

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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September 30, 2012 - 26th 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 (Beginning October 7, 2012)

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

MINISTRIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Vincent de Paul 225-5531

272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

President: Joseph Illuminato

Religious Education 226-2384

260 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

Youth Ministry 226-6239

High School Coordinator

Brittany Marie Evans

Middle School Coordinator

Peggy Harnisch

Catholic Youth Organization

Program Coordinator:

Phil Amico

516-732-8520/olphcyophil@optonline.net

Altar Bread & Wine

The altar bread and wine used at our Masses during this week, September 30– October 6 is offered in memory of

Charles Coyne, Jr.

Requested by

Charles Coyne Family

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, October 1—St. Therese of the Child
Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

8:00 Hedwig M. & John E. Yuliano

12:00 St. Theresa Little Flower

7:00 Lynn Quinn

TUESDAY, October 2—

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 Tadeusz Cimaszewski

12:00 Rudy Carucci

7:00 Margaret Gabrielson

WEDNESDAY, October 3—

Weekday in the 26th Week of Ordinary Time

8:00 Elizabeth Merrill

12:00 Imelda Thomas

7:00 David Shipsey

THURSDAY, October 4—

Saint Francis of Assisi

8:00 Guiseppi Lentini

12:00 Rafael F. Rajo

7:00 Carmine Durante

FRIDAY, October 5—

Weekday in the 26th Week of Ordinary Time

8:00 John W. Magnuson

12:00 Thomas S. Pasquino

7:00 Charles Coyne, Jr.

**SATURDAY, October 6—St. Bruno, Priest;
Blessed Marie Rose Doucher, Virgin (optional)**

8:00 Keith Desjardin

9:00 Charles Schlosser

VIGIL MASS –

5:00 David & Merle Zimms

SUNDAY, October 7—

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the
Nocturnal Adoration Society

8:00 Respect Life

9:30 Joan Forster

11:00 Book of the Faithful Departed

12:30 Mass for the People of the Parish

5:00 Tree of Life

6:30 Mass in Polish

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Installation as Pastor

As you know, when a new Pastor is appointed to a parish, the taking up of that new office is to be marked by the appropriate liturgical rite which includes his making a Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity. Therefore, I am happy to announce that Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be celebrating my **Installation as Pastor at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 20.**

I am very honored that Bishop Murphy himself will be coming to install me. It is especially meaningful given our many years of working together, both when I was his Secretary and after that, on many projects involving liturgy, during my years while on faculty at the Seminary. I am also inviting family and friends to attend this meaningful event.

First and foremost, however, this is a **parish celebration.** It is an opportunity for us to celebrate together the goodness of the parish family of OLPH, thanking God for the long history of grace, the deep roots of faith, and the hope-filled future that make up the life of our parish. God has blessed us so abundantly! It's good to stop once in a while, recognize and celebrate that, and just plain have a good time and build up our bonds in the community of the body of Christ. Let's do that!

I have to say that although I have been at OLPH for only three months now, it has been the most exhilarating experience of my priesthood so far, and I am loving it. That is most certainly due to the warmth, welcome and example of holiness that all of you have shown to me. As you know, this is my first Pastorate, and there is something special about a priest's first Pastorate. He falls in love with it immediately and has great hopes and dreams for the future, and that's the way I feel about OLPH. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your spiritual journey!

Everyone is invited to the Mass and to the hospitality we will have afterwards, so keep Saturday, October 20 free to come to the 5:00 p.m. Mass and the celebration afterwards. A more formal announcement will be running in the bulletin in the weeks ahead.

Golf Outing

This past Monday, Sept. 24, was our **Second Annual Parish Golf Outing**, and I'm thrilled to say it was a huge success, due in no small part to the glorious weather we enjoyed. It was a perfect day for playing golf, or, as in my case, standing around at the second hole to greet the golfers, measure distances for a contest, and in, general, just kibitz with everyone. Our

honoree, Lindenhurst's own Bishop Robert Brennan, along with his parents and brother and sister-in-law, attended the dinner at the end of the day and it was wonderful to see him and his family and to honor him. As the cliché says, *a good time was had by all!*

I must express my deep, deep thanks and appreciation to all who worked on the Outing. It was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, who do so much for us, and all the proceeds of the Outing go to assist the financial situation of the parish. Special thanks go to the **Chairman of the Golf Committee, Bob Rooney**, for his hard work and commitment.

We look forward to an even bigger and better Golf Outing next year!

Blessing of Animals



You can find elsewhere in this bulletin the announcement about the Blessing of Animals on this Thursday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. I will have the privilege of presiding at this blessing, which is always a fun thing.

People love to bring their pets and it's always very heart-warming to see all the animals, to see how their owners and others interact with them, and to remember that animals are integral parts of God's creation that we must reverence and appreciate. Of course, what's a gathering without food, so we'll have some snacks for everyone — two-legged and four-legged! But remember, this is a *blessing*, not an *exorcism* — I can bless your pet, but I can't make your pet *behave!*

Liturgy Note #1: The Precious Blood

In my three months here as Pastor, I have had several requests from parishioners asking that we offer the Precious Blood (the chalice) at Mass. I cannot tell you how thrilled I was to hear those requests, because that is exactly my thinking. The importance of offering the fullness of the sacramental sign whereby people, if they choose, can also receive the Precious Blood (the consecrated wine) in addition to the Body of Christ (the consecrated bread) cannot be overstated, because it is an important sign and expression of the people's full, conscious and active participation in the sacrifice that is actually being celebrated. Personally, I have always been uncomfortable with the inconsistency of praying in the Eucharistic Prayer "*Take this, all of you and drink from it...*" and then not offering the Precious Blood to the assembly; it just never made sense to me.

So, I assure you: we are moving toward offering the Precious Blood to the assembly, and it will be available at every Mass, weekend and weekday. It will become a normal part of our worship at all occasions, including weddings, funerals, First Communions, Confirmations, *etc.* However, remember that liturgy is the most important thing we do together. Therefore, any changes that we make must be done right; I will not do them in a haphazard way that winds up distracting us from our praying the ritual correctly. It will take some time and planning to introduce this practice at all Masses, especially since it will coincide with some other changes that we are looking toward to further enhance our worship.

Please give us some time; the Liturgy Committee has already begun to discuss and explore these issues. **Also, you will always be informed of things that are going on, and there will be always be adequate catechesis about it in the bulletin.** I think you'll find as we move into the months ahead and into 2013 that some of these things will begin to unfold. Not everything can be done at once, as much as we (and, quite frankly, I personally) would like them to be done immediately. But, I promise you, the groundwork for enhancements to our liturgical celebrations are underway.



Liturgy Note #2: Singing

One way that we can all begin to enhance our worship together is by being attentive to *singing the Mass*. ***Singing is not an added-on extra; it is an integral component of our worship.***

I have to be honest with you: over the course of my three months here, I have observed that while the level of participation in singing is good, it could be better. There are indeed a good number of parishioners who can be seen at Mass holding the hymn books, singing joyfully and proudly, offering their voices to lift us all up in prayer. There are, unfortunately, a great number who I do not see singing at all.

Singing is not optional; it's not your choice whether or not to sing. I know that might sound strange, but it's true. The same thing could be said about the other verbal responses at Mass — it's not our choice as to whether or not we will say them. We must say them, because we have the obligation to fully participate. We should be at Mass not as "takers," there to simply enjoy the worship and praise of God as an individual for what we will "get out of it." We must be there as "givers," actively contributing to the quality of

worship by not being there like a "bump on a log," but rather by giving voice to the responses, the singing, and by being attentive and focused on the readings and the sacred actions taking place. **Our full, conscious and active participation is a gift we give to others.** It doesn't matter if you can sing or not; it doesn't matter if you have a good voice. *In fact, if God gave you a lousy voice, then He deserves to hear it back, so you should sing loud!* All kidding aside, the great thing about singing is how all voices blend together and joins us as one, those who sing well and those who don't. It's a sign of our unity.

Also, we should be singing during the Communion procession, and you should continue singing when you return to your seat after Communion. The purpose of the Communion hymn is to express and foster the unity that is at the heart of Communion. We receive Communion not as individuals, but as a body; receiving Communion is a personal act, but not an individual one. **Then, after all have received and the procession has ended, the music stops and all sit in silence for a period of time.** This is the time to offer our personal prayers and thanksgiving to the Lord. **All the priests make a concerted effort to allow for that period of silence after the Communion Procession has ended.**

I have asked our Director of Music, Jim Kendall, to make an increased participation in singing a priority in our parish in the months ahead, and he and the cantors will be working with the assembly to bring this about. We have a wonderful music program: Jim Kendall works very hard to bring us the best liturgical music program we can have, and we have very dedicated and talented cantors who offer themselves so faithfully so that our worship can be all it should be. Let's all work with them, and give a special gift to one another, as we all make the commitment to participate more fully in singing.

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,

SAVE THE DATE!!!



Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

THIS THURSDAY, October 4, 2012
6:00 P.M. + Auditorium

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**

Meeting days: Thursday OR Friday

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Place: Moms and Tots room

In the basement of the Convent, south entrance



Moms & Tots

Cost: \$40 for the year

Please email Terry at:

Olphmomsandtots@aol.com or call 631-225-9462

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



The Living Rosary

Sunday October 14, 2012 following the 9:30 Mass

Children are invited to hold a bead on our Living Rosary and all parishioners and parish organizations are invited to join us in reciting the Rosary.

Children are needed to read and help carry the Rosary. If you have any questions or your child wants to read a Mystery or would like to help with this event, please contact Debbie McDonough @ 957-0765



Annual Pumpkin Patch



Saturday October 27, 2012 @ 12:45 pm Rectory Front Lawn –Rain or Shine



All children 11 years old and younger are invited to pick a pumpkin and decorate it. There will be games to play and snacks to eat—

Want to help with this great event!?
Contact Rose Anne or Jenine and we'll get you involved!

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!



If you would like to participate and to ensure enough pumpkins you must contact Jenine Jimenez @ 226-0317 or RoseAnne Rowe @ 957-5324 by October 23rd!

Please bring a non-perishable food item for St. Vincent DePaul Pantry.

MUSIC MINISTRY

*Do you like to sing? Can you carry a tune? Can you tune a fish?
Two out of three qualifies you for an...*

OLPH CHOIR

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir assists with leading music at the 11:00 A.M. Mass on most Sundays.

The Adult Choir practices on Thursday nights in the Church.

For more information, contact James Kendall at 631.226.7725, x. 210

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir assists with leading music at the 9:30 A.M. Mass every other Sunday. The Choir practices on Thursday afternoons in the school building.

For more information, contact Mrs. Amy Keller at mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com



TEEN MUSIC MINISTRY

Come and help lead music at the Sunday night, 5:00 P.M. Mass. The Teen Music Ministry needs young musicians: piano, flute, cello preferred.

If you'd like to try out or want some more information, contact Dan Volpe @ 917-468-9584.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Members of our parish community have been gathering and working to start our parish's own Special Needs Ministry! Nearly twenty parishioners attended our first meeting 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

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
 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.
 Please call our office ASAP!**

In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward."

As you put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's poor box, know that you are serving Christ's poor ones.

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your support of St. Vincent DePaul last weekend. Over \$2500.00 was raised through your generosity.

These monies will go a long way in our mission to care for the most vulnerable among us—especially the hungry, homeless and marginalized.

Please continue to pray for the work we undertake as a parish community through our parish's St. Vincent DePaul.



We cannot better assure our eternal happiness than by living and dying in the service of the poor, in the arms of Providence, and with genuine renouncement of ourselves in order to follow Jesus Christ.

-St. Vincent de Paul

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



This weekend, Our Lady of Perpetual Help is distributing baby bottles for 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.

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.



ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Voter Registration forms are available by the main entrance of the Church. They must be filled out and filed not later than October 13, 2012. If you are in need of assistance completing These forms, contact Fr. John in the Parish Office.

The first important task in this effort to offer a voice informed by Catholic social principles is to urge every Catholic and every American citizen to vote. -Bishop William Murphy

Faithful Citizenship



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

There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position may decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons. Voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil.

When all candidates hold a position in favor of an intrinsic evil, the conscientious voter faces a dilemma. The voter may decide to take the extraordinary step of not voting for any candidate or, after careful deliberation, may decide to vote for the candidate deemed less likely to advance such a morally flawed position and more likely to pursue other authentic human goods.

In making these decisions, it is essential for Catholics to be guided by a well-formed conscience that recognizes that all issues do not carry the same moral weight and that the moral obligation to oppose intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate's commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. faithful citizenship

-Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 35, 36, 37



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

BEFORE YOU VOTE IN NOVEMBER, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS: TWO RADICALLY DIFFERENT CHOICES FACE VOTERS IN THE 2012 NATIONAL ELECTIONS:

The FIRST CHOICE endorses a “right” to the killing of innocent pre-born human beings – ABORTION. And down the line, this “right” will likely be extended to the killing of persons, usually of advanced age or incurably ill, judged useless or a burden, financial or otherwise, to society and therefore who should be eased out – EUTHANASIA – and to the assisted killing of adult persons who because of their incurable illness or serious disability want to die and want a physician to help them die - ASSISTED SUICIDE.

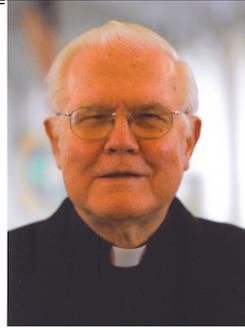
This choice also embraces the already approved medical destruction of human embryos; the manufacture of human beings, the forced provision of insurance for contraception, sterilization procedures and potentially abortifacient drugs - the HHS mandate affecting most religious health, higher educational and social units. The latter calls upon us to RENOUNCE OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

Finally, this choice gives strong support to the legal and social sanction nation-wide of HOMOSEXUAL, SAME-SEX “MARRIAGE.” Citizens are being asked to trash the 1995 Defense of Marriage Act, overwhelmingly passed in the Congress and signed by the president. Can one identify greater basic human values founded in the natural moral law that we would be trashing by making such a choice?

PRIORITY ISSUES

Virtually all these goals, objectives, policies, and procedures gravely violate natural moral law, the precepts of which our human reason reveals to us when we reflect on our own experience and our relationships with others. What is intrinsically evil can never rightly be chosen. No circumstances can make such actions right; they are always wrong.

To vote for persons who have supported or, if



A Reflection by
Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
Pastor Emeritus

elected, their records show, will support, authorize and promote such evils is a grave misjudgment of our duties as faithful citizens. Consciously choosing to support such actions by voting for such candidates would be seriously wrong. Faced with such evils and, perhaps, additional ones down the road, we have no choice but to reject their supporters.

THE SECOND CHOICE, the right choice, is to vote for candidates who, in the main, firmly uphold the inviolability and dignity of innocent human life, human dignity in all its stages, from fertilization to natural death, the givenness of marriage and family life in the natural order and the precious gift of religious liberty and respect for conscience.

To act otherwise would be positively to endorse what does already or will in the future injure the common good by terminating innocent human life, violating human dignity, the authentic meaning of marriage and family life and the precious values of religious liberty and the right of conscience.

OTHER ISSUES

But some will object. This is true, but in an election there are other important issues in addition to these basic ones. Yes, party platforms identify scores of major issues to which government should give attention. But these other issues are of a different category. They are issues or problems, the solution to which depends on constantly changing facts or data and call for different judgments at different times in response to different circumstances.

Issues, for example, like foreign affairs, our involvement with foreign wars and conflicts; nuclear armaments; aid to developing nations, the creation of jobs, affordable housing, health services, educational facilities, immigration, reducing the huge national debt – on all these issues well-intentioned and informed citizens can and do differ as to the best solutions and policies to follow. Ordinary citizens and government officials make prudent, not *(continued on the next page)*

necessarily inerrant decisions on what is the best course of action to follow. These decisions may have to be altered as circumstances change.

Natural moral law respects these diverse judgments of citizens and government officials on the issues just mentioned and does not seek to identify one solution as the only one. In such cases natural moral law can set forth only principles that ought to govern solutions. It is up to government officials and citizens to identify concrete solutions to such problems. But when genuine evils, even if only permissive, become entrenched in the civil law, it is very difficult to uproot them. For example, once permissive abortion, the killing of the pre-

born child, was sanctioned by law, it has proved difficult, almost impossible to remove it.

CONCLUSION

Please reflect on this radical difference between the choices in this coming election; and on the basic moral issues, vote only for those candidates whose platform and record are in accord with the natural moral law. Other issues, which also have important moral dimensions, but are more affected by changing data and by personal judgment on a variety of factors, cannot take priority over basic issues of the natural moral law.

OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY

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

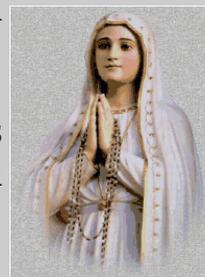
FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Please come and pray with us each First Friday and First Saturday of the month.



First Saturday Devotions in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be conducted Saturday, October 6th beginning with the rosary at 7:40am, Mass at 8am and continued devotion. A continental breakfast will follow in the cafeteria.

First Friday Devotions— in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - will be conducted Friday, October 5th at 7:45am and after the 12 noon Mass.



NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration on

FIRST SATURDAYS
from 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Polish and Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 P.M.



Our next gathering is NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012 at 8:00 P.M. in the Church.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR RETURNS

On October 7, 2012, our Sunday night Holy Hour for the Reparation of Sins will return from 8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the Church.

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS . . . began this devotion of the Holy Hour of Reparation, when He entered the Garden of Gethsemane on Mount Olivet. He said to His Apostles: "My soul is sorrowful even unto death. Stay ye here and watch with Me." Later He said to them: "Could ye not watch one hour with Me? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." [Matt. 26:38, 40, 41]

Come and spend one hour with the Lord each Sunday night, beginning next Sunday.

SUPPORTING OUR DIOCESE

2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



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Pledge: \$ _____ Down Payment: \$ _____ Balance: _____
 Parish: _____
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OLPH Goal:
\$117,900.00
 Pledges: \$76, 363
 #of Donors: 334
 Payments:
 \$66,522
 Under: \$41,537

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 Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento del altar, en Español es todos los primeros sábados 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 REMEMBER

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

Anthony Formica

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

Linda Labriola

John Bertone

Steven Brion Meisels

Laura Fischer

Charles Muller

James Coffin

George Walters

Walter Keicher

Helen Bartley

Mary Doran

Bob Little

Joseph Ayers

Connie Perrotta

Kevin Curran

Jerry Cunningham

Steven Presinzano

Luke Moriales

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 cchecker@oloph.org.

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.

-Rite of Baptism

We welcome the newest members of the Catholic community here at OLPH!

Sebastian Salvatore Caliendo

Anthony Natale DeGaetano

Jackson Robert D'Allesandro

Luke Michael Peluso

Ella Mae Keegan

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Time

Ryan Springer & Michele D'Altorio (Both OLPH)

Joseph Vaillancourt (St. Frances of Assisi, North Ville, NY) & Kristie Gaeding (OLPH)

First Time

Tanya Albinkowski & Joseph Lombardo (both OLPH)

Gary Valence (OLPH) & Deborah Delano (Our Lady of Grace)

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, October 1, 2012:

Job 1:6-22 + Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, October 2, 2012:

Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 + Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday, October 3, 2012:

Job 9:1-12, 14-16 + Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 4, 2012:

Job 19:21-27 + Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 5, 2012:

Job 38:1, 12-24; 40:3-5 + Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 6, 2012:

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 + Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 7, 2012 +

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24 + Hebrews 2:9-11 +

Mark 10:2-16

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING UPDATE

Week of September 15/16, 2012

Mass Time	Collection	Number of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$ 2,713.66	179	387
6:30 A.M.	1160.00	47	119
8:00 A.M.	2159.50	106	245
9:30 A.M.	2043.40	86	338
11:00 A.M.	1797.00	129	430
12:30 P.M.	1759.84	89	229
5:00 P.M.	726.48	28	151
6:30 P.M.	472.00	13	148
Spanish Mass (celebrated on 9/13/12)	224.00		
Faith Direct	1758.00		
Mail In	374.00		
Total	\$15,177.88		2047
2011 Totals	\$16,290.00		2152

SECOND COLLECTION—

October 6/7– Respect Life

Next Sunday, October 7th is **Respect Life Sunday**. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the Respect Life envelope collection.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

While we have already begun taking Mass intentions for 2013, the following Masses are the last two for **2012** intentions in December:

Monday, December 10—7:00 P.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.

VIRTUS TRAINING

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

1:30 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 training at another parish site. Simply register the same way as noted above.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

OLPII Knights of Columbus Council 794

400 South Broadway
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

LADIES AUXILIARY

presents:

BUNKO

Friday, October 5th, 2012

7:00 pm

Admission - \$10

Refreshments, Raffles & 50/50

BUNKO Prizes:

1st - \$100

2nd - \$50

3rd - \$25



For Tickets Call Cathy Connors (631) 226-2879

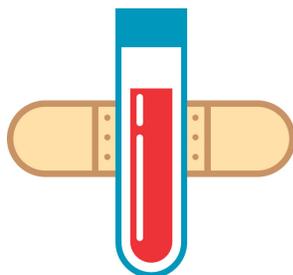
No Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door!

- 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.

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 area.

Regis High School, NYC	Monday, October 8— (1 pm—4 pm)
Chaminade High School, Mineola	Saturday, October 13 - (2 p.m. - 4 p.m.)
Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale	Saturday, October 13 - (10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)
St. John the Baptist DHS, West Islip	Sunday, October 21 - (10:30 a.m-2 p.m.)

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- **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.
- **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.
- **Healing Mass**, continuing the work of Fr. Dennis Kelleher, CSsR, on **Tuesday, October 9, 2012** at The Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston, NY. Rosary, Mass and Healing Service begins at 7:00 P.M. For more information, contact the Immaculate Conception Center at 718.229.8001.
- **St. Sylvester’s Community Dance.** Come and spend an enjoyable evening with us on **Saturday, October 11, 2012** from **7:00 to 10:00 P.M.** at St. Sylvester’s Parish Center, 68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY. featuring “The Good Old Dance Band”, a live 15 piece swing band. Cost is \$15.00—snacks, soda, coffee, tea, are included.
- **A Classic Tenor Concert.** The world famous Irish Tenor Ronan Tynan will perform a Classic Tenor Concert at Blessed Sacrament Church in Jackson Heights, Queens on **Sunday, October 14, 2012** at 4:00 P.M. Ticket donation is \$25.00. There will also be a festive cocktail reception following the concert. Admission is \$20.00. For reservations or more information, please call 718.639.3888.
- **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 Vocation as a Deacon** - A Morning of Discernment will be conducted at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Center in Huntington on **Saturday, October 20, 2012** from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. for men and their spouses, who believe God might be calling them to the diaconate. For more information or to sign up, please contact the Office of Deacon Formation at 631.424.8360 or e-mail to deacons@drvc.org.
- **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.