

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*The father said,
“We must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead
and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.”*

Luke 15:32

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 11, 2016

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

Deacons: 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.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

The Feast of the Sorrowful Mother

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Devotions begin at 6:30 p.m. + Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

At OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

The Schedule for the Evening will be:

- *Chanting the Stabat Mater*
- *The Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Mother*
- *The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*
- *Reception of the Anointing of the Sick at Mass*
- *The presentation of a rose to each child*

Our pastor, Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, will be the celebrant at this special Mass.

The intentions of this Mass will be for

***CHILDREN & TEENAGERS WHO ARE TERMINALLY ILL
AND CHILDREN & TEENAGERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS***

This beautiful devotion is for everyone and especially all mothers and all children in our parish and in our diocese. It helps us contemplate on how much our dear Mother Mary suffered and sacrificed for us all. It strengthens us in our own sufferings and teaches us how to unite our sufferings with Mary who will lead us into total union with her Son Jesus Christ.

Please let us know if you plan on attending this Mass with your child by September 13.

Call Linda Setti at 631-884-6892



Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

**Thursday,
September 29**

7:30 p.m. in Church



Join us for a candlelight prayer service to help us reflect on the mystery of the Cross and the glory of Christ's resurrection. Consider setting aside 45 minutes to join in this beautiful and contemplative form of prayer.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

6th Annual OLPH Golf Outing



Monday, September 19th
Rock Hill Country Club
Manorville, NY

**CALL: BOB DOBRES 631 592-8697
OR MIKE HEARNEY 631 560-0451**

The Knights of Columbus Council 794
will be selling
Golf Outing Raffle tickets outside church
after all the Masses
this weekend, Sept. 10/11.
Please stop by and
support their good efforts!



DEACON FRANK ODIN RETIRING FROM ACTIVE MINISTRY

After many, many years of ministry to OLPH, Deacon Frank Odin is retiring from active ministry. Join us as we pray for Deacon Frank and offer thanksgiving for his diaconal service.

Mass: 12:00 Noon
Sunday, September 25
Hospitality in the Auditorium
to follow the Mass



"Deacons are ordained by the laying on of hands, a tradition handed down from the Apostles, so that through sacramental grace they may effectively fulfill their ministry. Therefore, even from early Apostolic times, the Catholic Church has held the holy Order of the Diaconate in high honor."—Rite of Ordination of Deacons, #173



PASTOR'S PAGE

9/11

Today (Sunday) is September 11, and it was 15 years ago today that our world changed forever with the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers in Manhattan, the collapse of those buildings, and the resultant inconceivable loss of life. For those of us old enough to remember, it was one of those days which was indelibly seared into our hearts, souls and minds.

Like other historic events of world-wide importance, most if not all of us can place where we were at the time. I was Associate Pastor at St. Frances de Chantal at Wantagh, distributing Holy Communion at the 9:00 Tuesday morning Mass when one of the parishioners on the Communion line, before I could say to him, "The Body of Christ," whispered to me, "A plane flew into the World Trade Center and they think it might be terrorists." We can all recall the events of that day and the days and weeks afterward as days that had a surreal quality about them, days when our existence seemed to be outside of time in some way and when all the myriad emotions of grief, shock, anger, loss, horror, disbelief and even numbness all collided with each other.

On this anniversary of 9/11, we must continue to pray for all those who lost their life, for their families, and for all the many brave, brave first responders and others who rushed to the scene on that day and who continued to labor at Ground Zero in the days, weeks and months afterward. Let's not forget that in addition to the horrific loss of life, we also now know of the terrible price being paid by many of the first responders and by many who worked cleaning up the site—various health problems, especially respiratory issues, and other difficulties such as PTSD. We owe these heroic men and women a debt which cannot be repaid. We must continue to be united as Americans and take pride in our country and in our way of life. Most of all, we must never, ever forget.

New Processional Cross

I am proud to announce that as of this weekend, beginning with the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass, we are using a new Processional Cross. Isn't it beautiful? It was brought to my attention several months ago that a new Processional Cross had been memorialized as part of the Capital Campaign of several years ago, but was never actually purchased. Once I found out about the oversight,



we immediately went about rectifying the situation, and we are happy to put it into use as of this weekend. The Processional Cross has been memorialized by the family of Mark Costantino, our full-time sacristan, and is in loving memory of Joseph M. D'Angelo. Our former Processional Cross will now grace the worship space used for the Children's Liturgy of the Word each Sunday.

THANK YOU for Summer Appeal 2016

I wish to express my deep and sincere **THANKS** to all who contributed to this year's **Summer Appeal**. As you know, we count on this Appeal each year as part of our ordinary income. Please remember, like all parishes, OLPH does not receive funding from any source other than your offerings. We are not subsidized by the diocese—in fact, just the opposite. We are "taxed" 8% of our income to support the diocese (for the 2016-2017 fiscal year it will be in the neighborhood of \$101,000), and another 12% to support Catholic Schools in the diocese (approximately \$127,000). Those two expenses are totally out of our control. Then, just like with your home and your family, there are monthly bills to pay, for everything from hosts and wine used at Mass to electricity and utilities, from ongoing preventative maintenance to fixing things when they break down. Buildings and grounds, salaries and benefits for employees, liturgy and worship, social services and outreach, religious education and faith formation for all ages, spirituality programs, and administration are all different areas which cost money in the life of a parish. You can see why the commitment of your financial offerings, especially your weekly envelope, is so vitally crucial to our financial survival.

I announce to you with gratitude and appreciation that this year's total for the **Summer Appeal**, as of Labor Day weekend, is \$29,092. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!** If you have not contributed to this year's **Summer Appeal** and wish to do so, it's not too late! Just send your check made out to OLPH and mark "2016 Summer Appeal" on the envelope and/or in the memo section of the check.

Liturgy Committee and Pastoral Staff meetings starting again

So, as routines return to normal after Labor Day, the regular meetings of our parish ministries, societies and organizations resume, as do the meetings of the major advisory and leadership groups of the parish. On Monday of this week, the Liturgy Committee resumes its meetings. The Liturgy Com-

mittee directs the liturgical life of the parish, overseeing our worship. The members of the committee are committed and dedicated to working to ensure that we celebrate liturgy with all the fullness and beauty the Church envisions, since liturgy is the most important thing we are about; our worship must be the center and heart of who we are. You should know that members not only “work” by handling the business of the committee, but also continue to learn and grow in the study of liturgy through the discussions we have at the beginning of each meeting concerning readings and materials in the area of liturgical theology.

On Tuesday of this week, the Pastoral Staff meetings resume. The priests, deacons, Director of Music, Director of Faith Formation and Business Manager meet approximately once a month for prayer, dinner and the meeting itself where we discuss all pertinent items, ministerial and business, related to the mission of the parish. I place an extremely high value on the Pastoral Staff meetings because of the opportunities for coordination, communication and new initiatives they provide.

I am so blessed as Pastor to have the assistance of such vibrant, dedicated and experienced people who serve on the Liturgy Committee and on the Pastoral Staff.

Sorrowful Mother Mass, September 15

Allow me to offer a brief reminder about a beautiful experience that has become a custom here at OLPH, our special Mass on September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows: it’s our Mass for children and teens who have special needs and children and teens who are seriously or terminally ill. Details about the Mass, which includes the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, can be found elsewhere in today’s bulletin. I do hope that you will spread the word to families you know of who might benefit from participating in the Mass. I am privileged to be able to preside at such a lovely and moving experience each year. Even if you do not have a child or teen in your family who is seriously or terminally ill or who has special needs, why not come to this Mass anyway, to pray for and support and share solidarity with the young people and their families?

Catechetical Sunday next Sunday, September 18

Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday and, as announced on our Religious Education page, we will acknowledge and bless all catechists next week at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. I’ll write more about Catechetical Sunday itself next week, but for now let me encourage all catechists to be sure they attend the 10:00 Mass next weekend. I have said on many different occasions that the offering of time, witness and faith

made by those who teach and form our young people is an offering that is of inestimable worth; along with worship and care for the poor and needy, the ministry of catechesis is at the very core of our mission and identity as Christians. **THANK YOU** to all the teachers, assistants and hall monitors who give so generously of themselves week after week in our Religious Education program. Know that your offering is noticed and tremendously appreciated.

On Saturday of this week, September 17, the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be holding a Catechetical Congress, and many of the catechists from our parish will be attending. I am privileged to be offering one of the workshops as part of the Congress. Catechists have the opportunity to attend different workshops as an avenue of their ongoing formation and in order to deepen their own knowledge and understanding. I express my gratitude to those catechists who are attending; your participation in the Congress is a sign of your commitment to your ministry and your desire to keep growing in the faith!

Golf Outing, Monday, September 19

If it’s September, then it’s time for our annual OLPH Golf Outing, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. It’s always a wonderful day and I have enjoyed being a part of it every year that I have been at OLPH — not as a golfer, of course (sports, athletics and anything that requires coordination are generally not my strong suit!), but as a participant in the day nonetheless. It’s being held next Monday, September 19, and it’s not too late to sign up if you have not already done so. In addition to enjoying a great day of golf and a great day of fellowship and fun, you’ll be helping both OLPH parish and our Knights of Columbus Council, since proceeds will be split between the two. If you can’t golf, then support the outing through the raffle tickets being sold. Check out the ad in today’s bulletin for more information. Tally ho! *(Wait a minute...is that an expression associated with golf???)*

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,



IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children celebrate those sacraments at OLPH. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with us, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

PRE-CANA NEEDS YOU!

Are you are a couple validly married five or more years in the Catholic Church, and are you discouraged by the high divorce rate?



Why not join a ministry where you can actually do something to help?

Our *In-parish Pre-Cana Ministry* is looking for a few good couples to share their wisdom and experience with engaged couples in our marriage preparation program.

A perfect marriage is not required, just a willingness to share your joys, struggles, and problem-solving strategies with engaged couples who are hungry for some good role models!

If you call this week, you may be able to begin training this fall!
For more information call Chris Volpe (516) 238-2717

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.

Prayer for Peace

In response to Bishop Murphy's call for parishes to urgently pray for peace because of all the unrest in the world, please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **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.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

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*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!

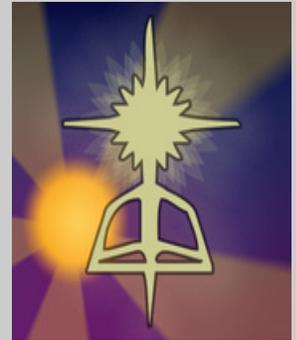
(Pope Saint John XXIII)



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 Labouré. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, September 12—6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 19—7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 26—7:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



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 pm.

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.

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!

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.

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 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 to 5:30 p.m. 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 at 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



IN LOVING MEMORY

This week's religious education page is dedicated to all in the OLPH family who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks and to those who mourn them. May we continue to honor them, and may God protect our country now and always.

ENROLLMENT PRAYER SERVICES BEGAN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

A reminder to all families that Enrollment Services are the first official day of class for all levels! All will be in the Church.

A parent must attend with the child.

Level 8: Mon., 9/12 at 7:15 p.m.

Level 6: Wed., 9/14 at 5:30 p.m.

Level 7: Wed., 9/14 at 7:30 p.m.

Levels 3, 4, and 5: Sat., 9/24 at 11:00 a.m.

These Services are mandatory. Attendance will be taken.

WE NEED YOU: BECOME A CATECHIST OR HALL MONITOR!

We need:

Special Education Assistants

(Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.)

Level 7 Assistant

(Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.)

Hall Monitors and Assistants

for all times are welcome!

Call or email us (see above) for all questions and inquiries!

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

TEEN CONFIRMATION: Is it for you?!

*Are you in 9th grade or higher and haven't received confirmation yet?**

Good news! We can help!

Teen confirmation is a one-year program** for students who did not receive Confirmation as part of their religious education. Classes are geared towards the high school audience, and you'll learn lots about what it means to be a Confirmandi.

Give us a call today to learn more!

*must be under 18 at start of year

**more years may be required depending on students' previous study

Catechetical Sunday is

September 18th:

ALL are Welcome!

When: 9/18/16

at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

We invite our OLPH family to join us as we bless our catechists and welcome them—both returning and new—to our program! There will be an opportunity to *meet, greet, and eat* in the auditorium after Mass.



Opening Catechist Meetings

Please enjoy these photos (left) of our opening meetings, when we welcomed catechists old and new!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SACRAMENTS OF MERCY AND HEALING

The Sacrament of Penance (or Reconciliation, or “Going to Confession”) and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick are two beautiful sacraments, but they are often misunderstood and sometimes even feared. However, these sacraments are all about Christ’s healing and mercy. This course will examine the sacramental, liturgical and pastoral aspects of these sacraments in order to discover the beautiful ways the Church continues Christ’s work of mercy and healing through them. This course is especially appropriate during the closing weeks of the Year of Mercy.



Instructor: Msgr. Joe

Thursday Nights

October 13, 20, 27,

November 3 and 10

Time: 7:30—9:30 P.M.

Place: Room 18, OLPH School

Sign me up for **SACRAMENTS OF MERCY AND HEALING**

Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

Please RSVP by using this form or by emailing to jvagalatos@oloph.org or calling the Parish Office at 631.226.7725.

FREE WILL OFFERING

A \$20.00 Free Will Offering is requested for all who participate in an Adult Faith Formation Class at OLPH.

Save the Dates...

2017 Adult Faith Formation Courses so far...

January 2017

**Spirituality: Fulfilling Our Deepest Desires:
Growing Closer to God**

Thursdays: January 19, January 26,
February 2, February 9 & February 16

Instructor: Deacon Robert Becker



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!

CEREAL
CANNED FRUIT
PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP
CANNED MEATS
COFFEE
INSTANT POTATOES
PAPER TOWELS
TOILET PAPER

*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.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the shepherd rejoices when he finds one lost sheep. The story tells us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and loving to all.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE POOR!

Saturday, Sept. 24 – Reg. at 9:00 a.m. (rain or shine)

Bethpage Community Park

1001 STEWART AVE, BETHPAGE, NY

5K Walk With US!

**St. Vincent de Paul offerers will be outside after
all Masses NEXT WEEKEND, Sept. 17/18, asking for monetary donations.**

Please help them meet their goal!

QUESTIONS? (516) 822-3132



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.

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 20 at 7:00 p.m.

The meetings 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

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



"Free to Speak" - What the U.S. Department of Education says about public school students' religious liberties:

***You can organize prayer groups and religious clubs, and announce your meetings.**

Two years ago, Liz Loverde, a L.I., NY high school student, submitted an application requesting the school recognize the "Dare To Believe" after-school club she wanted to form using school facilities just as 30 other school clubs did. The stated purpose of "Dare To Believe" was:

- "To strengthen one another as believers in Christ
- To study God's Word, the Bible, and apply it in your life
- To serve the community as the hands and feet of Jesus"

But the school refused to recognize the club simply because of its religious nature.

First Liberty Institute intervened on Liz's behalf, and school officials then complied with federal law and officially recognized "Dare To Believe."

As students prepare to go back to school for the 2016-17 school year, they may think there is nothing they can do to make a positive change in the world and protect their freedom of religion. But as one Long Island girl proved, when one person dared to believe, that's enough. (firstliberty.org, 8/5/16)

"We are free because of Christ and (kids) shouldn't waste an incredible gift." Liz Loverde, H.S. student
Pray, Learn and Act to preserve religious liberty. Visit www.cffor.org

2016/17 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES!

Our diocese is blessed to have wonderful Catholic students in high school. One of the best ways to learn about a particular school is to visit their Open House. Take note of the following dates and times for the high schools in our diocese and feel free to visit during these times.

- Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Syosset** - Saturday, September 17 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
St. Dominic High School - Sunday, September 18 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Holy Trinity DHS - Sunday, September 25 - 12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m.
Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale - Saturday, October 1 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Academy, Hempstead - Saturday, October 1 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Chaminade High School, Mineola - Saturday, October 1 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. Anthony's HS, South Huntington - Sunday, October 2 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
McGann-Mercy DHS, Riverhead - Saturday, October 15 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. John the Baptist DHS, West Islip - Sunday, October 16 - 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
St. Mary's High School, Manhasset - Sunday, October 16 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

To register for the Catholic High School Entrance Examination, visit <http://www.cathhsli.org/index.htm>.

PERPETUAL HELP MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 8:00 A.M. MASS

Charles Nielson	Requested by Hilde Maus
Stephen Bruce	Requested by The Bruce Family
Rose Rizzotti	Requested by Deacon Robert & Carmel Becker
Andre Fritz Casimir	Requested by Guirlene Casimir
Wolan & Kunysz Family	Requested by Barbara & Chris Kunysz
Charles O'Reilly	Requested by Jennifer Bucala
Jerome & Beatrice Cunningham	Requested by Joe Cunningham

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENT



ITALIAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
(455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip)
is having an Italian Family Festival

Wednesday, Sept. 14 to Sunday, Sept. 18.

There will be rides, games, raffles, food and fun. The Feast is open Wednesday through Friday from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., Saturday from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. and Sunday from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Enjoy an "end of summer" good time for the family. For more information, please call: 631-661-3224.

VIRTUS TRAINING



VIRTUS TRAINING

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 6**

7:00 p.m.

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.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO ISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 PM en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149

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

Lecturas del Domingo 25° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C

Domingo 18 de Septiembre del 2016

Un domingo más nos reunimos en torno al altar del señor para compartir su pan de vida, que nos ayuda a recuperar las fuerzas que precisamos par peregrinar hacia la mansión celestial. Abramos nuestro corazón de par en par y dispongámonos a celebrar en esta acción de gracias al Padre los misterios de nuestra fe, que son la muerte y la resurrección de Jesucristo señor nuestro pero hoy poniendo énfasis en nuestros hermanos pobres y necesitados

Primera Lectura (Amos 8,4-7): El Pueblo de Dios Debe Ser un Pueblo Justo

En el nombre de la verdadera religión y de la Alianza, el profeta Amós aconseja al pueblo de Dios: Dios les va a rechazar si se enriquecen a sí mismos a expensas de los pobres.

Segunda Lectura (1 Timoteo 2,1-8): Dios Quiere que Todos Se Salven

La oración litúrgica, dice San Pablo, debe ser universal y misionera, ya que Dios quiere que todos y cada uno de los hombres se salven por medio de su único mediador, Jesucristo. No deberíamos olvidar en nuestra oración a los que todavía no conocen a Cristo.

Evangelio (Lucas 16,1-13): Ríndeme Cuentas de Tu Servicio

El corazón de los cristianos debe ser indiviso. Su principal preocupación es servir fielmente a Dios y compartir generosamente todo lo que poseen con los hermanos.

En los textos litúrgicos de hoy se plantea la pregunta sobre donde está la verdadera riqueza. No puede coincidir con la ambición y con la avaricia en perjuicio de los más pobres y necesitados. El administrador debe obrar según la voluntad de su amo. Así también nosotros debemos de obrar según la voluntad de aquel que nos quiere semejantes a Él.

El evangelio de hoy esta centrado en el tema de la riqueza. Jesús nos muestra cómo debe usar el Cristiano del dinero y de los demás bienes materiales. El mensaje fundamental es que nadie puede servir a dos señores: o se acoge al amor y a la misericordia de Dios y uno se convierte en siervo de ese amor que lo hace completamente libre de toda atadura, o se deja atrapar por la ambición que esclaviza.

LO QUE UNA persona ama y lo que aborrece nos revelan mucho de cómo es. Al detallar Proverbios exactamente lo que aborrece Dios, si nos ayuda a percibir mejor la naturaleza divina.

Seis cosas aborrece Jehová, y aun siete abominan su alma:

Los ojos altivos, La lengua mentirosa, Las manos derramadoras de sangre inocente, El corazón que maquina pensamientos inicuos,

Los pies presurosos para correr al mal, El testigo falso que habla mentiras,

Y el que siembra discordia entre hermanos.

Proverbios 6:16-19.

Dichoso aquel cristiano Redimido por Jesús, que va por este mundo Cubierto de confianza y fe que anunciando va:

Que el Rey de toda gloria al mundo ha de venir a buscar su Iglesia que está ya preparada

la cual es el fruto santo de su muerte redentora y su eterno e inmenso amor.

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:

Joseph Misuraca & Amanda Greco

Second Announcement:

Gerald LaClair & Lisa Schwier

Timothy Bott & Kimberly Coyne

First Announcement:

Ybrahim Junior Hernandez & Theresa Fischer

Kevin Joyce & Camille Asaro

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Dolores Barone</i>	<i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i>
<i>Dominick Barone</i>	<i>Vance Vivrito</i>
<i>Cynthia Simpson</i>	<i>Pauline Lechner</i>
<i>Agnes Storz</i>	<i>Patricia Grasso</i>
<i>Benedette Sinnott</i>	<i>Mary Doran</i>
<i>Rosalie Grotola</i>	<i>Alisha Gervasio</i>
<i>Mary Pellegrino</i>	<i>Virginia Evers</i>
<i>Mario Lotito</i>	<i>Matthew Alloca</i>
<i>Ryan Bernard</i>	<i>Dominick Esposito</i>
<i>John Santiago</i>	<i>Victoria Flynn</i>
<i>RoseMarie Collins</i>	<i>Carmine</i>
<i>Matthew Allocca</i>	<i>Sheila</i>
<i>Virginia Evers</i>	<i>Erin Stanton</i>

WE REMEMBER

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

*Dorri Smith
Eugene Kraemer*

"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.

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.

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Community will then visit each week.

We pray for the sick and the homebound of our parish at each and every Mass.



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, September 12—

Weekday

(The Most Holy Name of Mary)

6:30 Paul McGonnell

12:15 Concetta Perrotta

TUESDAY, September 13—

**Saint John Chrysostom,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

6:30 Jennie Palomino

12:15 Gerald Smigiel

WEDNESDAY, September 14—

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:30 Joseph F. Viglietta

12:15 Peter Aiello

THURSDAY, September 15—

Our Lady of Sorrows

6:30 Leonard Mancusi

12:15 Janet Parker

7:30 Sorrowful Mother Mass

FRIDAY, September 16—

Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

6:30 Nancy Versace

12:15 Francesco Stancati

SATURDAY, September 17—

Weekday

(Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

8:00 Jennie Ricci

Vigil for

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 For the People of the Parish

Sunday, September 18

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Rose M. Collins

10:00 Lawrence Lanza

12:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Christian Mother's & Guild

5:00 James Cope

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 12, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
6:30 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Rm
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Enrollment Service	Church

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

5:45 p.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy Rm
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group Board Meeting	Room 18
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise	Room 16

Wednesday, September 14, 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
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Enrollment Service	Church
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Enrollment Service	Church

Thursday, September 15, 2016

1– 5 p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:00 p.m.	Ministry of Consolation Meeting	St. Lucy Rm
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
6:30 p.m.	Sorrowful Mother Devotions	Church
7:00 p.m.	Sorrowful Mother Mass	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Friday, September 16, 2016

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	Room 24
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Saturday, September 17, 2016

1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
2:00 p.m.	CYO Volleyball	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:00 p.m.	SVdP collection Walk for the Poor	Outside
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, September 18, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Blessing of the Catechists	Church
1:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Cafeteria
1:30 a.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directory of Phone Extensions

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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

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
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Martin Kenny
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Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Deacon Robert Becker
Lynn Bergin
Mark Costantino
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Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Amy Keller
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Mike Williams

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

OFFERING UPDATE September 3/4, 2016

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	324	108	\$3,319.00
8:00 a.m.	295	126	2,948.00
10:00 a.m.	446	142	3,492.00
12:00 pm.	374	112	3,313.00
5:00 p.m.	175	24	854.00
Total coin:			18.23
Mail-ins:			1,303.00
Children's Env.		12	61.72
Faith Direct			1,954.94
Special Needs	40	16	384.00
TOTAL	1,654	540	\$17,647.89
2015 total	1,690	620	\$17,640.22
Candles			\$917.06
Poor Box			\$281.13
1st Saturday			\$68.00



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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DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. All material must be submitted no later than the dates listed below and as a word document to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.
Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

September 18—Already passed
September 25— by Sept. 15
October 2—by Sept. 22

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, September 18, 2016—The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“No servant can serve two masters.**He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other.**You cannot serve both God and mammon.”*

Luke 16:13

Amos 8:4-7

Amos prophesied in the northern kingdom of Israel in the mid-eighth century B.C. before it was destroyed by the Assyrians. This was a time of great economic growth and greed among some of the wealthy was unabated. Amos is here challenging their self-indulgence and hypocrisy. In it, he is verbalizing their inner thoughts of greed: they can't wait for the new moon festivals and Sabbaths to be over so they can get back to work cheating people and taking advantage of the poor for money. But Amos declares that God is neither unaware nor unconcerned about the plight of the poor and needy. He is taking note and is ready for action to vindicate the weak and helpless.

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul speaks in this letter about praying for leaders. At the time he wrote it, worship of the emperor as a god was expected of all citizens and subjects of the Roman Empire. Christians couldn't do that since there is only one God and one mediator (Christ Jesus). For this refusal they were severely persecuted at times. However, Paul says that Christians can and should pray for “kings and all in authority” and do it without “anger or argument.” This is true even today. He is calling for selfless prayer that ultimately contributes to the common good. He understands that God is Lord, not only of Christians and Jews, but of all people, and that he desires all, even pagans, to be saved. God desires justice and peace to prevail among all people.

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus was sometimes dismayed that disciples lacked the will, determination, and resources to work as effectively for the Kingdom as non-believers worked for their interests in the world. To inspire that kind of initiative Jesus tells this parable. However, unlike in most other parables wherein the main characters are likable and inspiring, we are told to imitate one whose behavior appears to be shockingly wrong. Of course, it is the steward's prudence and resourcefulness, not his dishonesty, which Jesus praises. Worldly resources like money and possessions should be used wisely with a view to our heavenly destiny.

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. Was the unjust steward dishonest or just clever? How would the kingdom of God benefit if you were more resourceful about promoting it here on earth? Can you think of one way you can be more resourceful or even clever in your spiritual life?
2. Several years ago in his morning homily Pope Francis spoke of the crafty steward parable. For what would you use the grace of Christian cleverness if you received it? If you ask for it will you receive it?

However, the Holy Father said, there is another road. It is the path of “Christian cleverness.” This path, he said, “allows us to be cunning but not according to the spirit of the world. Jesus himself said it: be wise as serpents, innocent as doves.” Uniting these two realities is a grace and a gift of the Holy Spirit, the Pope said. “This Christian cleverness is a gift; it is a grace that the Lord gives to us. But we need to ask for it.”

Pope Francis, [The Dirty Bread of Corruption](#), November 8, 2013

**Readings for the Week**

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

Monday, September 12, 2016:

1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33 + Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 13, 2016:1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a
+ Luke 7:11-17**Wednesday, September 14, 2016:**Numbers 21:4b-9 + Philippians 2:6-11
+ Luke 6:20-26**Thursday, September 15, 2016:**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 + John 19:25-27

Friday, September 16, 2016:1 Corinthians 15:12-20
+ Luke 8:1-3**Saturday, September 17, 2016:**1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49
+ Luke 8:4-15**Sunday, September 18, 2016:**Amos 8:4-7 + 1 Timothy 2:1-8
+ Luke 16:1-13

LITURGY COMMITTEE HOSTING A MOVIE

The Liturgy Committee of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will be hosting screenings for one of the most significant and powerful films of the Holy Year of Mercy



**Screenings will be in the Church.
Join us!**

Monday afternoon, September 26 at 1:30 pm

Tuesday evening, September 27 at 7:00 pm

To view the trailer, visit our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/olphlindenhurst

We are asking for food donations (cans, non-perishables, etc.) for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry, which helps feed the needy in the community.

Contact the Rectory for any additional information: 631-226-7725

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
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DIOCESEAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

- "Enjoy *Dante's Divine Comedy*," with Fr. Joseph W. Koterski S.J. Join popular Fordham professor Joseph Koterski for this talk in the library at the *Seminary of the Immaculate Conception* on Sunday, **September 11th**, at 2:00 p.m. This lecture will offer a general overview of the Comedy as a strategy for reading it and then take up a discussion of Dante's use of the poetic device for creating a punishment that fits the crime. No registration is required and refreshments will be served.
- *Dominican Village* - Independent Retirement Community; Assisted Living Residence; Respite Care & Short Term Care - *Open House: September 15 and 24*. 565 Albany Ave., Amityville, NY. 631-842-6091.
- *St. Joseph Renewal Center at Montefort Retreat Center*, 26 S. Saxon Ave., Bay Shore. *11th Step Prayer Support for 12 Steppers*—Sept. 18, 2:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. Free will offering; *A Gathering of Women*, Oct. 4, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. Call 631-647-8683 if interested in any of these programs.
- *GIRL SCOUT PRAY AND PLAY DAY* All Brownies, Girl Scouts and their leaders are invited to the Girl Scout Pray and Play Day on Saturday, **September 24**, 2016 at the *Shrine of Our Lady of the Island* in Eastport, New York. The day of handicrafts, fun and prayer will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. Earn a special patch! For information, contact the Catholic Scouting Office at 516-678-5800, ext. 245 or email scouting@drvc.org
- *OPEN HOUSE DAY AT THE CENACLE! September 25* from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Celebrating 90 Years in Ronkonkoma and 5 Years in our New Building! Bring the Family for an interesting and fun afternoon including Live Band, Rosary at our Grotto, Historical Cemetery, Labyrinth, World Trade Fair, Picnic Lunch, and Prayer Service! **Ronkonkoma Cenacle**, 310 Cenacle Road, Ronkonkoma. Tel-631-588-8366 x 116.
- *LIFE CENTER's 2016 Annual Dinner Dance* – Fri. Sept 30 – Woodbury Country Club Celebrating 30th year of saving Babies. Honoree Msgr. Lisante with speaker Rick Hinshaw. Cost: \$150 per adult - \$95 per student. Chances \$15 each or 6 for \$60.
- *DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION 28th Annual Mass for Deceased Children*, Saturday, **October 1**, at 12:30 p.m. **St. Agnes Cathedral**, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY. Refreshments following Mass in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Deacon Darrell Buono, *Associate Director Marriage and Family*: 516-678-5800 x 200 dbuono@drvc.org
- *Bereavement Counseling & Support Service* of *St. Bernard*, Levittown and *St. Brigid*, Westbury are offering two general bereavement groups for bereaved parents and survivors of suicide; a one-time \$20 fee for all groups, call Sister Christine Sammons at St. Bernard's 516-731-6074 or Maria Piniero at St. Brigid 516-334-0021. General Weekly Groups: St. Bernard's Parish—Thursdays, Sept. 22—Dec. 1, 6:30—7:45 p.m.; St. Brigid's, Wednesdays, Oct. 5—Dec. 7, 7:30—8:45 p.m.; Parents at St. Bernard's Mondays, Sept. 12—ongoing (every other week) 7:00—8:15 p.m.; Survivors of Suicide Mondays, Sept. 19—ongoing (every other week) 7:00—8:15 p.m.
- *Regis High School*, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, will host an *Open House* for students and their parents on Monday, **October 10**, 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY. Contact Eric Di Michele, Dir. of Admissions 212-288-1100 X 2057 or email edmichele@regis.org.

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