

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Celebrating 150 Years

2021

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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, 2020

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

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 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.

Face covering and social distancing required.

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. (live-streamed)

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. *Sunday Mass suspended until further notice.*

Mass intention will be fulfilled privately by one of the priests.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Confessions are being heard in classrooms
in the "new school annex" near High Street.

See inside bulletin for safety protocols.

*Also available by individual appointment
with one of the 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-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S PAGE



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Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco
Pastor

Christmas, 2020

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

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

If ever we have needed *Emmanuel, God-with-us*, it has been in this year of 2020, as we have all struggled with the coronavirus pandemic. If ever we have needed God's light to dispel the darkness, it has been over the past ten months of dealing with everything we have had to deal with.

That's why it's more important than ever that we allow the truth of what Christmas means to enter our hearts and our lives. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!** He came to us in His Son, Jesus Christ, and Jesus died and rose to save us. Because Christ is risen from the dead, we can be confident that He is victorious over whatever this world may present to us. I hope and pray that this Christmas brings you a renewed sense of God's presence in your life. Perhaps we can use everything we have been through with the pandemic as an occasion to renew our need for God. When everything we thought we could rely on collapses, we should realize that it is on God alone that we can depend.

We have done our best here at OLPH to continue to minister to you throughout the pandemic — through shutdowns and limitations and all the accommodations we have had to make. We have a new on-line virtual presence that can keep you connected to OLPH when you are not able to be here in person because of the virus; be sure to read about it in this bulletin if you are not already familiar with it. As Pastor of OLPH, I hope that one way or another, in person or through the internet, you will stay connected to the **weekly celebration of the Eucharist** here at OLPH.

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. To our parishioners who have returned home, 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, especially during this upcoming year as we celebrate **THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH!** Be sure to take note of the calendar of events for the Anniversary Year and be a part of it all. **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.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Watch the bulletin for complete information about each event during the Anniversary Year as each one approaches.

JANUARY 8, 2021—Divine Intervention Night

Come see OLPH personalities you know and love who were contestants on Divine Intervention, the game show hosted by Msgr. Joe several years ago.

Msgr. Joe will also provide behind-the-scenes information about the show and his years hosting. A fun night for the entire family!

LENT, 2021

In place of a Parish Mission this year,

all parishioners will be invited to participate in a special formation program

Living the Eucharist. A great opportunity for deepening your understanding of, and love for, the Eucharist!

APRIL 23, 2021—Anniversary Year Gala Dinner Dance

Join your fellow parishioners in an evening of a sumptuous meal, great music and dancing and wonderful memories! An occasion to dress up and have a great time!

A Commemorative Journal will be printed in conjunction with this event.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021—Anniversary Year Patronal Feast Mass

This will be the center of the whole Anniversary Year!

There's no better way for us to celebrate than to do so at the Eucharist.

We're looking to have Bishop Barres as the Presider at this Mass!

JULY 17, 2021—Parish Picnic

Join your fellow parishioners at Belmont Lake State Park on this Saturday afternoon.

AUGUST 2, 2021—Summer Evening Prayer

A special warm-weather celebration of prayer and fellowship.

AUGUST 15, 2021—SPECIAL MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE FIRST CHURCH BUILDING

We'll do this special Marian Solemnity up big this year!

*OLPH's own **Bishop Bob Brennan** has agreed to come back to preside at this Mass!*

November 2, 2021—Prayer Service at Parish Cemetery

In this month of remembrance, let's honor and pray for those buried in our parish cemetery... an important moment of connection with our long history!

November 19, 2021—Solemn Vespers to Close the Anniversary Year

We'll close out the year with a Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) which will include a Recommitment of All Parish Ministers

(and, this day also happens to be the 60th anniversary of the dedication of our current church building!)



2020/2021 ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL PRICING

**BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR AND SUPPORT OLPH!
PLACE AN AD IN OUR COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL!**

One of the highlights of the Anniversary Year will be a **Commemorative Journal**, available in conjunction with our Anniversary Year Dinner Dance on April 23, 2021.

Support the parish by placing an ad in our journal! Ads can be taken in the name of your family, or your business, and can include congratulatory wishes to the parish, or it can be a memorialization of deceased loved ones, or an expression of gratitude to God. Honor that special priest, family members living or deceased, or just say thanks for the memories. If you're creative, prepare your own ad; if you're not that creative, just send us your message and our team will create the ad for you! There are many possibilities!

Note the deadline date of March 15, 2021!

Don't miss out! Send in your ad copy and payment TODAY!

If you need additional information, or have questions, contact Bob Dobres 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney 631-560-0451.

PLEASE INDICATE AD SIZE AND TYPE

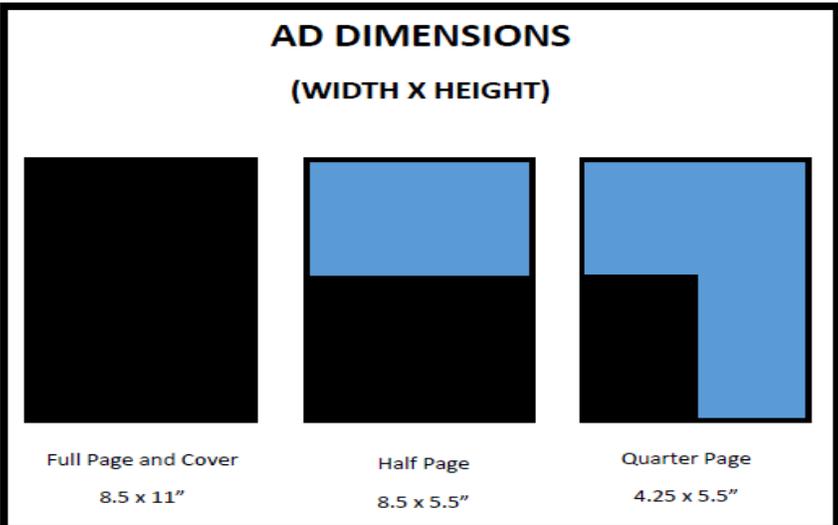
GOLD FULL PAGE \$350

B/W FULL PAGE \$150

B/W HALF PAGE \$100

B/W 1/4 PAGE \$75

For more information call Bob Dobres at 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451



Please submit payment along with ad materials no later than March 15, 2021.

Mail hard copy to rectory address above and attach copy of ad or materials (ad text, photos, images) to this form or write copy on back.

Email electronic version to 150thjournal@oloph.org. Please email a .pdf or .jpg file format.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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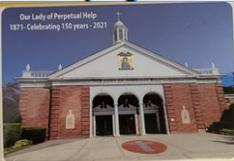
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E-mail: _____

Thank you for celebrating with us! Bring this form & hand it in to the rectory with precise payment of either cash (in a ziplock bag) or check. You will be notified when your order is ready for a pickup date.

You may also check the website for a closer look at these products!

<http://olph150th.com>

Item	Price	Quantity	Item	Price	Quantity
 Keychain	\$10.00		 Tote bag	\$10.00	
 T-Shirt	\$15.00	S ___ M ___ L ___	 Pen with Stylus	\$3.00	
 Sweatshirt	\$40.00	M ___ L ___ XL ___	 Playing cards	\$12.00	
 Tumbler	\$15.00		 Magnet	\$ 3 2 for \$5	

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Total Price: _____ Number of items: _____

Received by: _____

Date: _____

Order Placed: _____ Order Received: _____

Pickup date: _____ Notified Date(s): _____

Picked up by: _____

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH

FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:

- ▶ **WEAR A FACE MASK OR FACE COVERING – NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ▶ **REMAIN AT LEAST SIX (6) FEET APART, SIDE-TO-SIDE AND IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND YOU**
- ▶ **SIT IN DESIGNATED SEATS ONLY**
- ▶ **ENTER ONLY THROUGH WELLWOOD AVENUE DOORS**
- ▶ **EXIT ONLY THROUGH SIDE DOORS ON NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE**

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are being celebrated in the school building, in classrooms in the “new school” annex along High Street every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. until further notice.

Each priest will be in his own classroom.

These are the protocols that must be followed for going to Confession:

- ▶ **Entry is only via the blue doors at the north end of the hallway (off of the small parking lot)**
- ▶ **Exit is only via the doors at the south end of the hallway (into the large parking lot)**
- ▶ **Everyone – priests and penitents – is required to wear face masks or face coverings**
- ▶ **Lines on the floor will indicate a 6-foot social distance between those waiting on line outside each classroom**
- ▶ **Signs on easels outside the classroom will indicate the name of the priest who is in the classroom**
- ▶ **Social distancing and plexiglass dividers will keep a safe distance between priest and penitent, whether the penitent celebrates anonymously or face-to-face (both options are available)**

IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...

LIVE-STREAM MASS

We live-stream the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:
www.olphlindenhurst.com
- OLPH Facebook page: @olphlindenhurst
- OLPH YouTube Channel:
OLPH Church Lindenhurst



JANUARY 1 — SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



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

Mass Schedule:

Eve of the Solemnity,
Thursday, December 31, 2020:
5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2021:
10:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m., each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link on the home page of our website.



“The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself ‘continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.’”

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175



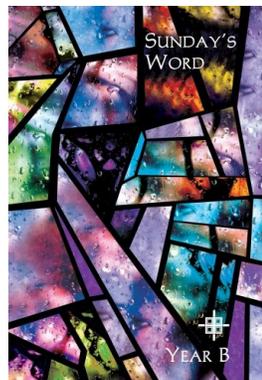
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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 Labourer. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Every Monday at 12:45 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted.

SUNDAY'S WORD BOOKS AVAILABLE

The new *Sunday's Word* books for the new liturgical year (Cycle B) which started the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, are available at the rectory for the purchase price of \$3.00.



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for all People
With Special Needs*

*Suspended until further notice
due to the Coronavirus.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

EVERY SUNDAY ON YOUTUBE - [OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST](#)



LOOKING FOR ANOTHER WAY TO ENGAGE YOUR CHILD IN THEIR FAITH FROM HOME?

JOIN US WEEKLY TO BREAK OPEN THE GOSPEL AND LISTEN TO A REFLECTION ON THE OLPH YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things as are being done in the main body of the church.



FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

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

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **January 2** 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 2 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. *Please note: A mask MUST be worn by all who attend First Saturday Adoration. Anyone not wearing a mask will be asked to leave.*

First Sunday Devotions —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, **January 3** at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BOXES OF CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The new boxes of **Children's Envelopes** for the upcoming liturgical year are now available! Children should use these envelopes to make their offering in the weekly collection basket at Mass, in addition to their family's offering.

The purpose of the envelopes is not a money-raising one, but rather to provide parents a tool to reinforce in their children the idea of stewardship for their Church and responsible giving toward others. It's a great way to teach children the value of being thankful for the gifts God gives us and the importance of sharing the abundance of those gifts with others. Ideally, the money — whatever amount is placed in the envelope (there is no minimum or maximum!) — comes from the children themselves, *e.g.*, out of their allowance, rather than being just handed to them from the parents. In this way, Christian attitudes are nourished in the children, and this can be yet another avenue for parents and children to discuss responsible Christian living.

New boxed sets of Children's Envelopes for the entire new liturgical year (starting with Advent 2020) are available in baskets throughout the church. Families who wish to use them should simply take a box which contains envelopes for the entire year, with the children then returning one envelope each week, dropping it in the collection basket at Mass. The envelope should have the child's name and amount of the offering written on it. The design on the envelope may be colored in and decorated in other ways if desired. The amount collected in the children's envelopes is published in the bulletin each week. As with the usual collection offerings, the money will go toward supporting the mission of and programs at OLPH.

Encourage your children to use these envelopes as a way of growing in Christian stewardship and responsibility!

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?



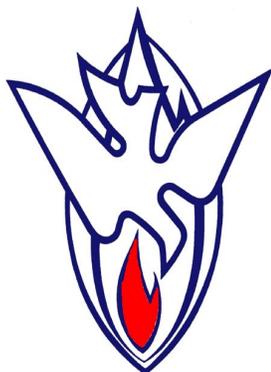
We offer a beautiful and life-giving process to join the Catholic Church and would love for you to be a part of it! You will join with other women and men interested in becoming part of the Catholic faith. Together, led by members of our parish community, you will discover God's call for you!

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 religoused@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 religoused@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.



DOWNLOAD THE OLPH APP

Catholic Life Every Day 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!



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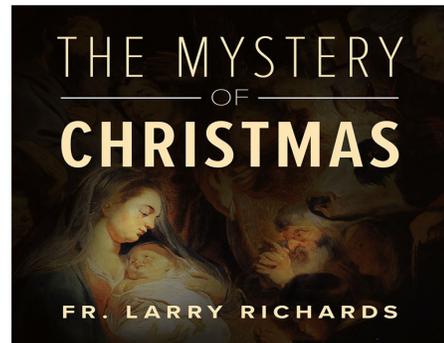
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- Listen to weekly homilies
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PICK OF THE WEEK

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

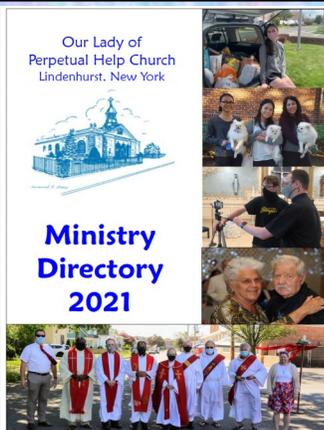
In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.



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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING? CHECK OUT OUR NEW DIRECTORY!



*Watch for the updated
2021 Ministry Directory
available on
our OLPH website
www.olphlindenhurst.com
and on the OLPH App!*

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)

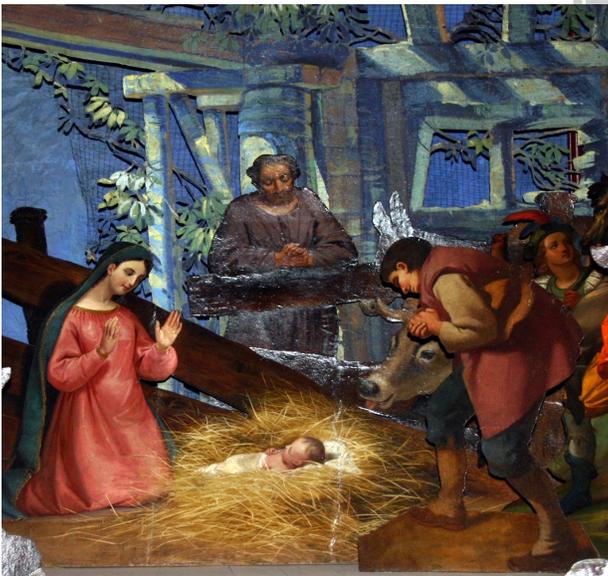
OFFICE HOURS:

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** on
 Saturday, December 26,
 Wednesday, December 30,
 and Saturday, January 2
 due to the Christmas Break

LEVELS 6, 7 and 8
 Make sure to take time
 over the break to make
 finishing touches to
 your Workbook and
 Mass Journal!

**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!

New Registration 2021/22 Year

New registrants may begin registering **January 4, 2021**. This includes all students who will be in 1st grade in September 2021, 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 who must 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.

Our first official registration week is in the Winter Break of February 2021

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Wed., Feb. 17, 12:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.
 Thurs., Feb. 18, 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday Feb. 20, 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.
 Monday, Feb. 22, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Our office is always closed Fridays!

Returning Families:

Families wishing to continue their child's religious education will be sent a letter in March 2021 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—cdefeldman@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
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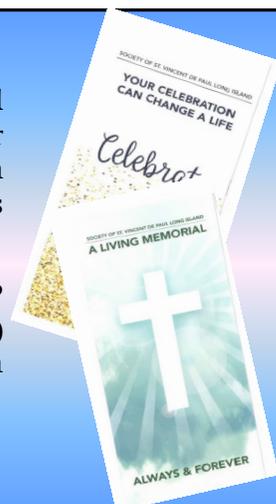
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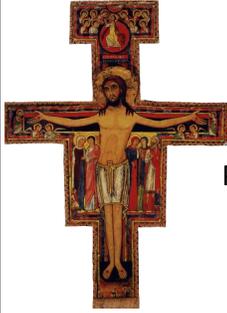
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Would you like to touch the hearts of those less fortunate than you?

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Volunteers all fund raise and pay their own way to go on these mission trips. It still costs thousands of dollars to provide this work. Please prayerfully consider helping us out with a donation for this Haiti mission trip scheduled for January 1st-10th 2021.

Our organization is called "Friar Suppliers." We are a 501-C-3 tax-exempt organization with no overhead. Every penny goes directly to the poor in Haiti.

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.



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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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 Thursdays 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.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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GOLDEN TICKET 2020 PRIZE WINNERS

The winning tickets for our GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE were drawn Saturday night, November 21, with the drawing live streamed.

Here are the winners of the money prizes:

- 1st Ticket drawn, \$500 prize: Ticket # 372 - Noreen Koudelka*
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An Incarnate Christmas

A trip to Bethlehem inspired me to purchase a Nativity set hand carved from the wood of olive trees grown in the Holy Land. That set brings a piece of the traditional birthplace of Jesus into my home.

Since 1223, when St. Francis of Assisi assembled a Nativity scene with a live ox and donkey in a cave in central Italy, Christians have depicted Christ's birth in the manger in settings in churches, towns, and homes. Whether simple or elaborate, the scenes bring comfort and joy, for they tell of the birth of a child and the fulfillment of God's promise.

The Order for the Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene in the *Book of Blessings* articulates the story of the Incarnation. It is a story of how God loved his people so much he sent his Son to be with them:

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 up our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

This blessing reveals how Jesus came for all, and that through our Savior, all are connected. It reveals, too, that the coming of Christ was part of God's plan from the beginning of creation. Listening to these words, the faithful may understand that if the Messiah came through a humble person such as Mary, God can break through ordinary lives and can come in ways surprising and wondrous. When people surrender, like



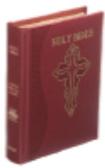
Christmas celebrates that God became flesh and lives with us.

Mary, to God's will, they can bear Christ, becoming a vessel of joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Christian lives can bear Christ even during a chaotic time where peace seems to be distant. Jesus was born into turbulence. He was conceived in an unmarried woman, at birth was placed in a feeding trough for animals, and soon was hunted by a jealous king. Despite these circumstances, God chose to be born anyway. Knowing this can strengthen people to bear witness to God's presence even when uncertainty marks their lives.

May we who adorn our homes and churches with Nativity sets remember that Christmas is not only about the celebration of the birth of the baby Jesus two thousand years ago, but that God became flesh and lives with us now, today, forever.



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