

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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**August 5, 2012 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

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

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

### CLERGY

**Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco**

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton  
**Parochial Vicars**

Rev. Moise Aime + Rev. Ignace Lolecke +  
Rev. John Sureau

**In Residence:** Rev. Michael Holzmann

### Deacons

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

**Monday- Friday:** 9 am - 5 pm

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

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

**Saturday Morning:** 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses**

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.,  
5:00 p.m., and 6:30 (Mass in Polish).

*Masses for Holy Days are as announced and published.*

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

**Wednesday:** 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

### DEVOTIONS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

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

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

### OREMOS A DIOS EN ESPAÑOL

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

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

*Please contact the Parish Office for more information.*

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

# PARISH STAFF

## Pastoral Associate for Administration

Deacon Donald A. Stamm

## Religious Education - 226-2384

260 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

### Director of Religious Education

Thomas J. Acemoglu

### RCIA / Adult Formation

Deacon Douglas G. Smith

### Baptismal Prep

Deacon William Crosby

## Youth Ministry 226-6239

### High School Youth Ministry Coordinator

Brittany Marie Evans

### Catholic Youth Organization

Program Coordinator:

Phil Amico

516-732-8520/olphcyophil@optonline.net

## Music Director

James R. Kendall

## Sacristan

Mark Costantino

## Plant Maintenance

Vito Cudia

## St. Vincent de Paul 225-5531

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

President: Joseph Illuminato

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## MONDAY, AUGUST 6—

The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 Fanny Addea

12:00 Leonard Vicciardo

7:00 Giuseppe Tamburello

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 - St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

(optional)

8:00 Dorothy Puglisi

12:00 Pasquale Grottola

7:00 Bridget Lynn

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 -

St. Dominic, Priest

8:00 Joseph Mafeo

12:00 Mary Bradley

7:00 Minnie Dellaria

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 9 –St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr (optional)

8:00 Karen & Kenneth Galluccio

12:00 Ray Delisa

7:00 Frank Wilutis

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 10—

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:00 Joseph Cudio

12:00 John F. Allar

7:00 Maryse Lizaire

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 11—

Saint Claire, Virgin

8:00 Baby Aiden Fisher (Living)

9:00 Hugo Mascari

## VIGIL MASS –

5:00 Thomas Napolitano

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 12—

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish

8:00 Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

9:30 Valerie Cummings

11:00 Book of the Faithful Departed

12:30 Mary Zangre

5:00 Sophie Esnes

6:30 Mass in Polish

## Altar Bread and Wine

The wine used at our Masses during this week, August 5—August 11, is offered in loving memory of *Pamela Suggett*

*Requested by The Duffy Family*

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

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## What's new now?

We are continuing to review all aspects of parish life, from the administrative to the pastoral, from the large to the small, trying to find the most effective ways to serve your needs and to further the mission of the parish, given the new clergy and new configuration of personnel we now have.

Toward that end, we have slightly adjusted our Rectory Office hours. We will now be open on Monday mornings, and we will be open during lunch time too, so the weekday hours are simply 9 a.m.-5:00 p.m. We think this will provide more opportunity for people to reach us for whatever their need may be. For now, Saturday and Sunday hours will remain the same, and evening hours will be by appointment only, but we have it as a goal to further increase office hours so that there is a receptionist in the evenings on weekdays and possibly until 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays. That's something we'll get to at some point as soon as we can.

Next: have you checked out our redesigned website? We hope it's more user-friendly, and what you see is just a start! I thank Laura Fischer for the great work and self-giving that she has offered to the parish through her work on the website, and for the service she will continue to give. She and Fr. John have put out a call for a website committee, so if you have skills in that area, please join the effort!

## Welcome to our guest preacher...

This weekend we welcome Deacon Ray D'Alesio, who is preaching at all the Masses and speaking about the work of the Diocesan Mission Co-op in the Dominican Republic. I would have mentioned this last weekend to prepare you for it, but this is one of those things that fell through cracks in the transition with the new Pastor, and I only found out about it at a time that was too late for last week's bulletin. Elsewhere in this bulletin there is mention of how you can support the work of the Diocesan Mission in the Dominican Republic. We thank Deacon Ray for sharing his time, his enthusiasm and his commitment in speaking to us this weekend.

## Constrained by the budget and other worries about money

There is so much that we would like to do in order to grow and continue to be a vibrant parish. The

unfortunate reality, though, is that much of what we would like to do on both the administrative and pastoral level is constrained by our dire financial situation — we don't (yet!) have the money to do all we would like to do. Deacon Don Stamm and I are working hard to present a balanced budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, but it is a challenge and we may have a shortfall. Paying back the diocesan bills we owe and getting us to operate "in the black" (to say nothing of building up our savings again) are major, major goals for the years of my Pastorate; this is what will allow us to do what we want to do, and should be doing, administratively and ministerially.

As I have mentioned before, I am in the process of reactivating the Finance Committee, and we are on the verge of holding our first meeting. I will be looking to their wisdom and counsel in guiding the parish back to financial health.

One step we have been able to take right now is that we have raised our parish fees for weddings and funerals. We were charging a significantly lower amount than the diocesan norm, which was a needless lack of income for the parish, so now we are simply more in line with all other parishes. Although this obviously won't solve the financial problem by itself, it is one small but important step to making sure we are doing everything we can to get ourselves back to financial health. There are stirrings of some other endeavors that might also help us achieve this goal.

I plan on making a report to the parish sometime in the late Fall, perhaps late October or early November, by speaking at all the Masses. This "state of the parish" report will review the spiritual, ministerial, and financial picture of the parish, and I plan to do this on an annual basis. I think it is an important thing for the Pastor to do this, to be transparent with you and to keep you informed, since we all are responsible for, and we all have a stake in, our parish life together.

At some point the Finance Committee will have to address the issue of the weekly collection. For now, I ask you with all humility and sincerity to continue to support the parish financially as best as you can. If you are able to even slightly increase your weekly donation, that's wonderful. It would be a big help. If not, please continue to be as faithful as you can.

## New Liturgical Ministers

You have heard and read about our call for more liturgical ministers, especially Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We are getting responses, and I say *thank you* to all of you **disciples** who have stepped forward to **offer yourselves and your gifts**. We still need more, however! Let's hear from YOU! Further information can be found elsewhere in this bulletin. We need lots more ministers in order to enhance our worship according to the vision we want to enact in the upcoming year.

Next Saturday at the 5:00 p.m. Mass I will **commission the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** who went to the diocesan training in the Spring. Let's pray for these parishioners as they begin this important ministry in our parish.

## Liturgy Notes: Some Thoughts on Participation

The Second Vatican Council reminded us that all the faithful are called to that full, conscious and active participation that is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy itself. Such participation is also the responsibility of the baptized who are a holy race, a chosen people set apart to praise God and offer Him worship.

Think about what it means to "fully, consciously and actively" participate at Mass. There are two aspects to it: an inner, or interior participation, and an outer, or exterior, participation.

Interior participation refers to what we bring to worship with our minds, hearts and souls. It refers to the inward disposition with which we enter into worship. It includes the spirituality we have lived since the last time we attended Mass, which we bring as an offering to be joined with Jesus' offering.

This interior participation has to include the all the ways we have prepared well for Mass. Have we read and prayed over the readings ahead of time, so that when the Scripture readings are proclaimed, the soil of our mind, soul and heart is ready to receive the seed of the Word of God? Have we reflected on the season of the Church year we are in? Have we read and prayed over other texts of the Mass?

Just as important as internal participation is external participation. This aspect means physically joining in the responses, the gestures and the singing (remember—*singing is not optional!*) because we pray not just with our minds, but with our bodies.

External participation also means that we are outwardly focused on and paying attention to the

actions of the liturgy **as they are taking place**. Remember, those actions, in their ritual enactment, are the expression of the Paschal Mystery and of Christ's Presence revealed in our midst, for the liturgy is the action of Christ. **Mass is not an action performed by the priest for the people as they follow along; rather, it is an action of the entire body where all are engaged in the actions, each person according to his/her liturgical role and identity within the assembly of the body of Christ.** Our focus on the actions, the objects, and yes, even the ministers themselves (ordained and lay) should engage us more deeply in the Mystery that is being revealed through the enactment of the ritual, the Mystery that is in our midst, namely, the saving Paschal Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection.

That's why, for example, we should not have our faces buried in a book during the liturgy. We do not "follow along" because we only "follow along" when somebody else is doing something. Liturgy is something we all do, and therefore we should be praying not as individuals with our own focus, but as a corporate body whose members together are focused on the live activity revealing the sacred reality enacted in our midst.

## 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,



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# NEXT MONDAY!!!!

*Save the dates...*

## *Summer Evening Prayer*

+ Mondays +

**August 13 + August 20 + August 27**

**7:30 P.M.— on the Convent Green**

**7:00 P.M.— Fun & Faith for the Kids**

*(in front of the Convent)*

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

Each night, the Church gathers for Evening Prayer to give thanks to God for the day that has passed and to seek God's blessing on the night ahead. At Evening Prayer, we pray with the psalms, hear God's Word and seek God's help in prayer.

**DON'T MISS IT!!!!**

**Interested in helping??** We can use help with sound, planning, decorations, clean up and more. For more information, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to [jsureau@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org).

**NEXT MONDAY**

August 13th

**Presider and Preacher:**

**Msgr. Joe!**

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



## **OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS**

On Mondays August 13, 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).



*We are in the process of forming a...*

# **WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

*and can use your help!*

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

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

## *OLPH Summer Music Camp*

With Mrs. Amy Keller

Mon.—Fri., August 27- 31

10 a.m.—11:15 a.m.

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

Fee: \$20

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



Questions/Contact: [mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com](mailto:mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com)

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Summer Music Camp**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact/cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark the envelope "Music Camp"

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **Third Time:**

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

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

### **Second Time:**

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

### **First Time:**

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

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

## **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING UPDATE**

**Our parish's financial health depends on  
your generosity!**

**Thank you for your support!**

### **Sunday Collection**

July 22, 2012	July 24, 2011
\$ 15,982	\$ 15,748

### **Sunday Attendance**

July 22, 2012	July 24, 2011
2,041	2,007

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

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

**Matthew 11:28**

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

Irene Austin  
William Piezzo  
Gerard Pizzolrusso  
Joseph Cusimano  
James O'Brien

## **WE BELIEVE**

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

**Psalms 27**

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

Frank Lent  
Frances Eng  
Heather Calamia  
Segundo Cedeno  
Linda Matera  
Francesca Galante  
Joseph Aliano  
Nicholas Polo  
Roberta Caristo Chaplin

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



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED!

*Proclaiming God's Word...*

### READERS

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

For more information, contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [rabecker9550@verizon.net](mailto:rabecker9550@verizon.net).

*Serving the Body of Christ...*

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

#### What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

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

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

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

La hora de Adoración al santísimo sacramento del altar, en español, es todos primeros sábados del mes. En Agosto, la hora es en español de 10 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. en la iglesia.

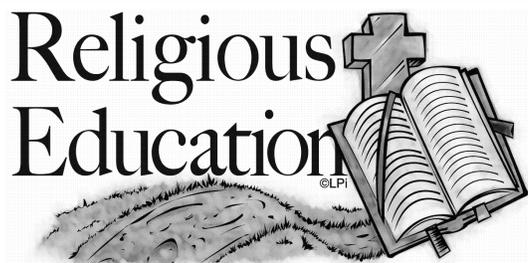
Los días martes de cada semana llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares a 7:30 P.M. Para información, llamar Virginia Constantinou a 631.957.1149.

¡Te esperamos!



*Members of our Spanish community with Bishop Brennan, after a Diocesan Mass for Hispanic Catholics at St. Luke's in Brentwood on July 29, 2012.*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION



Registration for public school students who will participate in the **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Religious Education Program** for the 2012-2013 academic year will be held on:

<b>Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
<b>Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
<b>Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
<b>Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
<b>Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

**The Religious Education Office is located in the  
OLPH Convent Building  
260 South Wellwood Avenue.**

Parents with a child who will be in the first grade in September 2012 should register the child for religious instruction at this time.

All students entering first grade in any of the Lindenhurst Public Schools and residing within the parish boundaries who wish to make First Communion at the regular time in the second grade must be registered on one of the dates mentioned above and must regularly attend both the first and second grade of the Religious Education Program. Students entering grades 2-8 who did not attend the OLPH program in the past academic year (2011-2012) must also register on the above dates.

Parents registering their children for the first time must bring the original copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate as a requirement for registration.

For further information, please call the OLPH Religious Education Office, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.; and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 8:30 P.M.; at **226-2384**.



**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION  
DESPERATELY  
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

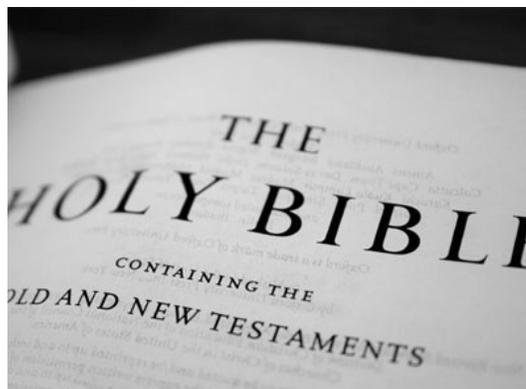
**How about you???**

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

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

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

**SUMMER SCHOOL  
FOR EVERYONE!!!**



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

**CLASS DATES**

New Testament (5 classes)

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

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

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

**Space is limited!  
Register today!**



# MINISTRY OF PRAISE

August 2012

## Two Visions of Mary

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

During the last years of her life, my maternal grandmother, Mary Kelly Scheer, lived with my mother, Jane, and my sister Mary Jane's family in West Plains, Missouri. One night, not long after we had celebrated Nana's ninetieth birthday, she called my sister into her bedroom.

"Do you see her?" Nana asked my sister. "See whom?" Mary Jane asked perplexedly. "The Blessed Mother," Nana answered quietly. "She's standing there, in the corner." "What's she doing?" "Smiling. She's looking at us. Her arms are lifted slightly from her side. She's all in white. She's glowing."

My sister sat on the edge of Nana's bed. They kept vigil for hours, praying the rosary quietly until Nana announced, "She's gone. She was beautiful."

Nana lived for several years after the Blessed Mother's appearance to her. Although my sister could not verify Mary's presence in our grandmother's room, none of us ever doubted or questioned her experience. Devoted as she was to Mary, we all thought it appropriate that the Blessed Mother should appear to Nana. It took years for me to realize that Nana's devotion to the Mother of Our Lord went well beyond the rosary she recited daily. Nana's life was a testament to Mary.

Mary Kelly came to America in 1911 at the age of 21, sponsored by her older brother Bill, to work as a domestic. She did not marry for ten more years until her mother and younger siblings, Jane and Hugh, had also come to America from Scotland. Her husband, Arthur, died of tuberculosis in 1938 leaving her with two children, my uncle Arthur and my mother. She supported herself and her children by working as a seamstress. After both her own children had married, when her brother's wife died in the late 1940's, Nana moved into Hugh's home to raise his son and daughter. From that point in her life, until the day she died over forty years later, Nana never owned her own home. She never owned more than she could put in a suitcase. She journeyed from sibling to sibling, child to child, grandchild to grandchild, nursing those in illness, caring for newborns and toddlers as parents worked, and supporting any of her family living through one of life's trials. Never schooled beyond eighth grade, she read voraciously.

She dispensed wisdom drawn from her own life, from Bishop Fulton Sheen and from the priests and nuns she encountered whenever she went on a retreat. As I matured into my faith, I saw in her elements the writers of the synoptic gospels ascribed to the Mother of Our Lord.

Mary Kelly was filled with faith and obedience to God as is the young Mary that Luke depicts in his first chapter. Through her acceptance of God's will, the young Mary recapitulates Eve's disobedience and completes Jesus' recapitulation of Adam's sinfulness. My grandmother held a firm faith in God that enabled her to live not unlike the confident mother of the adult Jesus whom John portrays in his second chapter in the verses focused on the wedding at Cana, where Mary intercedes as a human partner in the rescue of mankind. "Do whatever he tells you" Mary tells the servers and us. (John 2:5) My grandmother was life-giving, not unlike the Mary who stands at the foot of the cross at the end of John's gospel (John 19:26-27), adopting us into the family of Jesus through His grace, becoming Our Mother and giving us her divine Son and through the Church raising new brothers and sisters to Christ. "Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she (Mary) gave herself entirely to the work of her Son; and did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace. As St. Irenaeus says: 'Being obedient she became the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race.'" (*Catechism* 494) How fortunate we are as Catholics to have a loving mother in front of us even after our own has passed on from this earth.

In his beautiful paean to Mary entitled *Hail, Holy Queen*, Dr. Scott Hahn observes that Mary's role can't be separated from salvation history, that her motherhood is not incidental to God's plan. "God chose," writes Hahn, "to make His redemptive act inconceivable without her." (p. 31) Can any of us conceive a more perfect human model for our faith? During this month of August, I pray each of us will challenge ourselves to mark Our Mother's Assumption into heaven with a renewed devotion to her. Who among us would not welcome having her or his earthly mother as companion on our journeys of faith? The Mother of Our Lord waits for us to ask her to walk with us.

Your brother in the Lord,

*Robert Becker*

# OLPH Golf Outing

Monday, September 24, 2012

*The Links—Cherry Creek*

*In Honor of*



*Bishop*

*Robert Brennan*

### **EVENT INCLUDES....**

Closest to the Pin

*(all par 3's)*

Longest Drive

*(one for men and one for ladies)*

Complimentary Driving

Range

50/50 Raffle

...and more!!!!

### **ALA CARTE**

Individual golfer \$135

Bus Transportation \$15

Company Signage \$400

Exclusive Tee Sponsor  
\$150

Non Exclusive Tee \$75

Dinner only \$50

### **Contact Info:**

**Bob Rooney:**

**(631) 473-1295**

**rjrooney@optonline.net**

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

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**7:00 am**

Bus leaves Knights of Columbus

**8:30 am**

Registration and Breakfast

Full hot buffet breakfast including eggs, bacon, etc..

**10:00 am Shotgun Start**

Hot dogs at the turn with beverage carts on the golf course

**3:00 pm**

Cocktails, Dinner and Awards

A full BBQ steak dinner with an open bar

**6:00 pm**

Bus departs for Knights of Columbus

### **SPONSORSHIPS**

**Eagle \$900**

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

**Birdie \$750**

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

**Par \$600**

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

## **ALL MONIES DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2012**

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

**Please make checks payable and mail to:**

**OLPH Knights of Columbus 400 South Broadway Lindenhurst, NY 11757**

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

## PARISH HAPPENINGS!!

### BOOK OF INTENTIONS

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

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

### COMMUNITY OF PRAISE



The OLPH Community of Praise Prayer Group meets Tuesday evenings at 7:45pm in the Convent Meeting Room. Please enter through the front Convent door.

**All are welcome!!!**

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



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

**Please watch for sales on the following needed items:**

marble composition notebooks, 2" & 3" three ring binders, Crayola crayons 24 ct., colored magic markers (fat), Crayola fine line markers, hi-liters, dry erase markers, zipper pencil case, small plastic supply box, Fiskar scissors, Elmers bottle glue, glue sticks, colored pencils, subject dividers, laminated colored folders, plastic folders, calculators, small packages of colored construction paper, protractors, rulers 12 inch—inch/centimeters, blue or black erasable pens, post it notes, small pencil enclosed sharpener, tissues, baby wipes, antibacterial liquid soap, Spanish/English dictionaries, multiplication/division flash cards, back packs, lunch boxes. All parishioners are welcome to participate.

*(Due to the past generosity to this collection we do not need spiral notebooks, pens & pencils.)*

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY  
631.225.5531

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday,  
9 am—12 noon.**

**All are welcome!**

### **PLEASE HELP OUR FOOD PANTRY BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
GENEROSITY!**

### **Scriptural Reflection:**

*The Gospel tells us "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." By "listening" we are able to live the gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill out their hearts when seeking help.*

**Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul your heart becomes a "listening heart" to the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor.**



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

*The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ, who offers a vision of life revealed to us in Sacred Scripture and Tradition. To echo the teaching of the Second Vatican Council: Christ, the Word made flesh, in showing us the Father's love, also shows us what it truly means to be human (see Gaudium et Spes, no. 22). Christ's love for us lets us see our human dignity in full clarity and compels us to love our neighbors as he has loved us. Christ, the Teacher, shows us what is true and good, that is, what is in accord with our human nature as free, intelligent beings created in God's image and likeness and endowed by the Creator with dignity and rights.*

**—Forming Consciences For  
Faithful Citizenship, 9**

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

## MISSION APPEAL

This weekend, we are happy to welcome Deacon Ray D'Alessio to our parish to speak about the work of our Diocesan Mission in the Dominican Republic. A second collection will be taken up today for this vital missionary work in the Church.



If you are unable to make a donation today, please mail your check to the Mission Office, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023 + Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

# OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS



**August 5th** - After a great weekend at the Lock-In there will be **no meeting after Mass this week.** Check out the OLPH Life Teen **Facebook** page for more details of events going on this week!

**Next Week August 12th** - Car Wash!! Please stop by the school parking lot between 8:30am and 3pm and help support the youth of our parish.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:OLPHLifeteen1@gmail.com) or Fr. John at 631.226.7725/[jsureau@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org)

For more information about Youth Ministry at OLPH, including our Sports Nights visit [www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com](http://www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com) or visit our Facebook page — Search OLPH Life Teen.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

We just finished planning an epic summer for Edge!

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

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

**August 9th—Video/Game Night**

**August 16—EDGE Olympics**

**August 30 –End of Summer BBQ!**



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



## Breaking Free

On her way to New York City to buy drugs, Rebecca Ann pulled over on the service road of the Long Island Expressway. Later, she called this day a “spiritual awakening” from years of denial about a substance abuse disease that began when she was 11. In tears, she prayed, “God, what should I do? I don’t want to do this anymore.”



God answered her tearful prayer by giving her the courage to return to her parents and ask for help. They had prayed long and hard for this moment. After an intensive rehab program, Rebecca Ann attended sessions at Catholic Charities’ drug counseling services. Initially, she attended sessions six days a week, but eventually was able to reduce her schedule to once a week. Along the way, she found God’s healing and peace.

**OLPH Goal:**  
**\$117,900.00**  
**Pledges: \$72,573.00**  
**#of Donors: 317**  
**Payments:**  
**\$55,373.00**  
**(62% of Goal)**  
**Under: \$45,327.00**

Today she says, “I know I am surrounded by God always, in my counselor, in my being, in my family, in people that surround me in my forgiving church.”

Rebecca Ann is working to finish her degree that will prepare her for a career dedicated to helping others. She envisions a future without drugs and one that might include a family.

Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Down Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parish: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_  
 Donor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Place in weekly collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office or visit [www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://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](http://www.telecaretv.org)



OLPH's 11th Annual Atlantic City Columbus Day Excursion

**SHOWBOAT**  
ATLANTIC CITY

**Monday, Oct. 8, 2012**

**\$39 p. p.**  
(includes tip to driver)



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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF SEATS \_\_\_\_\_

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

**COME JOIN US!**

Casino package details to be published later.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, August 6, 2012:**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19 + Mark 9:2-10

**Tuesday, August 7, 2012:**

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 + Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday, August 8, 2012:**

Jeremiah 31:1-7 + Matthew 15:21-28

**Thursday, August 9, 2012:**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 + Matthew 16:13-23

**Friday, August 10, 2012:**

2 Cor 9:6-10 + John 12:24-26

**Saturday, August 11, 2012:**

Hb 1:12-2:4 + Matthew 17:14-20

**Sunday, August 12, 2012**

1 Kings 19:4-8 + Eph 4:30-5:2

John 6:41-51

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



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

**Are you good with a camera?**

**Do you know just the right shot to take?**

**Are you good at matting and framing photos?**

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

# DIOCESAN NEWS

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



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.*

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