo dos veces antes de aceptarlo. Pero hemos de saber que, con Jesús y en virtud de su fuerza, podremos responder a su llamado, por difícil que sea, y que seremos felices. Él nos extiende esa invitación y nos da su fuerza en esta eucaristía.

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Announcement:

*Patrick Walker & Antoinette Devecchis
Gregory Jacques & Gabrielle Mason
Nicholas Buglione & Audrey Buglione*

Second Announcement:

Vito Tandoi & Sandra Best

First Announcement:

Joseph Misuraca & Amanda Greco

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Laurel Kurnides</i>	<i>Cynthia Simpson</i>
<i>Josephine Decivitis</i>	<i>Agnes Storz</i>
<i>Maureen Caruso</i>	<i>Bernedette Sinnot</i>
<i>Ann Kristoffersen</i>	<i>Rosalie Grotola</i>
<i>Mary Fontana</i>	<i>Mary Pellegrino</i>
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<i>Glenn</i>	<i>Virginia Evers</i>
<i>Dolores Barone</i>	<i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i>
<i>Dominick Barone</i>	<i>Vance Vivirito</i>

WE REMEMBER

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

*Joan Cox
Chester Krzemienski
Joseph Caridi
Rosemary Daidone
Stephen Bruce
Helen Bartley*

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

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office.

MEETING FOR ALL

MINISTERS OF CONSOLATION

All those involved in the Ministry of Consolation are asked to attend our next “brush-up” meeting with Msgr. Joe on *Thursday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m.* The meeting will take place in the St. Lucy Meeting Room in the lower level of the rectory (you can use the outside entrance on the south side of the rectory). We’ll have the chance to review procedures and clarify any questions. All Ministers of Consolation are asked to make every effort to attend. If you are unable to attend or if you have any questions, please contact MaryAnn Haas. Thanks to all who offer their talents and the witness of their faith in this beautiful ministry!



BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

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

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY, August 29—
The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

6:30 Daniel Gallagher

12:15 Jason Ross

**TUESDAY, August 30—
Weekday**

6:30 Angela & Sherman Glass

12:15 Louis Taiano

**WEDNESDAY, August 31—
Weekday**

6:30 Alene Brocking

12:15 John Chapman

**THURSDAY, September 1—
Weekday**

6:30 Father John Paul Wilutis

12:15 Hedwig Burkhardt

**FRIDAY, September 2— First Friday
Weekday**

6:30 Thadius Cimasewski

12:15 Josephine Noto

**SATURDAY, September 3—First Saturday
Saint Gregory the Great, Pope
& Doctor of the Church**

8:00 Thomas Daniel Matias

**Vigil for
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 Special Needs Mass—Auditorium

5:00 Muriel DeQuatro

**Sunday, September 4
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 William & Katherine Trigg

10:00 Lawrence Summers

12:00 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Rose Gervasio

PARISH CALENDAR**Monday, August 29, 2016**

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry Room 24

1:00 p.m. Homeless Van Ministry Room 18

7:00 p.m. Devotions Church

7:00 p.m. Level 2 Catechist Meeting Room 16

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

6:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

8:00 p.m. Community of Praise Room 16

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry Room 24

12:45 p.m. Exposition Church

2:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Business Meeting Room 24

Thursday, September 1, 2016

1–5 p.m. Church closed for cleaning Church

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Respect Life Meeting Room 17

7:00 p.m. Baptismal Prep Class for Parents Room 16

Friday, September 2, 2016

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry Room 24

Saturday, September 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. First Saturday Hospitality Cafeteria

1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

8:00 p.m. Nocturnal Adoration Church

Sunday, September 4, 2016

12:00 p.m. Emergency Blood Drive Room 16/18

1:30 p.m. Junior Legion of Mary Room 24

5:00 p.m. RCIA Dismissal Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:00 p.m. Adoration Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
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Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
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Martin Kenny, Business Manager	204	mkenny@oloph.org
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St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Alice White at 631-805-2133 or e-mail at Alicem9@icloud.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork
Tricia Buckley (Chair)
Lori Byron
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Marie Foster
Greg Guido
Sonia Hansen
John Keller
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Christina Taparata
James Totino
Pete Triolo

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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John Reynolds

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Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.

**OFFERING UPDATE
August 20/21, 2016**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	298	122	\$3,461.00
8:00 a.m.	270	122	3,118.00
10:00 a.m.	385	131	2,760.00
12:00 pm.	370	122	3,065.00
5:00 p.m.	216	52	1,679.50
Total coin:			17.35
Mail-ins:			230.00
Children's Env.		14	21.80
Faith Direct			1,954.94
TOTAL	1,539	563	\$16,307.59
2015 total	1,809	559	\$15,869.41
Candles			\$1,032.03
Poor Box			\$291.09
Assumption			\$1,938.00



The IRA Charitable Rollover is back and is now permanent!

What's called a rollover is actually a "qualified charitable distribution" that can be made to our Parish.

If...

1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift.
2. Your IRA is a traditional or Roth.
3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions.
4. You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

Example: Mrs. Connors, age 76, has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to her Parish in 2016. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, she directs the custodian of her IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2016 directly to the Parish as a 2016 gift. She will not be subject to income tax on her \$5,000 qualified charitable distribution.

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

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AUGUST 2016 WINNERS

\$1000 - Marie Ray

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\$100 - Theresa Hines

\$100 - Frank & Nancy Pellegrino

\$100 - Patricia & Joseph Cancellieri

Have you returned your Summer Appeal envelope yet?

Thank you for your generosity!

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, September 4, 2016—The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus said, "Whoever does not carry his own cross
and come after me cannot be my disciple."*

Luke 14:27

Wisdom 9: 13-18b

Today's first reading seeks to remind us humans of the great limitations we have. It's hard enough for us to understand human affairs, the stuff of everyday life going on around us ("scarce do we guess the things on earth"), so trying to understand heavenly things is bound to be beyond our ability. What are we to do? Often the best way to learn is through questions that force us to consider the issues and come to our own conclusions, guided by God's "holy spirit from on high." Only by his grace and wisdom, not ours, will our paths be made straight.

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

In this poignant letter, Paul is an old man writing from prison to Philemon, a leader of the Christian community in Colossae, about his young runaway slave named Onesimus whom Paul has met and converted to Christianity. Paul's encounter with Onesimus has resulted in a deep father-son bond between them, such that Paul would gladly keep the young man with him to help in his ministry. However, Paul sends the boy back to his former owner because he wants Philemon to make the choice to release Onesimus freely rather than under compulsion. While the details of this arrangement may seem foreign to modern sensibilities, the important point for us is that God always gives us the freedom to choose to do the right thing rather than forcing us to do so because of his great love for us.

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks to us today about total dedication and extreme detachment. A disciple is to follow Jesus by "hating his father and mother" and must "renounce all his possessions." Such statements as these may be very hard for us to hear. The old Law of Moses required allegiance and care for one's father but Jesus says the Kingdom of our heavenly father takes precedence over all things, even our parents of flesh and blood. Following Christ not only requires placing him ahead of all other values and concerns, it also demands a willingness to carry our cross and suffer with him. Jesus wants would-be disciples to understand the consuming dedication required of those who undertake to follow him.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, August 29, 2016:

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 + Mark 6:17-29

Tuesday, August 30, 2016:

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16 + Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, August 31, 2016:

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 + Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 1, 2016:

1 Corinthians 3:18-23 + Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 2, 2016:

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 + Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, September 3, 2016:

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15
+ Luke 6:1-5

Sunday, September 4, 2016:

Wisdom 9:13-18b
+ Philemon 9-10, 12-17
+ Luke 14:25-33

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday's Gospel take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. Is following Jesus a one-time choice or do you have to make it daily? Which would you rather have, all the possessions you could ever want, without Christ, or Christ and no possessions? Can you name some people who lived/live in Christ and have possessed nothing? What does this freedom allow them to do?
2. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Do crosses make discipleship desirable? Is there anything that makes us want discipleship, even though it involves crosses? How would Pope Francis answer?

The human heart desires joy. We all desire joy; every family, every people aspires to happiness. But what is the joy the Christian is called to live out and bear witness to? It is the joy that comes from the *closeness of God*; from his *presence* in our life. ...

Jesus has come to bring joy to all people for all time. It is not just a hopeful joy or a joy postponed until paradise, as if here on earth we are sad but in paradise we will be filled with joy. No! It is not that, but a joy already real and tangible now, because *Jesus himself is our joy*, and with Jesus joy finds its home; ... joy is at home in Jesus.

And our joy is just this: to be his disciples, his friends.

The Joy of Discipleship, Chapter 5: 78, 79, 89

DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

**Diocesan Year of Mercy
Pilgrimage**
to the Basilica of the
National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, D.C.



Saturday, September 24, 2016

Cost: \$60 p.p. round trip coach bus transportation (includes driver gratuity)

Schedule for the day:

- 12:00 ~ The Angelus, *Upper Church*
- 12:10 ~ Welcome and Introduction, *Msrgr. Vito A. Buonanno*
- 12:15 ~ Presentation, *Christopher Ruddy, PhD Catholic University of America*
- 12:45 ~ Lunch, *Tours and Gift Shop, Private Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Individual Confession in the reconciliation Chapel.*
- 2:45 ~ Youth Event, *Crypt Church*
- 3:00 ~ Rosary in Word and Song, *Upper Church*
- 4:00 ~ *Gather in the Upper Church for the Celebration of the Eucharist*
- 4:15 ~ Celebration of the Eucharist
- 5:30 ~ Departure

Contact Angela Garofalo at 516-445-9635 or email at finestone@optonline.net for more information. To reserve a seat on the bus please fill out and return the slip below:

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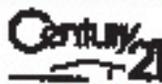
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