

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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September 23, 2012 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

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

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Moise Aime + Rev. Ignace Lolecke +

Rev. John Sureau

In Residence: Rev. Michael Holzmann

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Frank A. Odin

Rev. Mr. William Crosby (Baptismal Preparation)

Rev. Mr. Douglas G. Smith

(RCIA/Adult Faith Formation)

Pastoral Associate for Administration

Deacon Donald A. Stamm

Director of Religious Education

Thomas J. Acemoglu

Music Director

James R. Kendall

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

Monday- Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

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

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

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

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

Masses for Holy Days are as announced and published.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

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

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

MINISTRIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Vincent de Paul 225-5531

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

President: Joseph Illuminato

Religious Education 226-2384

260 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

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High School Coordinator

Brittany Marie Evans

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Peggy Harnisch

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Program Coordinator:

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Altar Bread

The wine used at our Masses during this week, September 23—29 is offered in Honor of

Theresa Otto

Requested by

Deacon Douglas & Mrs. Smith & Family

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, September 24 —

Weekday in the 25th Week of Ordinary Time

8:00 Paul & Lorraine Grandinette

12:00 Dominick Ferraro

7:00 Beata Carle

TUESDAY, September 25—

Weekday in the 25th Week of Ordinary Time

8:00 Charles J. McAuley

12:00 Imelda Thomas

7:00 John O'Connor

WEDNESDAY, September 26—

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs (Optional)

8:00 John Heilig

12:00 Catherine Savage Marko & Joshua

7:00 Hieronim Stanislaw Kolakowski

THURSDAY, September 27—

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 Gaspare & Maria Piazza

12:00 Edward W. Milazzo

7:00 Minnie Dellaria

FRIDAY, September 28—

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs (Optional)

8:00 Dominic Ierardi

12:00 Margaret & Thomas Egan

7:00 Vito & Porzia Mossa

SATURDAY, September 29—

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:00 Azzaro Grazia

9:00 Mario Massa

VIGIL MASS —

5:00 Peter Giordano

SUNDAY, September 30—

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish

8:00 Book of the Faithful Departed

9:30 Living & Deceased Members KofC #794

11:00 Ralph Ussmann

12:30 Arlene Kolesnick

5:00 Marge Trotta

6:30 Mass in Polish

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Youth Ministry

As you know, OLPH is “on the move.” We are undertaking a process of reviewing all our ministries and endeavors to build on the successes of the past, to see where we may need to go in the future, and to take a look at areas that might need some enhancement and development.

It is well-known that OLPH has had a long tradition of reaching out to young people and their families in an area of ministry usually referred to as “Youth Ministry.” However, the fact is there have been many challenges that have arisen over the past few years in our Youth Ministry, and in some cases these challenges have affected the effectiveness of the program. Ever since Fr. John and I arrived at the end of June, I have asked him to make a high priority our careful attention to Youth Ministry.

Almost immediately, Fr. John began working with our parish’s volunteer youth minister, Brittany Marie Evans, to develop an even more comprehensive Youth Ministry program for our parish community. I wish at this time to personally commend and thank Brittany for the extraordinary job she has done, sometimes under adverse circumstances, to keep Youth Ministry alive and going in the parish. Brittany’s dedication and joy in this ministry are gifts to the parish and to the young people she serves, and I am very grateful. There have been times when she made personal sacrifices for the sake of this ministry. The offering of herself in this ministry comes out of her deep faith and her desire for young people to come to know Jesus. *Thank you, Brittany, for what you have done, and for what I know you will continue to do!*

Fr. John and Brittany have begun the process of reviewing, developing, and building. One of my hopes, as Pastor, is that we can create a Youth Ministry program that reaches out to young people using a variety of methods and approaches; we should not be limited to just one program, or one style, or one approach. Rather, the vision I would like us to embrace is that Youth Ministry is all about having young people involved in all aspects of parish life, using a variety of methods to include them in the entire life of the parish, not solely in one group or only “youth group” activities.

Elsewhere in this bulletin we have published a letter from Fr. John that was sent this past week to

all those involved in Youth Ministry. Whether or not this directly affects you or your family, I invite you to please take some time to read this letter; it explains everything very clearly. In addition, look for more information in the bulletin in the weeks ahead concerning Youth Ministry.

As your Pastor, I am 100% committed to us having a vibrant, all-embracing Youth Ministry that engages young people in a variety of ways. In their document *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “The Church and the world need the faith, gifts, energy and fresh ideas of young people. The entire Church, and in a special way ministry with adolescents, must empower young people in their mission for the world.” I am confident that Youth Ministry at OLPH will do just that!

St. Vincent de Paul



This Thursday, September 27, is the memorial of St. Vincent de Paul. As you know, St. Vincent de Paul is a saint who was a great apostle of charity; in fact, he is the universal patron of all works of charity. He founded the Congregation of the

Mission, known as the Vincentians. He established a pattern for practical charitable work at the parish level that is still being followed 300 years after his death, and his legacy continues in the lay confraternity known as the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

We are so blessed at OLPH to have our own parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, under the presidency of Joe Illuminato. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society does an outstanding job of ministering to the needs of the poor in our area, and they are successful at doing so not only because of the generosity of parishioners who support them in their endeavors, but also because of the commitment and selfless service of the members of the Society who give of themselves so freely. *I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Society for the Christian witness of love and service to the needy that they give, and to affirm the great work they do.* All the volunteers do this important work out of no other reason than their commitment to Christ and their desire to live out the meaning of their baptism by serving their brothers and sisters in need.

As you can imagine, the Society is always in need of people to assist them. You do a great job of answering the need for donations as they regularly appear in this bulletin, but, even beyond that, **why not consider offering yourself as a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society? There is a beautiful spiritual component that is a part of this work, a component that will deepen your relationship with the Lord as you serve His people. The Society is looking for new members.** If you are at all interested or just want to find our more information, why not give them a call? What a wonderful way to offer yourself to the Lord by serving His people most in need!

Ministry of Consolation

Our Ministry of Consolation training sessions will begin this week, on Thursday; details can still be found in this bulletin. You've been hearing about this important ministry for several weeks; now is the time to join! *Please consider offering yourself in this important ministry!*



Elections

Although Election Day is still a little over six weeks away, now is the time for all Catholics to make sure they are becoming more and more informed about the votes they will cast this November. **Remember, every Catholic has the responsibility to vote!** It is our right and our civic duty, and we should not take it for granted. Additionally, **every Catholic has the responsibility to cast a vote that is based on the truth and that stems from an informed conscience that abides by the truth.** We must make sure that we are not supporting intrinsic evils by our vote. As Bishop Murphy wrote in his column in *The Long Island Catholic* in the September 12, 2012 issue: "...we Catholics have a vocation to transform the social, political, civil, economic and financial order." (I urge you, if you have not already done so, to read Bishop Murphy's entire column, titled "Prayer and Responsibility: Elections 2012"; it can be found at <http://www.licatholic.org/bishops-column/faith-and-new-works-98>). You can also go to the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org and find further information under the heading "Faithful Citizenship." In addition, we will publish information in the bulletin as it becomes available to help you make your voting



Faithful
Citizenship

decision based on Catholic principles.

Golf Outing

Tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 24, I will be out of the parish all day at our **Annual Parish Golf Outing**. To be perfectly frank, I do not play golf and know very little about it; doesn't everyone get tired running around those 18 bases? (*That was a joke, folks!*) Actually, the few times I played, over 20 years ago, I found it so frustrating that I swore off it for life! However, I am looking forward to being at our Golf Outing, and I know I will enjoy meeting and interacting with all the golfers; I understand they may even have a little something for me to do! I thank everyone who has worked on the Golf Outing; this is an important fundraiser for the parish that we have sought to expand this year, and will continue to expand in the years ahead. Our honoree is Lindenhurst's own native son, Bishop Robert Brennan, who will be coming to the dinner at the end of the day. I'm sure it will be a good time for all of us. I'll have more to say about it next week.

Liturgy Note

There's not much room left for a Liturgy Note this week, so we'll take a break from it today. We had our second meeting of the Liturgy Committee on September 17, and we are working hard continuing to assess the liturgical life of the parish and to give proper attention to the way we celebrate the liturgy. We are discussing some changes that will be made, changes that should enhance our enactment of the rites and facilitate everyone's participation. **The key is that we should never become complacent about liturgy, allowing it to become rote. Remember that it is through the actions themselves of the liturgy that we express and deepen our relationship to the holy.** Therefore, we must always enact the liturgy as fully as possible, making full use of the ritual expressions that communicate to us the meaning and mystery of what we are entering into.

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,

Mag. Joe

THE MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

A New Ministry Beginning at OLPH — and YOU are Needed!!!

“Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

Matthew 5:4



From the very words of Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount comes this important ministry *to* the people of our parish *by* the people of our parish. Jesus taught that those mourning the loss of a loved one needed the care and concern of his disciples, who are now the Christian community — all of us. The *Order of Christian Funerals* tells us:

In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity. Christ “achieved his task of redeeming humanity and giving perfect glory to God, principally by the Paschal Mystery of his blessed passion, resurrection from the dead, and glorious ascension.” (#1)

When a member of Christ’s Body dies, the faithful are called to a ministry of consolation to those who have suffered the loss of one whom they love. (#8)

YOU are invited to be a member of the Ministry of Consolation. We will minister to families at the time of the Funeral Mass. There are many ways to become involved — either working with the family to prepare options for the Funeral Mass, or being present at the Funeral Mass as a liturgical minister, a greeter, etc., or preparing a simple booklet for the Mass, or baking a cake for the family... *and many other ways!*

COME AND FIND OUT WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT! SEE HOW YOU CAN OFFER YOURSELF IN THIS WONDERFUL, LIFE-GIVING MINISTRY!

Msgr. Joe will be offering five training sessions

Thursday afternoons,

Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 18, 25 and Nov. 1

1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Pastor’s Meeting Room in the Rectory

Please register in advance so we can have enough materials prepared.

Use the tear-off below to register or e-mail Msgr. Joe at msgrjoe@oloph.org or call at ext. 256 for more information.

Yes! I want to come to the sessions to find out about the Ministry of Consolation.

Name _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

e-mail _____

Drop in the Sunday collection basket or return to the Rectory c/o Ministry of Consolation

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Food Pantry Shopping List

When you are out at the store, can you pick up a few things for our food pantry?

CANNED TUNA
 CANNED MEAT(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
 SHELF STABLE MILK
 DESSERTS
ANY PERSONAL CARE
ITEMS: SHAVERS
 TOOTHPASTE
 TOOTHBRUSHES
 SHAMPOO
 SOAP
 TOILET TISSUE
 DIAPERS
 PAPER TOWELS

Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!

Thank you and God bless you!

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.

WE NEED VOLUNTEER OFFERERS TO HELP OUT IN OUR PANTRY. For more information call our office ASAP!

This Thursday, September 27, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent always said that "Love is inventive to the point of infinity." The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

Through your gifts the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to be "inventive" in helping the poor, assisting numerous families, providing food and assistance they desperately need.

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Each year, members of our parish St. Vincent de Paul join in the "Walk A Mile in my Shoes" Walk-A-Thon to raise needed monies for this vital ministry.

In addition, members of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the doors of the Church after all Masses to collect donations for the work of the ministry here at OLPH **THIS WEEKEND.** Please do what you can to support the work of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul who do so much for the most vulnerable among us. Thank you, in advance, for your support!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Next weekend, Our Lady of Perpetual Help will once again be hosting a Baby Bottle Fund-raiser to benefit The Life Center of Long Island. The Life Center is a crisis pregnancy center that counsels women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. They provide maternity housing, medical care, referrals, cribs, car seats, diapers and ALL other baby items that are needed. We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your change. Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle.

The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors at The Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother's heart to accept the truth.

Spiritual Adoption Program

MONTH 7 – Developing Baby

“I can look around!”

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice. During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.



Faithful Citizenship

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

Catholics often face difficult choices about how to vote. This is why it is so important to vote according to a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods. A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who takes a position in favor of an intrinsic evil, such as abortion or racism, if the voter's intent is to support that position. In such cases a Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness

to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity.

–Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 34



PROTECTING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

As elections approach, show those in your community you are serious about the protection of religious liberty by displaying simple lawn signs for all to see. (Sample above.)

One sided-signs are \$10 and two sided signs are \$18.00. If you're interested, please contact Louise at 631.412.3831.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Feast of St. Francis

Blessing of the Animals

Thursday, October 4, 2012 - 6:00 P.M.

On this day, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis. St. Francis has contributed so much to the life of our Church, in so many ways. One of the things he is noted for is recognition of God's presence in all of creation, including animals.

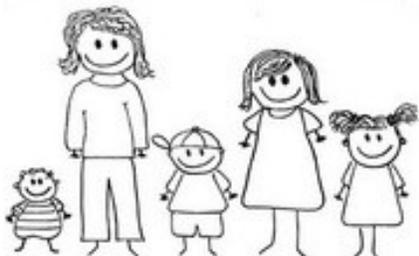
So we invite all members of our parish community (even those members that crawl, fly and have four legs) to come for a special prayer service and blessing. Following the service, there will be refreshments for all, including for our human family members and friends!

Volunteer help is definitely needed! If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725.

Register Now for OLPH's....

MOMS AND TOTS

An opportunity for moms and their young children to come



Moms & Tots

Meeting days: Thursday OR Friday

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Place: Moms and Tots room

In the basement of the Convent, south entrance

Cost: \$40 for the year

Please email Terry at:

Olphmomsandtots@aol.com

or call 631-225-9462

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Many thanks for your generosity with our School Supply throughout the month of August. Because of your generosity, we fulfilled all of the requests from the local school and were able to assist our own families through St. Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Outreach (West Islip) and the Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen, located at St. Anne's in Brentwood. Here's one of the TYs we received...

*Dear Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Thank you for your donation of school supplies to our Soup Kitchen. The week before we received your donation, we had run out of school supplies after our first weekend of donations. We weren't sure what we were going to do until you called.*

The weekend after we received your donations, we were able to help nearly 50 other families!

*God bless you for your kindness to us.
Peace -*

Carol Miceli

Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen, Brentwood



RECTORY HOURS

PLEASE NOTE:

**This Sunday, September 23rd,
our Rectory Office will be closed.
We apologize for the inconvenience!**

MASS INTENTIONS

While we have already begun taking Mass intentions for 2013, the following Masses are still available for 2012 intentions in December:

Friday, December 7—5 P.M.

Monday, December 10—7:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 13— 7:00 P.M.

Friday, December 14—12 Noon.

Saturday, December 15— 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, December 16—5:00 P.M.

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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Given by: Deacon Frank and Team

Starting: **October 2, 2012 for eight (8) weeks ending Nov. 20, 2012.**

Meeting: **In the OLPH Convent Meeting Room at 7:45 pm for 1 1/2 hours per week.**

The Life in the Spirit Seminars (LSS) are used by Catholic groups in for spiritual renewal. They are instruments for bringing people a deeper experience of the work of the Holy Spirit. The seminars offer: (1) a Gospel message, and (2) basic teaching about what the Lord is willing to do for all who come to him.

Experience "The Fruits of the Spirit" -

Joy – Love – Generosity – Peace

Patience – Kindness

Faithfulness – Gentleness - Self Control

(Gal. 5:22-23)

For info and/or registering call:

Deacon Frank at (631) 226-0967

or Pete & Mary at (631) 226-6050

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Are you seeking Baptism?

Do you want to be confirmed or receive Eucharist?

Have you been baptized in another Christian faith and now desire to become Catholic?

If you're answer is YES to any of these questions, we want to hear from you.

The Church gives us a beautiful process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who seek to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. We are in the process of putting together plans for this process at OLPH to begin in the upcoming weeks. If you're interested and would like additional information, please contact Deacon Doug Smith 631.226.7725. We will begin meetings very soon!

In the sacraments of Christian initiation we are freed from the power of darkness and joined to Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. We receive the Spirit of filial adoption and are part of the entire people of God in the celebration of the memorial of the Lord's death and resurrection.

Christian Initiation, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 1

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Last week, members of our parish community gathered for our first Special Needs Ministry meeting! Nearly twenty parishioners attended and we're off to a great start. In the upcoming weeks, members of the ministry will be visiting other parishes and attending workshops to bring some great ideas for ministry here to OLPH. Be sure to look in the bulletin for information about upcoming events and activities.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is offering two important celebrations for all who are interested in learning more about this vital work and ministry in the Church.

Saturday, October 6, 2012

Celebrating Inclusion Awareness!

We Are One Flock

Following a Single Shepherd

11:00 A.M. Mass and Lunch

St. Thomas More R.C. Church,

Hauppauge, NY

Cost: \$12.00

To register, contact

Mary Anne Russo at 516.678.5800, x. 540

Saturday, October 13, 2012

That All May Belong More Deeply

A Workshop on the Inclusion of Persons with

Disabilities in

Parish Life and Ministry

9:00 A.M.

Holy Cross R.C. Church, Nesconset, NY

Cost: \$10.00

To register, contact

Mary Anne Russo at 516.678.5800, x. 540

OLPH YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



FAITH ON TAP

THIS MONDAY, September 24th 7:00 P.M.

Wantagh Inn,

3264 Railroad Avenue, Wantagh

Guest Speaker: John Gonzalez

John Gonzalez is a Parish Social Ministry Developer at Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and adjunct instructor at Molloy College. John’s goal is to serve the Catholic American community by promoting and advocating the social teachings of the Catholic faith through new social media communications and by promoting opportunities for being actively engaged in social ministries. In this election year, John will be speaking about an important topic: “Who Would Jesus Vote for ... How Not To Vote for the “lesser evil” For more information contact Marianne Sheridan at msheridan@drvc.org.

Interested in something for young adults at OLPH? Contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org.

Do you want to help others in need in our local community? Would you be up for helping with projects right here in our own parish? If so—
YOUTH SERVICE CORPS
 is for you!

Here’s how it works....

When a need for help comes in, we’ll contact everyone who has signed up for the Service Corps. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. We’ll contact you next time.

If you’d like to join, fill out the form below or contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org.

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

Name _____
 Home Phone # _____
 Cell Phone # _____
 E-mail _____@_____

In September, I will be in (check one)
 Middle School High School
 College

EDGE: MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
Next Sunday!!!
Sunday, September 30, 2012
12:30 P.M. Mass
Followed by
Ice Cream Social

Come to Church as we “kick off” a new year of Middle School Youth Ministry at OLPH! Following Mass we’ll gather for a “Make Your Own Sundae” Social. Check the bulletin for more information!



The Edge is for all middle school age kids – no matter where you go to school—this is the place for you!

If you have any questions, e-mail olphedge@gmail.com (best way to reach us) or call 226-6239 if you have any questions call and leave a message for Peggy.

OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

This past week, the letter below was sent to all high school teens and their families in our parish. Please take some time to read through it this week.

Dear Family:

Greetings from Our Lady of Perpetual Help! I write today to let you know about some of things that are happening with Youth Ministry at OLPH.

As you know, better than I do, OLPH has always made tremendous outreach to young people and their families a significant priority. When I served as the Campus Minister at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School from 1995 to 2009, so many students would speak about the many wonderful things happening here at OLPH. Over the past few years, though, for a whole range of reasons, the face of youth ministry in the parish and the community has changed. We have seen changes in leadership, different locations, differing approaches to parish support and various attempts to present a viable youth ministry program here at OLPH. At the same time, fewer young people are coming, faced with other numerous commitments and responsibilities. We need to address these issues.

With our most recent change in parish leadership, we feel it is a good time to step back from the **weekly activities** related to youth ministry here and give those adults responsible time to reflect and plan for the future. There is always a risk in anything we are involved in to "do what we've always done" simply because that is what has been done. We don't want that to happen here.

First, let's talk about what is **NOT** happening:

There is no plan to stop offering youth ministry activities for high school youth in our parish. If that were the case, this would be a different letter. Any rumors of that kind are simply that and should be ignored and corrected. While Sunday night events will be postponed for some time, the plan is to meet so we can plan an even more comprehensive youth ministry program.

No one is being asked to leave Youth Ministry leadership. We should all be grateful for the contributions of Brittany-Marie Evans and the present CORE. This time of planning and reflection is not a criticism of the work that has been done here or of anyone who has been working in youth ministry. Quite simply, there would be no youth ministry without them. In particular, Brittany has endured a number of challenges that would easily have driven another person away. Rather, she has demonstrated, time and again, tremendous dedication to OLPH and to the community of young people she is called to serve. We should all be grateful.

Second, let's talk about what **IS** happening:

We will seek to develop a comprehensive Youth Ministry program for the parish community. We want to develop a number of ways and opportunities for young people to be involved in the life of our parish. This includes youth group meetings but must also include more! We see this with the development of our Youth Service Corps (30 teens have already signed up) and bringing together the various youth efforts in our parish together (CYO, Service Corps, etc). The role of high school youth ministry and its connection to

middle school youth ministry (EDGE) and future young adult ministry will also be considered.

The CORE leaders of Youth Ministry will be meeting weekly throughout the months of September and October. Our meetings will be focused on considering where we have been and where we think we should be going. Allowing the leaders to focus on this work rather than having to also be planning other activities will allow for a more productive conversation. We will be looking at everything from scheduling, best days to meet, possible future activities, and much more. No area will be off the table.

Some limited activities will continue in the weeks ahead. OLPH will still be sending representatives to the Holy Hour for Vocations (now at St. Ignatius in Hicksville) and Catholic Underground. In addition, if you are attending the 5 P.M. Sunday Night Mass, consider meeting in the Youth Ministry Office at 4 P.M. to review the Sunday readings.

We want to focus on making sure young people are included in every aspect of parish life, including Youth Ministry. Rather than just seeing Sunday nights as the only time young people gather at OLPH, we want young people to be involved in many different parts of the parish. For example, perhaps you would like to be involved as a lector or Extraordinary Minister or Usher at one of our Masses (the Sunday night Mass or another liturgy) or perhaps you can join our Service Corps and join with others in helping those in need.

When this time of processing and reflection is completed, we will back in "full force", working to invite many others into active involvement in our community. We will be sending out another mailing, updating our web page, reaching out to the newly confirmed and more.

My hope, and that of Msgr. Joe and our entire parish, is to build on the great legacy of youth ministry at OLPH and develop an even more comprehensive, inclusive and appealing program for the young people of our parish community. We will only be able to do that with your prayers and support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 631. 226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to jsureau@drvc.org.

Let's commit to praying for and with one another, most especially for our young people in the days ahead.

Sincerely,



Fr. John Sureau
Associate Pastor

"We must ensure that young people are well equipped for their special mission in the world. All of our efforts to promote an active Christian discipleship and growth in Catholic identity must lead toward mission. This is our special responsibility to the young generation."

*Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

SUPPORTING OUR DIOCESE

2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



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EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

¡Bienvenidos a la parroquia!



Esta semana, las copias de *Fe Fuerza Vida*, nuestro periódico diocesano en español, estará disponible en el vestíbulo de la entrada principal. Por favor, tenga una copia gratuita y considerar la compra de su propia suscripción por sólo \$ 20 al año.

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.

La Hora de Adoracion al Santisimo Sacramento del altar, en Espanol es todos los primeros sabados del mes. Para Octubre 6 la hora es de 9:00P.M. a 10:00 P.M. en la Iglesia.

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

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

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

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE BELIEVE

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

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

Frank Lent	Steven Presinzano
John Bertone	Linda Labriola
Laura Fischer	Steven Brion Meisels
James Coffin	Charles Muller
Walter Keicher	George Walters
Mary Doran	Helen Bartley
Joseph Ayers	Bob Little
Kevin Curran	

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 at 631.226.7725 or e-mail cbecker@oloph.org.

WE REMEMBER

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

June Golden
Michael S. Tucker
Harry D'Agostino

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Time

*Gary Volence (OLPH)
& Deborah Delano (Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon)*

*Thomas P. Schaefer
& Jessica M. Volpe (Both OLPH)*

*Matthew Vigliotta (Mary Immaculate, Bellport)
& Hannah Leary (Our Lady of Lourdes)*

Second Time

*Ryan Springer & Michele D'Altorio (Both of OLPH)
Joseph Vaillancourt (St. Frances of Assisi, North Ville, NY) & Kristie Gaeding (OLPH)*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church. When we do this we are more closely united to the Church and better prepared to participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist. Actual texts—audio and visual—can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm>.

A number of apps, including Ibreviary, also contain the daily readings.

Monday, September 24, 2012:

Prv 3:27-34 + Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 25, 2012:

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 + Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 26, 2012:

Prv 30:5-9 + Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 27, 2012:

Eccl 1:2-11 + Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 28, 2012:

Eccl 3:1-11 + Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 29, 2012:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 + Jn 1:47-51

Sunday, September 30, 2012

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29 + Jas 5:1-6 + Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING UPDATE

Week of September 8/9, 2012

Mass Time	First Collection	Second Collection <i>Catholic University of America</i>	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	2991.35	723.00	415
6:30 A.M.	1037.00	246.06	100
8:00 A.M.	2073.75	485.00	252
9:30 A.M.	1709.75	308.65	328
11:00 A.M.	2760.50	511.13	463
12:30 P.M.	1645.81	250.76	271
5:00 P.M.	1151.81	225.25	200
6:30 P.M.	460.00	116.04	176
Faith Direct	1758.00		
Mail In	1060.00		
Total	16, 647.97	2865.89	2205
2011 Totals	17, 299.00		2308

SECOND COLLECTION— THIS WEEKEND— Sept. 22/23

This weekend, we will take up a special second collection for the St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests. This special collection allows you to support the priests of our Diocese who have done so much throughout their years to serve the Church on Long Island. Thank you for your generosity.



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

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

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

VIRTUS TRAINING

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

1:00 P.M.—Auditorium

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

7:30 P.M. - Convent

VIRTUS Training will be offered here at OLPH for all who need to complete this training. THIS TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS AND MINISTERS.

For those who need to attend a Virtus training session for volunteer compliance, a training session will also take place on October 9th and October 24th here at OLPH.

Registration MUST be done online. Go to drvc.org, then Protecting Children and then Virtus training. You may complete this train-



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.

Regis High School, NYC	-	Monday, October 8—(1 pm—4 pm)
Chaminade High School, Mineola	-	Saturday, October 13 - (2 p.m. - 4 p.m.)
Holy Trinity DHS, Hicksville	-	Sunday, September 23 - (12 noon - 2:30 p.m.)
Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale	-	Saturday, October 13 - (10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)
Sacred Heart Academy, Hempstead	-	Saturday, September 29 - (9 a.m.- 1 p.m.)
St. Dominic High School, Oyster Bay	-	Sunday, September 30 - (1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.)
St. John the Baptist DHS, West Islip	-	Sunday, October 21 - (10:30 a.m-2 p.m.)
St. Mary's High School, Manhasset	-	Sunday, September 23 - (2 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.)

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

1000 W. 20th St., Hicksville, NY 11742
 Telephone: 516.224.2222 Fax: 516.224.2222 www.olph.org
August 26, 2012 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is a vibrant and growing parish. We invite you to join our community and experience the love and support of our parish family. For more information, please contact our parish office.

PASTORAL STAFF
 Pastor: Fr. Mike J. DeGroot
 Parish Administrator: Ms. Mary Ann DeGroot
 Parish Nurse: Ms. Mary Ann DeGroot
 Parish Secretary: Ms. Mary Ann DeGroot

SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS!

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If your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each week, nearly two thousand people attend Mass at OLPH, most of whom live and shop in the Lindenhurst area, receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of area families with information about your business. **For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call The Church Bulletin Company at 631.249.4994.**



Are you ready for a.... DIVINE INTERVENTION?

Divine Intervention, hosted by OLPH's

own **Msgr. Joe DeGrocco** 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

WINTER CRUISING!!!

Travel with OLPH and Fr. Michael (our New Resident Priest) on a wonderful

Winter Get-Away Cruise

February 14 – 23, 2013 ~

Aboard NCL's "Gem"

Round-trip from New York City

(Manhattan Cruise Terminal)

San Juan (Late afternoon/evening visit)

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4 Full Days at Sea

*In addition to the fun of cruising,
we will gather each day for
prayer and a spiritual reflection
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Price Includes:

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10 Day/9 Night Cruise with all meals and activities included.

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All Taxes and Port Fees

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ALL SHIPBOARD GRATUITIES INCLUDED !!!!

Fares: (All fares are per person based on double occupancy)

Inside Cabin: \$1,425

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Additional Cost for Insurance: \$89 Inside/

\$99 Outside/\$129 Balcony



Yes, I'm interested! What should I do?

Pick up an information packet in the rectory . . .or

Come to the **information meeting** on **Tuesday, September 25** in the Rectory

(Pastor's meeting Room—Entry through downstairs rear door)

Or call Rosemary at Anderson Travel of Babylon, 631 587 7844

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

OLPHI Knights of Columbus Council 794

400 South Broadway
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

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Friday, October 5th, 2012

7:00 pm

Admission - \$10

Refreshments, Raffles & 50/50

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For Tickets Call Cathy Connors (631) 226-2879

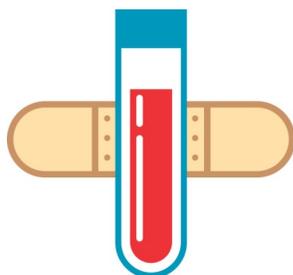
No Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door!

- **October 8** will be the start of the Squires **Annual Winter Coat Drive**. Please bring new or used coats to the **Knights of Columbus**, 400 S. Broadway, Lindenhurst, or call Sal 516—410 – 1205 to arrange for a drop-off.



Knights of Columbus Council 724 Community Blood Drive

Monday, **October 8th**
at the KofC Hall, 400 S.
Broadway from 3:00-
9:00pm.



BLOOD DRIVE

A delicious roast beef
dinner will be served to
all who are brave enough to donate! For
information call Doreen at (516) 478-5031.

- **SAVE THE DATE! Nov. 23** Edward Abbott Memorial Senior Dance. For tickets call Lindenhurst Rainbow Center 631-957-7526 or Sal 516 – 410 – 1205.

- **Vendors Wanted!** For the **K of C Annual Holiday Gift & Vendor Fair**, Sat. Dec. 1. Tables starting at \$40. Email: kofccraftfair@yahoo.com or call Sal 516 410-1205.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** is seeking a Director of Parish Social Ministry. The Director will lead the ministry by remaining attentive to the needs of the community and coordinating the programs of service and support that provide care for the parish community. The Director will also oversee the funding of the programs and allocation of resources in alignment with the pastor. For more information, call (631) 757-8184.
- **Our Lady of Consolation** is in need of transporters to assist residents. Transporters bring residents to the Mass, the Rosary, Choir Rehearsal, Small Christian Community Prayer Groups and many other social events. Days and times can be chosen by the volunteer. Any parishioner—age 14 and older—can volunteer. For more information contact the Pastoral Care Department at 631.587.1600, x. 8297.
- When someone is in the hospital, it is a blessing to stay connected with their parish. We are seeking volunteers to visit our parishioners at **Good Samaritan Hospital**. You do NOT have to be an Extraordinary Minister or a Pastoral Visitor to be part of this program. The times and days for visiting are flexible. The next Pastoral Visitor Training Program will be held at Good Samaritan Hospital on **September 26th** from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. If you are interested contact the Pastoral Care office at 631.376.4103.
- **Sisters of St. Joseph** will hold a program “**Living with Alzheimers and Dementia**” on the 1st Wed. of the month **Oct. 3** from 1-2:30pm at the St. Joseph Renewal Center, Brentwood, presented by Josephine Daspro, CSJ, D. Min. Free will offering. Reservations call 631-273-1187 x. 123.
- **Supporting Survivors of Suicide Loss**—American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), dedicated to understanding and preventing suicide through research, education, support and advocacy by reaching out to people with mental disorders and those impacted by suicide, will hold a Suicide Seminar at **St. Matthew’s R. C. Church**, Dix Hills. FREE—**Oct. 17th**, 7:30—9:30 P.M. Call Sister Anthony Therese, 631-499-8520 X 120 to register. Deadline Oct. 15.
- **Tools for Caregivers**—a 6-week program designed to better enable you to take care of yourself. Wednesdays, **Oct. 17 – Nov. 21**, 6-8:30 P.M. at **Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center**, Patio café, \$25 suggested donation to help defray cost of the Caregiver Handbook (but not required to take class). For info call the Pastoral Care Department at 631-376-4444.
- **A Day of Recollection and Renewal in Faith**— Enthronement of the Holy Face of Jesus. A special day of recollection and renewal will be held at Holy Spirit R.C. Church in New Hyde Park on Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. For more information, contact Holy Spirit R.C. Church at 516.354.0359.
- The **Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception** invite you to the 5th Annual Friends Communion Breakfast on **Sunday, October 21, 2012**. Mass is at 11:00 A.M., followed by breakfast in the Refectory. The celebrant and speaker this year is Msgr. James C. Vlaun, President and CEO of Telecare. For reservations and information, contact the Seminary Development Office at 631.423.0483, x. 102 or e-mail to bmalone@icseminary.edu.