

# *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church*

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**Glory to God  
in the highest  
and on earth peace to those  
on whom his favor rests.**

Luke 2:14

## **The Nativity of the Lord**

December 25, 2013

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

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

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Ethel Anarado + Rev. John Sureau

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

**Deacons:** Deacon Frank A. Odin + Deacon William Crosby + Deacon Douglas G. Smith

**Facilities Manager:** Deacon Donald A. Stamm

**Business Manager:** Deacon Thomas J. Bast

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** April Carbaugh    **Music Director:** Christopher Ferraro

### **COME IN AND PRAY...**

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.  
Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday – Friday**

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

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

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

**Sunday Masses:** 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,  
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### **HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**Holy Day:** 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday  
after the 5 P.M. Mass.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 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:** 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.

**First Sunday:** 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

*210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst*

**Monday- Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# 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! Read and see more on page 19 of the bulletin.

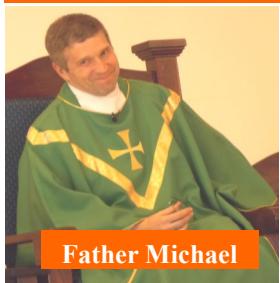
## Pentecost 2013

We celebrated the great feast of Pentecost in June.



## PRIESTLY TRANSFERS

In June, we bid farewell to Fr. Michael, Fr. Moise and Fr. Ignace as they began new assignments. Fr. Ethel joined our parish this past June.



Father Michael



Father Ignace



Father Ethel



Father Moise

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP

This past summer, we held Vacation Bible Camp for the young people of our community...and what a time we had! Over 100 young people and nearly 50 adults were involved in coordinating, assisting at, and participating in Vacation Bible Camp this year. Look for information about VBC—2014!



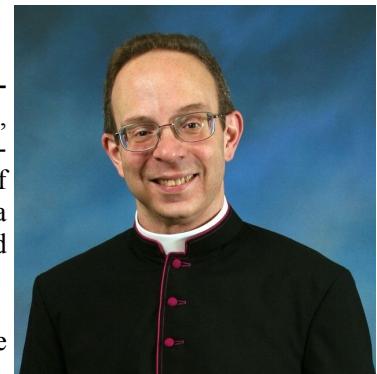
# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christmas, 2013

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish,

**GRACE, PEACE AND BLESSINGS TO YOU ON THIS HOLY FEAST OF CHRISTMAS!** It is my pleasure as your Pastor to wish you and yours, in the name of all the Priests, Deacons, and the entire Pastoral Staff, an abundance of grace and joy this Christmas. To family and friends of our parishioners who are visiting us from other parishes, I offer greetings of hospitality and want you to know we are thrilled to have you with us. In addition, I extend a special greeting of "Welcome home" to students who are away at school who have returned home for the Christmas holiday.

The Prayer after Communion for Christmas Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass) has these beautiful words: "*Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honorable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*"



That prayer expresses the reason that we come to Mass at Christmas and the reason to participate at Mass every Sunday: so that we might be united with Jesus by the way we live our life. Our world is so desperately in need of good people who live good, moral lives and who, in their compassion and love, enflesh for us the presence of Jesus Christ in the world. Just as God took flesh in Jesus, so are we to enflesh Jesus in the world today.

At OLPH, we take seriously that enfleshing Christ is what we have to be about all the time, "24-7," as they say. Our parish is filled with so many wonderful people who offer themselves so generously out of their love for Christ and their love for one another. The past year has been one of growth and excitement at OLPH as we have added several different ministries, have enhanced our liturgical life together, and have continued to respond to the needs of the poor and most vulnerable among us. Through it all we have sought to strengthen our communal life **together** as brothers and sisters in the one Body of Christ, united in a common purpose of bringing the Gospel to everyone.

If you are someone who is with us at Mass on only one or two occasions throughout the year, please accept my heartfelt invitation to come to Mass weekly and share with us in the blessings that are so lavishly bestowed on us by God in the celebration of the Eucharist. I think you will find that the weekly anchor of celebrating Mass with us provides a foundation of holiness and closeness to God with which nothing else can compare!

However, whether you are with us every week or only occasionally, know that no matter what we are here to serve you. You can always find out what's going on at OLPH by consulting our website at [www.olphlindenhurst.org](http://www.olphlindenhurst.org) to read up on the latest events and to find the weekly bulletin.

May these days of Christmas Time bring you much joy and peace and bring you closer to our Risen Lord Jesus, who came among us so that we might be saved! Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monsignor Joe".

Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco  
Pastor

# FROM OUR BISHOP



DIocese of Rockville Centre  
Office of the Bishop

Christmas 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*We have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth!*

The Prologue of John's Gospel proclaims with awesome beauty the great truth of the One Who is born of the Virgin Mary. The Father's Only Son has become flesh and dwelt among us. God's glory becomes manifest in a little child! His glory is made known through a human birth. All of humankind is changed and changed forever. God reveals to us a wholly new aspect of God's love. *For He so loved the world that He sent His only Son, born of a woman!* Divine life becomes one with human life and human life will never be the same.

Small wonder angels sing, shepherds adore and wise men come seeking truth, real truth, the truth of God's Love given to us in the all so very human dimension of a baby, but a baby born of a Virgin. He is born of a woman so that He could redeem not only His Virgin Mother but all of us who are rescued by Him from a destiny of death to a destiny of love and life eternal.

St. Bernard writes beautifully about the two comings of Jesus. The first is the birth of Mary's Son in Bethlehem and the second is when He comes in glory and majesty when *all flesh will see the salvation of our God!* But, he adds there is a third coming of Jesus, an intermediary one, *like a road leading from the first to the last coming.* On that road are all of us who seek to keep God's word in our hearts and to live according to His commandments. *If you keep the Word of God in this way, without a doubt you will be kept by it.*

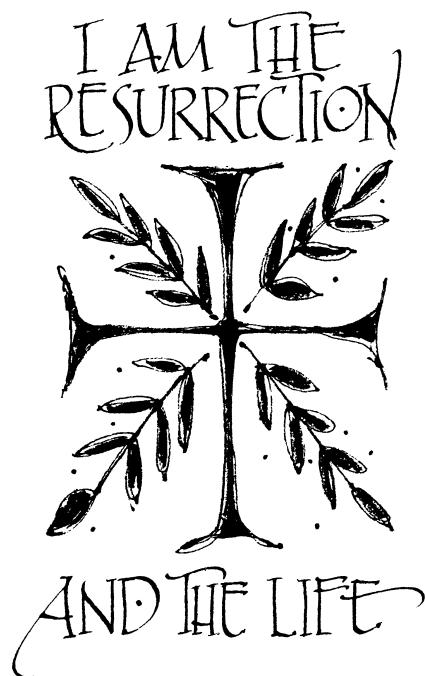
This Christmas I pray that all of us will let the new born child into our hearts and into our lives. I pray the Son of God made man to *make all things new*, will fill your lives and give new hope and joy to your lives day after day until He comes in glory. Let Christ take possession of you completely for He created you and He comes now to redeem you. And He will glorify you so that you will see that He makes our lives like His and makes us one with Him in the Father's glory: we too, ourselves, thanks to Him, full of grace and of truth.

A joyful, blessed and peaceful Christmas to you, your families and all those you carry in your hearts!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP



## Offer the Gift of Yourself in the Ministry of Consolation!

Would you like to help a family at a time when they need it most? Would you like to bring a warm, friendly and welcoming experience of the parish to others when they would greatly appreciate it and when it could have a great effect on them? If so, then the Ministry of Consolation is for YOU! Ministers of Consolation minister to families at the time of the Funeral Mass by helping them to prepare the Mass and by being present at the Mass as greeters and liturgical ministers. People are also needed to work behind the scenes to coordinate these various ministers, to prepare worship aids, and to bring a cake to a family during the days of the wake.

If you are interested in offering yourself in any aspect of the Ministry of Consolation or if you would like more information, please contact Msgr. Joe at [msgrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgrjoe@oloph.org) or at the rectory number, ext. 206. Thank you.

## *Liturgy of the Hours* **EVENING PRAYER**

At Evening Prayer, we give thanks for the day just past and make an evening sacrifice of praise to God (see Psalm 141:1). Join our parish for the celebration of Evening Prayer on **Saturday and Sunday evenings** at approximately **6:15 P.M.** (after the 5 P.M. Evening Mass)

## **BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.



## **ALTAR SOCIETY**

Our altar society is in need of offerers to assist with our altar linens. The altar society assists by washing and ironing the purificators, corporals and altar linens we use at Mass each week.



The commitment usually requires that linens be picked up on a Thursday and returned on the following Saturday, though there is room for flexibility in this schedule.

To learn more about this ministry, contact Mary Ellen Barrett 631-884-2960.

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## CHRISTOLOGY

Our next Adult Faith Formation Course begins soon...



## CHRISTOLOGY

Who is Jesus Christ?  
What do we know?  
What does the Church teach us about Jesus?  
How does this impact my prayer and my faith life?

### Instructor

Fr. Ethel Anarado  
Associate Pastor, OLPH

Classes to be held

**THURSDAYS**

**January 9 + January 16**  
**January 23 + January 30**  
**February 6**

Room 14 + OLPH School

To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) or complete the form below:

### **CHRISTOLOGY Sign Up**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Over the past two months, members of our parish community have come together to pray, learn about our Catholic faith and share life with each other. Led by the members of our RCIA team they are journeying closer and closer to the fullness of faith. Please continue to pray for them.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BE BAPTIZED?**

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**Interested?  
Want more  
information?**

Please contact Fr. John  
[jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org)  
or 631.226.7725)  
or Deacon Doug (631.226.7725)  
for more info.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Soon we will be beginning classes in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are an adult who is baptized and has received first Holy Communion but has not been confirmed, please let us know.

Classes will begin in the next few weeks!

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



# 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.



## YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry: Brittany Marie Evans (olph.yfia@gmail.com)  
 Youth Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau (jsureau@oloph.org)  
 Catholic Youth Organization: Mr. Phil Amico (olphcyophil@aol.com)  
 Boy Scouts: Mr. Tom Duffy (dduff2@msn.com)  
 K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia (happynicosias@yahoo.com)  
 K of C Squirettes: Ann Marie Perullo (amp1761@hotmail.com)

*A message from Brittany Evans, our parish youth minister....*

### **Where we've been....**

Over the past year youth ministry at OLPH has undergone some big changes! We have jumped into community work at full speed. Our Core team has stepped up their game by planning interesting and fun nights about the Catholic faith all while making sure our teens participated in various activities around the community including helping to rebuild Lindenhurst after Sandy, decorating the church, assisting St. Vincent de Paul, sponsoring events around the church, and making PB&J's for the soup kitchen in Brentwood. We've also joined other members of our diocese for events like the Long Island Youth Conference, Hunger Banquet, and monthly Holy Hour/ Dodgeball. Most recently, we hosted Advent Evening prayer at which Msgr DeGrocco spoke about being a light in the darkness and serving members of our community. After, young people could sign up for service opportunities in the local community.



### **Where we're going....**

As we now head into 2014 our ministry continues to evolve to fit the 50-75 teens who come each week. As our program continues to grow, our work in the community continues to thrive, whether it is making PB&J's for the soup kitchen, collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul, making cards for sick kids or doing yard work for our elderly community members, the middle school and high school youth of OLPH have been doing God's work all over Lindenhurst.

### **Now is the time to join us!**

Remember High School meets on Sundays from 3:15-4:45 in the Cafeteria and Middle School meets on the second Thursday and fourth Tuesday of every month from 7:30 until 8:45 in the school auditorium. Be sure to check out the bulletin or our Facebook page (OLPH Youth Faith in Action) for more information!

### **For High School Students....**

## **YOUTH FAITH IN ACTION (YFIA)**

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.

We generally gather on Sunday afternoons. Our next meeting is January 12th at 3:15 P.M.

### **For Middle School Students...**

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Come down to the Church for some fun and exciting activities for our parish's 6th, 7th and 8th graders!

**January Meetings**  
**Thursday, January 9, 2014**  
**Tuesday, January 28, 2014**

# YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

## HELP NEEDED!

**OLPH Youth Ministry NEEDS EVEN MORE hands and hearts!**

We need some help! Can you assist us by serving as a hall monitor and/or with supervision at our middle school nights?

For more information about ways to help with the youth of our parish, contact Brittany Marie Evans or Fr. John Sureau.

**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).

Over 100 young people have stepped up for the Service Corps...what about you?

**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

## 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 de Paul and also served the community during super storm 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.



For more information about Scouting at OLPH, contact Tom Duffy at 631 956-3202.



## Squires Family and Friends Christmas Buffet

**December 27, 2013  
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

*OLPH Knights of Columbus Council +  
400 Broadway + Lindenhurst NY*

Come and join the young men who make up the Knights of Columbus Squires for a special fundraiser!

Cost is \$10 pp; \$30 (family up to 5 people)  
\$5 each (after 5th person)

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

*"To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person and face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, in the face of Jesus."*

- Pope Francis

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**



Re-Introducing the...

## Saint Bernard League

*(Saint Bernards are known for bringing people to safety in hazardous weather conditions!)*

If you are in need of help when it snows, members of our parish community will come to your home and shovel you out! If you think you can use this help, call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) so we can begin to match people up now. If you signed up last year, **YOU MUST SIGN UP AGAIN!!!!**



## We also need Saint Bernards!

Can you and/or your family shovel, snow blow or clear out another family or two in need within our parish community? We'd love to have all families matched up before the first snow of the season. If you can help with this, call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725, x. 224 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org). This is a great way to help those in need (and do some tremendous community service!)

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### DRIVING MINISTRY...Start your engines!

- Do you have 1 or 2 hours a month to help your fellow parishioners?
- Would you be willing to bring a fellow parishioner to Mass?
- Can you help a parishioner who might need a lift to a doctor or medical appointment?

We are trying to start a driving ministry at OLPH. We need a commitment from a number of drivers with a good license and insurance and, of course, some time to donate to others. The service will be medical appointments and participation at Sunday Mass.



If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182 or the Rectory at 631.226.7725.

Once we have a commitment from parishioners, we will provide information for those in need of assistance.

**ALL DRIVERS MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED.**

### OLPH LOVES SENIORS!!!

*Coming soon ....*

### **OLPH SENIOR MOMENTS**

**Beginning in  
February/March 2014!**



Aging is not "lost youth," but a new stage of opportunity and strength.

Avail yourself of the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and with our parish community. Each time this group meets there will be times for formation, spiritual growth, friendship and community building.

Follow the bulletin for more information about Senior Moments at OLPH!

### *OLPH Golden Age Society*

The OLPH Golden Age Society meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 11:30am—3:00pm at K of C Hall, South Broadway, Lindenhurst.

Everyone is welcome.

Please join us.

Any questions call President, Dolores Barone 631-957-3432.

Look for info soon about some exciting new events and ministries for our parish's oldest and wisest members, including an outreach program to homebound seniors.

## 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@olph.org](mailto:jsureau@olph.org)

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



### Parking Spaces

This week, parking spots on the north and south sides of the Church have been repainted and, in some cases, transformed into parking spaces for those who are physically handicapped. These spots are close to the doors of the north and south side of the Church. This Spring, the curbs will be cut to make it easier for those with wheelchairs and walkers to enter the Church.



*A note for all about parking....*

Many of us choose to park on High Street for Mass each week. Usually, our school parking lot on High Street is empty. **Please consider using the school parking lot on High Street.**

### MARCH FOR LIFE

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014**

Our parish is attending the Annual March for Life on **Wednesday, January 22, 2014**. 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 17, 2014.**

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

## Nursing Ministry

*Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul."*

3 John 2

Our parish is exploring the possibility of forming a Nursing Ministry in our parish. Parish nurses would work with parishioners to provide spiritual support, consultation, assistance with medical forms, resources and referrals and encouragement.

In addition, nurses would assist at parish events and perhaps provide spiritual and health programs for parishioners.

If you are interested in being a part of this new ministry and want to find out more information, please contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-

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

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

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



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

## 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...

Franca Carcone	Anthony Botticello
Bob Horan	Hugo Martin
Rachel Dressler	Lambert Fuechtmann
Christopher Gouedy	Denise Kaminsky
Vincent Graff	Carmela Campanelli
Joan Byrne	Grace Wolf
Harold Molinari	Sean Kelly
Claire McLean	Rev. Terrance Hoppenjans
Pat Hilly	Andrew Donovan
Pina Mascio	Nadia Viola
Steven Ciolino	Nina Soriano
Nancy Sirico	Roberta Caristo
Deacon Joseph	Richard Brosan
Bartolotto	Vera Henriques
Peggy & Kevin Curran	Reynold Ruiz
Mary Schmidt King	Dominick Pane
Philip Hosey	Natalie Boscia
Louise Perrotta	Cecelia Pastore
Bernard Lang	Hildegard Maus
Steven Kozlowski	Dominick Barone
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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.

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.

# THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

## Getting Married @ OLPH

It brings great joy to our parish community when a man and a woman come to the Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. Whenever we respond to God's call, the entire Church rejoices!

If you want to get married at OLPH, we ask you to contact the Parish Office at least six months before the desired date of your wedding. Before making any other arraignments, please meet with one of our priests or deacons first.



### PRE-CANA MINISTRY

Our Pre-Cana Ministry works 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 Dan or Christine Volpe at [cv616@aol.com](mailto:cv616@aol.com) or call at 516.238.2717.

## JOIN OLPH MUSIC MINISTRY!

### Adult Choir

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

The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday nights in the Church.

*For more information, contact: Chris Ferraro at 631.226.7725, x. 210 or email him at [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org)*



### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir assists with leading music at the 9:30 A.M. Mass three times a month. The Choir rehearses on Thursday afternoons in the school building.



*For more information, contact Mrs. Amy Keller at [mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com](mailto:mrs.amykeller@yahoo.com).*

### YOUTH BAND!

Come and help lead music at the Sunday night 5:00 P.M. Mass twice a month. 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.*



# 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....

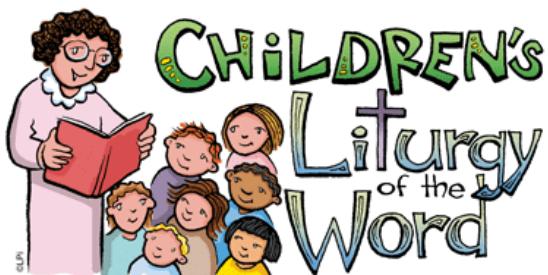
- Christmas Pageant
  - OLPH Pumpkin Patch
  - Living Rosary
  - Monthly Hospitality Breakfasts
  - Summer Food and School Supply Drives
- ...and much more!

### **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).

Coming Soon...



An exciting new way for children to participate more deeply in the celebration of the Eucharist at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is coming to OLPH soon – the Children's Liturgy of the Word! What is it? How does it work? Keep watching the bulletin in the weeks ahead for more information!

### **Upcoming Events...**

#### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Family Life** invites all families who had a baby baptized in 2013 for a special blessing. In honor of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, this blessing will take place

on

**January 12, 2014**

**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 us at [olphfamilylife@aol.com](mailto:olphfamilylife@aol.com) or call the Parish Office at 631.226.7725*

### **And...save the date!**

#### **MARDI GRAS**

**Tuesday,**

**March 4, 2014**

*Watch the bulletin for upcoming details!*



#### **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**

Children's Bulletins are available at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass. These special Children's Bulletins are handed out by children and families at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass, along with the regular bulletins handed out by the ushers. There will be two bulletins for children, corresponding to two different age groups. Each week, the bulletin on yellow paper will be for younger children, aged 3-6, and the bulletin on green paper will be for older children, aged 7-12. The idea is to take the bulletin home to reinforce the message of the Gospel.

Be sure to look for these bulletins which will be handed out at the **9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday**.



# PARISH HAPPENINGS

## LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Thanks to all who have helped to plan and organize our the lighting of our parish for Christmas. OLPH truly shines this Christmas! But what goes up, must come down!

### Do you want to help?

We are in need of offerers to help with this on



**Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 12 Noon**

We plan to be here most of the day. If you are able to help, please call or e-mail Jean Gustavson at 613.225.1273 or e-mail to [jmgustav@gmail.com](mailto:jmgustav@gmail.com).

**All are welcome and needed to help with this project....**

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**Who are we?** A group of like-minded women who want to give a new Mom (and Dad) a break by cooking and delivering a delicious meal to your home. We keep the new family in our prayers.

**Who is eligible?** This is available for (Catholic) new mothers in the OLPH Parish.

Here's one of our latest stories....

Jessica and Tom Schaefer received a well-deserved break on Dec. 11, 2013 with a meal delivered to them by Carol Stysiack. In the picture they are holding their beautiful daughter, Magdalen, born on Thanksgiving Day. Many blessings to them and to all of the other Mom's we helped out this past year. May God continue to bless these families as well as all of the other families who have welcomed a new baby into their home.



The women of the New Mothers' Meal Ministry would like to extend a Holy and Merry Christmas to all.

-Andrea, Carol, Charlene, Debie, Linda, Maggie, Mary, MaryAnn, Toni-Rose

If you had a baby in the last few months and could use a break, you may contact: Carol Stysiack at 631- 255 3506 or e mail [carolstys@verizon.net](mailto:carolstys@verizon.net) and put Meal Ministry in the subject line.

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## SUMMER EVENING PRAYER

We celebrated Summer Evening Prayer once again in the Summer of 2013!



## SANDY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

On October 28, we gathered for prayer and fellowship as we recalled the one year of anniversary of Super Storm Sandy.



## APPRECIATING OUR PARISHIONERS!

In October, nearly 300 of our parish's offerers joined for a celebration of gratitude. What a night!



## FAMILY LIFE

Our Family Life Ministry does so much to bring families together. Below are pictures of some Family Life events.



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