

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid;
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.
For today in the city of David a savior has been born for
you who is Christ and Lord."*

Luke 2:10-11

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

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 Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mondays following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons at 12:45 p.m. in the church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

First Saturday: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

PASTOR'S PAGE



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Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco
Pastor

Christmas, 2019

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

GRACE, PEACE AND BLESSINGS TO YOU ON THIS BEAUTIFUL SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD!

What would Christmas be without lights, right? Lights decorate our homes, our trees...Christmas lights seem to be everywhere, and that light brings joy and hope in the midst of the winter darkness.

Of course, the reason we use lights at Christmas is because Christ is the Light of the world. Jesus Christ is the Light who came into the darkness to conquer the darkness of sin and death once and for all. Jesus was born for our salvation, and He saved us by dying and rising for us. Even at Christmas, as we contemplate the birth of the Word made flesh, we also remember the light of Jesus' Resurrection which brings us new life. Christ, our Light, is risen from the dead!

As Pastor of OLPH, I hope that our parish is always a place where we see the light of Christ shining brightly in our faith, in our love, in our charity and in our worship. Of course, the **weekly celebration of the Eucharist** is where and when we see God most clearly, as the risen Christ comes to us at Mass, in our gathering, in Word and in Sacrament. We must all commit ourselves to being at Mass every Sunday!

To all our parishioners who consistently give so much to OLPH through your gifts, your talents, your presence and your financial support, I say with so much gratitude: **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.** You make OLPH **"the place to be."**

With much warmth I also offer a sincere **WELCOME** to our parishioners who have not been with us for a while; we are all thrilled that you came to celebrate Mass at Christmas! I extend a sincere invitation to you to come to Mass more frequently; I think you'll find that nothing will make your life richer and more meaningful than does weekly participation in Mass. Give it a try; you'll be glad you did!

To our parishioners who have returned home from college, I say **WELCOME HOME**, and to family members and friends of our parishioners who are visiting us, we're very happy to welcome you!

We have so much to rejoice about here at OLPH! May the abundant blessings of Christmas Time come to you and your family! As always, all the members of the Pastoral Staff and I are here to serve you in whatever way we can. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Sincerely,

Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco
Pastor



BLESSINGS TO USE 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.

The blessing concludes with a verse from O Come, O Come, Emmanuel:

**O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**



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.



THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT OLPH



**Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Mass Schedule:

Eve of the Solemnity,

Tuesday, December 31, 2019: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020:

10:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

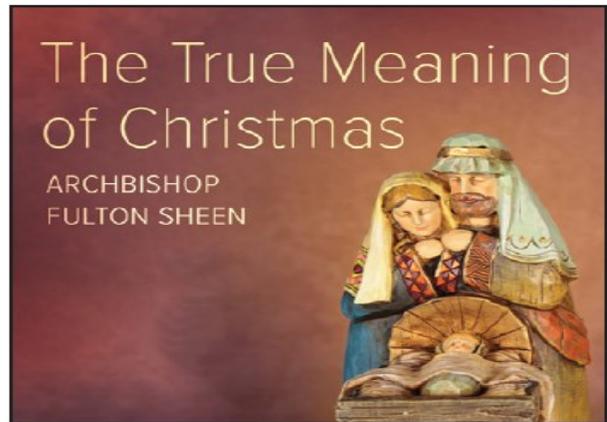
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The True Meaning of Christmas

By Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**Experience
the Wonder of
Christmas**

For decades, Archbishop Fulton Sheen has captivated Americans with his wit, insight, and deep faith. Beautifully remastered and mixed with beautiful seasonal music, reflect in this talk with Archbishop Sheen on the true meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus.



“This is an absolute MUST for every year! Archbishop Sheen

Listen on formed.org

Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to formed.org/signup

Select your parish

Register with your name and email address

Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to formed.org/signup and find your parish to register.

Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

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with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help App

Step 1: Open App Store or Google Play

Step 2: Search "myParish app" & press download



Step 3: Open up the myParish app and type in "Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church"

Step 4: Set OLPH as your main parish

Step 5: Explore the great features in our new parish app!



myParish App Features:

- Access to daily readings
- Check Mass & Confession times
- Enroll in Faith Direct
- Access prayers
- Listen to weekly homilies
- Access the parish calendar
- Read our bulletin
- & more!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING? CHECK OUT OUR NEW DIRECTORY!

Our Lady of
Perpetual Help Church
Lindenhurst, New York



**Ministry
Directory
2020**



*Watch for
the updated
2020 Ministry Directory
available on
our OLPH website
www.olphlindenhurst.com
and on the OLPH App!*

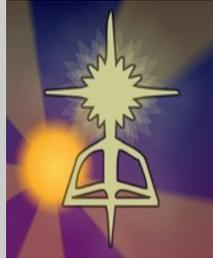
PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length.

So come and pray...

**Saturdays and Sundays
After the 5:00 p.m.
Mass**



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

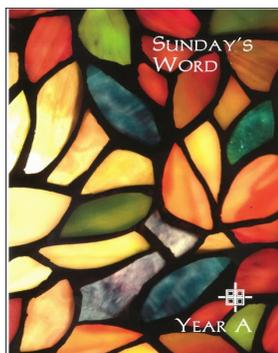
The Monday Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been a longstanding OLPH tradition. Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. The ritual concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, December 30—12:45 p.m.
Monday, January 6—12:45 p.m.
Monday, January 13—12:45 p.m.

SUNDAY'S WORD BOOKS AVAILABLE

The new *Sunday's Word* books for the new liturgical year (Cycle A) starting with the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, are available at the rectory for the purchase price of \$3.00.

This convenient book contains all the Scripture readings and Gospel passages for each weekend and holy day for the entire liturgical year.



FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

All are invited to come and pray with our parish community.

First Friday Devotions will take place **January 3** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **January 4** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, January 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish and Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:30 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, **January 5** at 7:00 p.m.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for all People with
Special Needs*

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 on the first Saturday of each month.

Saturday, January 4

4:00 p.m.

School Auditorium

*All are welcome to
come celebrate Mass with us!*

*We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you?
Contact Jessica Paolo at 631-226-7725 X 252 or
email to jbecker@oloph.org*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

NEW CATHOLICS WANTED and NEEDED!

*What about you? Do you want to be baptized?
Are you already baptized in another Christian church
and want to become Catholic?
What are you waiting for?*

Are you thinking of
becoming Catholic?



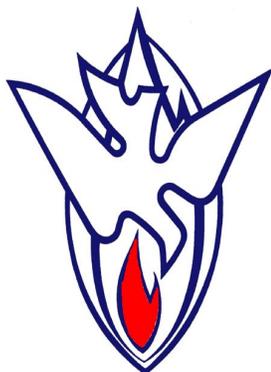
We offer a beautiful and life-giving process to join the Catholic Church and would love for you to be a part of it! You will join with other women and men interested in becoming part of the Catholic faith. Together, led by members of our parish community, you will discover God's call for you!

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 Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

For information about becoming part of our children's process, contact the Religious Education office at 631-226-7725 x 251 or e-mail to religiously@oloph.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION



Are you an adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?

If you are a baptized Catholic, and have received first Holy Communion but still need Confirmation, we offer a process for you.

For adults who desire more information, contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker9550@gmail.com *For teenagers and their families who desire more information*, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631.226.7725, x.251 or e-mail to religiously@oloph.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

OLPH regularly offers Adult Faith Formation classes. These courses are wonderful opportunities for adults to grow in their faith and deepen their knowledge of Catholicism. Topics covered include the Bible, Sacraments, Worship, Morality, Christology and Church.

Watch future bulletins for info on specific upcoming courses or contact Deacon Robert Becker at DeaconRobert@oloph.org.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

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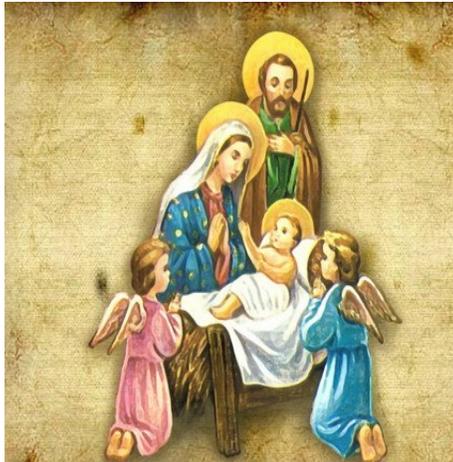
Monday: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: By Appointment

ALL Levels:

There will be **NO CLASSES**
 Wednesday, December 25,
 Saturday, December 28,
 and Wednesday, January 1,
 due to the Christmas Break

Levels 6-8:

Make sure to take the
 time over the break to
 make finishing touches
 to your Workbooks and
 your Mass Journals!

**Need service hours? Join the Service Corps!**

Participants in 6th grade through college are welcome to join in the fun and better your community. How does it work? It's simple; just email April at akleinlaut@oloph.org and give her your name, grade, and email. As events pop-up, emails requesting your service will go out!

Our first official Registration Week is during the Winter Break of February 2020

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Weds., Feb. 19, 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 Thurs., Feb. 20, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Saturday Feb. 22, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Monday, Feb. 24, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Our office is always closed Fridays!

New Registration 2020/21 Year

New registrants may begin registering **January 2, 2020.**

This includes all students who will be in 1st grade in September 2020, all students in grades 1-7 who wish to begin religious instruction, and all homeschooled or Catholic school students who have not registered with the Office and wish to receive their sacraments at their home parish of OLPH. **New registrants MUST make an appointment to register, and a baptismal certificate is required at the time of registration, no exceptions.**

Returning Families:

Families continuing their child's religious education will be sent a letter in March 2020 regarding registration, which will begin in April. Please call our office for more information on re-registering.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdfeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

LATEST FOOD PANTRY LIST!

CANNED MEATS
PORK & BEANS
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY/JAM
CANNED FRUIT
SHELF STABLE MILK
DESSERTS/COOKIES/SNACKS
TOILETRIES
TOILET TISSUE

*Please bring your donations to the St. VdP office:
Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon
or 1st & 3rd Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. or
drop off on the sanctuary steps in the church.*

**Thank you for your continued generosity.
Cut out this list and take it to the store!**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

Use Parking Lot located
on corner of Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

1st & 3rd Saturdays: 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty, bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is happy to announce an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we are now able to offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP's efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available on the pew ledges or in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

HOMELESS MINISTRY

FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or rmuir11@aol.com. You assist when you can—usually once every other month!



DONATIONS

We are in need of the following items:

- New packages of men's underwear S-3XL
- New packages of men's socks
- Hats and gloves
- Clean, gently used men's jeans, hoodies, waterproof coats and sneakers

If it is easier, we can always use gift cards (Amazon, Visa, etc.) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

MIDDLE AGES

*Are you a lady in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?
Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

We get together the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 24 of the school.

Come see what we're working on next time!

For more information call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

SENIOR MOMENTS

Give yourself a Challenge

The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

For information about our next meeting contact
Fran Grasso—631-956-3003
sixfingers13@gmail.com

The Blue Door Thrift Boutique is our parish's latest effort to serve the poor and vulnerable in our parish community—and a great way to get a deal for our parishioners! We have ministered to many who are supported by our Homeless Ministry and Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

BAG SALE!!!

Quarterly bag sale also taking place from now until January 6th. Fill a bag for just \$5.00. Most everything in the Blue Door Boutique is included.

Some items excluded: specifically new items with tags and some dressy dresses.

*Want to get involved in the Blue Door?
E-mail to thebluedoor@oloph.org for more information! We need greeters, sorters and floor workers!*



Hours of Operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

1st & 3rd Saturday: 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Prison Families Anonymous, a project of FECS Health and Human Services System, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system.

At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

... at 7:30 P.M. the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of every month at
Community Presbyterian Church

1843 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729
Northeast corner of Deer Park Avenue and Lake Ave
Parking lot entrance on Lake Ave -
Use rear door closest to parking lot

... on the **1st Tuesday** of every month
at **St. Anthony Hall** across from **St. Brigid's Church**
75 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590
Please contact: PFA at 631-943-0441

Email: pfa.longisland@gmail.com

Website: www.pfa-li.com

For additional info contact:

516-496-7550 FECS

631-943-0441—Barbara (PFA)

631-806-3903—Sue



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



**OLPH
Homeless
Van Ministry
Needs Your
Help**

*Are you at least 18 years of age?
Do you feel called to follow the instructions of
Jesus to feed the hungry,
clothe the naked,
and shelter the homeless?*

JOIN US on Wednesday evenings
as we minister to those in need!

*Or, are you willing to cook
for 20 people once a month?*

For information, please contact
Regina Muir at 631-223-5327 or
rmuir11@aol.com

or Peggy Pannullo at 631-921-5994



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held the third Sunday of each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all!

*Come and pray with us at the
12:00 p.m. Mass
then join us for "Sunday Dinner"
at 1:00 p.m.*

For information or to help
contact Mary Leon at
mleon719@yahoo.com.



FR. FIDELIS NEEDS YOUR HELP!



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**A Not-for-Profit Organization that promotes better life for the
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is a non-profit organization created by Fr. Fidelis to help young Nigerians who are in desperate need of wheelchairs but cannot afford such luxuries. **You can help!** If you have (in good condition) and no longer need such items please contact Fr. Fidelis at the rectory who, with the Pastor's permission, will collect and arrange for the items' transport overseas.

(Charitable donation tax letter available upon request)



FRIENDS OF MUSIC



“The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art.”

- *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112*

The *Friends of Music* is an annual initiative to support the music ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. With the generosity of our *Friends*, we are able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. As we approach the end of the year, we especially thank all of our 2019 *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for their generosity.

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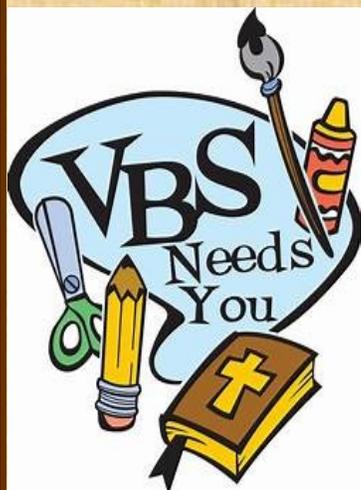
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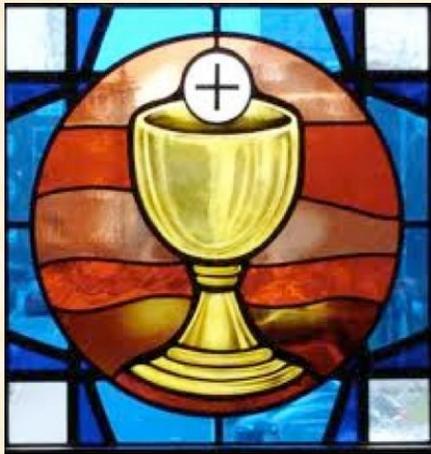
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If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before 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.

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

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.



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The **Bereavement Support Group** is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical, support as they learn to cope with their loss.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to know more about the **OLPH Support Group Program**, please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or Marige Reyes at 631-608-3658. You may also leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the rectory.



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

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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 Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to DeaconRobert@oloph.org.

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

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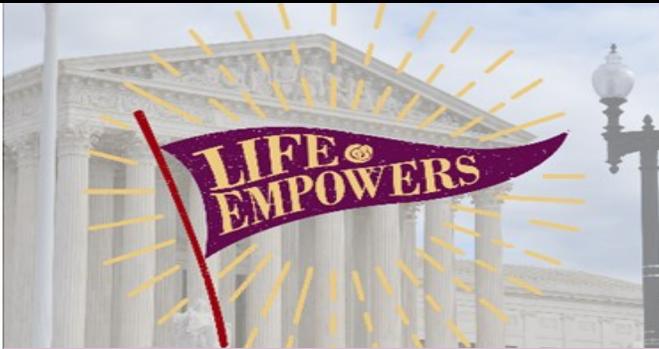
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 February 5, and 12, 2020
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 March 12, and 19, 2020
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 March 2, 9, and 16, 2020
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 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bereavement Conference
St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh
 Saturday, March 21, 2020
 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training Level I & II
St. Mary's, East Islip
 Saturday, March 28; April 4, 18, 25;
 May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and June 6, 2020
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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GOLDEN TICKET 2019 PRIZE WINNERS

The winning tickets for our GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE were drawn at a fun-filled and exciting cocktail party on Saturday night, November 16. Everyone had a great, great time and it was another "OLPH Moment" of great enjoyment with great community spirit! Here are the winners of the money prizes:

1st Ticket drawn, \$500 prize: Ticket # 329 Therese Gigante

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#5	325	OLPH Lectors #4	#13	442	Chris Moran
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#7	245	Bernadett Reyes	#15	282	Kevin Sabella & 12p.m. Ushers
#8	009	Alice Weckerle	#16	179	Christian Mothers Exec. Board

50/50 brought in \$1200!



Enjoy these pictures of the 2019 Golden Ticket!



We want to thank everyone who worked hard to make both the entire Raffle and the evening of the cocktail party such great successes, with special thanks to Meg Danaher and Bob Meade, who headed up the entire GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE. Thanks to those who supported the event through donations:

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