

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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The people who  
walked in darkness  
have seen  
a great light...

Isaiah 9:1

## The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2012

### 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 + Rev. Mr. Douglas G. Smith

**Pastoral Associate for Administration:** Deacon Donald A. Stamm

**Director of Religious Education:** Thomas J. Acemoglu

**Music Director:** James R. Kendall

**High School Youth Minister:** Brittany Evans

**Middle School Youth Minister:** Peggy Harnisch

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 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.*

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

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

**Sunday Nights:** Will resume after Christmas season.

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

### 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.

# OLPH HAPPENINGS

During Christmas Time, we welcome many people back to Church to pray and share life with us. Many families send updates about what has been happening in their lives throughout the past year. We wanted to share some of the things that have been happening here over the past few months. Welcome home!

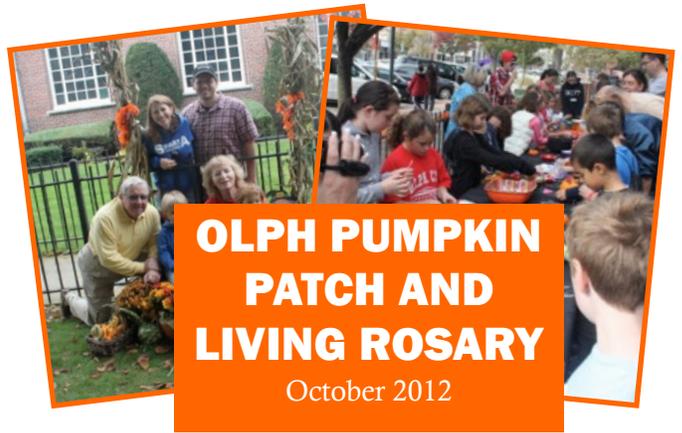
## Installation of our new Pastor, Msgr. Joseph De-Grocco

October 20, 2012



## Summer Evening Prayer

August 2012



## OLPH PUMPKIN PATCH AND LIVING ROSARY

October 2012



## Storm Relief Efforts

November 2012



## THANKSGIVING

November 22 2012



## Special Needs Mass

December 1, 2012



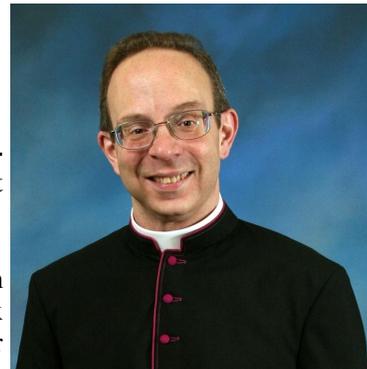
# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christmas, 2012

Dear Parishioners and Welcome Visitors to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish,

**GRACE, PEACE AND BLESSINGS TO YOU ON THIS HOLY FEAST OF CHRISTMAS!** It gives me great joy as your Pastor to offer you these greetings of warm and heartfelt Christmas joy, along with gratitude for your participation in our celebration of Christmas!

It has been an extraordinary year for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, one which has seen many changes. I myself am new to the parish, having arrived as your Pastor a short six months ago, as are three other priests who arrived at the same time: associate pastors Father John Sureau and Father Ignace Lolecke, and priest-in-residence Father Michael Holzmann, Chaplain at Saint John the Baptist Diocesan High School in West Islip.



Our Pastoral Staff and the numerous dedicated parishioners who offer themselves as a gift in so many different ministries and programs have all worked very hard to set an exciting course for the future for OLPH. Over the past six months we have begun to implement many changes. We have added many new ministries that help to make the mission of our parish even more vibrant and effective; we have increased the number of opportunities for parishioners to become involved in the work of the parish; and we have begun to evaluate and enhance our liturgical life, to deepen our encounter with Christ in the liturgies we celebrate.

Of course, we cannot look back over the recent past without also recalling Super Storm Sandy. It was, and, for a significant number of people, still is, a time of great tragedy and suffering. It was also a time of great love and extraordinary grace as we as a parish family came together to meet the needs of those who were affected by the storm. Over and over again we saw the power of the Holy Spirit at work as people gave so incredibly generously of their time, energy and material resources to help their brothers and sisters. Because of all of you, our parish response to the storm relief efforts was nothing short of miraculous.

At the same time, the great response was also nothing more than the people of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish simply being who they really are all the time: people of great compassion, service, and love, who take very seriously their responsibility to respond to each other's needs as an expression of their commitment to Jesus Christ. *What an extraordinary parish this is, because of all of you!* I am put in mind of one of the prayers for one of the Masses of Christmas, the Mass at Dawn, which says, "Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, as we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word, the light of faith, which illumines our minds, may also shine through in our deeds." Our storm relief efforts highlighted for us what is true all year long in OLPH, namely, your loving care for and good deeds toward one another shining brightly as the Light of Christ.

I pray that this Christmas Time is for you and your family a time of great peace, joy and holiness. It is my fervent hope that you will feel at home at OLPH and remain active in the life of the Church through weekly participation in the Eucharist. Know of my prayers, and the prayers of the entire Pastoral Staff, for you and your family, and know that we are here to serve you and assist you in any way we can.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mgn. Joe". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive script.

Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco  
Pastor

# FROM OUR BISHOP



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 8, 2012  
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Dear Faithful Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*Christ is born, sing glory! Christ has descended from heaven, go out to meet Him! Christ is on earth; lift yourselves up! Sing to the Lord, all the Earth for He Who belongs to heaven is now on earth! Christ has become flesh, so tremble and rejoice; tremble because of sin and rejoice because of hope: Christ is born of the Virgin!*

These beautiful words of the great Saint Gregory Nazianzen (329-389) can be heard across our world and around the globe this Christmas. Christ is born again this year in our hearts as He was born in the flesh of the Virgin Mary two thousand years ago in Bethlehem. Like the shepherds, we welcome Him into our hearts and into our lives. We know His coming changes all of humanity. We pray that His love will constantly increase in us so that we might belong more deeply to Him and to His Church and thus to one another. *Bethlehem has reopened Eden and in the grotto of Bethlehem we regain the goods of Paradise.* (Romanos the Melodist c. 540)

In this Year of Faith, Christmas is the great feast when we can renew our faith in God's love made manifest in the birth of His Son, Jesus the Christ. This is the feast that opens our eyes to the concrete expression of divine love now become an intimate part of the life of every man and woman who *believes in the heart and professes with one's lips that Jesus, this Child, Jesus, is the Son of God. He is Lord and Savior.*

In this Year of Faith, we all recently have been tried through the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. So many have lost homes. So many have had to struggle. So many need help. And so many of you have been generous, giving, caring and loving toward our brothers and sisters in need. I love those words of Blessed John Paul II: *we do not know why God allows suffering but we do know that suffering releases love.*

Love, God's love, was released in superabundance in a stable in Bethlehem. That love has never ceased to flood our hearts, strengthen our families, encourage the young and give consolation to the elderly. And the more we adore the Son of God born of the Virgin Mary, the more we too are cooperators in spreading God's love from that stable into our parishes, our communities and all the world.

With you I pray that this Christmas will bring us joy and happiness. Even more I pray Christmas will bring peace especially to the Middle East. And I pray that you and I who welcome Jesus into our hearts may be His instruments to offer His love and His gift of peace to all the world.

Joyful and blessed Christmas to one and all!

+William Murphy

Bishop of Rockville Centre

# Welcome to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

We are so happy to welcome everyone who has come to worship with us today! Whether you have come a long distance or you live locally, we are glad that you have decided to spend some time with us as we worship our Lord together. Please know that your presence today is a blessing to our parish family.

## Would you like to know more about our parish community?

If you would like more information about our parish or if you would like one of our team to be in touch with you, please fill this form out and place it in any collection or offering basket, or mail it to us.

*I would like information about:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education of my Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Catholic or Adult Confirmation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage or Annulment / Remarriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Direction or Counseling         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Services                    | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul/Parish Outreach       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Parish                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptizing my Children                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Returning to OLPH                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                        |  |

I would prefer to be contacted by:

Phone at: \_\_\_\_\_ Email at: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail at: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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**

# CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AT HOME

## Blessing of a Christmas Tree

*All make the sign of the cross to begin, and then the Leader continues with this greeting:*

**Leader:** Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.

*All respond:* Amen.

**Leader:** My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

*Then someone proclaims the reading:*

**Reader:** Listen to the words of the letter of St. Paul to Titus: But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The word of the Lord.

*All respond:* Thanks be to God.

**Leader:** Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord. Our response will be: Lord, give light to our hearts.

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our home, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

*Then the Leader continues:* Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The lights of the tree are now illuminated. Then the Leader concludes:*

**Leader:** May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever.

*All respond:* Amen.



## Blessing of a Manger/ Nativity Scene

*The manger scene is blessed each year on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. All make the sign of the cross and the Leader begins:* Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*All respond:* Who made heaven and earth.

*Then someone proclaims the reading:*

**Reader:** Listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Luke: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Leader:** God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*Christmas songs and carols may be sung, for example, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.*



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Each week, we ask parishioners to bring food for those in need. Check out our pantry shopping list each week.

## 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 Meats**  
**Shelf Stable Milk**  
**Pasta Sauce**  
**Instant Potatoes**  
**Canned Fruit**  
**Hot Cereals**  
**Cake and Muffin Mixes**  
**Pancake Mix**  
**Pancake Syrup**

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

## 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

Tuesdays - 4 P.M.—7 P.M.

Saturdays (as announced) —9 am –12 noon

St. Vincent de Paul is our parish's primary way to reach out to those in need in our local community. Our incredible volunteers do all they can to assist those in our local community.

Sometimes when we are in need, we don't feel comfortable asking for help or seeking support. It is in these moments that our parish most wants to be here for you.

*Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.*

## HELP IS NEEDED!!!!

St. Vincent DePaul is ALWAYS in need of volunteers to assist the most vulnerable in our community. Do you have a desire to live out the Gospel by caring for those most in need in our local community?

Recognizing this great need, we are also looking to provide additional times of service for those in our parish, including night time hours and additional weekend hours. **WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP!**

For more information, contact our St. Vincent DePaul office or Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to [jsureau@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org)

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## Special Needs Ministry

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

Are you someone who cares for someone with special needs? Perhaps you are a teacher, a therapist or counselor who dedicates their work to those with special needs. Perhaps you just have an "interest" in this type of work. Please take some time this week and think about being a part of this important new ministry at OLPH!

**Middle school and high school students, parents, teachers, adults, seniors are all welcome. No experience or training required. All that is needed is a desire to help all in our community know the welcoming presence of Christ.**

For information, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to [jsureau@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org).

**Mass for People with  
Special Needs  
Saturday,  
January 5th  
4:00 P.M.**



**RESPECT  
LIFE  
MINISTRY**

We are interested and committed to the protection of the great gift of life (from conception to natural death) which God gave us AND which he allows us to be part of — creation. We attempt to educate our fellow parishioners as to what urgent life-affecting issues may arise – legislation, proposals, etc. that affect the unborn, the poor, the elderly, the marginalized and most vulnerable among us.

All that is needed is an INTEREST and commitment to life. Just give your name in at the Rectory and we'll be in touch. Meetings are usually the first Wednesday of each month.

## MARCH FOR LIFE

**Friday, January 25, 2013**

Our parish is attending the Annual March for Life on **Friday, January 25, 2013**. We will gather at OLPH at 5:00 A.M. for Mass in the Church and depart immediately after.

**To RSVP to this event, contact Kathy Feldman of our Respect Life Committee at 631.225.9864. All responses are requested by January 18, 2013.**

A Free Will Offering of \$20.00 is requested, but not required, for participation. This will cover the cost of the bus and any extra monies will be donated to Regina Residence, Catholic Charities outreach to pregnant and parenting women and their children.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## HOSPITAL VISITORS

This beautiful new ministry touches the lives of parishioners in Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip. Volunteers, who have been trained by the Pastoral Care staff of Good Samaritan Hospital, take time to visit with members of our parish community.

We give thanks the following "offerers" who are now beginning to carry out this ministry here at OLPH....

**Andrew Antonawich**  
**Eugene Cuoco**  
**Carl D'Angelo**  
**Eileen Donahoe**  
**Mario Lotito**  
**Barbara Maloney-Belton**  
**Claudelle Michelle**  
**Peter J. O'Neill**  
**Eileen Peacock**  
**Vito Tandoi**



Do you want to learn more about becoming involved in this ministry? Interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to [jsureau@drvc.org](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org)

## 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...**

<b>Charles Muller</b>	<b>Mary Doran</b>
<b>Al Wickenheiser</b>	<b>William Pugh</b>
<b>Alex Taparata</b>	<b>Janet Pugh</b>
<b>Pete Doyen</b>	<b>Andrew Pellicane</b>
<b>Joseph O'Shea</b>	<b>Joseph Gerbino</b>
<b>Elizabeth Taroni</b>	<b>Anthony Cito</b>
<b>Helen Bartley</b>	<b>Luca Mazzili</b>
<b>Bob Little</b>	<b>Peggy Pannullo</b>
<b>Connie Perrotta</b>	<b>Margaret Stangelo</b>
<b>Eileen C. Quinn</b>	<b>Charles Muller</b>
<b>John Huff</b>	<b>Betty Cunningham</b>
<b>Erika Kroll</b>	<b>Nettie Deasy</b>
<b>Catherine Tamburino</b>	
<b>Richard Brosan</b>	

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](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org).

As has been our practice, after the fourth week, the name will be removed from the sick list in the bulletin. If you wish to have your name or the name of a loved one to remain in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office to let us know.

## **PRAYING FOR THE SICK AT MASS**

We pray for the sick by name during the Universal Prayer at Mass. Any name requested to be listed in the bulletin will be announced for the first week only at Mass and will remain in the bulletin for the following three weeks.

# STORM RELIEF @ OLPH

## OLPHelp Grant Update

Many thanks to all who contributed donations during the past month and a half. One of our major concerns, and the desire of many donors, was that money received by the parish would go directly into the hands of parishioners in need. Therefore, we developed the **OLPHelp** Grant which allowed parishioners in flood impacted areas to apply for financial assistance. A board was established comprised of Msgr. Joe, Fr. John, a few parishioners involved in storm relief efforts as well as two individuals not connected with OLPH to determine the best way to administer the many funds received.

**As of this past Monday, we have disbursed over \$80,000 in small grants to over 170 parishioners.**

**A tremendous thanks goes to all who donated and to the many parishioners who reached out and submitted a grant application for a fellow parishioner!**

### St. Vincent de Paul Parish Outreach

Parishioners and community members in need are invited to our St. Vincent de Paul Office (the grey house) at 272 Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY.

**In addition to our regular hours, St. Vincent DePaul will be open on Tuesday afternoons from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. to assist you.** You are most welcome here, most especially in times of need.



### Catholic Charities DISASTER RELIEF

You might recall that Bishop Murphy asked all parishes in the Diocese to take up a special second collection immediately after the storm. These monies provided for initial needs in local parishes now make up a Disaster Relief Fund for individuals and families in need.

Individuals and families impacted by Superstorm Sandy may be eligible for these funds. For more information, please contact our St. Vincent de Paul Office at 631.225.5531.

### DO YOU NEED FURNITURE!?!?



**As you rebuild, a number of parishioners have come forward to offer gently used furniture. For more information, contact Tricia Buckley so she can help to match you up!**

If you have furniture in good condition that you would like to donate to a family in need, please contact Mrs. Tricia Buckley at 631.561.5790 or e-mail to buckleyt@optonline.net. Our hope is to connect families who have available furniture with families in need. **DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, bring furniture to Our Lady of Perpet-**

### Support from throughout the country....

We have received many cards and notes from individuals and organizations throughout the country. Here's one of them....

*St. Mary's Catholic students have been praying for you during this time of rebuilding after Hurricane Sandy.*

*We have been given your name as members of a parish community that has been affected by the hurricane.*

*Please know that every school day our entire student body stop and prays the Angelus at 11:00 AM for your speedy recovery. We ask God to bless you and give you strength and comfort.*

-All of the Faculty, Staff, and students  
at St. Mary Catholic School ~ Littleton, CO.

Littleton, Colorado was the town of the 2000 Columbine school shootings.

# FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

OLPH's Family Life Ministry seeks to bring families of all shapes and sizes together for times of fellowship, prayer and learning. We meet approximately once a month and are always looking for new members.

In the past, we have hosted and organized the events below and more....

- Christmas Pageant
- OLPH Pumpkin Patch
- Living Rosary
- Monthly Hospitality Breakfasts
- Summer Food and School Supply Drives

...and much more!

## What about you?

Would you like to join a wonderfully active group in our parish to help with these events and many more? How? It's easy... Contact Debbie McDonough at 957-0765 or email [olphfamilylife@aol.com](mailto:olphfamilylife@aol.com).

## Upcoming Events...

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Family Life invites all families who had a baby baptized in 2012 for a special blessing. In honor of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, this blessing will take place

on

**January 13, 2013**

**9:30 a.m. Mass**

Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass there will be a reception in the school cafeteria.

*If you plan to attend the reception please contact Lorraine at 226-2195 or Emily 226-0480 or email [olphfamilylife@aol.com](mailto:olphfamilylife@aol.com)*

## And...save the date!



### MARDI GRAS

Tuesday,

**February 12th**

*Watch the bulletin for upcoming details!*

## PRE-CANA MINISTRY



Our Pre-Cana Ministry work with couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church. In a world where living a committed, married life can be challenging, Pre-Cana helps by providing engaged couples with formation, information and encouragement.

**We are in need of married couples to help with our program.** Host couples meet with 3 or 4 engaged couples in the Church at home for six weeks (including two Sunday Masses) during the Fall, Winter or Spring. We believe this program makes an incredible difference in the lives of married couples—because they tell us again and again!

If you're interested in finding out more about Pre-Cana, contact Richard or Patricia Preziotti at 631.661.1977.

If you're interested in getting married at OLPH, contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with one of our priests.

# YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

OLPH is committed to the young people of our parish. Recognizing the variety of gifts and talents present, our main goal is that the youth of our parish are more than part of one group or organization, but part of every facet of parish life. There are many ways for you (or your child or grandchild) to be an even more active part of our parish community. Below are some of these ways...

For High School Students....

## YOUTH FAITH IN ACTION (YFIA)

The past few months have seen a transformation in our parish's youth ministry efforts. We've taken some time off to better plan and organize for the future and to provide an even more comprehensive vision of youth ministry.

Youth Faith in Action is our primary youth group for high school youth. Led by committed young adults and high school students, YFIA seeks to involve young people in every part of parish life and to create a safe and welcoming place for all high school students.

Have you been involved before?

**Come back!**

Did you think Youth Ministry wasn't for you? **Think again!**

### Upcoming Events....

Friday, December 28—

### YFIA in NYC

Join our youth adult and teen leaders on a post-Christmas to New York City, including: Mass at St. Patrick's, Dinner in Manhattan, a visit to the Rockefeller Center and more! For more information contact Brittany Marie Evans at [olph.yfia@gmail.com](mailto:olph.yfia@gmail.com).

Present and new youth group members are welcome on this trip. Come and bring a friend!

Weekend of December 29/30—Take a Sunday off and enjoy the weekend.

**Next YFIA event**—Sunday, January 6, 2012 at

*For Middle and High School Students and Young Adults...*

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

*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](mailto:jsureau@drvc.org).

Nearly sixty young people have stepped up for the Service Corps...**what about you?** In the past two months, members of the Service Corps have helped with everything from Storm Relief to our Family Life Pumpkin Patch to helping to sort gifts for those in need and assisting at our Storm Relief Christmas party.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Presently I am in (check one)  
 Middle School  
 High School  
 College

# YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

If you're looking for something for your middle schooler to do, as part of their faith community this is the group for you. Dates are always posted on our website ([www.olphym.com](http://www.olphym.com)) and in the bulletin. Just come on down!

Everything from games, food and parties, to service projects and talking about our faith in a fun way.



### Upcoming Events...

Our dates in January are January 10, 24 and 30 from 7:30 P.M. to 8:45 P.M. Come down and give us a try!

## OLPH Boy Scout Troop 54

Scouting is a great way for young men in our parish to get together and help their community - while also enjoying fun, outdoor activities. Meetings are held Mondays at 7:30 pm in the school cafeteria. The troop is actively involved with the community and parish. We help out with St. Vincent DePaul and also served the community during hurricane Sandy. Many of our scouts are active with the OLPH Service Corp. As a Boy Scout troop we regularly camp and hike, go on an annual ski trip to Butternut, whitewater rafting, kayaking and archery, and prepare our scouts for Eagle.



# 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](mailto: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.



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Do you like to cry at weddings?  
Are you a wedding planner at heart?

Then the  
*Wedding  
Rehearsal  
Ministry*  
is for you!

Our parish is in need of people who are willing to offer themselves to do wedding rehearsals for couples preparing for marriage. It's a wonderful opportunity to assist couples at this important time in their life and to present a warm and friendly face to represent the Church, and it's easy!

You would be asked to serve in this ministry only once every few weeks. You would help a couple at their rehearsal, and, if possible, attend the wedding ceremony itself. This ministry is open to married couples, single people, retired women and men and anyone who can spare some time to help those getting married in the Church.

Training is, of course provided. If you would like to be considered for this ministry, please call Carmel Becker at the Rectory, 226-7725, ext. 246 or e-mail her at [cbecker@oloph.org](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org)

## MINISTRY OF PRAISE

We come together each Tuesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Convent Meeting Room. Entrance is through the front door. (The Convent is the building to the right of the school building.)



The evening begins with songs of Praise and Worship. After this some will, if so inclined, share some Scripture reading or some Christ-centered event in their life. This is followed by prayer for individual needs. Deacon Frank then presents a pastoral teaching related to Scripture or church life. The meeting closes about 9:30 P.M. with a song and then fellowship.

All are welcome to attend. Periodically during the year the Prayer Group Team offers the 7 consecutive Life in the Spirit Seminars consisting of:

1. God's Love, 2. Salvation, 3. New Life, 4. Receiving God's Gifts, 5. Baptized in the Spirit, 6. Growth, and 7. Transformation in Christ.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de Oración- "Jesús Es El Camino La Verdad y Vida" se reúne todos los días Jueves a las 7:00 P.M. en la cafetería. Para información, llamar a Irma Gonzalez a 631.241.5606.

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

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## **NEXT DRAWING January 12, 2012!**

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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year from  
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#794*

## **THIS SUNDAY...**

**December 30, 2012—  
After 9:30 AM Mass**

## **Free Breakfast**

**at the Knights of Columbus Hall  
400 South Broadway  
immediately following Mass**



Fr. Lawrence Onyegu was sponsored by the OLPH Knights of Columbus as a seminarian. Fr. Lawrence and Msgr. Joe will both speak at the breakfast.

All are welcome – there is no charge!

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**To you,  
O Lord,  
I lift my soul.**

**First Sunday of Advent**  
December 2, 2012

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeLuca  
Parish Director: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeLuca  
Parish Vicar: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeLuca  
In Residence: Rev. Michael Heenan  
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Frank A. Olin • Rev. Mr. William Conroy • Rev. Mr. Douglas G. Smith  
Parish Associate for Administration: Deacon Donald A. Strain  
Director of Religious Education: Thomas J. Acronigo  
Music Director: James R. Knudsen  
High School Youth Minister: Brittany Evans

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday: Vigil, 5:00 p.m.  
Solemn Mass  
6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.,  
5:30 p.m., 7:00-10:00 p.m. (Mass in Parish Hall)  
Mass: \$5.00 / 7:00-10:00 p.m. - \$10.00 (includes coffee)

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Monday - Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Saturday: 8:00-10:00 a.m.

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

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday Evening after the OLPH Novena Devotions  
Wednesday 12:30-5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the Reparation of Souls  
First Sunday: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## 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.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

WEDNESDAY, December 26 - Saint Stephen,  
The First Martyr

8:00 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

12:00 Neil Bottari

7:00 Eugene Cardell

THURSDAY, December 27 -

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8:00 Frances Kelly

12:00 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

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FRIDAY, December 28 -

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 Mary Barone

12:00 Vito Salentino

7:00 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

SATURDAY, December 29 -

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 Joseph Strigaro

9:00 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

Vigil Mass -

for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:00 Frank Stancati

SUNDAY, December 30—

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish

8:00 Book of the Faithful Departed

9:30 Living & Deceased Members of Knights of  
Columbus 794

11:00 William D. Cutter

12:30 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

5:00 Mercedes Barbosa

6:30 Mass in Polish

## MASS CHANGE

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