

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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www.olphlindenhurst.org + Facebook: Our Lady of PA voice proclaims:\*



**A voice cries out:  
In the desert prepare the way  
of the LORD!**

Isaiah 40:3

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014

### 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

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

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** April Kleinlaut

**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.

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

### 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.*

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

**Wednesday:** 12:45 to 2:00 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.

## This Week in **Advent**

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

The Advent season is a wonderful time to receive God's loving forgiveness in this beautiful sacrament. We have provided a number of opportunities for you throughout the Advent season.



## **Parish Penance Service**

(with individual confessions)

**Tuesday, December 9 at 7:30 P.M. + Church  
Individual Confessions**

Saturdays— 4:00 - 4:45 P.M.

Thursday, December 11 &

Wednesday, December 17th

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 20

3:00-4:30 P.M.

Monday through Friday

Following the 12:15 P.M. Mass

## *Advent Lessons and Carols*

*Friday, December 12, 2014*

*7:30pm*

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst*



**S** In the evening, in the peak of winter darkness, we gather in the quiet church, with candles lit from the Peace Light originating from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, to hear the Scriptures and great music of Advent. Based on the traditional service from Kings College, Cambridge, OLPH parish will add its own touch, with readers of all ages and music led by the adult choir, youth band, youth choir, cantors, and instrumentalists. The assembly is as much a part of this service as the choirs and joins in singing the great hymns of Advent. Join us as we prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts and pray for peace throughout our troubled world.

## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Second Sunday of Advent*

We continue to journey through these Advent days of hope-filled longing and joyful expectation. Our preparation for the “two-fold coming of the Lord” — at His Second Coming at the end of time, and at Christmas as He comes into our hearts ever more completely — is the serious business we must be about during this grace-filled time of year.

The beautiful Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Advent fill our hearts with the spirit of this season: the first reading from Isaiah assures us of the comfort and joy that will be made manifest when the Lord comes; the second reading from the second letter of Peter reminds us that we await new heavens and a new earth when the Lord returns; and John the Baptist, preparing the way and making “straight the paths of the Lord” takes center stage in the Gospel reading. Allow the beautiful phrases and images of Advent to stay with you this week so that the full meaning of this season may be a part of your prayer.

Remember, no matter what our consumer-driven society tells us, it's not Christmas yet! We have once again included some special pages in this bulletin to help you and your family keep an Advent spirituality and to pray Advent at home; I hope you make use of this material. We are urged to “Keep Christ in Christmas,” but in order to do that well, we must first “**Keep Advent.**”

### *Sign Up to Light the Advent Wreath!*

There may still be a few slots open to sign up to light the Advent wreath at Mass on Sundays. Give a quick check to the book on the pew ledge at the main entrance to the church, and offer to do this. Families, couples and individuals are all invited!

### *Holy Day of Obligation: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

This Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **It IS a Holy Day of Obligation.** This Solemnity is always a Holy Day, even though it falls on a Monday. It is the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America, and, with its Marian focus, coincides beautifully with our Advent spirituality.

Remember what we celebrate today: we celebrate when Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, and Mary's being kept free from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception (don't confuse this with the Annunciation, which is when Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb through the power of the Holy Spirit). Because Mary was preserved from sin, she was, as the Collect of the Mass tells us, a “worthy dwelling” for God's Son; because she was preserved from all stain of original sin, she was, as the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer tells us, placed “above all others to be for [God's] people an advocate of grace and a model of holi-

ness.” Mary was the chosen one of God who, when the proper time came, would surrender absolutely and completely to the will of God, becoming for us the prime example of what it means to follow her Son.

Note the Mass schedule for Monday, December 8 (the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 7, is still for the Second Sunday of Advent, not for the Holy Day of Obligation) and we'll see you again on Monday!

### *Parish Penance Service*

I remind you about our **Parish Advent Penance Service on this Tuesday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m.** I strongly encourage everyone to participate in this communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Celebrating individual confession within the context of a Parish Penance Service is a most superb way to experience the love and grace of God's forgiveness. As a community, we pray together, we listen to God's word, we praise God in song, and then we have the opportunity to celebrate individual confession with absolution. Do consider celebrating your Advent confession during our Parish Penance this coming Tuesday.

### *Lessons and Carols*

I have yet another reminder for you, this time about **Lessons and Carols on this Friday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the church.** Talk about a most beautiful, spiritually-enriching and uplifting way to be immersed in the richness of Advent — Lessons and Carols is it! Give yourself and your family a treat by taking a break and joining in the celebration. For me, Lessons and Carols is the highlight of my Advent each year; I hope it will be for you, too.

### *Saintly Sweepstakes, Round Two*

All right, here it is! The results are in! Round One of our Saintly Sweepstakes is complete. It was a fascinating process, and I thank everyone for participating. Here are some interesting points of information culled from the voting and tabulation process.

- Listed below are the names that were submitted and the number of individual votes each saint received. You can do the math.

- Some of the ballots were interesting. For example, a religion teacher handed out ballots to the students in the religious education class, and each student voted individually. What a clever idea to involve the children! (By the way, the votes were all different, so the children were obviously not told what saint to write; they really did vote for their own choice.)

- I always chuckled a little when two separate ballots were submitted by a husband and a wife, but they voted for the same saint and both ballots were written in a handwriting that appeared to be from a feminine hand... *hmmm... "Yes, dear..."*

- Since it was possible to write in two saints' names, on

some ballots the same name was written twice. Nice try, but that only counted for one vote; the second was disqualified.

- A few ballots were received after the deadline, so, in fairness, they were not counted.

- Some saints' names were submitted for which we already have statues in the church, so I had to make an executive decision. If the saint is already honored by having his/her statue mounted on a wall, that name was not eligible. Thus, a few entries were received for the Blessed Mother and for St. Joseph, but since those statues are already mounted in the sanctuary, those votes were discounted. Also, we already have a mounted statue of St. Therese of the Little Flower (it is mounted to the right of the altar in the Divine Mercy Chapel; she received 9 votes) and we have an image of St. Anne (mother of the Blessed Mother) hanging (along with St. Joachim, father of the Blessed Mother) in the Blessed Mother chapel, next to the Blessed Mother icon (St. Anne received 9 votes). So, these two would be ineligible. The same would be true for St. Faustina, whose image is now mounted on the wall in the Divine Mercy Chapel (although she only received one vote). However, although we already have statues of St. Anthony and St. Jude, these are smaller statues that are simply resting on the altar in the Divine Mercy chapel, and are not mounted on a wall, and therefore they would be considered eligible.

So, here is the tabulation:

St. Michael the Archangel — 41  
Pio of Pietrelcina ("Padre Pio") — 31  
Francis of Assisi — 28  
Pope John Paul II — 26  
Anthony of Padua — 13  
Jude — 11  
Anne — 9  
Therese of Lisieux (Little Flower) — 9  
Dominic — 7  
Theresa of Avila — 7  
Patrick — 6  
Gerard Majella — 5  
John the Evangelist — 5  
Matthew — 5  
Nicholas — 5  
Bernadette — 4  
Philomina — 4  
Sacred Heart — 4  
Luke — 3  
Martin de Porres — 3  
Catherine of Siena — 2  
Elizabeth of Hungary — 2  
Gianna Beretta Molla — 2  
Holy Child ("Divino Niño") — 2  
John the Baptist — 2  
Lucy — 2  
Martha — 2  
Monica — 2  
Peregrine — 2  
Vincent de Paul — 2

Augustine — 1  
Cayetano — 1  
Clare of Assisi — 1  
Dymphna — 1  
Elizabeth Ann Seton — 1  
Faustina — 1  
Florian — 1  
Frances Xavier Cabrini — 1  
Ignatius Loyola — 1  
Isidore — 1  
Joan of Arc — 1  
John of the Cross — 1  
Kateri Tekakwitha — 1  
Margaret Mary Alacoque — 1  
Paul — 1  
Rose of Lima — 1  
Stanislaus Kostka — 1  
Thomas the Apostle — 1  
Thomas More — 1

Looking at the above, I think it's easy to make a delineation and say that Round Two of voting will involve the six saints who achieved double-digits in the voting: in alphabetical order, they are St. Anthony, St. Francis of Assisi, St. John Paul II, St. Jude, St. Michael the Archangel, and St. Pio of Pietrelcina ("Padre Pio"). St. Anne and St. Therese would be next in line, but they only achieved single digits, and their statues are mounted for veneration anyway, so we can leave the second round of voting for those top six only.

The ballot for Round Two, with rules for voting, is given elsewhere in this bulletin, and the ballots are due back **no later than Wednesday, December 17**. Have fun voting! If a clear winner emerges we'll go with that one; if not, we'll look again at the distribution of votes and keep voting among the top vote-getters until a clear winner emerges. As with Round One, each entry must have a name on it, and only one vote per person, please.

Also note: if you would like to memorialize the statue, please contact me. A small plaque for your memorialization or prayer intention would go near the statue.

#### *In conclusion...*

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

**Monday  
December 8, 2014**

#### Mass Schedule

6:30 A.M.

12:15 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

*The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena will be prayed at 6:30 P.M. this Monday, December 8th.*

*The 5:00 P.M. Mass on December 7, 2014 is for the Second Sunday of Advent. This does not fulfill the obligation for the holy day.*

## **NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

**Monday, December 8  
8:30 P.M. to 1 A.M.**



**Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego.**

*It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9th) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and prays through Her intercession for the establishment of a Culture of Life, protection for the Church from persecution and asks Our Lord to REVIVE OUR LAND. All are invited to participate!*



### **ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING**

*Come, learn and share about  
the Advent Scriptures!!!*

**MONDAY**

**December 8**

*Led by Msgr. Joe*

**December 15 and 22**

**after the 6:30 A.M. Mass.**

## *Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards*

Join in the Mass intentions for the Masses of Christmas by using the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards which are now available throughout the church. These cards are a wonderful and meaningful way for you to remember your loved ones at Christmas and to have them prayed for at our Christmas Masses. Return the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory, and keep the card to send your Christmas Spiritual Bouquet.



## Second Week of Advent

### Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week

Each day during the second week of Advent, at the evening meal, two purple candles are lit. The following prayers accompany the lighting of the candles.

*All make the sign of the cross:* **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Someone at table reads the Scripture assigned to the liturgy of the day (one or both of the readings may be used). See the list of daily readings printed elsewhere in this bulletin. Then the Leader continues:* **Leader: Lift up your hearts.**

*All respond:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*The Leader prays:* **God, the Father of mercies, you willed your Son to take flesh, in order to give life back to us. Bless these your gifts with which we are about to nourish our bodies, so that, receiving new strength, we may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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*After the meal, the Leader says:* **Let us live soberly, justly, and devoutly in this world as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

*All respond:* **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

#### Thoughts to Ponder during Advent....

*Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

— *Collect of the Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent*

*Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.*

— *Another prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent*

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*What keeps you from giving now? Isn't the poor person there? Aren't your own warehouses full? Isn't the reward promised? The command is clear: the hungry person is dying now, the naked person is freezing now, the person in debt is beaten now—and you want to wait until tomorrow? "I'm not doing any harm," you say. "I just want to keep what I own, that's all." You own! You are like someone who sits down in a theater and keeps everyone else away, saying that what is there for everyone's use is your own....If everyone took only what they needed and gave the rest to those in need, there would be no such thing as rich and poor. After all, didn't you come into life naked, and won't your return naked to the earth?*

*St. Basil, Fourth century*

## Second Week of Advent

### Thoughts to Ponder during Advent...

On December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we honor holy Mary, and celebrate her conception in the womb of St. Anne. As we praise God, who kept her sinless from the first moment of her life, we remember God's mercy, which has freed us from sin in baptism.

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O God, who by the Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

— Collect of the Mass for the Immaculate Conception



Father, the image of the Virgin is found in the Church. Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin, for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith. Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

—Another Prayer for the Immaculate Conception

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Hail Mary, the most beautiful dove, which carried the word of God for us; we greet you with the Archangel Gabriel saying: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Hail, O Virgin, the glory of our race; you have borne Emmanuel for us. We pray that you will remember us before the Lord Jesus Christ, that he will forgive us our sins.

—Coptic liturgy

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John the Baptist's first major theme is: Reflect, repent, convert! In every age people fall prey to the temptation to overturn the proper order of values. What is important is degraded to a minor matter, what is minor or even wrong is raised to a principal theme, the central issue of one's life. It can be greed. It can be ambition with its exhibitionistic and ruthless careerism. It can be quarrelsomeness and the insistence on always being right, or envy and a desire to dominate, or the unmastered desire for pleasure that Paul at one point so powerfully describes: "their god is their belly" (Phil 3:19). These are all products of egoism, which places one's own self in the center and degenerates into idolatry. John sees this clearly and therefore calls for reflection: Admit your offense, confess your sin and let yourself be cleansed. As a symbol of such purification he offers a baptism of repentance in the Jordan.

—from The Key to Faith: Meditations on the Liturgical Year  
by Adolf Adam

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Listen, a clear voice is calling. / It pierces the night and the darkness: / Awake and leave behind sleep and dreams — / Christ is shining in the heavens. / This is the bright time of hope. / The dawn approaches; the day begins: / A new star begins to beam, / Before whose glow the darkness flees. / From heaven is sent one as a lamb / Who will take all our sins upon himself. / In faith we turn our faces to him / And ask his forgiveness. / So that, when again he comes in light, / And his brilliance strikes the world with terror, / He may not avenge sin with punishment, / But gently gather us to himself.

— A hymn for Advent,  
Author unknown

# CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TIME

## Children's Christmas Pageant

Friday, December 19, 2014

7:00 P.M. Church

We'd like to involve many members of our parish community, especially all parish children! It's easy...there are only two short practices and a dress rehearsal.

For more information e-mail to [familylife@oloph.org](mailto:familylife@oloph.org)



**Pre-K through Grade 3**—Angels and Shepherds (We need hundreds of them!)

**Grades 4 through 6**—Three Kings and the Royal Servants

**Grades 7 through 12**—We need lots of help—musicians, singers, organizers, help with Hot Cocoa and cookies, assistant directors and more!



*If you can help with our pageant, please fill out the form below or e-mail to [familylife@oloph.org](mailto:familylife@oloph.org)*

**College Students (especially those coming home for Christmas) and Adults:** We need help with supervision of angels and shepherds, assistance with hospitality and more! If you can help, please call Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org)

We especially need parishioners to be part of our **Christmas Pageant Chorus and Music Group!** We need instrumentalists, singers, etc. For more information, contact Christopher Ferraro at [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org)

### Pageant Practices

**THIS Thursday, December 11th —4:30 P.M.—Church**

Monday, December 15th —4:30 P.M.—Church

Thursday, December 18— **5:30 P.M.**—Church (*NOTE: Different Time*)

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

# BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER!!!

## ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE PARISH, FOURTH GRADE AND OLDER

We are in the process of **recruiting new Altar Servers!** Being an altar server is a great way to be involved at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You make an important contribution to the life of the parish and you perform an important ministry. Besides, it's fun!!! You serve at weekend Masses and other special events, attend some meetings throughout the year, and have fun parties!



*Why not become an altar server? We would love to have you, and we will provide plenty of training — no prior experience is necessary!! If you are a boy or a girl who is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, or even older!), you are invited to become an altar server.* Parents, why not mention it to your daughter or son to get them interested? Training will start soon, so sign up now. If you are interested, **mail or drop off the coupon below to Monsignor Joe at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue** (*no phone calls, please; you must let me know in writing! It's OK to scan this page and send it electronically with all the info to [msgrio@oloph.org](mailto:msgrio@oloph.org)*).

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE RESPOND BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2014, SINCE THE FIRST TRAINING MEETING WILL BE SOON AFTER THAT** (you will receive a letter giving you specific information).

***Sorry...no responses can be accepted after December 31!***

*We hope to hear from YOU!!!*

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Yes! I am interested in becoming an Altar Server! **RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE DEC. 31**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Family Envelope/Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Required: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH as of December 2014.**

Year You Received First Holy Communion \_\_\_\_\_

Grade you are in right now \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I go to public school; Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I go to Catholic school; Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

# OLPH SAINTLY SWEEPSTAKES ROUND TWO

## THE RESULTS ARE IN, AND NOW IT'S TIME TO VOTE IN ROUND TWO

See Msgr. Joe's bulletin letter this week for a full explanation.

CHOOSE ONE by CIRCling YOUR CHOICE

If this round produces a clear winner, then we have our decision!

If it is a close call, we'll have one or more additional rounds of voting among the top vote-getters until the choice becomes clear.

### THERE'S STILL THE POSSIBILITY TO MEMORIALIZE THE STATUE!

If you are interested in memorializing the new statue once the saint is decided, please contact Msgr. Joe for information.

#### Here's how it works:

1. Use the coupon below to CIRCLE ONE choice. If more than one is circled, the entire entry will be disqualified.
2. Your name must be included on the entry form; anonymous entries will not be accepted.
3. Only one entry per person will be accepted, although individual members of families may vote individually. The blank form may be photocopied for use by family members.
4. Entries may also be made in written form other than the coupon below, but the name of the entrant must be included, and only ONE choice must be indicated. **NO E-MAIL OR VOICE MAIL NOMINATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.** All nominations must be "hard-copy," including your name, using the coupon below or a reasonable facsimile.
5. Entries for this round two of voting must be received **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014.**
6. All entries, whether by this bulletin coupon or by a reasonable facsimile, may be placed in the collection basket the weekend of December 13-14, or dropped off at or mailed to the Rectory. Submissions dropped off or mailed to the Rectory should be marked ATTENTION MSGR. JOE: SAINTLY SWEEPSTAKES ROUND TWO and must be **received before the end of the day December 17, 2014.**

## OLPH SAINTLY SWEEPSTAKES ROUND TWO

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

CHOOSE ONE by CIRCling YOUR CHOICE:

St. Anthony of Padua

St. Jude

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Michael the Archangel

St. John Paul II

St. Pio of Pietrelcina ("Padre Pio")

Return this form or a reasonable facsimile in the collection basket the weekend of December 13-14 or mail to or drop off at the Rectory, ATTENTION MSGR. JOE: SAINTLY SWEEPSTAKES ROUND TWO

All entries must be received no later than Wednesday, December 17, 2014

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—ripalda@optonline.net
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182—princessmorge@optonline.net
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † New Mother's Meal Ministry: Carol Stysiack—631.255 3506—carolstys@verizon.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: The Consi Family—631.226.7725
- † 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: Fr. John Sureau—631.226.7725—jsureau@oloph.org
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494 & Denise Segreto—631.220.0888

## NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED FRUIT  
 COFFEE  
 SHELF STABLE MILK  
 SOUP WITH MEAT  
 JELLO & PUDDING  
 PASTA SAUCE  
 PORK & BEANS  
 TUNA  
 SHAMPOO & SOAP  
 PAPER TOWELS

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the "New" School Building  
 Use Parking Lot located on corner of  
 Gates & High Streets  
**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
 9 A.M. —12 Noon**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

## OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE



Our parish social ministries are working together to support life at all stages. There are tags on our Giving Tree to help the hungry, the unborn, the sick, the immigrant and those in prison. You need to empty the tree of the tags and return them no later than NEXT WEEKEND - Saturday/Sunday, December 13/14, 2014.

- Gifts for St. Vincent de Paul (green tags) *should be* wrapped.
- All other gifts **should NOT be wrapped.**
- Gift certificates/gift cards should be returned to the Parish Office or in the collection. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE GIFT CARDS BY THE TREE.**

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

### DRIVING MINISTRY

Our Driving Ministry assists parishioners in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment or to another serious appointment when needed. Over the past few months we have been able to help many parishioners!

For more information, contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182 or [princessmoge@optonline.net](mailto:princessmoge@optonline.net).

Do you know how you can be a driving minister? Invite a neighbor, particularly someone you know who is homebound, to come to Mass with you!

### OLPH GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY

Meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month,  
11:30am—3:00pm

at K of C Hall—400 South Broadway  
Everyone is welcome. Please join us.

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

### MIDDLE AGES

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

YOU are invited to join the Middle Ages group!

**Tuesday, December 16:** The Middle Ages group will meet in Room 24 of the OLPH New School at 7:00PM to wrap Christmas Presents for Veterans in the Suffolk County United Veterans' programs. All are welcome.

**Sunday, December 21:** You are invited to join the Middle Ages group on Sunday, December 21 for its First Annual Holiday Dinner at Goccia d'Oro, South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst. Cost \$35.

For information, call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email to [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net).

### NEW MOTHERS' MEAL MINISTRY

*New mothers in OLPH Parish....*

You deserve a break today! Dinner is on us! if you have had a baby in the last couple of months, a member of our ministry would love to give you a break and cook a *carefully prepared dinner*, and deliver it to your home on a pre-agreed date.

#### NO STRINGS ATTACHED!

This ministry is also available to parents of preemies who are still in the hospital and don't have time to cook. You do not have to be a first time mother.

If you are interested in a dinner, please contact Carol Stysiack at 631-255 3506 or by e-mail at [carolstys@verizon.net](mailto:carolstys@verizon.net). Please put Meal Ministry in the subject line.

### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Our Respect Life Ministry offers simple lawn signs promoting the sanctity of human life at all stages. If you would like one for your lawn, please contact Louise Perrotta at 631.412.3831—  
[louiseperrotta@optonline.net](mailto:louiseperrotta@optonline.net)

### SENIOR MOMENTS

*Avail yourself, men and women, 55 years +, 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.*

#### NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, December 9th  
9:00 A.M.—Room 24**

### WIDOWS and WIDOWERS!!!

THIS WEDNESDAY, **December 11<sup>th</sup>**,  
We will gather in School Room 16  
from **6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Please join us for a chance to meet each other and start a support group. Any questions contact Rita Gardell (631) 252-5494 Hope to see you there.

*"Jesus stands at the door knocking (Rev. 3:20). In total reality, he comes in the form of the beggar, of the dissolute human child in ragged clothes, asking for help. He confronts you in every person that you meet. As long as there are people, Christ will walk the earth as your neighbor, as the one through whom God calls you, speaks to you, makes demands on you. That is the great seriousness and great blessedness of the Advent message. Christ is standing at the door; he lives in the form of a human being among us."*

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *God Is In the Manger*

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



## VAN MINISTRY

Thanks for all those who have expressed an interest in our outreach to the homeless. We are in the process of preparing our first night of ministry and service to the homeless in the local communities.

*What can you do?*

-We are in need of individuals to assist with this ministry on Wednesday nights (from 7:30 to 9 or from 9 to 1 A.M. or both) beginning soon. Contact Denise Redfern at [dredfern@oloph.org](mailto:dredfern@oloph.org) or contact the Parish Office.

-We will need the help of food preparers – families who would be willing to make soup for about 50 people and/or sandwiches or donate for such things. Contact Fr. John for more information about this—[jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org).

-People have asked about making donations of clothes. We will accept, now, winter jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, shoes and boots. **Items must be clean – if you would not wear it, do not donate it!** We are also in need of NEW UNUSED donations of underwear, t-shirts, and socks – NOTE: NEW UNUSED when it comes to these items. If you have donations, please contact Patti Perez at 631.957.6203 or e-mail to [pp213806@aol.com](mailto:pp213806@aol.com)

-People have asked about other types of donations regarding food, etc. You can contact us and let us know what you might be able to donate and we will follow up with you. Please understand we will NOT be able to accept everything.

-Some have offered to make monetary donations to help this ministry get off the ground. That is most appreciated and will allow us to better plan. Donations can be delivered to the Parish Office, Attn: Van Ministry. Checks must be made payable to OLPH Church.

Please pray for those who have come forward to assist in this ministry. They are sharing their wisdom, experience, and talent to serve the most vulnerable among us.

### **“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”**



The OLPH Christian Mothers are selling

**"Keep Christ in Christmas"**

car magnets. These magnets are a great way to spread this important message as we enter the Advent season.

**\$4.<sup>00</sup> ea. or 3/\$10.<sup>00</sup>**

Magnets are now available! Contact Deb Duffy at 631 956-3202 or [dduff2@msn.com](mailto:dduff2@msn.com)

*Supplies are limited. All proceeds to benefit our parish.*

We will also be selling the magnets after Mass December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **RELIGIOUS GOODS GIFT SHOP** **AVAILABLE AT OLPH**

A Gift Shop with religious goods is available at OLPH. The shop is open Sunday mornings starting after the 9:30 a.m. Mass and will remain open until 2:00 p.m. Stop by and browse and shop for those religious items you have been looking for! The gift shop is accessible off of the small parking lot on High Street between the rectory and the school.

# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

located in the school building  
Phone # 631.226.2384  
E-mail: religioised@oloph.org  
Coordinator: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
(acarbaugh@oloph.org)

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MONDAY:** 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
**TUESDAY:** 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
**WEDNESDAY:** 3:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.  
**THURSDAY:** 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.  
**FRIDAY:** 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon  
**SATURDAY:** 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

## Week of 12/7/2014

## Religious Education Office Updates

### AS A REMINDER:

**No Class for Level 8 on Dec. 8 due to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.**

**No Class for Level 3 this week; instead Parents and Children are to attend a Penance Service in the Church at 11:00 a.m.**

#### Class Schedule

**Monday:**

Holy Day—No Class

**Wednesday:**

5:30- 6:30pm— Class for Level 6

7:30- 8:30pm— Class for Level 7

**Saturday:**

8:30- 9:30 am Levels 1-5

10:00-11:00 am Levels 1-5 & Special Education

11:30-12:30 pm Levels 1-5

### WRAPPING UP LAST WEEK



Yesterday, Saturday December 6, our Level 4 students and parents participated in a workshop on Advent. Parents and students alike learned about the tradition of the Advent wreath with Jean Bjork, one of our catechists. In another location, April shared the history of the Jesse Tree.



### HERE ARE SOME OF OUR CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST ENTRIES



## YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry:

Brittany Marie Evans (youth@oloph.org)

Youth Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau (jsureau@oloph.org)

Catholic Youth Organization: Dave Reid (dreid88@optonline.net)

CYO Website: www.leaguelineup.com/olpchy

Boy Scouts: Mr. Al Damone (1203@optonline.net)

K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia (happynicosias@yahoo.com)

Thank you to everyone who participated in our **December 5th Advent Prayer Night**.

The night was a great success and something we look forward to every year. The Youth Ministry Staff would especially like to thank Mr. Volpe and the youth band for the great job they did! Great job everyone!

### Middle School:

Our final event for this year will be this Thursday at 7:30 in the auditorium. *Advent Rapping!!* A great night of games, skits, and tons of fun!! We are asking that all who attend please bring one item for our St. Vincent de Paul pantry.

*Remember, doors will be closed and locked at 7:40 so be sure to get there on time! Enter through and leave from the Wellwood Avenue school doors only.*

### High Schoolers:

Leadership meeting at **7:30pm on December 9th**. We have a lock-in to plan!

Our last event will be **Sunday, December 14th**.

*Let's see the Jones Beach Christmas Lights!!*

*Contact Brittany for a permission slip.*



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

*Our next Adult Faith Formation course will begin in January 2015...*

### Living the Christian Life: INTRODUCTION TO MORALITY

*Here we'll look into the Church's teaching on major moral issues, the history of morality, how we make decision as Catholics and more!*

**Instructor: April Kleinlaut**  
*Our Coordinator of Faith Formation*

**5 Wednesdays -**  
**January 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4 & 11**

**Time: 10:30am—12:30pm**

**Place: Room TBA**

*A fee of \$20 per person will be collected to cover the costs of materials.*

*To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725, e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org or return the form below.*

Yes Please, Sign me up  
**Living the Christian Life:  
INTRODUCTION TO MORALITY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida”. Te invita a alabar y glorificar a DIOS todos los jueves a las 7:00 PM en la cafetería. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Lleva la bendición a tu casa. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

**El sacramento del bautizo.** Las ceremonias bautismales se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes. Los padres que necesiten bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a las secciones de charlas, estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales. Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, Contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 o email: [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) or en español, Irma González 631 620-2401 o correo electrónico: [lanegra628@yahoo.com](mailto:lanegra628@yahoo.com).

## Preparándonos para el domingo 14 de Diciembre

### Primera Lectura (Isaías 61,1-2.10-11): Me Regocijo porque Dios Está Cerca de los Humildes

A los pobres, a los abatidos, a los cautivos de sus miedos, el profeta les anuncia en el nombre de Dios: Regocijense, a llegado la salvación. Dios está con ustedes. Oímos primero las palabras del profeta, después la respuesta del pueblo.

### Segunda Lectura (1 Tesalonicenses 5,16-24): Alégrese: El Señor Está Viniendo.

Estad siempre alegres. Sed constantes en orar. Dad gracias en toda ocasión: ésta es la voluntad de Dios en Cristo Jesús respecto de vosotros Pablo pide a sus cristianos que estén alegres y que se preparen para la venida del Señor con su vida cristiana santa.

### Evangelio (Juan 1,6-8. 19-28): Ente Ustedes Está Uno a Quien no Conocen

Juan Bautista es el mensajero de Dios para anunciar la Buena Nueva al pueblo. El testimonio de Juan es ya desde el prólogo, figura tanto del sabio que comprendió la luz que hay en él, pero que no es él, como de los profetas, que han mantenido viva la promesa de Dios. Hoy se refiere su testimonio, que es siempre actual. Su actitud encarna, para los hombres de todos los tiempos, la puerta de acceso a la verdad.

### Aquel a Quien Ustedes no Conocen

¿Quiéren ustedes conocer a Jesús? ¿Quiéren encontrarle hoy? Encuéntralo en los hermanos, acompañenlos en el camino de la vida, especialmente a los pobres, los abatidos, los oprimidos y los esclavizados, los que no gozan de libertad. Jesús se identifica con ellos. En ellos encontramos a Jesús. Así no permanecerá él como un desconocido, lejano a nosotros. Estaremos, pues, con Jesús, y Jesús estará con nosotros.

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS!

- **St. Rose of Lima School**, 4704 Merrick Road, Massapequa, is hosting a private Open House on Tuesday, **Dec. 9** for those wishing to see our school and all that it has to offer for purposes of enrollment into the 2015-2016 school year. This event is by appointment only. Call 516-541-1546 to reserve a place in one of the two time slots—9:30am or 12:45pm.
- **St. Joseph Renewal Center**, Brentwood, will hold: *A Gathering of Women*, **Dec. 9**—10am –noon. Offering: \$15; *Men 2 Men Gathering*, **Dec. 13**—8-9:30am \$20 includes breakfast; *11th Step Prayer*, **Dec. 21**, 2-4pm, free will offering. Call Joanne at 631-273-1187 X 123 for information on any of these programs.
- **St. Joseph's Choir** will present a free concert including Handel's *Messiah* and Bach's *Magnificat* at St. Joseph's Church, Babylon Village on Sunday, **Dec. 14**, 7:00PM. Free will offering. All proceeds will go to the Mercy Inn Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch.
- **Cleary School for the Deaf** is offering evening Adult Formation classes in American Sign Language levels 1, 2, 3, 4, Advanced & Online course. Spring Session runs February 25th—May 22, 2015 (ages 12 & up) Call Carolyn Kelly at 631-588-0530 or email [clearyasl@hotmail.com](mailto:clearyasl@hotmail.com) for more information.

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

### **Third Time:**

*Anthony Bozymowski  
&  
Katherine Garrity*

### **First Time:**

*Aristotle Thanasas  
&  
Nicole Trincerì*

## **WE BELIEVE**

*Almighty and Eternal God,  
You are the everlasting health of those  
who believe in You.*

*Hear us for Your servants  
for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy,  
that being restored to bodily health,  
they may give thanks to You in Your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.*

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

<b>Shirley Brown</b>	<b>George Constantinou</b>
<b>Christian Brown</b>	<b>Vanessa Kercelius</b>
<b>Thomas Smith</b>	<b>Tom LaBianca</b>
<b>Peggy Curran</b>	<b>Kelly Coffin</b>
<b>Kevin Curran</b>	<b>Concepción Canales</b>
<b>Ann Muller</b>	<b>Diane Romaniello</b>
<b>Richard Brosan</b>	<b>Fr. Terence Hoppenjans</b>
<b>Diana De Stasio</b>	<b>August Garofalo</b>
<b>Bernadette Sinnott</b>	<b>John Halloweg</b>
<b>Regina Khezikhezri</b>	<b>Gianna Pantina</b>
<b>Margaret Girgenti</b>	<b>Alice Leonard</b>
<b>Mary Doran</b>	<b>Nettie Deasy</b>

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the parish office at 631.226.7725, x. 200.

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

*Joan Gargiulo  
Barbara Gass  
Charles H. Ingoglia  
Rachel Dressler  
Kerry Harmon*

*“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”*

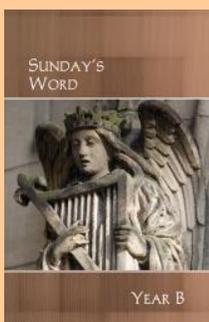
## **PRAYING FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

*We encourage everyone to keep the homebound of our parish community in your thoughts and prayers. Pray they may continue to feel connected to our parish family and may feel God’s love and care each day.*



## **THE NEW SUNDAY’S WORD FOR 2015**

The new Sunday’s Word book for the new liturgical cycle, Year B (2015) which began with the First Sunday of Advent (November 30, 2014) is available at the rectory and may be purchased for \$2.00.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, December 8—**

**The Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30 For the People of the Parish

12:15 Giuseppe Lentini

6:30 Novena

7:30 In Thanksgiving—The Pasquin Family

8:30 National Night of Prayer for Life

**TUESDAY, December 9—**

**Advent Weekday**

*(Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin)*

6:30 Astrid M. Eisenhuth

12:15 Judith Calderale

7:30 Parish Penance Service

**WEDNESDAY, December 10—  
Advent Weekday**

6:30 Carol Confessore

12:15 Gaspare & Maria Piazza

12:45-  
2:00 Exposition

**THURSDAY, December 11—**

**Advent weekday**

*(Saint Damasus I, Pope)*

6:30 The Savastano Family

12:15 Dennis McHugh

7:00 Confessions

**FRIDAY, December 12—  
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

6:30 Heiner Ahlers

12:15 Al Keilitz

7:30 Lessons & Carols

**SATURDAY, December 13—  
Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

8:00 Maria M. Jimenez Sepulveda

**Vigil for  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:00 Eleanor & Henry Zuber

**Sunday, December 14  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

6:30 Santo Corso

8:00 Jock Klingler

9:30 Holy Name Society

11:00 Rita F. Brown

12:30 Gaetano D'Angelo

5:00 For the People of the parish

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, December 8, 2014**

7:00 AM	Advent Scripture Sharing	Room 16
1:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
6:30 PM	Novena	Church
	<b>No Religious Education Classes</b>	
8:45 PM	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Rm

*All Parish Offices Closed & Other Evening Activities  
Cancelled for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

**Tuesday, December 9, 2014**

8:45 AM	Senior Moments	Room 24
4:00 PM	CYO—Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 PM	Teen Confirmation Class	Room 4
7:30 PM	Parish Penance Service	Church
7:45 PM	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Wednesday, December 10, 2014**

12:45 – 2:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
1:50 PM	Daytime Prayer	Church
2:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 PM	Level 6 Religious Education	School
7:30 PM	Level 7 Religious Education	School
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria

**Thursday, December 11, 2014**

4:00 PM	CYO– Cheerleading	Auditorium
4:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
4:30 PM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Church
6:30 PM	Virtus Training	Room 1
6:30 PM	Widows & Widowers	Room 16
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 PM	Middle School Youth Group	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

**Friday, December 12, 2014**

9:00 AM	OLPH Home School Group	Rms. 1, 2,
7:00 PM	Holy Name Society	Cafeteria
7:30 PM	Advent Lessons & Carols	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous—Young People	Room 24

**Saturday, December 13, 2014**

8:00 AM	Levels 1-5 Religious Education	School
11:00	Level 3—Penance Service	Church
6:15 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, December 14, 2014**

11:00	RCIC	Church/Rm 16
12:30	RCOA	Church/Rm 16
1:30 PM	CYO—Basketball	Auditorium
6:00 PM	High School Youth Ministry—	Auditorium
6:15 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria



## PREPARING FOR

### Sunday, December 14, 2014

### Third Sunday of Advent

**Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.**  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16*

#### Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11:

It was from this passage of Scripture that Jesus read in the Synagogue and reported that it was fulfilled in their hearing (Luke 4). The prophet is set apart, empowered and enabled by the spirit of God to proclaim the Good News: the message of deliverance from bondage and the darkness of a dungeon into freedom and light and restoration of sight by grace; the release for the exile to full and free service of the LORD once again; that He will restore, strengthen and encourage the people in the midst of their contrition and weakness. The background to the "year of favor" is the jubilee year of release from debts (Lv 25:10-11; Is 49:8).

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24:

The Christian can rejoice always because this joy isn't based in circumstances, but in God, in the consolation of the promise of salvation through Christ. Christians are to pray continually. Prayer is communication with God, and we can live each minute of the day in a constant, flowing, conversation with our Father. We don't give thanks *for* everything, but in everything. We recognize God's sovereign hand is in charge, and not blind fate or chance. The thought isn't "this is God's will, so you *must* do it." The thought is rather "this is God's will, so you *can* do it."

#### John 1:6-8, 19-28:

John the Baptist was sent just as Jesus was "sent" (Jn 4:34) in divine mission. The testimony theme of the Gospel of John portrays Jesus as if on trial throughout His ministry. Believers in Jesus become children of God not through any natural causes, but through God who is the immediate cause of the new spiritual life.

### Gospel Reflection Questions....

*After reading next Sunday's Gospel (John 1:6-8, 19-28) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

1. In the First Reading The Lord sends Isaiah with a message. In the Gospel, God sends John to testify to the light of Christ. Does God send you? How can you testify to the light in some way?
2. John begins his Gospel, as shown in this reading, by announcing who John the Baptist was, and who he was not. Can you specify each of these?

## Readings for the Week

*Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.*

#### Monday, December 8, 2014:

Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
 + Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

#### Tuesday, December 9, 2014:

Isaiah 40:1-11 + Matthew 18:12-14

#### Wednesday, December 10, 2014:

Isaiah 40:25-31 + Matthew 11:28-30

#### Thursday, December 11, 2014:

Isaiah 41:13-20 + Matthew 11:11-15

#### Friday, December 12, 2014:

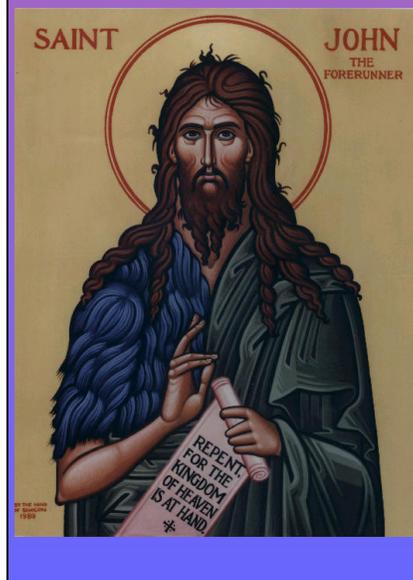
Zechariah 2:14-17 + Luke 1:26-38

#### Saturday, December 13, 2014:

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
 + Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

#### Sunday, December 14, 2014:

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11  
 + 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
 + John 1:6-8, 19-28



# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Parish Office:** 631.226.7725

**Religious Education:** 631.226.2384

**St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Outreach) :**

631.226.7725 X 234

**Parish Website:**

[www.olphlindenhurst.org](http://www.olphlindenhurst.org)

**Facebook:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help



## 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.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Deacon Doug or Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Doug or Fr. John at the Parish Office.

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork  
Tricia Buckley (Chair)  
Lori Byron  
Marie Foster  
Greg Guido  
Sonia Hansen  
John Keller  
Mary Mullan  
Kevin Sabella  
Christina Taparata  
James Totino  
Pete Triolo  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.*

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres  
John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett  
Deacon Tom Bast  
Gerry Chille (Chair)  
Ed Cirella  
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®  
Bob Dobres  
Bob Meade  
John Reynolds  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.*

## YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker  
Mark Costantino  
Barbara McPhail  
Rosaleen Walters  
Mike Williams  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
Chris Ferraro  
Deacon Doug Smith  
Fr. John Sureau  
Alice Vozzo

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.*

# OFFERING UPDATES

## Nov.29/30, 2014

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$3,406.00	156	389
6:30 A.M.	1,088.00	37	106
8:00 A.M.	2,450.00	100	237
9:30 A.M.	2,707.00	136	510
11:00 A.M.	2,685.00	117	405
12:30 P.M.	2,485.00	95	340
5:00 P.M.	1,538.00	46	265
<b>Total coin:</b>	35.77		
<b>Mail-ins:</b>	11.00		
<b>Children's env.</b>	36.60	19	
<b>Faith Direct</b>	1,978.23		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,420.60</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>2,252</b>
<b>2013 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,249.28</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>2,088</b>
<b>Candles</b>	\$978.59		
<b>Poor Box</b>	303.48		

**REMINDER**

**ALL 2014 pledges for the *Catholic Ministries Appeal* must be paid by December 31st, 2014 to ensure that OLPH receives the benefit of the rebate. Thank you for your cooperation.**



With the busy times of Advent here, enrolling in *Faith Direct* today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) - our Church Code is NY286. Already using *Faith Direct*? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account this fall.

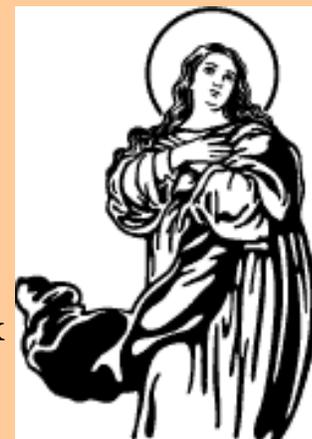
Thank you in advance for your support and for using *Faith Direct*!  
God Bless,  
*Msgr. Joe*

**Attention All Parish Ministry Leaders  
PLEASE NOTE THE UPCOMING  
BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Publication Date	Bulletin Submissions Due By:
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	DEADLINE HAS ALREADY PASSED
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	December 11 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Bulletin	December 11 <sup>th</sup>
December 28 <sup>th</sup>	December 18 <sup>th</sup> (change because of the earlier deadline)
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	December 23 <sup>rd</sup>

**HOLY DAY OFFICE HOURS:**

- all parish offices are closed on Monday, **December 8**, in observance of the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*;
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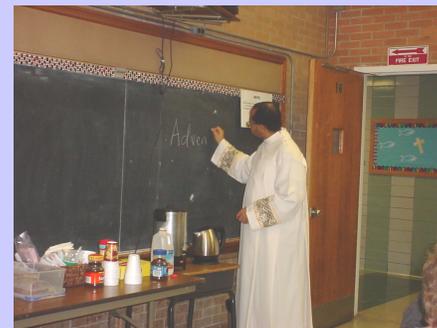
## Getting Ready for Advent

Families at OLPH prepared well for Advent last Sunday. Special thanks to our Family Life Ministry for their hard work in preparing and carrying out a wonderful event. Thanks, too, to the many families who attended. (We ran out of tables and chairs...a good problem to have!)



## Advent Scripture Sharing

Each Monday morning of Advent, parishioners gather after the 6:30 A.M. Mass to pray and learn about the upcoming Sunday's readings. This week, Fr. Ethel led the sharing. All are welcome to join on December 8, 15 and/or 22 after the 6:30 A.M. Mass in Room 16.



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